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GPO'S MANAGING DIRECTOR OF PLANT OPERATIONS TO RETIRE AFTER 45 YEARS AT THE AGENCY

WASHINGTON— Bob Schwenk walked through the doors of the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) on October 14, 1962 as an apprentice photoengraver and rose through the ranks during the next 45 years to lead GPO's largest operating unit. During his nearly half century at GPO, Schwenk worked with ten Public Printers and took part in many historical events of the time, which were chronicled in GPO publications. He was on the engraving team that reproduced the first photographs of the moon taken from space for NASA. He also witnessed the printing and publishing of some of our nation's most important documents; everything from the *Report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy* to *The 9-11 Commission Report*.

As Managing Director of Plant Operations, Schwenk oversaw nearly 1,200 employees and all legislative printing services for Congress, including the daily production of the Congressional Record, bills, reports and hearings. He also directed printing services for U.S. Passports, Federal Register, the Federal Budget and the Code of Federal Regulations. After beginning his career in the letterpress era and helping adopt new technologies in the current digital printing world, Schwenk will retire from GPO at the end of the year.

"GPO has been my life. I grew up in the neighborhood around GPO and spent 45 great years working inside the agency with some of the most talented people in the printing industry," said Bob Schwenk, Managing Director of Plant Operations. "The time has come for me to sail off into the sunset, but I want to thank everyone I worked with through the years for giving me this wonderful opportunity of *Keeping America Informed*."

"Bob Schwenk is a GPO institution. His knowledge of printing is second to none," said Public Printer Robert C. Tapella. "Bob has seen and been part of many changes at GPO through the years. His leadership in our Plant, has left GPO in a strong position to enhance our digital future. I can't thank him enough for his service and dedication to GPO and its employees. Bob's leadership, style and humor will be sorely missed."

Link to Photo of Bob Schwenk: <http://www.gpo.gov/news/images/management.htm> (seventh picture on the right)

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