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IWDC Members Step Up At Owners' Meeting Raising Over \$30,000!

Indianapolis, IN – November 18, 2019 – IWDC celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a novel art auction event that generated over thirty thousand dollars for **Workshops for Warriors**.

“We wanted to do something special and, through generous Vendor partner support, we were able to commission an artist who crafted a one of a kind oil painting on steel titled “**Warrior to Welder**”, stated Frank Kasnick, President & CEO. “We held a live auction during the closing dinner that included a silent auction and some games that had everyone on their feet having a blast supporting this great cause.”

“In addition to fund raising, we updated Members on IWDC’s strategic initiatives and received valuable feedback on our programs during our October 22 - 24 Owners’ Meeting held at Eau Palm Beach Resort, Manalapan, FL, reported Keith Werkley, IWDC Director of Sales & Vendor Management. “We would like to thank our Members, Vendors and employees for their generous donations to this worthy cause.” commented Erica Janas, IWDC Director of Marketing. “We take great pride in our affiliation and look forward to supporting future campaigns.”

The IWDC is a cooperative, formed in 1994, which leverages the strengths of its independent welding distributor Members across North America. IWDC Member companies collectively represent over \$2.7B in sales, serving a wide range of industries. The common denominator is that these industries look to them for industrial, specialty, and medical gases as well as related equipment, welding hardgoods, and consumables. End-use customers served by IWDC Members benefit from having the unparalleled expertise of a local Member distributor who has access to national-scale purchasing and marketing programs. You can learn more about IWDC at www.iwdc.coop.

Workshops for Warriors is a non-profit school founded in 2008 in San Diego, CA. It trains, certifies and helps place veterans, wounded warriors and transitioning service men and women into advanced manufacturing careers, including welding and fabrication. You can learn more about Workshops for Warriors at www.wfw.org.



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