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Dates To Remember

❖ **June 18: Manitowoc Rally**, Lincoln Park Cabin No. 1. Starts at 6 PM. Fee of \$15 at the door, for a picnic and fun. Bob Kerscher is the Rally Commander. This is the longest running Alumni rally in the world.

❖ **June 22:** St. Louis Rally.

❖ **August 3:** Des Moines, IA Rally.

❖ **August 4:** Omaha, NE Rally.

❖ **August 3-5: Work Weekend** at WMA.

❖ **October 5-7: Homecoming** - Lexington, MO.

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

New IPAD Could Be Yours

Purchase your chance to become the owner of an IPAD 3. Raffle Tickets are 1 for \$5.00, 5 for \$20.00, or 20 for \$75.00

All raffle proceeds benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Contact Al McCormick, '67 or Jim Wright, '66 for your tickets - TODAY!



Rally Held In Hawaii

A WMA Old Boy Rally was held on March 20, 2012 in the great state of Hawaii. The rally was held on the USS Missouri and fun was had by all as the pictures indicate.

Our thanks to Col Mike Ceroli who has been our Rally Commander for the past several years. He will be turning over the reigns of Rally Commander to Major Kimberly Sorenson, '98. To Kimberly we say welcome and good luck.



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

Wills Estate Donates 1920 Yearbook to Alumni Department

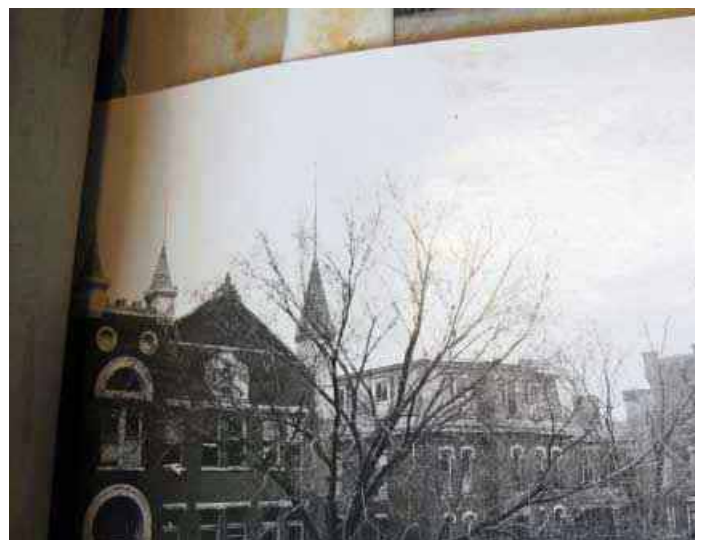
Arthur Rex Wills, born in Mounds Oklahoma on June 5th, 1904 attended Wentworth Military Academy from 1920 through the end of the school year 1921. Mr. Wills came to us as a registered member of the Creek Indian Nation as many did from Oklahoma in that period of time. Worth noting is his Great Grandfather; William Wills was the homesteader for who Wills Point, Texas is named.

In his adult life Mr. Wills worked in the rubber industry until retirement in the Los Angeles area and although he had no children, he had many grand nieces and nephews scattered all across the country.

One of those Grand Nephews, Mr. Alane Harkin of Lolo, Montana contacted Al McCormick recently to inquire if the Alumni Department would be interested in his Wentworth scrapbook and we absolutely were. Thanks to Mr. Harkin and the estate of Arthur Rex Wills we have yet another precious memory preserved here at the Alumni House.

As a footnote, we have learned these yearbooks in this period of time were printed and distributed by the College Memory Book Co. of Chicago and sold through our Quartermaster.

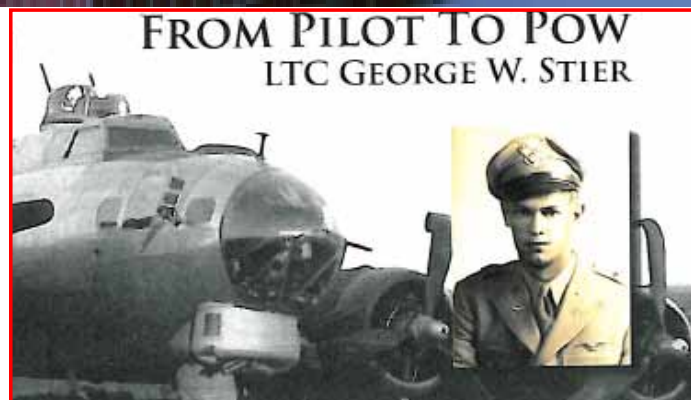
Thank You Alane Harkin for the wonderful contribution.



Among the many treasures these yearbooks hold are long forgotten images of the campus

Dragon Dedicated

Wentworth Military Academy and College hosted a special dinner for some of its most generous donors on Saturday, May 5, at the Hall of Honor in Groendyke Hall. Seventy attendees enjoyed a prime rib dinner and some thoughtful remarks from COL Bill Sellers, Board of Trustee president Bob Heath, and Trustees Dale Slunicko, John Francis. The dinner was preceded by the unveiling of a bronze statue of the Wentworth Dragon, dedicated to COL Jimmy Tucker, '61 by David Nasaw, '61.



Introducing C/Cpt. Amber Aubertin

By Al McCormick

Cadet Captain Amber Aubertin, who is a twenty year old sophomore and recent WMA graduate with commission, is a native of California. The family residence is in Ripon where Ms. Aubertin attended and graduated from Ripon High School. While a student at Ripon, she was a member of Junior R.O.T.C. program throughout her high school career. Introduced to R.O.T.C. as a middle school student, she was influenced by the benefits she heard about the program and how it could assist with a student gaining a foothold on a future. She liked what she heard and as a freshman, enrolled.

During her time in the Ripon R.O.T.C. program she attained the rank of Cadet Major and served in leadership positions as a Platoon Leader, Company Commander, and Battalion Executive Officer. During her senior year she became the commander of the armed drill team who traveled and competed, it was a decorated unit with various awards of recognition. At the invitation of their California congressman at the time, the team was invited to perform in Washington D.C.



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



as a reward of excellence. The team performed multiple shows for large crowds at mall of the Washington Monument, the United States Capitol, and the Lincoln Memorial.

Wentworth has a long standing relationship with the Ripon High School and WMA personnel took note of her natural abilities right away and during her senior year she was offered a 2+2 R.O.T.C. Scholarship which she accepted.

Ms. Aubertin has been admitted to the Pre-Pharmacy School at U.M.K.C. in Kansas City, Mo. Upon graduation from Pre-Pharmacy, she will be eligible to apply for Dr. of Pharmacy school, the career path she has chosen. Her six years of University work will be mixed with obligations to her country.

Amber has served an internship in the Alumni Department with Al McCormick. She has performed clerical duties, promotion and communication work, and research on behalf of the Director of Alumni Relations. She is a joy to have as a member of the department and always exceeds expectations.

Going Green for Wentworth (Update)

By Kathy Cormany on behalf of husband Jim '61

In the November issue of *The Red Dragon*, Jim Cormany, '61 and John Francis, '83 outlined an idea of recycling aluminum cans to raise money for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. The idea was born after last year's Homecoming weekend and the original goal was to collect enough cans to generate \$50, send Wentworth a check, and then start over. Well the results are in and the first check mailed to Wentworth after only 5 months of collecting was for \$89. This broke down in to 137 pounds of cans at approximately 35 cans per pound for a total of approximately 4,800 cans that didn't go in to the local landfill! Yup, that's FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED cans! The old boys are busy working toward their second check.

The guys hope that this might inspire others to do the same, or to come up with their own unique way of 'Going Green for Wentworth.'"

President's View

By Jim Wright, '66

Well. I have put this off as long as I can. Since I also edit *The Red Dragon*, I can wait until the newsletter is almost finished before I write this column. Many times, this delay will provide me with inspiration concerning what I want to say. Well, this time I can't think of much to say.

I do have one important piece of information for you. For those that do not know, Al McCormick, the Director of Alumni Relations for Wentworth will be undergoing some major surgery during the week of June 11. Hopefully, he will only be out of action for a short period of time.

I am sure that he and his wife Paula would appreciate your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to send a card, his address is 8411 NW 62nd Terrace, Parkville, MO 64152. Of course, you know his e-mail address.

Al is the major force behind alumni relations at Wentworth, we all know that. What you may not know is that he really works very hard and puts in a lot of dedicated time for the school and its alumni. And he loves working with the current Cadets. He even helps keep me in line, which is a full time job. You may not know it, but Al also writes the majority of the articles for *The Red Dragon*. If it were not for him, this would be a short newsletter indeed (which might be a good thing - this issue is 37 pages long). Many other people play an important roll with this newsletter, but Al is the focal point for getting all of this great information out to you.

A great big THANK YOU to Al, and his lovely wife, Paula for all of the work, caring and support. It is appreciated, even if we don't say it very often.

Two rally's are taking place as you receive this issue. One is in Dallas Texas, and one is in the Kansas City area. I am sure that both will be a big success. We will have details in the next issue of **The Red Dragon**.

I want to briefly address Homecoming. This year's Homecoming will take place during the weekend of October 5-7. I know that we will be sending out a lot of information in the very near

future. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan on attending. It really will be a lot of fun.

I will be honest with you. I am one of those people (maybe in the majority) who did not like to and would not attend reunions. I always thought that they were boring and not worth the time and effort. How wrong I was.

I am now directly involved with two different reunions; one, of course is for Wentworth, and one is for a square and round dance exhibition group that I belonged to as a teenager. I have found that the renewal of real friendships is beyond words. We all have many acquaintances and friends that we have made throughout our lifetime. But I am finding that the revitalization of old, long-time, past friendships is very rewarding - again, without words capable of describing them. Also rewarding is the making of new acquaintances and friends who have a common interest or two. The rewards are great and the costs are small.

Another reason that I did not want to go to reunions, especially school reunions, is that I felt that the reason that reunions exist is as a method of getting me to donate lots of money to the school and, honestly, I did not want the hassle. Bill Sellers and Dan Ryan (Vice-President for Development at WMA) will probably shoot me for what I am about to say, but here goes.

Our rallies and Homecoming are for fun, not for raising funds for the school. Please note that all of the rallies that are run by this Alumni Association, and, with one exception, the WMA Homecoming, are not about asking alumni for money. All of these activities are focused on renewing old friendships and ties, and having a good time. (The one exception is our fund raising efforts to support the Alumni Association sponsored Scholarship program during Homecoming).

Do yourself a favor this year, and plan on attending Homecoming. It is very rewarding.

Jim Wright

Director's Corner

By Al McCormick, '67

We continue to move forward:

☛ **Red Dragon Rallys:** For the record I am well aware of how I am spelling it, it's the Spirit that counts. More socials and reunion opportunities are being provided by the combination of Alumni Department and Old Boy support now than in a long time. It's our hope that you continue to support the rallies and the Alumni Association with your participation. Do you have a suggestion for a rally or event? Let it be known by contacting me. amccormick@wma.edu

☛ **Old Boy referrals and recruiting:** It isn't necessary to contact the Alumni Department to refer a potential cadet although when you do, we are happy to assist you and follow up to be certain you have the attention you need to complete your task.

We understand several of you have reached out to other members of staff for assistance in courting and attracting potential cadets. Of all the things you do this is the most valuable service you can provide and it is appreciated. John Groendyke told me several years ago that the best thing an alum can do is send us a cadet and that still holds true today. If you need assistance do not hesitate to ask for help.

☛ **Rally thank you's.** You will see we are realizing more and more activities and socials around the country. In each area there is a sponsor or host or both. I would like to thank Bill Labhart, the entire family of Ron Sipes, Dr. David Traub, Troy Rainbolt, the Brad Austin family and the Brad Austin family, Jim Wright, Guy Harkness, John Francis, Ralph Bowles, Larry Rothberg, and Jim Sellers.

☛ **Membership in the Alumni Association:** Individual interest continues in becoming a member and the roster is growing. There are those who are expressing interest in becoming Life Members. A life Member is a value to the individ-



ual and to the Association. If you are considering Life Membership and have not expressed your interest to me please do so, payment plans are available.

☛ **Russ Hamblin Scholarship:** Two returning cadets have been rewarded with the Russ Hamblin Scholarship, both are very deserving cadets. Pictures will be available in the next newsletter.

If you still wish to participate in the Russ Hamblin Scholarship it is not too late. I am in a position to continue to accept contributions until July 15th, 2012. Checks should be payable to WMA Alumni Association and mailed to PO Box 102, Lexington, Mo. 64067. As a reminder, all contributions are fully tax deductible.

☛ **Homecoming:** Mark your calendar, Homecoming is October 5, 6, & 7. We are accepting sports items, art objects, and collectibles as silent auction items. The silent auction provides a good portion of our funding for our annual projects. If you have an item please contact me.

Class of '62 – This is your 50th Anniversary, We hope to see many of you there!

Al McCormick

Helicopter Memorial Maintenance Assistance Needed

This year we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of the dedication of our on-campus Viet Nam helicopter memorial during the Homecoming weekend. We will have a rededication service on Sunday morning.

The helicopter is in need of some repair and restoration in preparation for this event and we are asking for some assistance with this endeavour. How can you help? There are several ways.

First, you can donate your time and talents to help with the cleanup and restoration work. A lot of the work will be accomplished by alumni during our annual work weekend on August 3-5. Please plan on coming to the work weekend to assist in the needed restoration.

Second, if you can't come to work weekend (or even if you can) donations are being accepted to help your Alumni Association pay for the restoration. We anticipate that the restoration work will cost about \$2,000. Any size donation would be welcome.

Please contact Al McCormick if you plan to attend the work weekend or to make a donation.

Ted Messmore Honor Graduate Honored



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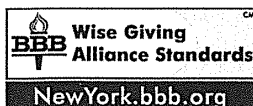
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May 19, 2012



Cadet Lieutenant Colonel John Ramos
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Dear Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Ramos:

Let me be the first to offer my congratulations to you on being chosen to receive the Ted Messmore Honor Graduate Award from Wentworth Military Academy and College at its Commencement Exercises on May 19, 2012. The Honor Graduate Award was established in 1944 by Nebraska Supreme Court Judge Fred W. Messmore in memory of his son Cadet Ted Messmore who attended Wentworth from 1939-1941. Lieutenant Messmore became a fighter pilot and was killed over Sicily on September 9, 1943. In May 1964 I received the Honor Graduate Award when I graduated from the college. At the time, I was the 20th cadet to have been selected to be the recipient of this coveted award.

As you know, the Honor Graduate Award is bestowed upon the Cadet in the college sophomore class who ranks in the upper 10% scholastically and maintains superior status in other phases of Wentworth life. Character and scholarship are two key areas among others that are rigorously looked at by the Wentworth Award Selection Committee in determining the Cadet that will receive its prestigious Honor Graduate Award. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Ramos you have demonstrated during your time at Wentworth to have shown yourself to be exemplary in these areas. You are the Battalion Commander of the 132nd Corps of Cadets and the first student from Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands to be commissioned into the Army. Truly a noteworthy first!

I wish you success Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Ramos in the years ahead, and again my heartfelt congratulations on your being recognized as Wentworth's 68th Ted Messmore Honor Graduate Award Recipient for 2012.

Best Regards!

Sincerely,

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Rally Notes

By John Francis, '85

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Rallies, Rallies, Rallies!!! Summer is certainly the time for a good old WMA Red Dragon Rally. June will see events in Kansas City, Dallas/Ft. Worth, and Manitowoc. There are upcoming rallies in Omaha and Des

Moines scheduled for August. I urge every old boy to participate in one (or more) of these reunions as they are the thread that binds the Alumni Association into a tight knit group that we are today. The difficult ask is one I make every newsletter. If there is not a rally schedule in your hometown, raise your hand and volunteer. It is very difficult to coordinate, set-up and execute a rally from Lexington Missouri. We need "feet on the street" and local old boys supporting their town's event. To those that continue to volunteer and help propel these rallies, I thank you. Grab your alumni directory and call a classmate today.

John Francis

Alumni Overseas

Major John Crews '95 - Germany
Samuel Kramer '76 - Afghanistan
Captain David L. Lawburgh, '05, Afghanistan
Charles Luehrman Stempel '05 - Afghanistan
Ryan Roach, '09, Afghanistan
Josh Summers, '02
Don Yoakem '98 - Afghanistan
David Roberson, '01 - Afghanistan
SGT Kasey Mullenieux, '03
These are the Alumni that we know about. If you know of any others, please let the Alumni Office know.

Eagle Scout Project Beautifies Campus

By Al McCormick

Cadet Blake Sanders of Leawood, Kansas attended Wentworth Military Academy Summer Camp of 2011 and returned for the fall semester and graduated in May of 2012 from High School.



Blake is a member of Boy Scout Troop 611, Venturing Crew 545 and a candidate to receive the Eagle Scout award pending a board review and approval of his recently completed project on the Wentworth campus. Mr. Sanders chose his Eagle Scout project based upon a needed beautification-improvement to our Infirmary which also serves as a comfort station for visitors to the campus. Supervision for the project was provided by our own Captain Neil Crews, Infirmary Nurse and Assistant Scoutmaster and advisor.

Responsibilities of the project included planning, fundraising, manpower recruitment, and leadership during the installation process. By networking with family, neighbors, and friends, Mr. Sanders raised over fourteen hundred dollars required for materials and installation. He completed the project on time.



Silent Auction Donations Needed

Again this year we will have a silent auction during Homecoming. The proceeds from this auction will be used to support our Alumni Association scholarship efforts.

Please dig through your closets (or the closets of your mind) and come up with some great items to auction off. We need sports memorabilia, Wentworth memorabilia, event tickets (sports), weekend stays at resorts, hotels, etc., and items of real value. You can contact either Al McCormick at the school or your Alumni President, Jim Wright if you have something that you would like to donate.

It would be great if the donated items could reach us by early September or earlier. If you can't get them to us until September, please send pictures for promotional purposes.

Special 20 Year Homecoming

Jacobo (Jacob) Sherman, '93 wants his classmates to attend Homecoming for your 20th anniversary of graduation from Wentworth. If you are interested in giving this some consideration please contact Jacob at: jacob@blackstorm.mx Jacob will be working with his classmates to bring together a great 20th year reunion.

This of course is in addition to the regular "decade" reunions for 10, 25, and 50 years.

Des Moines Rally Planned

A WMA Alumni Rally will be held on Friday, August 3rd in the Des Moines area. Plan on bringing the entire family. There will be a picnic followed by the enjoyment of an Iowa Cubs game at Principal Park. The picnic starts at 5:30 PM with a 7:05 game time. Tickets are \$20 each. RSVP to Al McCormick at amccormick@wma.edu.

Omaha Rally Planned

A WMA Alumni Rally will be held on Friday, August 4th in the Omaha area. Plan on bringing the entire family. There will be a picnic followed by the enjoyment of an Omaha Storm Chasers game. The picnic starts at 6 PM with a 7:05 game time. Tickets are \$20 each. RSVP to Al McCormick at amccormick@wma.edu.

Plan For Homecoming 2012

Don't forget to reserve the October 5, 6, and 7, 2012 dates for our Wentworth Homecoming this year. We will be celebrating a return to WMA and renewing old friendships.

First, we will hold a reunion of all Korean War Veterans

We will also be celebrating the specific "decade" reunions for 10 (2002), 25 (1987), and 50 (1962) years. Contact your old roommates and plan to meet in Lexington at Homecoming. In addition, we are having special 20 year and 30 year reunions, sponsored by those class year.

We will also be celebrating the 25th year remembrance of the dedication of the Viet Nam War Memorial Helicopter. There is more information on this available elsewhere in this issue.

We will also be having a reunion of past faculty. More information concerning this will be available in the next issue. If you know of any past faculty that might like to participate, please have them get in touch with Al McCormick for more information.

And, of course, we will have our golf tournament on Friday afternoon. We will have the annual meeting of the WMA Alumni Association on Saturday morning, as well as the skeet shoot with Kemper Alumni. Saturday afternoon is reserved for the parade through Lexington and our Homecoming football game. Saturday evening will be our annual Alumni Banquet - with fun for all. We will also have our silent auction and our raffle prize drawing during the banquet.

This year, our raffle prize will be a "New" IPAD with case. Tickets are \$5 each. You can order your tickets right now by contacting your President, Jim Wright, your President-Elect, Guy Harkness, or the Alumni Director, Al McCormick.

All of the funds donated go to support our Alumni projects and Scholarship activities.

There will be detailed Homecoming information in the next issue of *The Red Dragon*.



IPad 3: The new device will reportedly look similar to current iPad models, but with a higher-resolution screen, faster processor, and Siri voice control

Tulsa Rally

When the Sipes family throws a party with David Traub expect the hospitality and food to be first class and in ample quantity. That's what we found when we arrived at the Sipes home in February for the Tulsa version of a Red Dragon Rally.

This was the second year Ron, '61 and his entire family in partnership with Dr. David Traub, '79 hosted the Tulsa event. We appreciate David and the Sipes for rolling out the red carpet and opening their homes to area Wentworth alumni.

A vintage Wentworth video was constantly running on the television and huge quantities of Wentworth memorabilia was on display. Near the end of the evening, Ron offered a short and effective presentation about the many good things taking place on campus. Ron then introduced Bill Sellers, WMAC President who filled in the blanks with details about progress and new offerings on campus.

Our deepest appreciation to the entire Sipes family and Dr. David Traub for sponsoring the event. We also appreciate the many visitation opportunities created on our behalf during our stay in Tulsa.

The next day, the Wentworth delegation decided to take a partial tour of old Route 66 on the way to Oklahoma City and the rally there.



Oklahoma City Rally

The Oklahoma City rally was held in February of 2012 at the Greens Country Club courtesy of Mr. Troy Rainbolt, '84.

Troy graciously sponsored the rally at a premier country club where he holds a membership. One common advantage both Rallies provided was the enthusiasm both audiences openly displayed towards Wentworth and the good news that has been spreading throughout the alumni body. The enthusiasm of the individuals added a great deal of quality to the events and gave us, the traveling delegation a great feeling about returning to Oklahoma.

Robert Meyer, '72 drove over 80 miles to bring a small delegation from Lawton.

The Oklahoma City Rally was a perfect cap to back to back (the Tulsa rally) great events in Oklahoma. Hats off to Troy Rainbolt for his sponsorship of the Oklahoma City social!



A Legacy Gift from Gerald Gustafson

Introduction by Al McCormick

In March, Wentworth held a Red Dragon Rally in Phoenix at the Maryvale Baseball Park and hosted thirty five people to the tailgate/baseball game event. One of the attendees, Gerald Gustafson '41 called a few days prior to the event to confirm that Col. Sellers would be in the delegation as he had "something" he wanted to give to Col. Sellers. I verified that Bill would be there and forgot about the conversation. As it turns out, Mr. Gustafson left us a legacy in writing, a story of a Congressional Gold Medal of Honor.

The award was to recognize the members of the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team for their valor in World War II. We have added this to his permanent record on campus.



Gerald Gustafson, '41 Receives Congressional Gold Medal

"Never in my wildest dreams could I ever believe that as a young lad raised in a small country town of Stockton, Illinois, would I receive such an honor this past November 2nd in the Emancipation Room of the United States Capitol Building. My WWII unit, the 442nd Infantry Regimental Combat Team, along with our 100th Infantry Battalion and the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) were presented with the nations highest civilian award, the Congressional Gold Medal, (CGM). Words cannot explain nor express the emotions and thoughts that have taken place in my somewhat addled and ninety year old brain. It is, to say the least, still unbelievable! Other than the fact that it is a prestigious medal, I and many of my comrades did not fully realize the true meaning of the award.

"The CGM award is bestowed to an individual or unit that performs an outstanding deed or act of service to the security, prosperity and national interest of the United States. The Congress has commissioned the Medal as its highest expression of National appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions. Each Medal is created at the U.S. Mint and is designed to commemorate the person or units achievement. Each Medal is different in appearance, and there is no set rule or standard design to follow. Our Medal was the 147th to be awarded-the first one was awarded to General George Washington on the 25th of March, 1776. Congress only authorizes one Gold Medal. The Act for our Medal was signed into law by the President on October 5, 2010. The Act provided \$30,000.00 for the Medal, it weighed approximately 1 & ¾ pounds, and will reside in the Smithsonian Institute. Those of us present at the ceremony received an exact replica as to weight and size, but cast in bronze-with a display case.

"The 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team was awarded 18143 individual medals; 21 Medals of Honor; 32 Distinguished Service crosses; 560 Silver Stars + 28 second awards; 1 Distinguished Service Medal; 4000 Bronze Stars + 1200 second awards; 9486 Purple Hearts; 22 Legion of Merits; 15 Soldier Medals; 12 Croix de Guerre (French) + 2 second awards; 2 Italian Crosses for Military Valor; 2 Italian Crosses for Military Merit. The combat Team fought in 7 campaigns in Italy and France. Units were awarded 7 Presidential Unit Citations, the last one being awarded to the Regiment by President Truman on the south lawn of the White House when the outfit returned from Italy in the Spring of 1946. The 100th/442nd is the most decorated unit of WWII."

Cadets Revel in First Snow of 2012

Most of us know that the winter of 2011-2012 lacked something - cold and snow. This may have been the mildest winter on record. February 13th brought the first significant snowfall to Lexington and some of the cadets made the most of it. Some, witnessed the falling snow for the first time. A group of cadets joined in the fun and built a 6 foot snowman in front of Tillotson Hall.



You Can Sponsor The Homecoming Golf Tournament!



Here is another exciting chance to help support the WMA Alumni Association and its scholarship efforts. **Become a sponsor of the Annual Golf Tournament.**

Sponsorship of the Golf Tournament is easy. You (or your business (think taxes) can sponsor a hole for \$250. The sponsor of each hole will have the sponsor's name on a sign at the start of each hole. If you or your business would like to sponsor the tournament itself, then a \$1,000 donation will do the trick. Each tournament sponsor will have their name on a big banner that everyone can see and also gets a four person team

to play in the tournament. Team members do not need to be WMA Alumni.

All of the proceeds from the Golf Tournament go to support our scholarship program.

To become a sponsor please contact Al McCormick at amccormick@wma.edu. Hope to see you at Homecoming and at the Golf Tournament. (Jim Wright has been told that he gets to go this year and drive one of the carts).



Graduates' Pizza Party

The annual Pizza Party to recognize the Junior College Sophomores, High School Seniors, and Falcons sponsored by the Alumni Association in partnership with Valentino's Pizza was held on May 8th, 2012 in Groendyke Hall.

The event was kicked off with Major, USA (Ret) Jim Wright, '66 President of the Alumni Association presiding over the event. Major Wright called upon Cadet Matthew Dandorf to give the Alumni Prayer prior to the meal.

The event was attended by over fifty graduating cadets along with members of the faculty, staff, many alumni, and prominent guests from the city of Lexington and Lafayette County. Invitations were issued to community leaders in recognition of the program presented by Dr. Tom King, Professor of Instructional Design at Doane College in Crete Nebraska.

Dr. King who was sponsored by Wendall Cobleigh of Lincoln Nebraska, spoke to the audience in his civil war uniform as U.S. General Grant. The program is a step back in time to the Civil War era where one can experience tales and personal history from one of America's most famous generals.



Dr. Tom King as General U.S. Grant shares personal tale of the Civil War to the audience



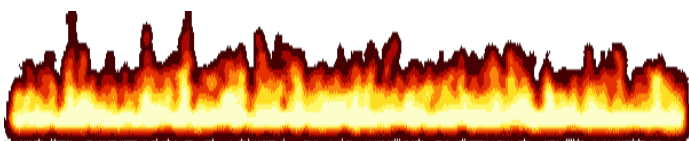
Kenny Nadler and Hal Middleton were among the many Alumni attending the party.



Over 50 graduating cadets attended the 2012



Alumni President Jim Wright, President elect Guy Harkness, and COL Mike Lierman welcome graduates into the Alumni Association while Cadet Captain Amber Aubertin calls the role of names.



St. Louis Rally - June 22nd

Announcing, Golf outing/Red Dragon Rally/Social event. When: Friday June 22nd, 2012
Where: [Lockhaven Country Club](#), Grafton, Illinois Green Fees: (\$30.00's). Spouses Welcome!

Silent Auction Items For Homecoming

Auction Items. You will be bidding on these items during the silent auction at Homecoming - and more to come. All proceeds benefit the Alumni Association and programs.

Left to Right (All pictures are framed and matted). Early photo of D Company. Miniature Bears Helmet autographed by Ditka. Colorized photo postcard. Early WMA Baseball Team. WMA Class of 1906. Cadet Sergeants, 1922. Kemper Crest with Motto. Soup Nazi, autographed. Phil Mickelson, Masters Champion 2000, autographed and certified. Kiss backstage pass, certified.



Rally in the Desert Year #3, 2012

by Al McCormick, '67

The Arizona Rally in March of 2012 was held at the Maryvale Baseball Park, home field of the Brewers who were playing the Cubs on Saturday March 10th. The group decided to tailgate this year and the Brad Austin family along with the Tubbert family pitched in to insure the tailgate was a success. This out of Towner is appreciative of the Austin family who guided me through the food and beverage maze and made life easy for the event.

The event was well attended and the Brewers served as a good host but our tailgate party was difficult to find which brought about some distractions. Overall it was a good afternoon and the Academy appreciates the strong support from Arizona alumni.

Gerald Gustafson, '41 presented a veterans written story to Bill Sellers which turned out to be a legacy gift. Elsewhere in this newsletter is an abbreviated story about the Gold Medal of Honor Gerald received, I hope you will take the time to enjoy it.

We will return to the desert in 2013 about the same time in March and we will return to the Home of the Diamondbacks, Salt River Fields. So mark your calendars for early to mid March 2013, Rally in the Desert at Salt River.

Yes, the Cubs won.



Old Boy News

--1940s--

On May 18, 2012, **J.R. (Renz) Edwards, '44** wrote:

"I spent 2 days last week on the Honor Flight from Denver to Washington DC with 80 other WWII vets, 40 Korean vets, and 10 Purple Heart awardees from Vietnam. We met at 6am at huge hotel in Loveland Co, had big banquet breakfast, with music and flags and celebration. There must have been 200 police (highway patrol, sheriff from many cities, police departments, 50 motorcycle good guys, and flags all over the place. 120 family joined us there. Then we paraded to Denver airport on the highway with 4 helicopters and all these folks...sirens blaring...on every overpass it was full of folks and police, medical, fire trucks shooting water and saluting.

"At Longmont they were standing along 1 mile with a planted flag every 25 ft saluting and waving flags. My wife got in the parade and my daughter Shauna was along as medical guardian for 3 vets (we had 60 guardians on the trip). At DIA we had charter hanger and it was filled with national Guard, Navy Army, Generals and Admirals sending us off and to a big table of snacks and sodas. We got on the USAIR plane. (furnished free) and the crew greeted us with more snacks and the gals kissed us old farts.(they took no salary).and they wanted to do this. We had music and food and dancing in the aisles.for 3 hours during our trip to DC. Then we went to new Hilton hotel (free) in Baltimore and had a huge banquet with rip roaring speech by a retired general, and then to bed.

"On the second day the events were exhausting and emotional. When we ambled (we don't march anymore) , 180 of us wearing caps showing what war we were in and shirts for veterans - led by a man carrying an American flag the people cheered and brought their kids over to shake our hands. I had tears in my eyes.

The alumni office received a follow up note from Renz a few days after receiving his news.

"In this short film they show we vets at our WWII memorial, which I spent 2 hours showing and explaining to my guardian-daughter, Shauna what the various engravings represented then we went to Korea memorial which depicts 15 weary GIs trudging thru the rain in ponchos and steel helmets carrying various weapons that I remember so well. But the faces

showed how tired they were but continued trudging on.

"Then we went to the Vietnam Wall where Shauna found one of Craigs Air Force buddies who had died in that war.

"Then on to Iwo Jima where 2 Marines were actually raising the flag on the giant sculpture depicting the raising of the flag on Mount Surabachi. We stood in awe and saluted. Every stop was emotional.

"Then we moved on to the Lincoln Memorial, and then to Air Force Memorial, where we had lunch overlooking Washington DC.

"Then off again for another reception and boarding the plane - on the bus they had mail call and I received a hand written letter decorated in flags and stars and stripes from a 10 year old girl - telling me she had blue eyes and asking me why I went to war. I wrote her back, told her about my family, thanked her for her support, and told her I had blue eyes. I also told her that, in 1944 every 18 year old went to war to protect God, Country, and family.

"Back on plane with snacks and sodas, dancing in the aisles, young gal attendants kissed me and then. wow, there was a big reception at Denver airport and also a big crowd at Loveland Hotel at 11 PM. There they gave us a coffee table book about the creation of the WWII memorial and then we selected a home made quilt that a bunch of ladies had made - mine has the flag and stars and stripes and sewn in the corner was a personal note from the lady that had created it...I wrote her and thanked her for her thoughtfulness.

"Most exciting 2 days I have ever spent. Thanx to all who made it possible...Renz

<http://dailycaller.com/2012/05/25/honor-flight-film-to-remind-americans-of-wwii-veterans-sacrifice-video/>



Old Boy News

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--1950s--

Dr. Bob Travnicek, '58 visited the campus April 24th on his way to his 50th class reunion at the University of Kansas. Bob shared with us his high respect of the PMS while he was a student and he was able to meet LTC Darren Fitz Gerald, current PMS.

Get Well Wishes to **Dennis Mallory, '59** We checked in with Dennis Mallory and here's his report

"I'm doing well and apparently responding to treatment. I was diagnosed with Small Cell Lung Cancer on the 1st of March and have been undergoing chemo and radiation treatments. As most of us when confronted with a serious illness, keeping a positive attitude is very important. I am trying my best to do as I am told and am very thankful for the encouragement and prayers of family and friends". Cards, letters, and well wishes may be sent to: 2997 Highway 63, Toledo, Ohio 52342.

Jim Mantz, '51 writes: "I'm still working at the Mission Tx. Police Department but no longer doing the sex offender registration. I'm now reviewing many of the investigators criminal cases before they're sent on to the District Attorney for prosecution. It's a tough job. In addition, at the start of each month I have to map all the previous months property crimes within the city using the GOOGLE mapping feature on the Internet. Once the map is created I then e-mail it to numerous individuals within the PD. It's no wonder I work over 11 hours each working day and on many weekends."

Note: We normally see Jim on campus this time of year as he makes the annual family trip to Iowa, we missed him this year as he remained in Texas.

Bill Bain, '60 Has retired and has taken up gardening as a retired job. One of his clients is a gubernatorial candidate from the St. Louis area.

Best Wishes to **Glen Bowdish, '58** Glen is facing surgery later this month. He continues to hold Wentworth in high regard and pleased he had the opportunity to be a cadet. Cards, letters, and well wishes may be sent to: 1507 Trails of Sunbrook, St. Charles, Mo. 63301-4015.

--1960s--

Bill Labhart, '66 of Labhart and Miles reports significant business anniversary.

"Labhart Miles is excited to be celebrating our 10 year anniversary in 2012. As we reflected on this milestone event, we were looking for a creative way to celebrate the occasion and realized that we wanted to do more than simply have a party. We wanted to give something back. Labhart Miles has long been a sponsor of community events and in giving to charities, but for our 10 year anniversary, we thought it needed to be something even more special.

"So, on behalf of our clients and supporters, without whom we wouldn't have reached this significant date as a company, we are happy to announce that we have set aside \$10,000 and will make a donation to a deserving charity every month for 10 months during 2012. We want to thank our many clients for allowing us to serve their state tax needs and felt that making a donation every month to a deserving charity was an easy substitute for the typical party. This way, we get to celebrate for the rest of the year and share this milestone with others!

"Thank you to our clients, our employees, our business colleagues, and our families for all the support over the last 10 years. We couldn't have done it without you!" Sincerely, Bill Labhart & Monika Miles

Dave Randall, '66 reports that he is permanently living in Sun City Arizona and is involved with varied real estate ventures and with the Maricopa Sheriffs Department. (Sheriff Joe, remember him?)

Old Boy News

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Jim Gibson, '63 visited the campus on May 2nd with his wife Dorothy, and his sisters Linda Gibson and Janet Williams. Jim had not been on campus in quite awhile and was traveling on a sweep through the east. Yes, Jim told some stories and one of the names was familiar (Tommy Hudson).

Al Nordeen, '66 just delivered the new skid caps donated by Sikorsky Helicopter Corporation to the Phoenix Police Museum.. She now has new toe caps!!! She is pertty!

"She tried to kill me a couple times, once during the night of the 1977 FLOOD.

That's why I call her the Anti-Christ 666F" says Al.

And Al provided a link to the museum. www.phoenixpolicemuseum.com. There are three videos there that you can enjoy.

Jeffrey Latz, '66 keeps us well informed of news and issues. Those e-mails are great Jeff, keep them coming. Jeff visited the campus on April 27th.

--1970s--

Robert Meyer, '72 (Lawton Oklahoma) also visited the campus in April with his wife Maya. Bob and his wife were helpful during our Oklahoma Red Dragon Rally but had not visited the campus in quite awhile. Maya seemed to enjoy the historical campus.



--1990s--

LTC Mark Chitwood, '94 writes:

"Al: Great hearing from you and thanks for the note. I was away at the Army War College orientation for the past few days, so I apologize for the delayed response.

"It was great meeting (LTC) **Troy Anhalt, '85** this past January as it was a totally random encounter (you don't routinely meet fellow Old Boys everyday), and I'm glad to hear that his son is enrolling at Wentworth.

"I am now serving as the Command Inspector General for the 11th Aviation Command at FT Knox, KY. The Command provides command and control for all aviation assets in the USAR scattered across 13 different states. We recently constructed and moved into the "retirement house" on 26 acres just south of FT Knox so we are settled in the area, even if I have to displace somewhere to finish out my career. Since I saw you last, I deployed to Iraq two more times and have had a couple of stateside assignments teaching ROTC at the University of Tennessee and as an MP Assignment Officer at the US Army Human Resources Command here at FT Knox. My wife Tiphannie and I have also had two more daughters bringing the total to 3; Maci (9), Maddi (3) and Marli (2).

"I appreciate the comments regarding the opportunity to speak at a past graduation pizza party and still hold that opportunity in high regard.

"I hope all is well on your end and I appreciate your continued efforts with the Alumni Association. Thanks, Mark Chitwood



Old Boy News

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--2000s--

Ryan Roach, '09 & Ryan Parr, '10 report that they are still in Afghanistan and would have loved to attend the Tulsa Rally. Ryan sent a photo of the two of them with our Wentworth flag. Ryan Parr 2010 and I both graduated from Wentworth and I still have the Wentworth flag you sent. Thank you so much!!



--2010s--

Dr. Hans Mark, father of **Phillip Mark, '10** reports that Phillip is in his 2nd year within the Physician's Assistant program at Texas Tech and will become a wide receiver on the football team. Some of you may recall that while here, Phil scored over 1,000 points as a basketball player.

Dr. Mark added that he appreciated everything that Wentworth had done for Phil.

Congratulations Phil !!

Antonio Garcia, '10 reports he will be a Junior at U of A in AR. He has declared a double major in Political Science and International Relations with a minor in Spanish. He is part of the U of A Marching Band - which is the 4th largest college marching band in the U.S.

He said that he is VERY thankful to Wentworth and all of his teachers. Antonio said that even though he was only here for a short time, Wentworth's staff and faculty really helped him to get the discipline and structure that he needed to be successful at U of A and life in general.



Where Are They Now.

left to right

Bill Sellers, '86– President – Wentworth Military Academy

John Francis, '83– Still trying to figure what he wants to do when he grows up

Matt Wiseman, '83– Area Vice President, Open Solutions



Congratulations to John Groendyke, '64

In May, 2012, John Groendyke, '64 was confirmed to a sixth term on Wildlife Commission as reported by Weekly Wildlife News

The Senate Tourism and Wildlife Committee voted May 15 to confirm longtime Wildlife Commissioner John D. Groendyke of Enid Oklahoma to serve a sixth term as a member of the Oklahoma Wildlife Conservation Commission. Groendyke was reappointed by Governor Mary Fallin and is the longest-serving Wildlife Commissioner in the history of Oklahoma.

Groendyke serves on the OGE Energy Board of Directors, the Board of the Wentworth Military Academy Foundation and the Board of the National Tank Truck Carriers. He serves as a Trustee for the Oklahoma Chapter of The Nature Conservancy and is currently the Chairman, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Grand National Quail Foundation and Grand National Quail Club, having served as a past president and Chairman of the Board. He is also a member of the USA Shooting Board of Directors, the Oklahoma State Fair Board of Directors and the Oklahoma State University Foundation Board of Trustees.






























Groendyke has two daughters, two sons, and seven grandchildren. He and his wife, Virginia, reside in Enid and are involved in many community activities. When not trucking, his energies are in wildlife conservation, farming and ranching, real estate, and collecting and showing antique automobiles.

The eight-member Wildlife Conservation Commission oversees Wildlife Department operations, including land and equipment purchases, wildlife management areas, plus the state's hunting and fishing regulations. The Commission also appoints the Department's director. Commissioners are appointed by the governor and require Senate confirmation.



Gift Items available in the Quartermaster/Gift Shop

New items and merchandise are available in the Quartermaster store, many of those are displayed here. If you wish to order you may call 660-259-2221 ex. 1332 or send an email to Quartermaster@wma.edu Tax and shipping charges apply.

 <p>4 Piece Mug and Pitcher Set \$34.99</p>  <p>10 oz Coffee Mug \$2.99</p>  <p>20 oz Carnival Cup \$7.99</p>	 <p>Horse Thermal Blanket \$10.00</p>  <p>Horse Pitcher/Glass with Gold Rim \$10.99</p>  <p>Equestrian Show Belt Cuffray \$7.99</p>	 <p>Adidas Youth Polo Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$49.99</p>  <p>Adidas Golf Polo Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$43.99</p>  <p>Adidas Polo Over Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00</p>
 <p>Adidas Youth Jacket Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> \$90.00</p>  <p>Adidas Youth Polo Fleece Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$32.00</p>  <p>Adidas Youth Fleece Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$32.00</p>	 <p>Wormworth Fleece T-Shirt 30 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.99</p>  <p>Wormworth Fleece T-Shirt 32 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> \$21.99</p>  <p>Wormworth Fleece T-Shirt 34 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> \$11.99</p>	 <p>Wormworth T-shirt 30 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> \$11.99</p>  <p>Wormworth T-shirt 32 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> \$14.99</p>  <p>Wormworth T-shirt 34 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$14.99</p>
 <p>Alumnae Water Bottle 708 \$4.79</p>  <p>Wormworth Beanie Scarf 4021 \$18.99</p>  <p>Wormworth Tie 362 \$25.00</p>	 <p>Wormworth Fleece Polo Over 30 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> \$35.99</p>  <p>Wormworth Crew 1/4 Zip 402 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.99</p>  <p>Wormworth Thermal 196 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$26.99</p>	 <p>Wormworth Fleece Crew 34 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> \$19.99</p>  <p>Wormworth Fleece Crew 36 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$19.99</p>  <p>Wormworth 1980 LS Tee 34 Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$19.99</p>
	 <p>Adidas Safari Hat \$21.99</p>  <p>Adidas Adjustable Ball Cap Colors Available: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$21.99</p>	

KC Rally Held March 12th

On March 12th, 2012 a Red Dragon Rally & Social was held at the offices of Husch Blackwell at their prestigious location on the Country Club plaza. The wonderful location provided a great setting for the reunion of many Old Boys that we have not seen in awhile.

Even Gary Donaldson of Kimberling City came by to share the evening. With most decades represented, it was an excellent evening capped with a short presentation by Wentworth President Bill Sellers and the awarding of the Red Coat to the newest member of the Century Club, Scott Hefner. All agreed that repeating the event is a good idea.

Thanks to everyone who attended and made the evening a pleasant one



Congratulations to our 2012 Graduates

Congratulations to our Graduates 2012. These “Old Boys” automatically become members of the WMA Alumni Association for 3 years, or until they graduate from college. We wish them the best.

High School

Nizar Al-Mamari – Muscat, Oman	Nicholas Bustamante Amorim – Belo Horizonte, Brazil
Joshua Allen Bryant – Lenexa, Kansas	Wing Chung Sampson Chan – Wan Chai, Hong Kong
Ben Stanton Davis – Windermere, Florida	Payton Lindsey Dobson – Lawson, Missouri
Miguel Guitart Garcia – Barcelona, Spain	Ethan Cole Hannah – Bentonville, Arkansas
Brennan Michael Scott Harms – Lexington, Missouri	
William Henry Hearnberger – Little Rock, Arkansas	
Mason Ryan Heinz – Plattsburg, Missouri	Reese King – Lee’s Summit, Missouri
Jordan Langton – Boca Raton, Florida	Caitlin Rose Lobdell – Orangevale, California
Ryah Nicole Mygatt – Bakersfield, California	Julian Orloff – Palm Harbor, Florida
Miguel Angel Ortiz Garcia – Bridgewater, New Jersey	
Cameron Clay Perry – Olathe, Kansas	Eli Seth Rowell – Ashley, Illinois
Blake Wallisch Sanders – Leawood, Kansas	Marianne Saucedo – Aurora, Illinois
William Stone – Norman, Oklahoma	Miguel Angel Torres Gamez – Saltillo, Mexico
Robert Uwumukiza – Kigali, Rwanda	Gianna Simone Vazquez – Detroit, Michigan
Matthew William Wyman – Springfield, Missouri	

College Graduates

Amber Lynn Aubertin – Ripon, California	Michael R. Blackmon – Rockwell, Texas
Jacob Daniel Carlson – Lathrop, California	Shirley Thomas Coen – Napoleon, Missouri
Caitlan Colbert – Columbia, Missouri	Bradley William Cooley – Lexington, Missouri
Matthew Todd Dandorf – Independence, Missouri	
Moroni Joseph Deanda, Chicago, Illinois	Jessica Renee Durham – Cameron, Missouri
Reuben Lealofi Faiai – Copperas Cove, Texas	
Ronald Raymond Fite – Cameron, Missouri	Angela Denise Gibson – Golden City, Missouri
Tessa Diana Gomez – Leawood, Kansas	Kathleen Simeamativa Grey – Pago Pago, Am. Samoa
Jacob William Harris – Hardin, Missouri	Steven Daniel Heitmeyer – Andover, Kansas
Anthony Gunther Henely – Herington, Kansas	Lucas Vincent Hobbs – Ripon, California
Cathy Ferila Sunia Iosefa – Pago Pago, Am. Samoa	
Jacqueline Janet Eva Keener – Pago Pago, Am. Samoa	
Daniel Lee King – Lexington, Missouri	Jordan Micheal Maxwell – Linn, Missouri
Madison Joanne Muncy – Raymore, Missouri	Ryah Nicole Mygatt – Bakersfield, California
Richard Souza Neves – West Yarmouth, Massachusetts	
Daniel Allan Otto – Everly, Iowa	Jesse Michael Porter – Odessa, Missouri
John Michael Mendiola Ramos – Chowchilla, California	
Daniel Razumovsky – Citrus Heights, California	Katelyn Ann Rivers – Kansas City, Missouri
Kaylen Rene’ Rotermund – Higginsville, Missouri	Anthony Dean Smith – Lexington, Missouri
Dalton Ray Striedel III – Destin, Florida	Dean R. Strobel – Ramsey, Illinois
Kelvin Suiaunoa – San Antonio, Texas	David Young Sun – Lawrenceville, Georgia
Steven Cole Theurer – Lockwood, Missouri	Michelle D’Anne Trent – Lexington, Missouri
Zane Lee Westfall – St. Charles, Missouri	Adam Christopher Williams – Patton, Missouri
Andrea Lea Willis – Paducah, Kentucky	Jacob Hawk Wright – Springfield, Missouri

Alumni Rifle Range Project Needs Your Help

The school is in need of a major upgrade to its rifle range and the Wentworth Alumni Association would like to help.

The entire basement area of old D company that is under the arms room and supply room is being used as a rifle range. It currently is a 10 point range, expandable to 15 points. The school recently hosted the Leavenworth JROTC rifle team. At last count, Wentworth had 10 members on its rifle team (and hopefully growing), who all compete at the same time.

However, there are some major accessories needed to provide the equipment necessary to allow firing in all positions and provide a first class rifle range.

Here is a list of equipment needed for each station:

Spotting Scope 50x50 mm	\$95
Scope Stand	\$164
Off Hand Stand	\$ 99
Shooting Mat	\$ 72
Total	\$430

So, the total need is for \$4,300 to purchase this equipment for the rifle team.

Your Alumni Association wants to make an Alumni project out of this. We want to support our school and our Cadets. This is one way in which we can help.

We only need one thing (well maybe two). First, is the willingness of our Alumni to get involved. Wentworth Alumni have always been very generous with their time, talents, and funds when it comes to the school. We need the Alumni to get behind this project and support it fully.

Obviously, we need to raise the funds to be able to purchase this equipment for the Rifle Team. Let's go "whole hog" and support this project.

All donations of any size, even \$5 will help bring this project to fruition. If we have any donated funds left over, we hope to make some cosmetic upgrades to the rifle range itself.

Please send your donations, marked for the Rifle Range Project to Al McCormick at the Wentworth Alumni Association, PO Box #102, Lexington, MO 64067. You can contact Al at **660-259-2221 x1237** or amccormick@wma.edu. And of course you can always contact your Alumni Association President, Jim Wright, for more information.



Skelton Recognized for His Career in Public Service

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Ike Skelton, former U.S. Congressman from Missouri's 4th District, was honored on March 5 with an official unveiling of his portrait on Capitol Hill. The event paid homage to his 32 years as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, including four years as chairman.

Skelton was defeated in the 2010 election after serving 17 terms, along with six years as a state senator previous to that. The Lexington native is now an attorney with Husch Blackwell. He concentrates his practice in the area of government contracts and matters relating to national defense.

The unveiling ceremony took place in the Cannon Caucus Room of the Cannon House Office Building, and Skelton's portrait will later be hung in the Armed Services Committee Room.

The portrait was painted by Gavin Glakas, and will hang with all of the chairmen of the Armed Services Committee who have served since its inception in 1947. The portrait can be seen on the front cover of this issue of *The Red Dragon*.

The Armed Services Committee is one of the largest and most powerful congressional committees holding jurisdiction over many matters, including U.S. defense policy, research and development of weapons systems, and all the military services.

The Constitution grants Congress the power to declare war, to raise and support armies and to provide and maintain a Navy, and the committee has the responsibility to oversee those obligations to Congress.

Those making remarks on Skelton's behalf included House of Representatives minority leader Nancy Pelosi and U.S. Reps. Emanuel Cleaver, Jo Ann Emerson, Steny Hoyer, Buck McKeon and Adam Smith.

In his remarks, Skelton said when he first joined the armed services committee in early 1981, the U.S. military was reeling from the failed Desert One hostage rescue attempt in Iran.

"I visited some military installations and several ships, and found our military personnel to have low morale and to be under-trained and under-equipped," he said.

Skelton stressed that during his years on the committee, Congress provided excellent training and equipment, family housing, world-class ships and planes, and better personnel and vehicle protection. Congress passed the Montgomery GI bill; increased the authority and stature of the special forces; passed the Goldwater-Nichols Act, which restructured the Joint Chiefs of Staff and required "jointness" across the services; and reformed the acquisition system.

"Our counterpart in the other body, the Senate Armed Services Committee, was an excellent partner in this endeavor," he said, "especially with the leadership of Sam Nunn, John Warner, Carl Levin and John McCain."

Skelton said that President Harry Truman would tell of the grave marker in Tombstone, Ariz., which read, "Here lies Jack Williams. He done his damndest."

Skelton concluded: "In the years ahead, when all the names and faces on the Armed Services Committee have changed, it is my sincere hope that some member of the committee, when looking upon this portrait recalling the challenges of yesteryear, will say, 'He done his damndest.'"

congratulations

Taps

David Snodgrass '60	12/7/2012
Harry G. Wiles '63	8/18/2010
William "Don" Reavis '43	2/12/2012
Frederic Wheeler '64	02/29/2012
Clifton Ghoston '91	03/23/2012.
David J. Austin '78	01/19/2012
Richard R. Adams '54	2/10/2012
James L. Alexander '66	03/16/2012
Charles. R. Mayes '47	12/19/2011
David Fluegel '46	04/02/2012
Roger Dwain Hickey '67	04/13/2012
John F. Grant '47	04/14/2012
Marshall Hatfield '44	04/26/2012
Sanford Hipsh '49	04/29/2012
Mary Jane Menke '86 (former Staff)	04/30/2012
Dr. George Stanford Devins 56	05/13/2012
Darrell L. Winfrey '49	04/27/2012
Cpt. Terry Schroeder (Former Faculty)	
Carl Willbrand '50	3/12/2012



TAPS from February 2012 to June 1, 2012



First Annual Recognition Dinner Held May 5th, 2012

The first annual alumni donor recognition dinner was held on campus in Groendyke Hall on May 5th following the dedication of the Wentworth Dragon. The ceremony to dedicate the Wentworth Dragon was lead by President Bill Sellers '86 and all attending the dinner event watched the ceremony unfold as the Wentworth Dragon was unveiled in honor of COL Jimmy Tucker '61 and his dedication to Wentworth as a cadet and service as an alumnus. Funding for the Dragon was provided privately by a former cadet who was influenced by COL Jimmy Tucker and others.

Following the Dragon ceremony, the attendees were treated to a hospitality hour and a prime rib dinner. Following the dinner, individuals were recognized for contributions and support of the Wentworth mission, objectives and sustaining programs for improvements in campus activities, facilities and cadet life.



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

Life Members:

Ted Bratrud, '61
Marshall (Butch) Beall, '61
Ralph Bowles, '84
Melvin (Mel) Camp, '61
James Cormany, '61
Stephen DeLorenzi, '76
Ed Devinger, '60
Edson "Perk" Foster, '67
John Francis, '83
Frank D. Garrett, '66
Mark Hedrick, '64
Scott Hefner, '92
David L. Johnson, '63
Jay Johnson, '77
Charles W. McCracken, '42
George Peek, '61
George Reece, '57
Charles Stempel, 2005
Tom Vale, '77
Steven Westlake, '64
Chuck Wright, '61
Jim Wright, '66

Regular Members:

David Adams, '60
Richard Amos, '52
Scott Bitner, '61
Garold Butdorf, '72
Christie Butler, '71
Tom Butler, '64
Richard Burgess, '49
Wendall Cobleigh, '50
John Colon, '70
Anteco Cross, '93
Jack Easton, '60
Renz (J.R.) Edwards, '44
Robert (Bob) Elliott, '68
Terrance Follas, '67
Thomas Follas, '72
John Fotenos, '67
C.J. Hardnock, '05
Guy Harkness, '63
Dawson Heathman, '56

George Hittner, '97
Father John N. Himes, '70
Donald Holbert, '57
Richard "Dick" Hudson, '56
Jay Jeffries, '66
Michael Katskee, '64
David Kolinofsky, '04
David Lawrenz, '64
Michael Lierman, '73
Jeff Lipsky, '66
Al McCormick, '67
Regis McDonald, '64
John (Mike) McKinney, '59
Robert (Bob) Meyer, '72
Ben Millar, '47
Richard "Moose" Miller, '54
Leon Moore, '75
Allen (Al) Nordeen, '66
William (Sam) Ratcliffe, '65
John Ratcliffe, '96
David Ratcliffe, '98
Scott Richart, '81
Joseph Roper, '74
Lloyd Schultz, '74
Bob Sellers, '89
William (Bill) Sellers, '86
Jim Sellers, '50
Tom Slover, '67
Dale Slunicko, '59
Steve Smith, '83
Mary Stempel, '92
Carl Stempel, '72
Charles Stempel, 2005
Michael Warne, '71
Brown Whitaker, '45
Matt Wiseman, '83
Taylor Wright, '49
Marvin Wrisinger, '80

Recent Graduate Members (Class of 2010):

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

David Hyatt
Silivelio Iosefo
Kenneth Johnson
Jaron Jones
Esther Kim
Eunjeong Koh
Jessica LaJaunie
So-Young Lee
Kenneth Leech
Yoon-Jin Lim
Alfred Liusamoa
Jacinta Liva
Hunter Livingston
Kailen Lust Kailen
Jaden MacKey
Keith Mallory
Rodrigo Martinez
Tulifau Mauga
Talishabeth McMoore
Ralph Miller
Michael Money
Taylor Nash
Aaron Olsen
Ryan Parr
Diego Pelfini
Patrick Pendergrass
Vincent Peralta
John Pierce
Agnes Powell
Dustin Rae
Timopheey Razumovsky
Genevieve Read
Claire Rewerts
Alex Ruppel
Spencer Rutter
Sonny Saleutogi
Christopher Sanft
Joseph Schumacher
Tommy Sellers
Adam Shalz
Robert Sherman
Bradley Simms

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Masela So'alo
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
Mose Wilson
George Woodward
Miller Yost

2011 Mid-Year Graduate Members

Erick Wainer
Enrigue Hilst
Alexander (A.J.) Waldrop
Andres Rodriguez
John Johndahl

2011 High School Graduates

Alex Albaugh
Spenser Barr
Joseph Bequette
Gustavo Bernardelli
Shane Bjarnason
Ryan Crawford
Samuel Dawson
Sean Donnelly
Roy Dowson
Sydney Finfer
Caleb Hill
Qyang Huynh
Hunter Livingston
Yuan Liao
Stephan Nigro
Kido Orona
Kelby Packwood
Alex Rodriguez
Nathan Sparkman

2011 Junior College Graduates

Guillermo Caliz
Jordan Chipley
Brandon Drennan
Matalaloifi Elisara
Bradleyv Fairchild
Jeremy Fuentes
Randy Graf, Jr.
Elizabeth Handley
James Hovey
Namir Jones
Corey Juarez
Brandon Kilthau
Anito'a Laumoli
Herbes Lopez
Christina Macomber
Meaole Meaole
Asomaliu Pei
Emily Posala
Desara Selesitino
Priscilla Uhlich
Manuel Vandermolen
Michael Waldron
Samuelu Wells
David Whiteley

2011 Falcon Scholars

Lonnie Armstrong
Taylor Ham
Ryan Novack
Daniel James Thomas
Jake Werner

2011 Class Representatives

Class representatives are the sparkplug to encourage classmates to remain in touch and to attend alumni events.

Nathan Sparkman
Kido Orona
Dan Carrier
Sydney Finfer
Yuan Liao
Sam Dawson

2012 High School Graduates

Nizar Al-Mamari
Nicholas Bustamante Amorim
Joshua Allen Bryant
Wing Chung Sampson Chan
Ben Stanton Davis
Payton Lindsey Dobson
Miguel Guitart Garcia
Ethan Cole Hannah
Brennan Michael Scott Harms
William Henry Hearnberger
Mason Ryan Heinz
Reese King
Jordan Langton
Caitlin Rose Lobdell
Ryah Nicole Mygatt
Julian Orloff
Miguel Angel Ortiz Garcia
Cameron Clay Perry
Eli Seth Rowell
Blake Wallisch Sanders
Marianne Saucedo
William Stone
Miguel Angel Torres Gamez
Robert Uwumukiza
Gianna Simone Vazquez
Matthew William Wymani

Cathy Ferila Sunia Iosefa
Jacqueline Janet Eva Keener
Daniel Lee King
Jordan Micheal Maxwell
Madison Joanne Muncy
Ryah Nicole Mygatt
Richard Souza Neves
Daniel Allan Otto
Jesse Michael Porter
John Michael Mendiola Ramos
Daniel Razumovsky
Katelyn Ann Rivers
Kaylen Rene' Rotermund
Anthony Dean Smith
Dalton Ray Striedel III
Dean R. Strobel
Kelvin Suaunoa
David Young Sun
Steven Cole Theurer
Michelle D'Anne Trent
Zane Lee Westfall
Adam Christopher Williams
Andrea Lea Willis
Jacob Hawk Wright

2012 College Graduates

Amber Lynn Aubertin
Michael R. Blackmon
Jacob Daniel Carlson
Shirley Thomas Coen
Caitlan Colbert
Bradley William Cooley
Matthew Todd Dandorf
Moroni Joseph Deanda
Jessica Renee Durham
Reuben Lealofi Faiai
Ronald Raymond Fite
Angela Denise Gibson
Tessa Diana Gomez
Kathleen Simeamativa Grey
Jacob William Harris
Steven Daniel Heitmeyer
Anthony Gunther Henely
Lucas Vincent Hobbs





**Wentworth Military Academy
Alumni Association
Membership Application**



(Former Cadets Only)

Instructions:

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

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

Applicant's Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

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

Home Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Employer: _____ Occupation/Title: _____

Work Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Work phone: _____

Work E-mail: _____

Spouse's Information:

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

Membership Dues:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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