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Best Wishes For A Speedy Recovery To COL Mike Lierman

As many of you know, COL Mike Lierman, '73 President/Superintendent, WMA has been in the hospital since early last fall recovering from chemo therapy and a bone marrow transplant.

As we go to press for this issue of The Red Dragon, we are informed that Mike has returned home from the hospital, several weeks early, and is recovering with the help and love of his family and friends.

On February 21-23, LTC Fitz Gerald and Regis McDonald, '64, WMA Board Chairman attended the Association of Military Colleges & Schools of the United States Conference (AMCSUS) in Alexandria, Va.

The picture on the front cover, with LTC Fitz Gerald on the left and Regis on the right was taken during that meeting. The picture below was also taken during that meeting: 120 of Mike's AMCSUS Colleagues wishing Mike well.

Darren P. Fitz Gerald, LTC USA Retired was named as the Acting President/Superintendent of WMA.

All of us wish and pray for Mike's speedy and complete recovery. Hang in there, Mike!



WMA App Now Available

Keeping in touch with Wentworth is now easier and more enjoyable than ever before. The Wentworth App is now available for download for both Android and Apple phones. Just search your Google Play Store on your Android phone or the App Store on your Apple phone for "Wentworth Military Academy" and then download the App. It is a free download and should look like the picture below when opened. We are constantly adding new things to it, so keep checking it often or set up your notifications to notify you when we add something new.



President's View

by Scott Hefner, '92

Welcome to spring 2016! As most all of us can remember when the spring weather started on campus it brought a new excitement to the air.

This quarter would like to encourage all of the Alumni to become members of the Alumni Association. Over the last five plus years the Alumni Association has made great strides under a lot of hard work and perseverance of our prior board members and the alumni office. We would like to continue the energy, that this Alumni Association has, by asking each and every one of you to become members.

Some of the accomplishments of your dues goes to scholarships, sponsoring the golf tournament, and along with the Stempel family, we have a renovated Alumni classroom.

We look forward to your support of YOUR Wentworth Alumni Association. If you would like to get more involved or know anyone that would like to get more involved please contact me directly at 913-980-9931 or shefner@bukaty.com.

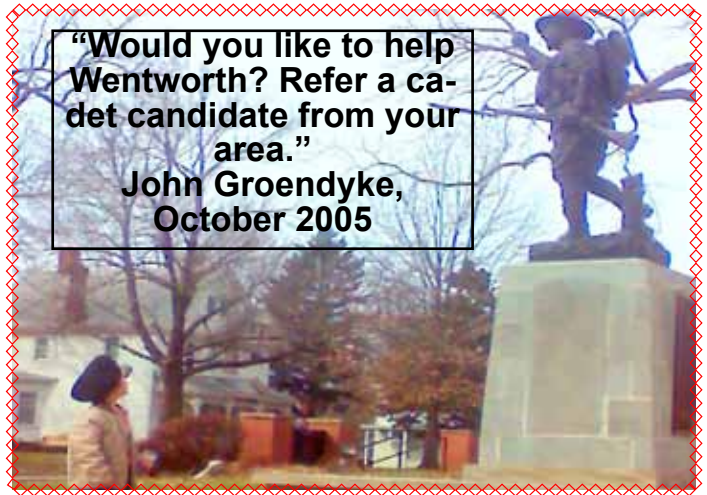
To become a member, complete the form on the last page of this newsletter, and send it, along with your payment, to our Treasurer, Al McCormick at 8411 NW 62nd Terrace, Parkville, MO 64152. If you have any questions please contact Al at 816-820-0760 or almccormick64152@gmail.com.

Scott Hefner



"Would you like to help Wentworth? Refer a cadet candidate from your area."

**John Groendyke,
October 2005**



Thanks to the following for your support of the WMA Alumni Association!

Art Jetter, '67, who is the newest Lifetime Member of the Wentworth Alumni Association.

And to Ted Butherus, who renewed his membership

Another Great Way To Help Our School by Amy Lierman

Here is another great way that you can help provide additional funding support to Wentworth, and it won't cost you any additional money.

When you shop at Amazon.com, its foundation AmazonSmile will donate 0.5 percent of your purchase price to Wentworth Military Academy and College. Bookmark this link and have your shopping benefit the school. Feel free to share this with all of your family and friends!

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Director's Corner

By Marnie Morgan

Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations

Dear Fellow Dragons:

It is very hard to believe that it is already 2016 and we are more than halfway through the school year. The 136th Corps of Cadets are back on campus and working hard to finish the year strong! Personally, I am ready for some warm weather but I think the cadets have enjoyed the limited amount of snow that has come our way.

We started the new semester with three newly renovated classrooms and it truly was an amazing transformation. This would not have been possible without the leadership and generosity of our alumni family and I am deeply grateful for all that each of you have done to make that possible. A special thank-you to John Francis, Neff Basore, the family of Carl Stempel, and the Alumni Association for making this possible. Please stop by for a visit and tour the classrooms. I am very excited to show them off.

As many of you know, we have recently added a new member to our team. Jasmine Walker comes to us after working for the Kansas City Royals for several years. We are very excited to have her here and I know you will enjoy getting to know her as well. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet her, I would highly recommend you take the time to message her on Facebook or give her a call. She will appreciate the warm welcome and the chance to get to know you.

In closing, I hope to see many of you this spring either on campus or during my travels. We are in the process of planning some rallies so I would encourage you to contact our office if you are interested in planning something in your area.

Hope to see all of you again soon. In the meantime, Go Red Dragons!

Marnie Morgan



Summer Camp Fairs Coming

Wentworth will have representatives attending the following Summer Camp Fairs: If you know someone who would benefit from attending Summer Camp and are in these areas, please give them the information! Also, any alumni are welcome to stop by and see us.

New York: Upper Eastside Manhattan Fair
(April 9-10, 2016)

St. Jean Baptiste High School
173 East 75th St.
Manhattan, NY 10021

New York: Upper Westside Manhattan Fair
(April 9-10, 2016)

Congregation Rodeph Shalom
7 West 83rd St.
Manhattan, NY 10024



The Alumni Office would like to keep your information updated so that you can continue to receive mail and newsletters from us. Please visit online at: <http://wma.edu/alumni/alumni-update/> to update your info for our office. We thank you so much.

State of the School

by LTC (USA) Retired Daren Fitz Gerald

Acting President/Superintendent, WMA

Dear Alumni:

The cadets, staff, and faculty got off to a good start this semester, picking up right where they left off in December. We haven't had to deal with too much severe winter weather thus far and we've even had a few temperatures in the 50s or 60s. The general sentiment in the Corps, though, is they "can't wait" until Spring Break. Once we reach that point, Military Ball and graduation will be right around the corner.

Many of you are likely wondering how COL Lierman is doing. I spoke to him last week for about 45 minutes and he sounded really good. He asked me to let you all know he is on day 50 (as I write this) with 50 days left in his stay at the Hope Lodge. He is continuing to recover from the chemo and the bone marrow transplant and looks forward to being home soon. (*Editor's note: He is now home*) There will still be some recovery time after he gets home but he is looking forward to getting back to work and is especially ready to see his grandkids!

We launched our new website last semester and this semester we are improving our use of social media. For Wentworth, social media is a great audience connector, not only with current students and alumni, but with prospective students and their parents. We are active on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. If you follow our feeds or pages on those services you can find student achievements, news, and get a look at what's happening on campus.

In December, the college received approval to offer an online associate of arts Degree. We have been offering online courses since 2006, but there was always a requirement for the student to take at least one course in a classroom environment to earn a degree. This recent authorization enables students to now earn their degree completely online. Coming up in March, the high school will have its five-year accreditation review. LTC Joe Aull, the high school principal, has his staff and faculty ready to go for their visit from the Advanced Ed review team.



Several cadets were recently recognized for their accomplishments here at Wentworth. Last week our Junior ROTC detachment scored a 95 percent on their U.S. Army Cadet Command Formal Inspection, achieving the status of Honor Unit with Distinction. In January, Cadet 1Sgt Josh Shealy and Cadet LTC Cody Wenrich were named, respectively, the high school and college winners of the Gen Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. The award is given every year for the most soldierly performance by a cadet in the areas of academics, athletics, and leadership. They are both starting off strong in following Gen MacArthur's example.

Throughout the spring, Wentworth admissions representatives will be traveling and attending college and summer camp fairs across the United States. If you would like to join us at one of those events, please go to the website, click on "college" or "summer camp" and then check the fair schedule to see if we are coming to a city near you. Our future cadets would enjoy the opportunity to meet our alumni and learn about your experiences firsthand.

Achieve the Honorable!

Daren Fitz Gerald

Wentworth Alumni Facebook Page

by Kathy Cormany

If you're reading this newsletter, it means that you have access to the Internet. Most of you probably already know that Wentworth has a great website, but did you know that the Wentworth Alumni Association has a Facebook page? You need to be approved in order to become a group member so if you're interested in finding out what's going on with your fellow Old Boys, you need to do the following: Go to the following web address: www.facebook.com/groups/WMAalumni. This is a private group strictly for alumni and their families, so you need to put in a request to join. It's easy to do. Hope to see you online.

Board Talk

Regis McDonald, '64, WMA Board Chairman

The Sounding of the Cannon recognizing the opening of the new school year seems long ago. It is March and only two months away from Wentworth's 136th Commissioning and Commencement Ceremonies in May. Much has happened



at Wentworth since I last wrote my Board Talk article. COL Michael Lierman, President of Wentworth underwent a successful bone marrow transplant in late December 2015. I recently spoke to him. I am so pleased to report that he is making good and steady progress. Colonel Lierman and his wife Brenda are deeply touched by the outpouring of prayers and best wishes they receive on daily bases from the faculty, staff, cadets, and alumni. These heartfelt gestures mean so much to them. LTC Darren Fitz Gerald, in his role as acting president, is doing a stellar job. The same can be said for the members of the President's Cabinet.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees continues to hold its twice a month conference calls with LTC Fitz Gerald and members of the President's Cabinet. The agenda for these calls remains single focused on enrollment, finances, fund raising, and accreditation matters. Wentworth's Enrollment Management staff is working hard to make sure Camp LEAD is a success this summer. This includes name purchase of students in the Camp LEAD demographic along with recruiting efforts to target their parents, Facebook ads, and Camp LEAD listed on the website Summer Program page of The Association of Boarding Schools. The 2015 End of Year campaign marked two noteworthy milestones; increases from first time and lapsed donors. The BOT approved Stroman & Associates to proceed with the Capital Campaign Marketplace Analysis. Representatives from this consulting firm will interview approximately 25 constituents based on their financial capacity, affinity, and generosity. Kent Stroman will make

a presentation of his findings to the board at its April Meeting. This historic Campaign has a preliminary goal to raise Multimillion dollars (to be used for Academic Environment, Residential Life Facilities, Athletic Complex, Campus Infrastructure, Endowment, Scholarship Funds). I had the good fortune to talk recently with Scott Hefner, current President of the Wentworth Alumni Association about the Campaign and other matters of importance to Wentworth. It is essential that the board and the officers of the Alumni Association forge a strong working alliance in the service of Wentworth. I am pleased to report that over the holiday break three classrooms were completely renovated and furnished to state of the art educational standards in the Sellers-Wikoff Scholastic Building.

On Feb 21-23, LTC Fitz Gerald and I attended the Association of Military Colleges & Schools of the United States Conference in Alexandria, Va. This was a great opportunity for us to network, engage in conversation, and share practices with colleagues.

Thank you for your continued support of Wentworth to ensure the students reach their potential in academics, leadership, physical well-being, moral character, and self-discipline. Achieve the Honorable!

Regis McDonald, '64

Dates To Remember

- ❖ April 16 - Military Ball
- ❖ May 8 - Baccalaureate Ceremony
- ❖ May 13 - Commissioning Ceremony
- ❖ May 14 - Commencement, Final Parade and Flag Ceremony
- ❖ **Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2016:**
Homecoming Lexington, MO.

Ike Skelton Legacy Dinner: A Tribute to Ike

by Amy Lierman

The impact former Congressman Ike Skelton, '51, had on Lexington, his district, the entire state of Missouri and the entire country was celebrated during the First Annual Ike Skelton Legacy Dinner on Nov 13, 2015 at the Hall of Honor at Wentworth Military Academy.

Around 250 people – from local residents to state and national dignitaries, military leaders, and Wentworth graduates from around the country – attended the dinner to pay tribute to Ike's legacy. Several special awards were also presented in Skelton's memory.

Many of Ike's friends and colleagues were present to share stories that spotlighted Skelton's integrity, character, sense of humor, and devotion to his country and our nation's military. Their remembrances of Skelton – a Lexington native who passed away in 2013 – ranged from the serious to the humorous. Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, a former colleague of Skelton's, recalled dozing while his head rested GENTly on Skelton's shoulder during one marathon session of Congress. "He didn't try to wake me up," said Cleaver.

That episode, perhaps, symbolized Skelton's legacy, since many of his colleagues, along with his district and country, leaned on Skelton over the years for support and guidance.

Retired GEN Richard B Myers was the keynote speaker and made a point that Skelton's non-partisan leadership was crucial in galvanizing leaders on both sides of the aisle to work together to accomplish our nation's military goals. Meyers said that Skelton provided terrific support for our troops and always kept their needs at the top of his priority list. "There was no one more committed to America's defense or those who defend us than Ike," remarked Myers.



GEN Richard Myers
The Keynote Speaker

Congressman Cleaver also echoed Myers on Ike's ability to work with members of both parties. "I never saw him lose it and he never put party politics ahead of the best interests of our country," and then went on to call Skelton "the last Gentleman Congressman." Cleaver has a grandson named Ike after his former friend and colleague.

During the dinner the following awards were presented:

- Wentworth Honor Graduate Award – Ike Skelton (posthumously)
- Achieve the Honorable Awards
 - o GEN Richard B. Myers
 - o Congressman Emanuel Cleaver
 - o Robert Hagadorn (Skelton's long-time Chief of Staff)
 - o Dr. William LaHue
 - o Tom Hayes (posthumously)



GEN Richard Myers - Awarded



Congressman Emanuel
Cleaver - Awarded



Robert Hagadorn - Awarded



Dr. William LaHue
- Awarded



Tom Hayes - Awarded
posthumously



Wentworth Honor Graduate Award –
Ike Skelton (posthumously)

WMA Cadets Participate In Benefit Bowling Tournament

by Amy Lierman

A group of 10 cadets from the 136th Corps attended a benefit bowling tournament, held on Saturday, January 16, in memory of a Wentworth Alumna and former Leavenworth, Kansas High School student.

The 6th annual 2LT Caitlyn V. LeClerc Leadership Memorial Bowling Tournament was held at Crown Lanes in Leavenworth to raise funds for scholarships that are awarded to graduating JROTC students at Leavenworth High School.

2LT LeClerc had just graduated from Wentworth and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army in May 2010 and was enrolled at the University of Missouri when she died at the age of 21 on Sept 6, 2010, as the result of a car accident.

Kate Kidwell, a close friend of LeClerc, said the fundraiser awards students who demonstrate the character and leadership qualities LeClerc exhibited when she was at Leavenworth High School. "Caitlyn was a powerful leader, a true friend and an inspirational role model to many," Kidwell said. "We do this to celebrate her life and raise money to help recognize and support two more outstanding high school students this year."

In the first five years of the fundraiser, 10 students have been awarded \$500 each.

If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund, send checks or money orders, payable to Caitlyn V. LeClerc, to Citizens National Bank, 601 N. Main St., Lansing, KS, 66043, attention: Chuck Peterson.



2LT LeClerc and her parents on her graduation and commissioning from Wentworth in May 2010.



Above and below; a group of cadets went to the bowling tournament not only to have fun, but also support her family and friends in this annual celebration of her life. They also helped raise money for JROTC Scholarships.



Alumni/Stempei Classroom Rehab Completed

Thanks to those of you who supported the Alumni/Stempel family classroom project, the classroom was completely updated over the Christmas break. The rehabilitation includes all new, up-to-date technology, accessories, new floors, and furniture.

Your dedication to our Alumni Association and to Wentworth Military Academy made this possible.

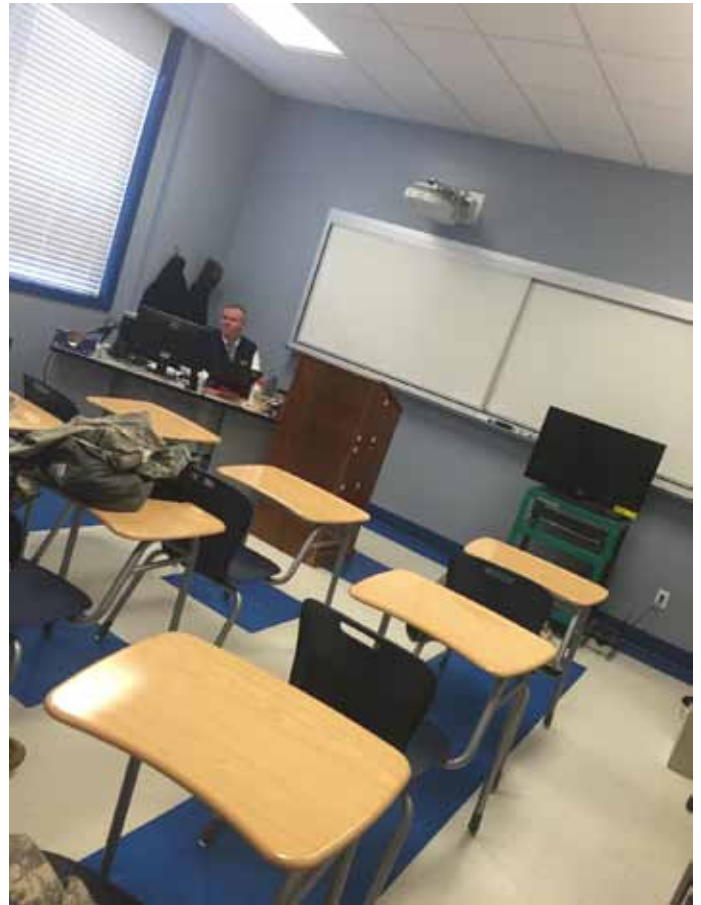
The Old



The Renovation



The New



WMA Trustee Selected

In December 2015, Luke Coffey, 2000, who is a Wentworth Trustee and graduate, was appointed Director of the Allison Center for Foreign Policy Studies at The Heritage Foundation. Coffey is responsible for directing policy research for the Middle East, Africa, Russia and the former Soviet Union, the Western Hemisphere, and the Arctic region.

Coffey previously was Heritage's Margaret Thatcher fellow, focusing on relations between the United States and the United Kingdom and on the role of NATO and the European Union in transatlantic and Eurasian security.

Before joining Heritage's Margaret Thatcher Center for Freedom in 2012, Coffey served at the UK Ministry of Defense as senior special adviser to then-British Defense Secretary Liam Fox. He was the only non-UK citizen appointed by Prime Minister David Cameron to provide advice to senior British ministers. Among his duties, Coffey helped shape British defense policy in relation to transatlantic security, NATO, the Middle East, Eurasia and Afghanistan.

Until going to the Ministry of Defense in 2010, Coffey worked in the House of Commons as an adviser on defense and security issues for the Conservative Party. He helped develop and implement policy initiatives on security and defense matters, in particular drafting the defense section of the party's 2010 election manifesto.

Coffey's work in British politics followed his service to the United States as a commissioned officer in the Army. He spent his entire time on active duty overseas and was stationed in Italy with the Army's Southern European Task Force. In 2005, Coffey deployed to Afghanistan for a year where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. During his deployment he was responsible for developing theater-level counterinsurgency strategy for enemy detainees in U.S. custody.

Coffey's commentary and analysis have been widely published in both major American and international newspapers and he has been interviewed on dozens of radio and television stations across the U.S. and overseas. Coffey received a Master of Science degree in the politics and government of the European Union from the London



Luke Coffey

School of Economics. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Coffey received his Associate of Arts degree in military science from Wentworth Military Academy and College (120th Corps of Cadets) in Lexington, Mo. He now serves on the school's Board of Trustees.

An avid traveler, Coffey has lived on four continents and visited more than 60 countries. A native of Catawissa, Mo., he and his family currently reside in Northern Virginia.

Support Awards Given

Shown on this page are a few of our golf tournament sponsors in pictures. Their support over time has been tremendous. Each year, individuals, companies, and corporations are invited to support our Annual Ed Ellis Golf Tournament, which is held as part of the Homecoming activities. All are invited to participate in the tournament and all are encouraged to become hole or tournament sponsors. All funds raised during the golf tournament are provided to the school, through the Alumni Association, to provide scholarship funds to students. The pictures show the presentation of thank-you plaques to from some of the 2015 tournament sponsors.



COL Mike Lierman president, Wentworth Military Academy receives a plaque of recognition for his tremendous support of the annual Ed Ellis Golf Tournament.

COL Lierman has been the top sponsor recruiter since 2009. The plaque from the WMA Alumni Association was presented by Al McCormick on behalf of the Association.



Glenn Miller, Owner and CEO of Miller Management Systems and the contracted CFO for Wentworth receives his plaque from Al.



Al McCormick presents a plaque to Ellen Steele, the Manager of the Super 8 Motel in Richmond, Mo.

Jeff Adkison and KC Girth accepted recognition for their support from Al McCormick.



Steve Terry, of Steve Terry Insurance Agency of Lexington, receives his plaque of appreciation from Bruce Minter.



Tracey Nash, Marketing Representative of IMA Corp. receives her firm's plaque of appreciation from Scott Hefner, president of the WMA Alumni Association and COL Mike Lierman, president of Wentworth.

Wally Ratliff of National Management Resources receives his firm's plaque of appreciation from Scott Hefner, president of the WMA Alumni Association and COL Mike Lierman, president of Wentworth.



General Mark Welsh III Honored

Wentworth Alumni class of 1972 and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen Mark A. Welsh III, '72, has been named the 2015 Armed Forces Bowl's Great American Patriot Award recipient.

The Great American Patriot Award honors a candidate in recognition of his exemplary service to this nation.

"This award is not about me, but honors the more than 660,000 Airmen who make the United States Air Force the greatest in the world," Welsh said. "Each one of them is a patriot in their own right and I couldn't be more proud to serve alongside such dedicated Americans."

The general received the award Dec. 29, 2015, during half-time of the 2015 Armed Forces Bowl, which saw Welsh's alma mater, the U.S. Air Force Academy, face off against the University of California, Berkeley (picture at right).

"GEN Welsh is exactly the type of individual we envisioned when we created the Great American Patriot Award 10 years ago," said Brant Ringler, the executive director of the Armed Forces Bowl. "We couldn't be more proud to add his name alongside our previous recipients as he has proven his leadership and dedication to our country countless times throughout his career."

Welsh is responsible for the organizing, training and equipping of more than 660,000 Airmen serving around the globe. As the senior uniformed officer of America's Air Force, Welsh is also a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he and other service chiefs serve as military advisers to the secretary of defense, National Security Council and the president.

"Following graduation from the U.S. Air Force Academy, he has held a plethora of diverse billets in ever-increasing positions of responsibility that prepared him well for his current role as chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force," said retired Marine LtGEN Garry L. Parks, the chairman of Armed Forces Insurance, which administers the award.

Candidates for the award must be of high moral fiber and good character, having spent their lives and/or careers serving the common good of the U.S. They should have gone beyond the call of duty to serve and protect this country, with proven dedication and loyalty in upholding the Constitution and the laws of the nation. Finally, the Great American Patriot Award winner should have worked tirelessly to make the U.S. a better and safer place for all its citizens.



A Great Find!

Al McCormick, '67, found this on-line and bought it. The flyer has been matted and framed and is displayed among other Wentworth memorabilia at the Spotted Pig in Lexington. Thanks Al.

Eleventh Annual

The Wentworth Show

Presented by the Entire Cadet Corps of

WENTWORTH MILITARY ACADEMY

Lexington, Missouri

Municipal Auditorium Arena

Kansas City, Missouri

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WMA Alumni Association

Flag Honors Program



The Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association along with WMA, is proud to continue 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-foot by 9.5-foot flag on the main quadrangle flagpole, 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. Also included will be a certificate of authenticity. 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 Al McCormick at 816-820-0760, 816-741-7164, or almccormick64152@gmail.com. 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.



Alumni Overseas

LTC Loren Duwel, '94, Kosovo

CPT David L. Lawburgh, '05, Afghanistan

David Roberson, '01, Afghanistan

Tom Simpson, '77, The Netherlands (Holland)

Andrew Hermanson - 2013

Matthew Branson - 2001

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

Cans For Cadets

by Kathy Cormany

The scholarship fund-raiser "Cans for Cadets", has been going on for the past three years. This 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 is to generate money for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund by recycling aluminum cans. Jim is assisted by John Francis ('83). This year the two Old Boys presented a check to the Alumni Association in the amount of \$125. This represents a total of approximately 6,480 cans that didn't go into a landfill since Homecoming last year.

If everyone reading this article did this or something similar, think about the money that could be generated for scholarships! Be creative! It's not that hard! Not only could this be fun and start a friendly competition going as to who recycles the most (no fair putting money from your own pocket into the pot, this is supposed to be money that you didn't have to work to make in the first place), it would help the environment and would certainly benefit Wentworth.

If you have questions about this project, please contact Jim Cormany at kcormany@aol.com and he will be happy to answer your questions.

Editor's note: In 2012, this effort recycled 272 pounds of cans (about 8,430 cans) and provided \$173.50 for our Alumni Scholarship Fund. For 2013, 8,240 cans were recycled and \$166 donated. For 2014, 6480 cans were recycled and \$125 donated. For 2015 many cans were recycled and \$93.00 donated. That is a total of 18,150-plus cans recycled and \$557.50 donated to our scholarship fund -- a great start.



Old Boy News

--1950s--

☞ We recently heard from COL Kenny Weldon, USAF, (Ret), who is the son of **Burton Doyle Hanbury, '50**. Doyle was awarded Best ROTC Cadet, Advance Class II, and was the Company C commander during his final year at Wentworth. He went on to serve as an infantry LT in Korea, then completed law school, upon his return, at the University of Houston. He then returned to Dalhart, TX where he practiced law. Doyle passed away in 2011.

COL Weldon reports that his son (grandson of Doyle), Kyle Weldon, graduated from Texas A&M in 2011, serving as a member of the distinguished Ross Volunteer Company. As a senior he proudly carried his grandfather's saber from Wentworth. He is following his grandfather's footsteps and is currently attending the Texas A&M School of Law. The picture depicts Kyle wearing his grandfather's sabre; the sabre that Doyle wore as a Cadet officer at Wentworth.



☞ **Mike Katskee, '64, Bill Labhart, '66, and Jim Horton '64**, get together in Ft. Meyers, FL for burgers and recalling great Wentworth memories. This has become an annual event, as they and their wives either reside, or vacation nearby.



--1960s--

☞ **MAJ Paul "Yogi" Butherus'** grandson, **Craig**, visited campus in early February for a tour and he is planning on attending Wentworth to follow in his grandpa and uncle's footsteps. Craig is pictured with his grandpa's picture that is outside of the entrance to the Fieldhouse. Looking forward to having you, Craig!



☞ **Bruce Palmrose, '68** reports relocation to Prescott, Az. after a summer of working at the Grand Canyon and living in their RV. The move to Prescott facilitates an easy short days drive to visit daughter Sarah who lives in Los Angeles. Bruce and Connie are living at 5,000 feet and surrounded by pine-forested mountains.

☞ **Lost, seeking help in locating**

Larry Kuhn, '69

Last known address in Witneyu, Texas
Steve Gillis is wanting to reconnect. Contact Almccormick64152@gmail.com.

Old Boy News

--1970s--

☞ This is from **Kevin Boydston, '78**: This is a little long but thought I would like to share this with my friends. A 2015 Santa visit summary:

- 22 visits
- 3 charities (does not include Hospice visits)
- 4 Hospice visits
- 3 home visits
- 2 church events
- 10 large-group events
- 970 miles traveled



Visited 1,131 individual children and seniors (does not include parents of children) there were many impromptu appearances not included in these numbers. Plus worked a full-time job. End of 2015 season.

This season, as many in the past have been, was wonderful and seeing more than 1,100 folks this year was a blessing. This was the first year that I tried to keep count (really for my information). This year I had the privilege of participating in a St. Nicholas Day celebration. I think I surprised many parents with the questions I asked the children about St. Nicholas. I think many thought, "Oh, just another Santa," but I did my research and studied on St. Nicholas Day and the traditions and observances of the day. I enjoyed the many children all season.

One who stands out approached me while having lunch between visits. The child came up to me and asked if she could talk with me. Of course, I never turn a child away. She told me all she wanted for Christmas this year was for her Mema to be cured of cancer (uh-oh). I took the child in my arms and told her that was beyond my power to do but I would be very happy to say a prayer for her. We talked a bit more, hugged and went about what we were doing. After she had gone one of the waitresses came up to me and told me

that the mother was bawling because I took the time to talk with her daughter and did not try to avoid the subject.

This year I was privileged to visit many seniors in nursing homes. What a joy it was to see them light up when I would enter a room. I had one senior that said she had never sat on Santa's lap, so guess what she did -- and we had a wonderful laugh. The Hospice visits, as usual, are tough, but made it through.

☞ **Kevin P. McDonough, Esq, '79**, and member of the Wentworth Board of Trustees, is the College Counsel and Secretary to the Board for The College of New Rochelle, located in New Rochelle, NY.

--1990s--

☞ **Jack Dillis, '90**, is now a full colonel in the United States Army. He will take command of SOFSA (Special Operations Forces Support Activity) in Lexington, Ky in the Summer of 2016. Congrats on your promotion, Sir!

Old Boy News

--2000s--

☞ Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization representing post-9/11 veterans and their families, announced the appointment of **Allison Jaslow, 2002**, as director of political and intergovernmental affairs. Jaslow has joined the team to support IAVA's growing Washington, D.C.-based policy operations.

"Allison comes to IAVA as a proven leader with a wealth of diverse political experience inside and outside the Beltway," said IAVA founder and CEO Paul Rieckhoff. "Allison's command of the political spectrum on Capitol Hill and the campaign trail, and first-hand knowledge of veterans issues will be a tremendous asset to our growing, dynamic policy team."

As director of political and Intergovernmental affairs, Jaslow supports the development of IAVA's annual policy agenda and advocacy campaigns, and leads IAVA's engagement with other veterans service organizations, government agencies and advocacy organizations. Jaslow is a former Army captain who served two combat deployments in Iraq and has a diversity of experience that includes stints on political campaigns across the country, in the White House, and on both sides of Capitol Hill. She recently served as chief of staff and campaign manager for Congresswoman Cheri Bustos (D-Ill.) and was also press secretary for Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.), where she was involved in the veteran leader's efforts to protect the legacy of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

"I'm proud to be one of the one percent of Americans who can relate to those who saw combat after 9/11 and even prouder to have the opportunity to join an incredible organization that gives our entire generation of veterans a voice," said Jaslow. "IAVA's advocacy has made an indelible impact on the lives of countless veterans and military families, and I'm thrilled to play a part in

keeping us in the center of important public debates."

Jaslow graduated from the University of Central Missouri, where she was a proud member of the Fighting Mules ROTC Battalion, and serves on the Board of Trustees at Wentworth Military Academy and College, where she began her undergraduate study.

Jaslow joins IAVA's staff based in New York, California, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, which includes a mix of veterans and civilians who represent diverse areas of expertise and backgrounds. All IAVA staff demonstrate a deeply personal and professional commitment to the veteran community.



Allison Jaslow

Taps

LTC (Ret.) Dustin Swanson, '41
Jack Hay, '42
George Clark, '42
Jack "JT" Hughes, '42
James Whitmer, '43
Jack Holmes, '43
Guy Pfeifer, '43
John E Burke, '45
Edmund Fink, '45
Michael Frow Jr, '45
COL George Hale Hubbard II,
US Army (Ret.), '45
Russell "Rusty" Laird, '45
Brown Whitaker, '45
Frank Betts, '46
Victor Davidson, '46
Norman Goldberg, '47
Richard O'Connor, '47
Anthony Oxley, '49
Wilbur "Wil" Swart, '49

Richard "Dick" Carr, '50
Jerry Rizley, '50
Fermin Anderson, '51
Robert Cochran, '52
Walter Neal, '52
Henry Kingsbury, '53
Vincent Shay, '53
Lee Williamson, '53

Kenneth Bowman, '54
Richard Hentz, '54
Carl Woodson, '54
John "Larry" Long, '55
Jerry Keever, '56
George Hess, '57
Robert Shepard, '57
Donald Dixon, '58
Terence "Terry" Buck, '58
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Dr. George Van Millett III, '63
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Timothy Bornholtz, '66
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Looking For a New Editor

The Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association is looking for a new editor to take over the duties of editing and publishing this newsletter, *The Red Dragon*. Jim Wright has been the editor of this publication since its inception in 2010 and has loved every minute of it. One of the best parts of the job is in renewing old friendships and making new ones.

However, it is time to pass the mantle of leadership to someone else. Are you that person?

The skillset required is fairly straightforward. For this job you are the editor, writer, layout artist, computer operator, photo retouch artist, and you also sweep the floor. The editor receives articles, pictures, and ideas from all over and puts them together in a format that is, hopefully, enjoyable and informative. The editor has a wealth of people who provide that information and several people who help proof the final product. With the communications capabilities that we have today, it is easy and fast to collaborate with everyone involved.

If you are interested in becoming the editor for *The Red Dragon*, please contact one or more of the following people: Scott Hefner, Al McCormick, or Jim Wright. You can find their contact information on Page 4 of this newsletter.

I hope that **you** will take this opportunity to get directly involved with our Alumni Association by volunteering to become our new editor. Please let us hear from you!

A personal note from your editor. We are running out of time. We really need a new editor for the Red Dragon. I would hate to see this publication fold since so many people seem to really enjoy it. However, for several reasons, I find that I need to pass this wonderful duty on to someone else. Please consider this commitment as a way to give back to the school and friends that we really do love. -- Jim.



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