

**WARRANT OFFICERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION**  
*A Non-Profit 501 (c) (3) Public Charity*  
*Preserving the History and Heritage of the Army Warrant Officer*

**Update for the 2011 USAWOA Annual Meeting**

Two of the Foundation planned major projects have been impacted by the delays in construction of the planned National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA). These delays have been incurred by environmental studies of potential museum sites and other factors. In addition, action on the proposal for placement of **Warrant Officer Memorial Benches** has been impacted by the delays and a turnover of personnel at the NMUSA Project Office. Also, the goal to construct a **100th Birthday Warrant Officer Historical Exhibit** for display in the NMUSA in 2018 has been impacted by extremely lacking donations to our Foundation towards funding this project.

Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh has approved the Gunston location of Fort Belvoir's North Post as the official site of the National Museum of the United States Army after the completion of a comprehensive and thorough site selection process that concluded with a favorable environmental assessment of the area. Secretary McHugh's announcement came on June 17, 2011 rounding out the week during which the United States Army celebrated its 236th birthday. The plan is to break ground in 2012 to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to begin construction. Initial, construction includes the main building of approximately 175,000 square feet and scheduled to open in 2015. This is several years later than originally planned. Outside this facility will be a park with a memorial garden, parade ground, and some exhibits of Army equipment.

To continue to achieve the Army Warrant Officer exposure goals, our Foundation is making the changes outlined below regarding these two projects:

**Warrant Officer Memorial Benches:**

- The engraving of the seat back has been changed to reflect the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the WO Corps in July 2018 and adds USAWOA as a participant:

**U.S. ARMY WARRANT OFFICER CORPS**  
**100 YEARS OF SERVICE JULY 9, 1918 - JULY 9, 2018**



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**IN THEIR MEMORY BY THE  
WARRANT OFFICERS HERITAGE FOUNDATION  
AND U. S. ARMY WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

- Funding remains fenced and available for WO Memorial Bench(s) at the NMUSA.
- The Foundation will accept nominations by Chapters and others (i.e. Small Business Members or Sponsors) for placement of a limited number of Memorial Benches (quantity to be determined) at high traffic locations (i.e. Military/Veterans Memorials, Military Museums, Veterans Cemeteries, etc). The goal is to raise the level of recognition of Army Warrant Officers in selected areas of the U.S. where the Memorial will be seen by many people who may never get to travel to the NMUSA at Fort Belvoir.
  - Chapters or others will be responsible at a minimum for the following:

1. obtaining written approval including the average number of annual visitors for the site where the Memorial Bench is proposed to be installed; and
  2. funding at a minimum of the transportation to the site and installation; and
  3. Periodic maintenance of the Memorial Bench as and when required.
- Nomination criteria and forms are being developed. Criteria and forms will be posted to the Foundation's website at [www.usawoa.org/WOHERITAGE](http://www.usawoa.org/WOHERITAGE).
  - All nominations will be reviewed by the Foundation's Board of Directors and a limited number within the Foundation's available funds will be initially approved.
  - Should a Chapter or others desire to fund and place a Memorial Bench on their own we will consider these requests separately. The approximate cost per bench is \$2,800 plus transportation and installation.
  - Chapters or others desiring more information should send an email request to [wo-heritage@verizon.net](mailto:wo-heritage@verizon.net) with 'WO Memorial' in the subject line.

### **Army Warrant Officer 100th Birthday Historical Exhibit:**

- Due to extremely lagging fund raising and some uncertainties relating to the delayed opening of the NMUSA, the Foundation Directors are considering down-sizing the planned 100th Birthday Historical Exhibit. Under consideration is a smaller traveling exhibit that hopefully a place could be found in the NMUSA to display in the summer of 2018. If this option is adopted, the exhibit could also be on display at the USAWOA 2018 Annual Meeting. After the AMM, USAWOA Regions and Chapters could bid to fund transportation to special events such as, but not limited to, Officer Professional Development Seminars, major WO Recruiting events, future WO Birthday events, etc.
- Regions and Chapters interested in more information on this possibility are requested to send an email note to [wo-heritage@verizon.net](mailto:wo-heritage@verizon.net) with the subject 'WO Historical Exhibit.'

### **100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Army Warrant Officer History:**

- This project is on track and not affected by the constraints outlined above.
- Research is ongoing and historical material is being assembled.
- We plan to include photographs and biographies submitted by individual warrant officers.
- Plans for the book anticipate release in 2018 and in time for the 100th Birthday of the Corps.

### **Summary:**

We remain extremely grateful for the support of USAWOA, its Officers, Regions, Chapters, and membership. Without that support outreach to Army Warrant Officers in the Active Army, ARNG, USAR, Retired, and former Warrants would be unaffordable. We also recognize our web presence courtesy of USAWOA and the Pentagon Federal Credit Union. Our Directors, Officers, and staff continue to serve without compensation. As a result of the forgoing it is a pleasure to report that 99% of the donations and interest received are available for projects preserving the history of the Warrant Officer. Further 85% of our income continues to qualify the Foundation as a 401 (c) (3) Non-profit Public Charity. For more information about the Foundation and updates on our efforts to preserve Army Warrant Officer History please visit [www.usawoa.org/WOHERITAGE/](http://www.usawoa.org/WOHERITAGE/).

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