



## **WARRANT OFFICER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION**

*(formerly Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation)*

**c/o Bay Life Consulting Group**

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***Preserving U.S. Army Warrant Officer History™***

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) CONFERENCE CALL MARCH 17, 2016**

**Called to order:** at 3:03 p.m. by Chairman Markle.

**Quorum:** the teleconference was validated by attendance of the following:

Richard C. Markle, CW5, USA Ret, Chairman of the Board  
Gary R. Nisker, CW5, USA Ret, Vice Chairman of the Board  
David P. Welsh, CW5, USA Ret, President, Director and Founder  
Donald E. Hess, CW4, USA Ret, Vice President, Director and Historian Emeritus  
Donald W. (Woody) Woodruff, CW5, USA Ret, Treasurer and Director  
Thomas A. Piatti, CW5, USA Ret, Secretary and Director  
Franklin D. Meeks, CW5, USA Ret, Director  
Albert G. Curving, CW5, USA Ret, Director  
David A. Ratliff, CW5, USA Ret Director

Ben F. Gottfried, CW2, USA Ret, Director (on leave of absence)

#### **Secretary's Report:**

Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the September 17, 2015, meeting minutes that were provided via email to the Board. Motion to approve was made by Vice President Hess, seconded by Vice Chairman Nisker and approved by the BOD.

Secretary Piatti provided a read-ahead of the electronic motions and voting results during the period September 2015 to March 2016. Those motions and voting results are restated for record below:

Motion by President Welsh on November 25, 2015, to reimburse Vice Chairman Nisker for the cost of postage in the amount of \$52.35 to mail material to the BOD, seconded by Secretary Piatti and approved by the BOD.

Motion by President Welsh on December 8, 2015, to reserve a grant in the sum of \$6,000 towards the construction of a Warrant Officer Memorial to be placed in the Memorial Garden at the planned National Museum of the U.S. Army. The grant is to consist of the \$3,000 donated by the USAWOA Fort Hood Silver Chapter matched by \$3,000 from the Warrant Officer Historical Foundation funds. The motion was seconded by Director Meeks and approved by the BOD.

Motion by Treasurer Woodruff on January 17, 2016, to transfer \$8,000.00 to as "escrow" in the Regular Share account, seconded by Director Meeks. The motion was approved by a BOD super majority with Director Curving abstaining.

Motion by Treasurer Woodruff on January 17, 2016, to reimburse the USAWOA for postage and credit card fee in the amount of \$13.29, seconded by Director Meeks and approved by the BOD.

Motion by President Dave Welsh on January 20, 2016, to match the Fort Hood Chapter, USAWOA, \$1,000.00 donation and to transfer \$2,000.00 as "escrow" in the Regular Share account, seconded by Treasurer Woodruff. The motion was approved by a BOD super majority with Director Curving abstaining.

Motion by President Dave Welsh on February 7, 2016, to transfer \$2,000 to "escrow" in the Regular Share account to cover the cost of the Granite Bench proposed for the Casemate Museum at Fort Monroe memorializing the Birthplace of the Army Warrant Officer in the Mine Planter Service in the Coast Artillery, seconded by Secretary Piatti. The motion was approved by a BOD super majority with Vice Chairman Nisker abstaining.

Motion by President Welsh on February 13, 2016, to accept Director Gottfried's request for a leave of absence for an indefinite period, seconded by Director Curving and approved by the BOD.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the Treasurer's report submitted via email to the BOD. After discussion, President Welsh motioned to approve the Treasurers report, subject to audit, seconded Vice President Hess and approved by the BOD.

#### **President Welsh's Report:**

- The National Museum of the US Army (NMUSA) has started clearing trees. A date for a ground breaking ceremony has yet to be announced.
- Possesses the NMUSA Paver Certificates for Don Hess and Bob Scott.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- President Welsh discussed the Warrant Officer History Book of which a request for bids were given to five publishers. He has ruled out Dorrance Publishing due to their high cost (\$3,800.00). Xilbris was the lowest bidder and he is in discussion with them. Their books can be in hardback, paperback or e-book form and can be printed on demand. President Welsh will forward by email Xilbris' proposal to the BOD for further discussion. A motion to go forward with a contract will be considered when all terms and conditions are known.

- President Welsh stated that NMUSA planning for a Memorial Garden has been pushed into the future and may take place in 2019 or later. This fact limits our planning ability for the purchase/placement of a WO Memorial display or Memorial Bench. We will continue to monitor NMUSA events through the construction and planning phase keeping in mind they must provide Memorial parameters, besides giving a commitment to accept and display a WO memorial.

- The Casement Museum has not agreed to or provided a decision on the acceptance or placement of the WO Memorial Bench the WOHF is donating. Director Woodruff will contact the Casement Museum to discuss and get a commitment. He stated the WOHF has not paid for the bench, but the contractor is holding onto the materials.

**New Business:**

- President Welsh motioned that the WOHF grant an additional \$5,000.00 to the NMUSA Capital Fund to be applied to the Veterans Hall, on behalf of both the WOHF and USAWOA. The motion was seconded by Director Woodruff and approved by the BOD.

**Session Recessed:** A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by President Welsh, seconded by Director Curving and approved by the BOD. Next teleconference TBD. Meeting concluded at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Thomas Piatti  
CW5, AG, USA Retired  
Secretary

Richard C. Markle  
CW5, AG, USA Retired  
Chairman of the Board

These minutes were approved at the February 28, 2018, BOD meeting.