

My Fellow Warrant Officers and Members of the Southeast Region,

Once again this year the Region has done so much for our Members, Communities and our Country. For the better part of the Year our Region has had 2 Divisions and Thousands of Reservist and Guard deployed to Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and other hot spots around the World. The Op Tempo for this Region is something that only we can understand. Having the Headquarters for Signal, Aviation & Ammo in our Region also plays a key role in our Personnel deployments. Still we managed to do so much here at home. The members of the Southeast Region continue to show why we are the best of the best. We have again done things like Habitat for Humanity Projects, Building wheel chair ramps, Adopt a Highway, Hospital Visits, Nursing Home Visits, Raising money to help battered woman shelters, Christmas baskets for needy families, Having Guest Speakers at our meetings to educate our members and their families, Golf tournaments to raise money for charity, Picnic's for our members and the families of our deployed Soldiers, Giving Scholarships to deserving students, and this year the Bragg Silver Chapter had to do something that no one wants to do. A member of the Chapter was killed in a Motorcycle accident and the Family requested the Bragg Silver Chapter conduct the funeral in honor of this great Warrant Officer. They did just that and they showed all that were in attendance why we are who we are. CW5 Mike Gillis and CW5 (Ret) Roscoe Leggs head up this Chapter and they along with the members gave it all in honor of their friend and his family. There is so much more that we do and will continue to do each and everyday. We continue to grow as a Region and as an association. The Region meets once a Quarter for our Region Meeting. This year we had two in the Greater Atlanta Chapter area, one in the Bragg Silver Chapter area and the last one this year will be held at the Above the Best Chapter Ft Rucker, AL area in December. We are still working together as a Region to get our Chapters back to the basics. We are focused on doing the things that make a Chapter a successful Chapter. We have to do what is required of us in a number of ways and I can tell you that in this past year I have seen nothing but hard work and cooperation from a great number of Chapters. Now with every success story there is always some that are not so great. We do have a few Chapters that have just fallen off the radar and we continue to try and find the right person to get them back up and running. I along with the Chapter Presidents are doing everything we can to contact and reenergize these Chapters. With the Op Tempo of our Military today it is very important that we insure each Chapter has a Retired member on the board or ready to carry the flag while the active duty members are deployed. In every case within the Southeast Region we have failed to do this and these are the Chapters that are missing in action. Now we have had some success in bringing Chapters back on line and I want to say to those Warrant Officers thank you for stepping up and taking charge. We must continue to contact and work with the Chapters that are missing and help make this association even better. I will close by saying thank you to all the members of the Southeast Region for the hard work and Support this past year. I look forward to the upcoming year as your Region Director. We worked hard this past year and I know that we will have many things to offer our association in the coming years. Mr. President and members of the USAWOA let me say this to you the Southeast Region is working very hard for our members, families, our communities and most of all the United States Army Warrant Officers Association. Please keep in your prayers the Soldiers that are

deployed fighting to keep this the greatest Country in the world. Remember our POW/MIA's and their families always.

May God Bless America, the USAWOA and each and every one of you,

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