



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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2007 Annual Report

We would like to take this opportunity to acquaint or reacquaint you with the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation. We came into being in the fall of 2003 when then USAWOA President Frank Meeks challenged several USAWOA Past National Presidents to form the Foundation.

We are a publicly supported non-profit educational organization dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the Army Warrant Officer. On July 9, 2003, the Foundation was Incorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia. On March 19, 2004, the IRS issued a ruling granting the Foundation non-profit status under 501 (c) (3) of the IRS Code. For additional information see www.usawoa.org/woheritage/AboutUs.htm.

In July 2004, ownership of the Warrant Officer Museum Fund was transferred from USAWOA to our Foundation resulting in a starting bank account of some \$10,700.

In the Fall of 2004, USAWOA was approached by Turner Publishing Company to print a sequel to the history book printed some 10 years before. The EXCOM approached us about taking on the project. Our Board of Directors voted unanimously to do so. We negotiated an agreement with Turner Publishing whereby a portion of the book purchases accrue to the Foundation towards constructing a Memorial to Fallen Warrant Officers and a Warrant Officer Historical Exhibit. The "WARRANT The Legacy of Leadership as a Warrant Officer" history book was released in December 2006 and a limited number of books are still available for purchase - see www.usawoa.org/WOHERITAGE/WO_Hist_Book.htm.

Our major goals are to ensure that Warrant Officer history is included in the planned National Museum of the U.S. Army (NMUSA) and that a Memorial to Fallen Warrant Officers is erected in the Museum Memorial Gardens with funding from our Foundation. The Army goal is to have the Museum open by 2013. Thus, in order to have the Memorial erected, the Foundation will have to have the funds available during the construction phase. We also plan a Warrant Officer Historical Exhibit for display at the NMUSA in the summer of 2018. The exhibit will commemorate the 100th Birthday of the Army Warrant Officer in Army Mine Planter Service. The anticipated cost for these two projects is \$36,000. Other Warrant Officer Historical projects will be considered as funding becomes available.

Individual and USAWOA Organizational donations and interest on our Certificates of Deposit have increased the available funds to \$18,896.94. This is half of the estimated funds needed to meet our goal of \$36,000. It does not allow for any flexibility in preparing for the Memorial or doing any other work to keep the history of the Army Warrant Officer alive. During the USAWOA 35th Annual Meeting of the Members in San Antonio, TX, Warrant Officers present voted to challenge each Chapter to donate \$250 by the 36th Annual Meeting of the Members in October 2008 in Aberdeen, MD. We therefore solicit support in any manner such as a USAWOA Region donations, USAWOA Chapter donations, or earmarks of part or all of the proceeds of a fund-raiser. A challenge \$100 donation was also made and several individuals have followed suite. We continue to solicit the support of all Army Warrant Officers to - - purchase a History Book - - make a donation - - tell friends, particularly fellow Warrant Officers, about the Foundation - - and consider a bequest in a will. Members may also make a donation on their USAWOA renewal form and designate the WO Heritage Foundation (Museum Fund). Donations also may be sent at any time to the WO Heritage Foundation c/o USAWOA, 462 Herndon Pkwy, Suite 207, Herndon, VA 20170-5235. All donations are tax deductible and are also recognized on our website at www.usawoa.org/WOHERITAGE/donor_list.htm.

We thank everyone for their support in the past and any support in the future to preserve our history and heritage!

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