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**Maj. Gen. Barrye L. Price**  
**Wentworth Class of 1981**



**Chief of Staff of the Air Force**  
**Gen. Mark A. Welsh, III**  
**First class of Falcon Cadets, 1972**



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## From the President's Desk

Scott Hefner, president of Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association



Welcome to the summer of 2016! Another Corps of Cadets has come to an end. I am sure we all remember the excitement of summer or graduation. We are excited to have Col. Lierman back in action from his leave of absence. Our board set to accomplish some goals and we have achieved our first goal this quarter. A lot of us are very busy with our families and our business endeavors and want to support our alumni association, but sending a check or filling out paperwork is time-consuming. So we have established a way for you as alumni to sign up for the Wentworth Alumni Association online and with a credit card. Here is the link if you would like to sign up:

<https://wma.edu/alumni/alumni-association-application/>

Our next goal is to update our information so that we can better inform you of what is happening on the Wentworth campus and with Alumni. We will be introducing a new Alumni app and we are requesting that everyone provide your mobile number so that we can update you by email and also by also text. If you have any questions or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at shefner@bukaty.com or 913-980-9931.

Thank you.

## Classroom Dedicated



On April 22, 2016, The Board of Trustees, in conjunction with faculty, staff and cadets, participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new classroom renovation. The room was dedicated to Mrs. Betsy Sellers - a wife, mother, educator and friend. The plaque also says the following: "Whan that Aprill, with his shoures soote. The droghte of Marche hath perced to the roote...." (Chaucer's "The Canterbury Tales") The classroom was sponsored by Mr. Doug Gourlay, Mr. and Mrs. John Francis, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Francis and Mr. Steve Smith.

Mr. John Francis cut the ribbon at the new classroom after Battalion Commander C/LTC Cody Wenrich thanked him and the other sponsors for helping to renovate another classroom. Those in attendance then took a tour the new classroom after the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



**Homecoming is Oct. 7,8,9 2016**

**Check out details in flyer on Page 7.**



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### Message from the Alumni Department (Marnie Morgan)



Dear Fellow Dragons:

Another school year is behind us and we are looking forward to welcoming the 137<sup>th</sup> Corps of Cadets to the Wentworth campus very soon. Summer is a great time to reflect on our previous school year and to look forward with excitement at the future. This has certainly been a wonderful school year for the Red Dragons, filled with both traditions and changes!

Classroom renovations in the scholastic building were a true highlight of the last 12 months. Nearly all of the classrooms on the first floor of the building have been transformed into cutting-edge learning environments and the cadets and faculty have both enjoyed the educational benefits of those changes. This initiative continues to be a high priority for us and I am thrilled to let all of you know that thanks to a recent donation from the family of an alumnus, we will soon be embarking on another classroom renovation. Many of you have played a huge role in making this work possible and I want to thank all of you for your support. These updates have an enormous impact on the parents and potential students that visit our campus as well as on the students that call WMA home.

As always, it is a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet and connect with our alumni family. I recently had the privilege of attending a Red Dragon Rally with Manitowoc-area alumni in Wisconsin. I was blessed with the opportunity to visit with graduates from 1943 to 2015. It was a true honor to be involved in their 80<sup>th</sup> annual reunion and I hope to spend the next 12 months visiting alumni from around the country.

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It is an exciting time at Wentworth and we are busy positioning ourselves to educate more leaders for our ever-changing world. To this end, we are preparing for what will be a major fund-raising campaign in the near future. The campaign is in the early planning phases and I am eager for you to hear more about it at the appropriate time. Our team is very excited about the impact this will have on WMA. If you are interested in being involved with shaping this campaign, please contact me!

As always, thank you for everything you do to make Wentworth great! Your support and involvement truly make a difference in the lives of our students!



# Welcome Back, Colonel Lierman!

## State of the School

(Col. Michael Lierman, President/Superintendent)



Dear Alumni:

First of all, it is great to be back in my office and back to work! While on medical leave for six months, the support I received from my Wentworth family was tremendous. I am doing much better with my recovery time and feel stronger everyday. I am very thankful to each of you for your support, prayers, and encouragement.

In my absence, Lt. Col. Darren FitzGerald stepped up to serve as Acting President. I appreciate the quality leadership that Lt. Colonel FitzGerald and the entire cabinet

displayed to continue our goals for making Wentworth successful. It made my transition back into the office smoother knowing that the school was being managed by such capable leaders. I appreciated Lt. Col. FitzGerald's willingness to step up and cover the operations during my time away.

I was fortunate enough to return to see the 136<sup>th</sup> Corp of Cadets graduate. I was grateful to be able to speak a few words to the graduates before the ceremony. The guest speakers for commissioning and commencement were two notable alumni from the same class. Maj. Gen. Barrye Price and Maj. Gen. Jason Evans graduated from Wentworth in 1981. It was an honor to have them both on campus and I believe they enjoyed their time here as well.

There were 22 second lieutenants that were commissioned into the U.S. Army and one Falcon Cadet received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy. We had 15 high school seniors and 65 college cadets/students walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. We wish them all the very best in their future.

After graduation, the campus was only quiet for a few days before the JCLC camp began with approximately 475 high school students who were Army JROTC cadets from across the state coming to the WMA campus for the first session. The second session involved the Marine JROTC cadets. It was a privilege to watch some of our own cadets step forward and become leaders during the week.

Camp LEAD began at the end of June and we always look forward to this exciting time as we welcome our new cadets. Because of increased advertising and marketing, including social media outlets, we are expecting an increase in attendance.

It feels as if summer has just begun, but we are in full force preparing for the 137<sup>th</sup> Corps of Cadets who will be arriving in August.

Thank you all for the support you give to the cadets and the Academy. We truly appreciate each of you for your efforts!

Achieve the Honorable!

# Upcoming Events

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## Wentworth

Aug. 17, 2016

**Sounding of the Cannon**

**First Day of Class**

**\*\*\*Oct. 7-9, 2016\*\***

**HOMEcoming**

Oct. 14-15, 2016

**Fall Parents' Weekend**

Nov. 12, 2016

**Ike Skelton Legacy Dinner**

Dec. 14, 2016

**Mid-Year Graduation**



## General Price, Class of 1981, Retires

U.S. Army Forces Command Deputy Commanding Gen. Lt. Gen. Patrick J. Donahue, II recognized Army Maj. Gen. Barrye L.



Price, the FORSCOM deputy chief of staff G-1, and his Army Family for more than 32 years of faithful service to our nation and the United States Army during a retirement ceremony on June 16 at Fort Bragg, N.C. Maj. Gen. Price provided superb leadership, clear policy guidance and direction to more than 230,000 soldiers and civilian employees. His efforts greatly enhanced support to the United States Army and the Nation during peace and war. Through a long career of service, Maj. Gen. Price provided transformative direction and innovative solutions, shaping the future director of the US Army. Thank you for your service.

Maj. Gen. Price graduated from Wentworth in 1981. He recently returned to campus in May to give the commencement address to the Class of 2016 graduates. He and his wife, Tracy, have one son, William.

Congratulations on your retirement!



## Flag Honor Program

The WMA Alumni Association in conjunction with Wentworth offers a flag honors program for those who wish to own a souvenir or honor a former cadet with a memorial flag that has been flown over the campus. For the price of \$300 we will have a 5 by 9.5 foot flag flown over the campus, tri-folded and placed in a high-quality case and certified with certificate the day of the flag-flying.

- Lead time is required
- Once the flag is flown, framed certificate and tri-folded flag will be shipped as soon as practical.
- Requests for flag-flying on specific dates will be attempted to be honored.
- Direct all inquiries to [almccormick64152@gmail.com](mailto:almccormick64152@gmail.com)





# WENTWORTH HOMECOMING

## October 7-8-9, 2016

Old "D" Company Reunion  
Faculty/Staff Kids Reunion



### REUNION YEARS

- ◆ 2006 - 10 year reunion
- ◆ 1996 - 20 year reunion
- ◆ 1991 - 25 year reunion
- ◆ 1986 - 30 year reunion
- ◆ 1976 - 40 year reunion
- ◆ 1966 - 50 year reunion
- ◆ 1961 - 55 year reunion

Get your friends and classmates together and plan to come home to Lexington  
this year for Homecoming!!! More information will be coming out soon!  
You will not want to miss out!!!!

- |  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| • Annual Golf Tournament               | • 2nd Annual Pancake Run/Walk |
| • Trap Shoot Contest vs. Kemper Alumni | • Athletic Hall of Fame       |
| • Dragon Den Festival                  | • Football Game               |
| • Alumni Banquet                       | • Homecoming Parade           |
|  | • And MORE!!!!                |

**Don't miss out on the most current info!!!**



*Homecoming info will be updated as we have it and posted in the following places:*

Website: <http://wma.edu/alumni/homecoming/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1147408548650511/>

## Board Talk

### Regis McDonald, Class of 1964 Chairman of the Board of Trustees



Wentworth has much to celebrate as it reflects on its 136<sup>th</sup> year. In May Col. Mike Lierman returned to take up his duties on a part-time basis. The Board and I, along with all of the Wentworth family, are pleased and thankful that he is becoming physically stronger with each passing day. His spirit and commitment to Wentworth's future success remains undiminished! I and the board want to express to Lt. Col. Darren Fitz Gerald and the President's Cabinet our deep appreciation and gratitude for all that each did to make certain that the "business of Wentworth" moved in the right direction.

At the April BOT meeting, after a comprehensive presentation by Kent Stroman of Stroman & Associates, the board approved to move forward with the next phase of Wentworth's Capital Campaign. The BOT Development Committee will take on the responsibilities of a Capital Campaign Steering Committee. Doug Gourlay, BOT secretary and Bob Heath, trustee emeritus will co-chair the committee along with board members John Francis, Luke Coffey and John Groendyke, with Lt. Col. Marnie Morgan,

Wentworth's vice president of development and alumni affairs providing support. To advance the Capital Campaign Lt. Col. Morgan and six individuals will attend the Asking Academy this month conducted by Stroman & Associates. In future Board Talk articles, I will provide you with current information regarding the Capital Campaign. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please let me know. The Capital Campaign is about Wentworth's future, so we all need to be involved.

A high point at the April BOT meeting at Wentworth was the dedication of a renovated/refreshed classroom in the Sellers-Wikoff Scholastic Building. I am pleased to report that the funds that made this possible came from the Mr. and Mrs. John Francis, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Francis, Doug Gourlay, and Steve Smith. Scott Hefner, president of the Wentworth Alumni Association, attended a portion of the BOT meeting and was able to be present for the classroom dedication event. It is anticipated in the coming months that all classrooms will be renovated, which is so important in order to be able to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment for current and future cadets and civilian students.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lt. Col. Fitz Gerald and the Wentworth Battalion Staff attended the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wild About Harry Dinner in Kansas City. They had the opportunity to meet Dr. Henry A. Kissinger, the recipient of the Truman Legacy Leadership Award and have a picture taken with him.

In each Board Talk column, I mention the important work being done by Wentworth's Enrollment Management Department staff to recruit young people for Camp LEAD, the high School and college. This year, Wentworth launched a new marketing strategy directed at attracting youngsters to attend Camp LEAD and get a 100 per cent refund of the cost and have it applied to the tuition if they enroll in the high school for this fall. It is too early to know the exact impact this approach will have, but the numbers are up for those who plan to attend Camp LEAD, which opened on June 25<sup>th</sup> for the five-week session. Camp LEAD ends on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The staff is equally involved in recruiting cadets for the high school and college for the upcoming school year.

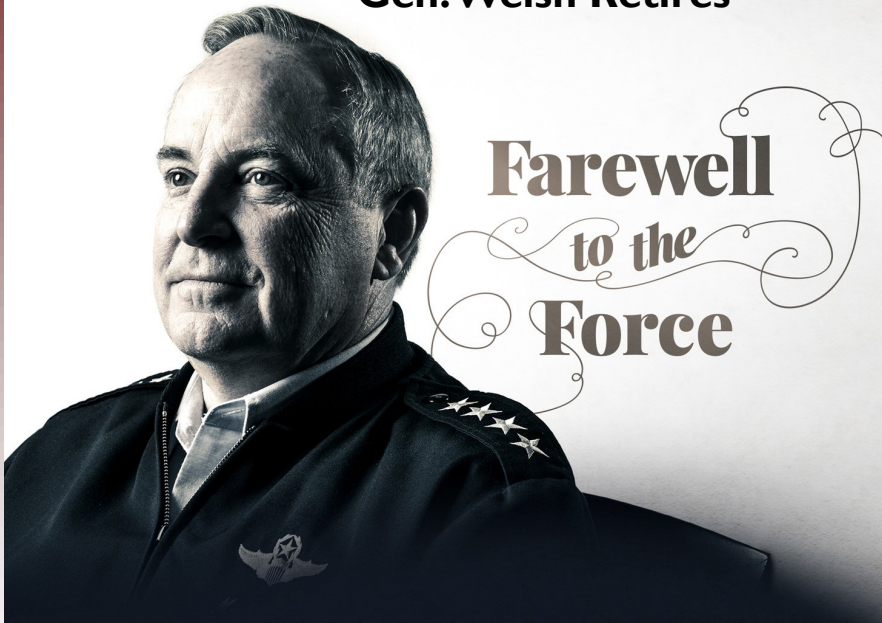
The 136<sup>th</sup> Commissioning and Commencement Ceremonies at Wentworth this year were extremely noteworthy! Maj. Gen. Jason T. Evans gave the Commissioning Address and the next day Maj. Gen. Barrye L. Price gave the Commencement Address. Major Gens. Evans and Price are 1981 graduates of Wentworth. Pictures of them at Wentworth for these ceremonies are featured on the Association of Military Colleges & Schools of the United States website at [amcsus.org](http://amcsus.org).

Thank you for your continued support of Wentworth. Achieve the Honorable!

Regis G. McDonald, '64



## Gen. Welsh Retires



**Farewell**  
to the  
**Force**

### FALCON FOUNDATION

Front (left to right): Kevin E. Leinbach, Garold R. Butdorf.  
Top (left to right): Mark A. Welsh, Col. W. L. Stagner, advisor; Richard J. Oelklaus.



Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Mark Welsh retires after 40 years of service.

He began his military journey at Wentworth Military Academy as a Falcon Cadet in 1972.

He graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1976.

For more on his retirement, please use the link listed below:

<http://www.redskinssalute.com/news/2016/06/27/air-force-honors-retiring-chief-staff/>

## GOLF SPONSORS NEEDED

Interested in supporting your alumni association with a **TAX-DEDUCTIBLE** contribution? Then consider becoming a hole sponsor for the annual Commander Ed Ellis golf tournament to be held Oct. 7 during the homecoming event.



Hole sponsorship is \$250 per hole and each hole sponsor is recognized with a sign displaying your name and class year. One hundred per cent of your sponsorship funds will be used to support the mission and objectives of Wentworth Military Academy.

Golf sponsor funds have supported cadet scholarship funds and since 2009, \$45,000 has assisted deserving cadet students at the Academy. In 2015, a combination of the Carl Stempel life insurance and funds from the alumni association provided for the complete rehabilitation of a student classroom.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact Al McCormick at: [almccormick64152@gmail.com](mailto:almccormick64152@gmail.com) for mailing instructions. Deadline for submission is Sept. 20, 2016.

***Remember to Save the Dates:***

***Homecoming 2016***

***Oct. 7, 8, 9, 2016***

## Coach Tom Hughes Retires



Wentworth Military Academy and College announces the retirement of Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach Tom Hughes. Since 1975, Coach Hughes has been coaching at the high school, college, or professional level and after much thought over the last year has decided that now is the time to step away.

Over time, Tom has coached many winning teams at various levels and has helped shaped the lives of hundreds of young people who continue to hold him in high regard today. Good luck, Tom, in your retirement!

For more information about Tom and his career please use the link below:

<http://wmadragons.com/news/2016/6/27/college-mens-basketball-wentworth-announces-retirement-of-athletic-director-and-coach-tom-hughes.aspx>



### Seated left to right:

Craig Anhalt (father of Troy Anhalt), Buzz Thuerwachter '60, Howard Hamann '43, Tom Randolph '75, John Kappelman '59, John Francis '83

### Standing left to right:

Fred Severson '56, Rob Peaslee '69, Scott Waak '62, Pat Harvey '66, Jim Cormany '61, Troy Anhalt '87, Nathan Anhalt '15, Pete Doherty '66, Steve Hamann '66, Marnie Morgan, Erich Pitz '70, Bob Kerscher '70



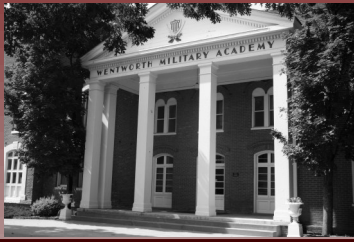
## Manitowoc Wentworth Alumni Club Holds Its Annual Rally

Manitowoc, Wis. boys began attending Wentworth in the early 1900s. On Jan. 3, 1936, they officially formed an alumni club. The group recently held its 80th reunion. We thank Bob Kerscher for the information regarding the background of this wonderful group. Among those attending the reunion was Marnie Morgan, WMA vice president for advancement and alumni relations. We have included a couple pictures from this event and maybe you will just see some familiar faces.

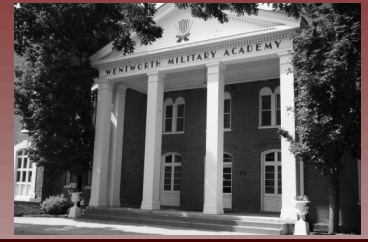


Getting in a little golf are (left to right): Rob Peaslee, Tom Randolph, Steve Hamann, John Francis, and Nathan Anhalt,





## Extra! Extra! Old Boy News



**1940s**



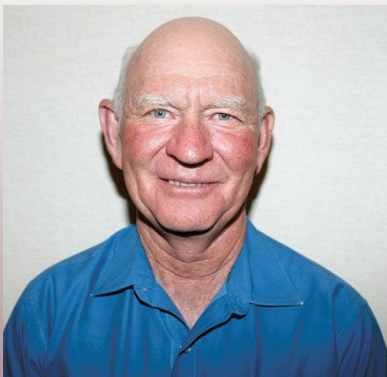
George “Hawkeye” Powell ‘48 celebrated his 87th birthday by going soaring. We have included a picture of him in his I-26 s/n 029 over Hot Springs peak near Warner Springs, Calif. This shot is the cover of the February 2016 of Soaring and Motorgliding magazine.

**1950s**



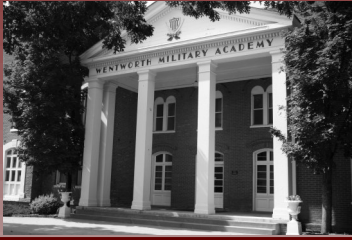
**Dr. John Bradley ‘50** wrote us that he has just turned 84 and is still enjoying good health. He is also celebrating 63 years of a happy marriage to his wife, Mary Ellen.

**Howard Standish ‘57** has retired from BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) after 35 years of service. Congratulations, Howard.

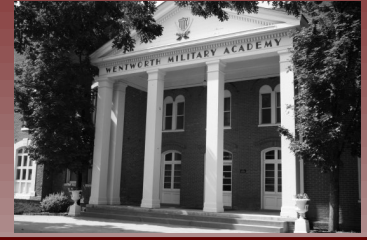


**Jerry Kennedy ‘59** hopes to bring back the voice of rural county residents as he seeks another term as county commissioner in Wyoming. Jerry has served on the commission for 12 years. As a commissioner, Jerry help to bring about the renovation of the Albany County Court-house. He was also instrumental in establishing WyoLink, a public safety communication system. Jerry grew up in Albany County. After attending WMA, he returned to the ranch. He and his wife, Evelyn, now own and operate Dodge Creek Ranch in Garrett, Wyo. They have two sons and four grandchildren.





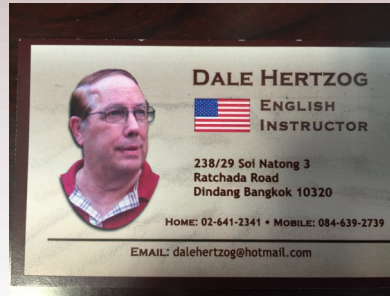
## Extra! Extra! Old Boy News



**1960s**



**Dale Hertzog, '64 visited campus on June 22, 2016**



**Dale Christiansen, '64 HS, '66 JC is seeking to reconnect with the following lost individuals: Monte Morris, Jeff McCall, and Tom Bonds. If you know their whereabouts please contact:**

**[almccormick64152@gmail.com](mailto:almccormick64152@gmail.com)**

**Maj. (USA, Ret.) Sam Ratcliffe, '65 was the guest speaker in April at an event in Lexington to honor veterans. The event was sponsored by the Lafayette-Lexington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This event coincided with national ceremonies to honor Vietnam veterans. The ceremony was held at the Lafayette County Veterans Memorial in downtown Lexington.**

**1970s**



**Sam Kramer, '74 and '76 is a retired Army Lt. Col. working as a legal trainer for the JAGS of Afghan National Army Special Operations Command.**

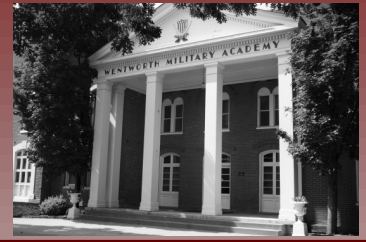
**1990s**



**Becky Stockton, '96 is engaged and planning a December wedding to her fiancée. She has a 2-year-old son and is studying to be a registered nurse.**



## Extra! Extra! Old Boy News



**1990s**



**John Reed, '99 and Meghann Pribble, '99 were united in marriage on May 18, 2016.**

**Congratulations!**

**2000s**



**Jose Jerome, '00 left the Army on April 1, 2016, after 15 years of active duty.**



**Joey Hill, '02 and '04 and his wife, Angela, welcomed a baby boy, Easton Russell, on June 6, 2016. He weighed 4 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. Easton was also welcomed to the world by his older siblings Brianna, Michael, and Alyssa.**

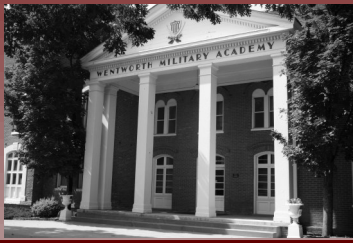
**Congratulations!**

**Michael Monty, '06 graduated from West Point in 2010. He did his commitment and left active duty as the Administration Captain at IBOLC (Infantry Basic Officer Leaders Course). He is currently in graduate school at Yale and in the Connecticut National Guard.**



**Trevor, '07 and Erin (Mauk, '04 and '07) Wieggers welcomed their first son, Tristan Dean, on March 18, 2016. He weighed in at 6 lbs. and 2 oz. and was 20 inches long.**

**Congratulations!**



## Extra! Extra! Old Boy News



2010s



Alex Gordy, '12 plans to complete his Mechanical Maintenance Engineering degree this month with at least a 3.95 GPA.

Joey Johnston (HS, 2013 & JC, 2015) earned an opportunity to study and tour in Europe this year. Joey thrilled all of us throughout the late winter and early spring with many pictures as he toured with his study group.

One of the highlights pictured here is his trip to Normandy on March 3-8, 2016. Joey wrote his name and date in the sand and collected a little sand for some of his Wentworth buddies. Joey will be back in the states in time for graduation.



Lt. Terence Williams, '14 will return to Wentworth's Army ROTC Department as the Gold Bar Recruiter. Williams is a 2014 graduate of the Early Commissioning Program (ECP) at Wentworth, and just completed his four-year degree at Norwich University. Welcome back, Lt. Williams!



Lord Sir  
*Written by Ron Sipes'61*

Lord, Sir, we, are, Sir, Alumni, Sir, of Wentworth  
Military Academy, Sir.

We thank you for your many blessings on our  
school, Sir.

Without the Academy, Sir, some of us would not be  
as proud of ourselves as we are today, Sir.

Sir, for the guidance you give the Academy and over  
twenty thousand youth who have turned into leaders  
in Your Name's sake, we thank you, Sir.

Lord, Sir, may the band always play, may the brass  
always shine, may the sabers always flash and  
above all, Sir, may the Corps always sound off.

Lord, Sir, Wentworth Military Academy is all  
present or accounted for, Sir. Amen.

The Alumni Corps







## Taps



John C. Parrott - 1939

Milo W. Deuel - 1943

Alfred R. French - 1943

Donald D. Jensen - 1943

Richard D. Johnson - 1945

Stephen J. Sawyer - 1947

Bill T. Lunsford - 1949

John C. Stevenson - 1951

Robert L. Warner - 1952

Richard R. Ellis - 1955

Dennis S. Jochem - 1957

Edward Tatge - 1957

Stephen R. Wolfe - 1960

Gregory L. Replogle - 1964

Scott A. Leslie - 1967

Drew L. Stowell - 1967

William L. Cook - 1968

Henry W. Gray - 1976

Dave A. Melsha - 1979

Brenton L. Bennett - 1983

Patrick K. Humes - 1983

Atakiry C. Reis - 1996

Tu'iemanu Ripley - 2014

### Faculty

Homer T. Seaton - 1956-1972

Candy Marble-Daniel - 1987-1998



Wentworth was recently notified of the death of a member of the class of 2014. Tu'iemanu Ripley, 21, was a student at the University of Central Missouri at Warrensburg, Missouri. She played rugby there and was a member of the ROTC on that campus.

Ripley died as a result of a car crash in Kansas City. Ripley grew up with her grandparents in American Samoa where she attended Kanana Fou High School. Realizing the opportunities of military service, Tu came to be a student at Wentworth Military Academy.

Tu was a WMA class of 2014 and was a member of the Army ROTC's 2+2 program. During her two years at WMA, she was Delta Company Team Leader, Platoon SGT for Delta Company, C/CPT as Delta Company Commander and Battalion

Staff Assistant S-3. Other honors include membership in Phi Theta Kappa as well as being the recipient of the Sons of American Revolution Award, Armed Forces Proficiency Gold Badge, Scottish Rite Award for SROTC, and the Robert Martin Memorial Scholarship.

Friends stated that she was always smiling and was proud of her military career.

Our condolences to her family and her friends.



## ROTC TURNS 100

Information in this article was obtained from remarks made during the Military Ball in April by Lt. Col. Grant Montgomery, Professor of Military Science at WMA.



This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

The official start of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) began with the signing of the National Defense Act of 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson on June 3, 1916. While military training had been taking place in civilian colleges and universities throughout the U.S. as early as 1819, it was never formalized until the signing of the Morrill Act of July 2, 1862 when military instruction became a part of the curriculum in many colleges and universities throughout the U.S. By 1900, there were 42 state and local universities and colleges with a Military Science Department.

The first ROTC units appeared in the autumn of 1916 at 46 schools with a combined enrollment of some 40,000 Cadets. With units at 135 host institutions in 1919, the program encompassed 220 colleges and universities by 1940. Production also increased during this era. By the time the U.S. entered World War II, after Dec. 7, 1941, the ROTC had produced more than 100,000 officers and its graduates constituted about 80 percent of the Organized Reserve Corps.

During the U.S. Army's involvement in the Vietnam War, ROTC provided the Army with 104,545 second lieutenants, many of whom served as platoon and company commanders in Vietnam.

There are currently 1,709 Army JROTC units and 314,000 JROTC Cadets. JROTC has had an enormously positive effect on America's youth, helping young people from across the socio-economic spectrum. JROTC Cadets graduates have a much higher rate of graduation, have higher GPAs, and by-and-large turn into highly productive citizens. This is one of the largest leadership and citizenship-focused programs for youth in the nation. It is an investment in the future of our nation by helping our youth maximize their potential in pursuing their dreams, while developing into motivated citizens of great character and honor.

Army ROTC has 275 programs located at colleges and universities throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico with an enrollment of 28,954 cadets. Last year 5,593 officers were commissioned.

Wentworth is proud to make available both the SROTC and JROTC programs with Maj. Ed Fiora in charge of the JROTC program.

I am honored to tell you that we have nominated Maj. Gen. Barrye Price and Maj. Gen. Jason Evans, Wentworth alumni from 1981, to the ROTC Hall of Fame and that both gentlemen were inducted into the ROTC Hall of Fame along with 324 other individuals. Though not everyone is commissioned, Wentworth has had more than 750 students participate in the ROTC programs.

To watch a salute to the legacy and history of the ROTC program, check out this link:

<https://youtu.be/7q3ZPwK-Czw> or search YouTube for "ROTC Anniversary."



Welcome to the Red Dragon, a newsletter for Wentworth alumni. All of us are alumni, however, we do have an alumni association and many who pay dues to retain membership which includes voting on issues and or projects occasionally.

Over the past several years the association has provided thousands of dollars to the academy for support of its cadet scholarship programs. This year the association in combination with the Stempel family contributed the required amount to refurbish one of the several classrooms that were completely updated. The classroom project and those scholarships could not have been accomplished without your support in your dues paying membership and support of the annual golf tournament.

Please consider joining your association and help us to continue to move forward with our support of the goals and objectives of Wentworth Military Academy. For your convenience an application is included in this newsletter.

***Remember to Save the  
Dates:***

***Homecoming 2016***

***Oct. 7, 8, 9, 2016***

**check Out The**



**Alumni Website**

**www.wma.edu/Alumni**

**NEW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERS**

Mr. Dale Christiansen, '66

Mr. Bill (William) Cook, '57



**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Mr. Joe Roper, '74

Mr. Ben Millar, '47

Mr. Regis McDonald, '64

Mr. George Hittner, '97



**NEW LIFE MEMBERS**

Mr. Greg Forman, '67

Mr. John Wade, '66

Mr. Gary Donaldson, '69







**Wentworth Military Academy  
Alumni Association  
Membership Application**



**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

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***Membership Dues:***

[ ] Annual one year (\$50) [ ] Annual three year (\$140)

[ ] Lifetime Donor Dues one-time payment (\$1,000)

[ ] 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 1<sup>st</sup> year (Free) [ ] Recent Alumni 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year (\$25)

[ ] Senior 62 Annual one year (\$35) [ ] Senior 62 Annual three year (\$95)

[ ] Senior 62 Lifetime Donor Dues one time payment (\$500)

**To Pay Online:**

Please reference this link: <https://wma.edu/alumni/alumni-association-application/>

## 2016 Graduating Classes

### 2016 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Alexander Adams III  
Amber Louise Anderson  
Justin Eliu Asaeli  
Clyde Edward Austin, Jr.  
Jessica Sara Austin  
Melissa Marlene Cockriel Borchardt  
Troy Donnell Cary, Jr.  
Marla Rae Cooper  
Blake Tyler Crain  
Tyler Cummins-Vanderbout  
Kiersten Dowell  
Kathryn Deanna Ellis  
Madison Rae Endsley  
Shammah Lutia Failagi  
Brady Douglas Franklin  
Karen Sue Rosemary Gabauer  
Kristyn Gibson  
Kimberly Jasmyn Godinet  
Ian W. Gornall  
Ashley Marie Griffin  
Katherine Elizabeth Haack  
Leaunna R. Hankins  
Samuel M. Hargrave  
Ashley Marie Hass  
Brett Allen Heckman  
Johnathan Helm  
Alexander Guthrie Henely  
Nathan Andrew Hoeger  
Trevor Dillion Jones  
Hunter C. Kelly  
Elsie Jamie Lagima  
Dustin Lancaster  
Makayla Lang  
Salvation Lee  
Abigail Nicole Leonard  
Christopher James Lucero  
Jason Luu  
Storm Lynn  
Regan Yevgeny Malone  
Jordana Fa'aluaomete Kanakohe Manaea

### 2016 COLLEGE GRADUATES cont'd

Mary Ashton Mosley  
Akram Othman  
Chey-Anne Ulatan Poh  
Virginia Saifa'ane'e Pu'a  
Nolan Ili Pulelasi  
Matthew Michael Richards  
Richard Sambolin III  
Timothy David Schell  
Omar Segura  
Kai M. Shimp  
Pedro Henrique Silva  
Chase A. Sims  
Audreena L. Sualevai  
Carlos Alberto Tala  
Sethrine Talamoa  
Alexander Angelino Tucci  
Felial'li K. Tuiolemotu  
Eric J. Walker  
Morgan Kaylee Weedman  
Christopher Wenrich  
ShanToya Lakenna Wiley  
Donald Williams  
Rodney Leaula Tapeni Wilson

### 2016 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Jaime Anderson  
Jaxon Bourn  
Jarek Brown  
Khalil Hamid  
Jiahao Hou  
Jiahui Hou  
Huihao Ji  
Daniel Jordan  
Haoshen Li  
Natalie Luttrell  
Sejin Park  
Joshua Shealy  
David Wilson  
Delun Xu  
Ze Zhang



***Congratulations to All Graduates!***

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