



GNW Region Message

October 2011

Happy Autumn GNW Region Members!

I don't know about you, but September felt more like summer than summer did! The only way to tell it wasn't summer was the startup of college football. Now we are entering October and it really is starting to feel like fall. Not only are there pumpkins in the stores (and my garden!) there is the ARMA Conference coming up soon.

I hope some of you will be able to make it to ARMA International's 56th Conference & Expo being held October 17-19, 2011, at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland, just minutes outside of Washington, D.C. If you are planning on attending please don't forget the Welcome Reception on Sunday October 16th from 5 to 7. It's a great way to see who is there from our region. Marc will be in attendance and will be scouting out possible locations for a no host lunch one day during the conference. Keep an eye out on the bulletin board for information. And be sure to attend the candidates forum on Tuesday, it's a great way to get informed on ARMA elections. I've gone to them the past few years and it really does help to put a face to the name when casting your ballot! Safe travels to everyone flying to DC.

But if DC isn't in your travel plans next month, we have another conference opportunity coming in March. As you know every other year the Great Northwest Region holds an educational conference. In 2012 our conference will be in Boise, Idaho! The Boise Valley Chapter is lining up some fantastic speakers and there are sessions being planned for all ranges (basic, intermediate and advanced RIM). Since many of your members need to start getting budget requests in, we want to provide you with some preliminary costs for the conference. The dates will be March 12-13, 2012. Early registration will be \$299 for ARMA members (late registration will be \$349). An ICRM workshop will also be presented on March 14th for a cost of \$150 (for workshop only) or an additional \$100 on the registration fee if you are attending the full conference. Some additional activities are also being planned. Look for more information in your e/mailbox soon!

One last thing, in Marc's September message he mentioned the ARMA Ball of Goodness. Throughout the year we're asking you to send in "Who Done It?", let us know what accomplishment you had for the month, meeting, etc. Each month we will award the ARMA Ball of Goodness to one chapter. For September the ARMA Ball of Goodness goes to.....Puget Sound! Congrats to Puget Sound for their 35th anniversary! The Chapter invited as many Past presidents as possible to their kick off meeting in September. Eight past presidents were in attendance and the chapter treated them to dinner in appreciation of all they have done. Be sure to send Marc or me your chapters "Who Done It?" for October.

And one last note, last year in one of my Region messages I wrote about the deer that had been in our neighborhood and the changes we had seen in it throughout the summer. We haven't seen that particular deer in a while (I think he headed for the hills once school started up), but we did have another deer visit us this year and the kids were once again very excited to see it. They didn't want to pick the vegetables from the garden so they could have the deer come by and eat them (that way they could see her more often or perhaps it was a clever way to get out of eating their vegies). Nice to see that even in today's rapidly changing world, the simplest things are still appreciated.

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