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## Wentworth Alumni Facebook Page

by Kathy Cormany

If you're reading this newsletter that 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](http://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.



# In Memory of Stephen A. Oliver, Sr.

by Col Mike Lierman, '73 President/Superintendent, WMA

*Editor's note: On Aug. 28, 2014, Stephen A. Oliver, Sr., WMA class of 1966, was killed in a tragic accident on his farm. Steve had been on the WMA Board of Trustees since 1992 and served as Chairman of the Board from 2006-2008. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.*



In the fall of 1964 Steve stepped onto the campus to become a cadet in the 85<sup>th</sup> Corps of Cadets. During his first year he excelled on the golf team and helped the team to several. Steve was struggling with staying focused with his school work and one morning was called into the Dean's Office where he was met by a small lady named Lola Beretta. Lola sat Steve down and began to explain to him that if he was going to be successful he would need to set some goals and work hard at achieving them. She asked him to take this small note pad she gave him and write down his goals ... both short and long term. After sitting at the table for a while he began to write. Lola reviewed what Steve had written down and then sent him back to class. Steve was called into the office to meet with Mrs. Beretta for several weeks until she felt he was on the right track. Steve often talked about her when he would talk with the cadets about setting goals. She was an important part of Steve's life while he attended Wentworth and he continued through life writing down his goals. Steve often came to campus to speak to the cadets and share with them the need to set goals and achieve their goals. He had a true desire to see the cadets and the Academy be successful.

Steve was promoted to the rank of sergeant first class and began to exercise his leadership abilities in Alpha Company. He also played on the college football team and was the center for the team. After Steve graduated from Wentworth in 1966, he went on to Xavier University to finish his college education and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration.

After college, Steve entered into the automobile industry where he worked, owned, and operated multiple dealership operations. Steve owned many throughout the years: Steve Oliver Volkswagen, Bradenton, Fla.; and was also the youngest Volkswagen dealer in the world at age 28; Steve Oliver Toyota, Bradenton; Steve Oliver, Inc. Laurinburg, NC; Steve Oliver, Inc.- Pontiac, Cadillac, GMC, Arcadia, Fla.; River City Chrysler, Plymouth, Jacksonville, Fla.; John Wallace Dodge/ Steve Oliver Dodge, Sunflower Dodge, Mazda, Lincoln Mercury, and Suzuki, Olathe, Ks. Steve Oliver Auto Mart, Lee's Summit; Steve Oliver Mazda, Kansas City, Mo. After 40 years of service in the automobile industry, he retired in 2009. After retirement, he enjoyed the leisure of guiding clients on his private hunting reserve located in Adrian, Mo. Here, he was able to reciprocate now becoming the hunting guide versus being the hunter. Over the years, he enjoyed spending time with his family. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, farming, and vacationing all over the world. However, his most sincere soft spot was to visit Africa.

Steve served on various local bank boards. He was also an avid supporter of the Don Bosco Foundation, Safari Club International and was a Deacon in the Island Baptist Church of Ana Maria Island, Fla. He was a member of Kairos Prison Ministries, and was an active board member and partner with Marketplace Ministries International.

Steve had a true love for Wentworth Military Academy and College. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees, from 1992-2011. He served as Chairman of the Board from 2006-08. In 2008, the Board of Trustees named the north parade and athletic field the Stephen A. Oliver Field. It was a proud day for Steve and Kathy as they watched the stone that stands at the entrance to the field unveiled.

Steve was married to his lovely wife Kathy for 42 years. He often refer to Kathy as the "First Sergeant". Kathy and Steve had two sons, Steve Jr and Ben.

Steve will be missed by his family, his colleagues, friends and old boys ... rest in peace our friend!

# Johnny Miller Promoted to Major General

Brig. Gen. Johnny Miller was promoted Saturday, September 6, 2014 to Major General.

Surrounded by friends, family and colleagues, Miller was sworn in as the Army's newest Major General. "I was really just flabbergasted that I made Brigadier General, so to make Major General is quite the honor," said Miller.

The ceremony was held at the General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro, Ill. It was there Miller was promoted three and one-half years ago to Brigadier General by Congressman Bill Enyart.

"I thought it was absolutely a must appear for me to be here with Johnny when he put that second star on," said Enyart. Also in attendance was Ralph Bowles, '84.

The Tamms native reached 33 years of service on Sept. 1. He said he never dreamed he would earn a two-star ranking in his military career. However, the turning point for him was the 9/11 attacks.

"It kind of makes you look at your service differently when there's a war on," said Miller. "And that was the first time I had an opportunity to go to war. And it's quite a big step for a soldier. And I was no young soldier when I went to war. I was 45 years old."

The National Guardsman says his basic job description won't change much, but more people will be relying on him. He'll spend a lot of weekends, mostly in Springfield and Chicago, working on behalf of other military men and women.

"I just go around visiting soldiers and make sure if they have issues or concerns we try to get those addressed," said Miller. "And make sure we put them in the best state possible for their trainings so they can be ready to perform whatever mission may come up."

He says he's honored and humbled by the promotion and is proud to represent southern Illinois.

"I come from an area in Alexander County in particular, where there's not a lot of opportunities for folks," said Millier. "So I think I just try to represent my folks down there and show people can come from all places and still do great things in this life."

Maj. Gen. Johnny Miller is one of Wentworth's own. He graduated from Wentworth Junior College in 1984. Maj. Gen. Miller is one of four Old Boy General Officers currently serving on active duty with the United States Military Services. The others are: General Mark Welsh, '72, Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force; Maj. Gen. Barrye Price, '81, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, U.S. Army Forces Command; and Brig. Gen. Jason Evans, '81, Deputy Commanding General for Support, U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

## Trumpeter is Reintroduced

by Cheney Parrish, 2010

On August 15, 2014, the Trumpeter was reintroduced to alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends of Wentworth. Although the electronic format may be new, the spirit of the Trumpeter remains the same. Its purpose is to keep readers informed of campus activities, through the eyes of the students. The articles are written by students, under the guidance of Maj. Linda Christian. The student-led publication is not intended to compete with the quarterly Red Dragon newsletter. You will still receive alumni news through the Alumni Association's publication.



Editors note: It was wonderful to see the rebirth of the Trumpeter. It is maintaining the tradition of a student written paper for Wentworth. It is a welcome addition to cadet activities and information flow for the school. We wish the publication well in the future. If you are not receiving the Trumpeter and wish to, please contact Marnie Morgan, Director of Alumni Relations at the school.  
-Jim Wright

# President's View

by Guy Harkness, '63

The annual Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association meeting was held at 9:30 AM on Saturday morning Oct. 11, during our Homecoming weekend. The following is a brief summary of major highlights:



☞ Attendance, as always, could be much better, but the discussion was very lively and very worthwhile. We did basically accomplish all that we set out to do.

☞ The Life Membership level now exceeds 50 individuals. A mere couple of years ago the number was five.

☞ We voted to lower the Senior Age requirement for Association membership from 65 to 62 years of age, as most institutions recognize Seniors at age 62 these days.

☞ An anonymous donor has provided well over \$900 cash as an incentive for Life Membership enrollment.

☞ The Alumni Association has also sponsored the funds for the purchase of two new table tennis tables, and complete accessories for use by the cadets. The amount involved was \$1,200. A check for this amount was presented to Mike Lierman on Oct. 24. (See related story on Page 11.

☞ The financial health and stability of the Alumni Association is very good. We have no outstanding debt and no accounts payable.

☞ New officer candidates, including a new President, will be announced in 2015.

☞ Hopefully these tidbits provided you enough of the flavor of the productive meeting. We would very much appreciate a greater turnout for the meeting in 2015. Remember, this is your Association.

*Guy Harkness*

# McCormick Report

by Al McCormick, '67

I am proud to share with you again this quarter that we continue to grow.

This is at least our seventh quarter of membership growth and your financial support has made a tremendous difference. In particular our Life Membership enrollment is about to reach 50, representing exciting times not only financially but dedication wise, your trust is appreciated.



## Senior Age Reduction for membership:

At the October annual meeting of the Alumni Association we voted to reduce the Senior age recognition level from age 65 to age 62. Most agencies and/or organizations consider the senior age 62 and your Association decided to fall in line. For those of you who are 62 and considering membership this is quite a break. I encourage you to give some serious thought to joining us. A revised membership application is in this newsletter.

## New Life Members:

Please welcome our newest Life Members, Sam Richardson '54, Col. James A. DiRenna '67, Jack Cronan '74, and Doyle Leeding, '64. Welcome and thank you for your trust and support.

## Life Member Incentive Update:

In August, one of our members issued a challenge toward membership enrollment and growth. The member would supply a contribution to the Association of \$100 per new lifetime member if we could attract ten new lifetime members by Homecoming 2014.

I am pleased to report that we have exceeded that membership goal and our anonymous donor has contributed \$1,100 to the association general fund.

Thank you for the generous offer and the support.

*Al McCormick*  
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# Director's Corner

By Marnie Morgan

Director of Alumni Relations

It is hard for me to believe that it has already been four months since I became your new Director of Alumni Relations. Time has truly flown by and it's amazing how many wonderful experiences I have been able to pack into such a short period of time. I have had the pleasure of meeting so many incredible alumni from around the country, each one with their own set of memories and stories that connect them to Wentworth. Homecoming was truly a highlight of my first four months here. It was an honor to welcome such a large group of alums home to not only cherish old memories and friends but also to celebrate with the 135<sup>th</sup> Corps of Cadets as they begin and continue their journey on this campus.



## HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

From start to finish, Homecoming was a huge success. Homecoming 2014 provided the opportunity for alumni to witness a fantastic win for our soccer team, share a carnival-like atmosphere with cadets, children/grandchildren, and community members at the Dragon Den Festival, and most importantly renew their connections with their alma mater. I enjoyed the opportunity to watch alumni of all ages interact with the current students that make up the 135<sup>th</sup> Corps of Cadets.

During homecoming, I had the distinct privilege of spending time with Renz Edwards, Class of 1944. Renz and his wife Mary traveled back to Wentworth to celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion. Over the weekend, he served as our parade Grand Marshal, participated as a panel member at our "Through the Years" event, and assisted in placing the wreath during the memorial service on Sunday morning. Renz has wonderful stories about his time here, but I was struck most by the quick connections he built with our current students. From campus tours to lunch with the Corps, he was seeking every chance to connect with the cadets that now sit in the same seats he sat in over 70 years ago. It was evident to me that he was proud of the traditions that continue

at Wentworth but also valued the changes that have helped make this an amazing educational experience for the cadets of today. I would like to express a huge thank you to Renz and all of the alumni that returned to campus to celebrate homecoming with us. Your involvement makes Wentworth great.

It is my sincere hope that all of you will make plans to visit the campus soon and often. Your Wentworth story continues and you are a valuable part of the experience of our current students. The 135<sup>th</sup> Corps of Cadets is strong and carries on the proud traditions set forth before them. Come and see us.

*Marnie Morgan*



Renz Edwards, '44, presents the memorial wreath during the Memorial Service on Sunday during Homecoming weekend.



Renz Edward, '44, with several cadets during Homecoming.



# State of the School

by Col Mike Lierman, '73    President/Superintendent, WMA

Dear Alumni;

The leaves on the trees are beginning to turn colors and the mornings are requiring a jacket so we know here in Missouri that fall is on its way. October has been a very busy month here on campus. We have just finished Homecoming and Fall Parents Weekend. I believe both weekends were a success from the comments I heard from both our alums and our parents. I am going to try to provide you a few facts and figures about our cadets. Several of those in attendance at the Homecoming banquet commented on how nice it was to hear the facts about how the cadets and the Academy are doing. I believe that the staff and faculty at Wentworth are outstanding and doing an excellent job in working with our cadets and students to help them find success.



**The quality of the Corps of Cadets remains impressive.** The 135<sup>th</sup> Corps of Cadets is comprised of strong cadet leaders, solid athletes, and a good group of MS 3's & 4's that will soon be commissioned. I am proud to report that this year's Corps is doing exceptionally well in the first grading period, with no suspensions to date.

**Wentworth students continue to achieve academic excellence.** Wentworth is preparing students academically for the future. The Corps boasts an average ACT test score of 22 and a high score of 30. Nine High School cadets have been inducted into the National Honor Society this fall and 65 percent of high school achieved the Presidents List or Honor Roll for first grading period. 90 percent of our high school and college graduates are attending college. Recent graduates are attending colleges/universities such as Carson-Newman University, Central Methodist University, Drury College, Embry-Riddle, Florida A&M, Iowa State, Kentucky University, Northwest Missouri State, Norwich, Rockhurst Univer-

sity, Texas A&M, University of Central Missouri, University of Michigan, Washington State, and Wentworth to name a few.

**The Falcon program attracts the best and brightest to Wentworth.** This school year, Wentworth is host to six Falcons. These cadets are quality students, performing well academically and preparing to go to the Air Force Academy next year. This program boasts impressive alumni including a 1972 Falcon cadet from the first year of the program, Gen. Mark Welch, currently serving as Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

**The Fellowship of Christian Athletes touches the lives of students.** Our campus is proud to feature a Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization grounded in the national organization's mission of demonstrating a commitment to Christianity through integrity, service, teamwork, and excellence. Cadets have shown a strong interest in this organization with an average of 30 to 35 cadets attending the weekly Bible Study (usually led by a college cadet).

**Traditions such as the American Royal Parade remain strong.** I am sure many of you remember marching in the American Royal Parade in Kansas City. This year our Corps marched in the parade keeping the tradition for 89 consecutive years.

**Our Senior ROTC Cadets train throughout the U.S. and the world.** Fifty-six cadets spent part of their summer participating in Army training missions. The majority of these Cadets trained at Fort Knox, Ky. Additionally, 14 of these Cadets went on to other army posts, while three Cadets went to locations such as Estonia, Greece, Hungary, and other European countries for combined training with host nation military units.

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# State of the School

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**The JROTC Department continues to promote leadership excellence.** JCLC again was a success. The Raiders continue to add to Wentworth's good reputation within the 3<sup>rd</sup> ROTC Brigade. This year's Raider Meet will be the largest in Brigade with 22 teams and 300+ cadets signed up to participate. This year with the generosity of an Alumnus, the JROTC Department constructed a low ropes course designed by 1st Sgt. Tim Dougherty. It is located next to the Rappel Tower. The rifle team is now three times its original size with additional funding from another generous alumnus, that provided the means for repair parts and expendable supplies (ie targets, pellets, etc). You are making a difference in our programs by being involved!

**Student enrollment is steady with growth in several key areas** While high school domestic cadet enrollment is down, we continue to see growth in several other key areas. Specifically, this school year we have seen significant increases in enrollment for international cadets, college athletes, commuter students, and students in dual enrollment programs.

**Wentworth boasts a financial status targeting long-term sustainability.** The Wentworth team is committed to financial operations that contribute to our success and long-term sustainability. Our financial audits for six of the past seven years have all been in the black. This year we have reduced our short term debt by 1.3 million dollars. Our current long term debt is at \$2 million dollars.

**I was asked what we can do** to help the Academy continue to be a viable educational opportunity for young men and women. Here is how I answered the question: You can refer a new cadet to our admissions office.

You can host an Alumni Rally in your city or regional area. You can help get your friends/classmates excited about being involved in helping a young man or woman become successful while they attend Wentworth.

You can "make a difference in the lives of the cadets/students!"

I hope this helps you know that, even though Wentworth may not be exactly as it was when you attended, it is still providing a great educational opportunity to help young men and women find success in their lives just as it did for you. Thanks for your continued support of our cadets/students we truly appreciate it.

*Michael Lierman '73*

## Coming in 2015



The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "The All American Band". Watch for more information in 2015!

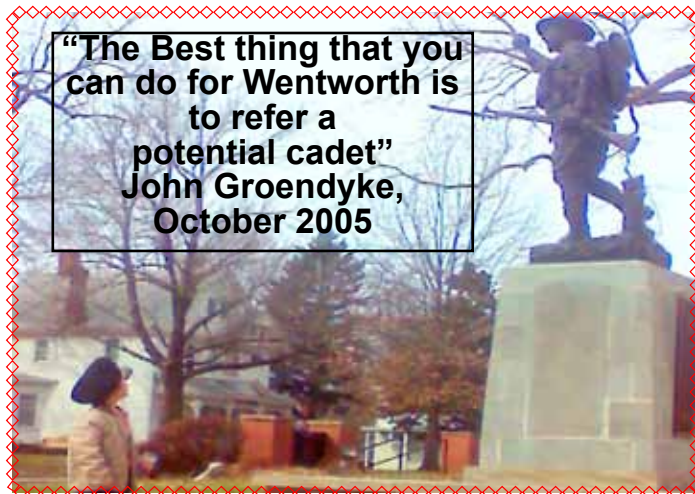


## Homecoming 2015 Announced

The dates of the 2015 homecoming Weekend have been announced.

Plan now to join us for Homecoming on **Oct. 9-11, 2015.**

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



# Alumni Association Donates for Cadet Recreation Support

During the October annual meeting of the Alumni Association, a motion was presented to provide funds to support the purchase of recreational equipment for the enjoyment of the cadet corps. The motion was to provide the Academy with up to \$1,500 to purchase two quality table tennis tables for cadet recreational areas. The motion passed. During the October WMA Board of Trustees meeting Association President Guy Harkness, '63 presented an Association check to Col. Michael Lierman, President of Wentworth, in the amount of \$1,200 towards two tables and some accessories.

We thank Col. Lierman for providing the opportunity for Alumni support of this cadet project and to our anonymous donor for financial assistance.

## How It All Began:

Capt. Bob Brock, artist-in-residence at Wentworth and table tennis advocate inquired of his art class if they would like to construct a regulation size table tennis table for their recreational use. The class responded and the table was built. It seemed popular so Capt. Brock surveyed the students and staff about holding a table tennis tournament. It came to pass with 100 people signing up. The tournament proved to not only be a tournament and recreational event, but a great social atmosphere.

The winner for 2013 was Cadet Dan McElroy, a Junior College student.

Capt. Brock repeated the tournament in 2014 and 110 people signed up. Each match to date has been played on the art department table built by the students. The Academy noticed the positive stir that the tournament brought about and decided to purchase two tables for cadet recreation and enjoyment.

The new tables are on campus and the tournament has been concluded., on the tables provided by the Alumni Association. Cadet Dan McElroy won first place. Cadet Ethan Salatiela won second place.

## 2014 Homecoming Raffle Winner

The winner of the 2014 Alumni Association Raffle Project is **David Adams** of Boise, Idaho.

David won a one-year premium subscription to Sirius XM Radio. Congratulations, Dave!!



## Correction

In the last issue of The Red Dragon (Board Talk, page 16), we made a misstatement concerning Kevin McDonough, '79. We mistakenly stated that Kevin served two years in Iraq. This is incorrect. Kevin proudly served on active duty with the U.S. Army from July 1981 to August 1985, but never served in Iraq or the Middle East.

We apologize to Kevin for the error.

## Dates To Remember

❖ **October 9-11, 2015: Homecoming**  
Lexington, MO.



# Homecoming 2014

by Guy Harkness, '63

Homecoming 2014 has come and gone. By any measure, I believe we can certainly state that we had a very fun and successful gathering. Most all of the events were very well attended. In particular, the number of persons at the Saturday evening banquet topped 100. The weather cooperated except for a rather chilly and misty Friday golf tournament. The Charlie Company reunion and recognition was magnificent. The awards ceremony and donor recognition activities were very well done as well.

Specific to the Ed Ellis Golf Tournament, I want to mention some brief but particular highlights as follows:



The number of hole and tournament sponsors greatly exceeded years past.



The hole-in-one prize for a new 2015 Ford Fusion was sponsored by Swafford Ford of Richmond, Mo. They have already signed up for the 2015 tournament too. In addition to the hole-in-one prize, Swafford also offered prizes on all the other par 3's, which included such things as weekend get-a-ways to Las Vegas, The Lake of the Ozarks and other points of interest.



Seiko watches were awarded to the winning team, donated by Joslin Jewelers.



And lastly, the Alumni Association donation to the Scholarship Fund, from the proceeds of the tournament, amounted to \$8,500. A check for that amount was presented to Mike Lierman on Oct. 24.

Special thanks also needs to go to Frank and Linda Hugelman, Bruce Minter, Al McCormick, and John Francis for greatly helping make the tournament a success.

Planning for Homecoming 2015 is already under way, and we hope to see more of you in Lexington next year..





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# Cmdr. Ed Ellis Golf Tournament Nets \$ 8,500

by Al McCormick, '67

The 2014 version of the Cmdr. Ed Ellis Open Golf Tournament moved upward this year on several fronts.

Thanks to Swafford Ford of Richmond, recruited by Guy Harkness, we had the opportunity to win a brand new Ford vehicle as a hole-in-one prize. There was no winner this year, but the Swafford Ford sponsorship will return in 2015.



Because of the efforts of Bruce Minter, '72, we received nice prizes for the winning team. Bruce recruited four Seiko watches from Joslin Jewelry of Overland Park, Gary Joslin, owner. Bruce recruited other prizes also from around the area and his efforts made our tournament much more attractive this year. Thanks to Bruce for joining the team!

Overall it was a great success and of course the bottom line is the tournament proceeds are recruited specifically to benefit the general scholarship fund at Wentworth. All monies recruited were turned over to the academy at the October Board of Trustees meeting.

Pictured, is Alumni Association President Guy Harkness '63 presenting the Alumni Association golf proceeds in the amount of \$8,500 to Col. Michael Lierman, president of Wentworth. This year's amount exceeded our 2013 presentation.



Thank you to everyone who served as a recruiter, a tournament or hole sponsor in making the 2014 tournament a big success. We'll see you on the course in 2015 and if you wish to join the fun as a sponsor or can help recruit one, please contact Al McCormick at: [almccormick64152@gmail.com](mailto:almccormick64152@gmail.com).

A special thanks to Frank Hugelman who has organized our tournament for many years, probably a decade. His dedication is tremendous and the tournament wouldn't happen without Frank.

The members of the winning team, and the winners of the new Seiko watches were Steve Hensevelt '71, Jim Booker, David Sanders, and Win Hanson.



# Board Talk

Robert Heath, '59, WMA Board Chair

The fall meeting of the Wentworth Military Academy and College Board of Trustees got underway on Oct. 23 on a beautiful fall day in Lexington, Mo.

The morning started with an orientation session for our three new trustees. The three include: Allison Jaslow, '02 who currently serves as Chief of Staff for Congresswoman Cheri Bustos, (D-IL) in the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Todd Kitchen, former WMA staff member (1998-2008), who currently serves as the vice president for Learner Support Services at Northwest Arkansas Community College, Fayetteville, Arkansas; and Luke Coffey, '00 who is currently the Margaret Thatcher Fellow at The Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC. All three of these new trustees bring special skill sets and a commitment to Wentworth which should hold us in good stead as the board meets the opportunities and challenges for Wentworth going forward.

The Board took action to make official a new name for the Academy, dropping the "Junior" from the title of the institution in our corporate documents so the correct name is now "Wentworth Military Academy and College". The by-laws of the Academy were also revised to add a new Development Committee which will provide additional board support for the fund raising and development effort and will be instrumental in the setting of short and long term goals as well as developing fund raising strategies. This committee will be chaired by Doug Gourlay, '94.

The Board received information on the status of enrollment which at this writing totals 234 cadets, with 71 high school and 163 college students. While our high school numbers are lower than expected, a concerted effort will be made to increase the numbers for the second semester. The board was also updated on a review of the enrollment process conducted by Noel-Levitz, a



consulting firm specializing in enrollment. The report suggests certain strategies to attract students and cadets which are being considered by Col. Lierman and his team.

We also received a financial update from LTC Glenn Miller and also had a report on the annual audit from Keller & Owens, Certified Public Accountants. For the sixth year in a row, a "clean" or "unqualified opinion" on our finances was received. Financially there were many positives, including reduction of substantial debt and improvements in our financial aid ratio as monitored by the Department of Education. Our cash position however, continues to be very tight. We are watching the budget and will need to increase enrollment and cash donations in order to meet our operating needs going forward.

We will have our major accreditation evaluation by the Higher Learning Commission scheduled for February of 2015. This will be an important test for us; Col. Tim Casey is leading our effort in this review and we are confident that a positive result will be achieved.

The Board also took decisive action to assure solid leadership at the Academy by extending the contract for Col. Mike Lierman in the dual roles of President and Superintendent for an additional three years, until May of 2018.

Finally, at this annual meeting of the Academy, the election of officers was confirmed. The board will have a new chairman, with Regis McDonald '64, taking over the gavel. The other officers include John Francis, '83, as vice chair, Tom Slover, '67, as treasurer and Doug Gourlay, '94, as secretary. As I step down from the role of Chairman of the Board after three years, I thank the Academy for the opportunity to serve and ask that you fully support Regis and the Board of Trustees as we continue to guide Wentworth into the future.

*Bob Heath, '59*



# Charlie Company Reunion Homecoming Oct. 11, 2014

By Russ Gilman, '70

Through the marvels of the Internet and Facebook, Tracy Hallock, my senior year roommate and I reunited last year. We e-mailed and talked a few times, getting caught up after 43 years. A lot of water passed over the dam.

We dreamed up a Charlie Company reunion and put the word out to all those classmates we knew of, and with the help of Al McCormick, we had a pretty nice turn out. Those of us who attended had a great time, as we never really do grow up! To those old boys who have not returned to Wentworth, the Maid-Rite is still open.

We all returned with memories of our years at WMA. To step inside Hickman Hall brought back some deep feelings, as many of us grew up in that barracks. To see its current condition is like observing an old warship laying ideal in her berth. If she could only talk. I would love to see her restored, but that probably will not happen.

Tracy posted the following on his Facebook page following our homecoming weekend: "My trip to Wentworth was above my expectations. I went to see how things have changed from my days there. To see for myself, after looking at some of the videos that had been posted of the Corps of Cadets. I went with a closed mind, kind of contempt prior to investigation. Mistake on my part. What I forgot was I was going to see old school friends. People I grew up with. A brotherhood that can never be



broken. Granted, many years have passed and we all have made our mark in life. Many of us haven't stayed in contact because of our travels and jobs and building our own lives. But that ended this weekend for me. It was great to see everyone that showed up. Many never want to go back, which is kind of sad because the fact is that we are running out of years. I will try to get back for one more and hope some that weren't able to come this year can make it next time. The Corps is what it is. It will never be what it was when we were there. They are doing what they need to do to survive. I have criticized and that wasn't fair on my part. Change is tough but it is something we all deal with and Wentworth has changed. During the parade I did see glimpses of the past and at that moment I was proud to know I was once there and the cadets were proud to be a part of the history that no one can take from them or me."

We are all probably guilty of the same pre-conceived thoughts coming back to WMA after 40 plus years. It is not the same, why should it be? That was our time, today is the time for the new cadets and they are in a good place!

God Bless my old friends and WMA!

## WMA Alumni Association Announces 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-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](mailto: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.

Check out the WMA blogsite at [www.wmaandc.blogspot.com](http://www.wmaandc.blogspot.com) and scroll through the many blog posts. Have Fun!



# Wentworth Honored

On November 13<sup>th</sup>, at the annual Chamber of Commerce membership dinner, Wentworth Military Academy and College was honored by being selected the Business of the Year for 2014. Col Mike Lierman, President of Wentworth accepted this award on behalf of ALL of the Wentworth Employees including our Ameriserve and National staffs. Speaking about this honor, Col Lierman said: "This award is to honor EVERYONE. I am fortunate to be the head coach and to accept this award on your behalf, but the credit goes to each of you! You are the ones that everyday make this program strong and provide the education and support to our students, cadets and the community."

Penny Grosso read the following during the presentation:

"Wentworth Military Academy and College has been a huge part of Lexington since 1880, and their dedication to Lexington remains unchanged today after 135 years. The core beliefs and the Academy's mission of preparing young people for admission to the nation's best colleges and universities remains constant to Wentworth's Academic boarding and day programs today. They presently have Cadets from 30 states and 11 foreign countries and civilian students from several communities surrounding Lexington.

"Wentworth's Administration TEAM believes in having their Cadets visible and involved in the Lexington Community. You see them leading parades, assisting in Rotary, Moose, Lion's, Elks, Chamber, historical groups, Live in Lexington, City events, and attending local churches. Lexington is home to the cadets during the school year! Not only does the Wentworth Team believe in involving their cadets in Lexington, you will see that the entire staff and faculty are encouraged to participate in community service and projects and often offer the use of the facilities on the campus to these community functions. They are leaders in many of the civic, historical and city committees. The entire staff and faculty have an unselfish attitude and lead by example to ensure their cadets are successful.

"Wentworth is one of the top 3 employers of Lexington, and a huge percentage of their employees live in the community, and some of their children attend the public schools. Not only is their direct payroll valuable to Lexington, they also have several contracted employees that provide food service and maintenance to the campus, and these companies also are part of the Chamber which shows their dedication to the community.

"It is indeed an honor we present to Wentworth Military Academy and College the 2014 Lexington Chamber Business of the Year Award."

Our congratulations to the entire Wentworth team.



The Executive Director of the Chamber, Penny Grosso and the President of the Chamber Board, Christine McFadden presented the award to Col. Mike Lierman

## Thank You - Again

A big thank you to Merrill Lynch and Greg Sherf for providing a corporate sponsorship of the Cmdr. Ed Ellis Golf Tournament this year. Your sponsorship and therefore support of our scholarship efforts is appreciated.





# Thank You

THANK YOU for your participation in the Harris Connect Alumni Directory Project!

Your directory will be shipped to you at the end of December 2014.



Above, Col Mike Lierman, President, Wentworth Military Academy and College, presents a plaque to Billy Baber. Billy is an Adidas representative and owner of MB2 Sports. The plaque was awarded for his sponsorship of the 2013 Cmdr. Ed Ellis Golf Tournament.

## Alumni Overseas

LTC Loren Duwel, '94, Kosovo  
Major Tim Chavis, 2000  
Major Jose Collado, '98  
Major Justin Collins, 2000, Afghanistan  
Major John Crews, '95 - Germany  
Andrew Hermanson, 2013 - Djibouti, Africa  
Captain David L. Lawburgh, '05, Afghanistan  
Major Nathan Miller, '98  
SGT Kasey Mullenieux, '03  
Capt. Josh Richey, 2000  
Ryan Roach, '09, Afghanistan  
David Roberson, '01 - Afghanistan  
1Lt Chad Wallway, 2007 - Honduras

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

# Cans For Cadets

by Kathy Cormany

The scholarship fund-raiser "Cans for Cadets", has been going on now 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 6480 cans that didn't go in to a landfill since Homecoming of 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](mailto: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. That is a total of 18,150 cans recycled and \$464.50 donated to our scholarship fund. A great start.



# Old Boy News

--1960s--

👉 **Col. (Dr.) James A. DiRenna, jr., '67** receives his flag as a part of our Flag Honors Program from Alumni Association President Guy Harkness, '63 and certificate of authenticity from Al McCormick, '67, Treasurer. The event took place late in September at Mosaic Life Care Center near Liberty, Missouri where Dr. DiRenna is the managing physician.



--1990s--

👉 **Scott Hefner, '91** receives his Flag from our Flag Honors Program from Alumni Association President Guy Harkness '63 late in September. This flag was particularly important to Scott as he was on campus during 9/11. His flag was flown above the campus on September 11, 2014.



👉 **LTC Loren Duwel, '94** writes: "My wife and I had planned on attending this year's October homecoming. We will not be able to attend. I'm an Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel assigned to the Department of Homeland Security and this July was called up for a year to be a NATO Advisor in Kosovo. I'm an Army Acquisition Officer, which resulted in my selection to the NATO Liaison Advisory Team (NLAT) as a Contract Compliance Advisor to the Kosovo Security Forces (KSF)."  
Other overseas assignments include: 2012 Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan; 2009-2010 Camp Leatherneck in Helmand Province, Afghanistan; and 2008-2009 Baghdad (Green Zone), Iraq



**Do you have Old Boy News? We would love to hear from you.**

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# Taps

Charles Robinson, '34	11/12/2014
Robert L. Schwab, '42	6/28/2014
John Mann, '43	8/12/2014
James Nathan, '44	8/17/2014
Sidney Rosenbaum, '44	8/21/2014
John Stephens, '47	10/20/2014
Jack Fromholtz, '48	9/14/2014
Murray Johnson, '50	8/20/2014
William Hull, '51	8/16/2014
Dennis Evans, '52	10/14/2014
Lester Pyle, '52	7/14/2014
George A. Kazos, '54	10/24/2014
Alverden Riker, '57	8/30/2014
Francis Fulkerson, '58	8/22/2014
William Jolliffe, '60	7/31/2014
John King, '60	10/29/2014
Scott Elwell, '62	7/7/2014
Timothy Lavell, '62	10/18/2014
Stephen Oliver, '66	8/28/2014
William Backs, '75	10/11/2014
Richard Kenton, '86	9/5/2014
Donald Zarda, '87	10/3/2014
Zachary Zufall, 2002	10/23/2014



## Alumni Association Members

The following is a list of current members of the Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association. If you think that there is an error in the list, please contact Al McCormick. Please note that recent graduates automatically become members of the Alumni Association, free of charge, for two years after graduation.

## Life Members

Joe Neff Basore, Jr, '71	John Groendyke, '64	Charles W. McCracken, '42
Ted Bratrud, '61	Guy Harkness, '63	Al Nordeen, '66
Marshall (Butch) Beall, '61	Mark Hedrick, '64	Bruce Palmrose, '68
Ralph Bowles, '84	Scott Hefner, '92	George Peek, '61
Melvin (Mel) Camp, '61	Daryl Heiskell, '63	Wally Potter, '63
Webb Cole, '66	Dr. Chuck Himmler, '65	Robert (Bobby) Reed, '66
James Cormany, '61	J. Curt Hockemeier, '66	George Reece, '57
Jack Cronan, '74	Jay Jeffries, '66	Sam Richardson, '55
Stephen DeLorenzi, '76	David L. Johnson, '63	Ron Sipes, '61
Ed Devinger, '60	Jay Johnson, '77	Charles Stempel, 2005
James DiRenna, '67	Mike Katskee, '64	Tom Vale, '77
K.O (Ken) Dixon, '56	Keith Kretschmer, '54	Steven Westlake, '64
Philip Fogle, '60	Bill Labhart, '66	Chuck Wright, '61
Terry Follas, '67	Tom Lankford, '69	Jim Wright, '66
Edson "Perk" Foster, '67	Doyle Leeding, '64	
Robert "Bob" Elliott, '68	Robert Matkin, '69	
John Francis, '83	Al McCormick, '67	

## Regular Members

David Adams, '60	Dawson Heathman, '56	Scott Richart, '81
Richard Amos, '52	George Hittner, '97	Joseph Roper, '74
Scott Bitner, '61	Father John N. Himes, '70	Lloyd Schultz, '74
Garold Butdorf, '72	Donald Holbert, '57	Bob Sellers, '89
Ted Butherus, '68	Richard "Dick" Hudson, '56	Jim Sellers, '80
Christie Butler, '71	David Kolinofsky, '04	Jim Servi, '69
Tom Butler, '64	David Lawrenz, '64	Tom Slover, '67
Richard Burgess, '49	Michael Lierman, '73	Dale Slunicko, '59
Wendall Cobleigh, '50	Jeff Lipsky, '66	Steve Smith, '83
John Colon, '70	Mark Martin, '47	Carol Luehrman-Stempel, '06
Clyde (Sid) Crable, '60	Tim Martin, '2000	Mary Stempel, '92
Anteco Cross, '93	Regis McDonald, '64	Carl Stempel, '72
Jack Easton, '60	John (Mike) McKinney, '59	Michael Warne, '71
Renz (J.R.) Edwards, '44	Robert (Bob) Meyer, '72	Bob Watts, '60
Thomas Follas, '72	Ben Millar, '47	Robin Wendell, '74
John Fotenos, '67	Richard "Moose" Miller, '54	Brown Whitaker, '45
Dr. Henry Frost, '54	Leon Moore, '75	Lee Williamson, '53
Gerald (Jerry) Gustafson '39	William (Sam) Ratcliffe, '65	Matt Wiseman, '83
C.J. Hardnock, '05	John Ratcliffe, '96	Taylor Wright, '49
Raymond Harvey, '62	David Ratcliffe, '98	Marvin Wrisinger, '80



## 2013 Junior College

### Graduates

Johnny Arroyo  
Adam Binder  
Steven Butler  
Jeriah Carroll  
Matthew Coleman  
Alan Creager  
Brant Cross  
Jordan Davis  
Piotr Drwal  
Danny Fainuu  
Alexandra Feliz  
Jacki Fiso  
Cynteah Giddings  
Ariel Gordon  
Tito Gualberto  
Charles Hunkele  
James Jackson  
Anthony Jahn  
Mason Jennings  
Joshua Manglona  
Luamala Mapu  
Adrianna Marrero  
Matthew Martinez  
Jamarcus McCardell  
Patrick Melvin  
Brandon Miller  
Apoiliu Milo  
Felicia Pack  
Nickolas Parker  
Kerry PeluPelu  
Trevor Perry  
Jacob Powell  
Angelina Roberts  
Dean Schevker  
Max Schneider  
Levi Schutz  
Andre Scott  
Amanda Smith  
Jordan Spence  
Dawn Tagaloa  
Dominique Tagaloa  
Sina Tanumai  
Cody Wainer  
Carlos Wiley  
Trey Williams

## 2013 High School

### Graduates

Jackson Berry  
Steven Clayton  
Luis DeFreitas  
Pedro Fernandez  
Chase Hermann  
Andrew Hermanson  
Andrew Hoang  
Josseph Johnston  
Rakeem Levy  
Samuel Mills  
Eleana Phillips  
Eduardo Schoener  
Marco Siabatto  
Gabriel Togni  
Brian Torres  
Annie Ukoennin  
Jack Van Zandt  
Qianzun Xu  
Zuohasng (Jimmy) Yu  
Marcelo Zambrano

### 2013 FALCON SCHOLARS

Alexandra Feliz  
Trevor Perry  
Amanda Smith

### 2013 Mid-Year Junior College Graduates

Benjamin Zielinski  
Maumagasiva Sou  
Joshua Scott

### 2013 Mid-Year High School Graduates

Pedro Fernandez  
Anna Pavey

## 2014 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Jacob C. Blank  
Quincy Carpenter  
Evan Paul Carver  
Jacob Jeffrey Eide '  
John Jefferson Flowers  
Haoyu (Eric) Gao  
Blake Baumann Hendrix  
Hao li  
Marybel Medina Talamas  
Nicole Murphy  
Andrew Kassan N'Diaye  
Corey Anthony Partridge  
Jeremy A. Petersen  
Gerardo Rios Rodriquez  
Haden Sallerwhite  
Carter Patrick Sullivan  
Assane Wade  
Cody Nicholas Walker  
Xiaoyu (Erick) Wang '  
Yifan (Jason) Xu  
Hanswen (Chris)

### 2014 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Hailham Haleedh Salim  
Al-Shanfari  
Crystal Gayle Aragon  
Agaaletau Michaela Autele  
Ryan Babcock  
Curtis Robert Barger  
Daxavier Barksdale  
Mark A. Becker  
Crystal Dawn Burnett  
Kyle Ray Christiansen  
Ashlee Nicole Cole  
Carissa Suzanne Cringan  
Casey I. Curtis  
Edward Dela Cruz, Jr.  
Derek Daniel Depew  
Ryan Dean Dougherty  
PJ Renee Elliott  
Monalisa Fasavalu  
Marcus Bakari Floyd  
Beau Dalton Franklin  
Joseph Fruean  
Robert Joseph Gallagher, III  
Ricardo V. Gonzales

Dan Grosso, III  
Austin I. Hale  
Travis Hendrickson  
David Hernandez  
Paige Nicole Holloway  
Blaise Orian Hooper  
Joshua Eli Julien  
Samuel Edward Kolkow  
Macy Anne Koontz  
Marcus Mareko Leuluai  
Jordan Lohman  
Joshua Lundy  
Christine Oriana Hall-Luuga  
Kathryn Elizabeth May  
Sara I. Miller  
Joseph Milton Moreland  
Bayleigh Rose Nelson  
Howard Frederick Norris III  
Emmanuel Osei Adjel Nyarko  
Fantasy Nicole Otis  
Leonardo De Souza Padua  
Jared Levi Pearson  
Jordan Lee Pearson  
Trevor Scott Phillips  
Charles Poh  
Bradley Reed  
Christopher Scott Repsch  
Tu'iemanu Eugenie Ripley  
Dawn Mariya Russell  
Caroline Schuster  
Michael Schuster  
Mickey A. Shelton, II  
Iye Vincent Smarjesse  
Eugene A. Stayt  
Fetaui Tiatia  
Rhema Kalep Tilo  
Ryan Jacob Todd  
Mary Palema Tuimavave  
Melody Judith Vaeoso  
Snow White  
Katherine Sue Wicker  
David Williams  
Joshua P. Wilson  
Mamie Marie Wilson  
Piotr Wojenski  
Taylor Lorraine Wolf  
Daryll Cirera Yvarra



**Wentworth Military Academy  
Alumni Association  
Membership Application**



**Instructions:**

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

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

***Applicant's Information:***

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Cadet Years at WMA: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse's Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Is Spouse also an Alumnus [ ] yes [ ] no

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***Membership Dues:***

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[ ] Annual one year (\$50) [ ] Annual three year (\$140)

[ ] Lifetime Donor Dues one-time payment (\$1,000)

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

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

[ ] Recent Alumni 1<sup>st</sup> year (Free) [ ] Recent Alumni 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year (\$25)

[ ] Senior 62 Annual one year (\$35) [ ] Senior 62 Annual three year (\$95)

[ ] Senior 62 Lifetime Donor Dues one time payment (\$500)

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almccormick64152@gmail.com*