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Dates To Remember

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

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If you are interested in participating in a Regional Alumni Chapter, please contact one of the Regional Commanders above.

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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Vacant - Your Name
Could Be Here!



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President's View

By John Francis, '83

As snowflakes fall from the sky and a blanket of white powder covers the doughboy, I'm reminded of.... how flipp'n cold the BRC formation can be in January. Who remembers the days of your platoon sergeant cracking the back of your ear because your brass was not shined? The good news on campus today is everyone's brass is shined, gig lines are straight, and the uniforms are freshly pressed. Welcome 2011! I sincerely hope you and your family had a great holiday season and a prosperous 2010. Since our last newsletter a number of events have transpired at WMA resulting in positive impacts on many fronts.

First and foremost, enrollment is up! Wentworth added 30+ cadets during midterm break. As Col. Martin use to say "more cheeks in the seats is a good thing". Growth in the Cadet Corps has an obvious positive impact on the school's financial position. This, along with tighter controls on budgets, financial aid, and operational improvements, has produced a positive net income (surplus) for the 2010 fiscal year.

This resulted in the school achieving a composite financial ratio of 1.7 (out of 3) from the US Department of Education. While many schools have seen their ratio decline over recent years, Wentworth has seen a

steady increase. This is a very important benchmark that impacts the Academy on many fronts including, accreditations, scholarships, and other financial matters. Congratulations to all those involved in achieving this important milestone.

With Homecoming right around the corner, Wentworth has put out the call for band members to return to Headquarters! But we need your help.

First, plan on attending the event.

Second, call, e-mail, Facebook, Tweet, and LinkedIn any and all classmates and encourage them to attend as well. There will be practices starting Thursday evening and continuing into Saturday morning. Contact either Jim Sellers (jimsellers3@gmail.com) or the school (Al McCormick,'67) for the practice sheet music.

Check out dates listed in this newsletter for upcoming rallies in your area. The second annual Phoenix rally will be March 19 in the new Diamondback spring training stadium at Salt River fields. And yes, we have worked out the logistical challenges with the refreshment area for this year's event. Finally, I would like to toss out a big congratulation to a classmate of mine and fellow WMA old boy! Johnny Ray Miller, class of '84, was promoted to Brigadier General of the Illinois Army National Guard this January. To General Miller and all Wentworth alumni who serve our country, Thank You.

John Francis

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Read all about it!

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Director's Corner

By Al McCormick, '67

This month I yield the floor to LTC Bob Levy, Assistant Superintendent, and High School Principal. He is taking the lead and is on a mission for classroom improvements through the grants process and he is seeking assistance through our network, your friends both personal and professional. Please Note: This is not a request for Money. It is instead a request for networking assistance from the Alumni Corps.



"To Everyone on Staff, Alumni, and Parents Association:

We all know the needs in public education and certainly those needs are even greater in non for profits like ourselves.

I think every teacher would like to have more and better facilities and tools for their classroom or their department; the harsh reality is that money is tight around the world.

Thankfully there are foundations with an education bias out there and it is incumbent upon us to try and receive some of these educational funds.

The Internal Request:

I have tasked every department to research and write a proposal for grant funds towards the goal of classroom improvement. I have been involved in similar programs in the past with huge success; as long as we do our research and look for funding that is reasonable and we have the demographics to meet the grant criteria we should have some success.

Technical Support Available:

I will volunteer to assist in the research and the writing to the demographics. If any of you have been involved in this process in the past you will know there is a language all to its own in the grant writing business.

I have done some preliminary investigation into non for profit grants and there are more than we

could ever attempt to identify. Our task is to narrow our focus on improved technology, software, teaching enhancement materials, to include the arts and all of the humanities. There is a huge push now for improved science technology. Lets get out of the box and use some imagination.

I would recommend we start by department with wants and needs and then try and identify grants that are in our area of need.

Alumni and Parents Associations:

I have been in contact with the Parents Association as well as the Alumni Association seeking their support of this effort; both are enthusiastically behind this effort. The real secret is who has a connection or who knows of someone we can contact to get our foot in the door. Between these two groups we should have some great support and connections.

Although there is not a timetable for this task I want to move with some degree of urgency. I think we can provide time this Smart Friday to let the departments work together and start putting together representative tasks for each member.

I would like to see in writing your progress and ideas. Designate one person to be your team leader and let me work with that designee on the process. Obviously I want all ideas you may have at any time but the process requires some strong attention from me and the group leader.

Lets get busy!!!!!!

LTC Bob Levy
Assistant Superintendent
High School Principal"

Directors Note: **Are you interested in assisting?** Contact Al McCormick at amccormick@wma.edu. All messages will be forwarded to the appropriate on campus personnel.

Now, more from Al: Thanks for your participation during the Commandant search:

Your response to our request for assistance in spreading the word that the Commandant's position is open was overwhelming! What a great feeling it was to hear from so many of you. I can report that we have received many, many resumes from qualified high level personnel. Our Director of Business Operations was impressed

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Director's Corner

By Al McCormick, '67
Continued

with your dedication and so am I.

Thanks for your involvement and keep them coming if you are aware of a candidate.

Recruiting volunteers are being sought: Are you in a social or professional group? Are you involved in your child's high school activities and organizations? Have you met anyone whose son or daughter would benefit from Wentworth's unique program that educates them with the time-proven standards of conduct, ethical behavior, integrity, spiritual values, and service to others. Is there a High School Senior in your neighborhood who is looking at colleges? Wentworth is seeking volunteers who will assist in targeting our future cadets, and we are seeking alumni who will devote a small amount of time in expanding our network. If those families need to hear from Wentworth, you can refer them to us with your recommendation and basic information about the potential Cadet at: admissions@wma.edu

More Advanced Networking: Are you willing to assist us in the area where you live? We would accept networking volunteers who would harvest contacts at High Schools in your area and forward those to us. We are particularly interested in those within a school who have the ability and interest in referring a student to a private military school. The typical individuals are Counselors within a school or school district. Again, please contact admissions@wma.edu.

Involvement with JROTC Units: If there are High School JROTC units in your area, we are seeking individuals who would facilitate introductions/networking assistance within those units. This is again a networking opportunity. You can be a tremendous asset by harvesting contact data with your local JROTC unit's Senior Army Instructor (SAI) and reporting the information to the Academy. Basic contact vitals, including e-mail addresses, are what we need.

We recommend that you have contact with your local SAI to seek permission for us to contact them about our programs. More information can be provided to you when you volunteer. Our contact is College Admissions Director CPT Mike Bellis at mbellis@wma.edu.

Thank you again for what you accomplished with our Commandant search and thank you for what you are about to become involved in.

Sincerely, Al McCormick

Al McCormick



Headquarters Company

Top Row: Keith, Neale D., Dittmer, Hudson, Crandell, McGinness, Mikita, Schwartz, Mann, Tye, Myers, Hardy A., Dawson R., Holmquist, Cohrs R., Cohrs W., Powell R., Emmons.
Front Row: Sunday, Ratcliff, Tipps, Boles, Franklin, Turner, McKirahan, Jones, Wikoff J., Sellers S., Burr, Smith C., Isleib, King, Barrett, Sellers J. M., West R. E., MacCreary, Andrews.

Headquarters Company, 1944

Editor's Notes

By Jim Wright, '66

Well, here I am again. This is the 4th issue of **The Red Dragon** and your response to this newsletter has been fantastic!. Thank you.

As I write this, the Holidays are over and the new year is well underway. Kansas City is expecting a big snow storm today. We will see what happens. The good news is that Spring is on the way.

I have several things to discuss.

First, of course, is the 2011 Homecoming. You will see references to this big event elsewhere in this issue. However, I want to highlight several aspects. First is the all Band/Headquarters reunion. The all Alumni band will march (also ride) in the Homecoming parade through Lexington on Saturday, and during the Dress Parade on Sunday, and will probably play at other times also. You don't want to miss this! Everyone that is interested will be sent the music ahead of time so that they can practice a little (or a lot). For those that can no longer march, transportation will be provided for the parades. We want everyone to be able to participate. Also, if you no longer have your instrument, and can not borrow or rent one, let your Decade POC know, and we will try to find one for you to use. Your Decade POC is listed on page 8 of this issue. So - no excuse - plan on attending this fun event. If you want to volunteer to help with this huge undertaking or be the Decade POC for your era, please contact John Francis, '83 or Jim Sellers, '80. Of course, you can always contact Al McCormick, '67 at the school.

Also, there will be other class reunions going on during Homecoming. C.R. King, '66 is gathering together Old Boys from the 1964, 1965, and 1966 class years for a special get together. Please contact him for more information (see page 10).

And - there will be the usual class reunions held. This year it will be for the Class years of 2001 (10 year), 1986 (25 year), and 1961 (50 year) anniversaries. A commemorative medallion will be awarded to attendees of those years during the banquet.

Next is the announcement of a new benefit for members of the WMA Alumni Association. We are offering free advertising in **The Red Dragon**. Starting with the next issue, members of the Alumni Association can advertise for free in our Alumni news-

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Plan on attending a WMA Rally in your area in 2011. We will keep the listing on page 2 up-to-date with the latest information. If there is not a rally scheduled in your area, contact Al McCormick or John Francis for help in setting one up. It is not hard, is a lot of fun, and is very rewarding.

Plan on attending a work weekend at the school on August 5-7. These are great fun (and work) (although the weather could be better - a little cooler and less humid would be nice). It really is fun when you can get together, socialize, and accomplish something positive for the school.

On behalf of all of the officers and members of the Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association, I want to wish all of you the very best of what life has to offer in this new year.

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

Jim Wright



Thanks to the generosity of the Marion Ratliff estate, the Alumni House has received replacement gutters, a safety and appearance improvement

ATTENTION

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



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

Alumni Band Will Play and March During Homecoming

Pull Out Your Old Instrument and Dust It Off

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Announcing
GMC Truck Raffle Courtesy of Tom Dinsdale Automotive, Grand Island, Nebraska.
All Proceeds benefit the General fund of Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Mo.
Drawing scheduled during the Wentworth Military Ball Weekend, April 2011.
You do not need to be present to win!
Tickets \$100.00 each.



During the 2011 Military Ball Weekend, we will hold a drawing and announce the winner of a new GMC truck courtesy of Tom Dinsdale Automotive. The truck is loaded and is valued at over \$40,000.

Your purchase of a raffle ticket will benefit Wentworth Military Academy. Invite your relatives and friends to participate!

For Tickets contact alumni@wma.edu

Cadet News

by Al McCormick, '67

Congratulations to the following Wentworth athletes who have been chosen for the All District Team:

Football: Brett Clement, Alex Albaugh, Blake Doyle, Joe Bequette, and Ethan Hannah.

Soccer: Enrique Hilst, Roy Dowson, Caleb Hill, and Honorable Mention, Patrick Melvin.

Congratulations to our All District sports team cadets.

Special Thanks to Jordan Albaugh '79 who has been very supportive of the Wentworth Athletic Department in providing sports equipment and player items. Thank You Jordan!



**"The Best
thing that you
can do for
Wentworth is
to refer a po-
tential cadet"**
John Groen-
dyke, October
2005

The "Dusty Miller" Story

As many of you recall, in the Giblin Family's Snack Bar, the "Dusty Miller" was a unique and unusual treat, loved by generations of Wentworth cadets.

Wentworth Superintendent COL Mike Lierman saw Linda Giblin shortly after the 2010 Homecoming celebration. In talking with her, he inquired about the "Dusty Miller" and how it got its name. She told him that it was named after a cadet named Miller. (Wentworth has had over 100 alumni named Miller, and if any of you know his first name and years of attendance, we will publish the information in the next newsletter.) One day, Cadet Miller came into the snack bar and asked George and Bill Giblin if they would make him a sundae consisting of vanilla ice cream and chocolate syrup topped off with malt powder. George and Bill made it up, and soon the ice cream concoction proved so popular it was added to the menu board. Because malt powder was part of the ingredients, the Giblins named it the "Dusty Miller" and a Wentworth legend was born.

The "Dusty Miller" was served as the Alumni Banquet dessert during Homecoming in October of 2010. Those who attended had a real trip down memory lane. Col Lierman reports that Linda Giblin thought it was just great that we had re-created the "Dusty Miller" as part of the celebration. We hope to get the original Cadet Miller and Linda back to campus as guests of honor at our 2011 Homecoming, when we serve "Dusty Millers" once again!

WMA High School Receives Full Accreditation

by COL Bill Sellers, '86

The North Central evaluators completed their visit to Wentworth's High School in November 2010 and submitted their final Accreditation Report to faculty and staff in December.

Wentworth's high school received Full Accreditation with no concerns, which is truly outstanding. A school can receive accreditation but be marked down in one of four different areas - our accreditation had no such concerns. Dr. Mike Prater, the team leader, mentioned that of the three school districts he had recently evaluated, only one received full accreditation, and just one of two individual high schools he recently visited achieved that mark. Of the seven NCA standards (Vision and Purpose, Governance and Leadership, Teaching and Learning, Documenting and Using Results, Resources and Support Systems, Stakeholder Communication and Relationships, and Commitment to Continuous Improvement), two (Resources and Support Systems and Stakeholder Communication and Relationships) were deemed "Highly Functional" and the other five were "Operational", the two highest ratings given out.

As part of the evaluation, the team gives out "Commendations" and is also required to give at least one "Required Action".

The Commendations given out to our faculty and staff are as follows:

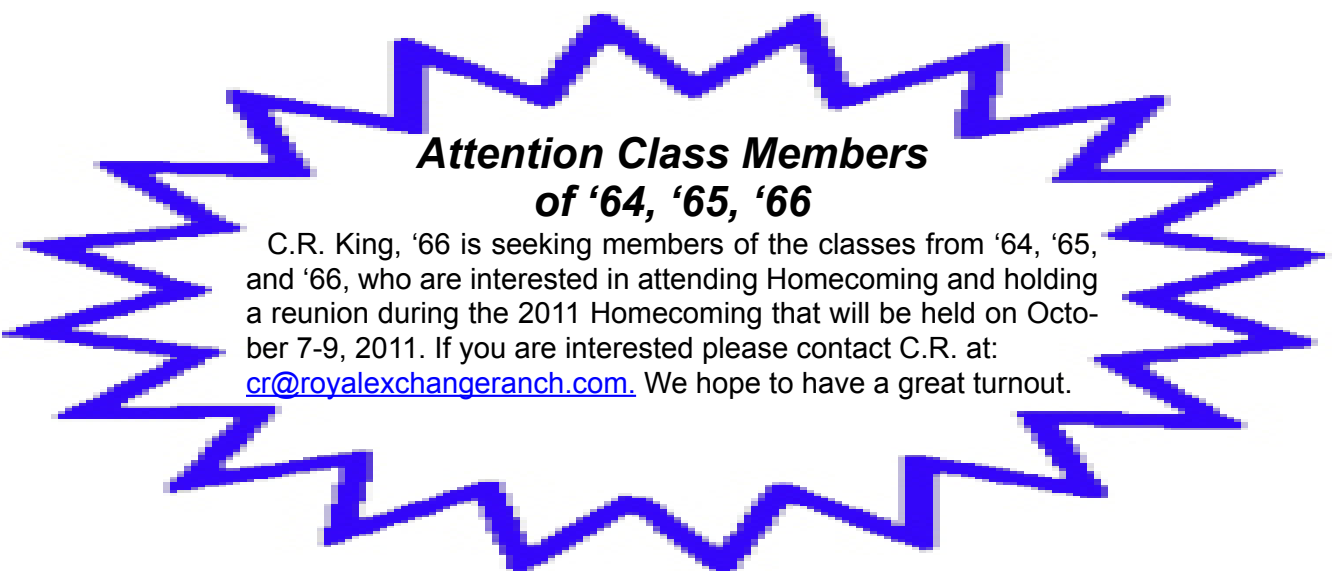
- (1) Strong school-wide focus on student performance;
- (2) A culture of commitment promotes the total well-being of students;
- (3) The school climate creates a sense of family among all stakeholders;
- (4) A strong sense of tradition projects history, dignity and pride (the team leader mentioned that with the Doughboy, the quadrangle, the Hall of Honor, the historic buildings, etc., it felt like an Ivy League campus to him).

Wentworth's two Required Actions are:

- (1) Develop and implement a long-range instructional technology plan with appropriate professional development to ensure effective integration into the curriculum;
- (2) Develop comprehensive curriculum guides with learning objectives, scope and sequence and assessments for all courses taken for credit.

High School Principal LTC Bob Levy (WMA '68) visited with the team leader as part of the exit process, and immediately outlined a plan to address those two issues, which will also be made part of Wentworth's strategic plan going forward.

All the evaluators were sincerely moved by the effort that everyone on campus puts forth to helping our students, and were impressed by the positive effects on our students. The entire High School TEAM deserves great credit for all their hard work on the North Central Accreditation Visit.



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

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

Old Boy News



↑ **Ammar Al-Mamari** and **Haitham Al-Shanfari**, both from the graduating class of 2009, visited the campus on November 5, 2010. They are now studying in Rolla, Missouri.

📖 **Bruce Palmrose**, '69 and his wife Connie visited the campus on November 15th after completing a two and one-half year teaching assignment in Prague, Czechoslovakia. They reported seeing many sites in that part of the world and talked about what a great experience it was. Bruce and Connie were in the area visiting relatives and relaxing. They also reported having a former band member visit them while in Prague, **Rodney Rumsey**, '66 spent several days with them and seeing sites.

Bruce and Connie will return to Wray, Colorado which is home.

📌 **Chuck Wright**, '61 has relocated to Cypress, Texas and wanted his classmates and buddies to have his vital information: Charles B. Wright, 16138 Colt Springs Lane, Cypress, Texas 77429-7502. Home: 281-256-7848.

If you are living in the area, Chuck would love to hear from you!



Congratulations to **Heather Hudson**, '97 who reported the union of marriage in October 2010. Her new last name is Synan. The happy couple is residing at her current address in Troy, Ohio.

Congratulations Heather and best wishes in your new life!



Capt. George W. Powell USN (RET), '48 reports he continues to fly antique gliders in southern California.

George and his wife are residents of Bonita California.



A Wentworth Moment

Good Morning! I was just thinking about Wentworth this morning and wanted to reach out. If you ever need for help in Tulsa or Oklahoma City, please let me know.

I have attached (below) a picture that **Kent Haley**, '89 and I took a few months ago. Kent was home on leave and made a special trip to Tulsa. It is really great to have such lasting friendships!

Please give my blessings and thanks to the Old Boys, current and past, that are working so hard to protect us.

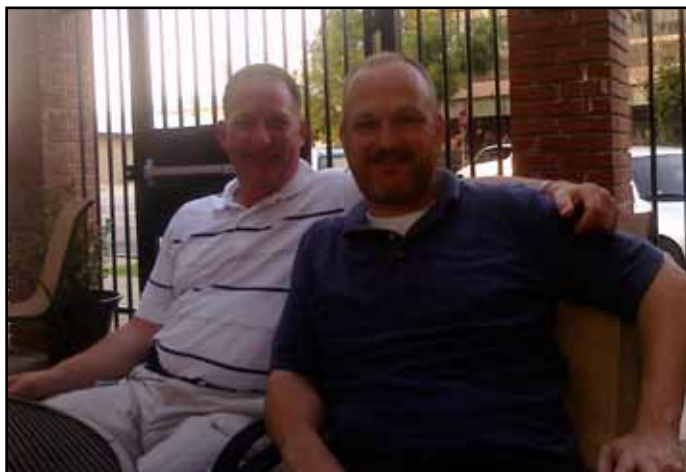
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Old Boy News

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↑ Major **John Crews** '95, who is the son of Neil Crews of the Wentworth Infirmary, is pictured here with Actor Robin Williams. Major Crews recently deployed to Iraq.

🎵 Recently, **Jim Horton**, '64, who was a drummer in the Wentworth Marching Band in the early 1960s, recreated the cadences that were used during that time so that they could be written down and not lost to time. The current Cadet Marching Band is using these cadences. Check out this video about the Wentworth Band at [// www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VaFDmiyv6E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VaFDmiyv6E).

📠 **Michael R. Cowan**, '64-'66 is seeking contact from roommates and classmates. Mike is living in Arizona now and is retired. He can be reached at home: 602-253-0071. He is particularly interested in locating **Tom Sawyer**, '64-'66, last known living in Lee's Summit and now is lost according to school records.

Hawaii Chapter News

by Mike Ceroli, '81

Three WMA graduates attended the Change of Command ceremony for **LTC Greg Wagnon**, '91. Greg changed command with MAJ Eric Sorenson who is married to **Kim Sorenson**, '98.

Greg Wagnon and family will head to Ft Bragg where he will take command of the 82d Airborne Division's Special Troops Battalion.

Eric and Kim Sorenson live in Hawaii where Eric is the Commander of Headquarters Company for the Special Operations Command - Pacific and Kim is the G4 plans officer for US Army - Pacific.

Featured in the picture below are **COL Mike Ceroli**, '81, **LTC Greg Wagnon**, '91, and **MAJ Kim Sorenson**, '98.

Our next rally in Hawaii will be a Military Ball Rally that will be held on the USS Missouri!



Alumni Overseas

Major Justin Bowden, '96

Major John Crews '95 - Iraq

Samuel Kramer '76 - Afghanistan

Charles Luehrman Stempel '05 - Afghanistan

Don Yoakem '98 - Afghanistan

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

Lexington Civil War Battle Memorial

The cannon on the grounds of Lexington's Central College Park was originally on the USS Constitution. Ike Skelton's father managed to get it moved to Lexington. The cannon was recently restored and on Veterans Day, it was rededicated by Congressman Skelton who gave the speech using some excerpts from his Dad's original dedication.



A monument at the battlefield honors all those who died during the Battle of Lexington. The grave site is the burial ground for five unknown soldiers. The tree adds a lot of character and it won't last much longer.



5 Unknown U S soldiers
Battle of Lexington
September 18, 19, 20, 1861
Reburied November 11, 1932

Photos by Al McCormick, '67

Old Boys At Work and Play

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

Starting with this issue, we want to include pictures and stories about the things that you are doing!

Some suggested areas to focus on are: Serving Abroad, Hobbies, Volunteering, Collecting, Your years at Wentworth, and any theme that you can think of.

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

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

We can't wait to hear from you!

Spotlight on **Jim Wright**, '66. I loved my five years at Wentworth. I made lifetime friends and, even if I did not think so at the time, the school had a very positive effect on me throughout my lifetime. I went on to graduate with a BS in Business from Park College and a MS in Systems management. I retired from the US Army in 1989 as a Major. I had tours in Vietnam, Germany, the US, and in Egypt as well as many other places. I then returned to the Kansas City area where I founded my own computer consulting company, serving small and medium businesses. I am now fully retired. My interests, among many others, include gardening, coin collecting, playing bridge, and square dancing (a good way to stay in shape at my age). Two years ago, I became very interested in animated Christmas light displays (see below for a picture). This is Christmas lights dancing to music. I do all of the system design, audio work, light sequencing, and I build a lot of the electronics. The display includes two houses, my neighbor's (top) and mine (bottom). In 2009 the display was fairly small. In 2010 it grew quite a bit. Next year, it will probably grow even more (depending on my checkbook). This has almost become an obsession. It is a lot of fun and I have met (online and personally) many new people from across the nation, and around the world. For more information and videos of the display, see my website at www.wrightslights.info. Enjoy.



Alumni Scholarship Awarded



Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 102, Lexington, MO 64067

October 12, 2010

COL. Michael Lierman, Superintendent
Wentworth Military Academy
1880 Washington Ave.
Lexington, Mo. 64067

Dear COL Lierman

The Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association is pleased to present an annual scholarship award to the academy for one of its deserving students.

I am enclosing with this letter, an alumni association check #862 in the amount of \$2000.00 to be applied to the account of Cadet Captain Desara Selesitino.

The result of this increase in scholarship amounts over previous years can be attributed to the alumni association officers, John Francis, Jim Wright, Guy Harkness, and Dawson Heathman and their dedication to the mission, goals, and objectives of Wentworth Military Academy.

We are pleased to be able to participate in such a worthwhile program.

Sincerely,

Al McCormick

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cc: Alumni Executive Officers

Omaha Area Holds Rally

by John Francis

On the eve of the Missouri vs Nebraska football game a group of Omaha area old boys gathered for a Red Dragon Rally at the home of Katie and John Stahlnecker. The setting was perfect for the event with mild October temperatures, fantastic food, and Wentworth's best and brightest graduates. Old boy ranks for the reunion spanned 40 years from the class of 1945 to 1985. Guests began arriving at 6 PM and when the last story was told the clock read 3:30 AM. BRC formation the next morning was absent a few cadets. Prior to the rally four old boys took to the golf course at Oak Hills Country Club for a skins game benefiting WMA. Stahlnecker, Francis, Jarrett, and Sellers battled the afternoon with the loser making a contribution to the Alumni Scholarship fund. As President of the Alumni Association, I would like to thank John Stahlnecker for his donation to the fund. Better luck next year John! Dates for next year's Omaha rally will be published soon. On a side note, the Cornhuskers went on to beat Mizzou 31-17. Wentworth Red Dragon Rally and a Nebraska win? I'm just saying.....



From Left to Right: Mike Katskee '64, Kevin Gaudineer '84, Bob Root '45, Wendall Cobleigh '50, Dale Slunicko '59, Bill Sellers '86, Richard Burgess '49, Pat Jarrett '84, John Stahlnecker '84, Dick Hudson '56, John Francis '83

Alumni Association Members

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

Life Members:

Stephen DeLorenzi, '76
John Francis, '83
Frank D. Garrett, '66
Scott Hefner, '92
David L. Johnson, '63
Jay Johnson, '77
George Reece, '57
Tom Vale, '77

Regular Members:

David Adams, '60
Garold Butdorf
Richard Burgess, '49
John Colon, '70
Jack Easton, '60
Renz (J.R.) Edwards, '44
C.J. Hardnock, '05
Guy Harkness, '63
Mark Hedrick, '64
George Hittner, '97
Donald Holbert, '57
Richard "Dick" Hudson, '56
Michael Katskee, '64
David Kolinofsky, '04
David Lawrenz, '64
Michael Lierman, '73
Al McCormick, '67
John (Mike) McKinney, '59
Ben Millar, '47
Leon Moore, '75
William (Sam) Ratcliffe, '65
John Ratcliffe, '96
David Ratcliffe, '98
Joseph Roper, '74
Bob Sellers, '89
Tom Slover, '67
Dale Slunicko, '59
Mary Stempel, '92
Carl Stempel, '72
Charles Stempel, 2005
Michael Warne, '71
Brown Whitaker, '45

Jim Wright, '66

Taylor Wright, '49

Marvin Wrisinger, '80

Recent Graduate Members (Class of 2010):

Armando Aguilar
Siosiana Akoteu
Ahmed Al-Shanfari
Alia Al-Yahya
Ashley Allen
Matthew Ashmore
Nicole Baker
Nicholas Barkley
Andres Bautista
Christian Bawden
Peyton Beasley
Kenan Bell
Nicholas Briant
Ryan Brugioni
James Buckingham
Alexander Bush
Jentri Casaberry
Katherine Clinesmith
Virginia Collier
Charles Cornett
Tyler Dalton
Timothy Darang
Vandrea Davis
Evan Davis
Christopher Doak
John Dulaney
Christopher Duncan
Kylie Esco
Christopher Evans
Esaias Fa'aita
Herman Flowers
Taylor Gabbert
Robert Gay
Nigel Goff
Anthony Grosso
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Rhett Herian

Aaron Hooker

Andrew Howells

David Hyatt

Silivelio Iosefo

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Jaron Jones

Esther Kim

Eunjeong Koh

Jessica LaJaunie

So-Young Lee

Kenneth Leech

Yoon-Jin Lim

Alfred Liusamoa

Jacinta Liva

Hunter Livingston

Kailen Lust Kailen

Jaden MacKey

Keith Mallory

Rodrigo Martinez

Tulifau Mauga

Talishabeth McMoore

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Taylor Nash

Aaron Olsen

Ryan Parr

Diego Pelfini

Patrick Pendergrass

Vincent Peralta

John Pierce

Agnes Powell

Dustin Rae

Timophey Razumovsky

Genevieve Read

Claire Rewerts

Alex Ruppel

Spencer Rutter

Sonny Saleutogi

Christopher Sanft

Joseph Schumacher

Tommy Sellers

Adam Shalz

Robert Sherman

Bradley Simms

Masela So'oalo

Steven Sottile

John Sullivan

Rex Teachenor

Cole Thompson

Nikita Thornton

Andrew Tiapula

Lucilla Tofilau

Jason Togi

Benjamin Tuitasi

Devon Turnbaugh

Sasagi Vaimauga

Agaleiei Vili

Erick Wainer

Andrew Wainscott

Alexander Waldrop

Jackson Welliver

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Erick Wainer

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**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)

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