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Board Talk

Regis McDonald, '64 Chairman of the Board of Trustees

I am pleased to report that the 137th Corps of Cadets is fully engaged in all aspects of Wentworth's 360-degree educational philosophy which values development of leadership, spiritual, and physical skills at the same time academic growth.

The Board Officers and Trustees hold frequent conference calls with Colonel Lierman and the President's Cabinet. The discussions center on such matters as enrollment/retention, finances, and the Capital Campaign. There are significant challenges in each of these areas that must be addressed in order for Wentworth to be successful as a 21st century educational institution. This year cadet retention is the highest in many years due to the targeted efforts of the Early Intervention Team and Student Advisory Program. The annual financial audit was completed on time, on budget and received an unqualified opinion. Wentworth's financial capacity is key to its ability to extend its reach and impact in keeping with its founding purpose as the place for emerging leaders to position themselves for success. As you know, the Board approved an independent marketplace fundraising analysis, followed by rigorous training in major gifts for selected staff and volunteers. At the Fall Annual Board of Trustees Meeting held on Oct. 28-29, a presentation was given by Capital Campaign Steering Committee Co-Chairs Doug Gourlay and Bob Heath regarding the Campaign Plan. A thorough and thoughtful discussion followed. On Dec. 15, the Board will discuss the final approval of the Campaign Plan. The Board of Trustees committed to 100 percent support of the Campaign through leadership, personal giving, prospect cultivation, gift solicitation, etc.

At the Fall Annual Meeting the Board of Trustees, the current officers were re-elected for another year - Chair: Regis G. McDonald, Vice-Chair: John Francis, Secretary: Doug Gourlay and Treasurer: Luke Coffey.

It was the strong consensus of the Governance & Nominating Committee that it would serve the needs of the Board as well as Wentworth for the present officers to remain in place to continue to provide sound leadership in anticipation of the launch of the Capital Campaign, Higher Learning Commission review in February 2016, and the expansion of the number of countries students come from in response to changing international study abroad trends. A special thank-you is in order to Luke Coffey for his invaluable help with Wentworth's Development Department staff in connecting with alumni living in various parts of the world. The Chairs and Committee members of the Executive, Academic Affairs, Development & Capital Campaign Steering, Finance & Audit and Governance & Nominating were re-appointed by the BOT Chair for one year. I want to publicly thank the Trustees for their unwavering support of Wentworth. All the good things that are taking place at Wentworth would not be possible without their commitment of time, talent and financial support as well as that of Col. Lierman and that of the skilled, dedicated and caring members of the President's Cabinet, faculty, staff. It goes without saying Wentworth's alumni have stepped up big time to add their strong voice and support to make sure Wentworth is all it can be! Thank you to Scott Hefner, President of the Wentworth Alumni Association; Secretary Mary E. Stempel; Treasurer Al McCormick and President-Elect, Bill Labhart. The 2016 Homecoming was a tremendous success because of the Wentworth family going the extra, extra mile!

Thank you for your continued support of Wentworth. Achieve the Honorable!



One of the options for alumni during Homecoming is a visit to the mess hall and a chance to meet old friends.

Message from the Alumni Department Marnie Morgan

The fall semester is in full swing, the leaves are falling and the Wentworth campus has been full of energy. The last few months have brought with them the honor of sharing our campus with dynamic students and the alumni who walked these hallways before them. I'm not sure I can remember a time when we have hosted more alumni visits and I couldn't be more thrilled! Our Alumni Team looks forward to every visit and each memory that we have the privilege of reliving with you.

Alumni/Advancement Department Staffing Update

I am very excited to announce several new additions to our department. Many of you had the opportunity to meet Heather Hoel at Homecoming this year. Heather joined the Alumni Relations team in July, after spending almost 12 years at the University of Central Missouri working with international students and alumni from around the world. Prior to joining UCM, she worked in Advancement and Alumni Relations at East Central College, and she received a degree in Communications and Public Relations from Missouri State University. Heather enjoyed her first Wentworth Homecoming in October, and she appreciated the warm welcome from our alumni.

In addition, we are excited to announce that Tom Hughes has recently joined our team as a development officer. As you all know, Tom retired as Athletic Director earlier this year and we are looking forward to having him support us in this capacity.

Homecoming Highlights



It was great to see so many alums return to campus to "Breathe Fire" for Homecoming 2016. I am always grateful for the opportunity to watch alumni of all ages as they reconnect with old friends and interact with the students that proudly make up the 137th Corps of Cadets. Homecoming at WMA just keeps getting bigger and this year was no exception!

The weekend kicked off with the annual golf tournament and a lively welcome reception in the Hall of Honor on campus. Saturday's highlights included a WMA win against Kemper in the trap shoot, food and fun at the Third Annual Dragon Den Festival and a return to Red Dragon Football. As always, the parade and Banquet were events that allowed attendees to enjoy tradition and reflect on their time at Wentworth. Saturday evening brought with it a special opportunity to honor the retirement of former Athletic Director Tom Hughes. It was truly an emotional experience to sit among Tom's wonderful family and to hear from many of the individuals whose lives he has touched! The First Annual Walk of Honor was also a touching experience for many! I am always struck by the amazing stories alumni share about how the WMA family has impacted them and the Walk of Honor was a wonderful visual representation of these stories. Thank you to all who participated! From golf tournament to Sunday brunch, we enjoyed sharing every minute of Homecoming with each of you and look forward to seeing you next year.

In closing, I would like to thank all of you who attended Homecoming or made a special visit to campus. I hope that you enjoyed your time here as much as we did. If you missed it, I hope you will make arrangements to visit us soon! We are also looking forward to bringing the Wentworth celebrations to you! Please email us with recommendations for future Red Dragon Rallies! Hope to see you all soon!

GO RED DRAGONS!



ATTENTION WMA SHOPPERS:

As everyone may be starting their holiday shopping, please remember that if you plan to purchase items through Amazon— to use the following link so a percentage of your qualifying purchases are donated to Wentworth through the Amazon Smile Foundation. Please pass on to any friends and family as well through email or social media, so they can help out Wentworth as well. There is nothing more to do other than use this link —make your purchases — and then a percentage gets automatically donated to Wentworth. (Under the search bar on Amazon, it will say "Supporting Wentworth Military Academy").

Thanks for supporting Wentworth in this way!
<http://ow.ly/As3a305YEfT>



State of the School



Col. Michael Lierman, President/Superintendent

Dear Alumni:

With the first quarter of the school year squared away, it is a good time to stop and look at all we have accomplished. First off, I would like to say thank-you again to the many who have supported my family and me over that last year with my fight against cancer. I continue to get stronger every day and look forward to what the future holds for Wentworth and myself.

The 137th Corps of Cadets is an impressive group of young men and women with strong character and the potential to develop into strong leaders.

I would like to send a special thank-you to Marnie Morgan and her staff and the volunteers that made Homecoming 2016 one of the most successful I can remember. The campus was alive with fellow alumni sharing their stories. The Homecoming football game was played against Missouri Military Academy. We invited their corps to attend and join in our parade as they had in the past. Both the Missouri Military Academy Corps and our Wentworth Corps marched in the parade downtown and both bands played the national anthem together prior to the football game. This year we were able to dedicate a classroom in honor of Carl Stempel, Class of '72, and the Alumni Association. Carl's wife Mary, son Charles and daughter Sera were in attendance for the ribbon-cutting of the classroom. We are so thankful to Mary and her family for their support of the renovation of the classroom. It leaves a legacy that Carl believed in and strongly supported. I am sure he looks down and has a smile on his face.



Our cadet enrollment is steady with the past several years and we are continuing to recruit from many markets to include several international areas. Col. Cottrell, our vice president for enrollment would welcome any prospective leads you may have. Please feel free to contact him with a recommendation if you have one.

The cadets/students have completed their first quarter and most are doing well in the classroom. As many of you know, it is an adjustment for cadets to balance the academic program with the cadet life program during the first few weeks. They continue to support the community of Lexington with both community service and with helping various organizations who serve the community. The fall sports season is winding down and the winter sports season is in full swing for practice and preparing for the winter season. If you live close to the Academy and have time, please stop by and watch one of our games or matches. You can find our sports schedule at <http://wmadrasons.com/>. We also live stream some of the games and again that schedule will tell you we are live streaming.

I would like to thank Mary Stempel for her willingness to step up and continue this tradition and be the editor of this newsletter going forward. I would also like to thank Jim Wright for his dedication and support over the past several years in making sure each quarter the newsletter was published. I know there are several people involved in making this newsletter a reality for you.

I would like to thank you for your support of the Academy and the Corps of Cadets. They are thankful to each of you for the legacy you have provided through the years.

As the seasons change and we come to Thanksgiving, we all are thankful for many things in our lives. I would encourage you to take a minute and think of the many things that come to your mind. And finally I want to say, based on printing time of this newsletter, "Merry Christmas to you and your family and may 2017 be a great year for you all."

Achieve the Honorable!





From the President's Desk

By Scott Hefner, President, Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association

As we approach the holiday season, Wentworth Alumni are actively working on some great new programs that we will roll out this spring. We have so far this year been able to roll out the online Alumni dues payment option which has been a great success. <https://wma.edu/alumni/alumni-association-application/>

I was able to attend Homecoming this year and I feel we had a great turnout with an absolutely wonderful day with the weather and parade and although we lost the football game to MMA, we congratulate our cadets for trying hard and never giving up. The camaraderie that I experienced was a great feeling and I would encourage any and all Alumni to try and make it back for a Homecoming. We were able to perform the ribbon-cutting on the Stempel-Alumni classroom update. This classroom and others recently updated will give the cadets a better environment in which to learn for years to come. We still have a few more rooms that need to be updated in the future. We plan to continue to try to support Wentworth on this endeavor. Also, during our Alumni Association meeting, we were able to meet and hear some great words of wisdom from the young cadet that we awarded the one-year scholarship which was made available thanks to your generosity. I know that this will make a major impact on his future and I was very proud to contribute to this one-time scholarship. I to offer a "thank-you" to all of the Alumni that helped make this come true for this young man. We all look forward to growing the Alumni Association and staying on the mission of supporting Wentworth Military Academy.

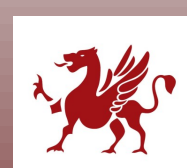


We are also calling for volunteers to help us continue with on our mission. We have a position open for the vice president and would like to talk to alumni that are interested in becoming officers of the board in the future. Please contact me with any interest at 913-980-9931 or shefner@bukaty.com.

Flag Honor Program

The WMA Alumni Association in conjunction with Wentworth offers a flag honors program for those who wish to own a souvenir or honor a former cadet with a memorial flag that has been flown over the campus. For \$300 we will have a 5-X 9.5-foot flag flown over the campus, tri-folded and placed in a high-quality case and certified with certificate the day of the flag flying.

- Lead time is required
- Once the flag is flown, framed certificate and the flag will be shipped as soon as practical.
- Requests for flag flying on specific dates will be attempted to be honored.
- Direct all inquiries to almccormick64152@gmail.com.





Row 1: David Cornelius, Bob Daniels, Denis Oliva Row 2: ??, Dale Christian, Webb Cole, John Ball, Jan Jarvis Row 3: Bob Elliott, Brantley Keltner, Barnett Carthey, John Wade, Harry Knickerbocker, Tom Day



Class of 1986

Rick McCormick and Randy Shields



Class of 1996

Mike Malloy, Heather Hudson Harris, and Brian Gerber

* We were unable to identify all the gentlemen in this picture. If you can help us out, we will reprint the picture in the next edition. Thanks.

ALUMNI RED DRAGONS BLAST YELLOW JACKETS IN 8TH WMA-KEMPER ALUMNI TRAP SHOOT (Bill Heltzel)



Left to right: Jared Broderick, Jeff Latz, Bill Heltzel, Tony Jarvis, Al Nordeen

Sedalia, Mo. – Homecoming 2016 dawned cool as alumni shooters from across the country and across the decades gathered for the Eighth Wentworth-Kemper Alumni Trap Shoot. Sedalia Rod and Gun Club warmly welcomed the Alumni Red Dragons and Yellow Jackets for their first match at its fine facility.

This year's shoot was dedicated to the memory of WMA Alumnus Steve Oliver, '66. Steve was an early proponent of the Alumni Trap Shoot, and his contribution to the team's early success is often remembered among his friends.

The scoring format totals a like number of scores from either team up to a limit of five. If either team has more than five shooters, the top five scores are added to get the team total. Scoring the match in this way, the tournament honors the athletic philosophies of both institutions. Everybody can play regardless of ability, while the teams are able to remain competitive. This year's event featured an even five per side.

After being unable to arrange a shoot the past couple of years due to scheduling, the squads were anxious to return to competition. The

shooters prepared with fresh doughnuts and hot coffee, and just a little "friendly encouragement" from the opposing club.

With near-perfect weather and wind conditions, each contestant shot at 50 targets. By the end of the lead-off squad's first round, Kemper led by a single target. Their second round extended the Yellow Jackets' lead by another target, giving them a two-bird advantage as the second squad took the line.

The lead enjoyed by the Kemper squad quickly evaporated with the total of three shooters. Shooters Jared Broderick, '04, and Tony Jarvis, '82, combined for the first squad Wentworth tally. In the second squad, Al Nordeen and Jeff Latz, from the 50-year Class of 1966, broke enough plays to seal the match with targets to spare.

The match-high score posted by Bill Heltzel '77 was unnecessary to assure a Wentworth victory, but is a testament to the work put in by this year's Alumni Red Dragon Trap Team.

Be in touch with Bill Heltzel '77 (call or text 804-363-2602, email wheltzel@yahoo.com) in order to get first word about the next renewal of competition between Wentworth and Kemper. The Kemper Alumni Association is active, and they don't like to lose. It's a safe bet the Yellow Jacket squad will be ready to play next time the two teams meet.

The Alumni Red Dragons were quick to recognize the high level of competition provided by Doug Humphrey and his team from "down the river." Though unable to attend this time, Laura Spice Williams of the Kemper Alumni Association was with the shooters in spirit, she having organized the first Kemper-Wentworth Alumni Trap Shoot in 2007.

Having enjoyed this year's event, the teams hope a return to Sedalia can be arranged soon. Kemper will, no doubt, be anxious to try the Alumni Red Dragons once more. Until then, let Wentworth savor the sweetness of victory as the Red Dragons once again . . . **BEAT KEMPER!**



It's all about renewing friendships.





Class of 2006

James King and Morgan Campbell



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Getting together at the Spotted Pig



Lew Hunter, Wentworth Class of 1951, documentary gets hometown premiere

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In Superior, Nebraska, at a cinematic event at Superior's Victorian Festival on May 29, 2016, Tinseltown magic could be felt at the Crest Theatre where the documentary "Once in a Lew Moon" had its local premiere. It is the story of Guide Rock-Superior native Lew Hunter – the television network and Hollywood studio executive producer and screenwriter; legendary UCLA screenwriting professor; author of the best-selling book, "Screenwriting 434"; host and teacher of the Superior Screenwriting Colony in Superior; and creator of Writers Block, a social event for professional writers in Burbank, California.

Hunter also helped found the American Screenwriters' Association and has been inducted into its Hall of Fame.

"Once in a Lew Moon" tells the story of Hunter's early life deep-rooted in Nebraska, his transition from a Nebraska farm boy to Hollywood fame and his journey back home to his beloved Midwest. The documentary portrays his love of the writing craft and writers and the reciprocal love they feel for him.

The 75-minute documentary was produced and directed by another son of Tribeland, Nebraska, director/producer Lonnie Senstock of Lincoln. Both Hunter and Senstock, along with their families and friends, were on hand for the premiere, adding spark to the event.

The two men grew up in communities just 30 miles apart, with Senstock's roots in the Deweese-Fairfield area. And today, due to an early loss of his parents, Senstock has adopted Hunter and his wife, Pamela, as his surrogate parents.

The documentary is a testimonial from former students, writers, directors, producers and actors themselves of their writing experiences with Lew Hunter, who is loved and known for his high-spirited great passion for life, his love for his fellow man, and his extraordinary talent.

He was praised for being a perceptive person who knows how the craft works, for being inspiring, for always being positive, for helping others believe in their own potential, for always being available to help anyone in need, and for giving hope through all his emails by signing off with his famous slogan "Write on!"

Hunter was born June 18, 1935. Being an only child and living in rural Nebraska, he became captivated by radio, television and the movies and soon began to dream about the industry.

One night he was Fred Astaire and danced with a pitchfork playing the role of Ginger Rogers.

"I credit my parents for making me who I am today," Hunter said. "My mother, involved in many organizations, steered me in the right direction, and my father always stressed to do what makes you happy."

Hunter attended Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Mo., then Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln. Still following the dream in his heart, he then went to the University of California at Los Angeles, studying the film industry and receiving his second master's degree.

In 1956 he got his break in the film industry – the first of many jobs he would hold with the NBC television network. Through the years, he worked diligently, climbing the ladder – working at four television networks at once for some time.

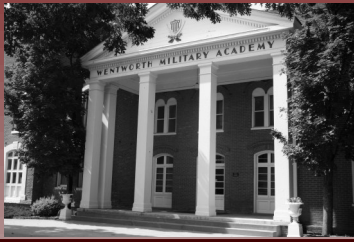
He wrote his first screenplay "If Tomorrow Comes" in 1971. "Fallen Angel" and "Desperate Lives" followed, along with his best-selling book published in 1992 "Screenwriting 434."

Today, Hunter is emeritus from UCLA, but still is writing. His latest book carries the title "Lew Hunter's Naked Screenwriting: 25 Academy Award-winning Screenwriters Bare their Art, Craft, Soul & Secrets."

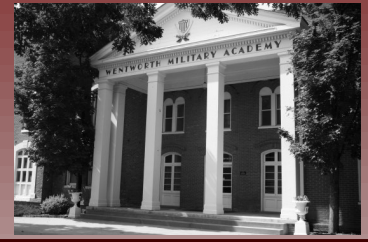
Hunter's advice to youth today "Be determined to succeed and never give up, follow your heart and don't give in to the word 'no,' for it's just a word on the way to yes."

The documentary "Once in a Lew Moon" about Superior native Lew Hunter was shown May 29 at the Crest Theatre in Superior. Pictured standing left to right: Lonnie Senstock, producer and director of documentary; Pamela Hunter, Lew Hunter's wife and the Hunters' great-granddaughter, Lucy Vanelswyk of Lincoln. Lew Hunter is seated.





Extra! Extra! Old Boy News



1950s



Dr. Denny Bastron, '58

A little update: I was planning to go half time (from .75 FTE) on my last birthday and my chief called and asked me to organize a pre-anesthesia risk assessment clinic which was my dream job for retirement. Unfortunately, it was to be full-time but regular hours and restrictions on vacation time, etc. That was 2.5 years ago and I am still going strong. Don't know how much more retirement I could stand! My youngest daughter, a third generation USAF Medical Officer, was promoted to colonel a year ago — three years to retirement. Another daughter is a retired B-52 mechanic, and son John spent a year in Fallujah as a combat engineer with the 82nd Airborne before getting out. Our oldest grandson is now a USMC machine gunner about to be deployed to the Korean DMZ for nine months. When I thought I was going half-time, I joined a group called the DM50. We raise money to support both the mission of Davis Monthan AFB (we helped get the life extended on the A10s) and the troops. We throw a big tailgate party for around 2,000 troops and families at a U of A football game. In the spring, we put on a picnic on base for around 3,600 troops and families. Fun stuff —and getting to know the troops gives a person faith in the younger generation.

Cheers, Denny.

1960s



Wally Potter, '63

Wally Potter, '63, and his wife, Marty, visited the Wentworth campus in August of this year. Their stop in Lexington included a tour of the campus with a photo op in front of Hickman Hall. They also had lunch with the corps in the mess hall. Thanks for stopping by.

Lost Old Boy

Phillip Moore, '64-'65, last-known residence Indialantic, Fla. If you know his current address and contact data, please get in contact with Al McCormick @ almccormick64152@gmail.com.





1960s *continued*

Regis McDonald, '64

Regis McDonald, '64, and Board of Trustees chairman was asked to be part of a delegation from the United States Committee for Refugees & Immigrants traveling to San Salvador, El Salvador, to attend a graduation ceremony for 50 youths who completed an extensive work readiness program that leads to a full-time job in computer repair, automotive repair, in the hospitality industry or an internship that results in being hired by the sponsoring business or corporation. The USCRI focuses on serving repatriated Salvadoran youth in El Salvador. Regis met with government officials as well as executives from non-governmental organizations and representatives of civil society organizations.

He also met with Dr. Tito Herrera who attended Wentworth as an eighth-and ninth-grader in Foxtrot and Charlie companies. Dr. Herrera felt that the structure he learned at WMA has served him well as a cardiologist and life in general. Regis brought pictures of Dr. Herrera from his days at WMA. Dr. Herrera is interested in the Capital Campaign and agreed to help Wentworth's Enrollment Management staff in connecting with the principals of American Schools in San Salvador.



Left: Dr. Tito Herrera and Regis McDonald



1970s

Mike Fry, '70, Jeffrey Hankins-Koppel, '70

Lt. Col. Mike Fry (Ret.) and Jeffrey Hankins-Koppel are members of WMA JC class of 1970. They both finished their SROTC at UCM in Warrensburg in 1971 and graduated in 1972. They have been friends since 1968. They met up in Virginia and it was the first times their wives had met. They are looking forward to seeing all their classmates at their 50th Reunion in 2020.



It's a '70s Reunion!



1980s

Maj. Gen. Barrye Price (ret.), '81

To my Wentworth friends and family,



Far more than a book, this is the result of a promise that I made to God on the day of Elaine's death. That I would turn my tragedy into someone else's triumph by cataloging the long road out of the valley of despair after losing one who shaped and defined my life and person. It details the highs, lows and in-betweens of overcoming the numbing of the grave; it shares the travails of the long road out of the woods (you'll know what this is when you read the book); it describes my inner battle with God-- as I was **ANGRY** with our Creator for a long season -- yet **HE** carried me despite myself; it details my "ah-ha" moment during my sojourn; it demonstrates that only joy can displace grief as it details God sending me an Angel in the person of Tracy; and it provides 30 critical lessons that I learned which will witness to others who are going through, coming out of, or who are desirous of just knowing what it's truly like to walk through and come out of the valley of despair. Read this book -- not because it's mine, but read it

because it will bless and change your life. You will laugh and you will cry; and you will be transformed by this book. Please join me on this journey. You can purchase the paperback or electronic version of "Life on the Other Side of You" on Amazon.

Peace and blessings, Barrye

Jim Bloomberg, '87 Fort Worth, Texas



After years of teaching in the classroom and simulators, I returned to airline flying operating Embraer Regional Jets with United Express.

Thirty years to the day of receiving the Mooney Award for being the Top Cadet in Flight Training, I completed my flight qualification in the ERJ-175 Regional Jet Airliner.



Upcoming Events

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Wentworth

***Dec. 14, 2016**

Mid-Year Graduation

***April 21-23, 2017**

Spring Parent Weekend

***April 22, 2017**

Military Ball

***May 12, 2017**

Commissioning Ceremony

***May 13, 2017**

Commencement



1990s

Scott Decker, '90

Scott Decker has been elected the Second Ward 2 position in Buffalo, Mo. Decker, who is the founder and owner of Missouri Dawgs Athletics, grew up on an Urbana farm and graduated from Skyline High School. He later attended Wentworth for 2 years and ultimately graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. He and his wife, Dawn, who works at the Dallas County YMCA, have 2 sons, Logan and Trevor. Congratulations, Scott.

Phuc Buu, '92, Christopher Pohle, '97



Phuc Buu, '92, and Christopher Pohle, '97, met up in San Diego, Calif in November after meeting at Wentworth 26 years ago!



Aaron Bazin, '94

Aaron Bazin, a 1994 graduate of Wentworth College, has just released his new book "Think: Tools to Build Your Mind." Aaron's book describes 190 different thinking models that that will help you think clearly in a world that is often complex, confusing, and continually changing. The book not only addresses each facet of thinking, it also covers overall critical thinking models that you can use to help improve your overall thinking performance. In development of this book, Aaron researched thinking and critical thinking for more than 10 years. He holds a Phd. from University of the Rockies. He is a career U.S. Army officer with over 20 years of leadership experience at the highest levels of the Department of Defense, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), U.S. Central Command, and within the institutional Army.

At Wentworth, Aaron was commander of Headquarters Company. He played college football, played in the band, and was a member of the Ranger team. Aaron currently works at Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, Va. For additional information on Aaron's book, visit the book website at <https://think3062.wordpress.com/>.

Mark Chitwood, '94

Congratulations to Mark Chitwood, '94, who was promoted on Oct. 28, 2016, to colonel. It was a family affair with all the kids and Mom (Faye) present for the pinning administered by Maj. Gen. Greg Couch. Twenty-two years earlier, Faye pinned gold bars on her brand new second lieutenant on the campus of Wentworth Military Academy.

Congratulations, Colonel! Well deserved.



John P. Reed, '99

HELP NEEDED FROM FORMER HONOR GUARD MEMBERS.

Reed, class of 1999 and Honor Guard Commander from 1996-1999, has been voluntarily putting together an Honor Guard history book for both former Honor Guard members and Wentworth. He is doing this in his free time and has spent the last few months poring through the old yearbooks. It has been an overwhelming task that has been very enlightening for him, but he is far from completing it, and there is so much he is interested in including in this history book that he is asking for your help.

He is looking for the commander's and member's names from the years you were in the Honor Guard. He also is looking for pictures, stories, memories and information on each member. So, if you were a part of the Honor Guard, or are a former commander of the Honor Guard, please feel free to friend him on Facebook or email him at johnpreed4736@gmail.com and share with him your thoughts, pictures, memories, or anything you think other members of the Honor Guard would like to know about your time with the group. Thank you so much in advance for your help with this project.



Charles Stempel, '05

Charles returned to the WMA campus for the 2016 Homecoming. He was here to attend the dedication for the Alumni Association-Stempel Family classroom. Charles was accompanied by his sister Sera and his mother Mary. Stempel lives in Las Vegas, Nev., and works at the VA hospital there. He has a 2-year old son named Cole.

Alumni Association/Stempel Family Classroom Dedicated at Homecoming

(Al McCormick)



On Saturday morning, Oct. 8, Scott Hefner, '92, Alumni Association president, Mary Stempel, Alumni Association secretary and her children, Sera and Charles, '05, gathered in the Wentworth Academic building to cut the ribbon and dedicate the Alumni Association/Stempel Family classroom recently reconditioned and updated to today's classroom standards.

The classroom upgrade was one of many, but this one took on a special meaning after the untimely death of association past president, Carl Stempel, '72. The Alumni Association provided the proceeds from the 2015 annual Ed Ellis Golf tournament toward the project along with many memorials in memory of Carl. These contributions from the Stempel family and the association achieved the full amount of \$40,000 to bring about the realization of a classroom dedicated to the Stempels and the Alumni Association.

Thanks to those who support the Alumni Association because this is one of many projects we have supported over the years. Your dues, your contributions, and your support of the annual golf tournament made this possible. It's a pleasure to have your support in keeping our mission to support Wentworth Military Academy. Thank you!





2010s

Brandon Drennan, '11

Congratulations to Brandon Drennan class of 2011 who was recently promoted to the rank of captain.

Capt. Drennan graduated from Wentworth in 2011 and finished his education at Norwich in 2013. He served Wentworth as a gold bar recruiter after his Norwich graduation. He is currently stationed with Delta Company 1st BN 46th regiment at Fort Benning where he will be attending Ranger School this coming year.



Matthew Wyman, '12

Matthew Wyman reports that he completed his pipe-fitting apprenticeship at Newport News Shipbuilding (under Huntington Ingalls Industries Apprentice School, www.as.edu). He finished his time early through a merit advancement. He is currently building the forward ends of Virginia Class Submarines. He has also begun training as a Foreman (supervisor).

Matthew reports that the Apprentice School (as.edu) is the hardest trade school in the country to get accepted into. Admission to the Apprentice School has been compared to Harvard and Yale.

"I owe my success in graduating from The Apprentice School to Wentworth Military Academy & College. The leadership skills and preparation Wentworth teaches greatly helped me through my apprenticeship."

Congratulations, Matthew!

Jackson Dinsdale, '10



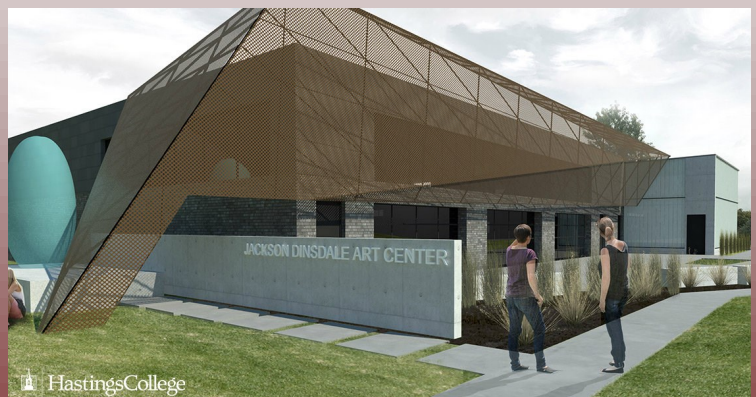
Thanks to a \$5-million legacy leadership gift from a talented student-artist, Hastings College in Hastings, Neb., has opened the Jackson Dinsdale Art Center (JDAC), a spacious, state-of-the-art facility worthy of outstanding students and alumni. Jackson, a 2010 Wentworth Military Academy graduate, passed away unexpectedly on May 3, 2014. The extraordinary gift, announced by Jackson's parents, Kim and Tom Dinsdale (Wentworth class of 1969) of Grand Island, Neb., launched an exciting future for the arts at Hastings College while fulfilling the dreams of a visionary young man who advocated for improved art facilities before his death. The 25,000-square-foot Art Center is an architecturally innovative showplace for the arts and a superb teaching and learning environment for students. The JDAC offers spacious studios and classrooms to benefit art majors and all students who take art classes as part of Hastings College's liberal arts curriculum. It also features a 2,600-square-foot glass blowing area, which is the best equipped and largest glass studio in the country.

After graduation from Wentworth in May 2010, he enrolled at Hastings College as a studio art major with plans to become a police officer. His time at Wentworth instilled in him a desire to serve his community. That same year, he became the youngest person ever to establish a donor-advised fund at the Grand Island Com-

munity Foundation. Jackson's fund has supported the Nebraska National Guard Veteran's Office's emergency relief fund and the Grand Island Police Department's service dog program. In addition to his philanthropic gifts, Jackson enjoyed volunteering his time at the Central Nebraska Humane Society. He is survived by his parents, Kim and Tom; his brother, Michael Dinsdale (WMA class of 2009); his grandmothers, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Jackson's mother, Kim, said "This facility means that Jackson is not forgotten. Your biggest fear as a parent is losing a child and then after that, there's the fear that people will not remember him. This is Jackson's wish and it was his dream to have a bigger and better art center at Hastings and it was from his bequest that this was able to happen. He is the one doing it. I'm just facilitating it."

A self-portrait of Jackson hangs at the entrance of JDAC and is also used as the symbol of the college's art school.



FACULTY KIDS OF THE 60'S REUNION

Judy Gover Lindquist

We were like family! The faculty kids of the '50s and '60s grew up together, ate together in the mess hall, and swam in the WMA pool. The campus was our playground. We spent endless hours catching lightning bugs, building forts in the woods (where the parade grounds are now located), and hiding from each other during a good game of kick the can (also known as "ditch"). In the winter, the plow would pile up the snow from the parking lot behind the "President's House," and we dug tunnels and designed sledding ramps. And of course, every Sunday afternoon at 2 we watched dress parade and that incredible band. Our parents also became good friends. Their names were Butherus, Oliva, Coulter, Mullenoux, Gibson, Gover, Prodell, Lomax, Maring, Stagner, Osborn, Perry, and Hoppock.

Because we are different ages, we could not reconnect at our class reunions. The first in our group to graduate left in the late '60s. And each year more of us would graduate and head off to start our own lives.

After all these years, we decided it was time to have our own reunion. Thank you to Wentworth for helping us with this very special gathering. Friday night was hosted by Don and Michelle Oliva Borgman at Linwood Lawn. It was an evening of stories, laughing, reminiscing, and tears.

Saturday some of us participated in the parade. And that evening, several of us attended the banquet. Part of the thrill of the weekend was seeing the cadets of our era. Many of them were also like family to us. Twenty-one former "faculty kids" were able to attend at least one event during the weekend.

Thank you to the Alumni Department for your incredible gift of framed sketches of campus. It is probably the most meaningful thing you could have given us, and we truly appreciate them!

See you again in five years!

Faculty Kids Then. . .



Faculty Kids . . Now!



2016 Ed Ellis Memorial Golf Tournament (Frank Hugelman)

Approximately 44 golfers showed up for this year's Ed Ellis Memorial Golf Tournament. The day began as a typical gloomy fall day, but luck was with us as the morning gave way to a day of sunshine and warm weather. A good time was had by all as the tournament raised \$11,575. This is a record. There were 18 hole sponsors and this year our Hole-in-One sponsor was Joslin's Jewelry in memory of Don Joslin, '69. Golf gifts came from Bharti's Liquor in Lexington, Mo., the Alumni Department of WMA, Warrior Golf Clubs, The Spotted Pig and Bruce Minter, '72. For the third straight year the foursome of Booker, Hansen, Hensevelt, and Sanders were the winners.

Winning Foursome (left to right): Win Hansen, David Sanders, Steve Hensevelt, and Jim Booker



Please Note:

Alumni Offices closed:

Dec 16, 2016

Dec 26, 2016

Dec 30, 2016

Jan 16, 2017



Above: 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Bernard Nelson (foreground) and Chris Pohle (background) are congratulated by Col. Lierman.

Supporters of the Scholarship Appeal Letter 2016

A huge thank-you to those who answered the call to donate to the "Wesley" scholarship fund. What a difference you made in the life of a returning Cadet.

Bruce Minter, '72	Guy Harkness, '63	Webb Cole, '66
L. C. (Carl) Murphy, '60	Dr. Joe Womack, '02	Mike Katskee, '64
Col. Mike Ceroli, '81	Dr. Fred Sellers, '58	Dr. R. D. (Denny) Bastron, '58
J. Mark Hedrick, '64	John A. Dillingham, '58	Terrance Follas, '66
Troy Rainbolt, '84	Jim Swaim, '65	Tod Newell, '66
William Spence, '60	Dr. Jay B. Jeffries, '66	James P. Johnston, '56
Andrew White, '58	Roy Tee Ford, '69	Charles B. Hall, '66
Sam Sharp, '68	Wally Potter, '63	Dale Slunicko, '59
Larry Davis, '67	Al McCormick, '67	Mary Stempel, '92 (Hon.)

Additional Supporters of the Scholarship Fund

Jim Cormany, '61 & John Francis, '83 (Cans for cadets) Tod Newell, '66
Kathy Cormany

Old Boy Sponsors of the Golf Tournament

(Alumni only, does not include vendors, partners or friends)

Guy Harkness, '63	Scott Hefner, '92	John Francis, '83
Bruce Minter, '72	WMA Alumni Association	
Al McCormick, '67	Tom Lankford, '69	William (Bill) Labhart, '66
Robert L. Maddox, '65		

Homecoming Happenings



Scholarship Effort Achieves Goal

Al McCormick, '67



In the 2015-16 academic year, Wentworth admitted “Wesley”, a freshman student who as an eighth-grade student was not cooperating with teachers or parents academically. He failed to understand the value of educators and instead turned his attention to other activities, wasting his time and talent.

His mother recognized the problem and felt Wentworth might be the solution to convince him to pay attention to priorities. The mother borrowed heavily and willingly invested in a one-year career for her son. Little did she know about the magic of Wentworth system. “Wesley” became a band member and at the end of the school year was rewarded for his performance by being recognized as Best New Boy Bandsman. In addition, his academic performance turned on a dime and he began to trust educators, realizing they cared about his performance. His grades improved and he fell in love with Wentworth and what they had to offer.

Turn the clock to the 2016-17 academic year. “Wesley” asked his mother to again send him to Wentworth. It wasn’t possible as the financial resources had been spent for the freshman year. Inquiries were made to Wentworth to determine if financial assistance was available. Wentworth turned to the Alumni Association to seek any possible solution. The Association in turn voted to tackle the project and began raising funds.

Two phases were immediately planned: The first was a written appeal for assistance to all former band members and the second was to dedicate the proceeds from the annual Ed Ellis Golf Tournament held in October 2016. The officers of the alumni association are pleased to report that the results were over-

whelming thanks to former band members and former cadet support of the tournament. The family cannot believe that your association raised the funds to make the scholarship happen.

The letter of appeal produced more than a 4 percent response (of the mail list) and the amount of \$7,400+ was raised in August. The October golf tournament set a new sponsorship record and raised \$11,575. At the Saturday night banquet, Scott Hefner announced that the proceeds from these two events would be turned over to Wentworth the following week.

A huge thank you to all of those who answered the call and helped your association with this project. It was an absolute pleasure to work with you. Thank-you so much! Take pride!

Scott Hefner, '92, President; Mary Stempel, Secretary; Bill Labhart, '66, President-Elect; Al McCormick, '67, Treasurer

Wentworth Military Academy Celebrates Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2016

Larry Oberhelman from Wellington, Mo. served as the guest speaker for the Veterans Day celebration at the Wentworth campus. Oberhelman served in the U.S. Marine Corps for thirty years. Photos submitted by Amy Lierman.



Kudos to Wentworth Cadets

TWO WENTWORTH BAND CADETS SELECTED FOR FESTIVAL



Capt. Chris Waage, Wentworth Military Academy and College's bandmaster, announced that two of his band cadets have been selected to participate in the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory of Music and Dance's 2017 Midwest Honor Band and Orchestra Festival. Members are chosen from students submitted by band directors from more than 200 school districts in Kansas and Missouri.

Cadet Wesley Miller is a flute player from Mundelein, Ill. He is the son of Heather Miller. Cadet Seth Gundlach is a percussion player from Rogers, Ark., and the son of Heather Gundlach.

The annual Midwest Honor Band and Orchestra Festival provides rewarding music experiences for middle and high school band and orchestra students and directors. Nationally recognized guest conductors and UMKC faculty host a full schedule of concerts, master classes and professional clinics.

Cadet Seth Gundlach (left) and Cadet Wesley Miller

Wentworth Men's Soccer Scores Three National Academic All-Americans

The United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) released their post season honors this morning to kick off their Fall Championships Week event. The men's soccer program was able to place three individual student-athletes to the Men's Soccer USCAA National All-Academic Team. Student-athletes must be sophomores at two-year institutions to be considered for the USCAA's All-Academic distinction. Overall grade point averages must be at least a 3.5 (on a 4-point system) or better.

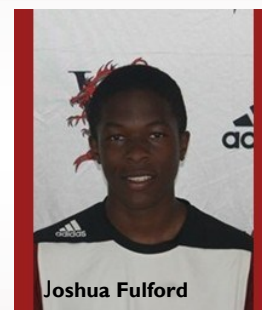
The three student-athletes from Wentworth's Men's Soccer team are: Jeremiah Fulford, defender from Moyock, N.C.; Joshua Fulford, a forward from Perry, Iowa; and Jorge Soto, the goalkeeper from Perry, Iowa.



Jeremiah Fulford



Jorge Soto



Joshua Fulford

Wentworth cadets participated in Lexington, Mo., Sept. 11, 2016 "Walk of Freedom"





Taps



Joe Mussatto 1942

John Flickinger 1945

John Palmer 1946

Andre Schizas 1947

Bill Egley 1948

Roger Denison 1950,1952

Joseph Detrick 1950

William G. Moore 1951

Gerald Anderson 1952

Glen Cannon

Richard Schneider

Marsden Austin

Harry Meyn

Harry Gabbert

Kenneth Ginardi

Larry "Champ" Reed

Marc Hollembeak

Rolando J. Valdes

1960, 1962

1960

1961

1963

1965

1965, 1967

1967

1969

2007



Lord Sir

Written by Ron Sipes, '61

Lord, Sir, we, are, Sir, Alumni, Sir, of Wentworth Military Academy, Sir.

We thank you for your many blessings on our school, Sir.

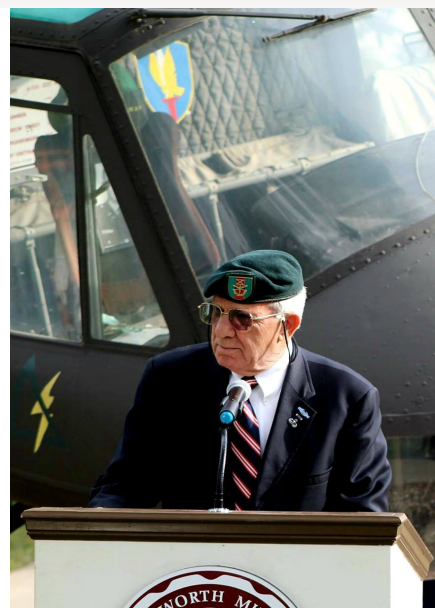
Without the Academy, Sir, some of us would not be as proud of ourselves as we are today, Sir.

Sir, for the guidance you give the Academy and over twenty thousand youth who have turned into leaders in Your Name's sake, we thank you, Sir.

Lord, Sir, may the band always play, may the brass always shine, may the sabers always flash and above all, Sir, may the Corps always sound off.

Lord, Sir, Wentworth Military Academy is all present or accounted for, Sir. Amen.

The Alumni Corps





Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016

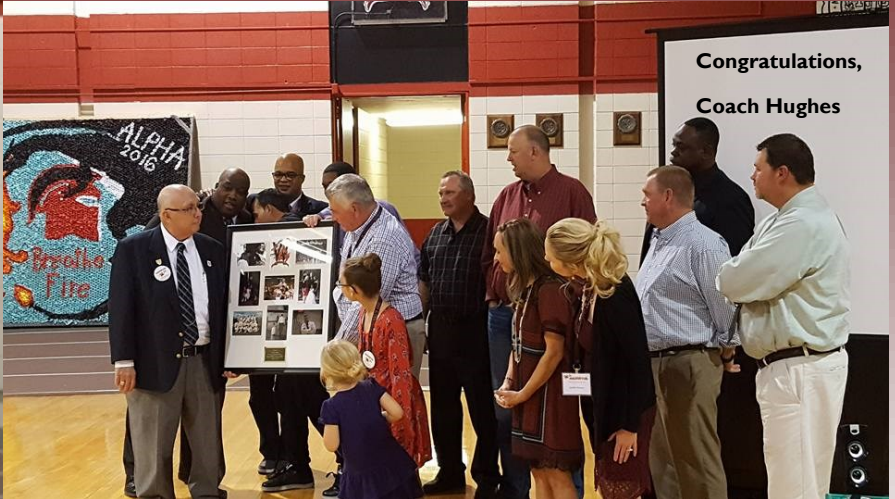
Memorial Service at the Vietnam Memorial and Parade in the Field House. Alumni were asked to review the parade. This was followed by the traditional flag ceremony for alumni who were present.



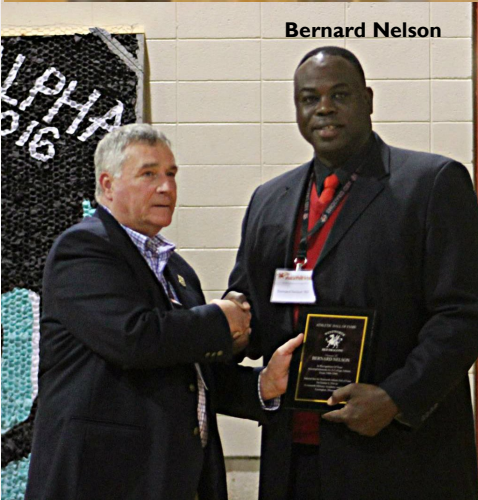
Alumni Banquet



Chris Pohle



Congratulations,
Coach Hughes



Bernard Nelson



2005 Football Team



Col. Lierman



Faculty Kids



2015 Stinson Award
Carol Adams (right)



2016 Stinson Award
Kathy Cormany (left)

Right: Norma Maring awards the Kathy Stinson awards

Member Dues Notice

Al McCormick, '67, Treasurer, Alumni Association

Members whose alumni association membership has expired received an email on June 8, 2016, indicating that your dues had lapsed and needed to be renewed. For those who did not respond to the email, written notices were sent to your home via USPS. If you have not responded, but wish to renew your membership, please do so right away. See the form on the page 22 for more information.

In the next issue we will recognize alumni association members.

The support from your dues has made a tremendous difference in the financial position in the Alumni Association since 2009.

Thank you for your support!

Membership Report 10/2016

New Members

Mark Ruff, '88 Dale Christiansen, '66 Richard Rhodes, '72 James (Jim) Wright, '77

Membership Renewals

Joe Roper, '74 Dawson (Slick) Heathman, '56 Marvin Wrisinger, '80

Ben Millar, '47 Dale Slunicko, '59 Regis McDonald, '64

Lloyd Schultz, '74 Dr. Henry Frost, '54 Chuck Hitchcock, '55

Chris Phelan '92 Mary Stempel, '92 (Hon.), Secretary



New Life Members

Jared Broderick, 2004 John Himes, '70 David Adams, '60 Michael Lierman, '73

Tom Slover, '67 Gary Donaldson, '69 Robert L. Maddox, '65 Gus (Augustus) Glaser, '72

Alumni Association Members met Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016 Tillotson Hall



I want to thank all the individuals who contributed information and pictures for this 2016 Homecoming Edition of the Red Dragon. There are too many for me to remember; however, a special thanks goes to Al McCormick, Scott Hefner, Webb Cole, Frank Hugelman, Bill Heltzel, Judy Gover Lindquist, Marnie Morgan, and, last, but by no means least, Amy Lierman. There are many more pictures which can be seen on the Wentworth Facebook Page and on the school website www.wma.edu— click on the Alumni tab and then go to Homecoming and click on the Homecoming 2016 Gallery. Thanks to all who work very hard to make a WMA Homecoming happen. Please enjoy a few more pictures. If you know of anyone who may not be able to access the electronic version of the Red Dragon, please contact Amy Lierman. We would like to take this time to wish one and all a happy and safe holiday season. Mary E. Stempel, Editor.





**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

Membership Dues:

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

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

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

To Pay Online:

Please reference this link: <https://wma.edu/alumni/alumni-association-application/>

