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On Nov. 3, 2009, Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation (WOHF) Chairman of the Board CW5 (Ret) Richard Markle visited the Army Historical Foundation (AHF). During the visit the WOHF proposal was presented to place six granite benches funded by the WOHF in the Memorial Garden of the National Museum of the U. S. Army (NMUSA). The theme is "SOME GAVE ALL - ALL GAVE SOME" with each bench engraved to cover a period of conflict, i.e. 'THE WORLD WARS', "KOREA", "VIETNAM", "PANAMA - SOMALIA – HAITI", "PERSIAN GULF" and "GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR." Also during the visit, CW5 Markle presented a \$5,000 Grant to the NMUSA Capital Fund Raiser on behalf of the Foundation and the U. S. Army Warrant Officers Association (USAWOA). Also presented were two copies of *WARRANT The Legacy of Leadership as a Warrant Officer* history book, one for the NMUSA Research Library and the other as a desk reference for the AHF Historian.

On Nov. 6, 2009, USAWOA National President CW5 Gary Nisker announced the Memorial Bench design and the \$5,000 grant to the NMUSA Fund Raiser to the attendees at the USAWOA 37th Annual Meeting of the Members in Salt Lake City, UT. He also announced a campaign to raise \$100,000 toward construction of a proposed Warrant Officer Historical Exhibit commemorating the 100th Birthday of the Army Warrant Officer Corps in July 2018.

On December 1, 2009, CW3 (Ret) Alfred E. "Al" Cox relinquished his seat as the Vice Chairman of the Foundation. He admirably served as a Director and Assistant Treasurer from 2003-2005 and as Vice Chairman of the Board from 2005-2009.

On March 24, 2010, CW5 (Ret) Donald "Woody" Woodruff was elected as Vice Chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors replacing CW3 (Ret) Alfred "Al" Cox who had retired and CW4 (Ret) Harry C. McCurdy was nominated and elected to fill the Director's seat vacated by Vice Chairman Woodruff.

On April 7, 2010, during the Foundation's Mid-Year Meeting, the BOD set 2018 as the planned release date for the next Warrant Officer History Book edition. The Title of the book has not yet been selected but the theme will center around the July 9, 1918 birthday of the Army Warrant Officer in the Mine Planter Service of the Coast Artillery and the 100 Years thereafter. More information will be released as the concept is fleshed out, a publisher selected, and timelines established. Previous books include *U. S. Army Warrant Officers* released by the U. S. Army Warrant Officers Association in 1996 and *WARRANT The Legacy of Leadership as a Warrant Officer* released by the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation in 2006, both of which are now sold out.

On April 24, 2010 the USAWOA Board of Directors joined in issuing a Joint Resolution together with the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation to support an initiative for the Casemate Museum at Fort Monroe, Virginia to remain as an active Army Museum in the United States Army Museum System. Fort Monroe's Little Known History is the fact that it is the birthplace of the United States Army Warrant Officer in the Mine Planter Service of the Coast Artillery.

In July 2010, Board Chairman CW5 (Ret) Dick Markle, our Foundation's Liaison to the Army Historical Foundation and the National Museum of the U. S. Army Project Office, visited the NMUSA Project Office. He provided a copy and briefed our proposal to fund and place six granite benches in the Memorial Garden of the National Museum of the U. S. Army. CW5 Markle was informed that the plan for the Memorial Garden and criteria for memorials had not yet commenced. Once planning for the Memorial Garden is underway the Foundation's proposal will be considered. The donations to the Foundation toward the Memorial Benches project remain fenced and available once approved by the Army.

On August 15, 2010, Foundation President Dave Welsh sent a letter to the some 75 U. S Army Warrant Officer Association Chapter Presidents and Points of Contacts. The purpose was to ask for the financial support and asking the to spread the word to all WO in their local area, both members and non-members alike. Copy of the letters is attached. Never-the-less donations from USAWOA Chapters and individuals is lagging. We are sure that this is in a big part to the economy and troop deployments. This downward trend puts the Foundation in jeopardy to not be able to meet our goal to construct and display a 100th July 2018 Birthday of the Army Warrant Officer historical exhibit hopefully in the rotating gallery at the National Museum of the U. S. Army. The fund raising for the NMUSA seems to be difficult, most likely for similar reasons. Our sensing is that the Museum may end up being built in stages. Without the support of the Warrant Officer Corps the Historical Exhibit may never come to be. We need all the help we can get in getting the word out.

On October 7, 2010, the Foundation's Board of Directors plans to hold the BOD Annual Meeting by teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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Support the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

Donate to the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation efforts to construct of a Historical Exhibit in honor of the 100th Birthday of the establishment of Army Warrant Officer Corps on July 9, 1918 in the Army Mine Planter Service of the Coast Artillery.



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No donation is too small!

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