



WARRANT OFFICER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) CONFERENCE CALL SEPTEMBER 20, 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
Thomas A. Piatti, CW5, USA Ret, Secretary and Director
Donald W. (Woody) Woodruff, CW5, USA Ret, Treasurer and Director
David A. Ratliff, CW5, USA Ret, Director
Albert G. Curving, CW5, USA Ret, Director

Directors Gottfried and Meeks were absent. They assigned their proxies to Secretary Piatti.

Secretary's Report:

Chairman Markle called for a motion to approve the July 19, 2018, meeting minutes that were provided via email to the Board. Motion to approve was made by Vice Chairman Nisker, 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, Director Curving motioned to approve the Treasurers report, subject to audit, seconded by Vice Chairman Nisker and approved by the BOD.

Unfinished Business:

- WOHF Website – This issue was tabled due to Director Meeks absence. Director Meeks had suggested the WOHF transition to Go Daddy's new Deluxe Windows Hosting with Plesk. The WOHF has previously approved funding NTE \$1,800.00 for a website upgrade.

- Four Large Paver Bricks Purchase – Funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 has been approved for four paver bricks. The WOHF goal is to have two bricks placed in the front walkway and two bricks placed in the rear of the museum walkway towards the outside exhibits and parade field. Treasurer Woodruff will contact NMUSA for the purchase and to determine if the WOHF can suggest the location for the positioning of the bricks.

- Casement Museum Update – Based on a Sep 20 email from Treasurer Woodruff, due to unforeseen delay in the Museum approval process we may not be able to dedicate the Casement Museum Bench in year 2018. Thus, the previously approved inscription must be revised to remove a precise dedication year. A motion was made by President Welsh to accept the inscription as recommended by Treasurer Woodruff, seconded by Director Curving and approved by the BOD.

The inscription will read as follows:

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

- Let Go Painting – Secretary Piatti reported that the Stivers Studio had sold the original “Let Go” oil painting to a private collector. After discussion, the BOD agreed that we try and locate the private collector to see if the painting could be purchased and at what cost. An alternative would be to purchase the original “Quiet Professional” oil painting. Secretary Piatti will contact the Stivers Studio to research both possibilities.

- Update of By-laws – This action has been set aside for the time being. We soon will be accepting nominations for officers based on our currently by-laws, thus it is not prudent to make changes on the number of officers at this time. Additionally, the BOD will also study whether or not the mission of the WOHF should change. Accordingly, if the mission is changed, the by-laws must reflect those changes.

- State Registration for Charitable Organizations – No further action is required, the WOHF will continue its present registration in Virginia.

- Input for History Book, Volume 3 – President Welsh will contact Jack Du Teil, Executive Director, USAWOA, to discuss using materials the Association obtained and/or published in the NEWSLINER and on their FaceBook page. Means of soliciting input will also be discussed at the USAWOA October 2018 Annual Meeting of the Members (AMM). The goal is to ramp up this effort in July 2019 post the yearlong celebration. This topic will continue to be a work in progress.

New Business:

- WOHF Presentation at the USAWOA AMM – Director Curving will be attending this function and will make the presentation.

- Support for WO Career College (WOCC) Museum – CW5 Phyllis Wilson, USAR Ret. and former USAR Advisor to the WOCC, continues to seek guidance for a means to preserve the historical memorabilia at the WOCC. The WOHF discussed this topic in 2018 and does not have a recommendation nor does it have the financial resources to fund such an endeavor. Perhaps this effort should be the responsibility of the Fort Rucker Chapter, USAWOA, which can tap local talent and resources. We understand this topic may be brought up by CW5 Wilson at the USAWOA AMM.

- NMUSA Benches – President Welsh stated that although we were informed years ago that the NMUSA would not accept benches sponsored by Military Organizations or Associations, the NMUSA publication “Call to Duty” (Aug 18 edition) reported that the NMUSA agreed to accept \$10,000.00 to place a bench on the Museum’s campus in the name of the US Military Academy Class of 1950. Obviously, the NMUSA has changed their policy. President Welsh will contact Kathleen Holt, NMUSA point of contact, for further information.

- WOHF BOD Nomination – As provided in the by-laws, President Welsh appointed Director Ratliff as Acting Vice President and Historian. Director Ratliff will temporarily assist President Welsh in historical matters.

Session Recessed: A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by President Welch, seconded by Director Curvinig and approved by the BOD. Next teleconference is at 2 p.m. on October 18, 2018. Meeting concluded at 3:22 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 on the October 18, 2018.