



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation (WOHF) Board of Directors Meeting, January 12, 2007

Call to order at 1509 by Chairman Dick Markle. All board members attended. A moment of silence for our Fallen Comrades and all those serving in harms way was observed.

Minutes of October 14, 2006, Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Annual Meeting had already been approved by electronic vote.

Restatement of December 2006 electronic motions for record purposes:

1. President Dave Welsh's motion to purchase Print #100 of the "LET GO" print by Don Stivers for \$195.00, to be held by the WOHF as we look towards the 100 year anniversary of the WO, was seconded by Secretary Tom Piatti and unanimously approved by the Board.
2. President Dave Welsh's motion to purchase 12 regular editions and two leather bound editions of "WARRANT The Legacy of the Leadership as a Warrant Officer" for presentation purposes, at the discounted rate of \$34.77 and \$50.97, respectively, plus shipping, from Turner Publishing was seconded by Treasurer Ron Whalen and unanimously approved by the Board.

Treasurer's report: The Board was in receipt of Treasurer Ron Whalen's financial report dated January 2007. A motion was made by Al Cox, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurers report, subject to audit.

Old Business

1. Status of Shipping the Warrant Officer History Book. President Dave Welsh reported that the books were shipped "publisher's class" by Turner Publishing. At this date, there have been inquiries that books have not been received, but it is too early to determine if there is a problem with shipping.
2. Status of corrections to biographies: President Dave Welsh has corresponded with Leslie King at Turner Publishing who stated that she will contact all individuals who have a problem. Turner plans to print corrected inserts for presentation copies and reported individual errors. Corrections will be made to the master for future printings.
3. Proposed Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). The attached COOP SOP was reviewed, discussed and adopted by the Board for implementation. Each officer will maintain a copy and it will be reviewed annually.

New Business:

1. Attached is an action item submitted by President Dave Welsh concerning the National Museum of the U.S. Army (NMUSA) ground breaking in 2007 and opening planned for years 2011/2012. He addresses three issues: 1) the need for the WOHF to develop a detailed commitment and plan to present to the NMUSA and Army Historical Foundation (AHF); 2) the need to obtain the criteria for a memorial in the memorial garden, plus the design and associated costs for the Memorial to Fallen WO; and 3) obtaining Don Stivers agreement to display both The Quiet Professional and LET GO original paintings at the NMUSA during the 100th Birthday of the Army Warrant Officer.

The basis of President Welsh's issue is: who should work on these actions? Discussions began concerning, the cost to build, design and perpetually maintain a memorial and the fact that the WOHF does not have the capital available at this time to make a serious impact on the NMUSA. For the memorial, it was suggested that the USAWOA membership submit designs for consideration and the membership have the ability to purchase a brick in the garden.

It was decided that we need more information from the NMUSA before we can proceed. President Welsh motioned to table this discussion with the provision that when the leather bound history book is presented to the museum, at that time we set up a future meeting to discuss these issues in detail. Al Cox seconded the motion, which was carried by the Board.

2. President Dave Welsh proposed that we hold the 2007 WOHF Annual Meeting on Chincoteague Island, VA. These dates conflicted with a commitment Al Cox has. It was discussed and agreed we would hold the meeting at Chincoteague Island from September 28-30, 2007.

3. Treasurer Ron Whalen stated he will soon be delivering the 2005 and 2006 financial records for audit.

Session Closed: A motion to remain in session by electronic means was made by Treasurer Ron Whalen and seconded by Ben Gottfried. Annual BOD will be held in September 28-30, 2007, as stated above.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved September 29, 2007

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Thomas A. Piatti, CW5, USA Ret.
Director, Secretary,
and Chief Administrative Officer

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Richard C. Markle, CW5, USA Ret.
Chairman of the Board,
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Alfred E. Cox , CW3, USA Ret., Vice Chairman of the Board
David P. Welsh, CW5, AUS Ret, Director, President and Chief Operating Officer
Thomas Piatti, CW5, USA Ret, Director, Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer
Ronald J. Whalen, CW4, USA Ret, Director, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer
Don (Woody) Woodruff, CW5, USA Ret, Director
Ben Gottfried, CW2, USA Ret, Director