



## **WARRANT OFFICER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION**

(formerly Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation)

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

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) CONFERENCE CALL APRIL 19, 2018**

**Called to order:** at 2:03 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 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  
David A. Ratliff, CW5, USA Ret, Director

Directors Curving and Gottfried were absent.

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

Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the March 15, 2018, meeting minutes that were provided via email to the Board. President Welsh pointed out the need to update the mailing address on the letterhead. Motion to approve with correction was made by Director Ratliff, seconded by Vice Chairman Nisker 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, Director Meeks motioned to approve the Treasurers report, subject to audit, seconded by President Welsh and approved by the BOD.

Treasurer Woodruff also provided the BOD drafts of filings for submission to the IRS and Virginia Charity Office for tax year 2017. Director Meeks motioned to accept the draft documents, seconded by Secretary Piatti and unanimously approved.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

- WOHF Website – President Welsh continues to work on this initiative with Go Daddy (host).
- Large Paver Bricks – President Welsh will complete the forms and order the paver bricks.

- Casement Museum Update – Treasurer Woodruff met with officials at the Casemate Museum concerning the location of the WO Bench and provided photos of possible locations near the Museum. Those officials requested the dimensions of the WO Bench, which is needed to determine where the bench can be placed. President Welsh will obtain the dimensions from the monument company and provide them to Treasurer Woodruff who will pass them back to the Museum.

Additionally, Treasurer Woodruff provided several possible inscriptions for the back of the bench. The BOD discussed those possibilities and decided to adopt inscription #2, with modifications. The Eagle Rising insignia will be placed on the left side, and due to space limitations, there will be no insignia on the right side. The text “All Gave Some and Some Gave All” will not be placed on the bench. The reasoning - this a centennial bench, not a memorial bench, and those words do not apply. Also, the month of “July” will be spelled in full. Here is the final inscription as agreed upon:

Flanked with WO Eagle Rising on left:

FORT MONROE – BIRTHPLACE OF THE  
ARMY WARRANT OFFICER  
OF THE MINE PLANTER SERVICE  
IN THE COAST ARTILLERY CORPS  
JULY 9, 1918  
DEDICATED JULY 9, 2018  
BY THE WARRANT OFFICER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

- WOHF Name Tags – Director Curving has taken the initiative on this and has contacted each BOD member to determine what they want on their badge. He will order them upon return from his trip to Europe.

- Let Go Painting – The BOD discussed the draft letter from Secretary Piatti 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. Treasurer Woodruff moved to approve the letter as written, seconded by President Welsh. Upon discussion, the BOD agreed to delete any reference to the Don Stivers Studio “The Quiet Professional” painting which was referenced in the letter and the motion was unanimously approved. President Welsh will revise the letter and forward it to President Gouty.

- Indian “Chief” Motorcycle Fund Raiser – This topic was tabled to the absence of Director Curving.

- Centennial Ball – Director Meeks gave an update that 193 seats have been taken leaving 57 available seats.

### **New Business:**

- Update of By-laws - Treasurer Woodruff provided information that may require the WOHF to make changes to its by-laws to be in compliance with changes to the law pertaining to non-profits. Further research will be needed, so this topic is a work in progress.

- Support for a WOCC Museum – On March 5, an exploratory email was sent to the WOHF from CW5 Wilson asking about possible monetary support for a WO Museum at Fort Rucker, a local effort to consolidate all past WO Aviation, WO Candidate Course and other memorabilia in a central location on Post. She stated a search for a building is ongoing. Since that time, there has not been an update on this effort. Secretary Piatti and Vice Chairman Nisker commented on their experiences with this issue while at Fort Rucker dating back well over 20 years. There does not seem to be an “official Army” effort to preserve these historical items, but a continual WOCC local effort which does not seem to get traction. This topic will remain a work in progress.

**Session Recessed:** A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by Chairman Markle, seconded by Vice Chairman Nisker and approved by the BOD. Next teleconference is at 2 p.m. on May 17, 2018. Meeting concluded at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Thomas Piatti  
CW5, AG, USA Retired  
Secretary

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