

**WARRANT OFFICERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 15 APRIL 2005**

BOD Meeting, via teleconference, called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman and President Dave Welsh. Participating were Dave Welsh, Dick Markle, Ron Whalen, and Al Cox. Excused was Tom Piatti who is out of town on business and granted a selective proxy to Dave Welsh.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review and approval of the Minutes of the 25 Feb 2005 Meeting. (Dave Welsh)

A motion was made by Dick Markle to approve these minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Review and approve the Foundation Financial Report as of 9 Feb 2005. (Ron Whalen)

A motion was made by Dick Markle to approve these minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Update on the WO History Book Project (Dave Welsh)

Current campaign end 15 April, new campaign opens.

Total pre-sales of Book as of mid-April was +/- 100. Our Agreement with Turner Publishing bases the amount of pages in the book on pre-sales. That clause is below:

"THE MORE BOOKS PRE-SOLD, THE MORE PAGES THE COMMEMORATIVE BOOK WILL CONTAIN. Example: A large "coffee-table" 9-by-12 inch book which sells 300 copies would contain 112 pages; 400 copies sold would contain 128 pages; 500 copies could contain 144 pages; 1,000 copies sold would contain 208 pages; and 1,500 copies sold would contain 256 pages. Therefore, it is beneficial for both the client and the Publisher to promote the book. The unit price to consumer never changes although number of pages will increase in proportion to the number of book sales."

Many biographies and pictures received.

Investigate the cost of a History Book ad in the ARMY TIMES. Following is proposed content:

Warrant History Book pre-publication sale

Covering early use of WO in the military, thru first Army WO in Mine Planter Service in 1918, thru integration of Army WO into commissioned officer branches in 2004. History will include pictorial Tribute to Fallen WO from 9/11/2001 - 7/9/2004. WO purchasers may submit pictures and biographies. For information on the WO Heritage Foundation History Book go to www.usawoa.org/woheritage/.

The ARMY TIMES account representative laid out the ad, it came to 14 lines at a cost of \$213.50 for all Military Times editions (USA, USAF, USN, USMC), or \$184.80 for just the Army and Air Forces Times (they share advertising). These costs are for the Classified Section of the paper (A 1/10 page ad in the body of the paper goes for \$1,100). This information has been passed on to Greg Wurth, our Editor for the History Book at Turner Publishing. BOD consensus was to have Turner Publishing negotiate with the Army Times.

Dave Welsh attended a meeting of Delaware ARNG Warrant Officers on 1 March at the ARNG Readiness Center in Smyrna. The briefing on the WOHF was well received and WO History Book flyers were handed out. CW5 Roger Perry, DE ARNG CCWO hosted the meeting and invited the WOHF to present a briefing at the scheduled WOPD Seminar on 7 May at the Bethany Beach Readiness Center.

Met with Army Historical Foundation (AHF) and PM for National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA) On Monday, 21 March, at 2 pm, Dave Welsh, Dick Markle, and Ron Whalen met with AHF and NMUSA representatives at the PM, NMUSA, Building 1812, Goethals Rd, Fort Belvoir, VA. Present from the AHF were: MG (Ret) Neal Creighton, Senior Campaign Director; BG (Ret) Creighton Abrahams, Executive Director; Mr. Matthew J. Seelinger, Historian/Editor of *ON POINT*, The Journal of Army History; CSM (Ret) Robert "Randy" Mix, Director, Enlisted & Veterans Affairs\

CSM Mix and Mr. Seelinger presented an overview of the AHF and their involvement with the NMUSA project.

Dave Welsh presented a desk-side brief of the WO Heritage Foundation (WOHF); it's structure and goals.

BG Abrahams presented the WOHF with a copy of U.S. ARMY A COMPLETE HISTORY. This almost 1,000 page book published by AHF is a chronological and pictorial history of the Army 1607 through 2004. It contains the birth of the Army WO Corps in 1918, 1/2 page reproductions of the "LET GO!" and "The Quiet Professional" prints by Don Stivers, plus a full, 9 1/2" wide by 13" long concise History of the Army Warrant Officer.

Discussion then followed between all parties and it was very enlightening.

In addition, on 21 March at Building 1812 at 3:30 pm, Dave Welsh, Dick Markle, and Ron Whalen met with Mr. Bill Brown, Museum Contents Coordinator for the NMUSA. Mr. Brown briefed us on the concept plan for the museum, tentative layout. He solicited WOHF assistance in obtaining WO unique items for the Museum. Mr. Brown also suggested the possibility of obtaining oral biographies of historically significant WO.

Both the AHF and NMUSA representatives also spoke about the Memorial Garden planned for the Museum grounds.

In summary, we were assured that Warrant Officers would not be left out of Museum planning and that WOHF assistance was appropriate and would be welcomed.

IRS Form 990 has been drafted by Dave Welsh and is in the process of being finalized (due date to the IRS is 15 May). The question came up as to when we have to apply to the IRS for a final 501 (c) (3) finding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Entertain a motion to take out a \$100.00 annual Sustaining Membership in the Army Historical Foundation in the name of the WO Heritage Foundation. A motion was made by Ron Whalen to authorize the expenditure of not more tha \$100.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Entertain a motion to pursue placing the "Memorial to Fallen Warrant Officers" in the Memorial Garden at the National Museum of the U. S. Army. A motion was made by Dick Markle to continue pursuit of placing a Memorial to Fallen Warrant Officers in the planned Memorial Garden at the planned National Museum of the United States Army. The Motions was seconded and passed.

Entertain a motion to purchase, frame and present a "Let GO!" Stivers print to the National Museum of the U. S. Army. This action was tabled by the BOD members.

Any other new business? Pursuit of a "face-to-face" meeting of the Board of Directors in July, possibly at the USAWOA Home Office in Herndon, VA, with a target of 9 or 16 July was proposed by Ron Whalen.

Motion to adjourn made by Dick Markle. Motion was seconded and passed.

The 15 April 2005 meeting of the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation Board of Directors adjourned in peace and harmony at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



David P. Welsh

President and Chairman of the Board