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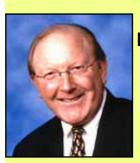
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WMA Football Schedule - Fall, 2013

8/30 St. Paul's Lutheran HS 7:00 PM @ WMA

9/13 Lincoln HS 7:00 PM @ WMA (Parents Weekend)

9/7 Northeast Kansas City HS 1:00 PM @ Northeast

9/20 Sweet Springs HS 7:00 PM @ Sweet Spring

10/5 Bishop Seabury Academy 2:00 PM (HOMECOMING)

10/11 Windsor HS 7:00 @ Windsor

10/18 Marantha Academy 7:00 PM @ WMA

10/25 Orrick HS 7:00 PM @ Orrick

Homecoming 2013 - Plan To Be On Campus

Wentworth Homecoming A Birthday Celebration Honoring Norma Maring

October 3 - 6, 2013

Welcome back to your second home in 2013. Come show your Red Dragon pride, and reconnect with old classmates and fellow alumni. Among the featured activities are:

Class Reunions: 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1988, 1993, 2003 -

Special recognition at the Saturday night banquet -

- 50 Year Anniversary, Class of 1963
- 25 Year Anniversary, Class of 1988
- 10 Year Anniversary, Class of 2003



Norma's Birthday Celebration: Help us celebrate Norma Maring's 80th birthday at the Friday BBQ and Birthday Party, and a "Through the Years" event on Saturday morning. Help shower Norma with birthday wishes by sending your birthday card, email or note, to be presented at her birthday party. (Please mail cards to Wentworth Homecoming, Attn: Cheney Parrish, 1880 Washington Avenue, Lexington, MO 64067.)

Annual Ed Ellis Golf Tournament: The four-person scramble golf tournament on Friday is a highlight of the weekend. Whether you want to bring in a foursome or just want to join up with fellow alumni for a round, please contact Frank Hugelman '72 (https://www.shirkeygolfcourse.com/. We encourage early sign up, space may be limited.

<u>Annual Wentworth–Kemper Alumni Trap Shoot Tournament:</u> Bill Heltzel is organizing the annual Saturday morning trap shoot competition between Wentworth and Kemper alumni. Please contact Bill at wheltzel@yahoo.com.

<u>Stick an Old Boy:</u> Have fun remembering old times by sponsoring a poster of a former roommate or friend. For \$30, you can select a picture from past yearbooks and have it made into a poster to be displayed at Homecoming. Contact Cheney Parrish at <u>cparrish@wma.edu</u> or 660-259-6065 for more information.

<u>Photo Booth – Video Room:</u> Get your friends together for a group picture, and then create a video story to share your favorite memories of Wentworth.

Other Activities: Pep Rally/Bonfire, Saturday night silent auction & raffle drawing to benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund, Wentworth After Hours at the Spotted Pig, Ghost Hunt, 5-K Walk/Run, Sunday Memorial Service, Dress Parade, and Flag Ceremony, and more.

Registration Deadline: September 20, 2013 – Pre-registration is encouraged.

Mail reservation form and payment to:

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Flag Honors

Tom Butler, '64 celebrated his 70th birthday on June 3rd by posing for a photo with his gift from John Francis, '83. Mr. Francis took advantage of the Alumni Association Flag Honors program and provided Mr. Butler with a flag that was flown above the Wentworth campus during the month of April.

In honor of and to help celebrate the 35th wedding anniversary of James '61 (Jim) and Kathy Cormany, John also provided them with a flag that was flown above the Wentworth campus. The couple is celebrating the wedding milestone with a long planned trip.

Each flag honor comes with a 5 X 9.5 U. S. Flag which is flown above the Wentworth campus, folded and preserved in a flag case with a name plate on the front and an accompanying certificate of authenticity. If you wish to honor an alum through the flag honors program, please contact Jim Wright or Al McCormick.

Happy birthday to Tom, congratulations to Jim and Kathy and thank you John Francis for your thoughtfulness and generosity.



Tom Butler, '64 received an "Honors" flag



The Cormany Flag is Displayed

Dates To Remember

- ❖June 17, 2013: Wisconsin Rally
- August 2-4: Alumni Work Weekend
- ❖September 14: San Francisco/Bay area Rally.
- October 3-6, 2013: Homecoming -Lexington, MO.

Wisconsin Rally Coming

The Wisconsin Red Dragon Rally is set for Monday, June 17th

Bob Kerscher '70 is pleased to announce the Wisconsin Rally will be held at The Course at Branch River (formerly Branch River Country Club) in Cato, Wisconsin.

SELLERS RESIGNS AS WENTWORTH PRESIDENT

Wentworth Military Academy and College's Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Wentworth President Bill Sellers in its meeting on Saturday, May 4.

"Bill has worked tirelessly to build a positive atmosphere on campus, to grow enrollment, and to create a stronger foundation for Wentworth's future growth," said Wentworth Board Chairman Robert Heath.

"I feel like I have accomplished what I set out to do," said Sellers. "Shortly after I arrived, our team

put together a strategic plan with five areas of focus – academics, recruiting, business operations, campus life, and institutional advancement – and we've made progress in all areas."

Sellers took over as President in December 2008 when enrollment was at 155 cadets, its lowest point since the 1930s. On campus enrollment has since grown over 50% to 238 cadets -- its highest level in two decades. Sellers brought in Bob Harmon as Admissions Director in December 2011. "The admissions team is doing an outstanding job recruiting - locally, nationally and internationally," commented Sellers.



College enrollment is at its highest level in Wentworth's history, with 334 full-time students. Including part-time students, the college enrolls about 1,000 students a year. The commuter population from the Lafayette/Ray County area is now at an all-time high, as is online enrollment. "I grew up here in Lexington and have placed a major emphasis on creating a great relationship between the local region and the school. We have done that," Sellers said.

Wentworth had only nine foreign students back in 2008. "We now have 14 countries represented, and next year, we anticipate having over 60 international cadets on campus. The diversity of our student body is one of the strongest aspects of our program," said Sellers.

The primary emphasis of Sellers' tenure has been to improve academic offerings. "Wentworth has a number of important aspects to its mission, including producing more officers for the Army and the Missouri National Guard than any institution in the state. But nothing is more important than our academic program. We are constantly assessing and improving the quality of the education we are providing to the future leaders of our country. Just this last fall, we had a very successful focused visit from the Higher Learning Commission, our regional accrediting agency. The team that visited our campus noted qualitative and quantitative improvements in all areas evaluated. Tim Casey, our College Dean, and Joe Aull, our High School Principal and Vice President of Academic Affairs, are both as professional and dedicated as any educators I have encountered around the country, and they have done a tremendous job."

SELLERS RESIGNS AS WENTWORTH PRESIDENT - continued

Sellers served a term as president of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States. He was also the first Wentworth president ever to serve on the Presidential Advisory Committee to Missouri's Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Wentworth now has a number of student transfer agreements with colleges and high schools around the state and nationally as a result.





Wentworth also increased its fundraising by 33% under Sellers, despite the economic downturn that began in October 2008. "Even though the recession had started just before I came to Wentworth, our alumni base has been generous in supporting the school," Sellers stated. The school has been able to invest over \$1 million in facilities upgrades as a result. Sellers added, "Wentworth needs to continue the expansion of that fundraising support, so that it can retain its leadership role in regional education and enhance its national reputation as the premier school of its type in the Midwest."

Another accomplishment during Sellers' tenure was the restart of the college athletic program. Wentworth is now one of the top NJCAA programs in the Midwest. Sellers brought in Athletic Director Tom Hughes in 2011 to rebuild the school's athletic offerings. "I am so proud of what Tom has been able to accomplish, not only as athletic director, but also as coach of the NJCAA Region XVI basketball cochampions in only the second year of the program's reinstatement," added Sellers. "There is a whole new atmosphere on campus because of our college soccer, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, track and baseball programs for our young men and women."

Wentworth was founded by Sellers' great-great grandfather, Stephen G. Wentworth in 1880, and has been headed by four generations of the Sellers family. "It has meant so much to me to lead the school that was also led by my father, grandfather, and great-grandfather." stated Sellers.

"And it's been an honor to work with so many good people at Wentworth, especially Superintendent Mike Lierman. Mike has done so much for Wentworth as Chief Operating Officer and has provided the foundation for us to accomplish all that we did over the last five years. I also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Operations Officer Rick Cottrell, Vice President of Institutional Advancement Dan Ryan, Dean of Students Darren Fitzgerald, Executive Assistant Becky Markley, Public Relations Director Kevin Farley, International Director Cristhina Starke, IT Director Logan Seals, and many others. Whatever challenges Wentworth may yet face, I truly believe that its best days are ahead of it."

Sellers said that departing Wentworth would be difficult. "My family and I have mixed emotions about leaving. We have been so embraced by the local community, and we will miss it," he explained. "I am weighing a number of options for our future, but look forward to spending time with my family first."

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank Bill for his dedicated service to Wentworth," said Chairman Robert Heath. Sellers will formally step down after Wentworth's graduation on May 18. Heath added that COL Mike Lierman will serve as Interim President while the Board searches for a new President.

A Thought Or Two From Guy Harkness

WENTWORTH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH, 9:30 A.M., THE TILLOTSON BARRACKS MEETING ROOM

After 46 years in the business world, one group of persons I never particularly cared for were the proverbial "arm chair quarterbacks". You know, the persons who would always generally say "if it would have been me, I would have said so and so", or "if I would have been there, I would have done so and so", or "if those persons would have had any fortitude, they would have accomplished so and so". But when confronted, or when the "chips are really down", these are the same persons found running to the sidelines, seeking the other "herd mentalities", and not wishing to say one constructive word for the betterment of the cause!

Ladies & gentlemen, please don't be part of the "herd", or one of the "arm chair quarterbacks"!. Per the above subject, and on Saturday morning October 5th at 9:30 AM, please plan to attend our annual Alumni Association meeting, & provide your valuable input so we can continue to shape our plans as we move forward during this decade. If you don't think you can make a difference, you're mistaken! Your forthright constructive input, either positive or negative, is and will be genuinely welcomed by all of us. We're working hard to make our Alumni Association more effective and more "user-friendly" for all of you. If you don't stand up & speak your mind, you're "short changing" not only yourselves, but also the Academy and the Association.

One final and further note is to advise all of you that we're also needing to formally select several individuals to fill our open positions. Please also know that it's obviously not necessary at all that any candidates reside in this immediate area. Any responsibilities asked of anyone can be accomplished with very little time and effort from wherever one may live.

So again, and in conclusion, don't be that proverbial "arm chair quarterback"! Step up, take the lead, tell us what may be on your mind, and help us become a better organization moving forward!

Thank you, & I'll see you at Homecoming! Guy Harkness, '63, Wentworth Alumni Association President-Elect.

Wentworth Color Guard Performs

Members of the Wentworth Military Academy & College color guard performed at the Kansas City Luncheon in downtown Kansas City at the Marriott Hotel.

One year after Wentworth Alumnus and former Congressman Ike Skelton was awarded the Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor Award, former President Bill Clinton was in Kansas City to receive the same award.

"During an approximately 45-minute address, Clinton urged more than 1,000 guests in the Muehlebach Tower of the Kansas City Marriott Downtown to follow Truman's example in looking beyond their neighbors' differences and concentrating on sentiments they share," according to the Kansas City Star.



The Wentworth Military Academy & College Color Guard has become a staple of the Kansas City Luncheon as they continue to perform each year in the presentation of Colors to begin the ceremony. The cadets always look sharp and do a very fine job in representing Wentworth.

Update from the Board Chair

By Robert L. Heath, '59

To all Wentworth Alumni and Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you an update from the perspective of the Board Chair of Wentworth Military Academy and College as we close out the 133rd year of fulfilling our educational mission of service. Friday and Saturday, May 17 & 18, 2013 were big days for the Academy. At the Commissioning Ceremony on Friday, we witnessed 13 cadets being sworn in as second lieutenants in the US Army, committing to serve their country and swearing allegiance to the Constitution of the United States. Administering the oath of office was Brigadier General Erik Patterson, Deputy Commanding General, US Army Cadet Command. After shoulder boards were attached by proud parents, these new officers gave their first "silver dollar salute" to an enlisted person of their choice.



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Saturday was the Commencement Ceremony, with 20 high school cadets receiving their diplomas, followed by 53 college graduates. In total, 9 countries in addition to the US were represented. It was a proud day for all.

Part of the ceremony included recognition of Col. William Wentworth "Bill" Sellers, who concluded his term as Wentworth's 14th President. Bill had served almost 5 years at the helm and the Board of Trustees accepted his resignation at its May meeting. Bill worked tirelessly to rebuild the school, and has had a lasting impact on the institution. Thanks to Bill's efforts, student enrollment is up, with college enrollment at it's highest level in the history of the school, with 344 full time students, and if you add part time students, the number exceeds 1,000. International recruiting is also up with 14 countries represented. Sixty international students are expected in the fall. Bill also rejuvenated relations with the alumni and spent countless hours fundraising on behalf of the Academy. A proclamation was read in his honor and he was presented with a flag that had flown earlier over the campus on "Col. William Wentworth Sellers Day."

With Bill's departure, Wentworth is experiencing the end of the Sellers era, service by one family that goes back the very founding of the School by Steven G. Wentworth, Bill's maternal great grandfather, then followed in succession by Sandford Sellers, (Bill's paternal great grandfather) Sandford Sellers, Jr., James McBrayer Sellers, (Bill's grandfather) JM "Mac" Sellers (Bill's dad), and finally Bill himself. By any measure, this is a remarkable achievement and commitment by one family of almost continuous leadership since the school's beginning. We are all most appreciative to Bill and the Sellers family. Finally we are most fortunate to have an individual with over 30 years of experience and knowledge

of the Academy, who is willing to serve Wentworth on an interim basis as its President. Col. Mike Lierman was appointed by the Board to serve as Interim President of the Academy through this leadership change. Mike is the perfect candidate for this role, having served eight different Presidents in his tenure at Wentworth. Please give Col. Lierman your full support until the new leader is chosen.

Attention Trap Shooters and Golfers

The **Annual trap shoot** competition between Kemper Alumni and Wentworth Alumni is scheduled for the Homecoming weekend on Saturday, October 4th.

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

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

Col Bill Sellers' Commencement Address

Below is Bill Sellers' commencement address which he presented during the 133rd Commencement ceremony on May 18, 2013. Col Sellers stepped down as President of Wentworth upon completion of commencement. We will all miss Bill's leadership at the school. Editor.

Parents, family, friends, faculty, staff, alumni, the 133rd Corps of cadets, and most importantly, our graduates, welcome to the 133rd Commencement at Wentworth Military Academy and College. My name is Bill Sellers, president of Wentworth.

As many of you know, this is my fifth and final Commencement as Wentworth' president, as I'm stepping down after this ceremony. In the last few days and weeks, I've spent a lot of time reflecting on not only my time as Wentworth's president over the last 5 years, but my life and my family's life at Wentworth.

Wentworth was founded by my great-great-great grandfather, Stephen G. Wentworth. From 1880 to 1990 – a span of 110 years – the school was run by my great-grandfather, my grandfather and my father. My grandfather, James McBrayer Sellers, spent 88 of his 95 years at Wentworth as Commandant, Superintendent, President, Latin teacher, and tennis coach. He was actually born in our Administration Building in 1895 and married the great-granddaughter of Stephen G. Wentworth, which connected the Sellers and Wentworth lines. I grew up on the campus in the same house that my family lives in now, and I attended Wentworth from 1982 to 1986. So sometimes I tell an audience that my middle name is Wentworth. But when



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I say that I'm not joking, my middle name really is Wentworth – William Wentworth Sellers. That's a blessing and a curse.

With everyone in my family, there is a certain part of our identity that is tied to Wentworth. And I consider many people who do not share my blood to be part of my family because of our shared Wentworth experience – I see some in the audience – Pat Melvin, Claudio Zambrano, and Juan Villacis – with whom I went through Wentworth as a cadet – and seeing them is like reconnecting with family. Pat and Claudio both now have sons who are graduating today, and I know you're very proud of Patrick Jr. and Marcelo following in your footsteps.

So Wentworth is a home to me – as it is to many of us. A few years ago, I came across a poem by T.S. Eliot, titled Four Quartets. One stanza from that poem reads:

We shall not cease from exploration And the end of our exploring Will be to arrive where we started And know the place for the first time.

So what does that mean? Life is a continual exploration. But the places where that exploring begins – like Wentworth - are places to come back to and reflect on the formation of your values and your character. Your perspective on the places and experiences that formed you changes because life is a constant exploration and evolution. I didn't know it at the time, but the values that I learned at Wentworth changed the course of my life.

And when I came back as president 5 years ago – arriving back where I started – I did know the place for the first time – seeing it with very different eyes than I did 30 or 40 years ago.

Would all the alumni in the audience please stand up? Thank you all for being here. We had a dinner this week where we inducted all the new HS and College graduates into the Alumni Association. I hope to see many of you new graduates back here at Homecomings or Commencements in coming years. As I look out at the alumni in the audience, I see some recent graduates – Ryne Relford was our Battalion Commander first semester and did an excellent job before turning that role over to the outstanding leadership of one of our new Second Lieutenants, Jordan Spence. I also saw Hunter Richardson and Gus Jenson, a couple of our Falcon Scholars from last year, who were back here on 96 hour leave to support some of their buddies who were commissioning last night. I was visiting with them a little bit about their Wentworth experiences, and even at four or five months out, as Ryne had, or a year out, as Hunter and Gus had, they look at their Wentworth experiences differently than they did a year ago. You get a little perspective on things as you get away from it and you learn those lessons as to how Wentworth really did impact your life. Because being at Wentworth is not always easy. There are challenges you face here that most college sophomores, college freshmen and high school students do not have to go through. And it's not always fun, there are challenges, but there are also opportunities to follow and friendships that form, and you grow because of it.

I look at some of the other alums -my old classmates, Juan, Claudio and Pat. I see staff members and former staff members – Mike Lierman, Sam Ratcliffe, Al McCormick. I see alums who graduated over 50 years ago – Swede Roskam, Bob Heath, Ron Sipes and Fred Sellers. My Uncle Fred was also born in the Administration Building as my grandfather was. And if you go out the side door, you can see a concrete retaining wall that was poured in 1941 and his baby footprint is impressed in the concrete. So if anybody wants to see that after the ceremony, Uncle Fred will give tours. That was 72 years ago. All of these alums – whether from last year or 30 years ago or 50 years ago - have committed time throughout their lives to Wentworth, in part because of that formative impact Wentworth had on their lives.

I am sometimes asked why I came back to Wentworth. The first thing that brought me back was that Wentworth was in tough shape at the time – enrollment was low, morale was low, and opportunities for cadets were limited. We refocused from dwelling on the past and the troubles of the present to building the future. In 5 short years, enrollment is now up over 50%, we have built a tremendous team of faculty and staff – extremely dedicated - and we've created more and better opportunities for our students through our academic, military, leadership and athletic programs – all of which are much different than they were 5 years ago today.

But more than that, I came back because of the values that I learned at Wentworth through the examples of my father, my mother and my grandfather, all of whom devoted their lives to the school. My mother is here today – she taught English at Wentworth for over 20 years. Thanks Mom – I appreciate what you've done. And that's a lesson for everybody - thank your moms, thank your dads, thank those who made an impact on you. Because without the people over here, without the people in the back of the room, none of our students would have the success that they've had. That's extremely meaningful for all of you. And I have that perspective today where I did not necessarily have it when I was in your chairs thirty years ago.

I attained a true sense of myself here through those values. There was a sense of duty – not only to Wentworth but to our country and the well-being of the world – as so many of you are future leaders of the country and the world. And I look at our student body, and I see faces from all over the world, from all over the country, from American territories, to our local students. We have such a diverse student body, and I look at that as our biggest strength. This is a reflection of what the world is, right here in this room. What a wonderful thing it is to have this type of experience - whether you're from China, or Mexico, or Brazil, or American Samoa, or Guam or the Mariana Islands, or Arizona or Florida or Mis-

Col Bill Sellers' Commencement Address-continued

souri – to learn from others, and make friends with others from around the world. It truly is a unique and wonderful experience.

There was a sense of tradition, as Wentworth has a long and storied past, and I am very proud of the role my family has played in it. There was a sense of fairness – in living the Golden Rule - doing unto others as you would have them do unto you. In 1954, President Harry Truman spoke at Wentworth on the 75th Anniversary of the school and talked about how the Marshall Plan was at essence the "Golden Rule on a world basis" – helping our former enemies - Germany and Japan - rebuild after World War II.

There was a sense of integrity – in establishing the guiding moral principles that carry on through life. There was a sense of teamwork – as I have always found that being part of a team or the leader of a team has been the most satisfying part of my life— whether as a cadet at Wentworth as part of a company or an athletic team, in college, where I was part of the varsity football team, as a lawyer, where I was part of teams working on nationwide cases, or back at Wentworth as president, where we've built a great team of faculty and staff and reinvigorated our academic, athletic, military and leadership programs.

But more than anything, there was a sense of service. Nothing measures success better in my eyes than how your own life impacts others' lives. I was down in Joplin, Missouri earlier this spring with my kids for an academic competition, and I took them to the George Washington Carver National Monument in Diamond, Missouri, just south of Joplin. As we were walking through, there was a quote that was engraved on a rock. Dr. Carver said: "It is not the style of clothes one wears, neither the kind of automobile one drives, nor the amount of money one has in the bank, that counts. These mean nothing. It is simply service that measures success."

That quote actually hit close to home for me in some ways. When I'm not wearing my suit - and my wife, Lori, will attest to this - I'm more of a jeans and t-shirt guy, I drive a 2003 Saturn Ion with 125,000 miles on it, and although education is a noble profession, none of us who are involved in education are in it to make a lot of money. It's because of the impact we have on others' lives that we get involved in education. I know a lot of people who have attained monetary wealth but who are completely dissatisfied with their own lives – some of them are actually quite miserable. But those who devote themselves to lives of service are rich. I look at those cadets who commissioned as officers in the Army last night, and I choke up every time I see that ceremony. That is inspiring. You all are heroes to me. You are going to lead rich lives in service of this country. So are many of you who are thinking of other paths – whether in business, government, athletics, the arts - whatever path you choose – you will lead rich lives if you choose a path of service to supplement that. I look at our faculty and staff and see the countless hours that you put in to help serve and improve the lives of our students – you lead rich lives.

I feel much richer for the last five years of my life that I have been able to devote to service at Wentworth. As the leader of an organization, some people view themselves as at the top of a pyramid and others work for them. I subscribe to another point of view. I am at the bottom of an inverted pyramid, and my job is to lead everyone in the organization, but I work for them. The weight of that pyramid can be heavy at times, but it is well worth it. Think about that approach as you new graduates lead an organization or platoon or company. Are people working for you or are you leading your team while working for them and serving them? That is an example that I have taken to heart.

And for my own experience here, I thank Chairman Bob Heath and the Board of Trustees, the faculty, the staff, the alumni, my wife Lori, my mother, and most importantly, the cadets and students of Wentworth for this opportunity. It has truly been my honor and my privilege to serve as your president. Thank you.



WMA Alumni Association Announces The Flag Honors Program





The Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association along with the school, is pleased and proud to announce the newest of our benefit programs; The Flag Honors Program.

The Flag Honors Program is designed to honor former Cadets, Faculty, and Friends of Wentworth Military Academy with a memorial United States flag that has actually flown over the WMA campus. The school will fly a 5 X 9.5 foot flag on the main quadrangle flag pole, if you wish, on a specific date. The flag will be properly folded and placed in a memorial case with the name of the person being honored engraved on a brass plaque. The plaque will include the date that is being honored, if you desire. Also included will be a certificate of authenticity signed by the President of Wentworth Military Academy (Col Mike Lierman). All of this will be shipped to wherever you wish, or presented during an on-campus ceremony.

The cost of this honor is \$300 per flag. The proceeds will be used to support the Alumni Association's Scholarship Programs along with other programs supported and funded by the Association.

Think of this as a way to honor you, a loved one, or even an old roommate and help support the school, through the Alumni Association, at the same time.

For more information, please contact the President of the WMA Alumni Association or the Director of Alumni Relations, Al McCormick, '67 at 816-255-0641, amccormick@wma.edu. Also, there will soon be a page in the Alumni portion of the WMA website that will have this information and a form that can be completed and sent in. All we ask is that you give us a reasonable length of time to get this done.

We will be announcing the flag presentations as they occur.

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

Thank You To Alumni Association



April 16, 2013

WMA Alumni Association, Inc. Attn: James M. Wright, President PO Box 102 Lexington, MO 64067

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$9500, to be applied to the account of a cadet. By now you should have received a tax letter and thank you from Dan Ryan, but I want to let you know that your support is really making a difference.

We recently opened the spring semester with 238 cadets – our highest on-campus enrollment since 1993-94. Applications for next fall are coming in at a record pace, and we are currently forecasting opening the 2013-14 school year with 260 cadets. As enrollment increases, the academic standards rise, the competition for cadet leadership rises, the quality of our athletic teams, band and drill team rises, and the entire Wentworth experience improves for everyone.

Your donation shows that you are willing to stand up for the values that Wentworth embodies. You don't just read the paper and complain about the lack of leadership in America's institutions – you put your money to work fixing the problem.

I take your investment seriously. Thank you for helping Wentworth create the next generation of strong leadership.

Warmest Regards,

William W. Sellers President

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Jim and the Association—
Thanks for all you
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President's View

By Jim Wright, '66

Here we are at the start of summer. I am sure that we all have many plans for this summer, I know that I do.

First. I want to take a moment and thank Sam Ratcliffe for all of his work as Treasurer of the Alumni Association. He has been our



treasurer since the end of 2011. It has been a pleasure working with him and I know that we will continue to see him around the Wentworth campus. Again, Thanks Sam.

While I am at it, we now need a new Treasurer for the Association. We also need a Vice President and a Secretary. If you are interested, please let either Jim Wright, Guy Harkness, or Al Mc-Cormick know. We would really like to have a full slate of Association officers to vote on during our Saturday morning membership meeting. Please get involved with your Association. An organization is only as good as the people who support and operate it.

I would also like to pause and thank Col Bill Sellers for all of his dedication to and support of Wentworth for these last five years (and of course many years before that). Bill has been a great friend to me and to the Alumni Association. We will miss him at the helm and wish him the best in the future. And, of course, I am sure we will see him at future Academy events.

Speaking of Academy events, Homecoming is the big topic of the day. Mark your calendar and plan to attend on October 3-6. Yes, we are getting a head start this year by starting on Thursday for all of you early birds with a Pep Rally, ghost hunt and informal gathering in the evening. On Friday, we have the golf tournament, Alumni BBQ and Norma Maring's birthday celebration and the ghost hunt. On Saturday, will be the 5-K Walk/Run (for those who can!) the trap shoot, the Alumni Association meeting, a get together with Norma Maring, tail gate party, parade, High School football game, and the Alumni banquet,

awards ceremony, and silent auction. On Sunday morning we will have breakfast in the mess hall, a memorial ceremony, dress parade, and brunch in the mess hall: all before we all take off after a wonderful weekend. Please plan on joining us for a Homecoming get together with old friends. This is fun for all ages.

Also, this year, you can sign up and pay for your Homecoming reservations on-line. Just go to wma.edu/alumni to fill out the form and pay by credit card.

If someone would like to donate a great raffle prize for this year's Homecoming, please let me know. We seem to have run out of ideas. Or, if you have a great idea for a raffle prize, please let me know. The funds generated by the raffle are used to support the Alumni Association's scholarship program.

We want to welcome Col Mike Lierman as the acting President of Wentworth. We look forward to working with him in the future.

I would also like to note that, with this issue, we are starting our 4th year! Yes, that's right. We published the first Red Dragon in June of 2010. It has been a pleasure to serve the WMA alumni community.

I hope to see all of you in Lexington during our October 3-6 Homecoming. I think that we have a good time planned for all.

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Director's Corner

By Al McCormick, '67

Your Trust in us Continues! Last quarter as we always do, we introduced new members and new life members.

Thanks to them and those of you who join we continue to build the basis of a long term scholarship program for future Wentworth cadets.



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

Our newest member is Gerald (Jerry) Gustafson '39 who has enrolled for a three year membership, and our newest life members are: Robert Elliott '69, and Allen Nordeen '66.

Please welcome our newest members!

Reminder-Wentworth Directory

Reminder that we have engaged Harris Connect to again produce a 2014 version of our Alumni Directory. You are encouraged to keep your vital information current with the academy and if you find a lost old boy out there, please pass the word.

New Website

Have you noticed? We have a new website thanks to the IT staff and our management.

A somewhat overlooked portion of the website is a relatively new offering, The "In Memoriam" section located within the Alumni portion of our website. As we learn of passing of alumni we are posting names, class years, date of death and a link to the obituary if available. Please check it out and if you learn of an old boy passing, please contact Al McCormick in the alumni office so this information can be added. On a personal note we gain a great deal of this information from you. the alumni network. Thank you for what you have done in the past to keep us informed and thanks in advance for any news you may send.

Old Boy News

We (I) live on this and count on your communication! It's my passion to see the Old Boy News section continue to grow. No need to be bashful about sending information about YOU, we want it and others enjoy reading it. Pictures and updates are wanted, please send in your information.

Annual Ed Ellis Open Golf Tournament

Will truly be an open tournament this year. If you are planning to attend Homecoming, and we hope you are, and if you are planning to participate in the Ed Ellis Golf Tournament, I encourage vou to reserve a spot. Contact either Al McCormick ammccormick@wma.edu or Frank Hugelman, hugelman@embargmail.com right away please.

We are planning more prizes and more fun com-Al McCormick petitions, reserve your spot now!

See you at Homecoming!

Cans For Cadets

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

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

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

This project is still underway. Please keep up the good work!

John Groendyke, '64 Inducted Into The Oklahoma Hall of Fame

Seven will be inducted into Oklahoma Hall of Fame

The Oklahoma Heritage Association will induct seven distinguished Oklahomans into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame during a Nov. 7 ceremony and banquet in Oklahoma City.

Seven distinguished Oklahomans will be inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame this year.

They are real estate investor and philanthropist Michael D. Case, meteorologist Gary A. England, John D. Groendyke, Timothy C. Headington, Vicki Miles-LaGrange, Russell M. Perry and Reggie N. Whitten.

The honorees were announced at a luncheon on Thursday and will join 655 other notables who have been inducted since 1928. Many past inductees were at the luncheon to congratulate the new class. A formal induction ceremony will be in November.

The Oklahoma Heritage Association was founded in 1927 with the purpose of establishing the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, and the Gaylord-Pickens Museum was opened in 2007 with the intent of honoring these and other accomplished Oklahomans.

"Being inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame is the single-highest honor an individual can receive from our state," said Shannon L. Rich, president of the Oklahoma Heritage Association and Gaylord-Pickens Museum, in a news release.

Portraits of each member of this year's class will be added to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Gallery at the museum. Their biographies, photos and more will be accessible through touch-screen computers.

John D. Groendyke, Enid

John Groendyke is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Groendyke Transport, Inc., the fifth-largest motor carrier of bulk commodities serving the continental United States, Canada, and Mexico. Groendyke graduated from Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri, where he attended high school and junior college. He holds a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and a law degree from OU.

He served as a captain in the U.S. Army and, after a twoyear tour of duty, returned to Enid to join the family trucking operation founded by his father, H.C. Groendyke in 1932. Groendyke serves on the OG&E Energy Board of Directors, the board of Wentworth Military Academy Foundation, and the board of National Tank Truck Carriers. He presently is serving his sixth term as a commissioner for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. He is a trustee and the current chairman for the Oklahoma Chapter of The Nature Conservancy and is a member of the board of directors of the Grand National Quail Foundation and Grand National Quail Club.



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When he is not trucking, his energies are in wildlife conservation, farming and ranching, real estate and collecting and showing antique automobiles.

Our congratulations to John and all of the inductees - Editor

Phoenix Rally Cold But Fun By John Francis, 83

The coldest winter I ever spent was at an Arizona spring training game? Well, that was the case this year at the Arizona Red Dragon Rally on March 8th. With the temperatures in the 40's, a little rain and steady winds out of the east, it was not the ideal setting for a night baseball game. This however, did not stop over 25 old boys from attending the event and sharing good times with great stories. Unfortunately, the game was called in the bottom of the 4th inning bringing the event to an early close. But as they say in Australia, no worries mate, we'll be back again next year.



Graduates Honored

On May 18th, forty two Junior College graduates, three Falcon Scholars, and twenty High School Seniors were honored at the annual graduates party held in the Hall of Honor to recognize the graduates and welcome them into the ranks of alumni. The graduates party is an annual recognition event hosted by the Academy in conjunction with the Alumni Association attended and supported by many alumni members from Lafayette County and the greater Kansas City area. The graduates were treated to a special meal served by the Ameriserve staff.

Col. Rick Cottrell presented an address to the graduates with a message of looking forward to life after Wentworth. Al McCormick followed with a welcoming to the ranks of alumni presentation emphasizing the importance of remaining in touch as the graduates excel in further studies, business, or Military life. Col. Michael Lierman closed the presentations with a thank you for being a Wentworth Cadet and some advice in what has been learned at Wentworth and how to use those values in moving forward with adult life.

Each graduate was presented with the traditional alumni identification card and an alumni lapel pin. The graduates then proceeded through a reception line of attending alumni members who congratulated them individually. Among the attending members of the Alumni Association were Association President, Jim Wright, and President Elect Guy Harkness.



Alumni Directory Production Planned Be Counted in the Alumni Directory

Wentworth Military Academy has entered into a contract with Harris Connect to produce a new Alumni Directory deliverable in late calendar year 2014. Harris Connect and Wentworth have a long standing relationship in producing a quality alumni directory. Harris Connect will begin the directory campaign on our behalf in the summer of 2014 by contacting all of our alumni. Be counted by participating!

The Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Directory:

The 2014 Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Directory is a comprehensive reference tool that lists all living Wentworth alumni. We partner with Harris Connect (www.harrisconnect.com), a company that, for the last 40 years, has specialized in helping institutions and member-based organizations stay in touch with their constituents through commemorative publications.

Who is Harris Connect?

Harris Connect (www.harrisconnect.com) has worked with more than 5,000 institutions and membership based organizations over the last four decades to create solutions to help members remain in touch. The Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Office has again partnered with Harris Connect to produce the Wentworth Alumni Directory.

Why does Wentworth create an Alumni Directory?

The Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Directory gives alumni another avenue to reconnect with classmates for social and networking opportunities. In addition it allows the Wentworth Alumni Office to ensure they have the most up-to-date contact information for you, so that they can let you know about updates to the Academy and your Alumni Association.

How often is the Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Directory published?

The Wentworth version of the Alumni Directory is published approximately every five years.



Homecoming Schedule Announced



Homecoming 2013
Weekend Schedule
Happy Birthday, Norma
and
Welcome Home, Alumni!

Thursday, October 3

1:00PM – 5:00 PM Homecoming Registration in Groendyke Hall 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM Pep Rally and Bon Fire (Field East of Tennis Courts) 9:00 PM – 12:00 AM Gathering at the Spotted Pig

Friday, October 4

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Lunch with the Corps (Optional) Dining Hall
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10:00AM - 5:00 PM
Alumni Golf Tournament at Shirkey Golf Course in Richmond, MO
Walking Tours of Campus (departs from Hall of Honor every half hour)
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Alumni BBQ and Norma's Birthday Celebration (Field House)
Gathering at the Spotted Pig
10:00 PM - ??
Ghost Hunt (Meet in front of Alumni House)

Saturday, October 5

8:00AM - 9:30 AM 5-K Walk/Run (meet in front of Administration Building) 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Homecoming Registration in Groendyke Hall Walking Tours of campus (departs from Hall of Honor every half hour) 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 9:00 AM - 12:00PM Annual Kemper-Wentworth Invitational Trap Shoot 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Apples, Arts and Antiques Festival Downtown Lexington 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Alumni Association Meeting - Tillotson meeting room "Through the Years" with Norma (Chapel) 10:30AM - 11:15 AM PHOTO OP -Corps Reunion, Alumni Association & Former Staff and Faculty (Groendyke Hall Steps) 11:20 AM - 12:15 PM 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM Dragon Feast (Field House) 12:45 PM Line up for the Homecoming Parade West side of Administration Building 1:00 PM Homecoming Parade Downtown Lexington. 2:00 PM Homecoming Football Game vs. Bishop Seabury Academy 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Alumni Social -Field House - Dress: Business Casual 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM Alumni Banquet & Awards Ceremony - Field House - Dress: Business Casual Recognition of Athletic Hall of Fame, Donors and Class Years Annual Alumni Association Silent Auction Event (Supports our Scholarship fund) 9:00 PM - 12:00 AM Alumni after Hours Gathering at Spotted Pig

Sunday, October 6

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
10:15 AM – 11:00 AM
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Continental Breakfast –Dining Facility
Memorial Ceremony (Chapel)
Dress Parade and Alumni Flag Ceremony (Field House)
Brunch - Dining Facility
Apples, Arts, and Antiques Festival Downtown Lexington

Homecoming Dance (for cadets)

Information and updates will be available on our website throughout the summer. http://www.wma.edu/homecoming/

Questions??

Cheney Parrish – <u>cparrish@wma.edu</u> (660) 259-6065 Al McCormick – <u>amccormick@wma.edu</u> (660) 259-6014



Homecoming Reservation Form



Homecoming 2013 A Birthday Celebration Honoring Norma Maring

Recognizing the Classes of '43, '53, '63, '73, '83, '88, '93 and '03 October $3^{rd}-6^{th}$

Name	Alumnus Class of :	_ Faculty/Staff JC HS	Other Jr High	
Mailing Address				
Phone				
Spouse/Guest Name (s) Attending				
Children's Names & Ages				
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OR			cCormick wma.edu 660-259-6014	

Register online at http://www.wma.edu/homecoming-2013-registration/

Rally Notes

By John Francis, '83 Alumni Association Rally Commander 414-350-5460 john.francis@fisglobal.com

A few weekends ago I attended a "non" regional Red Dragon rally in New Orleans. There were old boys from Missouri, Colorado, Louisiana, Texas, Wisconsin, New Jersey and Saudi Arabia. Jim Sellers, '80 was getting married in the French Quarter



and the day could not have been more perfect! Good food, a great union, tasty drinks followed by a 30 minute police escorted parade through the Quarter. Old boys attending were: John Sellers '82, Bob Sellers '88, Bill Sellers '86, Marvin Wrisinger '80, Rich Keller '80, Saleh Al-Madi '80, Bill Sellers '80, Jim Sellers (the groom)...and me.

The point to this story is you don't need to wait on a scheduled Red Dragon rally, create your own. Pick up the phone, call some classmate and get together. I'll be attending the Red Dragon rally in Manitowoc, Wisconsin on June 17 and the SF/Bay area rally on September 14.

If you would like to attend or help start a Red Dragon rally, give me a buzz and we'll get things rolling. Who says a noon parade, sipp'n a Voodoo daiquiri with a brass band parading through the French Quarter isn't fun. Until next time.

Alumni Overseas

Major Tim Chavis, 2000 Major Jose Collado, '98 Major Justin Collins, 2000, Afghanistan Major John Crews '95 - Germany Captain David L. Lawburgh, '05, Afghanistaon Major Nathan Miller, '98 SGT Kasey Mullenioux, '03 Capt. Josh Richey, 2000 Ryan Roach, '09, Afghanistan David Roberson, '01 - Afghanistan 1Lt Chad Wallway, 2007 - Honduras

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

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

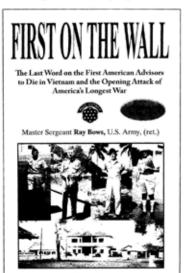
First on The Wall

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

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

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

Regular Price \$22.95 + postage



Format: 9" x 6" 192 pages, laminated soft cover

Your price \$22.50 all inclusive

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--1940s--

Rood Menter, '47, is the author of "The Cowboy", The Compelling Story of How a Young Man's Passion and Perseverance Prevailed."

Rood notified us that he has a new website, please check it out! www.roodmenter.com

The website was Manufactured by Joe Barnhill. '74, Mojomobilemedia.com, Joe Barnhill, President, joe@mojomobilemedia.com.

--1950s--

Robert Davis Class of '53 of Richfield, Kansas found two Wentworth yearbooks at a local estate sale and donated them to the Alumni Department. The class years were 1916, and 1917, a most valuable contribution, thank you Mr. Davis.

--1960s--

Training to be a Wentworth Cadet Begins Early: LTC Marshall "Butch" Beal, '61 and wife Donna submitted this picture of their grandchildren preparing themselves to become Wentworth cadets of the future. Pictured on the left is Grayson, and on the right Julian involved in map reading 101. Perhaps we have two future Brigade Commanders here!



Webb Cole, '66 also wrote in to say "Jim and AI, The March Newsletter was an outstanding issue!:

Wally Potter, '63 sent us this wonderful letter. May 9, 2013

Fifty years ago this month, the Wentworth Military Academy class of 1963 graduated. I can't believe all those years have gone by. I have been back as an "old boy" many times but now live in Arizona and wish I still lived close to WMA so I could wander over as often as I would like. As I look back on my days at Wentworth, I always think of them as some of the best days of my life. There was something so pure, simple, and very special about those days of my youth at WMA. Wentworth set the standards for hard work and ethics for the rest of my life.

Every weekend at parade we would march for our Company's honor and to look our best for the Academy and for all the visitors, parents, and girlfriends. I remember very well singing the Wentworth Song at each parade with the rest of the Corps.

Wentworth, Wentworth bless your heart Wentworth that we love so well We'll always be true and we'll stand by you Wentworth that we love so well

I must be a terrible romantic, but each time I went back to WMA and went down with all the "old boys" on the parade grounds after the parade, we would end the flag ceremony with that song. I always got a lump in my throat when we sang that song.

The Class of '63 golden anniversary class reunion is October 4th & 5th, 2013. This might be the last time I can get back to see old friends and Wentworth. I hope my friends in C Company, the Honor Guard, and D Company would consider coming and enjoying our heritage and camaraderie maybe one last time.

Wally Potter, '63, C Company, Honor Guard '62 – '63 (One Bar None!!)

Wally Potter, '63 wrote to say "Hi Al & Jim, Excellent Newsletter (March 2013), keep up the good work!"

Frank A. Varvaris, '67 posted a note on our new website. "I graduated from WMA in 1967. I have very fond memories of the school and of fellow classmates. Frank is also interested in our legacy class ring offering.

Michael Castle, '66 has been living in Angeles City, Pampanga, Philippines since 2007 (where Clark AFB was before the volcano of 91). He was married for the first time on May 14, 2013 to Carmen Guimerey from Mindano, Pl. Michael is 65 and Carmen is 33. Mailing address looks funny but it works, it is a box at the VFW: Michael Castle. PO Box 308,1099 Manila, Philippines. Congratulations to the newly weds!



--1970s--

Gary Calabrese, '72 sent the following:

To all WMA old boys that attended when I did (67-72) I have a favor to ask: I'm working on a book about my life and time at WMA. I want to cover the years I attended, you - the men and women who went there with me, the things we did (the things we didn't get caught at doing -LOL), and just life throughout the years we were there.

Additionally, I'd like to use your names and will NOT say anything embarrassing - but if anyone has heartburn about that no worries and I understand....I do ask you (if that's the case) would it be okay if I give you a made up name?

The reason why I ask all of this is that if you remember something you, or others did that was funny or off the wall, could you send me that info because I want to use this in the book as well. Like I said, I want this to be humorous about a time in our collective lives that we shared.

Furthermore, I want to give contributing credit to any and all of you that you'd like me to include in the book. I would need your name (or made up name), dates you attended WMA, etc.)

Once this thing is finished, I'd like to send the draft to anyone who is mentioned and/or contributed to for your review so you can have at it and make changes as necessary. When that is done that'll be the time to see if I can get the thing published.

I don't know if this is going to work or even if it'll make it into publication. But, I know that our years at WMA, the Viet Nam war years, was totally different than what the cadets of today could ever visualize. Who knows, maybe this book will give today's cadet and those to come a peek into what life at WMA was really like!

Please let me know if you're interested (or not) and we'll go from there. Thanks Old Boys!!"

Rick Hanke, '70 sent in the following picture of he and **Dr. Larry Peck,'70**. He said that the two reunited recently in his Keokuk Office after not seeing each other for "43" years.

"Our senior year at WMA, was 69' - 70'; we were both members of Fox Trot Company and Master Sergeants to boot" says Hanke.

Short but sweet this day for two lowa Old Boys. Next time we invite the wives to join us.



Lehi Smith, '98 graduated from WMA in 1998 and a year later while vacationing and diving in the Cayman Islands, lost his Wentworth class ring.

In early April of this year Al McCormick received an e-mail from someone who had been snorkeling in the Islands and found Mr. Smiths ring. We were able to get the two parties together and Mr. Smith now has a keepsake back in his possession.

Thank goodness for good Samaritans.



Mike Lierman, '73 also wrote the following note: "Just a note to tell you as an "Alum" this past newsletter was very good. I think this electronic form of communicating is very good. Just a quick note to say I think that this is a very good forum to keep the Alums in the loop! Great Job to all involved."

Father John Himes, '70. Congratulations to Father John Himes who earned his Doctor of Ministry Degree in May from Nashotah Theological Seminary in Wisconsin.

Steven C. Denton, '71 was notified in Mid May that he was nominated and accepted for enshrinement into the American Football Association Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place on June 28, 2913 in Canton Ohio. Congratulations Steve!

A Birthday Celebration at Homecoming

Join us during Homecoming this year (October 3-6) and help us honor and celebrate Norma Maring's 80th Birthday. More information will be published in the next issue.



--1980s--

OCS board announces selection of new headmaster: Special to The Sun. The Board of Directors of Oklahoma Christian School recently announced the selection of Al King, '85 as school headmaster beginning July 1.

Former University of Central Oklahoma President W. Roger Webb has served as interim headmaster this school year.

King is currently director at Bingham Academy, an international Christian School in Addis Ababa. Ethiopia, educating children from 37 nations. This will be his second time to work at Oklahoma Christian School, having taught Spanish at the school from 1997 to 2000.

King was born and raised in Wichita Falls, Texas, and graduated from Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Mo., in 1985. He attended the University of Oklahoma where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism/Public Relations in 1989 and a Master's of Arts degree in Journalism/Mass Media Management in 1991. In 2012 he received a doctorate in educational leadership from Columbia International University.

In 1989, as a college senior, King became a Christian through the ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ at OU. From 1991-95 he worked with a team that developed an urban Young Life ministry in South Oklahoma City. The team lived in the inner city and established a thriving Young Life club at Jackson Middle School.

It was during this time that he developed an interest in teaching, so King pursued an Oklahoma Teachers Certificate in K-12 Spanish Education through the University of Central Oklahoma, which he received in 1994. Subsequently, he taught Spanish in Putnam City Schools (1995-97), Oklahoma Christian School (1997-2000) and Academy District 20 in Colorado Springs (2000-04).

In 2004 King was hired as Crossings Christian School's first headmaster where he served for seven years, until 2010.

--1990s--

On December 25, 2012 on the campus of Wentworth, Charles Stempel, 2005 JC proposed to Carol Boulanger, 2006 HS.

The couple were married on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Graceland Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Congratulations Charles and Carol!



--2000s--

1 Lt. Chad Wallway, 2007 reports that BG Jason Evans, '81 visited Honduras for a change of command ceremony which presented itself an opportunity for two WMA Old Boys to be photographed together.

Lt. Wallway reports: Brigadier General Jason T. Evans is currently the Deputy Commanding General, Operations Installation Management Command. I am currently the Deputy Commander of Joint Security Forces for Joint Task Force Bravo. The picture was taken at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras.

Chad is currently the Deputy Commander, Joint Security Forces, JTF-B, Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras.



wanted to give a special thank you to the Faculty and Staff at Wentworth! I appreciate the support and opportunity they gave me to come back to Wentworth in 2009-2010. A special thank you to Col. Sellers, Col. Lierman and LTC. Desens for allowing me the opportunity to return to Wentworth and start college so long after graduating as a cadet in 2000. Without the opportunity they provided I would not be on the road that I am today.

Since I left Wentworth in 2010, I have earned my Bachelors of Science in Emergency Administration & Planning from the University of North Texas. I am finishing my Masters of Arts in Dispute Resolution & Conflict Management from Southern Methodist University. Also I am waiting for acceptance for a PhD program in Conflict Analysis & Resolution from Nova Southeastern, which I should start this coming August.

Over the past year I have been a volunteer Mediator for the Dallas County Courts, which has been a very enlightening and rewarding experience. Currently I am laying the frame work to open my own Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) practice, focusing on mediation and conflict coaching.

I also want to Thank Norma & You! I appreciate all that ya'll have done for the Alumni and all that ya'll will accomplish in the future! I look forward to contributing to Wentworth in the coming years, in any way I can! En Dieu Est Tout."

1st Lt. Chad Wallway, 2007 recently deployed to Honduras has received a Wentworth flag and is asking all Wentworth grads in the area to sign it.

Evan Davis 2011 writes "I'm currently enlisted in the United States Army and we have been training for deployment. I am interested in possibly returning to Wentworth Military Academy to start off my college career."

2LT. Brandon Drennan, 2011 is back home at his second home on the Wentworth campus serving a tour as a Gold Bar Recruiter, filling the position of **2LT. Meole Mel Meole** who has departed for his assignment in Armor School.

Lt. Drennan will remain on campus until mid September and will then report for Armor School. You may hear from Lt. Drennan soon, the Military Department is planning to organize a newsletter for distribution to all alumni via email to keep you informed of current department news and upcoming events.

Good luck to Meole and Welcome Brandon!



Cpt. John Stanczak, 2007 writes: "I was fortunate enough to enjoy two semesters of swimming classes with Norma Maring back in the day, and I will never forget what a wonderful, caring, sweet lady she is. I'm currently stationed in Hawaii, but I hope to come back to the visit campus again sometime this summer.

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Allison Jaslow, 2002 receives UCM Alumni Award

(WARRENSBURG, Mo., digitalBURG) – From leading an Army platoon in Iraq at age 22 to serving as a press secretary, chief of staff and communications director for influential United States Congress and Senate members, Allison Jaslow's professional experiences since her graduation have earned her special recognition from her alma mater. The University of Central Missouri is honoring Jaslow this spring with the presentation of the Outstanding Recent Alumni Award.

The Outstanding Recent Alumni Award recognizes any alumnus whose endeavors in business, professional, civic, philanthropic organizations, performing arts, public service, volunteer, political or similar activities are worthy of recognition and have brought honor to the university. To be considered for the award an individual must have graduated from UCM within the last 10 years.

Jaslow will receive the award during the undergraduate commencement ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11 in the Multipurpose Building. She will be recognized at the same event honoring new graduates of the College of Health, Science, and Technology and the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. Other colleges will participate in the morning undergraduate ceremony at 10 a.m. and graduate students will be honored during a ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday, May 10. All of these events are open to the public.



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Jaslow grew up in northern Virginia and came to Missouri with a goal to prepare for a military career. After being recruited by Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington to participate in a 2+2 scholarship program, she went on to attend UCM, then known at Central Missouri State University, where she studied political science and got involved in the ROTC program. This led to an Army commission upon her graduation from the university with a bachelor's degree in May 2004.

"My time at Wentworth was everything you might expect – tough, challenging and rewarding – and laid the ground work for my peers and me to become quality second lieutenants upon graduation from Central Missouri State University," she said in an award statement. "This is especially important, because Sept. 11, 2001 marked the beginning of my sophomore year and the caliber of officer I became was now more important than ever.'

The same year she earned her UCM degree, Jaslow spent her Thanksgiving with the 980th Quartermaster Company in Taji, Iraq. After two tours of duty in that war-torn country, she left the military at the rank of captain to pursue a career in her major field of study. Her journey into politics and public service has taken her to the nation's capital, where she currently serves as chief of staff for Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, D-III. She spent much of the last year in East Moline, III., helping Bustos to win a successful campaign against an incumbent. In 2011, she became press secretary in the office of Senator Jim Webb, D-Va. While working with Webb, Jaslow managed the Senator's constituent-focused communications strategy, served as on-the-record spokesperson, and spearheaded press efforts around the Senator's signature initiatives, which included the landmark Post 9/11 G.I. Bill.

Prior to working with Senator Webb, Jaslow served in a number of other positions that allowed her to use her political science background and the leadership skills she gained while serving for four years in the U.S. Army. She served as communications director for Congressman Steve Kagen, D-Wis., in Washington, D.C and Appleton, Wisconsin; communications director for the Democratic Party of Virginia; and was a special assistant to the director of communications at The White House.

In the latter position, Jaslow assisted in executing communications strategy; helped coordinate with White House staff daily message events; organized meetings for over 100 Presidential events; and liaised with White House staff, cabinet agencies, and Congressional offices to help develop and communicate the President's messages.

Jaslow attributes her strong appreciation for politics to faculty members at UCM who helped fuel her passion to learn more.

"The intimate classroom experience I got at Central, combined with the extraordinary mentorship of professors like Shari Garber Bax, fed my passion, and I knew exactly what I'd sink my teeth into if the Army didn't pan out as planned," she noted. "As I jump from one opportunity to the next in the world of public service, I often reflect on how I got to where I am today. My path could not have been easily predicted, but when this young city kid took a leap and headed to Missouri she set off on a journey that changed her life."

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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.

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2011 Falcon Scholars

Lonnie Armstrong Taylor Ham Rvan 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**

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Brennan Michael Scott Harms Andrea Lea Willis William Henry Hearnsberger 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 Wyman

Jacob Hawk Wright

2012 Falcon Scholars

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2013 Junior College 2013 High School

Graduates

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Some Previous Homecoming Pictures

2013 FALCON SCHOLARS Alexandra Fefiz Trevor Perry





Taps

Name	TAPS
Farnum S. Hunt '38	2/23/2013
Charles Thro '43	1/22/2013
Jack A. Luschen '45	2/17/2012
Col. Robert C. Boyd '56	4/12/2011
Guy W. Johnson '47	10/15/2012
Col. Robert C. Rhoads '47	2/10/2012
Donald G. Riley '86	11/29/2012
Richard Kamps '64	3/1/2011
Billy Spoonts '45	8/2/2011
Robert L. Neubert '39	1/2010
Christopher McAdoo '80	6/18/2011
Robert Hults '43	7/12/2012
Lee Pemberton '51	9/25/2011
Joshua L. Weeks '99	3/12/2013
Ronald Fairbairn '42	3/18/2013
Maj. Kelly Messerli '97	3/31/2013
Mark D. Butler '62	3/19/2012
Gregory J. Coleman '71	4/3/2012
Vance Ferguson '44	2/2/2013
Kayla Cameron 2013	4/11/2013
Robert Eugene Chambers '62	4/14/2013
Gaylon W. Jackson '62	12/19/2012
Phillip D. Ruth '47	4/21/2013
Richard Amick '51	12/10/2013
Conrad Morris '62	5/9/2013
Phillip Bargman '47	5/20/2013
Robert W. Price Sr, '38	5/16/2013





Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association Membership Application



(Former Cadets Only)

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