

## **Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation**

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### **Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation 2004 Annual Report**

*A Publicly Supported Non-Profit Educational Organization  
Dedicated to Preserving the History & Heritage of the Army Warrant Officer*

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In October 2003, the Directors of the Foundation met during the USAWOA AMM. They ratified the Foundation's By Laws and elected the following officers: David Welsh as President & Board Chairman, Richard Markle as Vice President & Vice Chairman, Thomas Piatti as Secretary & Director, Ronald Whalen as Treasurer & Director, and Alfred Cox as Assistant Treasurer & Director.

On March 19, 2004, the IRS issued a Ruling granting the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation Non-Profit Status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Advance Ruling covers the Foundation and donors from July 8, 2003 (the date of Incorporation in the Commonwealth of Virginia) until December 31, 2007, at which time a final determination will be rendered. As a publicly supported organization, all grants and donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

In April 2004, the Foundation agreed to collaborate on a Memorial for Fallen Warrant Officers with the U. S. Army Warrant Officers Association & the Army Warrant Officer Career Center to establish a Memorial to Fallen Warrant Officers at Arlington National Cemetery or other site.

In June 2004, ownership of the Museum accounts and Certificate of Deposit in the Pentagon Federal Credit were transferred from USAWOA to the Foundation. The funds transferred consisted of \$500.00 in a PFCU Pen Check Account, \$496.37 PFCU Share (Savings) Account, and a CD valued at \$9,747.35 - Matures January 2007).

In July 2004, Foundation President Dave Welsh traveled to Fort Rucker for the Senior Warrant Officer Conference; the dedication of "Swartworth Hall" in memory of CW5 Sharon Swartworth, the Chief Warrant Officer of the JAG Corps, who was killed in action in Iraq on November 2003; and the Warrant Officer 86th Anniversary Ball. Mr. Welsh also visited with the outgoing and incoming Commandants of the Warrant Officer Career Center and the curator of the Warrant Officer Hall of Fame. A contribution in support of the Anniversary Ball was also made in the name of the Foundation. All of the foregoing was with the purpose of raising awareness of the Foundation's purpose, goals, and non-profit status.

In August 2004, the USAWOA Executive Committee of the Board of Directors approached the Foundation about taking over the Warrant Officer History Book Volume II Project.

On August 20, 2004, the Foundation Board held a conference call meeting with all Directors participating. During this meeting, the Board unanimously voted to accept the History Book Project.

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On September 9, 2004, the Foundation entered into a written agreement with Turner Publishing Company of Nashville, TN to produce Volume II. See <[www.usawoa.org/woheritage/WO\\_Hist\\_Book.htm](http://www.usawoa.org/woheritage/WO_Hist_Book.htm)> for details on this project.

On September 20, 2004, the Foundation President discussed in detail the concept for the History Book Volume II with the Editor at Turner Publishing. In addition, all those who volunteered as historical material editors for USAWOA have been sent an email note inviting them to work on the project under the direction of the Foundation. To date several have reaffirmed their willingness to remain a project volunteer.

As of the September 2004, the assets of the Foundation were \$10,980.69, all in Pentagon Federal Credit Union accounts.

The next meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors will be held on October 13, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Leesburg, VA in conjunction with the USAWOA Annual Meeting.

For more on the foundation to include it's Purpose, Goals, and Objectives please visit <[www.usawoa.org/woheritage/](http://www.usawoa.org/woheritage/)>. We would like to thank Pentagon Federal Credit Union and USAWOA for providing the web site.

Professionally "For the Corps",



David P. Welsh, CW5, USA Ret.  
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