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Homecoming, 2011 A Great Success!

Wow! A great time was had by all. The wonderful news is that this was the largest Wentworth Homecoming in recent memory. The Hall of Honor in Groendyke Hall was bulging with at least 196 party goers for the Homecoming Banquet on Saturday evening.

One of the major highlights of this Homecoming was the Band/Headquarters Company reunion. There were two bands marching in the Wentworth Homecoming Parade through downtown Lexington on Saturday afternoon - The Cadet Band and the Alumni Reunion Band. It was fantastic and fun was had by all. (I did hear about some sore backs and legs the next day). The football team did not win but they showed a lot of heart by playing to their fullest all the way through the game. And of course we had the decade reunions. Of special note was the class of 1961 decade reunion. There were quite a number of Old Boys from 1961 in attendance at this Homecoming.

The Friday night picnic was held in the Field House and was very well attended. The Saturday morning skeet shoot went well except that the Kemper team did beat the Wentworth team (for the third straight year). We will have to do something about that next year. The golf tournament was a great success and a fun time was had by all.

There are pictures of the Homecoming scattered throughout this issue. You can also see more pictures online on the Homecoming page of the alumni website at www.wma.edu/alumni. You may purchase pictures that were taken by the official photographer at www.stevebiggersstudios.com. And still more photos can be found on the Alumni Facebook page at www.facebook.com/#!/groups/249394825078740



Homecoming Banquet

At the Homecoming Banquet, David Nasaw '61 surprised COL Jimmy Tucker with the announcement that he is donating a Wentworth Dragon statue to the school in honor of COL Tucker. The statue will become a new campus icon on the front campus, and will be in place by the spring. Both Mr. Nasaw and COL Tucker were presented with miniature bronze replicas of the statue by Wentworth President COL Bill Sellers.





President's View

By Jim Wright, '66

This is my first article as the President of the WMA Alumni Association, so I guess that I have to say something profound so that you will want to read this column first in every issue. I don't know what it will be, but please keep reading.

First there are many people that need to be thanked for their service to the Alumni Association. And the obvious first choice is John Francis and his lovely wife Patti. John just finished two years as the President of this Association and he was a part of the prior organization. He has worked diligently to rebuild the Alumni Association into something we can be proud of and that can support the school. Patti has also been a trooper. She has been very supportive of John's activities and a wonderful addition while attending functions in Lexington. We all owe John a big Thank You. And that is not all. John has consented to continue supporting the Alumni Association as the Rally Coordinator (he loves to party). He is going to be working with Al McCormick and the Regional Commanders, as well as the Association officers, to come up with some great rallies during this coming year. Our goal is to have at least 20 rallies this year. Be ready to get out and meet with your Old Boy friends.

Al McCormick and his wife Paula have been supporting Wentworth in many capacities for a number of years. Al has been the Alumni Director at the school for two + years. Without him, very little would actually happen. Many contacts would be lost, many Old Boys would not have been found, and the records would still be a mess. And Homecoming weekends would be nothing if it wasn't for all of the work that he puts into it. This is not just a job to Al, it is a commitment to Wentworth. We all owe Al a great big Thank You as well.

I will tell you someone else that we owe a thank you to and that is Paula McCormick, Al's wife. For those of you who have attended Homecoming in the last several years, I am sure that you have met Paula. She works right out front to make sure that everyone gets registered for the weekend. She also works behind the scenes to help ensure that everything comes off without a hitch. She also

helps make sure that the Alumni House is fixed up and ready to accept guests. She does all of this on a volunteer basis. We also owe Paula a great big Thank You.

As for the future of the WMA Alumni Association - the future is looking bright right now. We are still expanding and growing and we have been able to greatly expand our support of the school in the form of increased scholarships. Last year, we made available a total of \$4,000 in scholarships. This year as a result of your generosity, we will be able to provide scholarships for next year totaling \$12,525. That is a very substantial increase to say the least. And we are continuing to save some money so that we can invest it for the future.

The Alumni Association can only continue to increase its support if the Old Boys support the Association. How can you do that? Of course one easy way is to become an active member of the Association (there is a membership application form on the last page of this issue of *The Red Dragon*). The best way to help is to get involved with the operation of the Alumni Association itself. The more people who help, the more people we can reach.

I don't want to give the wrong impression here. The Alumni Association is not just about raising money. The whole purpose of this Association centers around connecting and reconnecting alumni with their friends of the past (and making new friends). Everyone that I talked to at Homecoming had those very thoughts in mind.

Before I go, I want to introduce you to someone who needs no introduction, Sam Ratcliffe, '65. Sam has volunteered to be the Treasurer of the Alumni Association. After retiring from the US Army as a Major, Sam came back to Wentworth as Commandant, and track coach, among other jobs. Sam retired from the Wentworth staff in 2008.

And I would be remiss if I did not thank Slick Heathman, '56. He has been the Treasurer of our Association for the last two years and has decided to retire from this position. Thanks Slick for all of your great work and support.

Well, I had a lot more to say, but am out of room. I have a lot more to say in future issues. BTW, we want to hear your ideas!! See you on the Quad.

Jim Wright

Director's Corner

By Al McCormick, '67

Homecoming was a Blast!

And that is what you are telling us and we are grateful for your feedback. We have received many calls and letters expressing your good feelings about the homecoming weekend. We even received a letter from the wife of an alumnus who told us she was very impressed with the Cadets and had not been called "Ma'am" so much in her life as that weekend on campus. One alum who is qualified to know, informed us that "that was the best Homecoming since the 2000 N 2000 campaign".

Another comment shared with us several times was and I quote: "**There is a lot of good news coming from Wentworth these days, its great**". Another comment we heard "**Bill (COL) Sellers** did a masterful job from the podium painting his vision of the future and sharing the good news about happenings on campus and progress that has been made".

Jim Horton, drummer extraordinaire and film producer has posted a video worth watching, it's my hope this link works well: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rlezJ2eG0P4>

The "Alumni Band" sounded great and looked great, that is a performance well worth remembering. We captured your picture on the steps of Groendyke Hall and we have access to a full color printer, if you did not pick up your copy of the picture, get in touch with me to arrange for one. Thanks to Jim Sellers, Jim Horton, Joel Fowler, Capt. Gary Love, and all the volunteers who responded to the challenge

The Class of 1961 was very supportive of their 50th anniversary and we are grateful so many from that era attended. A personal hats off to **Scott Bitner** for his work and assistance for the last two years in promoting our homecoming events, thank you Scott, you are a tremendous help to our efforts and a "key man" volunteer. Thanks to **David Nasaw** from bringing his Bentley and sharing it with us in the parade, I think that may be a first.



The alumni income from our Annual Raffle, Silent and Live Auction was again solid thanks to those of you who participated. We have written a substantial check to Wentworth towards the Scholarship Fund and we'll have pictures and more on that story in the next issue.

Membership is sustaining us. One of our key income sources is on the rise, dues money from your joining our alumni association. Let's be direct: We have not reached the point of being well organized enough yet to have fund raisers coast to coast so we depend upon your generosity by joining and submitting dues to our Association. We are frugal with your money and there is very little overhead. If you have not joined, please consider doing so today and if it's time for you to renew, please do so right away. An application is attached to this newsletter.

Thank You new Life members. Our deepest thanks and appreciation of support to our newest Life Members who joined during the Homecoming weekend. **Mel Camp, '61. George Peek, '61. Chuck Wright, '61. Charles Stempel, 2005. Jim Cormany, '61, and Ted Bratrud, '61.**

A Word about Wentworth Staff. The support we receive from the Wentworth staff and its partners is absolutely wonderful. This includes the foodservice personnel (Ameriserve), Susan Johnson, Director, and the maintenance group (National Management Resources), Wally Ratliff, Director. They work very hard behind the scenes to make our on campus events a success and they have never let us down. They, as usual, provided above and beyond services for the entire Homecoming weekend, if you are on campus and see them, please pass along your appreciation.

Membership Involvement. Many of you are expressing interest in becoming involved in various activities of our association, offers have included recruitment efforts. We welcome your volunteer time and if you have a desire to assist, please contact me directly, there's room for all.

John Francis served as a faithful Alumni Association President and I believe he needs our thanks. John received some well deserved recognition at the awards ceremony at Homecoming but there is more that I wanted you to know. John has quietly been extremely faithful to the organization. He has used his personal finances to

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Director's Corner

By Al McCormick, '67

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advance the organization along with many, many hours of involvement and dedication. He was a tremendous resource and along the way he became a trusted personal friend. John, thank you for all those things you did on our behalf.

Both he and I wish good luck to Jim Wright, President, and Guy Harkness, President Elect.

Update on Russ Hamblin (WMA 60 – 62). In April I reported to you that Russ Hamblin, former band member, entered end of life care in Tennessee. Sadly I report to you that Russ passed early in November. Russ never lost his enthusiasm for the Wentworth band, he talked about the band when any of us would listen and continued to talk about those good days with the family while he was in cancer care. The family, brother Don (also a former band member) and Mrs. Russ Hamblin have requested that the Alumni Association honor his pride in the band by creating the **Russ Ham-**

blin Band Scholarship fund and to award it to a returning, deserving band member on a merit basis. We agree and we have created the **Russ Hamblin Scholarship fund as a one time, non-sustaining scholarship to be presented in May of 2012 at Graduation.**

Many of you were classmates of Russ and many more of you knew him. If you care to join with me and participate in the scholarship fund on behalf of his memory, please make your check payable to the WMA Alumni Russ Hamblin Scholarship fund and mail it to: **WMA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 120, Lexington, Mo. 64067.** For those of you who wish to contribute through a credit or debit card please notify me via e-mail (amccormick@wma.edu) or by voice at 816-255-6014 and we will be happy to process your transaction.

Thank you to Don Hamblin who has provided seed money to initiate the scholarship; I will look forward to hearing from those of you who wish to participate.

Al McCormick



COL Bill Sellers presents crossed sabers in a special walnut plaque to Dr. David Traub '79 as the inaugural member of the "Crossed Sabers Society" in recognition of his loyal support of Wentworth.

Dates To Remember

August 3-5, 2012- Work Weekend at WMA

October 5-7, 2012 - Homecoming - Lexington, MO.

Late May or early June 2012- Kansas City area rally



Rally Notes

By John Francis, '85



As we close the door on 2011, I can say with full confidence it was a great year for Red Dragon Rallies! We saw large turn outs across the United States from Phoenix to San Francisco and Manitowoc to Dallas.

The 2012 schedule is currently in the planning stages and should be available soon. Our goal for the upcoming year is 20 rallies! You may be asking why we dedicate the time and effort required to host so many Red Dragon Rallies. The reason is simple; it is fun. It is great when we are able to get friends together from across the Decades. And, of course, the school's alumni represent the single greatest asset of Wentworth Military Academy. The future success of WMA rests in the hands of its old boy ranks and, as such, must be secured and preserved for future generations. I will selfishly admit I greatly enjoy these events and the time spent with classmates and school administrators. Close to 30 years after graduation, I am amazed at the diverse careers, family lives, and interests my classmates have pursued. While Homecoming will continue to be the centerpiece for all rallies, do not underestimate the value of these regional events. Rally commanders are listed in every newsletter in an effort to create a greater following in each state. If you don't see your state or city listed, give me a buzz and we will get a rally started ASAP. I can be reached at john.francis@fisglobal.com. Thanks for your support.

John Francis

Kansas City Rally Coming Soon

---Please stay closely tuned for a formal announcement surrounding a Wentworth Kansas City Area Rally to likely take place at Royals Stadium in late May or early June in the Party Deck area behind the right field seats for a Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon baseball game. As more details become available, we will be advising everyone as soon as possible. Please tentatively note & mark these potential dates! For more information please contact John Francis or Guy Harkness.

Attention Houston Area Alumni

We have an alumnus in the Houston area who is interested in contact with WMA alumni of all decades. He is a resident of Cypress Texas and a Life Member of the Alumni Association.

When he lived in the Kansas City area, he was very supportive of our organization and now that he lives in Texas, he remains interested in participating in alumni ventures and in supporting the Academy. His name is Chuck Wright from the class of '61 and he is interested in contact with you and all old boys in the Cypress (Houston) area on a fellowship basis. I would ask you to make contact with him, his vitals are below: Chuck Wright, 281 - 256 - 7848, b4charlie@gmail.com.

One of Chuck's interests is WMA get togethers, which have proven to be fun. Please take a moment to reach out to him.

Could this be the start of a Houston area rally? Let's hope so.

Memories

Jeff Latz, '66 submitted some old photos from the 1965-1966 years. Among them are pictures taken inside Marine Hall. Thanks Jeff! The pictures are below.



The Honor Guard Banner



Cadet on campus. View from B Company
(second floor of Marine Hall).

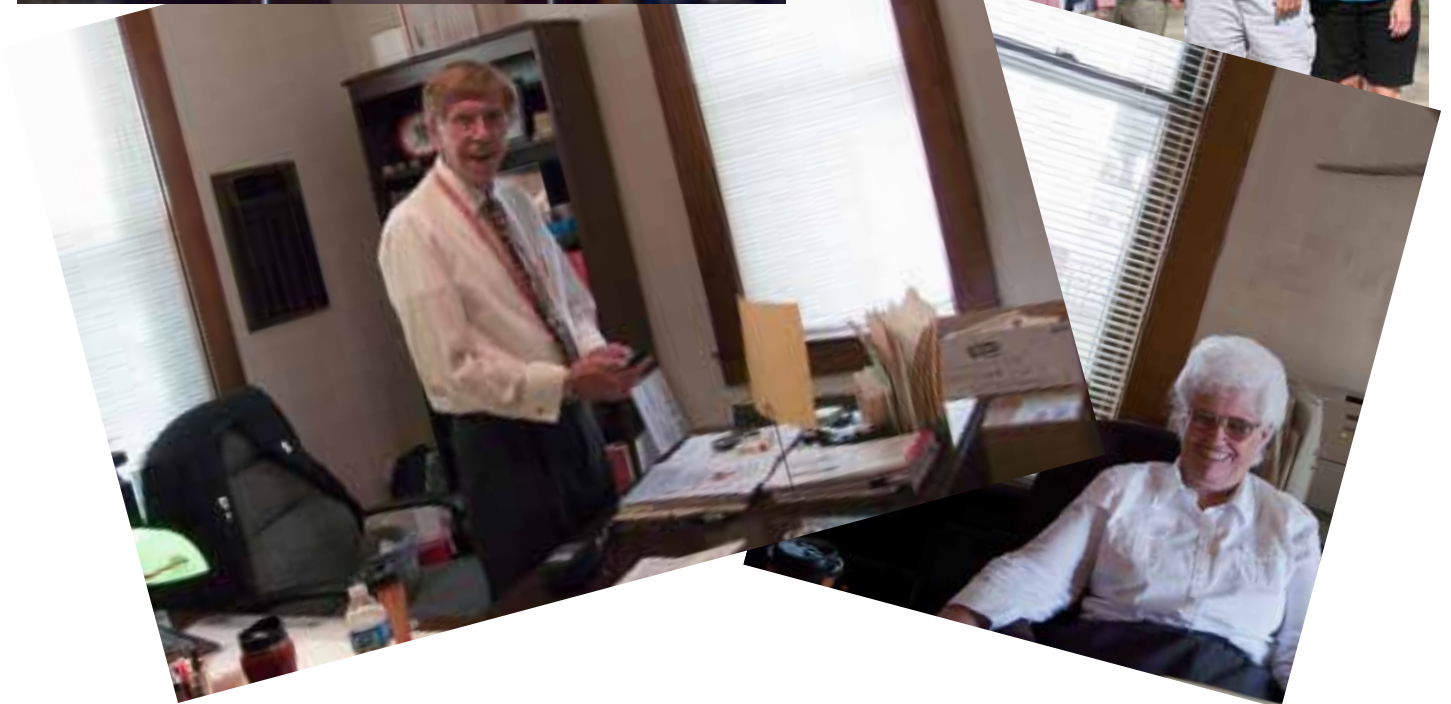
FACTOID:

Marine Hall was home to Headquarters Company (the Band) on the first floor; B Company (Jr. College) on the second floor; and had class rooms in the basement



Can you identify the 1983 Headquarters Drum Major"? The answer is on page 30

More Homecoming



Cadet LTC Michael Blackmon
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September 26, 2011

Dear Mr. John Francis

I would like to express my gratitude towards you and the Wentworth Alumni for the scholarship I was given. Your monetary contribution to my education and leadership development is extremely helpful. This scholarship has allowed me to worry less about paying for school and focus on my own studies as well as how the Wentworth Corp of Cadets runs.

It is true that money does not grow on trees. My parents have always told me that if one works hard then sometimes that work will be rewarded. I am happy to see this is true and that my work is not going unnoticed. In this case in particular I have been rewarded a substantial amount. When I first found out that I was going to receive a scholarship from the alumni association, my initial thought was that at most my books were paid for. However, the amount of the scholarship covers far more than just my books. Your gift to me is going a long way towards paying for my books, uniforms, and my education. If there is anything you or the alumni would like for me or my corps of cadets to do, please let me know.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael R. Blackmon', with a stylized, cursive script.

Michael R. Blackmon
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel (WMA)
Battalion Commander

More Homecoming



Flag flown in Iraq presented by 1st Lt. Jared Broderick 2004

1st Lt. Jared Broderick brought a surprise with him while attending Homecoming. He presented an American flag to Wentworth that he specifically flew above one of Saddam's palaces. The flag arrived with a certificate of authenticity.

Thank you Jared, we are proudly moving your display around campus for all to see.

Reminiscence

What are the Odds? Chance, Luck or Fate?

By Al Nordeen, '66

(Editor's note: We have been asking Old Boys to send in their memories so that we can pass them on to our readers. Here is a great story. It takes some time to tell, because it spans many years. Thanks Al. Also note the "PS" at the end.)

I did not confirm the connection between Army helicopter TH-55a, tail number 18037 and my flight time with the Phoenix Police Department until a few weeks ago. I knew I had flown one of the four Phoenix purchased TH-55a Army helicopters at Fort Wolters, but not the exact one. Nor did I know it was same helicopter in which I took my first flight with the Phoenix Police Department.

May, 2011. It all started when I had lunch with, Ned Clark, a retired PPD Mechanic. After lunch, he asked me if I would like the old original Army flight manual that came with number 90811. I had found the original chin fairing form 811 a few years back. I gladly took the manual to treasure the memories.

It wasn't until I got home that I noticed the cover of the old flight manual had the serial number and a second number 64-18037. I had seen that number before. I went through several old log books and notes, and then I found part of the answer. The last three digits written on the solo certificate my instructor, Capt William Hall, gave me after I soloed at My Tho Stage Field at Fort Wolters, Texas matched the last three digits on the manual. That jogged my memory and I looked in my original TH-55a check list book. Written on the inside of the cover was "Solo Flight 18037 29 April 1971". It was in pencil and barely readable, but still there after all those years.

This was the same number that was on the Th-55a Army flight manual which came with Phoenix police helicopter N90811. The very same helicopter I took my first check ride in for the police air unit.

Its hard to believe even now after putting this information together. but the facts state that it happened. To me it was like hitting the jackpot.



At My Tho Stage Field Ft Wolters, Texas , April 29th, 1970.1st LT A Nordeen performing a pre flight on U.S. Army Th-55a, 18037 for his Solo Flight qualification.

It began at Fort Benning, Georgia during IOBC (Infantry Officers Basic Course) in 1969. I had completed the flight school entrance written exam, but failed to send in the request but planned to put the request for assignment in to the Army Flight program at my first duty station.

I arrived at my first assignment the 1st BN, 60th Inf. 172 Infantry Brigade. Ft. Richardson, Alaska on 8 January 1970. With all the activity at my first assignment as Platoon leader, 1st Platoon, A Company Aviation my request was put on the back burner. Not until I was assigned to the Battalion staff as BN S-2, as a newly promoted First Lieutenant, did I realize, in the back of my mind, that I wanted to fly helicopters long ago. Even in elementary school I was in trouble all the time in Sedona, Arizona for drawing pictures of helicopters in class.

Going to flight school jumped up to priority during an interview for the job as a General's Aide to the General of U.S. Army Alaska Command, in January 1971. As his aide, I would be going to Vietnam for a minimum of thirteen months. During the interview, the last question the General asked me was "was there anything other then be-

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ing his aide that had a priority for my career? I stated "Yes, I want to be an Army Aviator". He replied "I can't stand in the way of your career plans. You need to get into that program now, or it won't happen." I left that interview depressed, as I knew it would take months to get accepted into the flight program, if at all. To my surprise, I had orders to go to the Primary Helicopter Flight School forty-five days later. I think the General had something to do with the speed of the orders. At least I gave him the credit for it.

My dream was about to happen on 26 March 1971. I attended Ft. Wolters Primary Helicopter School ORWAC (Officers Rotary Wing Aviation Class) 71-40 a1 (Blue hats). I soloed on the 29th of April 1971 and graduated from primary flight training without any pink slips, on 30 July 1971. Next stop - Ft. Rucker, Alabama and Advanced Flight Training.

Fort Rucker, Alabama is where my problem started. About half-way through the instrument program, I was having problems. I was getting sick under the hood. I had head pains, but I did not admit to that part. I was on meds and back on flight status every two days with no recovery. I was worried and had no idea what was wrong. The school recycled me to Class 71-42. Now I was with strangers and still on and off antibiotics six times. That's when the only thing they could come up with was that I was claustrophobic conditions will under the hood. I wonder if that was a first also?

I was given a medical elimination from flight training program effective 12 Oct 1971. Now with orders to Korea as an Infantry Officer again. Now don't get me wrong, I was not angry at the Army. I was depressed and requested a early release from active duty which I received in February 1972.

At this point the story gets interesting. I wasn't going to give up on flying. So after the release from active duty I was accepted to the Phoenix Police Academy and awaiting a Academy date. While waiting I used the GI Bill to obtain my private, and then my Commercial FAA rotorcraft certificate on the 29th of November 1972. I then attended Academy class 103 (December 1972) and in March, 1973, graduated from from the Phoenix Police Academy. I was assigned to street patrol and around May 1973 while working

the street I heard rumors that the city was working on a police aviation program.

My transfer requests were submitted, from August 1973 until April 1976 at which time I was transferred to the air unit, subject to a day and night time check ride, with no training given prior to the check ride. While waiting in the Air Patrol office for the Chief Pilot, Sgt Kruczynski, to take me out on the day check ride I noted the black flight manual for the helicopter I assumed I was to fly on the table. I read it carefully and minutes later I was instructed to pre-flight helicopter N90811 for my check ride, a TH-55a.

I asked them why the different numbers in the manual and on the tail? I was advised the old manual had the old U.S. Army registration number on the manual and the rebuilt TH-55a had the new FAA registration number on the tail, with a civilian FAA flight manual on board the helicopter. Four TH-55a helicopters were purchased from the government at Tucson Davis Mothen Air Base (the bone yard for retired Army Th-55a helos from Ft. Wolters.) The old Army Flight manuals were later thrown away, except for 811 which mechanic Ned Clark kept as a piece of unit history.

It wasn't until May of 2011 that I realized that the old Army registration 18037 was the number of the helicopter I soloed at Ft. Wolters, Texas on 29 April 1971. It was also the TH-55a 64-18037 U.S. Army helicopter purchased by the City of Phoenix for the Phoenix Police Dept and rebuilt by Madison Aviation, Mesa Arizona. The same Madison Aviation where I received my FAA private and Commercial certificate on the GI Bill. The same helicopter I took my check ride in at the Phoenix Police Air Unit. What's the odds? Maybe I'm making too much of it.

The day and the night ride were completed to the unit's satisfaction and I was assigned as a police helicopter pilot, flying most of the time my first year in N90811 on patrol over the city of Phoenix. The same helicopter I soloed in at Ft. Wolters, Texas.

Sadly, on the 7th of January 1977, N90811 crashed, flown by another police pilot. And today, all that's left of N90811 is the chin cover fairing with the numbers N90811 on it. This piece of my history proudly hangs in my garage along

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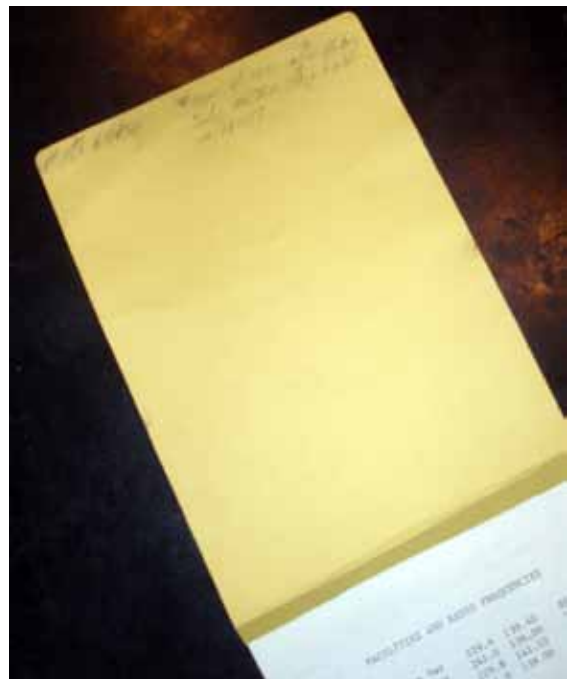


The last flight of US Army 18037
AKA N80911 January 7th, 1977

with the black U.S. Army Flight Manual with serial number and tail number. Enough proof to me that it really did happen. Especially when you add my solo certificate and school check list with date and tail number of my solo flight written in it.



US Army Flight Manual 64-18037, which came with the helicopter when purchased by the City of Phoenix. Civilian certification number given by the FAA N90811.



Al Nordeen's Th-55a check list issued to him at Ft. Wolters Primary Flight school. Note the pencil note, upper right inside corner of the check list booklet. April 29 1971 after 15 hrs solo at MyTho stage field #18037.

I went on to fly the five Hughes 500d helicopters that the City purchased to replace the Hughes TH-55a and Hughes 300c helicopters that Phoenix had operated from 1973 to 1981. 1989 I obtained an FAA flight Instructor's certificate and continued to be one of the four the unit flight instructors, until I retired. In 1991, the Hughes 500d helicopters were traded for five McDonnell Douglas 500N NOTAR Helicopters. I was to fly the first five production NOTARS from 1991 to 1998.

I retired from the Phoenix Police Department on 27 January 1998 with 26 years on the police Department, of which 22+ I was assigned to the Air Support Unit. Flight time 11,566.1 hours PIC, 11,200.0 hours as Observer Flight Tech, and 718 hours as Flight Instructor. Phoenix Pilots flew half the shift and observed the other half. Most shifts had rated pilots together.

After Phoenix the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department Air Division took me on board as a Flight Instructor/Deputy Sheriff April 2nd, 1998.

During the MCSO polygraph I was asked if my log books were true and correct? I replied, "no they were not." They asked why, with a funny

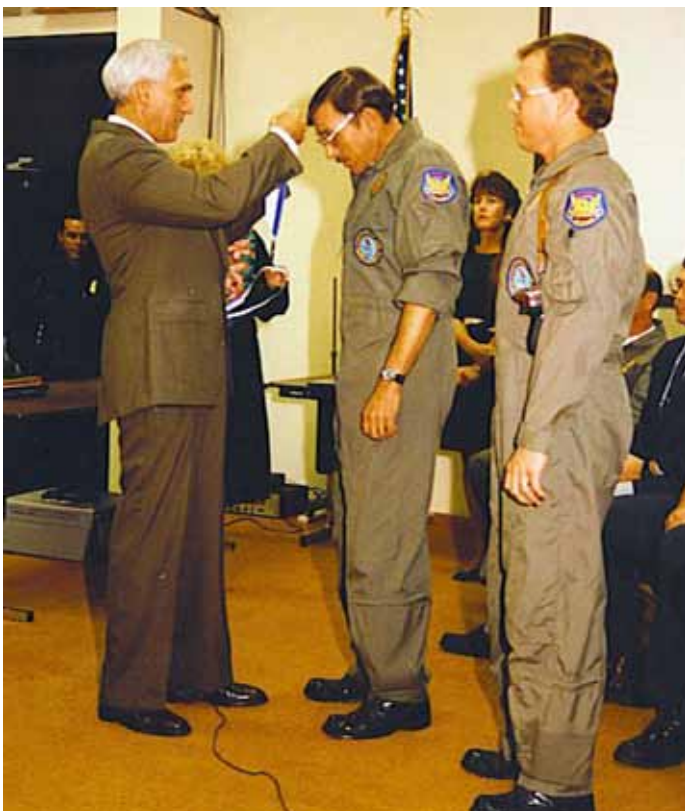
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grin. I advised them that I had lost 375+ hours not logged which were written on note paper in my locker and somehow lost the papers with the A/C numbers dates & times. I was too lazy to look up the helicopter logs to find the lost time. They looked stunned with my reply. They told me, after the test, that I'd be surprised at the number of pilots who had to admit they added hours to their log that were not ever flown. Reason for the poly-graph question I guess.

I Remained with the MCSO unit until September 7, 2000. Flight time with the County was 417.2 hrs PIC -INSTR in TH-55a trainer/ Oh-6a/OH-58c ,and Bell 407.

From 2000 until 13 May 2010, I flew occasional civilian flights, 20.5 hrs. Now it's over and I remain on the ground. It had to come some day!

Do I miss it? Oh yah! I do. However, the memories are still there. And how many pilots can say "I flew the same helicopter I soloed in the U.S. Army as I did as a Police pilot later in my aviation career. Now I wonder if there is anyone else out there that had the same luck? If so, we need to meet and have some beers and talk about the odds.



Al Nordeen is awarded the Medal of Valor for a mountain rescue.



More Homecoming





The WMA Alumni Association Scholarship recipient for 2011, Cadet Michael Blackmon of Rockwell, Texas, was selected as the Battalion Commander of the 132nd Corps of Cadets. Congratulations Michael!

The Battalion Staff of the 132nd Corps of Cadets

- Cadet Michael Blackmon (Rockwall, TX)
 - Battalion Commander
- Cadet John Ramos (Trinidad, Northern Mariana Islands)
 - Battalion XO
- Cadet Lucas Hobbs (Ripon, CA)
 - Command Sergeant Major
- Cadet Anthony Henely (Herington, KS)
 - Battalion S-1
- Cadet Brennan Harms (Corona Del Mar, CA)
 - Battalion S-2
- Cadet Andrea Willis (Paducah, KY)
 - Battalion S-3
- Cadet Matt Dandorf (Independence, MO)
 - Battalion S-4
- Cadet Jacob Wright (Springfield, MO)
 - Battalion S-5
- Cadet Tessa Cohen (Leawood, KS)
 - Medical Officer
- Cadet Vo-Le (Westminster, CA)
 - Cannon Crew Commander



Cadet Kayla Cameron from Medical Lake Washington presented a United States flag that was flown over Camp Phoenix Afghanistan by the U. S. Air Force 166th Air Expeditionary Group during Operation Enduring Freedom on September 11th, 2011 (picture below). Cadet Cameron's father, Tony Cameron, who is serving with the 166th, made the arrangements for the flying of the flag to be presented to Wentworth Military Academy. Cadet Cameron presented the flag on behalf of her father to COL (WMA) Michael Lierman, Superintendent of Wentworth Military Academy (picture below)

The flag is proudly displayed in the first floor hall of the Administration building.



The Band Reunion



The Band Reunion *(continued)*

To see a video of the Homecoming Band Reunion on You Tube, that was produced by Jim Horton, '64 go to <http://youtu.be/rlezJ2eG0P4>. The pictures on this page and the lower portion of the previous page were taken by Jim Horton, '64.



Sunday Dress Parade Honors Fallen Soldier

A Sunday parade held on November 13th at the Steve Oliver Parade Field was dedicated to the memory of Christopher D. Gailey, '03 who was killed in action in Afghanistan on November 1, 2011. Gailey was a Wentworth Cadet from 2001 to 2003.

Col. Bill Sellers presented Mr. and Mrs. Gailey with a memento from Wentworth in honor of Sgt Gailey. (picture to the right)



In Memoriam

Christopher Drew Gailey

September 15, 1985 to October 31, 2011



On November 2, 2011, the Department of Defense announced the death of SGT Christopher D. Gailey (WMA '03) while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Sergeant Gailey was brought back to Oklahoma on the afternoon of November 9 during a dignified transfer service at the Tulsa Air National Guard base, and funeral services were held on Saturday, November 12 at the Bartlesville Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Gailey and SPC Sarina Butcher, 19, of Checotah, were both killed November 1 in Paktia Province when an improvised explosive device detonated near their military vehicle during a supply mission, according to the Oklahoma National Guard. Gailey and Butcher were assigned to Company F, 700th Brigade Support Battalion, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, based in Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Gailey and Butcher were the 13th and 14th Oklahoma National Guard soldiers killed since July.

Gailey enlisted in the guard in 2004 and served a deployment to Iraq in 2007-08 as a motor vehicle operator.

He attended Wentworth from 2001 to 2003, and graduated in 2005 from Caney Valley High School in Ramona.

"Chris Gailey's dedication and commitment to our country is a lesson for all of us," Wentworth President Bill Sellers said. "We often speak of the Wentworth family, and it pains us to lose a brother alumnus. We were all truly honored by Chris' family joining us for a Memorial Dress Parade on campus on November 13. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his parents, Shan and Tammy Gailey, and the rest of his family."

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Stephen G. Wentworth Anniversary.

The 200th anniversary of the birth of Stephen G. Wentworth was recognized throughout the Homecoming weekend. The first event was held at the President's home on Friday evening with the unveiling of a fully restored Stephen G. Wentworth portrait. The event was hosted by Bill Sellers, President of WMA.



Old Boy News

--1940s--

V.R. Roskam, '49 receives the Global Salesperson of the Year award from Oil-Dri Corporation of America. [NOTE: Most alums know him as Swedel!]

The Oil-Dri Corporation of America recently held their International Sales Meeting in Itasca, IL. Approximately 100 people attended the world-wide meeting.

In recognition of 44 years of loyal and meritorious service, V.R. Roskam received the Global Salesperson of the Year award. Mr. Roskam has spearheaded the development of numerous of "new products", both domestically and internationally during his career. With his retirement, he was advised that future recipients will receive the "V.R. Roskam Global Salesperson of the Year Award".

A longtime resident of the Glen Ellyn and Wheaton, Roskam is a graduate of Wentworth Military Junior College, (Lexington, MO), Knox College and received his masters degree from Chicago's Loyola University. He has been married to the former Martha Jacobson (Oak Park) for the past 59 years. The couple has 5 children and 16 grandchildren.



V.R. Roskam (L) is presented the Global Salesperson of the Year award from the Chairman of Oil-Dri Corporation of America, Richard Jaffee.

--1950s--

William Bean, '61 reports the following: I would love to attend this homecoming, but I can't get into my uniform or for that matter any clothes I wore back then. lol. I can't even get into either my army or air force uniforms.

I have had cancer and 26 hours of radiation treatment along with three lower back surgeries, not related to the cancer, and traveling is somewhat difficult. I am now scared to fly (the planes can come down too quick), if you know what I mean. I use a cane and sometimes a wheeled walker, so guess I will just have to pass on this homecoming. I would love to go back and visit the campus and see all the changes. I still manage to drive around 10,000 miles a year, mostly visiting my family and friends. I occasionally attend antique car shows when they are not too far distant, and I am able to "get around".

William V. Bean (first sergeant, Headquarters Company 1951), 3999 Yardley Drive, Slaughter, La. 70777-9640 (outside of Baton Rouge, La.). Cell: (225) 235-0313, WBEANLA@aol.com

Dennis Mallory, '59 writes: As you may or may not know, my #2 grandson Nolan Dennis Mallory entered the U.S. Air Force Academy last Thursday. I am very proud and fortunate to have some genetic material passed to a gifted and talented young man embarking on a new career. Thank you for your support of his grandfather. Sincerely, Dennis I. Mallory

Dr. Denny Bastron, '58 checked in earlier this summer! My baby girl, Lt. Col. Kristen (Bastron) Taleck, USAF,MC, just left Davis-Monthan AFB (Tucson) for Vandenberg AFB, just north of Santa Barbara, to be the SGH (Chief Physician) for the base! She should get her Eagles in the next two years. Time flies--makes you feel almost as old as someone whose grandson just entered the USAFA.

Old Boy News

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--1960s--



Millett family in Hall of Honor: L to R, Becky Heinz (neice), Evelyn and Ryan Millett, Van Millett and wife Ann, in front, granddaughter Chole. In the background is the George Van Millett bio and placard.

On September 24th, **George Van Millett III**, '63 or "Van" as he prefers, visited the campus while in the area to attend a showing of his Grandfather's paintings in St. Joseph, Missouri. Van's Grandfather, George Van Millett, a Kansas City artist, sent his son, **George Van Millett II** to Wentworth to prepare him for admittance into the United States Military Academy. George Van Millett II was a Wentworth cadet from 1921 - 1922 and later graduated from West Point.

George Van Millett II became a career officer with the United States Army and parachuted into France on D Day. For his valor and bravery during D Day and the days following, COL Millett was awarded a Silver Star and accordingly inducted into the Wentworth Military Academy Hall of Honor in October of 2010. Van and family were unable to attend that event so the trip to attend the art show was an opportunity to visit Wentworth and view his father's placard within the Hall of Honor.

The Millett family was hosted by LTC (hon) Al McCormick, Director of Alumni Relations and COL (hon) Bill Sellers, President. Through the

courtesy of COL Sellers, the family was able to view the remaining Millett painting collection at the President's home.

Following the campus tour, the family departed for St. Joseph and the viewing of the Millett paintings. Some 80 plus paintings were assembled for the event by Lynn Mackle of Kansas City. The paintings were on display from September 10th through November 6th 2011 at the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art in St. Joseph, Missouri. For more information take a look at this website: <http://lynnmackle.com/george-van-millett/>



Van Holding Millett Placard: "Van", George Van Millett III holding his grandfather's bio and placard which resides in the WMA Hall of Honor.

Jim Swaim, '65 reported that one of the Oklahoma tornadoes destroyed his home. He has relocated and friends may write to him at: 5613 Piedmont Road North, Piedmont, OK 73078-2100

Old Boy News

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Before Homecoming we had this note from **Ted Bratrud** '61. Ted made the trip to Lexington for Homecoming and enjoyed seeing other class members from '61. Just a note to inform you that I just completed nearly one year in Afghanistan where I was "recalled" to duty by the U.S. Department of State. I served as senior adviser for reintegration and transition at the Regional Command Platform in Kandahar. It was a dangerous and difficult assignment, enduring 117 rocket and ground attacks; but I felt honored to be "recalled" to active duty to help out as a member of the civilian surge to work along side the more than 30,000 NATO and U.S. troops stationed in the tough region of Kandahar in the South. I have some photos if interested. I retired in 1996 from the State Department after 28 1/2 years in the foreign service. I graduated from Wentworth High School in 1961. So glad to be home again with family and 4 grandsons, soon to be 5!



Steve Hill '61 checked in with the following news: Diane and I spent 3 days with Janet Kester (Frank Kester's wife) in Littleton, Colorado This was part of a longer 6 week stay in the area exploring and catching up with relatives out here. We had hoped to avoid some of the Aiken, S.C. heat, but this part of CO was very hot this year. The only bonus was the lower humidity. We toured the area with Janet and met her kids and grand kids a real treat for us. Janet has a brother in Columbia, SC about 1 hour away from Aiken, so we have made plans to meet in our area in November. The picture (above) was taken at Red Rock. Janet on the left.



Can you identify the Old Boys in this trap shoot picture from the 1960s? **Bert Dickey**, '69 is on the left and next to him is **Jim Harris**, '64.



The above display was donated by the estate of **Robert S. Anderson**, '67 who passed two years ago. It is proudly displayed in the Alumni House office of the Alumni Director.

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Visit by **John Kitchens**, '66 to the campus in 2010.

--1970s--

We heard from **Alejandro Reyes** about year-books from his era. If anyone can help him, please let him know. I am an alumnus of WMA, my name is Alejandro Reyes. It is great to see that the school has survived and it seems to be thriving. The reason that I am writing is because I am interested in purchasing some year books of when I attended. The years were 1970 to 1973. Let me know. I know that WMA is holding the Homecoming weekend on 10/7 to 10/9, I will not be able to attend but wish you and everyone a great and happy weekend. Regards, Alejandro Reyes, alejandro.reyesg@gmail.com

Please see one addition 1970s report on page 44.

--1980s--

Benjamin Alley, '86 and former Falcon scholar has reported a new address in Columbus, Ohio. Please feel free to contact him at: 11 W. Lincoln St., Columbus, Oh. 43215



Allen Nordeen wants to know if anyone know what happed to the 1989 Bn CO **Lt Col Magazine**? I 'd like to know, so I can send him a photo of us together at the 1989 Homecoming when I wore my dress blues for the last time. Al Nordeen 60-66. What a hoot!



Where are they now:

That's **Mitch Johnson**, '82. Mitch is the President and CEO of EMS, Inc. a leading provider of outsourced contact center services based in Omaha, Nebraska. Mitch is on the left.

Old Boy News

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--1990s--

Jess Melin, '92 and former Falcon scholar has relocated from Florida to California. His new vitals are: 2921 Garden Creek Circle, Pleasanton, CA. 94588, jessmelin@hotmail.com



Victorito Canales (HS-'98), his wife Diane and their sons, Victorito and Humberto visited the Wentworth campus in late August and spent time with Christina Starke our International Director. Mr. and Mrs. Canales hope to send their sons to Wentworth summer camp as soon as they reach the appropriate age.

PFC Becky Stockton, '96 reports that she is currently stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, working on MLT 68K Phase II and is halfway to completing the MOS. Her email and phone number are still the same. Her new address is: PFC Becky Stockton, 402 NW Sheridan Dr, Apt # 603, Lawton, OK 73505.

--2000s--

David Roberson has checked in and in addition to his announcement, David is ordering a replacement class ring. He writes "Just wanted to reach out and say hello, from Afghanistan, serving in the U.S. Air Force. Thank you. Take care.

Captain Charles Stempel, 2005, has returned from active duty in Afghanistan as of June 25, 2011. He is living in North Liberty, Iowa. Charles recently attended Homecoming and became the youngest Life Member of the WMA Alumni Association. Way to go Charles.

Captain Rolando Valdes Jr. has sent the following: CPT Valdes Jr, Rolando Class of 2007 (WEWO) Deployed 2009-2010 IRAQ, 2011-2012 Afghanistan. CPT Valdes, Rolando CHOPS/BTL CPT

--2010s--



Spenser Barr, 2010 graduated from Ranger school last month and is seen here presenting the guide-on of his unit.

Nathan Sparkman, 2011 is reporting a new address: 904 Canterbury Lane, Keller Texas 76248. And a new email address is gibsongdh@yahoo.com.

Milwaukee Rally



Patti and John Francis opened the doors to their home on June 19th to any Milwaukee area old boy that wanted a cold drink and a bite to eat. Jim Cormany, '61 and Bill Sellers, '86 stopped by and another Red Dragon Rally was in the history books. Jim (along with John and Bill) will be attending Homecoming and is looking forward to reuniting with all his classmates.



Thank you and congratulations to our newest members of the Century Club. From Left to Right: Steve Smith '83, Mark Hedrick '63, David Traub '79. Not pictured, David Nasaw '61

An Icon Has Been Lost

An icon has been lost. Dave Frerking former owner of the Dragons Den passed away on July 9, 2011. If you want to reach out to the family, the home address is: 1815 South Street, Lexington, MO, 64067

David F. Frerking, Jr., 82, passed away July 9, 2011, at his home of lung disease. David was born June 18, 1929, in Emma, Missouri, to Dave and Louise (Olerich) Frerking. He graduated from Dover High School, then attended Wentworth Jr. College and the University of Missouri. He then enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps where he proudly served during the Korean War. David always said "everything happened in 1954," when he got out of the service, married Florine Fiora "Flo" and he bought a restaurant. He owned and operated Dave's Cafe in Lexington for 44 years along with his wife, Flo. He was the proud father of three daughters, Cynthia Ann who preceded him in death, Gayle Lynn Frerking of Higginsville, Mo., and Cathy Sue Dixon and husband Terry of Raytown, Mo. He is also survived by his wife, Flo Frerking of Lexington, a brother, James William Frerking of Corder, Mo.; and a sister, Kathryn Louise Dickey of Kansas City, Mo. Additional survivors include numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death are his parents, his daughter, Cynthia and a sister, Louellen Rutherford.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Manor Van Project. Arrangements: Walker Nadler Fuller Funeral Home, Lexington, MO 64067 (660) 259-2245.

Published in Kansas City Star on July 11, 2011

Answer to the picture question on page 11. That is Steve Smith, '83. Steve and John Francis were at a Seattle Mariners game back in 1998, a couple days before Steve's wedding

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Going Green For Wentworth

We've all heard the words "go green", "less waste", "recycle" over the past months and years. Recently, two "old boys" decided to join forces in an attempt to help save the environment and also generate some money for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Jim Cormany (Jr. College class of '61) and John Francis (class of '83) are working together collecting and recycling aluminum cans.

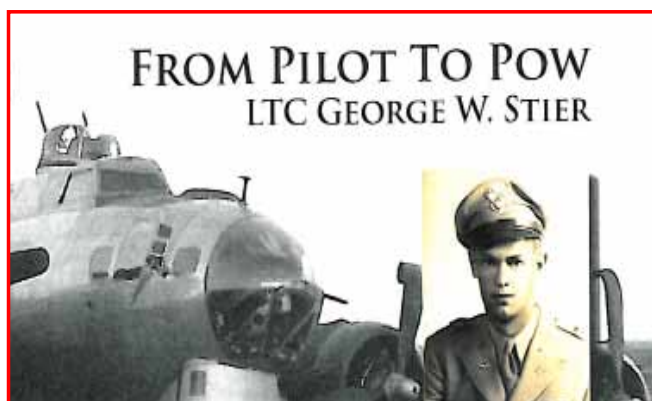
A recent example of how this works: Over a three month period, John accumulated three and a half large trash bags of cans. Jim took them to the local recycler and netted \$23. (Jim will be doing his own recycling but will help John when needed.) Once the combined total collected between the two of them reaches \$50, a check will be sent to the Alumni Association, and then they'll start over.

While at first glance, this doesn't sound like a lot of money, if every alumnus took on this project or something similar, think of the money that could be generated for Wentworth! A recent e-mail from Al McCormick contained 75 addresses. If every one of those individuals generated \$23, that would make a surprising \$1,725 for Scholarships!

Think about it! 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. Questions may be directed to Jim Cormany at kcormany@aol.com



Remember when there were houses on Washington Avenue?



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

Alumni Overseas

Major Justin Bowden, '96
Major John Crews '95 - Iraq
Samuel Kramer '76 - Afghanistan
Charles Luehrman Stempel '05 - Afghanistan
Don Yoakem '98 - Afghanistan
1 Lt Jared Broderick, '04 - Iraq
David Roberson, '01 - Afghanistan
These are the Alumni that we know about. If you know of any others, please let the Alumni Office know.

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Athletic Hall of Fame

Inductees into the 2011 athletic hall of fame were: Wey Seng Kim, former cadet and former instructor at WMA. The 1981 JC Basketball team represented by Jay Allen, Larry Simmons, and Mario Bolanos, who was represented by family members from Costa Rica.



Wentworth Flag Returned from Iraq

(A note from Al McCormick: Wentworth Old Boys and staff members were involved in signing and sending best wishes to old boys stationed in combat zones at various times throughout recent years. One of those flags was returned to campus in September and the story is told below. Thanks to the efforts of Major Jon Crews and Colonel Charles Rockhold III for their dedication for having other old boys in their combat zone autograph the flag as well. The flag from the two pictures is secured in the Alumni Department. The pictures are Major Jon Crews holding the flag in Iraq. The second picture is of LTC Darren Fitz Gerald, PMS of Wentworth Military Academy and Al McCormick, Alumni Director holding flag in the Hall of Honor. Thanks to Major Crew and Col. Rockhold for their dedication to WMA. Their story is below.)

In the winter of 2006, Major John Crews and I met one day somewhere in Iraq while waiting on a helo. We started talking and as normal the question came up of where we were from.....who would have guessed that we were both from Lexington Missouri. The conversation quickly moved to where we went to College. After we discovered that we both had attended Wentworth Military Academy, the stories started rolling. He pulled the flag out of his pack and started telling me that he had brought it over and had been having everyone that had attend Wentworth sign it. He said he was preparing to return home and ask me to carry it during my tour. Between the two of us, the flag covered a lot of ground from Baghdad to Al Ambar to the Kurds

up north.....everywhere. I based out of the Embassy which had a ball room converted in to a large coffee shop that was often used for informal meetings and saw a lot of traffic. When I was in town, the flag hung on a wall for all to see and sign if they had attended Wentworth. When my tour was up I brought the flag back to my home and only recently was able to bring it back to its home....Wentworth Military Academy. COL Charles Rockhold III, 80



The first WMA flag I posted was in 2004 in the dinning facility at Al Salyia Qatar, figuring it was the main R&R base in the CENTCOM OER.



The red WMA flag Charlie is talking about was left at the old embassy. I posted it in the Green Beans coffee shop in 2006 on my first trip to Iraq. After I departed Iraq, the flag remained at the old embassy, I am not sure where it went from there.

In 2008, I posted another WMA flag in the Camp Liberty Division Dinning facility. I am unsure what happened to it after I departed in 2009 but I do know as of 2011 it was not there.

In 2011 I had the White WMA flag which I maintained, it is currently in transit, and it, along with my baggage, was transported from Iraq to Afghanistan by a fluke. It should arrive in Hawaii with my gear in the next two weeks, I hope. Major Jon Crews, '95

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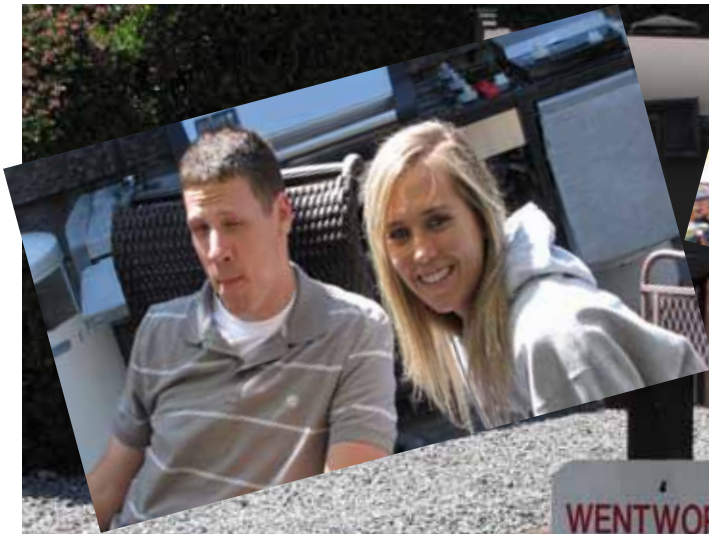


San Francisco Rally

by John Francis

The coldest winter I ever spent was a summer in San Francisco..... NOT at this red hot Red Dragon Rally! On June 26th old boys from the Scotts Valley area in California gathered at the home of Steve and Lynn Smith. Steve ('83) led the band in numerous parades and won countless awards as Headquarters Drum Major during his years at Wentworth.

The rally location was easy to find as the Smith's mail box is adorned with a "Wentworth Military Academy Parking" sign. Old boys Bill Labhart ('64), Jay Jeffries ('65), Steve Smith ('83) and John Francis ('83) joined family and friends for the reunion. Both Labhart and Jeffries want to give a shout out to Guy Harkness, '63..."You still owe us money and we'll collect at Homecoming!" Dates for the next rally will be published soon.



Chicago Rally



Holy Cow!! It's a Red Dragon rally at Harry Carey's in Chicago. Steven Westlake ('64), Don Yoakem ('98), Robert Elliott ('62), Anteco Cross ('93), Joe Frueh ('83), Bill Sellers ('86) and John Francis ('83) all gathered for food and drink at the iconic Chicago restaurant. Many of the stories centered on Col. James M. Sellers Sr. (Bill's grandfather) and how "tough" cadet life was back then. Many may not be aware that the Colonel spent 87 years on the Wentworth campus in various capacities. In the end, a good time was had by all.....a central theme with all Red Dragon Rallies.



Manitowoc, Wisconsin Rally

by John Francis

The granddaddy of all Red Dragon rallies was held on June 20th in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. It was the 106th consecutive year that old boys have gathered for a Southeast Wisconsin reunion. Perk Foster ('67), Bob Kerscher ('70), Buzz Thuerwacher ('60), John Francis ('83), Bill Sellers ('86), John Kappelmann ('59), Pete Doherty ('66), Steve Hamann ('66), Howard Hamann ('43), Eric Pitz ('70) and Rob Peaslee ('69) all gathered for food, fun and laughter. Bill Sellers was joined by his family as they started the first leg of their summer vacation. Next year's rally will include a golf outing prior to dinner. Wentworth thanks this group of old boys for their years of dedication to the school.



Taps

The following Alumni of Wentworth Military Academy passed away during 2011

Dr. Howard Immel, '33
COL Richard Natzke, '34
Victor Trastek, '34
COL Leonard Santoro, '38
Noah C. Brooks, '39
D. W. (Warren) Sherman, '40
Richard S. Carthey, '40
LTC George Vogt, '40
Robert C. Eriksen, '42
Arthur Trausch, '43
Dr. John W. Shroeder, '43
Joe C. Kraft, '43
Owen Clark, '43
John W. Geittman, '44
Murray McColloch, '44
Robert M. Stevenson, '44
Dr. Thomas Dudley, '45
Edmund N. Morrill II, '45
Perry J. Allen, '45
Donald J. Culley, '46
Earl Edward Robertson, '46
Robert N. Jacobs, '46
Fred W. Phifer, '47
George Draper, '47
John A. Christopoulos, '47
Eugene Kerekes, '48
Marvin Saxon, '49
Eldon Giles Lovell, '50
Joe H. Flowers, '50
Lloyd Lisk, '50
A. E. McClure, '51
John Arthur Graf Jr., '51
Jesse R. O'Bar, '52
Paul J. Bizzis, '52
William (Bill) G. Weston, '52
Jack Olds, '54
Kent Hicklin, '53
James L. Richardson, '53
Leo Petersen, '53
Louis E. Hurley, '53
Tom Ray, '54

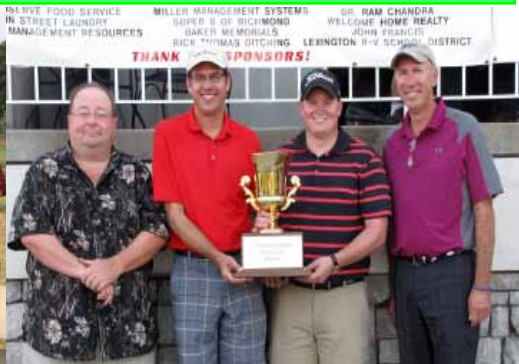
H. Lee Grube, '55
Dave Frerking, '56
Dean Moore, '56
Fred Morriset, '56
Robert C. Boyd, '56
Dayne Carruth, '57
Johnny Roland, '59
David L. Cowell, '60
Michael Phipps, '60
Thomas Lloyd Toll, '60
Alexander Sombart, '61
Dr. Benjamin Entine, '61
Michael William Rust, '61
Charles B. Tuthill, '62
Daniel C. Olson, '62
William "Bill" K. Watt, '64
James A. Hensley, '65
Raymond B. Winke, '65
George Jensen, '66
Mario Bolanos, '66
Dimitry N. Shreders, '68
Eric Burger, '68
Frank Welpman, '68
Foster Burns, '68
Michael Vandiver, '69
Charles F. Hanline, '70
Clark Greife, '70
Gerald Carmody, '70
Robert Kersenbrock, '70
Thomas Grotjan, '71
Dan Menke, '72
Maxine Prodell, '72
David Bledsoe, '76
Paul E. Baertschiger, '84
John "Jack" Becht, '88
G. K. Wandell, '92
Katheryn B. Tutt, School Nurse
CW2 Brad Gaudet, 2000
Ian A. Bodson, 2001
Shirley Clark, Faculty
Christopher D. Gailey, 2003

Homecoming Golf Tournament - A Great Time



Guess Who Won The Golf Tournament?

Glenn Miller
Ralph Bowles
Tyler Bachman
And yes... John Francis



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:

Ralph Bowles, '84
Stephen DeLorenzi, '76
Ed Devinger, '60
John Francis, '83
Frank D. Garrett, '66
Scott Hefner, '92
David L. Johnson, '63
Jay Johnson, '77
Charles W. McCracken, '42
George Reece, '57
Tom Vale, '77
Steven Westlake, '64
Jim Wright, '66

Ben Millar, '47
Richard "Moose" Miller, '54
Leon Moore, '75
Allen (Al) Nordeen, '66
William (Sam) Ratcliffe, '65
John Ratcliffe, '96
David Ratcliffe, '98
Joseph Roper, '74
Bill Sellers, '86
Bob Sellers, '89
Tom Slover, '67
Dale Slunicko, '59
Steve Smith, '83
Mary Stempel, '92
Carl Stempel, '72
Charles Stempel, 2005
Michael Warne, '71
Brown Whitaker, '45
Matt Wiseman, '83
Marvin Wrisinger, '80
Taylor Wright, '49
Marvin Wrisinger, '80

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
Timophey 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 Teacheror
Cole Thompson
Nikita Thornton
Andrew Tiapula
Lucilla Tofilau
Jason Togi
Benjamin Tuitasi
Devon Turnbaugh
Sasagi Vaimauga
Agaleiei Vili
Erick Wainer
Andrew Wainscott
Alexander Waldrop
Jackson Welliver

Regular Members:

David Adams, '60
Richard Amos, '52
Garold Butdorf, '72
Christie Butler, '71
Tom Butler, '64
Richard Burgess, '49
Wendall Cobleigh, '50
John Colon, '70
Jack Easton, '60
Renz (J.R.) Edwards, '44
Robert (Bob) Elliott, '68
Edson "Perk" Foster, '67
John Fotenos, '67
C.J. Hardnock, '05
Guy Harkness, '63
Dawson Heathman, '56
Mark Hedrick, '64
George Hittner, '97
Donald Holbert, '57
Richard "Dick" Hudson, '56
Jay Jeffries, '66
Michael Katskee, '64
David Kolinofsky, '04
David Lawrenz, '64
Michael Lierman, '73
Al McCormick, '67
John (Mike) McKinney, '59

Recent Graduate Mem- bers (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

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Mose Wilson
George Woodward
Miller Yost

2011 Mid-Year Graduate Members

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

2011 High School Graduates

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

2011 Junior College Graduates

Guillermo Caliz
Jordan Chipley
Brandon Drennan
Matalaloifi Elisara
Bradleyv Fairchild
Jeremy Fuentes
Randy Graf, Jr.
Elizabeth Handley
James Hovey
Nimir Jones
Corey Juarez
Brandon Kilthau

Anito'a Laumoli
Herbes Lopez
Christina Macomber
Meaole Meaole
Asomaliu Pei
Emily Posala
Desara Selesitino
Priscilla Uhlich
Manuel Vandermolen
Michael Waldron
Samuelu Wells
David Whiteley

2011 Falcon Scholars

Lonnie Armstrong
Taylor Ham
Ryan Novack
Daniel James Thomas
Jake Werner

2011 Class Representatives

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

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



Dave Svoboda '71 along with wife Denise and Dave's parents visited the campus in September during a family vacation. Dave had not been on campus since 1994 and was excited with the improvements over his previous visit. While discussing Wentworth with Dave's parents, it was obvious they both retained the same enthusiasm for the Academy as they did when Dave attended. Thanks to Denise for providing the family picture at the Doughboy. Thanks Dave and family, it was good to see you!



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