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Subject: Scholarship Foundation Report

TO: Members of the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Members

USAWOA Members, fellow warrant officers and guests, I am happy to report on the status of the Scholarship Foundation.

The current Board of Directors are: Robert D. Scott, CW4, Retired, President and Chairman; CW5 Frank Meeks, Treasurer; Gordon Koch, CW4, Retired, Secretary; Rufus Montgomery, CW5, Retired, Director; and Richard Scalzo, CW5, Retired, Director. The term of office of all Directors is two years beginning in the Spring of 2005. The President, USAWOA, appoints three members of the Board (Koch, Meeks and Scott), and they select the remaining two members (Montgomery and Scalzo). In addition, during the 9 April 2005 BOD CW4 Scott was appointed as Executive Director of the Scholarship Foundation.

The Foundation has established the following goals to manage the program over the next five years.

Goal 1: Grow the Scholarship Fund Program 10% per year for the next 5 years: To ensure that the Scholarship Fund continues to grow, publicity is necessary and will include:

- a. Developing periodic USAWOA Newsliner articles to make a larger number of our members and potential donors aware of the program at a minimum cost.
- b. Producing a brochure.
- c. Explaining the scholarship program for distribution in various media formats including the USAWOA website, monthly chapter president's letters and other mailings.
- d. Publicizing periodic scholarship information on the USAWOA website.
- e. Publicizing the names of donors in the Newsliner.
- f. Exploring the feasibility of planned giving through a variety of sources.

Goal 2: Expand the Number of Recipients receiving the USAWOA Scholarships by:

- a. Targeting the national membership population with college age children.
- b. Encouraging chapter leaders to identify members with college age children.

Goal 3: Expand the Number of Donors by:

- a. Encouraging individuals, chapters and regions to designate scholarships in the name of individuals.

- b. Generating fund raising activities to support the Foundation.
- c. Soliciting donations from corporations that provide products and/or services to the armed forces (active, Reserve and National Guard) in particular items utilized by Army warrant officers in the performance of their duties such as high tech electronic systems, aircraft, etc.

Goal 4: Reviewing the current Scholarship policies now in effect to include:

- a. Revising the criteria for acceptance of students.
- b. Utilizing the "whole" student concept (grades, activities and financial aid) and any special circumstances such as catastrophic life event.
- c. Establishing the time line for applications.
- d. Establishing the criteria for selection board members.

In 2005, the Scholarship Foundation met on 9 April, 9 July, 17 September and will meet again in early December to administer the Scholarship program.

Actions accomplished to date include:

- a. Preparing and distributing a series of Foundation brochures.
- b. Preparing and approving a five-year Strategic Plan.
- c. Appointing CW4 Scott as the Executive Director of the Foundation
- d. Preparing and submitting numerous articles for publication in the Newsliner.
- e. Preparing and mailing fund raising material to individuals, chapters and regions of USAWOA.
- f. Selecting a volunteer committee to review all candidate submissions based on criteria developed by the Foundation Board of Directors.
- g. Preparing and distributing Scholarship applications and eligibility requirements to members.
- h. Selecting 3 individuals from 33 applications for award of \$1,000 scholarships.
- i. Selected 2 individuals for award of one-year Grantham University On-Line Scholarships
- j. Preparing, submitting, and receiving approval of renewal of registration in the 40 plus jurisdictions that require special authorization for solicitation in that jurisdiction.
- k. Preparing, submitting and receiving approval for inclusion in the National 2005 - 2006 Combined Federal Campaign.
- l. Executed an agreement with Grantham University for a Distance Learning Scholarship for service members, their families and veterans
- m. Initiating action to develop corporate donors.
- n. Received a bequest from the Estate of CW4 John and Jean Allnatt to fund one or more annual Allnatt Scholarships
- o. Upgraded the donated PC system in the office to increase its capability and merged it into the office wireless network

Numerous negative factors also faced us during this year. The limited results of last year's fund raiser caused the board to vote to award only three (3) \$1,000 scholarships this year rather than the normal 10 or 12. Basically that was the available funds after paying the fund raiser printing and mailing costs. The Board of Directors decided to fund a formal CPA audit to become eligible for the National CFC Program. The audit further dipped into the limited funds available, but this was done in an effort to generate increased funding for the Foundation.

We must say a profound thanks to the USAWOA for they provide the book keeping and telephone answering and message taking tasks at no cost to the Foundation.

The balance of the efforts listed were performed by your volunteer Board of Directors in an effort to maximize the dollars available to support scholarships.

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Robert D. Scott, CW4 (R)

President and Chairman of the Board

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