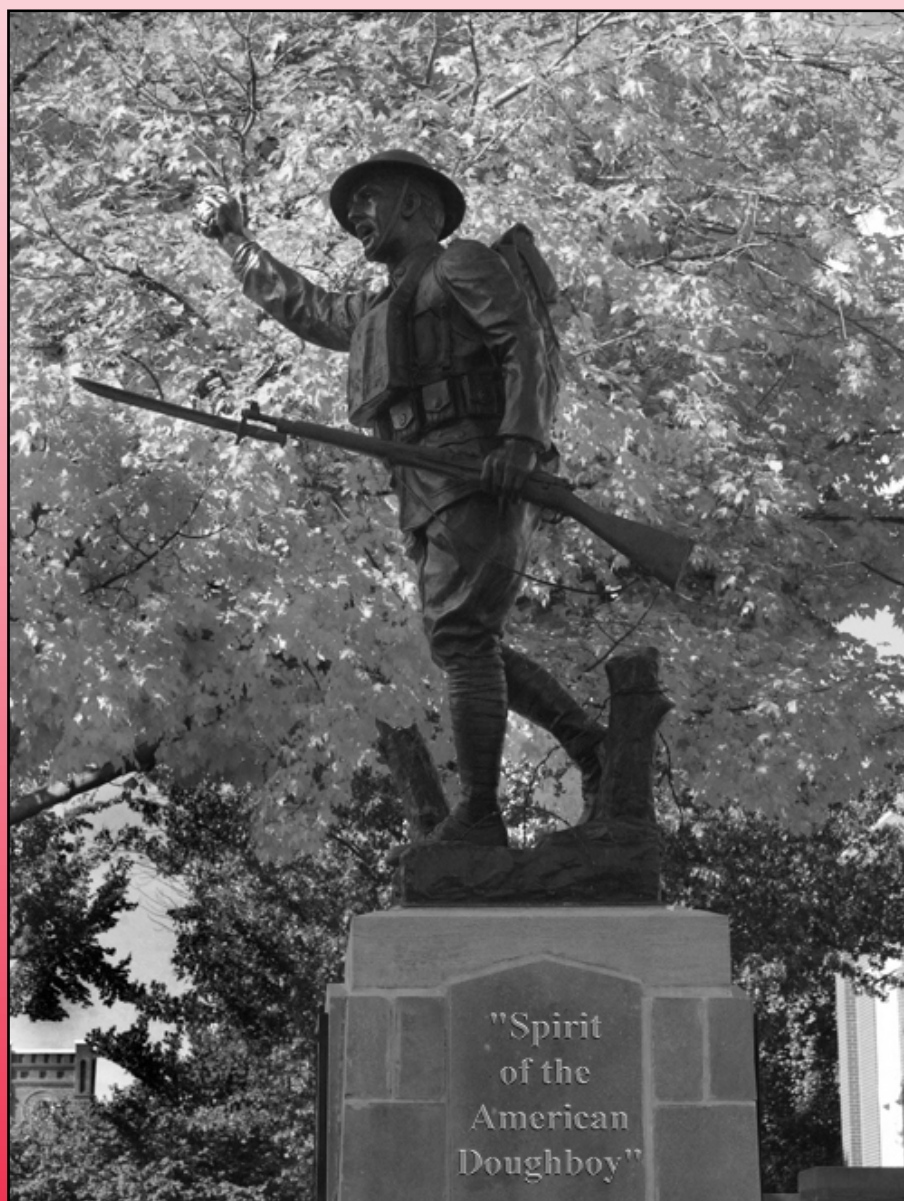


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Dates To Remember

September 9, 2010 - Red Dragon Rally - Tulsa, Oklahoma

September 18, 2010 - Red Dragon Rally - Chicago, IL

October 1-3, 2010 - Homecoming - Lexington, MO.

October 29-30, 2010 - Red Dragon Rally - Omaha, NE.

June 20, 2011 - Red Dragon Rally - Manitowoc, WI.

September 30, October 1-2, 2011 - Homecoming - Lexington, MO.

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If you wish to start a Regional Alumni Chapter in your area, then contact either Al McCormick or the President of the WMA Alumni Association.

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President's View

By John Francis, '83

To say that our first alumni newsletter was a success would be an understatement. The response from our old boy ranks has been overwhelming. The Wentworth Alumni office phone has been ringing off the hook with one consistent question, "what can I do to help the school?" A heartfelt thank you to all who have responded following the newsletter mailing. Our association membership has grown two fold in the last three months with more applications arriving daily. In the month of June alone we welcomed two lifetime association members, David Johnson Class of '63, and Scott Hefner '92.

Within this edition we will highlight summer activities on campus, recent Red Dragon rallies, and logistics for homecoming. We are just months away from Homecoming and are expecting record attendance so book your hotel rooms early. With 2010 Homecoming honoring veterans and an all '80's class reunion, I look forward to reuniting with many of my classmates. For those not returning to campus for homecoming, please consider entering our raffle. Your alumni association is raffling off an IPAD and you need not be present to win. Details can be found on the web site www.wma.edu. There are also a number of sponsorship opportunities including the Commander Ed Ellis golf outing and the Friday evening BBQ dinner. If you are interested in con-

tributing to either events, contact Al McCormick at the Wentworth Alumni house.

An upcoming Red Dragon rally is set for September 18th in Chicago. The event will be hosted by Ditkas restaurant in downtown Chicago. On behalf of Rick Scheer '84, Joe Frueh '83 and Anteco Cross '93, please join us for a great afternoon of food, drink and storytelling. In October, John Stahlnecker '84 will be hosting a Red Dragon rally in Omaha. There will be a get together at John's home the afternoon of October 29th, followed by a tailgate party on October 30th in Lincoln, Nebraska prior to the Corn Husker football game. A mailing with details about both events will be forthcoming. Any questions regarding either of the events can be directed to myself or the alumni office. If you have not yet taken advantage of the association membership, an application is included in this newsletter.

Effective communication with our alumni will continue to be our focus with the goal of securing your trust and support for decades to come. To quote Anne Morrow Lindbergh, "good communication is as stimulating as black coffee, and just as hard to sleep after". Again, thank you for your support.

PS. I would like to extend a belated happy birthday to my English teacher Mrs. James M Sellers Jr. In June she celebrated her 75th year of being young.

John Francis

Al McCormick has a new roommate in the Maring Alumni House....A Duck, who laid an egg and left some other souvenirs. See picture to the right, Duck Egg, Duck Pooh, Momma Duck is camera shy. I'll keep working on this as I know everyone will be anxious for an update.



Director's Corner

By Al McCormick, '67

MEMBERSHIP IS RELEVANT AND REFLECTS STRENGTH.

The strength of any organization is its membership, not only those who join and choose to be a part of the activity process but that of financial strength. Membership in your Alumni Association is open to any former Cadet who is in good standing with the Academy.



We are in a growth period and openly inviting you to consider supporting your alumni membership with submission of dues. We openly support the mission, goals, and objectives of Wentworth Military Academy. Monies provided from our funds towards support of the academy are in the range of 99.8%, we have literally no overhead and extremely low administrative expenses. This gives you a unique position in terms of national alumni organizations, or perhaps better stated any tax exempt organization. As we grow, it may not always remain so but for now it is. When you provide dues monies or contributions you have the satisfaction of knowing it will be spent wisely on academy needs.

What do we support with the money? Here is a short list:

The Annual Ed Ellis Golf Tournament. Your association is a sponsor. We would also welcome individual sponsorship if you have interest.

Annual Alumni (graduates) Pizza Party. We are responsible for the annual party to recognize graduates leaving for service, other colleges, or to enter the business world. We also include staff and educators on campus to this event as they are the individuals who guided the students from entrance as a RAT to graduation. The graduates include, High School, Junior College, and the Falcon Scholars. This year, we added a sponsor

out of Lincoln, Nebraska, Valentino's Pizza who provided some of the best pizza around and reduced our overall out of pocket expense.

"Goodies" in the registration bag for Homecoming. That's a bad expression but you get the drift. This year's registration bag will have something you can use to show Red Dragon power during the football game.

Work Weekend. The annual alumni work weekend held every August has been an asset to the Academy. We have painted, repaired, and fixed items on campus that help relieve the maintenance group duties. This year, we will paint the porches on the health center and the alumni house. If your hand fits a brush, then we need you. Here is a short list: We have painted classrooms, the facilities in the stadium, various housing assets owned by Wentworth. We use a portion of your dues to feed the volunteers who attend, every dollar is accounted for.

Memorial Projects. A portion of your funds are awarded to preserving and expanding campus memorials. Although we as an association are not responsible for the assets, we have and will continue to provide maintenance to some of the monuments and memorials.

Cadet Scholarships. Annually for several years, we have awarded scholarships to returning cadets. Generally, there are two awarded and the amounts in relationship to the cost of tuition are nominal. This is one of the areas we need to concentrate on as we grow, not only do we need to increase our amounts per individual, we need to offer more than two per year. This will depend entirely upon the finances we can attract and count on, along with support from membership.

Yes, your membership is relevant, we look forward to your involvement, and a membership application is included in this newsletter.

Note: We can now accept some credit cards: American Express, Discover, and Visa. Contact the Alumni office to pay dues or contributions through any of these credit cards.

Al McCormick

Editor's Notes

By Jim Wright, '66

Wow! What a ride. The response to the first issue of this renewed newsletter has been overwhelming. I have heard from many old (literally and figuratively) friends from my Wentworth days. If nothing else, this has been a great way for me to renew past friendships and, hopefully, continue them into the future. I want to thank everyone for the great reception that you have given this newsletter.

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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. 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



**D Company, Admin Building & Gym
October, 1965**

David "Beals" Becker Memorial Award

(The following article is taken from the El Dorado Times of July 6, 2010 with a dateline of Lexington, Missouri.)

David "Beals" Becker, a native of El Dorado and a 1903 graduate of Wentworth Military Academy was recognized again for his athletic accomplishments at the Wentworth Military Academy graduation awards ceremony.

The first, Beals Becker Memorial Award was established this year to recognize the Wentworth High School Baseball player who contributed the most to the success of the team.

Becker attended Wentworth from 1901 through 1903; during his career there he became a Cadet Lieutenant, and was a member of the Bugle Corps. While at Wentworth, Becker played left end on the football team, center on the basketball team, and a pitcher, and outfielder on the baseball team. In 1903, Becker's athletic ability was recognized as the recipient of the Wentworth Champion Athlete Award. From 1908 to 1915, Becker played for the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Boston Braves, the New York Giants, the Cincinnati Reds, and the Philadelphia Phillies. He played in three World Series, two with the Giants in 1911 and 1912, and one with the Phillies in 1915. David "Beals" Becker is a 2000 inductee into the Wentworth Military Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. He is the only known Wentworth graduate to play professional baseball.

The 2010 Beals Becker Most Valuable Player award was presented to Cadet Luke Schroeder from Moline, Illinois. Wentworth Military Academy founded in 1880, in Lexington, Missouri is the oldest Military Academy west of the Mississippi. Copyright 2010 El Dorado Times. Some rights reserved



David "Beals" Becker

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 September 30, October 1-2, 2011.

If you are interested please contact C.R. at: cr@royalexchangeranch.com. We hope to have a great turnout.

WMA Alumni Association Welcomes New Members

Please welcome our newest Annual members

John Colon of Oakland, CA, Class of 1970
Richard Burgess of Omaha, NE, Class of 1949
Jack Easton of Folsom, CA, Class of 1960
Renz Edwards of Scottsdale, AZ, Class of 1944
Donald Holbert of Little Rock, AR, Class of 1957
Michael Katskee of Omaha, NE, Class of 1964
Leon Moore of Ramona, CA, Class of 1975
Joseph Roper of Roeland Park, KS, Class of 1974
Bob Sellers of Hoboken, NJ, Class of 1989
Tom Slover of Nederlands, CO, Class of 1967

Please welcome our newest Life Members:

Scott M. Hefner of Overland Park, KS, Class of 1992
David Johnson of Franklin, NE, Class of 1963

Please welcome our Renewing Members:

The Stempel Family, Carl, Charles, Mary

DFW Area Rally

By Jim Sellers

Alums in the Dallas/Fort Worth area gathered last month at the home of John Gehan, '52. Attending in the picture from left to right are: Karen and Gordon Wagner, '45; Jim Sellers, '80; John Gehan and Myra; Karen and Al Riker, '57; Sherm Sweeney '67 and Sue; JB Meyer, '86; and Don Onthank, '65.

Following a tour of John Gehan's incredibly impressive collection of big game acquired over many years, across every continent, and over 20 countries, the group traded tall tales, then headed out for a delightful dinner.

This gathering was only the second in WMA alumni history to be publicized exclusively using email and social media. With over 300 alums in the DFW area, we look forward to another gathering in late summer or early fall. Interested alums should join the WMA DFW Alumni group on Facebook by searching for "Wentworth Military Academy Alums of DFW", or e-mail Jim Sellers at jimsellers3@earthlink.net, or Al McCormick, WMA alumni director at amccormick@wma.edu.

The Dallas/Ft. Worth Rally was the fourth held across the country this year by Wentworth, with others occurring in Surprise, Arizona, where attendees took in a Royals Spring Training game; St. Louis, Missouri and Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Additional Red Dragon Rallies are scheduled

for September 9, 2010 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and September 18, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois; more information will be coming soon. All alums and their families are welcome.



DFW Rally Attendees



A Portion Of John Gehan's Big Game Collection

Alumni Notes, A Look Back In Time

By Ardis E. Parshall

From time to time the alumni office discovers news of alumni that are not always well known to our general alumni body. That is what we have here for you today. An article about John Jacob Williams, class of 1920. The story is tragic and tells us about the accomplishments of an early pioneer. Upon the tragic death of Mr. Williams, he was replaced by a pilot whose name is familiar in most households.

(This article is reprinted from The Salt Lake Tribune with full permission of the author, Ardis E. Parshall. Ms. Parshall is a well known Utah historian.)

Utah-born aviator was an aerobatics pioneer

John Jacob Williams was the leader of the Army's first aerial demonstration group. Eighty-five thousand spectators at the National Air Show in Culver City, California, craned their necks for a better view of the action above. It was September 10, 1928, and most people hadn't become accustomed to seeing airplanes in flight, much less aerobatics.

The stars of that year's show were "The Three Musketeers": John Jacob Williams, Irvin A. Woodring and William L. Cornelius, all members of the U.S. Army's first aerial demonstration group. The Musketeers were not the first such service group, however — their unit had been formed partly to salvage Army pride after the U.S. Navy had announced its aerial unit, the Seahawks.

All three young pilots were skilled, daring men with extraordinary records. Most experienced, and with the longest Army service, was its leader, Lt. Williams.

Williams was born in Moab, Utah. His mother, Annie, was the daughter of Danish Mormon immigrants in Sanpete County. His father, John Washington Williams, was as adventurous as his aviator son would be: Before arriving in Moab in 1896, the senior Williams had bounced around the West from Missouri to Colorado working as a cowboy, picking up enough law to serve as a justice of the peace and as the first judge in Lincoln County, Colorado. And he learned enough medicine to be invited by the people of Moab to move to their town and serve as their first doctor. He learned to love the twisting, barren beauty of that corner of Utah, and years later he was one of the moving forces behind the establishment and expansion of Arches National Park.

Williams and Annie were married in 1900, and their first son, the future aviator, came along early in 1901. The boy graduated from Moab's district school and began his high school studies there, then completed his prep school work at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri.

Utah's Democratic congressman, Milton H. Welling, appointed Williams to the military academy at West Point in 1920 where, in addition to excelling academically, Williams graduated with honors in sharpshooting.

Williams joined the air service immediately after his 1924 graduation, serving at air fields in Texas, Michigan, and California. It was while he was stationed at Coronado, California, in the spring of 1928 that he was matched with Lts. Irving and Cornelius, and the trio began rehearsing and performing their complicated aerial stunts for amazed audiences.

The Musketeers took to the skies late on the afternoon of Sept. 10, the third day of that year's National Air Show, to thrill another audience. They performed some low-altitude loops and dives past the grandstands, including one pass in which all three pilots flew upside down.

The plan then called for them to execute outside loops. The outside loop, first successfully performed one year before by legendary pilot James H. Doolittle, requires a pilot to climb to altitude, then dive at high speed, level off, and pull up again, completing a 360-degree loop with his cockpit on the outside of the circle, a maneuver that puts unusual strain on both man and machine.

Woodring and Cornelius pulled into the sharp climbs that would put them in position for their loops. Williams, however, was having trouble with his plane. Instead of climbing, he roared across the airfield, upside down, at an altitude of barely 200 feet. Spectators could hear his motor popping and stalling. Righting his plane, Williams lost altitude. His machine hit the ground on both wheels, bounced, tilted so that one wing hit the ground, bounced again, and collapsed as it came down on its other wing.

Williams, still alive despite massive injuries, was taken to the Culver City hospital. He died the next day.

The air races went on as scheduled, though, with an Army reservist — Charles A. Lindbergh — volunteering to take Williams' place.

John Jacob Williams, one of Utah's first and most daring aeronauts, was buried in Culver City, near where he fell to earth.

Attention Trap Shooters and Golfers

The **Annual trap shoot** competition between Kemper Alumni and Wentworth Alumni is scheduled for the Homecoming weekend on Saturday, October 2nd.

The match will take place at the newly relocated Lake City range just two miles from last years' site. The new location has easier access and is a more friendly environment.

Trap Shooters, team members are needed. If you are interested in assisting with redeeming our good name, please send an email to Bill Heltzel at: Wheltzel@yahoo.com

The **Annual Ed Ellis Golf Tournament** will be held on Homecoming weekend also at the Shirkey course in Richmond.

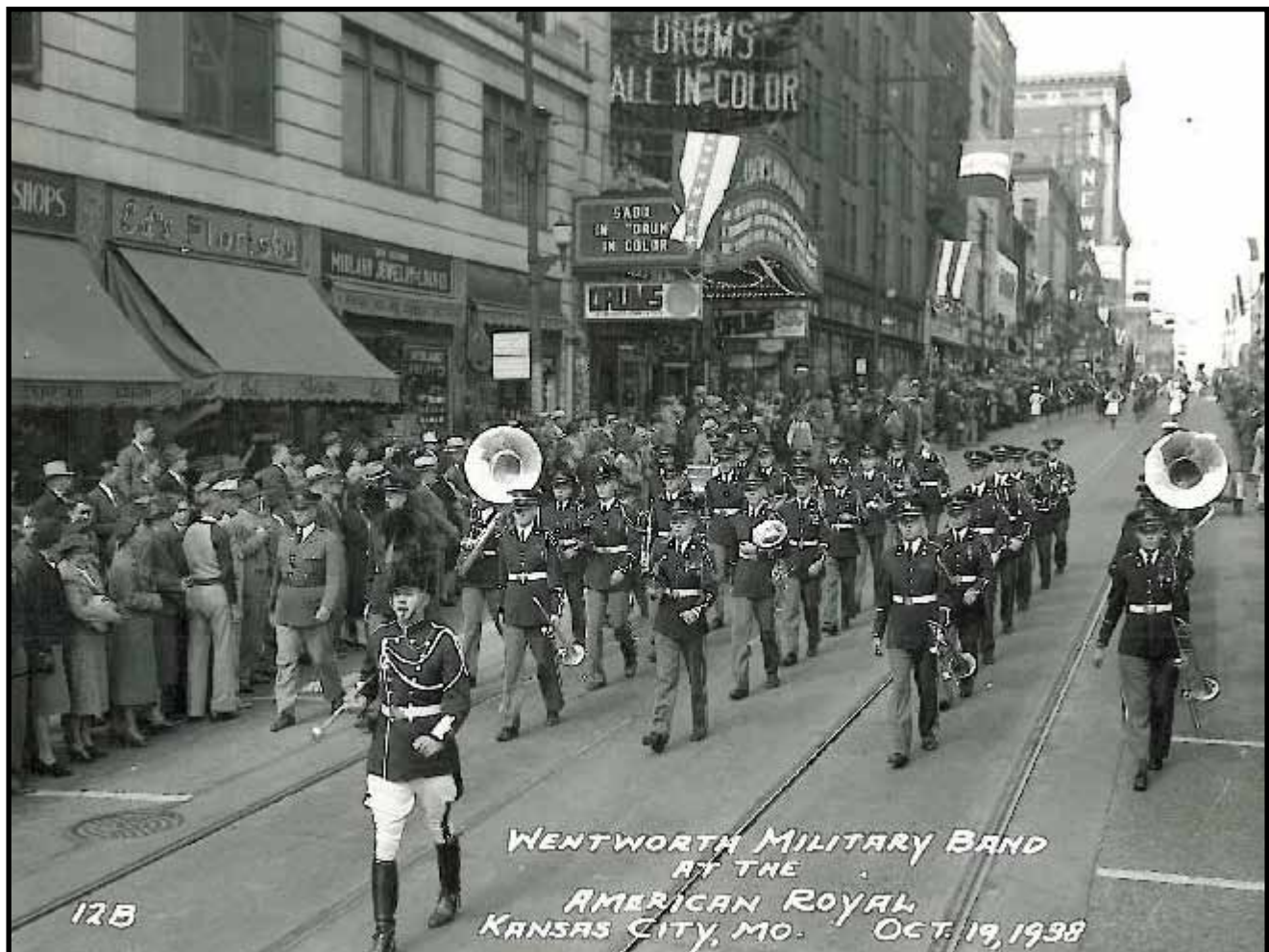
Come out and have some fun, get an Ed Ellis commemorative hat, try for the longest drive and other challenges. The main ingredient in this tournament is fun and fellowship. Interested parties should email Frank Hugleman at: hugelman@embarqmail.com

American Royal has always been a Wentworth Band Tradition

Wentworth Bands have participated in the American Royal since the beginning. The American Royal is over one hundred years old and the parade itself will enter its' 86th year this fall.

Wentworth bands have been involved in each of those parades and are very possibly one of the very few marching units who can brag about that.

Pictured below, is the 1938 Wentworth Band in the American Royal parade.



**The Wentworth Military Academy Band - Marches In The American Royal Parade In 1938
A Proud Heritage**

2010 Homecoming Reunion News

Class of 1960, Your 50 year reunion.

Dr. Scott Bitner has volunteered to rally some of you from the class of 1960 to attend the Homecoming reunion 2010 on campus. We are certain he would love to hear from you, contact the alumni office if you would be interested and we hope you are. If you are a member of the 1960 class, the Academy will have a medallion gift for those of you who register and attend the 2010 reunion. We look forward to seeing you there.

Class of 1985, Your 25 Year reunion.

Plan now to attend the reunion event. A 25 year medallion will be provided to those of you who register and attend the 2010 reunion. The medallion will be provided by your alumni association.

Class of 2000, Your 10 year reunion.

Ten years out, that's a great time to catch up face to face with your classmates and buddies. You too will receive a 10 year medallion provided by your alumni association. You must be present to receive it.

Additional data may be on Liniked in and facebook, look for an all '80's reunion, and Get in touch with Jim Bloomberg.

Homecoming 2010: October 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
2011: September 30th, October
1st, and 2nd.

Tulsa Red Dragon Rally

There is a Red Dragon Rally and BBQ planned for September 9th in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Interested parties should contact Al McCormick. Academy officials will be in attendance for the social to answer questions and provide updates. The Tulsa event promises to be an exciting social event. Contact Al at amccormick@wma.edu or 660-259-6014.

Homecoming Raffle Drawing

You can't find it at Best Buy. The Apple store is all sold out. This is your chance to get your hands on a iPad 64GB - Wi-Fi. Come on, everybody needs one of these. Download music, chat with friends via Skype, send e-mails, watch TV, or have it clean our bathroom. This is one piece of advanced techno gear. Image this year's holiday season, everyone gathered around the fireplace enjoying hot cocoa while falling snowflakes creates a Rockwell-esque moment on your front yard. Wondering how the day could get even better, you reach for the package wrapped in candy cane paper and hand it to little Billy, your freshman in high school. As he slowly opens the gift, his eyes open wide discovering the treasure beneath the paper. Yes, young Billy will now be "da man" at high school armed with his new iPad 64GB. You might be asking yourself the following questions:

What if I don't have a fireplace? What if I don't have a son named Billy? What if I don't like hot cocoa? How do I buy the raffle tickets for this cool toy?

Let's forget the first three and focus on the fourth question. Tickets are 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20 and 20 for \$75. Please send your checks to: Wentworth Military Academy, 1880 Washington Avenue, Lexington, MO 64067, Attn.: Al McCormick - Raffle



iPAD - One of the Raffle Prizes

Rappelling Tower Complete in Time for JCLC Camp

The photo taken of the completed rappelling tower was captured on June 22nd, 2010. Thanks to alumni, John Stahlnecker and his crew, the tower was completed, and inspected in time for the Junior Cadet Leadership camps led by Major Ed Fiora.

Major Fiora, the hosting officer for Wentworth, served as host to over seven hundred cadets on campus for a period of two weeks. Cadets from around the Region participated in a variety of leadership training courses and activities with the rappelling tower being a major attraction. As a part of their camp training, each cadet was provided with the experience of descending from the tower.

Plans to dismantle and remove the old rappelling tower are pending.

Rappelling Tower Complete



Cadets Trying Out The New Rappeling Tower



From The Top Of The Tower



2010 Homecoming Weekend Schedule Tentative (As of 4/10/2010) Subject to Change

Friday, October 1

- 10:00 AM-11:45 AM Alumni Association Annual Meeting Memorial Chapel (No Food/Drinks)
All members welcome, Dress: Business Casual.
- 12:00 PM Alumni Association members, lunch with the Corps (Optional)
- 12:45 PM Alumni Association photo. Groendyke Hall South Steps (Washington Ave).
- 12:00-5:00 PM Homecoming Registration in Groendyke Hall
- 12:00-5:00 PM Alumni Golf Tournament at Shirkey Golf Course in Richmond, MO
- 1:00 - 4:00 PM Spouse/Guest Event TBD
- 5:30 PM Alumni Backyard BBQ (Location TBD) Donations of support are appreciated
Tentative Location: Northwest corner of the Field House
- 7:30 PM Pep Rally/Bon Fire on the field east of the tennis courts
- 8:30 PM Alumni After Hours Gathering – All Decades. (Location TBD)***

Saturday, October 2

- 8:00-9:00 AM Breakfast in the Dining Hall
- 8:00 -10:30 AM Homecoming Registration in Groendyke Hall
- 9:00-12:00 PM Annual Kemper-Wentworth Invitational Trap Shoot (Location TBD)
- 9:00 AM Alumni Activity (TBD & TBA)
- 11:30 AM Dragon Feast* Location: Weather Dependent. Wear Your Dragon Red Colors
- 12:45 PM Line up for the Homecoming Parade West side of the stadium
- 1:00 PM Homecoming Parade Downtown Lexington. Dragon- Red Colors
- 2:00 PM Homecoming Football Game Alumni Stadium - Show Your Red Dragon Pride.
- 6:00 PM Alumni Social Groendyke Hall, Dress: Business Casual
- 7:00 PM – 10:00PM Alumni Banquet Groendyke Hall. Dress: Business Casual
And Annual Alumni Association Silent Auction Event
- 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM Homecoming Dance
- 10:15 – 12:00 AM Alumni After Hours Gathering – All Decades. (Location TBD)***

Sunday, October 3

- 8:30—9:45 AM Continental Breakfast –Dinning Facility
- 10:15 AM Alumni assemble at the Viet Nam Monument south of the chapel
- 10:30 AM Memorial Service ** Dress: Business Casual
- 11:15 AM Dress Parade and alumni flag ceremony on Stephen Oliver Parade Field
- 12:00 PM DRC in the Dining Hall (Optional)

*In the event of inclement weather the Dragon Feast will be held in the athletic center

**In the event of inclement weather the memorial service will be held in the Memorial Chapel

*** New location to be determined

Homecoming Dates for 2011 September 30th, October 1st & 2nd.

Korean War Veterans Appreciation Ceremony

These are pictures of Wentworth cadets meeting General Petraeus at the Korean War Veterans Appreciation Ceremony conducted June 21, 2010, at the Truman Library, Independence Missouri. Missouri Congressman Ike Skelton was also present as was US Senator Christopher (Kit) Bond. The pictures and information were provided by Major (RET), USA Edward L. Fiora who is the Senior Army Instructor at WMA.



Alumni Rally Held In Surprise Arizona

In March, Wentworth held a Red Dragon Rally in Surprise Arizona (Phoenix area) at the Kansas City Royals spring training stadium. The old boys attending the event spanned over seven decades of WMA cadet corps. After dining on hot dogs and hamburgers, alumni gathered on the veranda and spent the next three hours reminiscing about their days in Lexington. Cadet stories include waiter duty, rat lines, Sunday inspections, and "Dusty Millers" from Gibblins snack bar. The event setting was perfect for classmates to reunited and friendships rekindled.

Col Bill Sellers updated the crowd on recent WMA happenings and the long term academy admission goals. Attending the event were, Bradley Austin, '70, Jim Olstead, '54, Frederick Wright, '56, Waldo Potter, '63, Jimmy Richardson, '53, William Ferrell, '46, Omar Chaudhry, '06, Robert Helmandollar, '56, Charles Eacock, '55, George Hittner, '97, George Reece, '57, Donald Mull, '76, Gerald Gustafson, '41, Matt Wiseman, '83, Patrick Melvin, '84, David Fluegel, '46, John Francis, '83, Col Bill Sellers, '86.

Plans are in the works to host a similar event next year. 2011 dates will be published as soon as they are available.

PS: The Kansas City Royals won 12 - 3.



Manitowoc, Wisconsin Rally

Pictures and Article By John Francis

On Monday, June 21st, the longest running Wentworth Alumni chapter gathered at Lincoln Park in Manitowoc Wisconsin. It was the 105th meeting for the group which was formed in 1905 and was lead by Vincent Kerscher for many years. Today the groups' ring leader is Bob Kerscher, son of Vincent Kerscher. Although the weather was wet and gloomy, the mood was upbeat as Col John Meyer addressed the crowd of 17. Attending this year's event were Bob Kerscher, Buzz Thuerwachter, Rob Peaslee, Ed Greier, Collon Soubert, Sheely Grover, Howard Pleuss, Jim Kappelmann, John Kappelmann, Fred Severson and daughter Sue, Tom Randolph, John Francis, John Meyer, Pete Doherty, Howard Hamann, Eric Pitz, Perk Foster.

The evening was highlighted by a presentation to the school from Fred Severson. During his years at Wentworth, Fred earned his pilot's license through the academy aviation program. The gift included Fred's pilot cap, area maps, and one sharp looking pair of WMA pilot wings. Thank you Fred! The evening came to a close with the traditional singing of the Wentworth song.

The meeting is held every third Monday in June (June 20, 2011) at the Lincoln Park shelter. Please mark your calendars for next year's rally.



A Look Back

A page from the Trumpeter from a 1932 issue. Note that, at the time, *The Trumpeter* was a four page, weekly school newspaper. Look at the size of that staff.



The Trumpeter Staff

HERMAN, CAPT. HINTON, MILLER E. T., WALTER, AINSWORTH, WOODWARD,
DOTY, RHEES, HUNT, PARRIOTT, WADDELL, FAXON, MCFADDEN.

THE TRUMPETER

During the past fourteen years the school paper, *The Trumpeter*, has been published weekly during the session. By the regular presentation of events at the Academy, the weekly paper has become an important factor in the school.

The Trumpeter is in the hands of cadets, who derive a great deal of pleasure as well as valuable and practical journalistic ex-

perience in the gathering and writing-up of news.

For ten years the paper was a four-page four-column publication. Since 1919 it has been a five-column paper. It has received favorable comment by other school papers throughout the country.

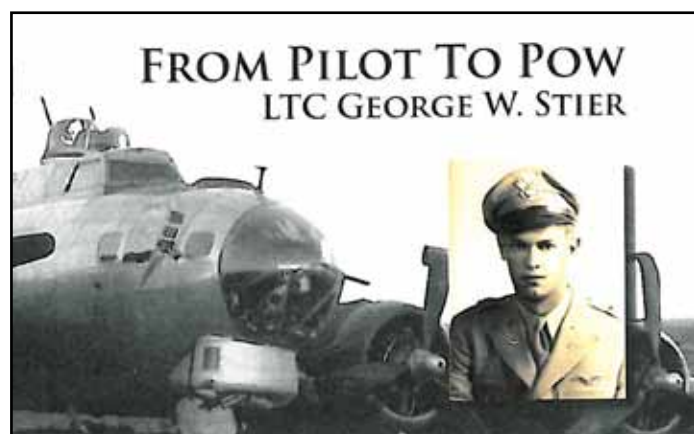
A sample copy of this paper will be sent free to anyone requesting it. The subscription price is \$2.00 a year.

Book News

By Al McCormick

Earlier this year, Wentworth assisted George Stier in the promotion of his father's book describing the experiences of a pilot during World War II. The book is very popular among alumni who are aware of it. George has graciously replenished the supply of books available in the Quartermaster for purchase. The book is a history of George's memoirs during the war and available at a nominal price. Call 660-259-2221 and ask for the Quartermaster store.

The book is interesting and I recommend it. A portion of each sale of the book through our Quartermaster benefits the fund to restart the Wentworth Aviation program. Thanks to George



for keeping this spirit alive.

Another alumni has written a book. Rood Menter, class of 1947 and former roommate to Chink Coleman and John Gover, has written an autobiography of his life on the range in Colorado. He is a former Outstanding Young American as recognized by the United States Junior Chamber for his performance and innovation while a Rancher and Producer.

The Book, *The Cowboy* is available at Amazon.com. Search on "Rood Menter" within the books section. This book is also priced at a nominal rate.

Rood is an interesting individual not only in his avocation but in his retired life after a career on the ranch. Rood and his wife now reside in Sun City Arizona. The book is recommended reading.



Annual Alumni Association Silent Auction

During Homecoming weekend, on the evening of Saturday, October 2nd, the Alumni Association will hold its annual Silent Auction Event. The funds raised during this event help provide money to support Alumni Association projects in support of the mission, goals, and objectives of Wentworth Military Academy.

The following is a list of items which have been donated so far for this year. You are welcome to donate additional items in support of your Alumni Association. Contact Al McCormick for further details.

Item	Value
Autographed Hall of Fame Helmet	\$400
Autographed Gale Sayers helmet	\$350
Autographed Tim Brown Football	\$150
Fed Ex Orange Bowl Football	\$125
Team autographed WMA Helmet	\$100
Team autographed WMA Football	\$100
19XX WMA ad - Framed	\$85
4 WMA postcards framed	\$125
WMA blanket	\$50
Beat Kemper buckle	\$125
WMA Buckle	\$115
IPAD (Raffel Prize)	\$740
Portable DVD	\$150
2 Garmin	\$320
Three Chicago Bears Autographs	\$700
digital picture frame	\$100
Helicopter dedication	\$100
Cannon photo	\$100

Please plan on bidding on these great items. You don't have to be present to bid or win. You can send in your highest bid to Al McCormick via e-mail or snail mail. Whoever is the highest bidder wins.



**Wentworth Military Academy
Alumni Association
Membership Application**



(Former Cadets Only)

Instructions:

Complete the following form as completely as possible and send it along with your payment information to:

WMA Alumni Association
P.O. Box 102
Lexington, MO 64067

Applicant's Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____ Cadet Years at WMA: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation/Title: _____

Work Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Work phone: _____

Work E-mail: _____

Spouse's Information:

Name: _____ Is Spouse also an Alumnus ☐ yes ☐ no

Membership Dues:

☐ Annual one year (\$50) ☐ Annual three year (\$ 140)

☐ Lifetime Donor Dues one time payment (\$1000)

☐ Lifetime Donor Dues semi-annual, two payments in single year (\$510) \$1,020

☐ Lifetime Donor Dues quarterly payments in single year (\$258) \$1,032

☐ Recent Alumni 1st year (Free) ☐ Recent Alumni 2nd or 3rd year (\$25)

☐ Senior 65 Annual one year (\$35) ☐ Senior 65 Annual three year (\$95)

☐ Senior 65 Lifetime Donor Dues one time payment (\$500)

To pay by American Express, Discover, Or Visa, contact the Alumni Office 660-259-6014