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Winter Finally Comes Back To The Midwest, and to WMA



An Update From Col. Bill Sellers

Dear Alumni:

In my daily work, I go from discussing the future of private military education in the Internet era with Foundations, to strategizing on building our enrollment, to reminiscing about anecdotes of my grandfather with alumni. Between looking forward and backward, it's occasionally hard to look around at the present. I would like to take a moment in this publication to appreciate the present.

This weekend, the men's college basketball team finished its season in the playoffs with a heart-breaking one point loss. It has been a great season. Wentworth was the co-champion of NJCAA Region XVI, and counted huge wins over Kansas City, Kansas Community College, Penn Valley, St. Louis Community College, and North Arkansas on its way to a 19-9 record. Wentworth went into the playoffs ranked in the top 20 in the country.



Two years ago, the Board of Trustees authorized the return of college sports to Wentworth's campus. At the time, it seemed a risky proposition. Resources are often scarce here, and the sports program represented a substantial investment. Now, because of that gutsy decision and with tremendous support from Wentworth's alumni, sports are again an important part of our campus life. Obviously, they help develop the skills, fitness and athleticism of our cadets, but they also pay off in terms of building esprit de corps and helping in recruiting and retention. The opportunity to play sports at the College level is a real draw for a lot of students, and the spirit generated by cheering for classmates is a compelling reason for students to return next year.

Another present fact to celebrate is that on-campus enrollment is at 238; 50 cadets higher than enrollment just one year ago, and the highest it has been since the 1993-94 school year. Inquiries and applications for next fall are double what they were a year ago. International interest is building. We have now had 5 consecutive years of enrollment growth, and we expect to reach capacity within the next couple years. This growth ripples through all facets of Wentworth. It helps with sports, cadet leadership, and cash flow. More philosophically, it means that we are achieving our mission on a bigger scale - we are preparing more of America's future leaders.

The final good news about the present I will share is the fact that our Employee/Staff campaign achieved 100% participation this year, for the first time ever. Employees already face the long hours, extracurricular activities and extra challenges of performing at the high level expected of a Wentworth employee. The fact that every single employee dug into his or her pocket and contributed cash shows that they recognize that Wentworth is more than just a job. It also shows that they recognize the importance of financially supporting the school we all, in the words of the Wentworth song, "love so well".

I look forward to reading the rest of this issue of the Red Dragon, and appreciate the hard work of the Alumni Association and its officers in providing a way for the alumni to interact and stay informed about Wentworth.

Best regards, Bill Sellers

WHY ATTEND HOMECOMING IN 2013 AND BEYOND

by Guy Harkness, '63

Being a 1963 High School graduate of Wentworth, the '60's represent some very nostalgic & great memories for me. Just recently, many of us did some corresponding back & forth regarding our trips to New Orleans to march in many of the Mardi Gras parades held just prior to Lent, & ending on "Fat Tuesday". Some of the stories surrounding those trips were something to behold! I'll save them for possibly a future edition(s) of the Red Dragon, and I surely and certainly want this, or any future articles on that subject, to remain "G-rated", without question!

Going to New Orleans and attending the Mardi Gras to represent Wentworth was just one of the many perks of being in Headquarters Company, and in the Marching Band, which at that time, was well over 50 plus strong. One other topic that we corresponded about was the Annual Wentworth Show, which was usually held in early February at the old Municipal Auditorium Building in downtown Kansas City, and which is still standing today. This was quite a showcase event, and again, it afforded the Marching Band an opportunity to perform our precision "Snap Drill", authored, scripted, and written by Captain James Bell. It also afforded the entire Cadet Corps the opportunity to present Wentworth to the general public in a very favorable manner, and in a very favorable light. Man, those were the days!

So, in closing, and to the meat of the title of this article, "Why Attend Homecoming in 2013 & Beyond"; this is our time!!! For those of us who did leave Wentworth in the early to mid '60's, at or nearly 50 years later is great cause for some serious celebrating, particularly surrounding the years from 2013 thru 2016 for sure!

Please mark your calendars, blocking out as much time as you possibly can, between Thursday **October 3rd thru Sunday October 6th**, and join us in Lexington and Kansas City for our festivities. This will also be the time when I take over and assume the duties of President of the Wentworth Alumni Association from Jim Wright. I would obviously love to see as many of you attend as possible, and to shake your hands, and thank you very sincerely for your caring and your support of our growing and very viable institution.

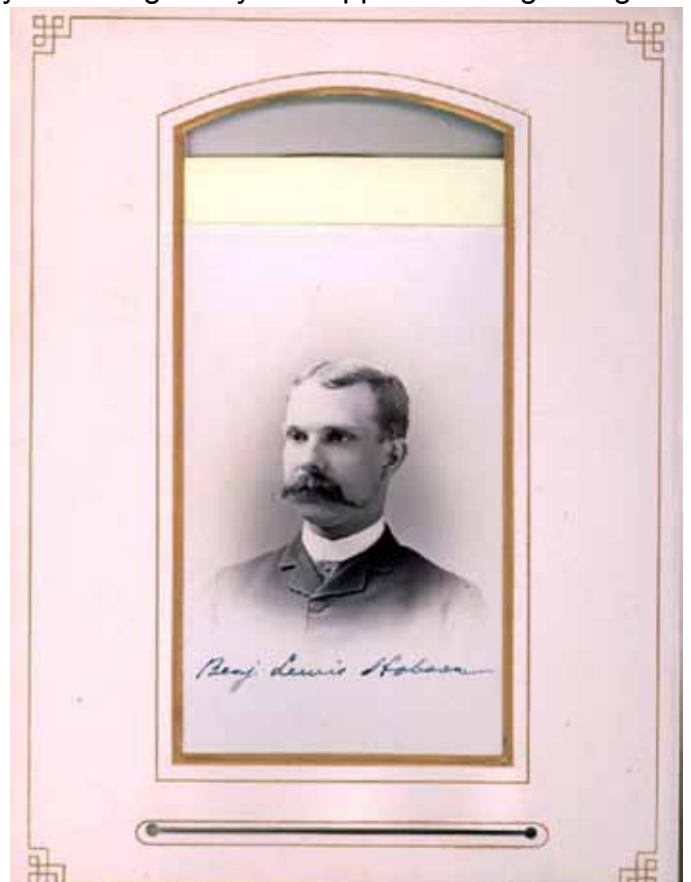
Best Wishes & Good Health, Guy Harkness '63

Benjamin Hobson Photo

Col Bill Sellers, President of Wentworth Military Academy, recently obtained this photo of Benjamin Lewis Hobson from the Princeton Theological Seminary Archives.

Benjamin Hobson was the co-principal, with Sandford Sellers, of "Wentworth Male Academy" in its first year of existence in 1880-1881. Hobson left for Princeton Theological Seminary in 1881, where this photo was actually taken.

This is a great new addition to our historical archives and a wonderful piece of the history of Wentworth Military Academy.



Why I Give to Wentworth

by John Francis, '83

This is a question that I am asked from time to time. I'm not sure if there is a simple, straight forward answer other than it makes me feel good. As selfish as that sounds, I do believe in the school and its future. In the midst of a declining education system throughout the United States, Wentworth has, and will continue to provide, a solid foundation for learning both in classroom studies and life advancement. It's this environment that will create our country's future leaders. Whether those individuals go on to excel in social, military, or corporate careers, they will have at least one thing in common, a diploma from Wentworth Military Academy. I consider myself lucky to live the life I see before me. My wife and I enjoy good jobs, great family, and close friendships. In my heart, I believe Wentworth is a large part of who and where I am today. Alumni young and old can recall defining moments at Wentworth that are etched into our minds forever. Mine is the Saturday morning Mrs. Sellers required my presence on the front porch of the campus house. There, I was to learn and recite Chaucer's Canterbury tales (in Old English) in order to receive a passing grade in English. That is Wentworth then, today, and in the future. This year I will be celebrating my 30 year graduation from the Academy. Over those years I have stayed in contact with many of my classmates and continue to support the school to the best of my ability. I consider my fellow alumni the future of this country and my family. I credit my success to my parents, my wife, and yes, Wentworth Military Academy. I look forward to seeing everyone back on campus for homecoming this October.

Whan that Aprille with his shoures soote. The droghts of Marche hath perced to the roote. And bathed every veyne in swich licour..... It was a fine Saturday morning on the front porch of the campus house.

Where Are They Now?

In the picture below, Bill Morgan '85 (right) is currently an Aviation Enforcement Agent, US Customs & Border Protection, National Air Security Operations Center. Anyone know who the other Cadet is?



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 Bill Sellers). 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.

President's View

By Jim Wright, '66

As I write this, it is early in the third month of 2013 already. I think that I am beginning to believe that time is speeding up. I cannot believe how fast this year is moving by. It is almost tax deadline time, among many other things.



Hopefully, you will find this issue a little easier to go through. It is not nearly as long as the last one, but hopefully it still has a lot of interesting information in it.

The first thing that I want to address is our new Flag Honors Program. I want to thank John Francis, '83 for the idea and getting it off of the ground. This is a chance to honor former Cadets and friends of Wentworth and to commemorate their service to the School and to the world, and at the same time, help to support the Alumni Association's Scholarship programs. You will find complete information elsewhere in this issue.

Don't forget our Red Dragon Rallies. Right now, there are just a few planned for this year. If you would like to help set one up in your area, contact your local area commander, see page 3, or contact Al McCormick, '67 or John Francis, '83 to set up one of your own.

Of course, and as always, the big news is planning for Homecoming in 2013. We have a much expanded Homecoming planned for this year. Save the dates of **Thursday, October 3rd** through **Sunday, October 6th**. The schedule has not been finalized yet, but will be soon. We will be celebrating major class reunions for the years 2003 (10 year), 1988 (25 year), and 1963 (50 year). Also, we will be celebrating Norma Maring's 80th birthday during our Homecoming. Make sure that you plan on coming to the Festivities this year. We will have a blast.

Jim Wright

Cans For Cadets

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

The intent was to generate money for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund by recycling aluminum cans. With the help of John Francis ('83), the collection process began. In March of 2012, after only 5 months of collecting, the cans were turned in and a check for \$89 was mailed to Al McCormick for the scholarship fund. The collection continued with another \$86.50 given to the scholarship fund on Homecoming weekend. 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!



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

Director's Corner

By Al McCormick, '67

Your Trust in us Continues!

In our last edition of the newsletter 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.

Please welcome our newest Life members!

Webb (Raymond Webb) Cole '66

Bill (William H.) Labhart '66

Tom Lankford '69

Alumni Directory News

Wentworth has entered into a contract with Harris Connect to produce a new version of our alumni directory. As our representative you will hear from Harris Connect beginning in the summer of 2014 to verify your information.

This advance notice is to encourage you to keep your contact data with the Academy current to facilitate the quality of the directory.

Be counted in the Directory, don't be left out!

Homecoming 2013

Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2013 on the first weekend of October. Not only will we have some wonderful features we will be celebrating Norma Maring's 80th birthday, come help her celebrate!

Al McCormick

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



Arizona Rally Announced

Please reserve the date, March 8, 2013 (Friday) for the Arizona Red Dragon Rally to be held at Salt River Field in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Game time between the Rockies and Royals is 7:10 P.M. at Salt River Fields, 7555 N. Pima Road, Scottsdale. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided on the Miller Lite Deck. Ticket distribution will be at the front gate. We encourage you to bring your spouse or significant other to this annual social event.

We are extending this notice to everyone in Arizona, if you are outside the Phoenix/Scottsdale area but would consider attending please let Al McCormick hear from you.

The Salt River field is a great facility with good fan accommodations; we hope to see you there!

Dates To Remember

❖ **March 8, 2013:** Arizona Red Dragon Rally

❖ **June 17, 2013:** Wisconsin Rally

❖ **August 2-4:** Alumni Work Weekend

❖ **October 3-6, 2013:** Homecoming - Lexington, MO.

Wisconsin Rally Announced

Please reserve June 17, 2013 for the annual Wisconsin area rally. There will be golf and then a dinner meeting at the Branch River Country Club. The invitations will be out soon. If you live in the area, please don't miss this one.



20 Red Dragons Enjoy Magical Season

by Coach Tom Hughes

The inaugural season for the Red Dragon basketball team was, as you can probably imagine, less than spectacular. The Red Dragons, part of the re-launch of the College Athletic program, finished 4-19 and did not win a single Region 16 game.

What a difference a year makes. This year, with Red Dragon “core four” (Patrick Melvin, Tito Gualberto, Jordan Davis, and Andre Scott) returning for their sophomore seasons, and a number of talented recruits on board, the Red Dragons were ready to make their mark. However, no one was ready for the magical ride this team would take or just how much positive energy and pride they would bring to Wentworth.

“I knew early on that this could be a special team. I had been telling our players since the early days of practice that we could challenge for the Region Championship. It was just getting them to buy into what we were trying to do,” stated Red Dragon Coach Tom Hughes. The early going was not without its pitfalls.



The Red Dragons lost to teams from the Nationally prominent Kansas Jayhawk Conference – Highland, Johnson County, and Ft. Scott. The loss to Ft. Scott – in the last four seconds of the game – proved to the Red Dragons that they could play with anybody.

Jordan Davis, who had started every game for two years, suffered a season ending knee injury prior to the Missouri Valley game. Wentworth beat Missouri Valley, but lost their next two road games to Region 16 opponents Penn Valley and St. Louis, starting Region play at 0-2. The magical ride was just beginning for Wentworth.

Wentworth traveled to North Central, and won by nine. Up next was Penn Valley. In one of the most exciting games ever played at Wentworth, the Red Dragons defeated Penn Valley (92-89) in double overtime. St. Louis came calling next, and Wentworth won again. #13 North Arkansas was next – the magic continued when Red Dragons upset the Pioneers 83-74. Two games remained in the regular season – the Red Dragons were now 17-8 overall and out of first place by one game.

AIB College of Business was defeated 74-40. One game remained, the rematch with North Central. The Red Dragons trailed by five with less than 3 minutes to go. Patrick Melvin nailed a three and got Wentworth closer. Andre Scott would tie the game with a pair of free throws to send the game to OT.

Each team scored just one basket in the first OT, the score tied at 70, heading into the 2nd OT. Wentworth would not be denied, downing North Central 79-71. The celebration that followed the game was unlike anything that has been seen at Wentworth. The team cut down the net celebrating their first ever Region 16 Championship (shared with Penn Valley). In the days that followed, Wentworth was ranked #20 in the Nation (NJCAA D-2).

20 Red Dragons Enjoy Magical Season

by Coach Tom Hughes (continued)



Andre Scott became ill and couldn't practice in the days leading up to the Regional tourney. An injury would sideline another player. Playing in the Region semi-final game vs. St. Louis, the Red Dragons would come up just short 49-48.

So what did Wentworth accomplish during the just completed season? The Red Dragons broke into the NJCAA Top 20 – among the “Elite” programs in the Nation – in just their second season. They set school records for wins in a season (19) breaking the record set by the 1987-88 team, fewest losses in a season (9), and were Region 16 NJCAA Co-Champions, going from Worst to First.

“I am so very proud of this team. We were on a magi-

cal ride. The players bought into our system and accomplished things no other Wentworth team ever did. Looking back there were some moments our kids will never forget. The two, double-overtime wins (Penn Valley and North Central), cutting down the net when we won a share of the regular season Region title. The support we received from our students, the pep band, and our faculty and staff was unbelievable.”

“For our sophomores who were with us for two years (Andre, JD, Patrick, and Tito) – thank you for helping build this team, this program. You are forever etched into Wentworth basketball history. For our first year players – you helped put Wentworth on the basketball map again. To all of you, thank you. And, to Coach Florence – first as a player, then as my assistant - you are a Red Dragon through and through – thank you for everything you do, making my job easier,” concluded Hughes

Andre Scott was selected “National Player of the Week” for his play in the three wins over Penn Valley, St. Louis, and North Arkansas. He received the most votes in the All-Region balloting – qualifying him to be considered for All-American honors. Jake Powell and Johnson Decembre were also selected to the All-Region 1st team.



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.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY PROJECT:
BE COUNTED

Mess Hall Upgraded

Editor's Note: I realize that the official name is "Dining Facility". However, it will always be the "mess hall" to me. Jim Wright

The 133rd Corps of Cadets returned to school from their winter break to a wonderful surprise – a quarter of a million dollars in upgrades to the Wentworth Dining Facilities within Sellers Hall.

Wentworth Military Academy and College and AmeriServe Food Management Services have entered into a long term contract for food services on the 133-year-old campus.

In return for entering the long term contract, Terry Orf, President of AmeriServe, agreed to make over \$250,000 in upgrades to the server and preparation areas of the dining facility.

AmeriServe Food Management Services brought in designers, Ameriserve contractors and local contractors to design and build the new layout of the Wentworth facility. Ameriserve was able to incorporate five Lexington contractors to assist in the renovation.

New lighting, serving lines, beverage area, salad bar and condiment areas were all a part of this major renovation. In addition, the dining facilities were completely repainted with a different color scheme.

The cadets were completely surprised and impressed with the improvements that were made during their month-long furlough. "Wow, I am

surprised! This is really awesome," said Cadet Witte, of Troy, Missouri.

The cadets were not aware that the changes were being made to the dining facility during their break.

"Watching the Corps of Cadets march into the dining facility and see the renovations for the first time was, as they say, priceless," said Colonel Mike Lierman, Superintendent of Wentworth Military Academy and College.

Lierman went on to say, "I would like to thank Mr. Terry Orf, President of AmeriServe, for all of his help and generosity in renovating the dining hall. It is open, inviting and more user friendly."

In addition to the building contractors, Sara Lynn, Food Service Director and her staff were instrumental in the transformation of the dining facility.

"A very special thank you to Sara and her staff who went the extra mile to make this all come together," said Col. Lierman. "In addition to the AmeriServe staff, I would like to thank Wally Ratliff and the National Maintenance staff for all the work that they put into the renovations as well. Many long hours were spent to make all of this happen in a very short span of time."

Col. Lierman went on to say, "Lexington contractor Rick Thomas and his staff also deserve a lot of thanks and credit for their work on this project and many others they have completed on campus. This renovation simply could not have been completed on time if it weren't for Rick and the Rick Thomas Ditching Services Company."



Our upgraded dining facility



Rally Notes

By John Francis, '83

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2013 is off to a great start with our Red Dragon Rallies. We have 50 confirmed old boys attending a Spring training game 3/8 in Phoenix. The Rockies will be taking on the Royals in a night game at Salt River Field Stadium. The Manitowoc, WI rally is set for 6/17. Invitations will be in the mail soon with the time and location for the rally. There will be a San Francisco/Bay area rally 9/14. Steve Smith is the contact point for this event, so look for more info soon. As always, the granddad of all rallies is Homecoming back on campus in Lexington. Invitations are being mailed and it has the makings of a record setting event. This year's Homecoming reunion is October 3-6 and will host all the traditional events, golf, trap shoot, dinner, and Alumni Association meeting, so mark your calendar now. If you would like to kick-start a rally or participant in an ongoing rally, please refer to the contact list within this newsletter. Keep the rallies coming and support the Academy.



John Francis

Alumni Overseas

Major Tim Chavis, 2000
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Major John Crews '95 - Germany
Captain David L. Lawburgh, '05, Afghanistan
Major Nathan Miller, '98
SGT Kasey Mullenieux, '03
Capt. Josh Richey, 2000
Ryan Roach, '09, Afghanistan
David Roberson, '01 - Afghanistan

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

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

First on The Wall

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

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

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

Regular Price \$32.95 + postage

Your price \$22.50 all inclusive



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



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The Red Dragon Ambassador Program

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

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

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

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

fairs with a member of the WMA staff.

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

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

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

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.



Old Boy News

--1960s--

👉 **James A. DiRenna, Jr., '67, DO, FAAFP** Awarded Physician of the Year by Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians.

James A. DiRenna, Jr., DO, FAAFP, with Heartland Health of St. Joseph, Missouri was recently awarded the 2013 Osteopathic Family Physician of the Year Award by the Missouri Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (MSACOFP).

Dr. DiRenna was honored at a ceremony on January 26, 2013 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, Missouri during the 2013 MSACOFP Winter Scientific Seminar. The prestigious award is given to an osteopathic family physician for outstanding accomplishments and service for the betterment of the osteopathic profession and who exemplifies the principles of osteopathic family medicine.

Dr. DiRenna has been a stalwart advocate for osteopathic family medicine for over thirty years, and has been a practicing family physician in Missouri throughout his entire career. He is a past President of MSACOFP and remains active on the Board of Governors. He is a board member of the Missouri Board of Healing Arts and served as its president in 2012. He is also a past president of the Jackson County Osteopathic Medical Association and has served on multiple committees for several osteopathic organizations both locally and statewide.

Our congratulations to Jimmy for his outstanding achievement.



--2000s--

👉 **Timothy Martin, 2000** reports: I have been pretty busy over the past 13 years but let me see if I can sum it all up.

After graduating, I joined the Navy following the attacks of September 11, 2001. I deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on the USS Monterey as an Aviation Electricians Mate on SH-60B helicopters in 2003. I completed three more deployments, one to the Mediterranean and two counter-narco-terrorism in South America, before being honorably discharged as an E-5 in 2007.

Once my enlistment was complete, I attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where I received a Bachelors of Science in Business Management in 2010 and I am currently pursuing a graduate degree in Supply Chain Management.

My first job after college was in Marietta, Georgia working for Lockheed Martin Aeronautics on the C-130 program. After a year, I transferred to Lockheed Martin Gyrocam Systems, where I worked as a Field Engineer in Afghanistan through 2011 supporting the USMC in the Sangin River Valley AOR. I married my college sweetheart in June of 2012 and we recently relocated to Orlando, Florida where I work as a Quality Engineer for Lockheed's Hellfire Missile program. I am hoping to make a trip back to Lexington to show my wife the campus I grew up on.



Old Boy News

--1980s--

👉 **Doug Shreffler, '80:** reports that he has been working in civil service since his graduation from Wentworth. He has also announced that he is running for President of the United States. You can contact Doug at contact@dougshrefflerthenextpresident.com.



👉 **Frank Ayers, '85:** Late in 2012, the family of Frank Ayers became the first recipient of the Alumni Association's Flag Honors Program. The donation was made by John Francis, '83. Frank's wife, Shelly Ayers sent a note to Col Bill Sellers, President of WMA shortly thereafter, thanking the school and the Alumni Association for the flag, plaque, and very special note.



She went on to say "What a special tradition you are starting at Wentworth. Frank would be so honored and humbled knowing the first flag was flown in his memory."

Frank Ayers passed away on August 8, 2010 from Leukemia.



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:

Joe Neff Basore, Jr, '71
 Ted Bratrud, '61
 Marshall (Butch) Beall, '61
 Ralph Bowles, '84
 Melvin (Mel) Camp, '61
 Webb Cole, '66
 James Cormany, '61
 Stephen DeLorenzi, '76
 Ed Devinger, '60
 K.O (Ken) Dixon
 Terry Follas, '67
 Edson "Perk" Foster, '67
 John Francis, '83
 Frank D. Garrett, '66
 John Groendyke, '64
 Guy Harkness, '63
 Mark Hedrick, '64
 Scott Hefner, '92
 Daryl Heiskell, '63
 Jay Jeffries, '66
 David L. Johnson, '63
 Jay Johnson, '77
 Bill Labhart, '66
 Tom Lankford, '69
 Al McCormick, '67
 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
 Raymond Harvey, '62
 Dawson Heathman, '56
 George Hittner, '97
 Father John N. Himes, '70
 Donald Holbert, '57
 Richard "Dick" Hudson, '56
 Michael Katskee, '64
 David Kolinofsky, '04
 David Lawrenz, '64
 Michael Lierman, '73
 Jeff Lipsky, '66
 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, '80
 Jim Servi, '69
 Tom Slover, '67
 Dale Slunicko, '59
 Steve Smith, '83
 Mary Stempel, '92
 Carl Stempel, '72
 Charles Stempel, 2005
 Michael Warne, '71
 Brown Whitaker, '45
 Lee Williamson, '53
 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
 Timopheyy Razumovsky
 Genevieve Read
 Claire Rewerts
 Alex Ruppel
 Spencer Rutter
 Sonny Saleutogi
 Christopher Sanft
 Joseph Schumacher
 Tommy Sellers
 Adam Shalz
 Robert Sherman
 Bradley Simms
 Masela So'oalo
 Steven Sottile
 John Sullivan
 Rex Teachenor
 Cole Thompson
 Nikita Thornton
 Andrew Tiapula
 Lucilla Tofilau
 Jason Togi

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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
Enrique Hilst
Alexander (A.J.) Waldrop
Andres Rodriguez
John Jondahl

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
Bradley 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 Ulrich
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 Wyman

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
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 Porteri
John Michael Mendiola Ramos
Daniel Razumovsky
Katelyn Ann Rivers
Kaylen Rene' Rotermund

Anthony Dean Smith
Dalton Ray Striedel III
Dean R. Strobel
Kelvin Suaiaunoa
David Young Sun
Steven Cole Theurer
Michelle D'Anne Trent
Zane Lee Westfall
Adam Williamsi
Andrea Lea Willis
Jacob Hawk Wright

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 Wyman

2012 Falcon Scholars

Gus Jensen
Hunter Richardson

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Taps

Tom Hayes '2012	12/18/2012 Former Staff
MSGT William Grubb '60	11/05/2012 Former Staff
H. Fred Moore '42	11/17/2012
Diana VanTrump Morrison '76	11/23/2012 Former Faculty
Daniel Paul Svilar '46	11/29/2012
Barney Eggleston McMillian '43	11/27/2012
Dorothy M Hay '98	12/07/2012 Former Staff
Dana Hilker '67	12/18/2012
Wayne W. Sack '42	05/28/2012
Robert L. Griggs '49	11/12/2012
Charles O. West '43	12/31/2013
James A. Lienhard '51	1/18/2013
Edward Liska '51	1/21/2013
Gerald B. McKean '52	1/21/2013
Nikita D. Thornton 2009	1/23/2013
MSG Donald H. Hensley '97	1/20/2013 Former Staff ROTC Dept
Edward Juhan '46	1/22/2013
LTC Charles Barnett '42	1/21/2013
Rev. Walter Brunner '98	2/6/2013 Former Staff
George Linger '59	1/23/2013
Charles Orcutt, '64	1/25/2013
Ray Youngman '46	10/1/2012





**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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