



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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2005 Annual Report

On October 15, 2004, the Annual Meeting of Foundation Board of Directors was held at the Holiday Inn at Carradoc Hall, Leesburg, VA (site of the USAWOA 2004 Annual Meeting of the Members). All Board Members participated either in person or by teleconference. The major item of business was the Warrant Officer History Book, Volume II, brochure produced by Turner Publishing Company, which will be mailed to all USAWOA Members in early November 2004. Foundation President Welsh made a 20-minute presentation of the goals and achievements to include the History Book Project on the floor of the USAWOA 2004 AMM. Minutes of this BOD meeting can be viewed at www.usawoa.org/woheritage/WOHF_BOD_Minutes_Oct04.pdf.

In February 2005, another Warrant Officer History Book flyer was mailed to all USAWOA Members.

On February 25, 2005, the Foundation Board of Directors met by teleconference with all Board members participating. The major items of business were the Warrant Officer History Book Project and the need to arrange a meeting with the Army Historical Foundation and the PM, National Museum of the United States Army to discuss the presence of WO Historical material in the museum design process. Minutes can be viewed at www.usawoa.org/woheritage/WOHF_BOD_Minuted_Feb05.pdf.

On March 21, 2005, several Foundation Directors met with Army Historical Foundation (AHF) and PM, National Museum of the U.S. Army (NMUSA). AHF representatives presented an overview of the AHF and their involvement with the NMUSA project. President Welsh presented a briefing on the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation (WOHF), it's structure and goals. Discussion then followed between all parties and it became clear that mutual cooperation was in the best interest of both Foundations. In addition, on March 21, our Foundation Directors met with the NMUSA Museum Contents Coordinator. We were briefed on the concept plan for the museum and tentative layout. Our assistance was solicited in obtaining Warrant Officer unique historical items for the Museum. The possibility of obtaining oral biographies of historically significant Warrant Officers was also discussed. Both the AHF and NMUSA representatives also spoke about the Memorial Garden planned for the Museum grounds. This could become the site for a Memorial to Fallen Warrant Officers, which is a Foundation goal. More information can be found on the web site at www.usawoa.org/woheritage/index.htm#news.

On April 15, 2005, the Foundation Board of Directors met by teleconference with one Director unavailable. Progress on the History Book project was discussed. It was noted that another flyer was mailed to all USAWOA members in March and that the submissions and pre-sale orders were lagging. The BOD discussed placing an ad in the Army Times and other actions to stimulate response. Minutes at www.usawoa.org/woheritage/WOHF_BOD_Minutes_Apr05.pdf.

The May 2005 USAWOA NEWSLINER contained an update on the Foundation and a discussion of the projects underway. (See page 8, Vol. 33, No. 5, May 2005)

On May 7, 2005, Foundation President Welsh visited the Army National Guard Readiness Center in Bethany Beach, DE to address the first annual Delaware ARNG Warrant Officer Professional Development Seminar. The participants were very interested in the Foundation and its projects.

On July 25, 2005, the results of an independent audit of the Foundation's financial records for calendar year we received. View at www.usawoa.org/woheritage/WOHF_Audit_CY2004.pdf.

Also on July 25, another History Book flyer marked "Final Chance" was mailed to all USAWOA members. Extra copies were mailed to our Foundation for distribution at the USAWOA 2005 AMM and other events. Copies were mailed to Frank Meeks, Chair of the Reserve Officers Association for their Warrant Officer Professional Development at their Annual Convention in New York City however they were not received by Frank prior to the close of the convention. Copies were also mailed to Bill Petty who has agreed to distributed them at the EWOA and ER USAWOA Reunion in Las Vegas in October. The flyer can be viewed or downloaded on the web at www.usawoa.org/woheritage/HistBkBrochure.pdf.

On September 9, we received information from Turner Publishing saying that the "The book is going a lot better now. The new brochure has pushed a lot of folks into acting." They also asked for the manuscript for the book by October 15 so that they can meet the publishing and distribution target of the 1st calendar quarter of 2006. Work on the manuscript is well underway and it will be submitted as close to October 15 as possible. Warrant Officers may continue to submit pre-sale orders, biographies and pictures until October 30.

The September 2005 Pentagon Federal Credit Union statement shows a combined balance of just under \$12,000 in the Foundation's Checking, savings, and a Certificate of Deposit. A portion of the proceeds of pre-sales of the History Book will accrue to the Foundation. Donations, grants, and bequests continue to be solicited - all are tax deductible under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code.

The Annual Meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors will take place on October 28 at the Double Tree Hotel at Reid Park, Tucson, AZ. Minutes of that BOD meeting will be will be posted on the web at www.usawoa.org/woheritage/index.htm#news.

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