

## EUROPEAN REGION ANNUAL REPORT 2011

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Over the past year, chapters within European Region have been busy adjusting to the continued deployments and the rapid pace of transformation. This last year, we had six brigades deployed in Afghanistan. In addition, we are currently preparing the two additional brigades for deployment into Afghanistan. In spite of this unprecedented deployment cycle, the United States Army Europe Warrant Officer Association continues to support the community and recruit new members. Credit for this success in maintaining the strength of the European Chapters has to go the Chapter Presidents and their team. The new energy they bring in making the association relevant is contagious.

Now on to what European Region Chapters have been up to this past year.

(1) The Rhein Neckar Silver Chapter (Heidelberg/Mannheim, Germany) president CW4 Robert Wills continued to provide outstanding support to the military and German community, his success brought recognition to the Chapter along with positive recognition to the Warrant Officer Corps through local publicity. Over twelve thousand dollars donated this year to multiple organizations and scholarships in the community. Most noteworthy was the Wounded Warrior Neckar River Cruise, Heidelberg castle tour and BBQ for thirty-eight Wounded Warriors from the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. This great event allows recently injured Soldiers an opportunity to get out of the hospital with medical escorts and be treated to a great day surrounded by caring Patriots from the Warrant Officer Community. Over \$5000.00 dollars was spent for this noteworthy project.

(2) Nord-Bayern Silver Chapter (Grafenwoehr /Vilseck, Germany). CW3 Charles C. Hillyer III and his team did a great job in keeping the association solvent with 2<sup>nd</sup> Stryker Cavalry Regiment deployed, all the while preparing for their own deployment. They deployed in June. Charles sponsored several OPDs to draw newly assigned warrants into the community and while deployed is hosting monthly Warrant Officers luncheons in Afghanistan. We are all excited about the year ahead with the 2nd SCR back from deployment with a projected extended dwell period. I am enthusiastic of having the returning 2SCR building on the momentum Charles and his team established.

(3) South of the Alps Chapter (Vicenza, Italy) saw the 173rd Airborne Brigade and 14<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion return from their deployment to Afghanistan. CW4 Joachim, Consiglio (Chapter President) immediately went to work to build a stronger bond with the local Italian community as well as the military community, bridging an alliance, which successfully landed the Chapter public recognition. His Chapter has had seven articles written in the local Military Community newspaper as well as countless pictures and write-ups published in the WO News liner and the local Italian community newspaper. Along with strengthening the bond in the community he has conducted WO recruitment drives (helping six NCOs from his community get selected and attend the WOCS), quarterly dinners with spouses to improve family

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