



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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Update for the USAWOA 2006 Annual Meeting of the Members

Officers and Members
U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association

October 2005 marked the 2nd Annual Board meeting of the WO Heritage Foundation. The Board & Annual Corporation meeting was held in Tucson, AZ in conjunction with the USAWOA AMM. Board members present in person or by teleconference were Dave Welsh Chairman & President, Dick Markle Vice Chairman & Vice President, Tom Piatti Director & Secretary, Ron Whalen Director & Treasurer, and Al Cox Director & Asst. Treasurer. During the meeting Dave Welsh Chairman & President made a motion to reorganize the BOD to expand the Board to seven members so that BOD membership would constitute a majority for oversight of the Corporate Officers who would also remain Board members. This would incorporate the current trend to insure oversight by external directors. The motion passed unanimously and the following were elected: Dick Markle Chairman, Al Cox Vice Chairman, Dave Welsh Director & President, Tom Piatti Director & Secretary, and Ron Whalen Director & Treasurer, with two director's positions vacant. Chairman Markle then appointed the Board as a whole as a search committee. For a copy of the complete minutes see www.usawoa.org/woheritage/AboutUs.htm#FoundationDocs.

In December 2005 the Board of Directors met in Executive Session to discuss nominees for the two vacant directors and some issues that came up during the USAWOA AMM in October regarding the WO History Book Project. CW5 (Ret) Donald "Woody" Woodruff and CW2 (Ret) Ben Gottfried were nominated and elected to fill the two vacant Directors positions effective January 1, 2006.

In June 2006 a letter was sent to each USAWOA Life member outlining the Foundation's goals, objectives, and progress to date. This letter also solicited financial support. (See Appendix A)

In July 2006 a letter, similar to the one above, addressed all USAWOA Chapter Presidents, was posted to the Presidents Package Online on the website. It also requested financial support. (See Appendix B)

During August & September 2006 design proofing, Chapter by Chapter, page by page, and line by line of *WARRANTS The legacy of leadership as a Warrant Officer* history book was completed. The dust cover, cover of the regular book, and cover of the leather bound book were proofed on September 20 and 22. Design Proof Certification was issued on September 22. Production of printing plates commenced on September 25 proofs of the plates will be sent to the Foundation for final approval prior to the press run. Reminder - Changed address since ordering the book - notify us by email to wo-heritage@verizon.net.

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Corporation will be held on October 14, 2006 in Chestertown, MD.

In summary, the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation to promoting the history & heritage of the Army Warrant Officer plus construction of a Memorial to Fallen Warrant Officers and construction of a Warrant Officer Historical exhibit. To date we have raised over \$13,000 which is about 30% of our estimate of the money we estimate we will meet to achieve our goals. We ask for Warrant Officer Corps financial help!

Respectfully submitted,

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We are a non-profit educational foundation dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the Army Warrant Officer. On July 9, 2003 the Foundation was Incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia and on March 19, 2004 the IRS issued a ruling granting the Foundation Non-profit status under 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code. For more information see <http://www.usawoa.org/woheritage/AboutUs.htm>.

In July 2004, ownership of the WO Museum Fund was transferred from USAWOA to our Foundation resulting in a starting bank account of some \$10,700.

In the Fall of 2004 USAWOA was approached by Turner Publishing Company to print a follow-up Warrant Officer History Book much like the one printed some 10 years before. The USAWOA Executive Committee approached our Foundation about taking on the project which our Board of Directors voted unanimously to do. We negotiated an agreement with Turner Publishing whereby a portion of the presale purchases accrue to the Foundation towards Warrant Officer historical items in the planned National Museum of the U. S. Army and a Memorial to Fallen Warrant Officers in the Museum Memorial Gardens. For more information on the History Book see http://www.usawoa.org/woheritage/WO_Hist_Book.htm.

As mentioned above, our long range goals are to ensure that Warrant Officer history is included in the planned National Museum of the U.S. Army (NMUSA) and that a memorial to Fallen Warrant Officers is designed, constructed, and maintained in the Museum Memorial Gardens with funding provided by our Foundation. The estimated cost (minimum) at this moment is anticipated to be \$36,000. While the goal is to have the Museum, or portions of the Museum, open by 2012, the building of the facilities should take place earlier than that so in order to have the memorial in place, the Heritage Foundation will have to have the funds available then to ensure that the Memorial can be placed in the Memorial Garden. For more on the NMUSA see <http://www.usawoa.org/woheritage/index.htm#NMUSA> and <http://www.armyhistory.org/armyhistorical3.aspx?pgID=867>.

Individual donations and interest on our CD over the last two years have increased the available funds by approximately \$2,000. This is only one third of the estimated minimum needed to meet our long range goals and does not allow for any flexibility in preparing for the memorial or doing any other work to keep the history of the Army Warrant Officer alive. We therefore solicit your support in any way you can - purchase a History Book - make a donation to the Foundation - tell your friends, particularly fellow Warrant Officers, about The Foundation - or even consider a bequest in your will. You might also note the opportunity to make a contribution as shown on the enclosure to the letter from the USAWOA Home Office that you receive during your anniversary month of originally joining USAWOA. Simply designate the Foundation (Museum Fund). Donations may be sent to WO Heritage Foundation c/o USAWOA, 462 Herndon Pkwy Ste 207, Herndon, VA 20170-5235. All donations and contributions are recognized on our web site at http://www.usawoa.org/woheritage/donor_list.htm.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this most important endeavor and if more information on our Foundation is desired, it can be found at <http://www.usawoa.org/woheritage>. Questions and/or comments may be sent by email to wo-heritage@verizon.net.

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