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HOMECOMING FOR GENERALS AT WENTWORTH

by Kevin Farley, WMA Public Affairs Office

Three U.S. Army Generals to Return to their Alma Mater

Jason Evans, Johnny Miller, and Barrye Price left Wentworth Military Academy and College in the early eighties with an unknown future ahead of them.

They returned in early October 2012 as Generals in the United States Army.

Wentworth Military Academy and College hosted homecoming festivities during the first weekend in October with various events taking place on October 5th – 7th.

Events for the weekend included a golf tournament, college athletics games, a pep rally, homecoming parade, re-dedication for the 25th anniversary of the Viet Nam helicopter monument, and the Alumni Banquet and Awards Ceremony.

All three former cadets were honored at the Alumni Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Saturday night and entered into the Groendyke Hall of Honor on the Wentworth campus in Lexington.



Col. William W. Sellers presents Hall of Honor certificates to U.S. Army Generals Evans, Miller and Price during the Alumni Banquet and Awards Ceremony

"I am so proud of BG Price, BG Evans, and BG Miller. I was here when they were cadets at the Academy, and to see them graduate and be so successful is very gratifying," said Colonel Michael Lierman, Wentworth Superintendent. "We are very thankful to them for taking time out of their busy schedules to come back for Homecoming and to sit down and talk with the cadets. They were able to visit with old friends and coaches

and remember the ole' days. They were all thankful and humbled to be inducted into the Hall of Honor. Wentworth continues to develop young men and women and provide them the beginning foundation for successful careers. I truly enjoyed seeing them again and hearing their stories."

During their visit to campus, the three Generals took the time over the weekend to educate the 133rd Corps of Cadets. The main topic of discussion for the Generals was leadership. They used their career experiences as a mechanism to explain good leadership and bad leadership.

Brigadier General Jason T. Evans attended Wentworth from 1979 to 1981, graduating from junior college. He excelled in all aspects of cadet life. He graduated with numerous academic awards, lettered twice in college basketball and was a part of the 1980-81 Wentworth Athletic Hall of Fame basketball team. He was a member of the Honor Guard and served as Company Commander of Headquarters Company his sophomore year.

General Evans became the 65th Adjutant General of the U.S. Army in 2011. As Adjutant General, he leads three military entities: he is the Director of The Adjutant General Directorate, the 16th Executive Director of the Military Postal Service Agency responsible for all military mail, and the 18th Commander of the Army Physical Disability Agency executing physical disability decision-making authority on behalf of the Secretary of the Army.

General Evans' military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Parachutist Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Brigadier General Barrye L. Price attended Wentworth for the 1980-81 school years as a college freshman. He was a member of the Honor Guard, and achieved distinction in both academics and athletics. He was a star player on the 1980 Wentworth Athletics Hall of Fame basketball team.

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HOMECOMING FOR GENERALS AT WENTWORTH

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General Price is a 1985 Distinguished Military Graduate of the University of Houston's College of Business Administration. He earned a Master of Arts Degree in History in 1994 and, in 1997, he became the first African-American to obtain a doctorate from the Department of History in the 136-year history of Texas A&M University. He also earned a Master of Science Degree in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University in 2004. His book, *Against All Enemies Foreign and Domestic: A study of Urban Unrest and Federal Intervention Within the United States*, was published in 2001. He was the 1997 winner of the Arter-Darby Military Writing Award from the Army's Command and General Staff College.

General Price currently serves as the Director of Human Resources Policy Directorate, Army G1 in the Pentagon. Among his key previous assignments include: the Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Cadet Command at Fort Knox; Director, J1, United Forces-Iraq; Commander, Eastern, Sector, United States Military Entrance Processing Command; Executive Officer and Military Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (Human Resources) at the Pentagon; and as Battalion Commander for the 4th Personnel Services Battalion at Fort Carson, Colorado. He also served for two years as an Assistant Professor of Military History at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. In 1999, he was selected to be part of the prestigious White House Fellowship Program. While a White House Fellow, he served on the President and First Lady's Task Force on "Raising Responsible and Resourceful Teenagers" in 2000, as well as on President Clinton's "Mississippi Delta Task Force" which sought to revitalize the 207-county, seven-state region that comprises the Mississippi River flood plain from 1999 through 2000.

Brigadier General Johnny R. Miller attended Wentworth from 1982 to 1984. He was a member of Alpha Company his freshman year, and served as the Cadet Sergeant Major on Battalion Staff in 1983-84. He graduated from the junior college

with numerous academic, military and leadership awards, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant at Wentworth through the ROTC Early Commissioning Program.

He earned a Bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in 1986, and a Master of Science in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

General Miller assumed duties as Assistant Adjutant General of the Illinois Army National Guard in January 2011. He assists the Adjutant General in the command and control of all units of the Illinois National Guard. He is both Armor and Field Artillery branch qualified. General Miller's assignments have included service as Platoon Leader, Company Commander, Battalion S1 and S3, Battalion Executive Officer, Battalion Commander, Brigade Plans and Operations Officer, Brigade Executive Officer, Brigade Commander, Senior Liaison Officer TF White Eagle, and J3 Illinois National Guard.

General Miller's civilian occupation is as the Logistics Supervisor/Continuous Improvement Coordinator with Dyno-Nobel Incorporated, in Wolf Lake, Illinois.

"It was truly a historic weekend for Wentworth Military Academy and College," said Colonel William W. Sellers, President of Wentworth Military Academy and College. "We currently have four Generals on active duty in the military. To have three of them back over the weekend made history in the 133-year history of Wentworth. Their interaction with the 133rd Corps of Cadets was fantastic."

Wentworth Military Academy and College is a private co-educational military high school and two-year college. For 9th-12th graders, Wentworth provides an exemplary college-prep education, which builds self-discipline and self-confidence. In college, small class sizes and personal interaction with faculty allows our traditional and military students to achieve success in academics and in life. Wentworth is one of only five schools in the country to offer a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army after just two years of college.

Old Dragons Beat Kemper

by Bill Heltzell, '77

Continuing a recent Homecoming tradition, the Alumni Trapshooting Team shot a match against alumni from the former Kemper Military School and College. The 6th annual Kemper-Wentworth Alumni Trap Shoot was held on Saturday morning of the 2012 Homecoming weekend in Boonville, MO. This marks the first competition between Wentworth and Kemper in Boonville since Kemper closed in the spring of 2002.

In 2007, Kemper alumnus Laura Spice Williams challenged WMA and KMS alumni to gather in Little Rock the week after Homecoming to renew and preserve the spirit of competition which played such a large part in the history of both schools. Each year since, a group of competitors from each side has come together to commemorate the great rivalry once known as "Little Army-Navy."

Frustration marked the efforts of the Red Dragon Alumni the past three meetings, but in 2012 victory returned to the Wentworth shooters. In a close match, the Red Dragons took the honors by just two targets. The series now stands at .500, with each squad taking three matches.

This year Marvin Wrisinger, '80 and JP Sanders, '75 led the way, with Bill Heltzell, '77 contributing just enough targets to tip the balance to the Red Dragons.

An interesting and fun scoring format evolved over the first few years, which makes it possible for any shooter to come and enjoy the fun of Wentworth-Kemper competition without regard to the skill level of any particular individual.

Wentworth has a proud legacy in the shooting sports. Many a sharp eye was developed on the skeet range at the Country Club. Only the mentorship and gifts of time by our sponsors made this possible.

In 2013 you are invited to shoot in memory of LTC William Mullenieux. Always interested in ways to hold a young man's interest, Col Mullenieux was always a friend of the shooting sports at Wentworth.

Homecoming Saturday, October 5, 2013 is the date for our next match with Kemper. Do come and be a part of the tradition that is a Wentworth-Kemper match. All skill levels are welcome. You will enjoy the fellowship. And there's always that opportunity to BEAT KEMPER!

Contact Bill Heltzell '77, wheltzel@yahoo.com, 804-360-2599 to participate in 2013 (Editor's note: We didn't get any pictures from this year's shoot, but here are some from previous years.)



Cans For Cadets

"Cans for Cadets", formerly known as "Going Green For Wentworth", was a project born out of the enthusiasm of Jim Cormany (JC '61) for recycling in general and as a way for someone's 'Trash' to become someone else's 'Treasure.'

The intent was to generate money for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund by recycling aluminum cans. With the help of John Francis ('83), the collection process began. In March of 2012, after only 5 months of collecting, the cans were turned in and a check for \$89 was mailed to Al McCormick for the scholarship fund. The collection continued with another \$86.50 given to the scholarship fund on homecoming weekend (pictured below). This represents totals for the year of \$175.50, 272 pounds of cans, which equals approximately 8,430 cans that didn't go in to a landfill since Homecoming of last year.

The challenge was extended to everyone in attendance at the awards banquet to follow the Old Boys' lead in some way or another to generate additional money for the alumni scholarship fund. The challenge is further being extended to everyone reading this newsletter, to do the same or something similar. If you have questions about this project, please contact Jim Cormany at kcormany@aol.com and he will be happy to answer your questions.



Alumni Gift Supports Renovation of Library

by Dan Ryan

Frank Garrett, '66 says that Wentworth made a difference in his life, and, as a result, he has set out to make a difference in Wentworth. After Homecoming 2011, Frank made a gift of \$10,000 with the goal of renovating the library.

Frank understands that the internet has changed the way that research is done and how knowledge is accessed. "I want the library to be more of a media center," he explains, "so that the school can move forward into the 21st Century."

Frank's initial gift has enabled the school to erect a glass partition that allows for virtually soundproofing a computer media center. New paint and carpet have improved the appearance of the facility, and the desks are designed for students with laptops.

There is still more work to be done, but people like Frank Garrett are stepping up to make a difference for today's students, just as Wentworth made a difference for them.

Thanks Frank for your support of Wentworth.

The pictures below are of a work in progress.



President's View

By Jim Wright, '66

One of the advantages of being the President of the Alumni Association and also being the editor of *The Red Dragon*, is that I can wait until the newsletter is almost complete before I write this column. Hopefully, that means that I can fill in the blanks concerning what is going on within the Association.



First, I want to comment on the Homecoming weekend this past October. It was great fun. The only thing that did not cooperate was the weather, and that could have been much worse. It was supposed to be warm and sunny all weekend, but that is not what happened. It was cloudy and cold most of the weekend. On Friday and most of Saturday, there was a very brisk wind out of the north. When you were outside, it was bone-chilling cold, because of the wind. Sunday morning was wonderful.

But, that did not stop everyone from having a great time. You will find a lot of information about Homecoming in the pages of this newsletter, so I won't go over all of it again. And there are pictures all over the place. Suffice it to say that, as far as I know, everyone had a great time. I want to thank everyone who came to the Homecoming festivities for your wonderful support. And especially I want to thank Bill Sellers, Al McCormick, Dan Ryan, Mike Lierman, Norma Maring, Cheney Parrish, and all of the WMA faculty and staff for a great time. Also, a special note of thanks to Sara Lynn and her staff for all of the great food that they served to us during the weekend.

The many Alumni that attended Homecoming also did very well with donations in support of Alumni Association projects, especially our scholarship fund. We received a total of \$11,028 in donations from all sources for our scholarship activities. We also want to thank Tom Lankford, '69 for donating the Raffle Tickets and printing for our Homecoming efforts this year. This total amount is just under what we did last year, but a very good effort considering we had fewer people

attend Homecoming this year. I want to thank everyone who provided donations to help fund our scholarship efforts.

Congratulations to Leon Moore, '75 of Valley Center California for winning the "New iPad" that was our Raffle prize this year.

Speaking of Homecoming, the dates for next year's weekend have been announced. **The 2013 Homecoming will be the weekend of October 4 and 5.** We will be featuring the class years of 1963 (50th Anniversary), 1988 (25th Anniversary), and 2003 (10th Anniversary). We will also be celebrating Norma Maring's 80th birthday and honoring her for all of support that she has provided to Wentworth Cadets over the years. Please save those dates now so that you can join us for our Homecoming next year.

There are many more activities and programs, including local rallies, that the Alumni Association is involved in but this issue of *The Red Dragon* is already too long. I will have to cover the rest of it in the next issue.

I hope and pray that each and every one of you have a very Happy Holiday season and a very properious New Year. And remember, go Red Dragons!

Jim Wright

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



Director's Corner

By Al McCormick, '67

Your Trust in us Continues!

Your trust in us continues with new memberships arriving frequently. New members include Jim Servi '69, one year membership. Marc Martin '47, three year membership and since our last report, we welcome two new life members: Mr. John Groendyke '64, and Mr. Guy Harkness '63. Thanks to them and those of you supporting us we continue to build the basis for a long term scholarship fund for future Wentworth cadets.

If you are not a member, please consider joining your financial support assists us in sustaining the programs we conduct towards the goal of supporting the mission and objectives of Wentworth Military Academy.



Rifle Range Update

The equipment phase of the rifle range project is complete and you will find pictures and a short article in this edition from Senior Army Instructor, Major Ed Fiora. His words hit home "This project had an immediate and direct impact on improving student life". Thank you again to Joe "Neff" Basore jr. for his financial support of this project!

Red Dragon Rally Candidates.

Springfield area

We are considering a Summer time rally in Springfield and your input is needed. It's our desire to attend a Cardinals game during the summer and we would like to hear from you if you are interested. We have heard the Cardinals games are a great event and the team is competitive. Please let me hear from you if interested.

Greater Kansas City

We are tentatively planning a Greater Kansas City Rally in late March in the River Market area just north of downtown Kansas City. The proposed location is Cellar & Loft, you won't want to

miss this after work gathering in a great location.

Arizona Rally

Tentative plans will be made (Spring Training Schedule dependent) for the annual Arizona Rally early in March at the home of the Diamondbacks spring training facility.

Do you want a Rally in your area?

Please contact Al McCormick, amccormick@wma.edu

Homecoming 2013.

The date has been set for Homecoming 2013; October 4-5. We will be featuring the class years of 1963 (50th Anniversary), 1988 (25th Anniversary), and 2003 (10th Anniversary). If you would be willing to reach out to classmates to encourage them to attend, please contact Al McCormick in the Alumni Office.

Al McCormick

Check out the WMA Alumni blogsite at www.wmaandc.blogspot.com and scroll through the many blog posts. Have Fun!



WENTWORTH MILITARY ACADEMY & COLLEGE INDUCTS FIVE INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

by Kevin Farley WMA Public Affairs Officer

Rody, Willoughby, Haley, Majors and 1980-81JC Basketball Team Inducted

At halftime of the Wentworth Military Academy Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 6, 2012, several former athletes were inducted into the Wentworth Athletic Hall of Fame.

Leading the delegation at the halftime ceremony was President of Wentworth Military Academy and College, Colonel William W. Sellers; Col. Mike Lierman, Superintendent; and Tom Hughes, Athletic Director.

basketball for the Oklahoma A&M Cowboys and the Tulane Green Wave.

Col. Vodre M. Willoughby came to Wentworth Military Academy as an assistant football coach in 1936. He had been an outstanding athlete lettering four straight years at Northwest Missouri State University. In 1939, Willoughby served as the Head Football Coach and Athletic Director. In 1942, he was promoted to Quartermaster, a position he held until his death in 1973.



The inductees included George E. Rody, Col. V.M. Willoughby, Paul E. Haley, the 1980-81 Junior College Basketball Team, and Donald G. Majors.

Two former Wentworth athletes, George E. Rody and Col. V. M. Willoughby, were posthumous inductions into the Wentworth Athletic Hall of Fame.

George Rody, a native of Downs, Kansas entered Wentworth Military Academy in September of 1917 and graduated in 1918. While at Wentworth, Mr. Rody lettered in baseball and basketball. He was instrumental in leading the basketball team to a 9-4-0 record and a conference championship, including a victory over what was then Park College.

Upon graduation, Rody went on to earn three letters each in baseball and basketball at the University of Kansas, playing under legendary Hall of Fame coach, Phog Allen.

Mr. Rody also coached college baseball and



Affectionately known as "Weenie," he had a stern desire and profound interest toward all activities that happened around Wentworth, particularly athletics. He was famous for his "Beat Kemper" speech at Homecoming.

Paul E. Haley entered Wentworth in 1987 as an 8th grader. During his years at Wentworth he accumulated many athletic honors. While in Junior High School, Haley lettered in Football, Wrestling, Track, and received the Outstanding Football Award and the Junior High Sportsmanship Award. In High School, he lettered in Football,

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WENTWORTH MILITARY ACADEMY & COLLEGE INDUCTS FIVE INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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Track and Wrestling, placing 4th at the 1991 District Meet.

His honors included the American Legion Department of Missouri Award, the Cadet Challenge Award, and the Bill Cook runner-up All-Around Athlete 1991. During his senior year, he was voted the 1992 Class Representative, he received the Bobby Price Memorial Award and was awarded the 1992 Bill Cook All Around Athlete.

A Drill SGT serving in the United States Marine Corps he was selected in 2008 to play Rugby on the U.S. Marine Corps Team for the Armed Forces Rugby Championship.

Staff Sergeant Haley and his family are residing in Oceanside, California.

The Junior College Basketball team of 1980-81 was coached by Jay Allard.

Jay Allard's teams were always well structured and taught the discipline of sports regimentation, honor, and accountability both on and off the court.

The 1980-81 Junior College Basketball Team represented that and in some ways, much more. Each of the team members were goal oriented and wanted more out of life than just attending college, having fun and then graduating. Each member had a vision of what he wanted out of life and realized Wentworth was a vehicle to help them achieve their goals.

Performance in the academic structure was important to each of them and it would show when the team took road trips. Every team member voluntarily carried their books and studied on the road. The team's grade point average was always high.

Accenting the structure under Coach Allard was their ability to get along both on and off the court. They were involved in each other's lives and were seemingly constantly together, they became a very tight knit bunch which allowed them to do many things, and do them very well.

The 1980-1981 Junior College Basketball Team was a success at Wentworth. Although no conference titles or state titles were earned, they won more games than any basketball team in the twenty previous years of Wentworth history.

After Wentworth, the team members went their own separate ways to begin living the next phase of their lives. Each has become successful in many fields such as business, education, and the military. Two of the team members were recently promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

Donald G. Majors entered Wentworth Military Academy in September of 1959.

As a high school track athlete Don quickly began collecting 1st and 2nd place victories in almost every track meet in which he was a participant and quickly became a star. During his freshman year he lettered in both basketball and track and won the opportunity to join the "W" club, a sign of outstanding achievement at an early age.

Don spent all of his high school years at Wentworth and continued to collect victories in his track career following high school graduation.

Don remained at Wentworth for his Junior College education and continued to pursue his athletic interests in track. In 1963 the Junior College Track Team was involved in a state meet and going into the final event, the Mile Relay, the team was tied for first place. Don served as the anchor on the relay team and ran an exceptional race which earned the Wentworth Team State Championship recognition. His honors include not only those from track and field but also the classroom. Don is a recipient of the Ralph Conger Sportsmanship award in 1962 and '63 and is a member of the WMA National Honor Society.

Don's induction into the Wentworth Athletic Hall of Fame recently gained the attention of the Honorable Mary Fallin, Governor of Oklahoma as she wrote in a commendation:

"In recognition of being selected to be inducted into the Wentworth Military Academy Athletic Hall of Fame in a ceremony taking place October 6, 2012. You earned the impressive honor by excelling as a track and field athlete and I am duly impressed. Congratulations on your exceptional achievements in school and life! Thank you for being an exemplary Oklahoman and an outstanding friend."

Rally Notes

By John Francis, '83

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The 2012 Red Dragon rally year has almost concluded and in the history books. What a great year! I would like to thank each and every one of our regional commanders for their time and effort that makes these event possible. We have added a couple new geographical locations to the program with Raleigh, North Carolina begin the most recent. Col. Mike Ceroli, WMA '81, will be leading the rally charge in this area for 2013. Please review the area contacts listed in this newsletter and plan on attending an upcoming event. If you don't see your town listed, give us a buzz and we'll put one together. Have a great holiday season and I'll talk with you in 2013.

John Francis

Alumni Overseas

Major Tim Chavez, 2000
Major Jose Collado, '98
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Major Nathan Miller, '98
SGT Kasey Mullenieux, '03
Capt. Josh Richey, 2000
Ryan Roach, '09, Afghanistan
David Roberson, '01 - Afghanistan

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

New Book Offering to Wentworth Alumni by Al McCormick. '67

First on The Wall

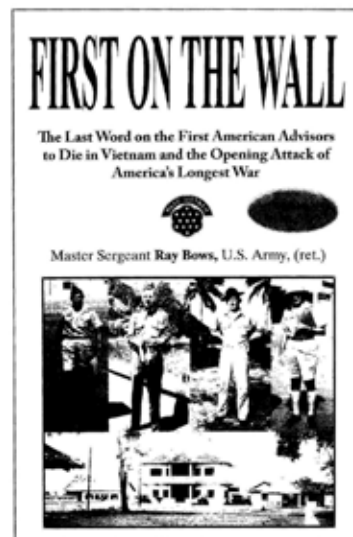
"The last word on the First American Advisors to Die in Vietnam and the Opening Attack of America's Longest War". By Master Sergeant Ray Bows, U.S. Army, (ret)

The book includes an explanation of why Dale R. Buis (Wentworth Military Academy 1942) and Chester M. Ovland are the first two names inscribed on the Vietnam Memorial with a date of 1959. The book includes many pictures of Major Buis during and after his Wentworth years.

Sergeant Bows is offering the book to Wentworth alumni at a discounted rate of \$22.50 which includes postage. I found the book informative and interesting and I hope you will also.

Regular Price \$32.95 + postage

Your price \$22.50 all inclusive



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Homecoming Golf Tournament

"It was a dark and stormy night..." That is how many of what used to be called "dime" novels started out. With that kind of start, you could tell that the written story would probably not be very good; not really a best seller.

Well -- it was a dark and stormy day on October 6th when we held our annual Homecoming golf tournament. Everyone got caught by surprise. We had a very mild fall this year and the weather forecast for Homecoming weekend was telling us that there would be more of the same. It did not happen that way.

When the 11 foursomes teed off at 1 in the afternoon, it was cloudy with a very brisk wind directly out of the north. It was cold and continued to get colder all afternoon. Ask Guy Harkness, who came dressed in his shorts. He looked like an icicle when the tournament was over. The "refreshment" cart, driven by Patti Francis did a brisk business despite the weather.

But the weather did not dampen the spirits or the play for the afternoon. Everyone had a great time. And we had some incredible scores!

The long-running rivalry between John Francis's team and Jim Sellers' team maintained its good-humored intensity, with Team Francis donning specially-made hats to commemorate their victory last year. They did their very best, but in the end got beaten out by an eleven under score by the first year participants on the Merrill Lynch team.

We would like to thank all of our hole and corporate sponsors. They were: Harkness Enterprises, Merrill Lynch, Miller Management Systems, B&L Bank of Lexington, Super 8 of Richmond, Baker Memorials of Lexington, Richmond Commercial Printing, Steven Terry Agency of Lexington, IMA of Kansas, Bukaty Companies of Leawood, Kansas, John Francis, '83, National Management Resources of Lexington, Ameriserve Food Service of Columbia, MO, and the Lexington School District. We also want to thank Frank Hugelmann, '74 for coordinating the Ed Ellis Golf Tournament.

The Merrill Lynch team consisted of Jonathan Dold, Jared Gudenkauf, Kevin Blick and Cameron Smith. This was the first year that this team had participated in the golf tournament. Merrill Lynch was a corporate sponsor of the Golf Tournament this year. We were happy to have this team with us and hope that they can participate next year.



Dates To Remember

❖ **October 6:** Annual Alumni Association Business Meeting, 10 AM.

❖ **March, 2013:** Arizona Spring Training Rally

❖ **October 4-5: Homecoming** - Lexington, MO.

Merrill Lynch Recognized

Merrill Lynch was recognized by the Wentworth Alumni Association as a first year corporate sponsor of our Homecoming Commander Ed Ellis golf tournament. That recognition is commemorated with the plaque shown in the picture below as Al McCormick, Director of Alumni Relations at Wentworth presents the plaque to Jonathan Dold.

Also shown in the picture, Alumni President Jim Wright presents the Commander Ed Ellis trophy to the winning Merrill Lynch team.

We are sure that the Wentworth Alumni teams will be out for blood at next year's Commander Ed Ellis Homecoming Tournament. Our congratulations to the team members Jonathan Dold, Jared Gudenkauf, Kevin Blick, and Cameron Smith.

IMA Corporation Recognized

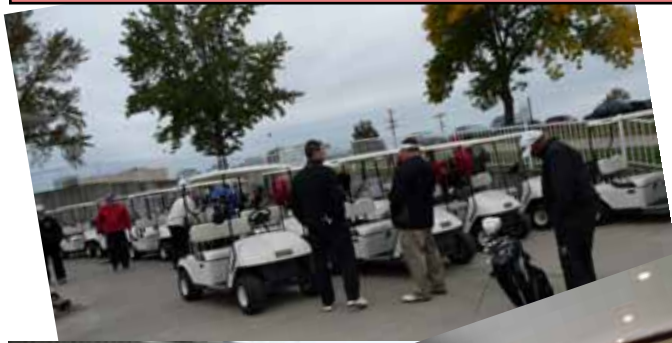
IMA Corporation was recognized by the Alumni Association for their two year sponsorship as a tournament sponsor of the annual Ed Ellis golf tournament during Homecoming. Pictured below, left to right are Al McCormick, Alumni Association, Ryan Keller, and Tracey Nash of IMA and Jim Wright, President of the Alumni Association who presented a plaque of recognition.

IMA Corporation was recruited by COL. Michael Lierman, Superintendent of Wentworth and two-years running top recruiter for golf tournament sponsors. Wentworth has done business with IMA for many years.



Left to right: Al McCormick, Jonathan Dold, Greg Sherf, Jim Wright Jared Gudenkauf, Kevin Blick, Steve Pryor

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Reflections on Homecoming 2012

by Kathy Cormany

As the wife of Jim Cormany (JC '61), I'd like to share some reflections on this past homecoming weekend, 2012.

Last year was the first time that Jim and I had attended homecoming. We didn't know what to expect, not having been back in 50 years, and the weekend's events exceeded our highest expectations. So naturally we wanted to come back again this year.

The whole weekend was amazing, starting out with Norma Maring greeting me by name when we stopped in the Alumni Hall on Thursday afternoon. (We hadn't been across the street yet to pick up our registration materials and name badges). Norma hadn't seen me in a year and hadn't known me before last year but she still greeted me with a "Hi Kathy, how are you? It's good to see you!" Thank you Norma, for making me feel like I truly belonged.

We enjoyed eating with the Corps for lunch on Friday and while last year we got to stand outside and watch them get into formation and march into the dining hall, it was interesting this year to be in the dining hall and watch them march in and take their places at the tables. Kudos goes to the dining hall kitchen staff for whipping up some of the best vegetable beef soup that I've ever had in my life.

It was fun to watch Jim connect up with old friends (and after last year some were my friends too), and make new friends. It was fun to listen to stories and experiences from 50 years ago being shared between Old Boys and cadets. Even the unseasonably cool weather didn't dampen the spirits of alumni and cadets alike. We all simply put on another layer of clothing! Having the new Wentworth neck scarves available for purchase at Saturday afternoon's football game was a stroke of genius!

For me, the women's volleyball tournament was a special treat. As a first year teacher some 40 years ago, I coached the High School JV Girl's volleyball team and I enjoyed sitting in the stands cheering on 'my' Wentworth women.

This year the special Sunday event was the rededication of the Vietnam Helicopter Memorial. I had come prepared to stand outside in the cold to witness the rededication; instead it took place in the field house. The ceremony was very emotional, and the dress parade afterwards was especially inspiring. It reminded me somewhat of when I filled in on the co-ed ROTC drill team when in college.

A special Thank You goes to Col. Sellers and his family for opening their home to us for both the Friday evening reception and the Sunday morning reception. His daughters are very gracious and lovely young ladies (we didn't get to meet Billy but I'm sure he's an exceptional young man), and his cat even seemed to enjoy the extra attention. The food and fellowship were fantastic and the Sunday events capped off an outstanding weekend.

It was hard to leave on Sunday, especially since the weather had finally started to get nice and warm up. If there were any glitches in the weekend, they were well hidden. I've thanked them before but I'll thank them again, THANK YOU to everyone who had a hand in pulling off another great homecoming/reunion weekend. We're planning right now to come back next year. How could we miss Norma's 80th birthday bash? The question was raised as to whether the field house would be large enough to handle all of the well wishers. I'm thinking it might take something more on the order of the size of the football field!



More Reflections on Homecoming 2012

By Jim Cormany, '61

My wife has covered most of the reflections in her article, but I wanted to share a couple of personal ones of my own.

One of the surprises at the rededication of the Vietnam Helicopter Memorial service, was the Alumni Flag Ceremony. Never participating in one before, I didn't know what to expect when Butch Beall, '61 grabbed me and practically dragged me with him as he was saying "Come on! I've done these before. Come on!" Standing in the circle of Old Boys in front of the color guard and watching the flag make its way toward me and my feelings when the flag stopped in front of me and I kissed it, is an experience that I still can't quite put into words. I realized then just how much the flag means to me and the supreme sacrifice that so many have made on our behalf, which the flag represents. The ceremony was something that I hadn't experienced before and is something that I will remember forever.

Another thing that brought back some fond memories was when my wife and I were leaving the stadium on Saturday and were walking behind the bleachers. There was a group of cadets talking and trying to stay warm. All I had to say was "Make a hole!" and everybody quickly moved out of the way. Just like it was back when I was a cadet.

I'd like to thank the cadets who willingly listened to my stories of cadet life at Wentworth 51 years ago. Many things have changed but it's amazing how much has stayed the same over the past many years.

My wife and I are very much looking forward to coming back for Homecoming 2013.

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The Red Dragon Ambassador Program

. The Red Dragon Ambassador Program, a program designed by the WMA Alumni Association and Wentworth Military Academy and College, is designed to provide a means for Wentworth Alumni to assist in the recruitment of new Cadets in a controlled and positive manner. This program will enable the Wentworth Admissions Team to cover all potential recruiting more effectively. It will add another layer of contact with potential Cadets.

Knowledgeable and successful Alumni can assist the Wentworth Military Academy and College and its staff in many areas. One of the most important areas is in the recruitment of new Cadets. As WMA grows, so do the programs that the school can provide. By finding high quality, eligible new Cadets, Old Boys can effectively assist the school in its efforts to grow. Coordination between Alumni and the WMA staff is the key to making this program a success. Alumni must work in direct coordination with the Alumni Office and The Director of Admissions in order for this program to be successful.

This program is available to all Alumni, around the world. However, as will be seen below, initially the school is planning on targeting several major areas in the United States. However, anyone, no matter what their geographic location, is welcome to assist in this effort.

In order to accomplish this, we need Alumni volunteers who wish to take the time, and make the effort to support this program. Alumni need to have: a. The desire to recruit new Cadets. b. The time to recruit new Cadets. c. The social skills necessary to recruit new Cadets. d. The training, which will be provided by the Director of Admissions, to recruit new Cadets. e. The necessary school oriented information, which will be provided, thru the Alumni Office, by the Director of Admissions. The ability to talk with prospective parents and Cadets by phone and in person and discuss their experiences at Wentworth, what enrollment entails, and evaluate the prospective Cadet to ensure that acceptable standards are maintained. g. The ability, time, and desire to attend selected High School and College recruiting

Fairs with a member of the WMA staff.

Interested Alumni should contact Al McCormick in the Alumni Office to announce their interest in the program.

Initially, the school has identified ten regions in the country where they will launch the program. These are: Texas/Oklahoma, Arizona, Colorado, Missouri (divided into three sub regions- St. Louis, Kansas City, and Southern Missouri), California, Iowa/Nebraska, Washington DC/Northern Virginia, Arkansas, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

For those Alumni interested in becoming a Red Dragon Ambassador, please contact the Director of Alumni Relations, Al McCormick, amccormick@wma.edu, 816-255-0641. or the President of Alumni Association, Jim Wright, jimwright@kc.rr.com, 913-642-2219.

Red Dragon Ambassador Program Thanks

Thanks to Frank Garrett, '66 who recently recommended a candidate for our R.O.T.C. program, for Fall 2013. The candidate has applied.

Also thanks to Richard "Dick" Hudson, '54 who recently recommended a candidate for our Summer School program. The candidate's father is very interested.



A Heartfelt Challenge

by Jacobo Sherman, '93

Dear Fellow Members of the 103rd Corps of Cadets at Wentworth

It is with great sorrow and sadness that you must have heard by now our classmate and friend David Villarreal was kidnapped and murdered just a couple weeks before he planned to return to Wentworth for Homecoming. This was going to be the first time that David would come back to WMA after he left Wentworth. If this is the first you've heard of this tragedy, I am sorry to bring such sad news.

A few of our classmates and myself have been discussing how to respond to the loss of our friend. We think that a perfect way to honor David, the way we will always remember him, is by creating a Scholarship Fund in David's name. That way, David's life and too-early death will brighten the life of some future cadet at Wentworth, where we all got to know David. The scholarship will be given to a cadet at Wentworth, with a preference for cadets like David; soccer players and natural leaders among the Cadet Corps.

If we all get together it will be very easy to build up a scholarship in his honor. I know we can all do it.

I would like for us, together, to pledge at least \$5,000 per year in David's memory, and I hope we can exceed that. I am pledging \$200 per year for 20 years. Would you please consider joining us in keeping the memory of David alive at Wentworth with a pledge in whatever amount fits within your budget? (Personally, I am using the monthly withdrawal program to spread the payments over the course of the year. You can set that up at this site - <https://wma.edu/Giving/recurring/>). If you have any questions about how to do it, you can call Dan Ryan at the school; his direct dial is 660-259-6020, and his email address is dryan@wma.edu.

I am not ashamed to admit that I teared up several times during homecoming. We are not cadets anymore, but we are too young to lose our friends, especially in such a an awful manner. I want David to live on at Wentworth, and I hope you do too.

All the time during Homecoming, I know David was in spirit with us.

Sincerely yours, Jacobo Sherman. OR SHERMDOG



David Villarreal

A Look Back, Class of '72

by Al McCormick, '67

Pictured here is Mark A. Welsh '72 (Falcon graduate) from commencement May 18, 1972. Cadet Mark A. Welsh is presented 2nd place in the Best all-around athlete in Junior College. Presenting the award is Major Merle Gibson, Athletic Director.

That was 1972. On August 10, 2012, General Mark A. Welsh III became the Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force. His confirmation makes him the 20th person to serve as the senior uniformed officer in the U.S. Air Force.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, General Welsh entered the Air Force in June 1976 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. General Welsh is the second Wentworth alumnus to serve as a General Officer along with U.S. Army General Bill Hoge, class of 1908.



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--1950s--

 **George Reece, '57.** George Reece is recovering from a medical procedure and doing well. Cards and well wishes can be sent to his home at: 4826 E. Delta Ave, Mesa, AZ. 85206 or greece4@cox.net

 **Dr. Dennis Mallory, '59.** The following is reprinted with permission from the Toledo Chronicle, Tama News-Herald, John Speer, Editor

Dr. Dennis Mallory nominated as Rural Health Champion

"Tama County Public Health & Home Care (TCPH & HC) joins the Iowa Department of Public Health Office of Rural Health in celebrating National Rural Health Day on Nov. 15, 2012.

"National Rural Health Day in Iowa is an opportunity to honor individuals who have been outstanding in their healthcare service to rural communities. TCPH & HC is pleased to announce their nomination of Dr. Dennis Mallory, Toledo, as a "Rural Health Champion."

"Dr. Mallory has served on the Tama County Board of Health since 1989, the last 21 years as the Board Chairman.

"His leadership on the Board has been exemplary, rarely missing one of the monthly meetings and mentoring new members. Because of his affiliation with numerous other local, state, and national health related organizations and initiatives; he has extensive knowledge of issues that impact rural health care in Tama County. He is always enthusiastic in imparting his wisdom and understanding of such topics to the Board and the local public health agency staff. Under his devoted leadership, he has provided guidance to the Agency's governing board, administration and Advisory Board, upon which he also serves, in policies and decisions which have focused on quality care to our rural citizens.

"Dr. Mallory is well known in the local community having been commissioned by the United States

Public Health Service in 1975 to serve in a Rural Health Clinic in Toledo.

"Emergency Medical Services was in its formative years at that time and Dr. Mallory served for years as instructor, lecturer and speaker to community organizations, both local and state.

"Upon retirement from active practice in 2005, Dr. Mallory commented on the many programs that enable citizens of rural Iowa to have access to a medical provider and the importance of the local communities having hard working, compassionate and caring citizens who do good works every day to take care of families and others. He added, "I am proud to say that I am from Tama County. Thanks for giving so much to a country doctor." He continues to serve as EMS Medical Director as well as Chief Medical Examiner in Tama County.

"At the national and state levels, Dr. Mallory has been President of the Iowa Chapter of the American Medical Directors Association, serves on the Iowa EMS Systems Standards committee, served on the Iowa Public Health Standards Workforce, is a member of the Long Term Care of Joint Commission, is a member of the Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network Advisory Committee. He views each appointment and service on the various committees and boards as a privilege and an opportunity to give a rural medicine view, as well as an asset that he can bring back locally to improve rural healthcare.

"Over the past 10 months, Dr. Mallory has had another venue in which to exhibit his fortitude, positive attitude and at times, humor. In February of 2012, he was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer. Throughout chemotherapy and radiation treatments, Dr. Mallory has continued to serve as Board of Health Chairperson and keep abreast of rural health issues. Calling himself "diseased and elderly" he remains a true champion for the rural health population and every individual. His work is not done yet."

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--1960s--

☞ We heard from **Marshall “Butch” Beall**, '61 “Big Al...notice the very fine WMA Alumni fleece shirt...available at the QMASTER store. Young Master Julian Allen Receiving instruction on how to use a pen for note taking during class.” Good man Butch, it's never too early to begin planning a Wentworth career!



☞ **Don Hamblin**, '67 (On behalf of The Russ Hamblin Scholarship fund). “Just want to again thank those who donated to Russ’ scholarship fund:

I would like to personally thank all those who donated to the Russ Hamblin Band Scholarship fund. A fitting tribute to one who carried his memories and experiences of the Wentworth Band close to his heart throughout his life. Knowing his pride in “The All American Marching and Playing Band” will be playing a significant part in this year’s organization gave him extra meaning to his dedication. Thank you, Don Hamblin, WMA, Headquarters Company & Band, '67

☞ **Chuck Samuel**, '62. Al McCormick caught up with Chuck Samuel, '62 on Saturday, October 20th at the Mid Continent Library in Smithville, Mo.

Chuck was participating in a Veterans salute commemorating the 50th anniversary of Vietnam. As a member of the Kansas City Military Collectors Club, Chuck was invited to display some of his collectibles, among them a rifle collection that is among the best around. Chuck, who frequently is invited to many similar events shared space with almost thirty other exhibitors ranging from Buffalo Soldiers to Korean War veterans, the National World War Museum, The Vietnam Helicopter pilots association and many more. It was a beautiful day and the crowd was warmed up by the American Legion Band of Greater Kansas City prior to the program.

Congratulations Chuck not on only a great collection but for your volunteerism and your investment of time to preserve history.

☞ **John Fotenos**, '67. John Fotenos is home recovering from major surgery. Cards and well wishes can be sent to his home at, 1414 N. Tejon, Colorado Springs, CO 80907 or cfotenos@msn.com. He would love to hear from you!



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--1970s--

☞ **Fr. John Himes, '70** reports “ God’s peace. Saw your note on the Facebook page. Updating from my world. I have completed my doctoral dissertation and will be receiving a doctorate from Nashotah Theological Seminary in Nashotah Wisconsin. I graduated from WMA in 1970. Fr. John M. Himes, OSF, Rector Trinity Episcopal Church, Marshall, TX.”

☞ **Dr. Jon Bradrick '73.** Dr. Jon Bradrick has donated his dress blue uniform coat to the Alumni Department for our use in future displays. Thank You Sir!

--1980s--

☞ **COL. Mike Ceroli , '81.** Mike Ceroli has moved from Hawaii to the Raleigh area and remains on active duty.

☞ **COL. Mark McCarter, '85.** Class of 1985 Old Boy Retired into Consequence Management Program

Colonel (Retired) Mark McCarter '85 is a part time partner that helps citizens, business leaders, students, and companies develop their understanding of the fundamentals of consequence management. His goals are to promote a broader understanding of how the disaster management system works so we, as citizens and business leaders, can grasp where we need to prepare to help and prepare ourselves for disasters within our community. If Col McCarter can help your business or home in some way, by all means, get in touch with him at mark@cmtrainer.com or go to his company's website www.cmtrainer.com. Check out Advantage, LLC

Col McCarter has primarily taught the college course Fundamentals of Consequence Management Online over the last 6 months, however, his 28 years of experience in leadership from planning, prevention, response, to recovery in both management and leadership roles has shaped

his experience nicely. McCarter retired in May 2011 as the Director of Plans, Operations, Training for the Missouri National Guard. For some of you, you may recognize the position as the Missouri National Guard, Joint Force Headquarters J3/5/7 and MO ARNG G3. During his tenure of the J3/5/7 he was the strategic planner for the Governor's inauguration, several federally and state declared disasters which included the Southeast Missouri Ice Storm, Snow Storms, Floods of 2008 and many more. During that time, he was appointed to the Governor's Homeland Security Advisory Board. He is a national recognized strategic planner for disaster response by the National Guard Bureau and has been invited to speak on many occasions to train new leaders across the country.

Col McCarter credits now passed, WMA Jr College Basketball Coach Jay Allard as the turning point in his life. “If he hadn't offered an opportunity to attend WMA as an athlete, I would have followed through with my enlistment in the field artillery. Which would have led to a much different life.” Coach Allard coordinated with then Maj Samuel Alexander in the ROTC department and removed his enlistment and contracted McCarter in the ROTC program...the rest is history.

After graduation from WMA, Col McCarter completed his BS in Aviation Technology, MS in Aviation Safety, and was chosen to attend the National War College graduating in the class of 2005 with a MS in National Security Strategy. Col McCarter has been awarded the Legion of Merit, 7 Meritorious Service Medals, the Air Medal, Senior Army Aviator Badge and many more medals and achievements that include the top two Missouri Awards - Missouri Meritorious Service Medal and the Missouri Conspicuous Service Medal.


As a retired Colonel and father he enjoys time with his wife Joni, their 6 children and 4 grandchildren, Jaymee Quinn, Jordyn Botkins, Justin Botkins, Mackenzie McCarter, Morgan McCarter,

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and Maclaine McCarter. Jaymee, Joni's oldest is married to Joe Quinn and have 4 beautiful children and live in Joplin. Wonderful mother and daughter. Jordan lives in Monroe City, Missouri and works for Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Mackenzie attends MU as a Freshman, Justin attends Moberly Area Community College in Hannibal and is intending to transfer to Columbia College in Jefferson City. Morgan is a Junior attending Blair Oaks High School, and Maclaine is a 6th Grader also of the Blair Oaks School District in the Jefferson City, Missouri area. Mark intends on staying in the Jefferson City/Blair Oaks area until Maclaine finishes high school...then there is just no telling where life will take them. So as you can see, there is a lot to do in the McCarter household and to top that off, McCarter volunteers as a Kiwanis member and Court Appointed Advocate for 2 cases in Cole County.

 **Francisco Palacio, '82**, Echo Company reports: "As some of you recently saw via Social Media, my wife and I just became U.S. Citizens.

"For me, this completed something that somehow started at Wentworth. Meaning, it was there that for the first time I was exposed to Key Core Values that make this Country the Leader of The Free World – all within the setting of an Army J.R.O.T.C Program designed to teach personal responsibility, frame and guide our potential as leaders, and above all, realize the power the U.S. Military embodies – through its people, volunteers willing to serve their country, help others find their way up into civilization, and overall, keep the planet safe for most everyone around.

"As the Federal Judge reminded us at the Oath of Allegiance Ceremony, it goes beyond merely being able to serve as a Juror in a Court of Law, but also, it entails extended responsibilities that enter the Public Arena – starting with something as simple as the Right to Vote in a General Election, all the way to becoming a Public Servant. This Judge repeated this admonition sev-

eral times, also encouraging us new Citizens to promptly make our way to Washington D.C. – as to understand more about the history and vitality of America.

"Having witnessed first hand the historic recounts in Florida back in 2000, I was really excited by being a part of this election. Did what I could to share with my friends in what is called "Get Out The Vote" and even managed to make a few phone calls a week ahead of the Election. It was rather encouraging to hear people who had either already voted – or were enthused about our phone calls, to remind them about an specific Candidate's profile.

"Was it Public Service? I don't know, but now that the analysis has been done, seeing how relevant the so-called "Ground Game" apparently was, in insuring turnout, I felt that it was something to feel great about – and now that I have moved to Iowa, well, perhaps something to participate with even more enthusiasm, as the state prides itself on being a Bellwether during the Primary Season. So thanks to America for allowing us newly assimilated participants to share in the future of its political direction – and to Wentworth, for insuring those Civic Core Values remain a Foundation throughout all these past thirty plus years."

Editor's Note: I could not help myself, I was overcome with emotion as I read what Francisco Palacio wrote. I cannot help but be overwhelmed by the blessings that have been bestowed on all of us. We are so fortunate to be a part of a Country that can generate this type of emotion and patriotism. Also, we are so very fortunate to be associated with a school that has not lost its focus and teaches all of the high values that have lead so many people.

My sincerest congratulations to Francisco on becoming an American Citizen and on the life that he has lead. You can congratulate Francisco at francisco.j.palacio@gmail.com. Jim Wright

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--2000s--

👉 **Major Josh Richey, 2000.** “As you know I am in Afghanistan right now. I’m set to come home after the new year, and hoping the Army comes through with an assignment to the KC area or out east in Virginia. Still hanging on to the same girl I proposed to on Campus in 2002. We’ve manage to produce 3 daughters, and are doing as well as can be expected, given the last ten years of deployments, schools, and moves set forth by the Army. I pinned Major in September 2011, right after moving to Fort Knox from Fort Hood. I was at Fort Leavenworth in January of 2012 and stopped by the Academy and had a nice stroll down memory lane with MAJ Lonnie Sutton (I still remember him as a MAJ from my days) and also picked up some sweet new sweatshirts and shirts from the QM. My Regards to all my Old Boys. “En Dieu Est Tout”.”

👉 Joel Fowler, 2009 reports: “The big news in my life is that in May I graduated from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities with a B.A. in History. I jumped right back into school a month later and in May 2013 I will receive my Master’s of Education and Minnesota Teacher’s License in 5-12 Social Studies. Life has been jam-packed with school and fun but it has been well worth it. Hopefully one day down the road (after I settle in to real life) I will be keeping the option of coming back to Wentworth to teach.

I hope all is well with the Academy. I hear about a lot of great things that are going on down there and I am very happy to see the school continue to be moving in the right direction!”



--2010s--

👉 **Matt Wyman, 2012** recently sent an update concerning several of his WMA classmates. We thank him for the updates. Keep up the good work! He reports that “I am very happy to inform you that I have been accepted into the Apprentice program at Huntington Ingalls Industry! Around 6,000 people applied, 2,000 people were called for an interview, and they only hired around 200 (they do this in groups). I will be an Apprentice Pipe Fitter and the apprenticeship will last 5 years. After the 5 years I will become a Journeyman Pipe Fitter.

During the apprenticeship I will be working in the ship yard and going to their school. The schooling is paid by Huntington and they pay me to learn and work. Huntington Ingalls Industry Employs around 38,000 people and they build nuclear aircraft carriers and submarines for the U.S. Navy.”

👉 **Randy Graf Jr., 2011.** “Since my graduation from Wentworth, 2011, I have continued my degree path at Grand Canyon University studying nursing with an expected graduation of December 2013. I have also realized the opportunity to serve in the Arizona National Guard as a platoon leader and rear detachment commander thus far into my officer career. I plan on continuing my career as an army nurse after graduation with my Bachelors degree, with practice focusing on Intensive care or trauma.” 2nd Lt. Randy Graf jr

👉 **2nd Lt. Lucas Hobbs, 2012 reports** “I’m doing very well, living in Sacramento, CA, going to CSU, Sacramento. I’m in an mo company in the national guard and I also joined a fraternity. Pi Kappa Alpha. Schools going well, couldn’t be happier.”


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 **Augustus (Gus) Jensen, 2012** (Falcon Graduate)

Gus reports he took part in a scrimmage game between players wanting to walk on to play NCAA Division 1 Soccer for USAFA vs. recruits who were recruited by the USAFA. The “walk-ons” won the game 2-0. Jensen scored the winning goal and is now officially a member of the United States Air Force Academy (NCAA Division 1) College Soccer Team! Congratulations Gus!



 **Matt Dandorf, 2012** “I’m living in Independence, and am currently working at Zio’s Italian Kitchen, as a Host. I’ve opened a Business through Amway Global and enjoy doing it. I’m going to attend college at Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri in the fall, which I will be running Cross Country, Track and Field indoors and outdoors.

My declared Major and Minor are Small Business Development and Public Relations. I’m looking forward to joining their TEK Fraternity in honor of my Father who was a former TEK in his college days, and to also have a bit of fun.



Some History

by Al McCormick, '67

Taken from the Trumpeter Newspaper, Saturday, January 23, 1937

The following article was noticed while I was researching some old Trumpeter newspapers for a book project, it caught my eye and I decided to share it with you. I cannot make any claim to the truth or fiction of the article, I’m only reporting what I found. I hope you find it enjoyable as did I. Al McCormick.

“Founder of Military at Academy Dies.

“Eph King, a member of the first class at Wentworth Military, and founder of military there, died this month in St. Louis.

“Mr. King entered with the first class in 1880 and remained here two years. During his student days he was a member of the national guard in Lexington and asked Colonel Sanford Sellers for permission to organize a military unit at the Academy. His doing so suggested the idea of turning Wentworth into a regular military school, a thing that was done the next year. Little did he realize the importance of this step; it was the beginning of the oldest military academy west of the Mississippi with a continuous existence.

“For several years prior to his death, Mr. King had been in ill health. Until that time he was a conductor on the Missouri Pacific railroad.

“He was related to the Blackwell’s in Lexington.”

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A Look Back-August 1967 - Peg Kopman-Owens

by Al McCormick, '67

We recently heard from Peg Kopman-Owens one of five females who attended Wentworth Summer School in 1967. She has been busy writing a series of mysteries which can be found at: www.Amazon.com (search under KOPMAN-OWENS) In addition Peg also had this remembrance to share with us.

"Michael and I returned to the U.S. from Europe late this past summer, having spent time in Paris, Strasbourg, and Vienna. We spend much of our travel time overseas, now that we are both retired from aviation.

"Our choice of careers allowed us to visit and work in thirty-five countries on five continents. After more than twenty years as a commercial airlines flight attendant, I became a flight attendant for corporate and private jets. Working in crew scheduling, flight planning, charter sales, my professional "education" ended with my last position as a marketing director for an international private jet corporation.

"My summer school class at WMA was American History with Captain Gibson. The female summer school students wore civilian clothes as females were not issued uniforms, nor admitted to the general population of cadets during the regular academic year. That would happen later.

The other students were accepting of us, probably, because we were a bit of a novelty in those years. Our classmates were always respectful and kind to us, as were all of the officers and instructors. There were many foreign students in summer school and their stories about their countries, and their reasons for choosing WMA, were enlightening and inspiring.

Wentworth Military Academy had a hand in forming my ideas and attitudes about the world. I hope that it will continue to provide an academic environment, which encourages tolerance of cultural differences and acceptance of others, regardless of origin or gender.



Rifle Range Update

Editors note: Joe Neff Basore jr. '71 had fond memories of the old rifle range and provided a generous contribution towards much needed equipment. The following is a short message that we received from Major (Ret), USA Ed Fiora, who is the Senior Army Instructor at WMA and is in-charge of the school's rifle range.

"Rifle Team Practice began this week. Thanks to the donation the equipment we received has allowed JROTC to increase the size of the rifle team from 10 to over 21 cadets.

Currently we can fire 10 cadets at a time. When we finish moving the wall back we will be able to fire 15 shooters at one time.

This project had an immediate impact on improving student life on campus. Thank You again for the generous donation from Mr. Joe Basore!



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IKE SKELTON'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF THE 2012 SYLVANUS THAYER AWARD WEST POINT, NEW YORK, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012

Colonel William Sellers, President of Wentworth Military Academy and Regis McDonald, a member of the WMA Board of Trustees, attended the presentation to Ike Skelton, '51 of the West Point Association of Graduates 2012 Thayer Award. The Ceremony included a Reception at The West Point Club, review of the Corps of Cadets by The Honorable Ike Skelton, and Dinner. It was a great event that was filled with rich military pageantry and patriotism. Below is Ike Skelton's acceptance speech.



Thank you General Huntoon, Mr. Glore, members of the West Point Corps of Cadets, ladies and gentlemen. The great Roman Orator, Cicero, once said that gratitude is the greatest of all virtues. I am so very grateful to the West Point Association of Graduates for this distinct honor of the Sylvanus Thayer Award. Words cannot fully express my heartfelt appreciation. You see, as a high school student at Wentworth Military Academy in my hometown of Lexington, Missouri, it was my dream to come to West Point and to embark on an Army career. Instead, rather than West Point being in my future, I found myself a patient at the polio hospital at Warm Springs, Georgia. Thus, my being with you today is in a sense a fulfillment of my teenage dream. Though it is 63 years later than I had anticipated, I am nevertheless elated beyond measure. But despite my illness, my interests in things military did not fade. Through the years, I took up the hobby of studying American military history, little realizing at the time how much that hobby would someday hold me in good stead as a Member of Congress serving on the House Armed Services Committee.

First, I want to congratulate each member of the West Point Corps of Cadets for your dedication and willingness to join the American Profession of Arms. The Profession of Arms is actually more than a profession; it is a calling. During my 34 years in Congress, I had the honor to appoint Missourians to West Point to join the profession. The purpose of this profession is to protect and maintain a secure America. No calling is more important to your fellow countrymen, and your West Point experience will prepare you well to serve our country in the years ahead.

After your last parade, when you take your oath as a commissioned officer, you will enter the ranks of the finest military our country has ever produced. You will carry with you the spirit of Duty, Honor, Country wherever you go.

The profession that you have chosen, the Profession of Arms, is a calling which will require the utmost of your efforts, and offer you rare opportunities for leadership. The world you will enter is an uncertain and dangerous world. Potentially, it is more dangerous now than in many years; you could face errant countries, insurgencies, cyber-warfare, or domestic disasters. The Kingston Trio expressed it right with the ragtime Merry Minuet lyrics:

They're rioting in Africa
They're starving in Spain
There's hurricanes in Florida and Texas needs rain

Your days and years in uniform may be the most challenging in your life. You will join a military that will be returning home after more than 11 years of conflict; many service members returning from de-

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ployments will be tired, and many will be mature beyond their years. They will also be occupied with tasks related to resetting their lives, training, and studying for future threats and engagements. These veterans have laid the foundation for you to give the best that is in you to someday be a great captain in your own right.

But I urge you to take advantage of the opportunity to learn from these veterans of the battlefield, whose experience and expertise will help you grow as a soldier, improve as an officer, and enhance your ability to serve our nation. Much of your personal and professional development will be shaped by what you learn from these important mentors and colleagues.

Many who have come before you have brought great distinction to the Corps of Cadets and to our country. I have been privileged to know many West Point graduates, from those who served as platoon leaders to those who wore stars on their shoulders. Each was a credit to West Point and to our nation. There are three West Point graduates who are my personal heroes, who epitomize the words: Duty, Honor, Country. Two are from my hometown of Lexington, Missouri, and one is from Texas, and I would like to tell you a bit about them.

Lieutenant Hector Polla: Hector Polla of Lexington was the son of Italian immigrant parents. He tried for three years, unsuccessfully, to obtain an appointment to West Point. During that time, he attended Wentworth Military Academy Junior College. Finally, in 1937, Congressman W. L. Nelson nominated him to attend the Academy.

Hector graduated in June 1941 and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army. After the infantry basic course, he reported for duty in the Philippine Islands, assigned to the Philippine Scouts. As you know, the Japanese attacked the Philippines on December 8, 1941.

For his actions during the heroic defense of Bataan, Lieutenant Polla was awarded the Silver Star Medal. As a prisoner of the Japanese, Lieutenant Polla survived the Bataan Death March and nearly three years in the Cabanatuan Prison Camp.

In December 1944, he was placed on a Japanese ship to be taken to Japan for slave labor. When American Navy planes bombed the ship, Lieutenant Polla swam to shore, but was soon re-captured. He was then placed aboard another ship, which was bombed by the American Forces off Formosa. Lieutenant Polla died of wounds resulting from this attack. Neither of the Japanese ships flew prisoner of war flags to notify American pilots that POWs were aboard. Survivors of the Cabanatuan Prison Camp praised him for his leadership, fortitude, and skill. Today, the new road leading into Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri that winds through the Ozark Hills into the West Gate is known as the Hector Polla Road.

General William M. Hoge: William M. Hoge graduated from Wentworth Military Academy in 1911 as the top ranking high school cadet. He received an appointment to West Point and graduated in 1916, being commandeered in the Engineering Corps. His first assignment was on the Mexican border. In 1917, he married his childhood sweetheart, Nettie Frendall, of Lexington. In 1918, he sailed to France, was promoted to Major, and took command of a battalion. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Pershing for extraordinary heroism near Brulles, France, having supervised the construction of a bridge over the Muse River under direct shell fire. In 1935, he commanded a Philippine Scout construction battalion in Bataan under the leadership of General Douglas MacArthur. In 1942, he built the Alcan Highway across northwestern Canada into Alaska. On D-Day, June 6, 1944, he coordinated assault troops coming ashore on Omaha Beach, at which time he met up with his son, who was also a West Point graduate. He was involved with the defense of St. Vith during the Battle of the Bulge. As a leader of a combat command with the Ninth Armor Division, his troops captured the Remagen Bridge over the Rhine River, allowing the American Forces to establish a bridgehead. After commanding in Korea, General Hoge was assigned stateside and then to Germany as Commander-in-Chief, United States Army / Europe. He retired in 1955, returning to his childhood home of Lexington; moving next door to the Skelton home. General Hoge was a great commander to serve under, respected, admired, and a true friend of the soldier. He was also a very good neighbor. At Fort Leonard Wood, the Post Headquarters is named the William M. Hoge Building.

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Colonel Arch Barrett: During my tenure in Congress, I was incredibly fortunate to have the opportunity to work with another graduate of this great school, a man who embodied both in uniform and in civilian life the phrase Duty, Honor, Country. Air Force Colonel Arch Barrett graduated from West Point in 1957, receiving an Air Force Commission. He was a fighter pilot in Vietnam, being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, retiring from the Air Force in 1981. Armed with a Harvard University Ph.D., Colonel Barrett joined the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Armed Services Committee. Over a period of four years, he helped guide legislation that created jointness within the military. I sponsored the initial legislation in the House of Representatives and, after three years a comparable Bill was passed in the Senate, and after a House/Senate conference, this legislation was passed in its final form and became law. It is known as the Goldwater-Nichols Act, in honor of the Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman and the House Subcommittee Chairman. But for Arch Barrett's intellect and hard work, our military services would undoubtedly still today face difficulties in working together, as was the case prior to passage of the legislation in 1986. After retiring from the Armed Services Staff, he became a professor at the Navy Postgraduate School, instructing on military matters. As a result, he is a national treasure, exemplifying both in uniform and as a civilian the meaning of Duty, Honor, Country. Ladies and gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I introduce to you this outstanding American, Colonel Arch Barrett of the West Point Class of 1957. Colonel will you please stand up

Having served in Congress on the Armed Services Committee for over three decades and part of that time I was honored to serve as the Chairman of the Armed Services Committee. I have witnessed the Profession of Arms grow stronger through the years, both in intellect and deed. I am so proud of those who wore and those who today wear the American uniform. They have been and are the protectors of all that Americans hold dear.

Knowing that each of you soon will become an officer in the American military, let me give you some thoughts that might be of benefit to your career. Over scores of Congressional hearings, briefings, and visiting with American troops in the far corners of this globe, I recommend to you the following principles:

1. Understand the Constitution of the United States to which you will swear allegiance upon becoming Army Second Lieutenants. I especially direct your attention to Article 1 Section 8 which spells out the duties of Congress as they relate to you during your days in uniform; should you be asked to impart knowledge and facts to Congress, do so without color or varnish, as legislation is often passed based upon testimony by military leaders. Also, become acquainted with Article 2, Section 2 which makes the President the Commander-in-Chief of our military.

2. Become a student of the Art of War. America has historically been known to be innovative, both on and off the battlefield. Do not wait until you are assigned to a war college, but become a prolific reader of the history of warfare, particularly American military history. It is very important, and I know you have heard the saying: "history repeats itself." Mark Twain was more accurate when he said: "history does not repeat itself; but it sure rhymes a lot." In the library, you will find over 2,000 years of military experience. In my extensive work with our war colleges, both intermediate and senior, I kept in mind the admonition of Sir William Francis Butler:

"The nation that will insist on drawing a broad line of demarcation between the fighting man and the thinking man is liable to find its fighting done by fools and its thinking done by cowards."

Visit battlefields, not as a walk-through of a national park, but as an immersion in the laboratories of war.

In 1935, then Senator Harry S Truman told a college student "if you want to be a good American, then you must know your history." This student, Fred Schwengel, served 10 years in Congress and thereafter became the United States Capitol Historian.

3. Take care of your troops and their families. Remember, they are American treasures who have voluntarily chosen the military way of life. Their performance will reflect your leadership, foresight, understanding, and compassion. An encouraging word at the right time always will be welcomed.

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4. Do your best to be proficient in your specialty. You must uphold the high standards of being part of the world's greatest military. Your joint assignments will come along later in your career, but be the best soldier possible in your career field. President Truman liked to tell about the grave marker in Tombstone, Arizona which reads: Here lies Jack Williams. He done his damnest. And that is what I urge you to do.

5. Take time with your family. Your deployments will often call for separation, but when you are together, make the most of it and be a role model for any children you may be blessed to have.

6. Listen to your Sergeants. Many are filled with experience and wisdom, which is yours for the asking. Many senior Army officers have told me how they relied on the Sergeants who served with them during their early years.

These are just a few recommendations from someone who witnessed the American military from the vantage point of 34 years as a Member of Congress.

As you enter your designated positions in uniform, know that you carry with you the support, goodwill, and the full faith and confidence of all Americans. You have an obligation to ensure that your actions in your life and in your service are always deserving of the trust America bestows upon you. As each of you solemnly take your oath to our great nation, it is my hope that you will lead the charge with sword, spirit, and honor.

As you become a member of the United States Army, you will walk onto the world stage, where often the actions of a Second Lieutenant working at the tactical level can have strategic implications. The good that you can do collectively and individually will manifest the best that is in you. Troubles and challenges will surely come our way, and you may be called upon to fight and win our nation's wars to help bring about brighter days.

During the sunrise of my life, it was my dream to come to West Point. That did not happen. But now, as the sun dips toward the sunset, I am at West Point. No graduate with brand new Second Lieutenant bars could be more thrilled than I. I will cherish this medal as if it were my diploma. It is with heartfelt gratitude that I humbly say thank you. God Bless



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The following Alumni of Wentworth Military Academy passed away during 2012.

Daniel McMillin '67	05/20/2012
John F. Lott Sr. '33	06/05/2012
Robert Simon '55	08/09/2007
William C. Morton '	06/4/2012
William N. Knudsen '52	05/28/2012
Richard Rupert '45	05/27/2012
Michael TJ Howell 2005	06/08/2012
Raymond George Adolf Kamp '50	07/21/ 2012
James V. Johnson '57	07/31/ 2012
Gerald Ohlinger '72	7/29/2012
Martin (Mike) Fuser '67	7/29/2012
John B. Gilman '58	7/23/2012
Thomas M. McCrory '39	7/26/2012
Rodney D. McAlister '77	7/21/2012
Scott Namanny '76	8/8/2012
Donald A. Johnson '68	8/12/2012
Arthur R. Bryant '50	1/13/2012
Michael J. Galligan '61	7/5/2012
John W. Whipple '59	1/20/2011
James L. Gadt '48	9/1/2012
Rollin C. Shuler '60	9/04/2012
Terry Schroeder '93	5/9/2012 Former Faculty
Ralph E. Lowry '47	5/22/2012
Harry E. Stafford '49	8/17/2012
Robert Herrick '04	2/12/2012
Doug Witte '71	2/27/2012
John R. Strenger '68	4/07/2012
David Villarreal '93	9/11/2012
Samuel Van Steenbrgh '64	3/8/2012
Ralph Kennedy '70	9/6/2012
John Welty '60	9/1/2012
Don Oppenheimer '41	5/12/2012
Ken Worthington '93	9/13/2012 Former Staff
Frank Mason '43	9/24/2012
Fred I. Twiehaus '58	8/02/2012
Meritt W. Gano '63	8/31/ 2012
Jack (Bill) Morely '65	10/3/ 2012
Mathew J. McCulley '73	10/10/ 2012
Helen Hoppock '80	10/18/2012 Former Faculty
Jeremy Fuentes 2011	10/27/2012
John A. Buster '65	10/30/2012
Robert H. Morley '66	8/24/2010



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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. Please note that recent graduates automatically become members of the Alumni Association, free of charge, for two years after graduation

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 Tom Vale, '77
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 John Ratcliffe, '96
 David Ratcliffe, '98
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 Joseph Roper, '74
 Lloyd Schultz, '74
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 William (Bill) Sellers, '86
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 Tom Slover, '67
 Dale Slunicko, '59
 Steve Smith, '83
 Mary Stempel, '92
 Carl Stempel, '72
 Charles Stempel, 2005
 Michael Warne, '71
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Dalton Ray Striedel III
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Some people (John Francis, '83) really get into it.

A Look At The Past



L to R; Joe Jackson, '81, Matt Stuart '81, Scott Richart, '81, Mrs Shockley, Mike Ceroli. '81. Where are they now? We know about Mike Ceroli.

Thank You

Earlier this fall, the Alumni Association was asked to assist a Cadet in need. We did, by providing approximately \$300 to purchase an airline ticket. Here is a note that we received from her: "I would like to thank you and everyone for all the assistance with my plane ticket you have provided me. I appreciate the donations from everyone, your donations are allowing me to travel home for the holidays and spend time with my family. Again, thank you so much. I sincerely appreciate your generosity. Best Regards, Natkilla Malloy."



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