



USAWOA WESTERN REGION

Director's Message November 2018

To Each Member of the USAWOA Western Region 2:

First of all, I would like to thank each of you who voted for me to fill the position of Western Region Director. I am honored to have been elected to speak on your behalf on issues we will be taking forward to Congress thru The Military Coalition. For those of you that did not vote for me, I hope I can win your respect as the Leader of the Western Region.

As of the present time we have Twenty (20) active chapters located throughout the Western United States and the Pacific Rim. If you are not aware of the size of our Region, be aware you are a member of the largest of the six Regions of the Warrant Officers Association worldwide. The Western Region includes: Korea, Japan, Hawaii, Guam, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Arizona, Utah and Wyoming. Our members include Active Duty, National Guard, Army Reserve, Retire Warrant Officers, former Warrant Officers, and Honorary members. With this vast geographical Region and amount of USAWOA members ranging in every military occupational specialty to share the knowledge and experience to make the Western Region's communities and members a better place.

As your newly elected Regional Director, I would like to introduce myself. I am CW2 Frances Beltran. I am currently with the Okinawa Chapter (206) in Japan. I have appointed CW4 (ret) Kevin Shaw of the Mare Island Chapter (225) in California to be my Deputy Director. My Retention Officer whom I have also appointed is CW4 (ret) Harry Wilson. If you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns please do not hesitate to contact any of us. This is our webpage for further information: woaonline.org/Western/ Our webpage designer is CW5 (ret) Frank Meeks.

This is the staff that will be supporting you and your chapters. The United States Army Warrant Officers Association (USAWOA) is the only organization that deals solely with Warrant Officer Business. This is your organization and need your voices to disseminate issues to Congress through The Military Coalition on your behalf. This happens with your Chapter's quarterly meetings. It is CRUCIAL members attend for this reason and to keep the Chapter in your location active. Without meetings, Chapters can be shut down in accordance with our by-laws and regulations. Chapters are required to have at a minimum, at least one chapter meeting per quarter. I know we can all get busy with the work in front of us; however, the more involved you are with your Chapter, I can guarantee you it will make you a better role model and provide our infamous networking you may be looking for!

Two of my goals for the next two years is higher participation in each Chapter and a 25% increase in membership. This being said, Mr. Harry Wilson, Western Region Retention Officer, has put together a great program to jump start our membership increase. Unfortunately we are losing new members due to lack of knowledge updating membership information on our website



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www.usawoa.org. We need to be better mentors and encourage our young Warrant Officers to be active participant in our Association. All of our accomplishments and benefits are listed and explained in every USAWOA December issue, which is included in your membership.

Membership. This is what drives our association and your chapter. Please remember any one can become a member of the USAWOA. To hold an office in your chapter, you must be a current Active member of that Chapter. To be a President, you must be elected within your Chapter. Once elected, the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are appointed as seen fit by the elected official. A proxy and Oath of Office will need to be submitted for members to be formally announced.

Benefits. One of the benefits of membership are rebates for your chapter from the USAWOA – the more active members that you have assigned to your chapter the greater will be your rebate from the National office. You get to be a part of what goes on with your retirement status, active duty pay, and benefits awarded to Warrant Officers. We also participate in community service. Assisting those around us is how we continue to provide for the bigger population. We also provide a full ride scholarship annually to Grantham University and a USAWOA scholarship. We have an unusually small percentage of applicants, and I hope to make our members more aware of the scholarship timelines found on our website.

I was fortunate enough to attend the 46th Annual Meeting of the Members (AMM) in Washington, DC. The Warrant Officer Professional Development could not have been more rewarding. I was able to sit in on Vice Chief Secretary of the Army, General James McConville and US Army Material Command Commanding General, General Gustave Perna Leader Professional Development. I also got to meet CCWO's ARNG CW5 Teresa Domeier, USAR CW5 Harold Griffin, and USASOC CW5 Mark Meyer panels. The next AMM will be held at Ft. Campbell October 2019. I highly encourage as many members as possible to attend to experience the comraderie and current knowledge provided at these meetings. It is also a great place to meet your National members and Board of Directors in all six Regions.

My challenge to each Chapter is to simply disseminate information better. We need to be the role models we portray ourselves daily and provide mentorship and let our Cohort shine again. We stand together and will not fall if we stay that way! My promise to you is to support every member and answer every question to the best of my ability. Those answers may be a few days, but if I don't have the answer I know our Executive Committee will. Your Region Staff is here to help. Again, let us know if you need assistance with questions including but not limited to maintaining your Chapter, fundraising ideas, community service assistances, proxy regulations, and meeting minutes.

My intent is to visit each Chapters, however being realistic as an active duty Air and Missile Defense Tactician oconus has its limitations. If you do not see me, I will ask my Deputy Director



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to attend functions in your areas I am unable to. But by all means, if you happen to be in Okinawa, Japan please let me know so we can have a meal and discuss anything you would like.

“What defines you is what you do with the bricks thrown at you...get hit, duck, or build a house.”

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CHAPTER LEADERSHIP**

*If you are available to fill in any available positions, please bring it up in to your Chapter leadership immediately and do not hesitate to ask any questions.