

Fellow Warrant Officers of the Southeast Region,

Mr. President I stand here today to inform you that once again the Southeast Region is alive and well. The Chapters have done so much in so many different ways that there is no way to tell you everything. I will give you just some of the high points but please understand these are not all of them. Things that we are doing in the Region are like, Wheel chair ramp building, Honor Flights for WW2 Vets, Salvation Army clothes collection, Ball Field clean up, Parades, Wreath Laying Ceremonies, Donating money to a Warrant Officer Candidates Family, Donation of Money to the Fisher House, Donation to the Chaplin fund, Cookout at the VA Hospital, Bingo every month at the VA Hospital, Participated in Hoorah Run and the list goes on and on and on. As you can see from what I just said the Region does a lot for the Communities year after year. When I visit any of the Chapters I am just amazed of the Support that our Chapters receive from the leadership and local communities. They continue to grow and continue to show that we are the Best of the Best. The Region has one issue we must deal with and that is we have Major Divisions that stay deployed. In saying that I have some good news, The Forever Forward Chapter is back up and running as best as they can with the Op tempo. And I have interest of a new Chapter wanting to start in Raleigh NC. As much as I want to say all is perfect in the Region I just can't. We have had The Ft Gordon Chapter close this year. The two Chapters in Puerto Rico, Volunteer Chapter, Vulcan Chapter, and the Marne Chapter have fallen off the radar screen. I have not had contact with these Chapters in quite some time. I even had our VP Pete Hill contact some of them to help get them energized. We will continue to hold our Region Meetings and the Chapters that are able to attend do so and they share and take home ideas to improve what they are doing locally. Next year in 2010 you will get a chance to see the Region once again in action as the Redstone Arsenal Chapter will host the Annual Meeting of the Members. Kathy and I had the privilege to spend Labor Day weekend at the hotel and in the area we will be at next year. Max and the Members there showed us a good time and really laid out the game plan and I can assure you it will be a great one. Later this week you will hear of another Chapter in the Region looking to host the 2011 Annual Meeting and I am sure if they get the go ahead they will also do it right. This is going to be a busy week so I will not stand here and continue telling you of all the wonderful things the Members of the Southeast Region are doing but I will tell you that I am the proudest Director here today. I am able to work with the best of the best and enjoy it day after day. Remember all of our fighting Men and Women serving us so proudly. Remember our POW/MIA's always and continue to push for our Government to never forget. God Bless the USAWOA, All of you and God Bless the United States of America.

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