

**39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Members**  
**State of the Region Report Mid South Region 4 USAWOA**

\*Louisiana – Acadian Chapter Ft Polk (Steven Bishop) is embarking on the Upcoming Events:

Fall community trash-off Day

Food Bank Donation/Turkey Giveaway for Thanksgiving (\$1000.00)

Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser at PX (Goal of \$500) X2

Warrant Officer Packet Review and Recruiting Week X3

Chili Cook-Off (Date TBD) Goal to raise (\$600) X2

Meat Shoot Fund Raiser (Goal to raise \$1500) Held late winter 2011

Warrant Officer Basketball Tournament (Goal is \$500) Held late winter 2011

WOW Warrant Officer Mentorship Luncheon

\*Mississippi – NO CHAPTER INITIATED

\*New Mexico – NO CHAPTER INITIATED

\*Oklahoma – Lawton Ft Sill Chapter President CW3 Don Ungerecht and the board of the Sooner Plains Chapter are in transition from Dawn Brown, the last chapter president

\*Oklahoma – Oklahoma City OKC

CW5 John T. Bargas seeking new chapter members to engage.

\*Austin Texas, Audie L Murphy Chapter- Camp Mabry (Beau Tidrick) met for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NGB CCWO WO Conference in San Antonio Holiday Inn. The conference was sponsored by the ALMC and increased membership for that chapter by over 30%.

The ALMC is exploring more ideas for fundraisers and assisting the ALMC with Warrant Officer Professional Development. The region director helped to gain new members.

\*El Paso Texas, Sun City Chapter Ft Bliss, Ingra Aamodt held the 93<sup>rd</sup> WO Birthday

\*Ft Hood Silver Chapter, Killeen Texas Chapter President has done a wonderful job of putting together Warrant Officer Week and Warrant Officer Women WOW / SEE THE ATTACHMENTS

The FHSC put together a wonderful Warrant Officer Week where each day consisted of much needed WOPD, WO packet review, Run with Post LTG. Region Director was on hand to recognize the chapter president.

\*Lone Star Silver Chapter, San Antonio Chapter President Mr. Winnert stepped to run the chapter after Don Sammonds did a wonderful job. Ms Moesha Challenger was recognized for her promotion to CW2 and her selection to sit on the Junior Warrant Officer Action Council at Ft Sam MI building with the region director on hand

\*North Texas Chapter, Inactive

\*Houston Texas Chapter – Proposed 2013

Region Directors Comments and Recommendations to the AMM;

Mr President, Board and fellow members of the United States Warrant Officer Association. The state of the region address to the 39<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the members is fairing well in the past year of natural disasters, the dynamics of the economy and further transition of the Armed Forces.

Despite these world and life changing events, the chapter presidents of Region Four have marched on to pull their chapters through some really rough events in the local Warrant Officer population to fund and coordinate most of the events with less than ideal participation. If being a Chapter President was

an easy leadership position, everyone would have it. Your junior and senior Warrant Officer and fellow members have proposed special trust in selecting you to lift them when they are down, and guide them when they are off track. As your region director, I understand and we can work through it

Continue to push and at times pull your members to the proper positions to provide Don Hess with that "Snapshot" in time to have your members recognize the betterment of how the Warrant Officer Association helps us to better help ourselves, as those before us, and especially those who shall surely follow us. . A goal that I've set for myself is to start new chapters in Oklahoma City where the OKC Thunder with Kevin Durant (Durantula) plays and to start a Chapter in Mississippi maybe near Camp Shelby.

Just a few of the notable events I'd like to bring to your attention here today at the 38<sup>th</sup> AMM are The Warrant Officer Week at Ft Hood Silver Chapter, The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Warrant officer Conference conducted by the Audie L Murphy Chapter in Austin Texas and last but not least, the work that Ingra Aamodt and her team at the Sun City Chapter at Ft Bliss in El Paso. They conducted the WO 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration in the Freedom Crossing Grand Hall. Steven Bishop has done really well with the Acadian Chapter in Louisiana.

Mr President, about this time next year I will be passing the torch to a New Region Director for Region Four. I have talked to several individuals that may be up to the task for the elections in 2012, if there are others interested just go to the site and follow the instructions for your candidacy and or nomination.

My recommendation is that senior leaders "O grade" and W4& W5 mentors adopt the Warrant Officer Association as a mandatory professional organization with one week of permissive TDY built into the unit/company budget for travel and submitted as part of the WOER support form pushed up to the rater and pushed down through the senior leaders. Don't let that idea of "The Unit/Job/Company cannot do without me or I'm TOOO busy.

W4s and W5s are to be counseled by their senior leaders if they are not active and attending the AMMs. A Reprimanded the second counsel session. We must explore the legality of the aforementioned and address the issue and its affects on the Armed Forces, the Warrant Officers and the Warrant Officer Association.

In conclusion, if I've omitted something or someone you have my deepest apologies and its your responsibility to keep the region director informed and communicate both ways.