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HISTORY IN THE MAKING



For more years than many of our members have been USAWOA members, **President Joe** has travelled all over the US of A plus a trip to Germany and one to Puerto Rico to attend our Annual Meetings of the Members but this year he is shut down.

This year, Joe's health has slowed him down this year but all indications are that his progress is heading in the right direction. At this point, his immune system is keeping him off airplanes and away from large crowds so he has to be careful of where he goes. Fortunately, he can still find it safe to be with us, schedule permitting.

USAWOA FOUNDER HEADING FOR SALT LAKE



Despite having his stomach removed earlier this year, CW4 Don Hess writes that he has been cleared for the trip [not being plagued with Joe's immune system challenge. Both Don and Joe are looking forward to re-uniting to Redstone next October.

ARIZONANS ON THE ROAD TO SALT LAKE



AIRCRAFT ON THE TARMAC AT SALT LAKE

We are happy to note that we will have 2 of our Chapter members in attendance at the AMM: long time member George Pittenger of Bisbee and our official representative Vice President Harry Bowen. Our neighboring chapter up in Tucson is sending their President Vinny Baiocchetti, so Southern Arizona will be well represented.



**Gone
But not Forgotten**

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AMM FOCUS GROUP TOPICS ANNOUNCED



Although there is time for visiting with your friends, there is also time for work as seen in the above photo.

1. **Management of Senior Warrant Officers - CW5.** The CW5 rank is capped at 5% of the WO population. With the new longevity pay tables' soldiers are encouraged to stay until 40 years of service. The resulting effect is many CW5s can stay in the service until they are 62 years old. This will result in not allowing new promotions to CW5 of qualified and deserving CW4s. The promotion system will become stagnate. Promotion rates will go down and this back up will also impact future CW4 and CW3 promotions.
2. **Who Speaks for the Warrant Officers** in the Army? Should the Army reform the WO division? Should the Army appoint a CCWO of the Army similar to that of the RC and one that will represent the Corps; as the SMA does? Should a committee be formed to be the collection group for issues as they relate to the WO Corps? Like the WOSAC for the ARNG, the Senior War Council for the USAR and the SWOAC for the TRADOC organizations and prepotencies.
3. **Save Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)** for Junior WO. A "Save Pay" like system must be instituted in BAH to ensure our young NCOs do not lose money by becoming a WO1s.
4. **Commander's Perception** of Warrant Officers. When a commander is requesting an officer to be assigned to his organization he will usually say I want a captain that has completed his Captains Career Course (C3). Or s/he will say s/he wants a major with ILE (CGSC) completion. But when was the last time anyone heard of a commander saying I want a Warrant Officer with his/her advanced course finished or I want a CW3 with the WOSC completed? They refer to an officer with reference to his education, but they refer to a WO with reference to his MOS, only.
5. **Permanent Instructors at the WOCC.** West Point has a permanent instruction staff stationed at the United States Military Academy. This type of continuity can only enhance the quality of the instruction at the College. Now that the WOCC is a standalone TRADOC institution should the quality of the teachers. Why shouldn't instructors at the WOCC have these same opportunities?

VA OFFICIALS WARN OF TELEPHONE SCAM

Officials at the Department of Veterans Affairs are warning people not to give **credit card numbers over the phone** to callers who claim to be updating VA prescription information. Anyone who receives a call from someone who claims to work for the Patient Care Group and asks for a credit card number should simply hang up.



IF YOU CAN WEAR THEM
WEAR 'EM



Cavalry Uniform Prior to
WWII.



Captain in Ike Jacket – 3^D Army
WWII

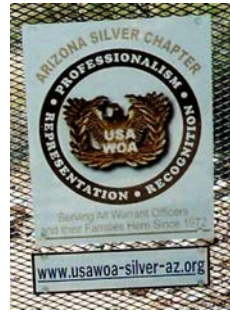


Above is a shot of the Albert
Holcombe Playground here on
Ft Huachuca. Al was the
guiding force beyond
establishing our chapter in
1972. Have you seen it
yourself yet?



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WHERE DO WE STAND



Our Chapter is the oldest active chapter in the Western Region and we all have a responsibility to keep it going. It should be, with special pride, that we have 'Silver' in our name. Our original Charter, dated November 1, 1972 just says 'Arizona Chapter'. During this year, we joined the other local service clubs by adding our own sign to the Welcome to Sierra Vista Signboard on Buffalo Soldier Trail just south of the East Gate.

Our Western Region [AKA the '**Wild West Region**'] is the largest region – geographically in our Association We cover 9 Western States, Alaska, Hawaii and the entire Pacific Rim.



RED DENOTES WESTERN REGION TERRITORY

If we look closely at the above map, we see that the 9 western states are: Arizona [3-Chapters]; California [5-chapters]; Idaho [1-chapter]; Montana [1- chapter]; Nevada [1-Organizing]; Oregon [1-Organizing]; Utah [1-Chapter]; Washington [1-Chapter] and Wyoming [1-Chapter]. Alaska has 2 active chapters and Hawaii's chapter is up and strong again following their return from deployment in Iraq. The Morning Calm Chapter in Korea is active while Guam is organizing and Japan is rebuilding.

Once again this year, our Region will host the Annual Meeting of the Members, this year in Salt Lake City following on 2005 in Tucson and 2001 in Las Vegas.

One of our more important assets is Ft Huachuca with the MI School House. Without the valuable intelligence gleamed by those trained here, the successes in the 'Sand Box', with the low KIA, MIA count would not be what it is.

As we head into the end of our USAWOA year, we need to look at our own Chapter's status and recognize that we have done well with our JROTC program and our 2 scholarships. Thanks to our Fund Raising Team – Golf, Pancake Breakfast and Memorabilia, we have money to support more scholarships for next year. Our Professional Development Program is progressing and will continue to grow in 2010 and be even stronger looking toward making videos of the presentations available to other chapters via the Internet.

We still need to fill 3-director positions to make our chapter even stronger. It is not our intent to work hard but rather by *spreading the work* that we get more done by working smarter.

Keep in mind that for those who are still serving – Active, Guard and Reserve – you will get an OER at least once a year and being an Officer or Director of a successful function, in the chapter, reflects well. Just being MOSQ today, is not enough to move up the ladder to success.

Bring a Fellow Warrant to Lunch

It is well worth the effort and definitely the result.

**IF THEY STILL FIT
WEAR'EM**



**Vietnam Era Field
Uniform**



**Veterans Day is
Wednesday 11 November.
Our Chapter will be an Active
Participant in this year
Sierra Vista
Veterans Day Parade
Starting at 0900 at
7th and Wilcox.**



**Currently Authorized
Dress Blue Uniform**



**Warrant Officer Pilot in
Current Combat Pattern
Flight Suit**



**Warrant Officer Coffee Cups & other Memorabilia items
are available. Just call Darlene at 520-249-7319 to make an
appointment to come to the house & pick up your item (s).**