

Chapter and Region Awards

AWARD

Outstanding Region
Outstanding Chapter
Community Affairs For Donations
Community Affairs For Services To The Community
Community Affairs For Sustaining Programs
Best Officer Professional Development Program
Overall Best Region for Recruitment and Retention
Overall Best Chapter for Recruiting and Retention
Highest Recruiting Award
Best Retention Award
Best Recruiting Award
Best Web Page
USAWOA Chapter Secretary of the Year

WINNER

Southeastern Region
Redstone Arsenal Chapter
Screaming Eagles Chapter
Redstone Arsenal Chapter
Redstone Arsenal Chapter
Northwest Silver Chapter
Southeastern Region
Sooner Plains Chapter
Fort Lowell-Apache Chapter
Patriot Chapter
Silver State Chapter
Lord Fairfax Silver Chapter
CW4 Clyde Wylie, Above the Best Silver Chapter

CHAPTER LONGEVITY AWARDS

Arizona Silver Chapter	45 Years
Fort Bragg Silver Chapter	45 Years
Fort Hood Silver Chapter	45 Years
Northwest Silver Chapter	30 Years
Fort McCoy Chapter	25 Years
Keystone Chapter	25 Years
Show Me Chapter	25 Years
Sooner Plains Chapter	25 Years
Mid-America Chapter	20 Years
Cornhusker Chapter	15 Years
Northern Lights Chapter	15 Years
Sun City Chapter	15 Years
Gem State Chapter	10 Years
Quad Cities Chapter	5 Years



At this year's 45th Annual Banquet and Ball, CW3 (Ret) James E. Wilson was presented with the 2017 Don Hess Lifetime Achievement Award, for his more than 31 years of service to the USAWOA. Pictured left to right are CW3 (Ret) Wilson, National Secretary CW4 (Ret) Pete Hill, and National President CW4 (Ret) Greg Gouty.



Above the Best Silver Chapter Past President CW4 (Ret) Celeste N. Melena received the Albert Holcombe Memorial Award for Warrant Officer of the Year. Southeastern Region Director CW5 (Ret) James Rathburn accepted the award on her behalf, from CW4 (Ret) Gouty.



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The winner of this year's Virginia M. Holcombe Memorial Award for Warrant Officer Spouse of the Year was Mrs. Flor Anchondo. On her behalf, European Region Director CW4 Bobby Sattazahn accepted her award from CW4 (Ret) Gouty.



This year, National President CW4 (Ret) Greg Gouty recognized the following with the President's Award, for their outstanding service to both USAWOA and the Warrant Officer cohort: CW4 (Ret) Richard A. Sauer (pictured left), CW5 Thomas G. Comyack (pictured right), and CW5 Patrick B. Wyman.



The Southeastern Region won the 2017 Outstanding Region Award. Posing left to right are CW4 (Ret) Percy Butler, CW4 Wandy Tumlin, Redstone Arsenal Chapter President CW3 (Ret) Gary W. Mayers, Southeastern Region Director CW5 (Ret) James Rathburn, Above the Best Silver Chapter President CW5 Phyllis Wilson, CW3 (Ret) William Alcorn, Past National Vice President CW2 (Ret) Gerald Wentworth, National President CW4 (Ret) Greg Gouty, Past National President CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant, and CW4 (Ret) Sauer.

The number-one priority of the USAWOA continues to be for the entire association to aggressively focus on recruiting and retaining its Members. Setting the example in 2017 was the Sooner Plains Chapter. Pictured left to right, CW5 Joseph Diaz and Chapter Vice President CW3 Gale Howard accepted the 2017 Overall Best Chapter For Recruiting And Retention streamer on behalf of their Chapter.



Flanked by CW5 (Ret) Rathburn and CW4 (Ret) Gouty, Past National President CW5 (Ret) Roy Valiant accepted the Fort Bragg Silver Chapter's 45-year flag streamer, on behalf of its Members.

The key to National Vice President CW5 Joachim Consiglio's three-point plan to build USAWOA membership is retention, and the effort begins at the Chapter level. CW5 Harold Griffin accepted the 2017 Best Retention Award, on behalf of the Patriot Chapter. Pictured, he is flanked by Northeastern Region Director CW4 Vickie Carriaga and CW5 (Ret) Thomas O'Sullivan.

