

WENTERN REGION, USAWOA
MID YEAR REPORT
02 MAY 2015

1. At the end of the AMM, OCT 2014, the Western Region had a total membership of 888 members plus 44 members listed under the code of 2299. This is a total of 932 members. I have set the Region's goal to increase our membership by 50 members prior to the Mid-year meeting of the BOD, 2 May.
2. Well we did not meet my goal of 50 new members by the BOD, 2 May 2015. WE did at least increase our membership by 28 members. The Western Region total membership as of 2 May 2015 is 960.
3. Our Motto's within the Western Region are "Standardization" and "Teamwork"
4. We have developed a standard recruiting slide show the all chapters can adapt to their chapter.
5. Tasked the Region Deputy Director to be the monitor of all meeting minutes. She will provide direction to all chapters within the Region on the correct method of completing meeting minutes in accordance with the Western Region's Standard Minutes Format. The Deputy Director served as a chapter Secretary for several years and has been the main stay of holding her chapter together.
6. Established a current, up to date Western Region web site that all members are encouraged to log on to for the most current and up to date Region information. This web site provides a central location for all our information to be posted. This new website has been well received from all the Chapters. Individual chapters may also log on to this site and see copies of all correspondence that both the Deputy Director and I have sent out to every chapter. They may also get copies of current standard forms for their use. Chapters can also see pictures from other chapter on this site.
7. Oct 26 traveled to Palo Alto, CA to present a check from the USAWOA to the Defenders Lodge
8. Made a visit to the Painted Rock Chapter (0210) on 7 Nov 2014.
9. Joined the Mare Island chapter (0225) meeting through a Conference call on 15 Nov 2014.
10. Nov 2014 The Northwest chapter changed their name to the North West Silver Chapter due to having been a chapter for 25 years.
11. During the Thanksgiving and Christmas season many chapters donated both money and food to several Charities to include food baskets.
12. After trying since at least 2001 the Western Region has finally established at least one (1) chapter in every State and every country within the Western Region. Welcome aboard to the Okinawa, Japan chapter (0206) and to all of its members.
13. During the AMM in 2014, several of the ladies complained that there was not much Memorabilia for ladies being sold. So the Southern California Chapter decided to come up with a Memorabilia item just for the Ladies. The chapter now has a Beautiful Ladies highly polished Eagle Rising custom made Pendant. It comes without a chain due to most ladies already have chains of different lengths and this Pendant can easily be put on any length chain and the ladies will save a little money. The pendant is 1.5" in Dia and 3mm thick. The pendent sells for only \$8.00 each. Chapters that would like to buy the Pendant to sell, at the price of \$5.00 each, must buy at least 10 each. Though chapters won't make a large profit from the pendant sales, we're excited to be able to fill the gender gap in our memorabilia

department.

14. This year I have tried to give more pride and interest in the chapter to members by writing an article for the Newsliner about what the chapters are doing. This will give them the recognition and pride their chapters deserve, generate a renewed interest to those that aren't able to attend meetings and let other chapters know what their counterparts are doing, "Blow your own horn" theory.
15. Every month either the Deputy Director or I send out a letter to the membership to keep them up dated on things that are going good and things that are going not so good. This way we keep an open communication chain with all of our members not just the chapter leadership.
16. Every month, around the 16th of the month, I receive the Western Region membership roster from the National office, I in turn split out each chapter's roster and send each chapter a current roster as of that month. This saves the chapters the time of asking for a new roster and then receiving one. I believe it also saves the National office time. The National office saves a lot of time by not having to send out twenty (20) different rosters to the Western Region. At the same time every chapter within the Western Region has a current roster around the 16th of every month. This also allows me to keep track of the membership within each chapter. I can identify if any chapter is not monitoring their membership by the increases and decreases.
17. I have tried to insure that the National Office has an up to date listing of each chapter's Elected and Appointed officers. I have requested that each chapter submit to the National office a current FRM 300-7, Directory of Chapter Officials.
18. Each chapter President has been provided a copy of the USAWOA Chapters Officers Guide.

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