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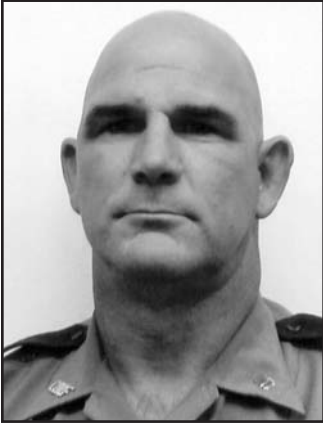
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Vice-President's Message



LT. REMY BROUSSARD
VICE-PRESIDENT, LWAA

Well, here we are again with another winter season drawing to an end.

With "El Nino" affecting our weather we have been in the middle of an extremely wet and seasonally cold winter. This was conducive to a pretty good duck season for most parts of the state. The marshes of south Louisiana are slowly regaining their pre-hurricane productivity. The colder weather up north has added to our winter flight of birds; however, we would always welcome additional

migrants.

Deer season seems to be getting better every year with an ever-increasing number of trophy bucks being taken. Along with better education of the public, the increased enforcement presence has most definitely helped prompt a boom in the deer population. With this population explosion and unusually high water this winter came the increased opportunity for poaching. Agents across the state have been working diligently to "nip this in the bud". Just one look at the news releases will confirm that fact.

Personally, I am just about ready for some springtime weather. Hopefully, spring will bring with it some drier weather. Along with this change in season comes the busy time for the association. Louisiana is host to numerous boating and sports shows as well as other festivals and parades. Many LWAA members spend a

great deal of their personal time becoming involved with educating the public at these events. It has never ceased to amaze me how often I am confronted with the question "No kidding, I never knew you guys did that!"

"That" has been a wide array of duties performed by our agents. Along with our primary duties of wildlife conservation law enforcement we are many times charged with such challenges as search and rescue, boating safety and DWI enforcement, or providing assistance to an injured motorist. Our

agents are constantly finding themselves in situations that test their training. I am proud to say that they have risen to the occasion time and time again. It is up to us as agents to educate the public as to what our duties actually are.

There are many times when "911" gets the initial call, but the last call that goes out is for assistance from a Wildlife and Fisheries Enforcement Agent. There is an old saying that states, "nobody does our job better than we do", and brother, we have a lot of jobs.

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