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All - Band Reunion At Homecoming 2015!

ATTENTION ALL- BAND OLD BOYS

NOW LISTEN UP! It's hard to believe, as the years fly by, but 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the Wentworth Marching Band's winning of the All American Band Award during the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

To celebrate this remarkable accomplishment, we're reaching out to ALL former band members. Although this honor was awarded in 1965, it was made possible by all the old boy band members who helped create the band's reputation that resulted in this award.

We'll provide more details later, but please save the date which coincides with Homecoming 2015, the weekend of Oct. 9-11. Bring your stories and remember the statute of limitations has expired so your reputations are safe.

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Looking For a New Editor

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

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

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

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

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

McCormick Report

by Al McCormick, '67

The trust continues:

You continue to show trust in your alumni association, we grew again this past quarter.

Our collective efforts benefit the Academy:

Your trust is appreciated and combined with your donations and efforts in raising funds, the Alumni Association returned \$18,000 to the Academy in calendar year 2014 in the form of scholarship funds. Thank you!



How can I help?

Our largest fundraiser is the annual Ed Ellis open golf tournament held at Homecoming each year. There are some options in assisting: First, if you are comfortable in recruiting donors who would be willing to sponsor a portion of the tournament then we need you. And second, if you would consider a sponsorship or partial sponsorship by donating, then we would cheerfully accept your participation.

If you are interested, please contact Al McCormick, we are always interested in alumni as sponsors.

Should you have contacts and can potentially recruit quality prizes for the tournament please contact Bruce Minter, bminter4@classicnet.net.

How were the funds distributed?

The Alumni Association is committed to the support of the annual scholarship fund to facilitate growth in boarding students. This year is no exception. In addition we separately raised funds to support cadet recreation, in this case two table tennis (ping pong) tables. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find an article with pictures on the results.

Life Membership milestone achieved!

We are excited to report to you we have Life Members #50, #51, and #52. Thank you to Russ Gilman, '70, Life Member #50, and Jeff Lipsky, '66 Life Member #51, and Doug Gourlay, '94, Life Member #52.

The dues you trust us with are tax-deductible and as of last October we voted to reduce senior recognition from age 65 to age 62. If you are in that age group and are thinking of joining that recognition should make the decision easier.

Old boy news

In my opinion, the Old Boy news section is a big

part of what this newsletter is about and we want to hear from you. Since my retirement from the Academy, the Old Boy news volume has dropped off and I am asking you to help turn that around. Is there a recent event in your life you would like to share, a promotion, moving to another city, retirement or something else? We want to share it with your classmates and friends. E-mail contact is preferred, we do not scan Facebook for Old Boy news.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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President's View

by Guy Harkness, '63

The January/February doldrums are in place full force. Getting through these months can always be a challenge, what with the weather, the "holiday hangover", and just a general malaise that this environment tends to bring about.



But hold it. We're "face up", the days are getting longer, and it's only about eight months until Homecoming. Obviously, things could be a lot worse, so let's be happy.

The general overall condition of your Alumni Association is excellent. We continue to add to our numbers, particularly via the influx of Life Members. Economically and fiscally, we're in great shape too. We have a few minor business tasks to address in 2015, the most significant of which will be an update of our Bylaws, plus a couple of other less significant items that we simply want to just "clean up" as we move forward.

In addition to always making an appeal to attend Homecoming, I also want to continue to extend my personal invitation to any of you who might be interested in serving the Alumni Association as you may see fit. We do have a couple of positions open which we'd like to fill, and it would not take hardly any of your time or require a great deal of effort to assist. Please contact me, Al McCormick or Jim Wright if any of you are so moved.

Thank you for all of your support, Happy New Year, and have a safe and prosperous 2015.

Guy Harkness

Director's Corner

By Marnie Morgan

Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations

Dear Fellow Dragons:

2015 and a new semester are off to an amazing start. The weather outside is bitterly cold but the walls of Wentworth are filled with the energy and excitement of the 135th Corps of Cadets. Last month we wrapped up our annual End of the Year campaign with extraordinary support from so many of you – proving again that our alumni are one of our most valuable resources. In partnership with our alumni family, Wentworth Military Academy and College continues to touch the lives of young people from around the world.

We are always excited to hear from you. We enjoy hearing your stories and sharing your memories. I can assure you that our department is listening. To that end, in response to overwhelming feedback we are excited to announce that we have recently launched an online QM Store. We are looking forward to providing you with access to a variety of products that help you to stay connected to the school you called home. I hope you will find the store to be a fun place where you can purchase WMAC products while also reliving memories that you cherish. You can access the store at wmaqm.weebly.com/index.html.

Finally, I want to tell you how much I enjoy meeting with members of our alumni family. Homecoming was a wonderful chance to meet so many of you but I want to continue to build those relationships with you throughout the year. As we move forward, I will be taking the alumni show on the road. We are planning rallies around the country and I am planning personal visits to many states. I hope that as the wheels start turning, you will all be willing to gather with me to share your experiences and to stay connected with Wentworth. If you have ideas for rallies or destinations, please contact me. I look forward to helping you to continue your Wentworth story.

Marnie Morgan



Deadlines for the Red Dragon Announced

The following deadlines have been announced:

June Issue: May 15, 2015

September Issue: Aug. 1, 2015.

Please have all articles, pictures, and Old Boy news in to the editor by the above dates.



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. 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.

State of the School

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

I would like to take a minute and share with you a few exciting things that are going on here on the campus. The cadets have returned from Christmas furlough and second semester has begun. I am sure you remember the cold winter days in Lexington at the beginning of the second semester. However, we all know that in a few weeks spring will arrive ... Military Ball weekend will be here ... and a few weeks later it will be commencement weekend.



I am very pleased to share with you that our new battalion commander for second semester is c/LTC Jade Dale-Perry. She is a sophomore from Lincoln, Neb. and is scheduled to graduate and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in May of this year. She is the first African-American female to be appointed to the position of battalion commander. Jade's father graduated from WMA in 1983. We are looking forward to her leadership during the remainder of the school year.

I am also pleased that through the efforts of LTC. Joe Aull, our high school principal and former Battalion Commander Justin Aldred we are now broadcasting some of the Red Dragon athletic events. This is an exciting opportunity for us. Please refer to the Academy's website for the events that we will broadcast and also how to connect to that broadcast.

As I said at the beginning of this letter, spring will be here soon and along with spring arriving we will have our Spring Parent Weekend, and graduation just around the corner. I would suggest to you that you take a minute and remember back to your graduation and think about how your days at Wentworth had an impact on your life. If you have a story or a picture or two of your memories please send them to Marnie Morgan or Cheney Parrish so we can know about your Wentworth experiences.

From my desk we are in full-court press planning for next year and one of the exciting programs that we will initiate next school year is our new Soccer Center of Excellence (SCOE) program. The SCOE will combine WMA's proven 360 degree college preparatory education and a year-round soccer

training program within a single, competitive program. The SCOE will integrate a strong academic curriculum, next level soccer training, and professional leadership instruction to develop the highest potential in every player. The SCOE will provide a year-round soccer program for dedicated and passionate athletes who are serious about their soccer growth and development. The program's goal is to produce technical, athletic, well-rounded student-athletes who are prepared to compete on the soccer field and in life. We believe this program will enhance our high school enrollment and high school athletics.

I would ask you to consider giving the admissions office names of prospective families in your area or circle of influence that might have an interest in attending Wentworth. As it was once said: One of the best things you can do to help Wentworth is to recommend a prospective cadet. We appreciate all of your support in this effort.

As many of you already know, Marnie Morgan joined our alumni team in the fall of 2014. She is currently serving as the vice president of Advancement and Alumni Relations. Marnie was born in Lexington and shares our passion for the community as well as for Wentworth. We are excited about the energy she brings to the department and the connections she is building with our Wentworth family. Over the next couple of months, Marnie will be out and about meeting alumni like you. Marnie is also actively engaging alumni through modern avenues such as social media. I encourage all of you to take a few moments to reach out to her. She is available by phone, through e-mail at mmorgan@wma.edu, or on facebook.

I would like to thank you for your continued support and invite you to come to campus when you have time. We would love to see you again and get a chance to catch up with you and how things are going in your life ... take care! Best regards,

Michael Lierman '73

WENTWORTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS

by Cheney Parrish, 2010

New officers elected at October meeting

The Board of Trustees announced the appointment of three new board members at its October 2014 meeting. Luke Coffey, '00; Allison Jaslow, '02; and Dr. Todd Kitchen, former Dean of Administration and Business at Wentworth joined the Board effective October 24, 2014.

"We are delighted to welcome these three leaders to our Board of Trustees," said Col. Michael Lierman, President and Superintendent of Wentworth. "Their experience will be a valuable addition as the Board works to chart the future direction of the Academy."

Newly elected officers of the Board of Trustees are Regis McDonald, '64, Chairman, John Francis, '83 Vice-Chairman, Doug Gourlay, '94 Secretary, and Tom Slover, '67 Treasurer.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the gavel was passed to Mr. McDonald by outgoing Chairman Robert Heath, '59. Mr. McDonald presented a replica statute of the Doughboy to Mr. Heath, stating, "Mr. Heath's thoughtful, inclusive and steady hand have contributed to the strengthening of the Board of Trustees and the well-being of Wentworth. The Board is extremely fortunate that his skilled leadership will still be available to it in his role as chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee." Col. Lierman thanked Mr. Heath for his dedicated service to the Academy on behalf of the faculty and staff.

Board members shown in the picture left to right are: Front Row: Col. Michael Lierman, Dale Slunicko, Robert Heath, Regis McDonald, and Todd Kitchen. Back Row: Doug Gourlay, John Francis, Tom Slover, and Luke Coffey. Not pictured: Allison Jaslow.



Homecoming 2015 Announced

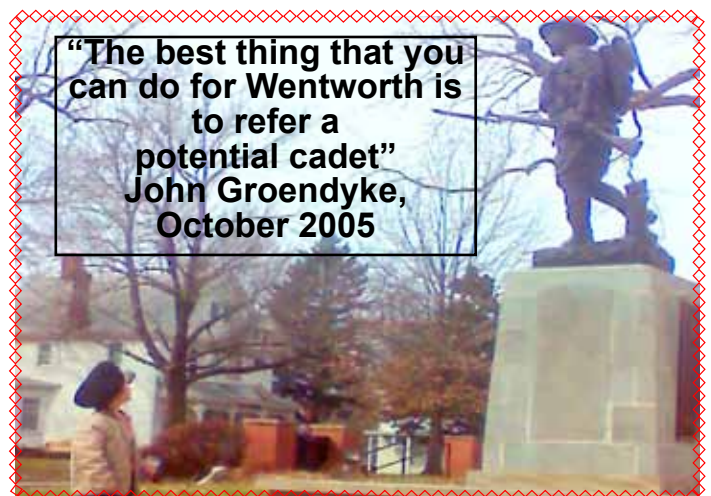
The dates of the 2015 Homecoming Weekend have been announced.

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

Dates To Remember

❖ **Oct. 9-11, 2015: Homecoming**

Lexington, MO.



Board Talk

Regis McDonald, '64, WMA Board Chairman

As the new chairman of Wentworth's Board of Trustees, I am humbled by the opportunity to give back to the educational institution that has served as a critical foundation element in the development of my personal and work lives. As with so many alumni, Wentworth's motto "Achieve the Honorable" has value far beyond the actual time you were at Wentworth. For 135 years Wentworth has been the place where you can explore who you are and what you want to become. History is important to an educational institution. Wentworth's history is rich. Every Corps of Cadets contributes its accomplishments to the legacy of the history of Wentworth. The current battalion commander for the Spring Semester is c/LTC Jade Dale-Perry, an African-American and the third female to be battalion commander. The Wentworth of 2015 embraces its rich traditions while being critically aware of what it takes to provide a 21st century education to the cadets in the high school and college and students in its civilian college.



The Board of Trustees, in partnership with Wentworth's President Col. Michael Lierman and Wentworth's Executive Staff, is pro-actively involved in such matters related to accreditation of the institution, enrollment, governance, finance, and fund-raising. John Francis, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, serves as well as the chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee. Other BOT members include Doug Gourlay and Dr. Todd Kitchen. Tom Slover, in his role as treasurer of the BOT, is also chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee. Board member John Groendyke, along with Col. Lierman and Ltc. Glenn Miller, Wentworth's CFO, assist Tom in the work of this important BOT committee. BOT Secretary Doug Gourlay chairs the Development Committee, whose members include Luke Coffey, John Francis, and John Groendyke. Doug is working closely with Wentworth's Development staff on marketing strategies, donor development and social media platforms, such as Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, Flickr, etc. Former BOT Chairman Robert Heath is chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee that includes John Groendyke, Dale Slunicko and Allison Jaslow. Since the October 2014 Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, the committee chairs have been in contact with their committee members to update them on issues connected to the work of the committee. Likewise, the BOT officers along with Col. Lierman have regularly scheduled conference calls to attend to matters of significant importance to Wentworth in a timely manner. By sharing this level of detail with you I hope you can see that Wentworth today is blessed to have a group of deeply committed and talented Trustees who are accomplished as well in their respective professional fields. In February, Wentworth had its site visit from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The results from the HLC site visit are eagerly awaited. John Francis represented the board during the visit. Dr. Todd Kitchen, former Wentworth staff and now a trustee reviewed the self-study materials that were submitted to the HLC and as senior college administrator found them to be solid.

I welcome hearing from you with your thoughts, suggestions and critique regarding how the alumni and Board of Trustees can strengthen Wentworth today for a brighter tomorrow!

Regis McDonald, '64

Wentworth Military Academy Has New Cadet Battalion Commander

WMA has a new Cadet Battalion Commander. c/LTC Dale-Perry was appointed as the battalion commander of the 135th Corps of Cadets for the spring 2015 semester. c/LTC Dale-Perry took the reins from c/LTC Justin Aldred who had been in command during the fall semester. Aldred has graduated from WMA, commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and is now completing his undergraduate degree in political science at the University of Missouri.

c/LTC Jade Dale-Perry is a sophomore from Lincoln, Neb., and is scheduled to graduate from Wentworth Military Academy and College and commission as a Second Lieutenant in May of this year. She is the first African-American female to be appointed to the position of battalion commander at WMA. c/LTC Dale-Perry stated, "I am excited for this opportunity, I truly believe that Wentworth is a great place for students to grow and excel. I am proud of the opportunity to represent Wentworth. The school has done so much for me and my family." Jade's father graduated from WMA in 1983. During her tenure as the battalion commander c/LTC Dale-Perry wants to focus on improving the integration of the college athletes and ROTC cadets into a cohesive student body and student community.

c/LTC Dale-Perry is a graduate of Lincoln North East High School and is currently enlisted in the Army National Guard. After graduation from Wentworth Military College and commissioning as a second lieutenant, Dale-Perry intends to remain in the National Guard and become a Military Police officer. She will attend college at University of Nebraska at Lincoln as a pre-medicine major and hopes to attend medical school in the future.



Col Mike Lierman, President of WMA (left) and c/LTC Justin Aldred (right), pin the new rank insignia on the new Battalion Commander, c/LTC Jade Dale-Perry.

Band Members Missing - Help Needed

Help is needed in locating band members from the 1965 All American band. 2015 is the 50th anniversary of the All American band designated by the Governor of Louisiana. If you can assist with locating any of our lost band members please notify Bill Labhart or Al McCormick at:

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Name	Last Known location
Richard Henriksen	Shawnee, Kan.
William Eddington	Lawrence, Kan.
Mark Saltmarsh	St. Paul, Minn.
Alan Fisher	Kansas City, Mo.
Gary Harrison	Unknown
Jonathon Lough	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Herbert Ray Sims - Goes by Ray	Reeds Springs, Mo.
John Petrocelli	Flushing, N.Y.
Dana Walensky	Houston, Texas
David Loewanu	Unknown
Steve Gaunt	Florida

New Wentworth - Related Book Available

A new Wentworth - related book by Dennis Whitehead is now available.

Cpt. Ollie W. Reed, a native of Norton, Kan., was assigned to Wentworth from 1933 to 1939. He was promoted to the rank of major in May 1939, prior to the Reed family's departure for his next assignment in the Philippines.

His eldest son, Ollie W. "Buddy" Reed, Jr., entered Wentworth as a second-year cadet when the family came to Lexington following Cpt. Reed's graduation from the Command and General Staff School (as it was called then) at Fort Leavenworth. Buddy graduated from high school at Wentworth and attended one year of junior college before he was accepted into West Point, along with Hector Polla, and where they joined Wentworth grads, including Kenneth Griffiths, Ted Nankivell and Jay Beiser.

After graduation from West Point in 1942, Lt. Reed was assigned to the 363rd Infantry Regiment, 91st Division at Camp White, Ore. On July 5, 1944, in just his second day of combat, platoon leader Reed was killed while trying to get his panicked men to cover in an artillery barrage near Riparbella, Italy.

Three weeks later, not knowing that his son had been killed, Col. Ollie W. Reed, Commanding Officer of the 175th Infantry Regiment, 29th Division, was mortally wounded while inspecting forward battalions during a German counter-offensive in Villebaudon, France.

Word of their deaths reached Mildred Reed in Manhattan, Kan. where she was living with her daughter-in-law and 6-month-old grandson, Ollie W. Reed, III, only hours apart on the same day.

Father and son are buried alongside one another in the Normandy American Cemetery.

The name of the book is *"Love and Sacrifice"* and is available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

In Memory of John Gover

John Gover July 18, 1928 – Feb. 7, 2015

To honor the volunteer life of John Gover, the family (Jeff Gover and Judy Gover Lindquist) distributed clown noses, symbol of the Jokers, a Shrine Clown Unit. John became a Mason and Shriner in 1950 and when he moved to McAllen, Texas, he joined the Jokers. As a member of the Shrine he made several trips to entertain children in the Shrine Orthopedic Hospital in Galveston, and was a hospital van



driver taking children from the Rio Grande Valley to the Shrine hospitals in Houston and Galveston.

John taught English at Wentworth for many years. He was a cadet from 1944 to 1946 and 1948 to 1950. And he was an English teacher at Wentworth from 1957-1963.

More than 100 clown noses were distributed to those who attended John Gover's memorial service.

Coming Later This Year



The 50th anniversary of "The All American Band". Watch for more information in later this year!



An Honor Guard Reminiscence

by an Old Boy

Little could Alumni Council member Harry Knickerbocker, '66 know what inspiration would derive, for Honor Guard members, when he proposed the idea of having two thousand alums attend Homecoming 2000. The Honor Guard would be well represented in "2000 in 2000" with a brand new display case located in the Hall of Honor, and many former members performing the original "Silent Drill."

But this is the story about how the display case came to be. Never satisfied that Honor Guard memorabilia was stored in boxes on campus and in scattered across the country in alumni homes, Sprint employee Mark Mullenieux, '70 decided the time was right to showcase, in one central location, the awards, pictures, weapons and myriad memories important to its members. Not just any display would do however. Private donations would have to build a stellar case, worthy of housing such important artifacts, and have the dignity for inclusion in the Hall of Honor. Col. Jerry Brown, superintendent, gave his unwavering support to the project so the race to design, raise funds, and build such a case commenced, as Homecoming was a short nine months away.

Having no experience in such an endeavor, Mullenieux approached a design company in Kansas City to inquire how much it would cost. When the estimate came back, it was apparent some creative fundraising would be in order. Remember, Mullenieux worked for Sprint which had matching donation program for not-for-profit schools, and would match employee contributions up to \$5,000. Enter, Mrs. Don Kendrick (Carolyn) Fetrow, wife of the third Honor Guard Commander and namesake of the Don Fetrow Award given annually to the outstanding Guard member. When the plans for the display case were explained, Mrs. Fetrow and her children, Steven and Stephanie, agreed to give the money to Mullenieux for the matching funds. So, their investment of \$5,000 turned into \$10,000 and implementation began. But more was needed. Maj. Robert Lee Matkin, (Ret.), '69 and Mrs. William H. Mullenieux, and many others too numerous to mention, answered the call. Michael Parker, '67 worked with a premier Kansas City construction company and negotiated a very fair price to build the repository. While this was in motion, the word went out looking for Honor Guard memorabilia. While the "Silent Drill" was being practiced, it all came together just one week before Homecoming.

Next time you stand in front of the Honor Guard display case, know it would not have been possible without the Fetrow family and their generosity. Every Honor Guard "old boy" will be forever indebted. Although the Fetrow's could not attend the dedication at Homecoming, the entire family visited campus in March 2001 and witnessed first-hand what they were able to provide to our school. To them we collectively shout "ONE-BAR-NONE"!



The Passing of an Era

On Nov. 13, 2014, Carolyn Marie Heghin Fetrow passed away in Richmond, Va., at the age of 83. She was married to Kendrick Don Fetrow (called Don) who preceded her in death. What does this have to do with Wentworth? A lot. Let's start at the beginning.

Carolyn's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Heghin. Both were members of the Wentworth faculty and staff during the 1940s. Mrs Heghin was the school Librarian and Stephen Heghin was the chemistry instructor. That is why Carolyn grew up in Lexington, Mo. And as life would have it, she met cadet Don Fetrow while he attended the Academy. They eventually got married. That is not the end of the story, just the beginning.

While at Wentworth, Don Fetrow was heavily involved in and a member of the Honor Guard. In fact, he became the Honor Guard Commander in 1948.

Some background concerning the Honor Guard. Master Sgt. William H. Mullenieux, stationed at Wentworth, took charge as Drill Master in 1946 and turned the Honor Guard, which had been started a year earlier, into a snap drill team. In 1948, a new cadet commander took the helm Captain Kendrick Don Fetrow. The Drill Master was duly impressed with his third Honor Guard commander, who made a lasting impression on him.

The Drill Master (Master Sgt. William Mullenieux) was re-assigned to Fort Benning, in 1950, to continue his military career, retiring in 1962 as a major. Col. Wikoff hired Mullenieux as assistant commandant and gave the Honor Guard reins over to him at the insistence of Col. Sellers. Mullenieux desired to recognize outstanding Honor Guard cadets and implemented the annual Don Fetrow Award.

The Don Fetrow Honor Guard Award was established in 1963. Here is part of an article written by Ronald Gruner that appeared in a 1963 issue of the Wentworth Trumpeter. "At the end of every year, medals are presented to cadets who have excelled themselves in various fields of endeavor. Some of the fields are scholastic, military, athletic, disciplinary, journalism, flying, and patriotism. This (school) year (ending June 1963), at least one more award will be presented. It is the Don Fetrow Honor Guard Medal.

"Major (William) Mullenieux (Assistant Commandant and Honor Guard faculty advisor and also known as "The Drillmaster") must be given credit for this award, for it was his idea to give an Honor Guard man each year recognition for the superior work he has done in that organization. Each year one man will be chosen from the Honor Guard to receive this medal. (Thus, the Drillmaster selects the person who best exemplifies the laudable traits of Duty, Honor, and Loyalty.)

"The honoree must be superior to his fellow Honor Guard man in his posture, courtesy, personal appearance, academic work, discipline, esprit-de-corps, and the precision in which he performs the Honor Guard silent drill.

"The award is being sponsored by Don Fetrow, Honor Guard commander in 1948 while Major Mullenieux was here with the military department. Don Fetrow was one of the most energetic and ambitious men Wentworth has ever seen. He was the company commander of 'C' Company his last year.

"Colonel (Frank) Brown, (Wentworth) Commandant (from 1934 - 1962), recalls that cadet Fetrow was "straight as an arrow." He was never seen about the campus without his shoes well shined. He had a very sharp salute, and to really sum it up he was just about the sharpest man around in a long time. It was because of these personal traits that the award was named after him, in the hope that more men will be like him."

So back to Carolyn Fetrow. As explained in the article "An Honor Guard Reminiscence", Page 13 of this issue, Carolyn and her family played a major role in the development of the Honor Guard display case that is located in Groendyke Hall.



Ping Pong on Campus

by Al McCormick, '67

The Wentworth Alumni Association recently provided the funding necessary for the purchase of two quality table tennis tables for cadet recreation. 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. On the night of Nov. 17, 2014, the fall ping pong tournament finals were played on one of the two brand new tables.

When it was all over, the reigning champion was again victorious! Now that the tournament is over, one table is set up in the recreation area in the basement of Tillotson Hall and the other one is set up in the student lounge area in the basement of Groendyke Hall.

The Fall tournament was the fourth at Wentworth. Tournament organizer and Wentworth instructor Cpt. Bob Brock said, "Each tournament has had more contestants than the one before. This tournament had 111 cadets, faculty and staff competing. I expect the spring tournament will have close to 100 contestants as well."

The results of the 2014 Fall Tournament:

Third Place (tie): Michelle Zhan (China) and Angel Perez-Vargas (Puerto Rico)

Second Place: #2 seed Ethan Salatielu (American Samoa)

First Place: #1 seed and winner of the past two tournaments: Dan "The Slam" McElroy (USA)

Congratulations to all competitors and winners!!



Perez-Vargas and McElroy fight it out in the finals.



(Left to right) Ethan Salatielu, Dan "The Slam" McElroy, Michelle Zhan, Angel Perez-Vargas

WMA Hosts Winter Culture and Language Program.

A group of five Brazilian students and one professor from UNIFEB, a University in Barretos – São Paulo, Brazil, arrived in Lexington on Jan. 7, 2015 to participate in the Winter Culture and Language Camp offered by Wentworth Military Academy and College's International Department.

The purpose of the camp is to provide the international students exposure to the American experience and culture and to provide instruction and opportunities for the group to enhance their English language skills.

Over the course of a month, the students will participate in English language and other classes, physical education, and go on several cultural immersion field trips. Highlights of the program include a visit to the State Capitol hosted by State Rep. Glen Kolkmeyer, a visit to the Nelson-Atkins Art Museum, taking in a show at the Kauffman Center and attending a Missouri Mavericks hockey game.

This winter's program marks the fifth iteration of the Culture and Language Program. The program runs twice a year - a summer program and a winter program. The Culture and Language program is the brainchild of Cristhina Starke, international director at Wentworth Military Academy and College. Starke, a native Brazilian, is very passionate about the program, stating that "Implementing this program has been a dream come true for me, I continue to be excited about the success of the program and the students' lives that we are impacting."

The program continues to gain momentum and draw attention in Brazil because of the opportunity it provides students to study outside of Brazil, enhance their English language proficiency, and it dovetails nicely with the Brazilian "Science without Borders" presidential initiative.



**Don't
Forget
Homecoming
October 9-11**

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. 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 and scroll through the many blog posts. Have Fun!

Alumni Association Scholarship Funds At Work



WENTWORTH
MILITARY ACADEMY & COLLEGE

WMA Alumni Association
c/o Guy Harkness
708 Barbara Ct
Liberty, MO 64068

January 23, 2015

Dear WMA Alumni Association,

Your donations to Wentworth Military Academy and College during the 2014 calendar year totaled \$18,000. Thank you for your support of the work we do here at Wentworth. Educating tomorrow's leaders is exciting work--and we appreciate the fact that your support helps make it all possible.

Please consult your tax advisors for the specifics of what may be claimed on your taxes.

We realize that there are many good causes deserving of your generosity, and we are honored that you choose to continue to support Wentworth.

Sincerely,

Marnie Morgan
Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations

Please retain this letter for your tax records. Wentworth Military Academy and College is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and it provided no goods or services in whole or in part in exchange for this gift.
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In Honor and Memory

"Installations and Facilities of the Vietnam War"

By Master Sgt. Ray Bows, US Army, (Retired)

Master Sgt. Ray Bows, USA (Retired) and author of "First on the Wall", the story of former Wentworth Cadet Dale Buis, has produced a new book.

A comprehensive record of more than 800 named installations and facilities in South Vietnam, and others in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Okinawa, and Guam, including camps, compounds, airfields, helipads, fire support bases, landing zones, bachelor enlisted and officer quarters, tactical operation centers, day rooms, theaters, billets, quarries, and more.

Master Sgt. Ray Bows honors fallen servicemen and veterans who had facilities named in their memory in this beautifully presented 800-page tome.

For more information see:

www.bowsmilitarybooks.com.

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 - Djabouti, 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 for the past three years. This was a project born out of the enthusiasm of Jim Cormany (JC '61), for recycling in general and as a way for someone's "trash" to become someone else's "treasure". The intent is to generate money for the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund by recycling aluminum cans. Jim is assisted by John Francis ('83). This year the two Old Boys presented a check to the Alumni Association in the amount of \$125. This represents a total of approximately 6,480 cans that didn't go into a landfill since Homecoming last year.

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

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

Editor's note: In 2012, this effort recycled 272 pounds of cans (about 8,430 cans) and provided \$173.50 for our Alumni Scholarship Fund. For 2013, 8,240 cans were recycled and \$166 donated. For 2014, 6480 cans were recycled and \$125 donated. That is a total of 18,150 cans recycled and \$464.50 donated to our scholarship fund - a great start.



Old Boy News

--1940s--

☞ Regis McDonald, '64, our new chairman of the WMA Board of Trustees, recently talked with **Donald Cohen, '45**, who graduated from the high school in 1945 and lives in New York City. It was a great call. Donald, after all these years, is still deeply appreciative of the one year he spent at Wentworth. He said that he graduated from the University of Arkansas and briefly taught math while attending Tulane University in a master's degree program, which he did not complete. Donald's professional career was spent as an actuary managing pension plans. He worked at Marsh & McLennan, an American worldwide professional services, risk management and insurance brokerage firm. The firm is the world's largest, with revenue over \$11 billion. He told Regis that he stays active by traveling.

☞ Three Old Boys, enjoying the nice weather in Fort Meyers, Florida, met up on February 19th for lunch and reminiscing about their Wentworth Days. From left to right - **Jim Horton, '64, Mike Katskee, '64** and **Bill Labhart, '64/ '66**.



--1960s--

☞ **Wally Potter, '63** recently sent us this picture. This is a look back at an early Honor Guard picture under the "Mullenieux" years. The Guard in this picture were competing in Excelsior Springs, Mo. Picture is pre-1963. Thanks Wally.



☞ On Dec. 5, 2014, **Regis McDonald, '64**, new Chairman of the WMA Board of Trustees, was honored "for his outstanding and tireless dedication, contributions and continuous support of Unaccompanied Refugee and Immigrant Children" at the second Annual Gala at the Consulate of El Salvador in New York. The award was presented to him by Consul General Sandra Cruz. In attendance at the event were Salvadoran diplomats, including Rubin Zamora, permanent representative of El Salvador to the United Nations along with Salvadorans from the business, education, artistic and civic communities in the Greater New York region.



Old Boy News

--1960s--continued

👉 **Allen Nordeen, '66** sent this story in: Thought I'd give a little history of why the number 69 was on the toes of my basketball shoes (see picture, below).

The third game of the season was with Marshall High. We were in the locker room when the Marshall Coach came by and made the statement to Capt Gibson that "he could not understand why this game was scheduled, as the WMA team was not up to Marshall High standards". Cpt. Gibson looked at us and said, "there is your challenge boys!" Three-fourths of the way through the fourth quarter, we were ahead by several points ... our score was 69. The Corps began stomping their feet and shouting "69-69-69." In that old gym, it felt like the building was coming down. At that point, we did not let Marshall score any more points and we refused to change the score. The Corps was shouting out! It was one of the best games we played that season. Also, that was the game that I got my nickname "Caveman" from Jerry Leonard and D Company. They said I got the name because of how I worked the rebounds and looked like a real Caveman under the boards. I sure miss Jerry - RIP!

Just thought you might not have heard about that game. See the picture: Look at the toes of my black and white low-cuts. (Al is number 41.)

Cpt. Gibson told me the low cut shoes were not good for my ankle support and I found that out toward the last of the season and again at the 1989 WMA Alumni Game, when he again warned me before it started. He was right and a great coach.

(Editor's note: I remember that game as clearly as if it had happened just yesterday! All of the cadets had a great time. If I remember correctly, the powers that be at the school were not too happy after that game. JMW)



WMA1963-64 High School Basketball Team

Old Boy News

--1960s--continued

☞ A tribute to **Tim Lavell, '62**, submitted by Marshall "Butch" Beall, '61.

Tim lived across the hall from me during the 1960-61 school year. Both of us were in A Company at the time and spent many hours going horseback riding at the then WMA stables, going downtown Saturday night once or twice a month, dinner at Maib's Restaurant, then a movie, studying together after room inspection and or parade



Butch and Tim at a recent WMA Homecoming

and later that weekend killing time planning a trip to Fort Lauderdale (yep, right after we saw the movie, "Where The Boys Are"). Our favorite movie was not the "Time Machine" though Tim was in love with Yvette Mimieux; but, "The Magnificent Seven". And to this day, when watching a rerun, I am immediately taken back to that small movie theater sitting there with my good friend Tim watching those seven gunslingers outfox those Mexican bandits and save the village. It now means more to me. Little did I know yesterday when I sent you an e-mail that it would not be answered. The page is turned ... Goodbye my friend. Butch

☞ **Marshall D. Beall, '64**. Here's a great idea. The alumni page of Pennsylvania Military College (now Widener University) includes a relatively new link which is a great feature honoring its alumni. Among them is one of ours, Marshall "Butch" Beall. Here's the link:

<http://pennsylvaniamilitarycollege.org/men-of-valor/>

--1970s--

☞ **J. Johnson, '77** recently reported in. Here is what he had to say: "Today I start my de-mob process back to the U.S. I have been a contractor working under the Raytheon Warfighter Training Alliance. I've been working in North Afghanistan located at Camp Marmal, by Mazar-i-Sharif. I've been a mentor/advisor working with the Afghan National Army at the Explosive Ordnance Disposal school. I'm done and should be back by Christmas.

"I saw the blurb in the last news regarding the "All American Band" 50th reunion. I would suspect that would be a grand time for a push for ALL OLD HQ members to make a visit back to WEWO.

"I myself plan to march and "beat" the drums for the HC parade. I have 10 months to heal my right shoulder and workout so I'm fit for the parade! Let me know what I can do to get this moving forward. I could not make HC14 due to work (first time I missed a HC in 29 years!). In addition, you can list me as a WMA recruit contact in the Atlanta, Ga. area. "The old drummer dude" "

--2000s--

☞ **Tim Martin, 2000** has volunteered to serve as the Dallas/Fort Worth rally coordinator. His contact information for the newsletter is 682-808-1690; e-mail tmartintx@gmail.com. He is from the class of 2000. We welcome Tim to the Alumni Association working folks!

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

almccormick64152@gmail.com

Taps

Traverse Hall, '43	1/3/2015
Charles Murray, '45	1/20/2015
Larry Smith, '51	2/26/2014
John Fitzgerald, '52	3/21/2014
Arthur Neu, '52	1/2/2015
Charles Schroeder, '52	11/15/2014
Don Peters, '53	12/19/2014
Ernie Moore, '56	12/17/2014
Brian Thompson, '56	1/14/2015
John King, '57	10/29/2014
Ed Wachter. Jr., '58	2/21/2014
Bob Applehans, '64	1/13/2015



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.

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Joe Neff Basore, Jr, '71	Russ Gilman, '70	Jeff Lipsky, '66
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Chuck Hitchcock, '55	David Ratcliffe, '98	

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Corey Anthony Partridge
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Gerardo Rios Rodriguez
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Yifan (Jason) Xu
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Ashlee Nicole Cole
Carissa Suzanne Cringan
Casey I. Curtis
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Derek Daniel Depew
Ryan Dean Dougherty
PJ Renee Elliott
Monalisa Fasavalu
Marcus Bakari Floyd
Beau Dalton Franklin
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Ricardo V. Gonzales
Dan Grosso, III
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Travis Hendrickson
David Hernandez
Paige Nicole Holloway
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Samuel Edward Kolkow
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Melody Judith Vaeoso
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Lisa Harp
Samantha High
Alexandra Holcomb
Jordan Hood
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Kalani Rankin
Devon Riekhof
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**Wentworth Military Academy
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Complete the following form as completely as possible and send it along with your payment information to:

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P.O. Box 102
Lexington, MO 64067

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State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

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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

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