

WESTERN REGION
State of the Region – November of 2009

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Good Morning

Mr. President, Members and Guests

It is great to be a Warrant Officer and be part of the New Modular Army of today!

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**From The Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean
Across the Pacific and throughout the Pacific Rim
From Alaska to the Mexican Border. We are the Western Region!**

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THE WESTERN REGION TEAM!

Director:	CW5 (Ret) Russell G. Brewer
Deputy Director:	CW4 (Ret) Harry C. Wilson, Jr
Web Master:	W01 Marty A. O'Clair

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The OPTEMPO for the operations in Afghanistan and Iraq has caused major challenges to our entire Chapters World Wide. We are having trouble with communications with members being mobilized and not renewing their membership. Some of them have emailed me to say they will renew when they return from mobilization. I have been unable to convince them to renew now so they may receive the current information monthly.

Struggling to stay alive; unable to get Chapters chartered for several reasons; because of lack of enough members to form a chapter or people to step up to take key positions.

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WESTERN REGION GOALS

My goal (as was Harry's) is to get five (5) new chapters by 2010. We have at this time three new chapters working, so we have two more to go to reach that goal.

This goal of 1200 members can be reached with an aggressive recruiting program which I will have in place by January 2010

The goal to reduce non-affiliated members by December 2010 is in the works at the present time. I sent a letter to all Presidents in the Western Region to get in contact with all non-affiliated Warrant Officers in their chapter to fill out a new application to join the United States Army Warrant

Officer Association to change their chapter affiliation and send it in to the National Office at no charge to the individual. I have been notified that several individuals have already sent in their applications.

My goal is to bring all chapters up to standards by December 2010, this will require that all chapters have at least one meeting per quarter and filed with the National. Keep their by-laws current and holding elections in a timely manner.

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REGIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We have re-designed the Western Region Website. It can be accessed at <http://www.usawoawest.org/events>

Wild West Review published by the AZ Silver Chapter still electronically circulated.

The 3rd Annual best website contest will receive \$100.00 to be presented by the Deputy Director, CW4 (Ret) Harry C. Wilson.

The first annual award for maintaining strength and increasing their membership from November 2008 to November 2009 will receive \$100.00 awarded by the Director, CW5 (Ret) Russell G. Brewer.

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This slide is an overview of where the Western Region stands today. As you can see some of our chapters increased their membership and others lost members, my goal is to have increases in ALL chapters in the Western Region by this time next year.

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CHAPTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Western Region Chapters are involved in many areas and activities; here a few of our Chapters activities:

1. Giving Christmas gifts to Military personnel in VA hospitals
2. Assists various communities in putting out the American Flag for the pertinent holiday
3. Several Chapters are giving out scholarships for continuing education
4. Several states are involved in keeping our highways clean
5. Some of the other activities include running marathons, hold golf tournaments, sponsor car washes, collect food and help out military families in other ways
6. Purchase new shoes, clothing and toys for local children's home

ALL OF OUR CHAPTERS ARE VERY ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE REGION

This concludes my briefing. Thank you to all of the Western Region Chapters for all of your support throughout the year.

I would like to personally thank CW4 (Ret) Harry Wilson for all of his support. I could not have done all of this without his support and help.