



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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2006 Annual Report

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. BOB 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. To view the complete Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting go to <http://www.usawoa.org/WOHERITAGE/site-map.htm#Documentation>.

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. Production of printing plates commenced on September 25 proofs of the plates and proofing was completed by the Foundation and arrived back at the printer on October 9. Printing of the books commenced shortly thereafter followed by assembly and binding.

During the 35th USAWOA Annual Meeting of the Members, in October in St. Petersburg, FL, after a Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation Update presented by CW5 Philip E. Tackett, CW4 (P) Barbara A. Carpenter stood and pledged \$100.00 to the foundation and challenged the attendees to do the same. Over the next few days a number of donations and pledges were made. With the receipt of the pledges a total \$1,660.00 in donations were made at the 35th USAWOA AMM. We greatly appreciate their support!

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Corporation was held on October 14-15, 2006 in Chestertown, MD. All Board Members and Officers were present with the exception of Secretary Tom Piatti who submitted a report and was represented by proxy. The Board reviewed actions taken over the past year, and discussed short and long range plans for the future accomplishment of the Foundation's goals. Relationship with the Army Historical Foundation and the National Museum of the U. S. Army was discussed in detail and plans were made for the upcoming year. Fund raising progress was also discussed in detail and tentative plans were made for the future. To view the complete Minutes of the Annual Board Meeting go to <<http://www.usawoa.org/WOHERITAGE/site-map.htm#Documentation>>.

Shipping of the WARRANT history book began on November 27 and the final book was mailed on December 21.

In summary, the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation remains dedicated to its goals of 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 the funding we estimate needed to achieve our goals. The Foundation continues to utilize the Pentagon Federal Credit Union as our financial institution for business. The Foundation has no paid employees and is managed solely by volunteers. President Welsh, in his capacity as Chief Operating Officer, oversees the day to day activities of the Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,



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President, Director, and
Chief Operating Officer

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