

President Elect AGM report

I am sure that all of us have all been through the difficult first years of some new endeavour. I remember when I bought my condo. I had it all planned out and it seemed as if everything was going to work out just fine. And then my largest contract vanished. And then I got nailed by a very large bill for my newly purchased leaky condo. I came close to declaring bankruptcy, but I knew that if I did, I wouldn't have the opportunity to purchase a home for many years.

It was in the second year that things started to come together. Hard work and providence gave me the financial edge I needed. I got through that tough time and life is great now.

Our first year as a new ARMA Chapter also started out with energy and enthusiasm. And then we bogged down. And then valuable Board Members vanished. I found the 2004/2005 year to be a frustrating one. Although we accomplished a number of vital tasks, they were not glamorous or exciting (my apologies to those of you who think that Bylaws, Incorporation and Bank Accounts are glamorous and exciting).

We did, however, have one very bright highlight. The Patriot's Act presentation drew a large and varied crowd and earned us some much needed cash. It's interesting to note that this event was not even planned. Through the grape vine we heard that there was substantial interest in this topic, so, with considerable effort, we managed to quickly find two very qualified speakers and arrange a luncheon. I would like to thank everyone who participated in this event.

So here we are, on the cusp of the second official year. I'll be taking over for Cindy. I admit that I am a bit daunted by the scope of what we are trying to accomplish, but I've always been one to trust in hard work and providence.

Welcome to the second year of ARMA VI. It will come together, if we come together. With that in mind, I ask you to do two things: 1) help where you can (on the board or as an event volunteer), and 2) talk to other people about ARMA VI!

Thanks,

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President Elect