



Opportunity Is Knocking

I have few regrets in life. But of those few, most involve opportunities that I let pass me by.

April is just full of opportunities for members of the Great Northwest Region of ARMA!

First up is the Great Northwest Region Conference April 7-9 in Portland. The Region Conference is an excellent opportunity to expand both your knowledge and your network, as well as see the latest goods and services our vendors have to offer. Come learn, see old friends, make new ones, and have fun. This is one that I won't let pass me by! Will I see you there? I surely hope so. If you haven't already done so, register now! There is still time and still room for you at the Conference!

There are some great opportunities just ahead in our chapters too. This is the time of year that our chapters seek nominees for their respective Boards. If you truly want an opportunity for personal and professional growth, this is it. At our recent Region Team meeting, Sue, Fran and I talked a bit about how much we each have learned from serving in ARMA. I doubt that ten years ago any of us envisioned ourselves serving on the Region level, yet here we are. Now, beginning July 1, 2008, our Region Manager and friend, Sue Lord will be moving up to serve on the ARMA International Board of Directors! We agreed that each level has taught us new skills and expanded our horizons. The training that we have received has been invaluable. That training can be yours too. And it all starts at the chapter level. Learn new skills or sharpen old ones. Hone your supervisory skills, learn how to manage a project, and become a more effective communicator. These opportunities await you in serving your chapter. Contact your chapter's Nominations Chair. I'll bet there is still time and still room for you on the ballot!

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to serve these past few years as Treasurer of the Great Northwest Region. I want to thank Sue and Fran for giving me the opportunity. But as my term ends on June 30th, the opportunity for someone else to serve as Region Treasurer begins. Might this be your opportunity?

Don't let these great opportunities pass you by. Opportunity is knocking. Open the door.

Sincerely yours,

Marc

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