

WESTERN REGION  
State of the Region – October 2008

**Side # 1**

**Good Morning**

**Mr President, Members and Guest, Good Morning.**

**It is another great day to be a Warrant officer.**

**Slide #2**

- From the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean.
- Across the Pacific Through out the Pacific Rim.  
From Alaska to Mexico. **We are the (Wild) Western Region**

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**THE WESTERN REGION'S TEAM**

**DIRECTOR: CW4R Harry C Wilson JR**

**Deputy Director: CW3R Joe Gill**

**Web Designer: Looking for one**

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As this will be my last report as the Western Region Director, I would like to thank the members of the Western Region for all of their support they have given me over the past four years. I would also like to thank CW3R Joe Gill for all of the outstanding work he has done in helping me perform my duties and for all of the things that he himself has done. Without him I would not have been able to succeed, and I think we have succeeded.

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Last but not least I want to thank all of the National staff for all of the assistance they have provided the Western Region. I want to especially thank Herb for all that he has done to support us by providing up to date information in a very short time frame anytime we have asked for it.

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The OPTEMPO for the operations in Afghanistan and Iraq plus the Border Missions is still causing Major Challenges to all of our Chapters, **World Wide.**

It is very hard to keep up with all of the out goings and in comings of our members. If you do not have a good line of communication with your chapters you may not know if members have been mobilized or returned or even PCS'd. It is imperative to have a solid line of communications with your chapter officers and members.

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As a result many chapters have:

- **Struggled to Stay Alive**
- **Been Unable to Charter**
- **Gone into receivership**
- **Continued as Usual (most of these have Retired Warrants Officers in some of the Chapter Officer position)**
- **Gone to War as a whole.**
- **Had to contend with the consent mobilization of their Warrant Officers**  
**Some chapters have gone away and are now reactivating**

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### **WESTERN REGION GOALS**

**FIVE NEW Chapters by Oct 08**

**1200 members by Oct 08**

**Meet with all Chapters by Oct 08**

**Reduce the Non-Affiliated members by having them become Active members by Oct 08**

**Have all 18 Current chapters up to USAWOA Standards by Oct 08**

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### **Western Region Accomplishments**

- **Redesigned the Regional Web Site**
- **The Wild West Review, (WWR), continues in Electronic Circulation**
- **Two-way communications continuing**
- **Chapter visitations continuing**
- **3rd Annual Region Web Site Contest with the winning chapter receiving a check for \$100.00 from the Director. (For the third year in a row the GoldRush chapter was the winner). It was very close and I have it from very good sources that next year the competition will be really tough.**
- **The Region has had Five (5) Multi-Chapter meetings.**
- **Each chapter was assigned Recruiting goals and must have achieve these goals by 30 Sep 08. Each must maintained their numbers through 30 SEP 08. Every chapter that achieved the Recruiting goal and maintained them through would receive a check for \$25.00 with the chapter that exceeded their goal the highest would receive a check for \$50.00.**
- **Chart 10A**

**At the present time we are working on our first ever chapter in Carson City/Reno, Nevada, a chapter in Salem, Oregon, A chapter at Camp San Luis Obispo, CA (The home of the California National Guard) and chapter in Guam. When these chapters come on line we will have at least one chapter in each state**

that is within our region. These two chapters should be on line before the next AMM. The Region should also be well above our 1200 member goal.

We are also current trying very hard in bringing back the San Francisco Bay Area chapter. After all of these chapters come on line the Western Region will have a total of 22 chapters.

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#### **WWR Header**

The Wild West Review (WWR was started up again in 2004 and continued to be improved during the last four years. The monthly WWR was sent to each chapter President and Secretary for further distribution to their members. Chapter activities and accomplishments filled each edition.

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#### **Region Recruiting Loses sand Gains**

The recruiting effort has really paid off for our Region.

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When I was elected to office our total membership within the Region was 919. I then set our goal at 1200 members before each AMM.

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In Jan 08 I decided to establish Recruiting goals for each chapter based upon the amount of Warrant Officers within each chapter's area. Joe and I came up with the numbers and I came up with the Prize. At this time we had a total membership of 1037 members. The Recruiting goal is based on Active members only.

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We are presently at 1113 total members. Just 87 members short of our goal of 1200. Four chapters achieved their goal plus. The AZ Silver chapter exceeded their goal by 3 and will be awarded a check for \$25.00. The Northwest chapter exceeded their goal by 5 and has already be sent their check for \$25.00. The Aloha chapter exceeded their goal by 2 and has already be sent their check for \$25.00. The Northern Lights chapter exceeded their goal by 6 and has already been sent their check for \$50.00.I was hopping to send every chapter a check for \$25.00 but it did not happen. I think this is a great recruiting effort from all chapter within the Western Region. I thank each and every one of them.

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#### **Chapter Accomplishments**

The Western region Chapters are so involved in so many things that I cannot keep up with them all.

A few samples of chapter activities are:

Chapters Gives Christmas gifts to patients in VA hospitals.  
Assist various communities in putting flags out during the holidays  
The Western Region chapters also give out many scholarships.  
We keep the highways clean and feed folks at the McDonald House.  
We run Marathons, sponsor car washes, and collect food and many other ways to help our military personnel and their families everywhere.  
Each of the Western Region's chapters is very active.  
I am sure when you hear from the chapters that are here you will be proud of them, as I am.

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He is one of the greatest Community Affairs that I have seen in a long long time. I was privilege to witness. The Wall of Hero's in the California National Guard Headquarters building that the GoldRush Chapter presented to the State Adjutant General and the California National Guard. This entire project was a Warrant Officer/GoldRush Chapter project. I will not go into details but will allow the chapter President to tell you about it. I had tears in my eyes, as did many more.

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Arizona Silver Chapter

The first chapter in the region and "maybe" within the Association to start functioning with an EXCOM. And it works very well.

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COMMUNICATIONS

One of the things that helped things keep going was the fact that our Region communicated with each other. This is a must.

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SEE YOU THERE

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Thank You Western Region Members for all of your support.

No matter who is Elected, I want to congratulate the next Western Region Director, and to wish him the best of luck.

THANK YOU

Harry Wilson CW4R

Western Region Director

