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# President's View

By John Francis, '83

Spring has finally arrived and the school year for the 131<sup>st</sup> Cadet Corps is nearing commencement. Each year the Alumni Association hosts a graduation dinner for those cadets who will be receiving their diplomas in May. This year's pizza party will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Groendyke Hall starting at 5 pm. I invite everyone to attend the event and join me in congratulating our high school seniors and college sophomores on a job well done. Through this event the Alumni Association encourages these future "Old Boys" to stay connected with and support Wentworth in the years to follow. Please confirm your attendance with Al McCormick to allow for a proper count for that evening.

Speaking of graduates, our Alumni Association ranks continue to grow! I want to personally thank each and every old boy who is supporting Wentworth by their participation in the Association. I would also ask each member to reach out to a fellow classmate and encourage them to join as well. The 2011 Red Dragon Rally schedule is taking shape and increasing in size and frequency.

This newsletter highlights our recent March rally

in Arizona along with upcoming gatherings across the country. If you don't see a rally in your geographical area, why not get one started? Drop Al McCormick ([amccormick@wma.edu](mailto:amccormick@wma.edu)) or myself ([john.francis@fisglobal.com](mailto:john.francis@fisglobal.com)) a line if you are interested. October may be six months away, but Homecoming planning is in full swing. This year's theme, "Band, Return to Headquarters" has already attracted 50 confirmed attendees. We are anticipating over 150 old boys on campus this year for the event, so book your hotel room early and plan on attending. The final Homecoming schedule should be available and posted to the Academy website within the month. Auction items have already begun to arrive on campus for the October 8th evening event. Word on the street is the first item to show up was an autographed Mike Ditka football...DA Coach! The auction and raffle is our signature event in which the Association raises money for its Scholarship Fund. Last year we awarded two \$2,000 grants and have set our goal for this year at two scholarships each totaling \$4,000. If you have anything to donate for this year's auction please contact Al or myself. Thank you in advance for your gift. As always, thanks for your support and I'll see you back on campus.

*John Francis*

## EXTRA!!!

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### Read all about it!

Announcing a **new benefit** for members of the WMA Alumni Association.

We are offering free advertising in **The Red Dragon**.

**Members** of the Alumni Association can advertise for free in our Alumni newsletter. The advertisements will be limited in size to 1 inch height and 7 inches across the page. The advertisements should include the name of your company, what you are selling (service or product), your name and class year, contact information, and what ever else you want, but it must stay within the size limitation. You can also include a small logo or picture if you wish (we can re-size it). Of course, the Editor has the last and final say on what is published. Maybe your company will even pay your Association membership fee for this service. Please send all submissions to the Editor, Jim Wright.

# Director's Corner

By Al McCormick, '67

This month I decided to share some short topics with you as I feel many are due some recognition along with some recent events.

The Alumni Department sponsored and hosted a Red Dragon rally in the Scottsdale/Phoenix area at a Diamondbacks spring training game. The D-Backs beat the Reds in what turned out to be a slugfest. More importantly a substantial number of alums attended the event and each and every decade from the '40s to 2000 were represented. Pictures of the event are in this newsletter and also on the Alumni portion of the Wentworth web page.



A special thanks to all who attended and to **Richard Bathurst**, and the **Rood Menter** family who shared their homes and meals with me, thanks for your hospitality, it was a pleasure to become acquainted. Great people!

Recruiting: Cristhina Starke, Director, International recruitment teamed up with the alumni department to encourage Alumni with international experience to assist Cristhina in her networking and travels. We are pleased to endorse Cristhina and her activities as she is a very successful individual and a true professional. Her background includes owning her own business and teaching language and psychology at Wentworth. Cristhina will be traveling to several countries this summer and fall, if she contacts you, please respond and assist her.

Membership: Many of you are responding to the appeals to join the Alumni Association and provide membership monies to support our efforts. This is a joy to all of us as those monies support not only our cadet Scholarship Fund but other activities throughout the year such as the upcoming annual Pizza Party for our 2011 graduates. Recent new, life members will see their names on our life member plaque hanging in the Alumni House soon. Thanks to those of you who responded and if you are not a member please consider supporting us

with your dues money. Our objective is the support the mission and objectives of Wentworth and we achieve that with very little overhead costs.

Recent Visitors to Campus

**General Johnny Miller** '84 visited the campus early in April as the guest of COL Bill Sellers and COL Mike Lierman. General Miller is the newest Wentworth graduate who has been pinned as a General Officer. General Miller will be inducted into the Hall of Honor during this calendar year.

**Richard Amos**, '52 of Beaumont, California. Richard visited campus on his vacation to Missouri and while here he restocked his recruiting materials. Richard is a faithful recruiter in California and a member of the Alumni Association.

**Enrique Hilst Robles**, 2010: Was one of two students from Iowa selected to attend a three day orientation of the NASA Jet Propulsion in Pasadena. The trip is a three day hands on engineering opportunity to participate in a NASA project. The opportunity is limited to 80 community and junior college students across America selected to be part of the National Community College Aerospace Scholars program. Enrique has also been inducted into the Des Moines Area Community Colleges Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

Congratulations to **Randy Florence** '88: In addition to being selected as Coach of the year in our conference, Randy was also nominated in the KZMU radio competition for Coach of the Year, he was recognized as the runner up. The recipient was the coach of the Wellington-Napoleon team whose team won third place in the state.

Nice work Randy, you were deserving and it was a great year for your cadets and our Academy!

**Russ Hamblin**, '60 – '62: **Don Hamblin**, '67 has reported that his brother and former band member Russ Hamblin '62 has entered end of life care in Tennessee. Cards and letters of good wishes are welcomed and encouraged. Please send to Russ at 1013 Belmont Ave., Shelbyville, Tn. 37160.

The Alumni Department remains in close contact with the family and if you wish to have updates about Russ, please contact Al McCormick. Russ was quite proud of his Wentworth career, I'm sure he would love to hear from you.

*Al McCormick*



# Editor's Notes

By Jim Wright, '66

Well, I guess I have to stop putting off the writing of these Editor's Notes and get the job done. Spring is here and I really want to get my yard cleaned up and ready for the year. I guess the yard will have to wait one more day.

Remember, The Red Dragon is for and about you, the Alumni of Wentworth Military Academy. And of course the goal of the WMA Alumni Association is to help everyone renew past friendships, make new ones, and, foremost, to help support Wentworth Military Academy.

There are many ways in which you can get involved.

First, why not contact a friend from past Wentworth days? You have been thinking about this person for awhile, but haven't done anything about it. Call them today. Send them an e-mail or a card. I know that they will be excited and happy to hear from you. If you don't know how to contact this person, contact the Alumni Office at the school (Al McCormick will love me for this suggestion). The Alumni Office has a lot of information on most Old Boys and will be happy to share it with you.

Another way to get involved is to join or re-join the Alumni Association. We are in a rebuilding phase right now and need all of the support that we can get (just as the school is and does). There are many benefits to being a member, come on and join us. Together, we can do wonders for ourselves and the school.

Attend Homecoming this year or in the near future. I know, we are all busy and we have families to consider. Bring your families along. Meet other families and make and renew friendships. Make a vacation out of it. Plan a trip around Homecoming. It can be great fun.

You can always attend a Rally in your area. They are a lot of fun and also help support the school. If there is not a Rally scheduled in your area, you can always contact the President of the Alumni Association or the Academy Alumni office for assistance. They will be glad to assist you in

contacting Old Boys is your area to help set up a great time for all.

Also, you can get involved by helping out with this newsletter. There are many ways in which to help. Here are a few.

Write an article (hopefully with pictures). We are always looking for great articles of general interest about Wentworth Military Academy, its staff, and our Alumni. Articles about the past are great. Articles about what people have accomplished since leaving Wentworth are great. Forward looking articles are also welcome. Use your imagination and come up with something creative. We always welcome ideas.

I am also looking for a volunteer who would like to design and provide some artwork and maybe some cartoons for each issue of The Red Dragon. I know that we have some very talented people out there. I hope that you will step up and volunteer your services to your old school and its alumni. Fresh artwork and cartoons would be a big addition to your newsletter.

There are so many ways to enjoy the fulfillment of being involved. Think about it. It can be a lot of fun.

I hope to see you at Homecoming on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>. This one will be very special since we are having the band reunion. Make your hotel reservations early. It should be a real blast.

Until next time, I hope you enjoy this issue of The Red Dragon. I will be looking for you on the Quadrangle.

*Jim Wright*

## Dates To Remember

**April, 2011** - Red Dragon Rally - Hawaii  
**June 18, 2011** - Red Dragon Rally - Chicago  
**June 19, 2011** - Red Dragon Rally - Milwaukee  
**June 20, 2011** - Red Dragon Rally - Manitowoc, WI.  
**August 5-7, 2011** - Work Weekend at WMA  
**October 7-9, 2011** - Homecoming - Lexington, MO.

# ATTENTION

## WMA Headquarters Company / Band Members, Alumni, Drummajors, & Color Guard Reunion !!!



WMA Marching Band, May 1964

## Save The Homecoming Weekend of October 7, 8, and 9, 2011

Alumni Band Will Play and March During Homecoming

Pull Out Your Old Instrument and Dust It Off

You Might Want To Practice A Little (or a lot)

There will be rehearsals on Thursday, October 6, Friday, October 7,  
and Saturday, October 8. Contact the Following To Get Involved In The Fun:

1950's: [Looking for a volunteer - What about you?](#)

1960's: Jim Horton, '64: [jimmer50@aol.com](mailto:jimmer50@aol.com); (913) 940-4089;

1970's: Jim Sellers, '80: [jimsellers3@gmail.com](mailto:jimsellers3@gmail.com); (901) 828-6325; 3100 W 7th St #719 Ft. Worth, TX 76107

1980's: John Francis, '83: [john.francis@metavante.com](mailto:john.francis@metavante.com); (414) 350-5460; 4479 North Lake Drive Shorewood, WI 53211.

1990's: [Looking for a volunteer - What about you?](#)

2000's: Joel Fowler, '09: [fowle118@umn.edu](mailto:fowle118@umn.edu); (651) 491-7700

For all you can contact: Jim Sellers, '80: [jimsellers3@gmail.com](mailto:jimsellers3@gmail.com); (901) 828-6325; 3100 W 7th St #719 Ft. Worth, TX 76107





## A Reminder

### *From Pilot to P O W*

By Lt. Col. (Ret) George W. Stier

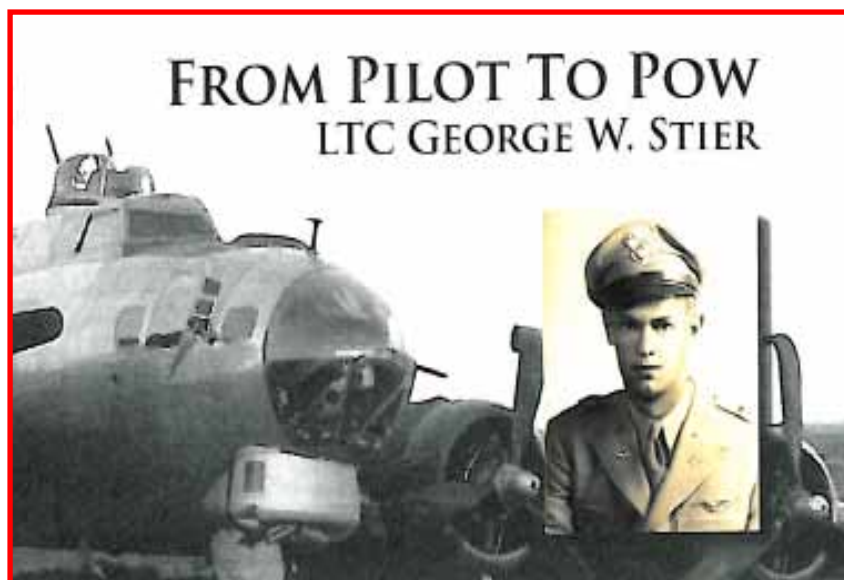
The quartermaster store continues to stock and sell the memoirs of LTC. George Stier about his days of flying a B-17 and his days as a P O W. It's 161 pages of good reading and the son, George Stier is sharing the profits with Wentworth Military Academy in memory of his father. The QM will ship to you at a nominal price and you can talk to the QM at 660-259-2221 , ext. 1332.

I have a personal copy and I do recommend the book. Al McCormick, '67

## Chicagoland Rally Planned

Plans are moving ahead for the Chicagoland rally which will be held on June 18th says Anteco Cross, '93, who is heading up the rally. We are booked at Harry Carey's (Rosemont, IL) from 2-5 pm. The group name is "Wentworth Military Academy". Their number is 847-699-1200. We hope that all of the Old Boys in the Chigaco area will join us!

Contact Anteco for more information.



## New Regional Commander

We welcome Fernando Carranza, '81 as the new Reginal Commander of the Los Angeles, California Alumni Chapter. His contact information is on page 3 of this issue.

## Attention Class Members of '64, '65, '66

C.R. King, '66 is seeking members of the classes from '64, '65, and '66, who are interested in attending Homecoming and holding a reunion during the 2011 Homecoming that will be held on October 7-9, 2011. If you are interested please contact C.R. at: [cr@royalexchangeranch.com](mailto:cr@royalexchangeranch.com). We hope to have a great turnout.

# Arizona Rally - A Big Hit

By John Francis

Two tribes, two teams, one home. That describes the site of the 2011 Arizona Red Dragon rally. Salt River Stadium is home to both the Arizona Diamondbacks and the Colorado Rockies spring training facilities. The sports complex is a showcase that blends the cultural and artistic values of the Pima and Maricopa Indian tribes.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> over forty-five old boys gathered to share stories and watch an exciting game between the D-backs and the Cincinnati Reds. Arizona was down 10-0 at the end of the fourth inning and then rallied to win the game 13-10. There is speculation that Col. Bill Sellers went to the dugout during the fifth inning and delivered an energizing pep talk to all the Arizona players.

In attendance were old boys spanning seven decades of various Wentworth Cadet Corps. Sun, friends, cold beverages, and an Arizona victory made for a truly great event.

The day prior to the game, a group of old boys took to the golf course and "tore up the sod" at Talking Stick Resort. The challenge was established early with the person having the highest score to donate \$100 to the alumni scholarship fund. While the name of the donor will remain nameless, I do want to thank Matt Wiseman ('84) for his contribution.

We'll see everyone again next year.





# Old Boy News



**John Crews, '95 In Iraq**

➤ **Stephen Jones, '91** reports the enjoyment he receives keeping up-to-date with classmates. If you are a classmate and wish to communicate with him, you can reach him at the following: Stephen J. Jones, 433 Powell Lane, West Chester, PA 19380, 610-738-9605, [sjonzie@gmail.com](mailto:sjonzie@gmail.com). Stephen also says that he will be attending Homecoming this year and hopes to see many of his classmates there. It will be his first trip back to Lexington since he graduated.

➤ **Don Mull '76** has recently relocated from Surprise Arizona to the Kansas City area. Don and family are living in Gardner, Kansas and would love to hear from their KC area Wewo friends. They have maintained the same cell and email accounts for ease of communications.

➤ **Wilbur Smart, '49** currently lives in Evergreen, Colorado. He reports that he is planning on coming to the band reunion during homecoming. "I hope that the program being planned will be FUN and VERY WELL ATTENDED. I was actually a Cadet "Director" in my Wentworth Band and I LOVED participating. I LOVE being in Band activities and I am actually the "re-organizer" of a Band which first began in 1879. I continue to be VERY actively involved in it: See our Web site: [www.theoriginalcowboyband.com](http://www.theoriginalcowboyband.com). My sincere BEST WISHES to you all in your Reunion 2011."

## OLD BOYS LOST

The Alumni Department is seeking current information on **Volkmar Carlos Magerie** High School Class of '60 and Junior College Class of '62. Originally from Venezuela, Volkmar lived in Florida for a time but has returned to his home country and we have lost him.

We are also seeking current information on **Tom (Thomas) J. Hopkins**, class of '66. Tom was originally from Sedalia, Missouri.

If you have information that could help us, please send an email to Al McCormick at: [amccormick@wma.edu](mailto:amccormick@wma.edu).

➤ **PFC Rebecca Stockton, '96** reports that she is Active Army about 2 months out from AIT graduation at Fort Sam Houston, Texas for 68K (Medical Lab Specialist) training. After graduation I most probably will be stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma for Phase 2 of my training. She is currently assigned to B Co 264th Med Bn.

➤ **Brown Whitaker, '45** who recently became a member of the Alumni Association is pictured here with his wife Lou. The Whitakers report they still love to take a cruise once a year and spend a month in Hawaii.





# W Club Revisited

by An Anonymous Contributor

In the history of Wentworth there have been many organizations and traditions but none quite as unique as the W Club. While the W Club was perhaps just another cadet organization it has a unique and somewhat bizarre aspect to it that stood it apart from any other organization.

Colonel Lester B. Wikoff came to Wentworth as an instructor and coach and later became the Superintendent and made his mark on Wentworth in many ways as a coach of various athletic teams and as an administrator. Colonel Wikoff had been a varsity football letterman



**Col Lester B. Wycoff, 1964**

at the University of Missouri in Columbia and it was perhaps that spirit of athletics that influenced him to place an emphasis on the importance of athletics and have it make a mark on the very fiber of cadet life at Wentworth. Just as there has always been BRC, DRC, SRC, CQs, and academic periods there has always been the Athletic Period. Every weekday afternoon after the academic periods were concluded, every cadet participated in some sort of physical activity during the athletic period. Whether it be varsity, or intramural each individual every cadet did something. It was the varsity athletics that brought the corps of cadets together in the spirit of the corps. The corps attended every varsity football and basketball game which for a time was highlighted by the Thanksgiving Day ritual of the meeting of the Wentworth and Kemper Corps at the college and later high school football game.

Colonel Wikoff instituted the W Club in 1917 as an organization for varsity athletic letter winners to promote camaraderie amongst the varsity athletes. Colonel Wikoff's objective of the organization was to promote a closer relationship between the athletes of the school, to adopt and regulate the wearing of uniform athletic emblems, to encourage athletes to enroll at Wentworth and to cement friendship by a series of events. To be a member of the W Club, a cadet had to

have earned a varsity letter in a major sport: football, basketball, or track and field. Wrestling, swimming, rifle, tennis, golf, and soccer were considered minor sports until 1958 at which time the major and minor designations were eliminated and all varsity athletes, regardless of which sport were eligible for membership in the W Club.

In the spring of each year, there was the W Club Week when initiation of new members took place followed by a talent show and a dance. Herein lies the uniqueness of the W Club and the institution of a very unique tradition. The initiation of new members would begin on a Monday morning where the inductees were assigned to an existing W Club member in a master slave relationship. The aspiring member would do anything that the existing member required of him; shine shoes, clean rooms, run errands, etc. One such requirement was for the inductee to go to the house of the girl friend of the member each afternoon and serenade her with songs depicting the member's love for her. This was done while holding an airplane propeller above his head. Many inductees were required by their masters to pull children's wagons about campus, carry brooms, fake rifles, and in one case carry an airplane propeller.



The inductees tied a pair of athletic socks to their belts one sock containing shoe shine equipment and the other a raw egg. An inductee was required to shine the shoes of any existing member or faculty member at any time. The egg was to be autographed by faculty

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members and if it were broken at any time it was to be replaced and a new egg was to be autographed.

There was more significance to the egg than merely having to carry one to be autographed. Raw eggs were the spirit of the initiation for the feeding of raw eggs to inductees was the ritual of the week. It was a simple process, lay down, open your mouth and a raw egg was cracked open and fed to the inductee. It wasn't just one egg, it was many. This ritual continued the entire week with the consumption of as many as fifty to one hundred eggs by the inductee being the norm. Active members took pride in the various methods by which eggs could be consumed. There was the classic method whereas the inductee would lie on the ground and the active member would ascend to the second or third floor of a barracks building and attempt to get the innards of the egg once cracked into the mouth of the inductee lying below. This was great sport only equaled by the egg wallow whereas several inductees would gather in a shower room on their hands and knees in a circle and a dozen or so eggs would be cracked in front of them and they would have to suck them off the floor as quickly as possible. As we look back on the ritual of eating raw eggs it would seem crude and perhaps vulgar but at the time it was great sport. The egg came to mean more than an edible food source. Those who could would preserve their autographed eggs as mementos for several years. One such egg was retained by Eddie Devinger who was initiated in 1958 and when he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989 placed his autographed egg, which at the time resembled Humpty Dumpty, in the Athletic Trophy Case.

On Friday evening of W Club week there was a talent (?) show put on by the members and the initiates. There were the usual musical groups of a guitar, a drum, and an off-key singer, and there were skits. At the time the W Club was active there were no females in the corps

so in skits requiring females, the cadets were dressed as women. Thanks to Mrs. Willoughby, Mrs. Beth Hepler, Mrs. Ann Hepler, Mrs. Butherus, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Gibson, Ms. Tutt, and Mrs. Westfall, aka "The Dutchess", the cadets were adorned in women's clothing, wigs and makeup. The athletic director and The Dutchess planned and directed the show which poked good fun at many faculty members.

Not only did the corps look forward to the talent show it also anticipated the W Club dance which was held on Saturday night. This was not the normal dance but in the case of the W Club dance, those attending could wear civilian clothing. Originally the dance had the theme of a barn dance where the cadets wore bib overalls but eventually it was just a dance where a cadet could get his Levis out of storage for one evening and pretend he was a civilian.

When the week was concluded the new members received their respective pin for either high school or college and cadet routine returned to normalcy until the next year when the ritual of the W Club initiation would continue with the in creditable edible egg.

While most traditions at Wentworth continue the tradition of the W Club and the week's activities associated with it disappeared. Why the W Club no longer exists is anyone's guess but perhaps it was the egg ritual that did it in. In 1995 a W Club member returned to Wentworth as an instructor and coach and attempted to reinstitute the W Club. There was a meager initiation and one egg each was fed to the inductees but the talent show and the dance did not materialize. The cadets did not show the same interest nor enthusiasm for the spirit of the W Club. At Homecoming in 2007, a W Club member gave a brief presentation about the W Club, with eggs being fed to W Club members. In attendance were Major General John Little, then President and Steve Oliver who was chairman of the Board of Trustees. This was a reminder of what once was.

# News Around Campus

## Boys Basketball - Record Setting Year

For those of you that don't know, the boys basketball team lost to the number one team in the state on Friday, March 4th and ended what was the **best season in school history 21-4!**

## Only In A Small Town

The following was recently seen in a local newspaper in Lexington, MO.

### **Lost & Found**

**Lost: Charolais cow, has ear tags, near H & U Hwys.  
Please call with info.**

It is however an incomplete ad. Maybe it needs more information such as: Is 5 1/2 hands tall, has a white face, long ears, thick tongue and answers to the name of .....

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**COACH RANDY FLORENCE**  
*and the*  
**WENTWORTH RED DRAGONS**  
*on your*  
**Historic Basketball Season**  
*and being selected*  
**Coach of the year!**  
**We are very proud of you!**

*Love, Your Family*  
*Mom & Dad, Jan, Tori & Nate*  
*Bob & Linda, Beth & Brent*  
*Debby & Jamie, Jake & Josh*



Katheryn B. Tutt, 85, Omaha, Nebraska, formerly of Lexington passed away on Feb. 13, 2011.

She was employed at Wentworth Military Academy as our beloved nurse for many years.

She is survived by two nieces: Edith Trimble and Brenda Dailey; one nephew: Raymond Britt, Omaha; and great-nieces and nephews.

## Alumni Overseas

Major Justin Bowden, '96

Major John Crews '95 - Iraq

Samuel Kramer '76 - Afghanistan

Charles Luehrman Stempel '05 - Afghanistan

Don Yoakem '98 - Afghanistan

These are the Alumni that we know about. If you know of any others, please let the Alumni Office know.



## WENTWORTH MILITARY COLLEGE TO LAUNCH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

William W. Sellers, President of Wentworth Military Academy & College, announced major additions to the College Athletic program in January 2011. The programs will launch in the fall of 2011. Sellers also announced renovations to the Athletic facilities to be completed by opening of the fall 2011 semester.

Wentworth will add Women's Volleyball, Men's Soccer, and Men's Basketball. A national search is underway for coaches in Volleyball and Soccer. A coach has been selected to lead the Men's Basketball program and he will be announced in the coming weeks. Other new programs that will make their debut in the spring of 2012 are Men's and Women's Tennis, and Men's and Women's Golf.

Sellers indicated an increased emphasis will be placed on existing Men's and Women's Cross Country, Wrestling, and Men's and Women's Track programs, enabling them to be more competitive.

In announcing the new programs, Sellers said, "These new athletic programs are part of our effort to revitalize the college experience for our students. Wentworth has not had a full range of college athletics since 1994. As we have talked with our current students in the military college as well as those in the private community college serving the local region, we realized the need to enhance the options for Wentworth students. Because we are a military college, athletics and physical activity are an essential part of our educational experience. Reintroducing College Athletics was a natural next step."

"We will be recruiting student/athletes nationwide to build a quality athletic program," Sellers said. "I want to emphasize that we will also seek out local students who attend our private community college and want to continue their athletic careers in college."

Wentworth is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association and competes in the NJCAA's Region 16 (Missouri).

Sellers also announced extensive renovation to the Athletic facilities. The 65,000 sq. foot Wikoff Athletic Center is the centerpiece of the athletic facilities and will be undergoing a cosmetic facelift. Those changes include renovation to the locker rooms to meet the needs of the expanded athletic programs. Lighting will be added at Alumni Stadium. The Soccer Field will be graded and crowned and lights added. A new scoreboard will be added to the soccer facility. Repairs will also be made to the six court tennis complex.

Sellers added, "Wentworth has a long and distinguished athletic history. The school's first motto was 'Mens Sans in Corpore Sano' – 'A Sound Mind in a Sound Body'. Through the years, we have counted among our alumni Don Cadle, an Olympic rower, Med Park, who played for the St. Louis Hawks in the NBA, Ben Hoge, captain of the West Point football team, and major league baseball player Beals Becker. We have also had hundreds of athletes who have continued their athletic careers at their transfer colleges. It's a proud day for us as we bring back this long tradition."

Wentworth Military College, one of the oldest two year colleges west of the Mississippi, is located in Lexington, Missouri, 40 miles east of Kansas City. The College was organized in 1923 as an outgrowth of Wentworth Military Academy, which was established in 1880. Wentworth College offers high school graduates the same courses in liberal arts and science that are available in the leading universities and colleges throughout the United States. Wentworth Military College is a private, co-educational boarding and non-boarding two-year college. A small group of students are additionally enrolled in Wentworth's highly regarded United States Army ROTC Early Commissioning Program, one of only five such programs in the country where college students can earn a Second Lieutenant's commission in the U.S. Army after their sophomore year.

Wentworth is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.



**"The Best  
thing that you  
can do for  
Wentworth is  
to refer a  
potential  
cadet"**  
**John  
Groendyke,  
October 2005**

## Old Boys At Work and Play

### Do you have a special hobby or interest that you would like to share with your Old Boy friends?

We want to include pictures and stories about the things that you are doing!

Some suggested areas to focus on are; serving abroad, hobbies, volunteering, collecting, your years at Wentworth, your work, and any theme that you can think of.

Entries should include one or more pictures, your name, years at WMA, a short biography about your self, and a short description of the activity that you are highlighting. Of course, the Editor reserves the right to edit all submissions.

You can send your entries to the Editor, Jim Wright, '66 at [jimwright@kc.rr.com](mailto:jimwright@kc.rr.com) or The Director of Alumni Al McCormick, '67 at [amccormick@wma.edu](mailto:amccormick@wma.edu). You can also send your submissions in by mail. Please contact us for addresses.

We can't wait to hear from you!

### Alumni Association Scholarship Awarded



Pictured above are Director of Alumni Relations, Al McCormick presenting her scholarship certificate to Cadet Captain Desara Selesitino who is this year's recipient of the **Alumni Association Scholarship Award**.

Captain Selesitino is the Company Commander of Tango Company and will graduate in May, she is from Pago Pago, American Samoa.

Photo by Cadet Captain Bradley Fairchild of Rippon California.

### Hawaii Rally Planned

The Hawaii Chapter is planning a Military Ball weekend rally.

Right now plans include a visit to pictures in front of the Battleship Missouri followed by dinner and drinks at the O Club on the Kaneohe Marine Corps Base.

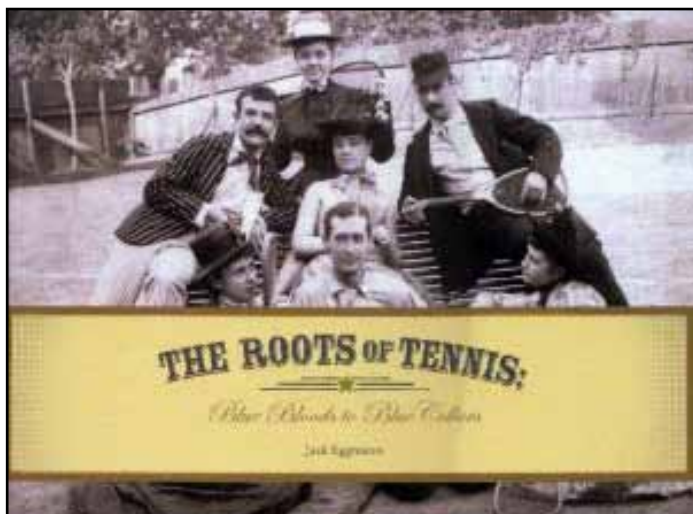
Alumni in the Hawaii area should contact Col Michael A. Ceroli, '83 for further information. Of course, all ideas are welcome.





## Remembering Jack Eggman '57

by Al McCormick, '67



Jack Eggman, class of '57 and member of the Athletic Hall of Fame, wrote a book on the history of tennis. Unfortunately we lost Jack not long after his induction into the Hall of Fame. For you tennis fans, his book, "The Roots of Tennis" remains available through his widow, Pat Eggman who lives in St. Louis. It's an outstanding book documenting the evolution of tennis from the St. Louis area and I recommend it. I am certain many of you will not know that Jack was, for a long time, the "Tennis Chairman" for the Greater St. Louis Junior Chamber. As the Chairman, his job was to organize and promote events for the sport all throughout eastern Missouri and western Illinois and he was a success with all of his campaigns. Later in life he decided to tackle the challenge of writing the book and it is a huge success. Pat Eggman has his inventory of remaining books and will sell copies to Wentworth alumni at a discounted rate. The book is excellent, very attractive and well done, it comes with an introductory CD with Jack As The Narrator.

Contact the Alumni office for further details or to place an order, the book is not yet available in the QM.

## Snow Bowl 2011

Snow Bowl 2011 a five year tradition at Wentworth is organized by LTC Bob Levy, Principal and Assistant Superintendent is typically held on Super Bowl weekend or as close as possible weather permitting. A competition among Red Dragon Battalion cadets, the contest has been around awhile but informal until five years ago when "Coach" organized it and made it an official activity for all cadets who wanted to be involved.

The event is a hit with cadets and serves to raise moral while chasing a half back or an attempted pass in the slick and slippery snow. A good time is had by all.

A record five touchdowns were scored this year.



"Coach" Bob Levy, '68 and his Snow Bowl football stars are pictured here. Wet, cold, and hungry, but a good time and a great game had by all. Photo by Cadet Captain Bradley Fairchild, JC Class of 2011, Alumni Photo Assistant

## Manitowoc Rally News

The date of our rally this year is Monday, June 20th, 6:00 PM at Manitowoc Lincoln Park, cabin #1. Contact Bob Kerscher for more information.

We note sad passing of Vic Trastekfrom, '34 from our Manitowoc Alumni group. Vic was the oldest living member of our local group of Wentworth alumni. He was 96 years old. He was an avid supporter of Wentworth and right up to a couple of years ago would always attend our annual June alumni meetings.



# Johnny Miller, '84 Promoted To BG

The Gen. John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, Illinois was a fitting setting for a ceremony celebrating the promotion of Col. Johnny Miller, '84 of Tamms to the rank of Brigadier General in the Illinois Army National Guard.

Miller, who received a B.A. in history from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1986, said the Logan museum is "a Southern Illinois treasure," filled with memorabilia from the life and times of Logan, Southern Illinois' own Civil War hero.

The museum was filled for the occasion. Some of the visitors were National Guard officers, but most were Miller's friends and relatives from Southern Illinois who gathered to see him take the oath of office, administered by Maj. Gen. William Enyart, Adjutant General, and receive his pin from his mother, Gloria Miller.

Actually, Miller's new rank of Brigadier General became official on January 8 with a pinning ceremony at Camp Lincoln in Springfield, but a second ceremony was organized in Southern Illinois so all his friends and family could attend.

He now has assumed duties as the Joint Force Headquarters-Illinois Army National Guard Assistant Adjutant General. He replaced recently retired Brig. Gen. Ronald Morrow of Girard.

In the new position, Miller is directly responsible for the 10,000-soldier Illinois Army National Guard's overall readiness, operation, training, maintenance, and logistical support. He also is responsible for the health and welfare, morale, discipline, and safety of the soldiers and their families.

Enyart thanked the museum staff for allowing use of the facility for honoring Miller, "the newest and youngest brigadier general in the Illinois National Guard." He said Miller "worked hard,



deployed, did everything we asked of him and more" in his career.

Miller has been an officer in the Illinois Army National Guard for more than 25 years.

"I was commissioned at age 20," Miller said. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant af-

ter graduating from Wentworth Military Academy in 1984.

"I'm pretty humbled by all of this," he said. "As a Second Lieutenant in Germany, I never dreamed of getting such an honor."

He has held command and staff positions ranging from Platoon Leader to Brigade Commander. He deployed to Afghanistan as commanding officer of the Illinois Army National Guard's International Security Assistance Forces team, now known as a bilateral embedded staff team. His unit served from January to December 2009 with Polish Land Forces in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Miller, a self-proclaimed history buff, told the group that Gen. John A. Logan was a true Civil War hero, who alienated some friends and family by proclaiming his loyalty to the union and enlisting to fight for the North. Some of his own ancestors fought in the 81st Illinois, Logan's regiment. One, Zebedee Miller, was captured by Confederate troops led by Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and was a prisoner of war in the infamous Andersonville prison, Miller said.

The "Wehrenberg side of the family," including his great-great-grandfather from Prussia, also served in the United States military, he said.

Miller thanked the Illinois Army National Guard leadership for its faith in him and concluded by saying "Thank you all and God bless America."

## Alumni Association Members

The following is a list of current members of the Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association. If you think that there is an error in the list, please contact Al McCormick. Legend: L - Life Member, R - Regular Member, RG-HS - Recent Graduate From High School (free membership for 1 year), RG-C - Recent Graduate From College (free membership for 1 year).

### Life Members:

Ralph Bowles, '84  
Stephen DeLorenzi, '76  
Ed Devinger, '60  
John Francis, '83  
Frank D. Garrett, '66  
Scott Hefner, '92  
David L. Johnson, '63  
Jay Johnson, '77  
Charles W. McCracken, '42  
George Reece, '57  
Tom Vale, '77

### Regular Members:

David Adams, '60  
Richard Amos, '52  
Garold Butdorf, '72  
Christie Butler, '71  
Tom Butler, '64  
Richard Burgess, '49  
Wendall Cobleigh, '50  
John Colon, '70  
Jack Easton, '60  
Renz (J.R.) Edwards, '44  
C.J. Hardnock, '05  
Guy Harkness, '63  
Dawson Heathman, '56  
Mark Hedrick, '64  
Donald Holbert, '57  
Richard "Dick" Hudson, '56  
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David Kolinofsky, '04  
David Lawrenz, '64  
Michael Lierman, '73  
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Richard "Moose" Miller, '54  
Leon Moore, '75  
William (Sam) Ratcliffe, '65  
John Ratcliffe, '96  
David Ratcliffe, '98  
Joseph Roper, '74

Bob Sellers, '89  
Tom Slover, '67  
Dale Slunicko, '59  
Mary Stempel, '92  
Carl Stempel, '72  
Charles Stempel, 2005  
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Brown Whitaker, '45  
Marvin Wrisinger, '80  
Jim Wright, '66  
Taylor Wright, '49  
Marvin Wrisinger, '80

### Recent Graduate Members (Class of 2010):

Armando Aguilar  
Siosiana Akoteu  
Ahmed Al-Shanfari  
Alia Al-Yahya  
Ashley Allen  
Matthew Ashmore  
Nicole Baker  
Nicholas Barkley  
Andres Bautista  
Christian Bawden  
Peyton Beasley  
Kenan Bell  
Nicholas Briant  
Ryan Brugioni  
James Buckingham  
Alexander Bush  
Jentri Casaberry  
Katherine Clinesmith  
Virginia Collier  
Charles Cornett  
Tyler Dalton  
Timothy Darang  
Vandrea Davis  
Evan Davis  
Christopher Doak  
John Dulaney  
Christopher Duncan  
Kylie Esco

Christopher Evans  
Esaias Fa'aita  
Herman Flowers  
Taylor Gabbert  
Robert Gay  
Nigel Goff  
Anthony Grosso  
Marina Grumberg  
Jamison Gust  
Rhett Herian  
Aaron Hooker  
Andrew Howells  
David Hyatt  
Silivelio Iosefo  
Kenneth Johnson  
Jaron Jones  
Esther Kim  
Eunjeong Koh  
Jessica LaJaunie  
So-Young Lee  
Kenneth Leech  
Yoon-Jin Lim  
Alfred Liusamoa  
Jacinta Liva  
Hunter Livingston  
Kailen Lust Kailen  
Jaden MacKey  
Keith Mallory  
Rodrigo Martinez  
Tulifau Mauga  
Talishabeth McMoore  
Ralph Miller  
Michael Money  
Taylor Nash  
Aaron Olsen  
Ryan Parr  
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Patrick Pendergrass  
Vincent Peralta  
John Pierce  
Agnes Powell  
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Christopher Sanft  
Joseph Schumacher  
Tommy Sellers  
Adam Shalz  
Robert Sherman  
Bradley Simms  
Masela So'oalo  
Steven Sottile  
John Sullivan  
Rex Teachenor  
Cole Thompson  
Nikita Thornton  
Andrew Tiapula  
Lucilla Tofilau  
Jason Togi  
Benjamin Tuitasi  
Devon Turnbaugh  
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Alexander (A.J.) Waldrop  
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**Wentworth Military Academy  
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Membership Application**



**(Former Cadets Only)**

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P.O. Box 102  
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***Applicant's Information:***

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Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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