



WARRANT OFFICER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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Preserving U.S. Army Warrant Officer History™

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) CONFERENCE CALL MARCH 15, 2018

Called to order: at 2:02 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 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

Secretary's Report:

Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the February 28, 2018, meeting minutes that were provided via email to the Board. Motion to approve was made by Director Gottfried, seconded by Vice Chairman Nisker and approved by the BOD.

Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's report submitted. Treasurer Woodruff will email a short account summary to the BOD later today and will provide a detailed spreadsheet prior to future teleconferences.

Unfinished Business:

- WOHF Website – President Welsh will contact Go Daddy (host) to rebuild the website and to convert documents to PDF. Previously, funds not to exceed \$1,800.00 were approved by the BOD for this work.
- Large Paver Bricks – President Welsh will complete the forms and order the paver bricks next week.
- Casement Museum Update – Treasurer Woodruff will visit the Museum in April to obtain information.

- WOHF Name Tags – Director Curving has taken action on this and will contact each BOD member to determine what they want on their badge.

- Let Go Painting – The original painting was commissioned by the USAWOA and is believed to be at the Don Stivers Studio. Secretary Piatti will draft a letter to the USAWOA recommending a joint USAWOA/WOFH venture to contact the Don Stivers Studio to purchase the original painting with WOHF funds. The intent is to further donate the painting to the Center of Military History which only accepts original paintings for their archives. The ultimate goal is to have this time-period painting on display at the NMUSA.

- Indian “Chief” Motorcycle Fund Raiser – There was substantial discussion on Director Curving’s February 2018 recommendation to acquire a customized Indian motorcycle with sidecar and tow-behind trailer for fund raising. Of concern was the legality for the WOHF to perform such fund raising activities within Virginia, besides being able to solicit funds from other States. Typically for fund raising, an organization must register in each State. Additionally, the upfront costs are approximately \$30-33K which would be high risk for the WOHF if ticket sales were less than the upfront costs. More research is required to determine the feasibility of this endeavor.

New Business:

- Centennial Ball – The Warrant Officer Centennial Ball will be held on July 7 at the Sheraton Pentagon City. Preferred room rates have been arranged. The USAWOA Interactive Portal contains registration and hotel contact information.

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 is at 2 p.m. on April 19, 2018. Meeting concluded at 3:05 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 April 19, 2018, BOD meeting.