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## WMA Alumni Association Elected Officers



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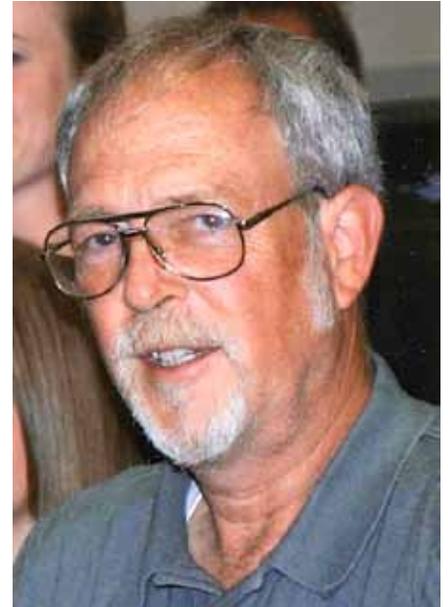
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# Stempel Family Classroom Project Comes to Fruition

by Al McCormick, '67

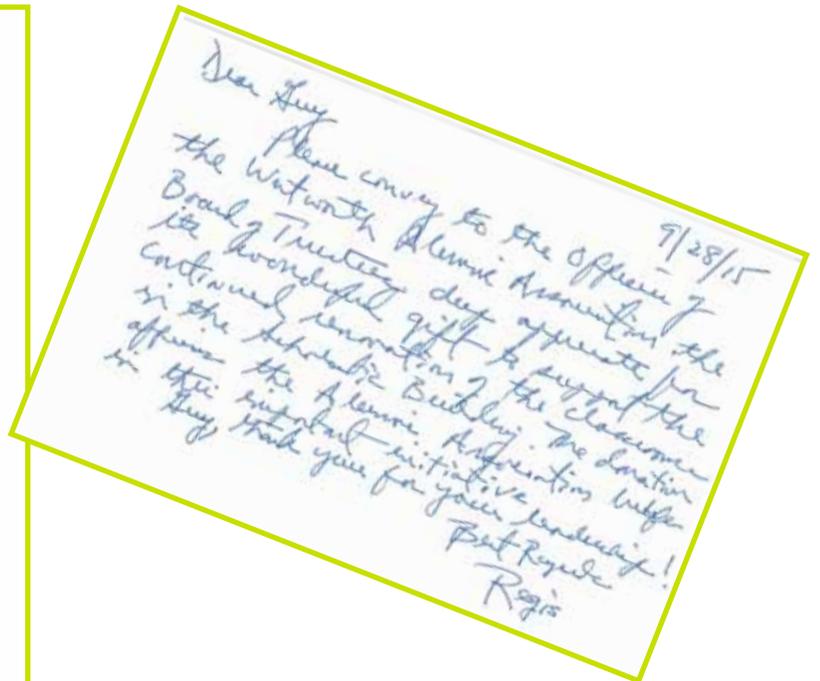
Carl Stempel, '72 was dedicated to improving classrooms within the Academic Building during past Alumni Association work weekends. He was always the last person to leave, always seeking perfection. Unfortunately, we recently lost Carl but his memory will live on through the Wentworth Classroom Improvement Project. In talking with the family, they requested memorials for Carl be dedicated to the classroom renovation project, along with his life insurance policy which named Wentworth as beneficiary. The officers of the association thought that would be most fitting and so did the academy. Association membership approved a \$10,000 contribution from the association general funds and the Executive Committee voted to include the proceeds from the annual Ed Ellis Golf Tournament to the project along with a portion of the silent auction proceeds.



Carl Stempel, '72

The results were outstanding. With the combination of memorials for Carl, his life insurance policy, and the Alumni Association contributions reached a total of \$45,000. Since the classroom project requires \$40,000, the association had an additional request. The funds will be spent as follows: \$40,000 will be dedicated to the Alumni Association-Stempel Family Classroom Project and \$5,000 each will be awarded in cadet scholarships in May, one to a high school cadet and one to a college cadet.

Thanks to all who voted to allow our contribution, provided memorial gifts, and everyone who worked on the golf tournament. This indeed was a great project and brought a great deal of happiness to the Stempel family in their time of grief.



# President's View

by Scott Hefner, '92

This is my first President's View since being elected as president of our wonderful Wentworth Alumni Association. I would like to warn everyone that writing is not one of my strengths, talking too much is. I would like to give you a little background about myself and my experience at Wentworth.



I came to Wentworth Military Academy in October of 1990 at the start of my senior year at Park Hill in Kansas City. I was not particularly excited about the new experience and after the first couple of weeks as a RAT, I was really not excited about my new experience. After a while, Wentworth became one of the greatest experiences of my life. But the key experience was that it taught me a lot about life and how to act; basically giving me the building blocks to being a good person that I was missing. I know a lot of you feel the same way from conversations I have had. I know emphatically that I would not be where I am in life today if it was not for Wentworth!

Enough about me. What I would like to share with you next is what I would like to get accomplished in the next two years as president. First we would like to grow the active dues paying membership of the Alumni Association by 50 percent to 100 percent. We are working on multiple ways for alumni to pay their membership online or through a credit card. There will be more to come as we want to make it easy. I know a lot of alumni have no problem with the expense of annual dues, just the ease of paying them. As my second goal, I would like to update our alumni list with e-mails and mobile numbers as it seems that, in today's world, we move more than we change our contact information. I will continue to share goals, ideas and challenges to all of our Alumni.

I feel the goal of our Alumni Association is to support Wentworth Military Academy, and its Board of Trustees, and to help our Academy

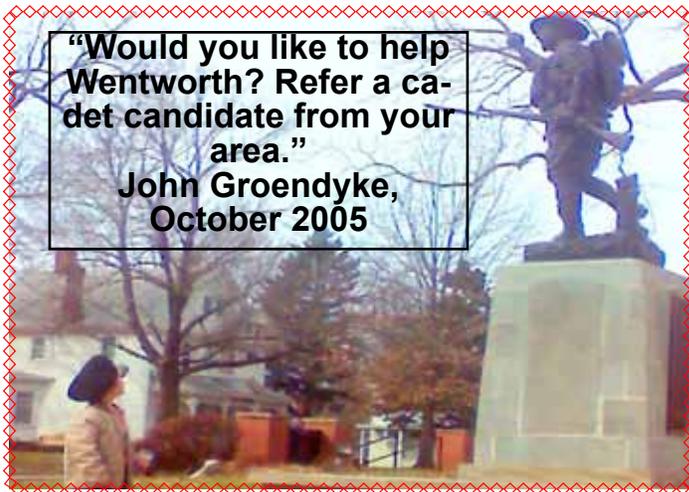
survive and grow to help other young men and women to be able to say that WMA changed their lives for the better in their future.

Please feel free to contact me about any questions, concerns, ideas or just to say hello. I would also like to thank all of our past Alumni boards and volunteers, that have dedicated so much time to WeWo and to its preservation.

*Scott Hefner*

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

**John Groendyke,  
October 2005**



## Deadlines for the Red Dragon Announced

The following deadline has been announced:

**March 2015 Issue: Feb. 10, 2016**

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

## Another Great Way To Help Our School by Amy Lierman

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

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

Just click on the link below or type the address into the address bar of your favorite Internet browser.

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# Some Thoughts From Our Past President

This will be my final article as the past president of your Alumni Association. As of Saturday morning October 10, and after a vote was taken at the annual Alumni Association meeting, the torch has been passed to Scott Hefner, '92. He now begins to serve a two-year term immediately. My sincere congratulations to Scott, and I know he'll do a great job. Scott graduated from Wentworth in 1992, so all of you can also see that we've attracted a younger man for this position. This is a very good thing. The appeal must be more widespread, and this will be a great beginning to breathing some new and younger life into our organization.



I also want to thank Mike Lierman and his entire staff and faculty for all of their assistance and support. Additionally, very special thanks must go to the likes of Al McCormick, Jim Wright, Bill Labhart, Mary Stempel, Marnie Morgan, and Amy Lierman for all of their help and support. Without these dedicated individuals, the Association wouldn't be nearly as successful as we now are. My apologies if I've omitted anyone. If I have, that was not my intention.

In closing, thanks most of all to all of you who have become members of the Alumni Association, and supported our efforts over the last several years. You've made our group much stronger. Please know that your support is very much appreciated. Let's all work very hard to keep the "ball moving down the court" to continue the solid growth of the Wentworth Alumni Association going forward.

*Guy Harkness*

## 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: Scott Hefner, Al McCormick, or Jim Wright. You can find their contact information on Page 4 of this newsletter.

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

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

# Director's Corner

By Marnie Morgan

Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations

As I write this article, the breeze is cool, the leaves are turning and fall is definitely in the air. The change of seasons is a great time to reflect on what has been happening on campus and to get excited about what is to come. Once again, Homecoming has been a highlight of the new school year. It was a privilege to spend the weekend with a large group of alumni as they re-connected with WMA.



## Homecoming Highlights

Homecoming 2015 was truly a hit and I was grateful to once again have the opportunity to watch alumni of all ages interact with the individuals that proudly make up the 136<sup>th</sup> Corps of Cadets. If this year is any indication, our Homecoming is going to keep getting bigger and better. Homecoming registrations were up more than 90 percent this year. Translation: We had a lot more people celebrating Homecoming on campus than we have the past few years including a sizeable group of graduates from the 1990s and 2000s. With our more recent graduates came a fun bunch of young children who were seeing their parents' alma mater for the first time. It was truly a Homecoming for all ages.



The weekend kicked off with the annual golf tournament and a fun gathering at the Spotted Pig in Lexington. Saturday, nearly 300 people joined us at the Field House for the second Annual Dragon Den Festival followed by a delicious Dragon Feast before the parade and soccer game. As always, the parade and Banquet were events that allowed attendees to enjoy tradition and reflect on their time at Wentworth. In addition to these events, it was a huge honor to spend time with a large group of alumni, honoring the life and memory of Caroline Ratcliffe and her

contributions to our institution. Listening to alumna Amanda Goodman-Pruitt '02 honor her with a song literally gave me chills. A special thank you to all of the members of the All American Band who came back to celebrate with us. From golf tournament to Sunday Dress Parade, the weekend was amazing and I want to thank each of you for helping us make this one of the best Homecoming celebrations ever.

## Classroom Upgrades

In addition to reflecting on the past, Homecoming was also a great time to display some exciting changes for our alumni family. After kicking off our classroom upgrade initiative in 2014, we were eager to show all of you the classroom that was transformed into a state of the art learning environment. As you all know, this project is bigger than updating aging learning spaces. This project is about investing in the future and ensuring that the students of today and tomorrow are receiving the highest quality education possible. Wentworth offers access to some of the most talented and committed faculty in the area. Equipping this team with state of the art learning environments and technology is sure to contribute to better academic outcomes for young people. I was proud to announce during the Homecoming festivities that, thanks to alumni support, we will be upgrading three more classrooms over the holiday break. I would like to once again thank Douglas Gourlay, John Francis, Neff Basore, The family of Carl Stempel and The Alumni Association for their leadership and generosity which is making this next phase of our renovations possible. I will keep you posted as we kick off these projects and look forward to talking with other supporters who want to keep this ball rolling. You all truly make a difference.

In closing, I hope that all of you that attended Homecoming enjoyed it as much as I did. If you missed, I hope you will make arrangements to visit us soon and often. I am also looking forward to bringing the Wentworth celebrations to you. So if you are interested in getting a Red Dragon Rally planned in your area, please e-mail or call me.

Hope to see all of you again soon. In the meantime, GO RED DRAGONS!

*Marnie Morgan*

# State of the School

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

Dear Alumni:

The campus is busy and the 136<sup>th</sup> Corps of Cadets have been busy since arriving in mid-August. The Corps leadership this year is very strong and the battalion commander has challenged them from the first week to become a member of the Corps and work together as a Team. Since the Sounding of the Cannon, the first day of classes, the Corps has participated in several community service events, the American Royal parade in Kansas City, Homecoming, fall parent weekend, and Lexington homes tours to name a few.



The size of the Corps is about the same as last year at the opening of the school year and the size of the college continues to grow while we seem to be struggling with growing the high school. We have been for several months working with a nationally known company to increase our enrollment. Our goal would be to increase the size of the high school and also continue to increase our commuter student body. We have recently completed a complete redesign of our website. When you have a minute visit our new website at [www.wma.edu](http://www.wma.edu). I think you will like the new look.

Homecoming this year was a great event and the number of alumni that returned to campus was significantly larger than the years of the past. I hope each of you had a great time and enjoyed both the events that were planned; but also that special time with classmates and friends talking about your days at Wentworth.

I want to thank each of you for your continued support of our cadets and students we truly appreciate all you do for them. They are the reason that we continue to work hard to provide the opportunities here to help them find success. If you haven't had a chance to meet LTC Marnie Morgan our vice president for development, she would love to introduce herself to you. She has some exciting projects going on currently that will

provide opportunities to enhance the educational experience here for the cadets and students.

I would like to say thanks to each of you for all of your support for our Academy. Our cadets/students continue to enjoy a great learning environment and that success will serve them well as they continue their career path. It is very important to each of them to have you helping them find success.

It is my honor to serve this Academy and I look forward to another school year filled with success for our cadets/students.

*Michael Lierman '73*

## Dates To Remember

❖ **September 30-October 2, 2016:**  
**Homecoming**                      Lexington, MO.

## Wentworth Alumni Facebook Page

by Kathy Cormany

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

# Board Talk

Regis McDonald, '64, WMA Board Chairman

Wentworth's time-honored Sounding of the Cannon Ceremony in August signaled the opening of its 136<sup>th</sup> year. Wentworth is an educational institution that produces leaders of character. The Corps of Cadets this year is comprised of young people from 34 states and 10 foreign countries. They are engaged in academic, military, and athletic endeavors that will build their mind, body, and spirit. The results of these collective pursuits will strengthen each of them, the Corps of Cadets and Wentworth. In a similar way, Wentworth's Board of Trustees reflects these characteristics and attributes. The board is made up of individuals from diverse professional careers encompassing a wide range of skills and interests, but having one common objective; to ensure Wentworth remains a strong and forwarding leaning educational institution.



At the October meeting of the Board of Trustees, a slate of offices were elected to serve one year terms. I, along with John Francis, '83 and Douglas Gourlay, '94 were gratified to be re-elected as chairman, vice chairman, and secretary respectively. Luke Coffey, '00 was elected to serve as treasurer replacing Tom Slover, '67, who will remain on the board as a seasoned and valued trustee. Kevin P. McDonough, '79 was elected to join the board. Kevin is a Partner at the law firm of Cullen and Dykman, LLP in Garden City, NY. He is a member of the firm's Not For Profit and Education Law Practice Group. His expert knowledge in these two critical areas will serve Wentworth well. Board Committee chairs were appointed, including Trustee Committee assignments. Committee Chairs are: Academic Affairs – Dr. Todd Kitchen, Development – Doug Gourlay, Finance and Audit – Luke Coffey and Governance and Nominating – John Francis. The Board Committees are an essential component to make certain the Board of Trustees are aware in real time of the current state of affairs related to Wentworth's enrollment, fund development, finances, accreditation, and

many others.

Wentworth elected its first Trustee Emeritus at its Fall Meeting. Robert Heath, '59 served on the Board of Trustees for a good number of years and most recently as its chairman. Bob was presented with a framed certificate "For Faithful and Distinguished Service to the Board of Trustees" to recognize the honor bestowed upon him by Wentworth. A Wentworth news release has been prepared to share this wonderful news with Bob's home town and more broadly, including the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges. Bob, as a Trustee Emeritus will serve on the Governance and Nominating Committee as a non-voting member. He will serve as a valuable source of wisdom and institutional memory to the board.

On October 28, 2015, Allison Jaslow, '02 and I had the opportunity to meet in Washington, D.C. with Congresswoman Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, her chief of staff, and Legislative Assistant to share information about the current group of cadets from American Samoa. The purpose of the visit was to meet the Congresswoman and her staff and to reinforce the positive relationship that Wentworth has with her as well as explore other ways Wentworth can be helpful in expanding its relationship with American Samoa.

In my previous message in Board Talk, I encouraged you to consider making a donation to Wentworth's Spring Campaign. You responded as never before with generous gifts. I and the members of the board are extremely appreciative for you going the extra mile for Wentworth. Three additional classrooms are fully funded for renovation over the holiday break. I might add with considerable financial support from the Wentworth Alumni Association.

I am pleased to report that Wentworth's focus on Opportunities Seized, Potential Realized, and Success Achieved for its Cadets and Commuter Students continues thanks to you. Achieve the Honorable!

*Regis McDonald, '64*

# WMA Band and Honor Guard March in Halloween Parade

The Wentworth Color Guard and Band participated in the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 31, in Independence, MO. The Independence Chamber of Commerce holds its annual Halloween Parade on the Historic Independence Square. The Halloween Parade consists of local businesses, organizations, and community leaders.

## Freedom March

by Cadet Joshua Good

Remembering September 11, 2001 has become an integrated and fundamentally important part of our American culture. Americans have developed numerous ways to remember the horrific terrorist attacks on The World Trade Center, The Pentagon, and United Flight 93 on that grim day.

For many small towns, including Lexington MO, September 11 pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice with an annual Freedom March. The march is sponsored by the Lions Club to commemorate the first responders from the fire departments and police departments who died because they answered the distress call when the first of the Twin Towers was attacked. Thousands of first responders lost their lives on 9/11.

Displaying their patriotism, approximately 300 people, including Lexington's first responders and our own Wentworth Military Academy cadets, marched alongside Lexington's elementary, middle and high school students. They marched down Main Street and assembled near the Lafayette County Courthouse to listen to distinguished members of our small community speak about their memories of that horrific and tragic day.

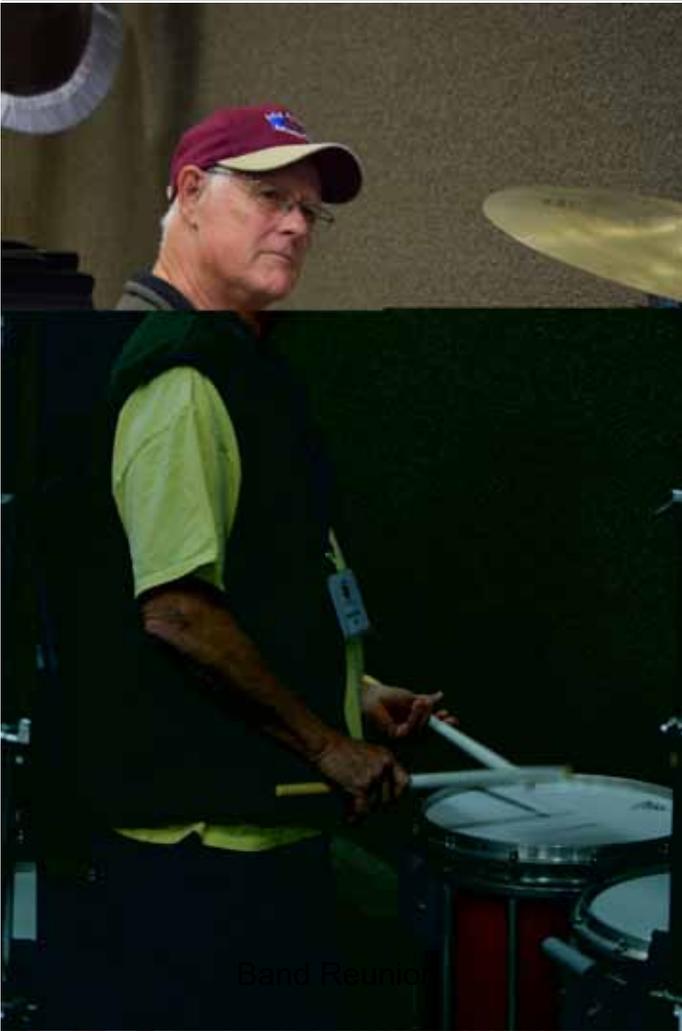
The memorial service began when CPT Jay Robbins, WMA choir instructor, led the crowd in the singing of the national anthem. CPT Robbins was followed by Gene Beyer, from the local VFW, who spoke about his memories, fears, and feelings of that day.



This Freedom March is not about just showing up to hear some speech, or just going to a memorial, but rather it is a display of honor, respect, and patriotism supporting first responders who put their lives on the line every day for others. Passing on memories and tributes from one generation to the next is a proud American heritage.

Many cadets at Wentworth Military Academy were barely old enough to remember that day, so ceremonies like the annual Freedom March keep patriotism alive. Pride in being American must not fade away; respectful ceremonies inspire pride in young people. The Freedom March in Lexington on September 11, 2015 honored our first responders, and it brought the community together. Hundreds of first responders died on that day saving fellow Americans. When everyone else ran to safety, these people ran towards the World Trade Center, toward the danger, and toward death. The Freedom March is important so we never forget what those men and women, our firefighters and police, did for us that day, and do for us every day.

# Homecoming 2015 - All-Band Reunion



# Homecoming 2015



The Homecoming 2015 Court (above):  
Queen: Cadet Audreena Sualevai;  
princesses: (left to right behind the queen)  
Cadet Elyse Britt, Ms. Jessica Austin, and Cadet  
Emily Mazak.



# Homecoming 2015



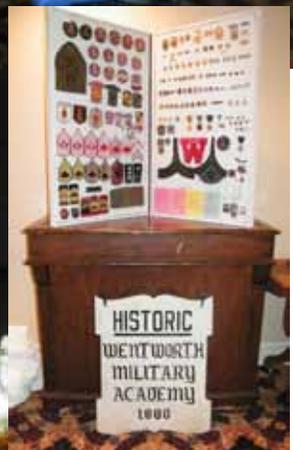
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# Homecoming 2015 - Golf Tournament

## 2015 Ed Ellis Golf Tourney a Tremendous Success

The 2015 edition of the Ed Ellis Golf Tournament was a tremendous success in terms of sponsors and monies raised. It is in fact the largest tournament ever sponsored by the Wentworth Alumni Association raising \$9,835. We thank our dedicated sponsors for remaining with us and supporting our activities.

### Our Sponsors

#### Tournament Sponsors (\$1,000 and above)

Scott Hefner, '92 (President, WMA Alumni Association)  
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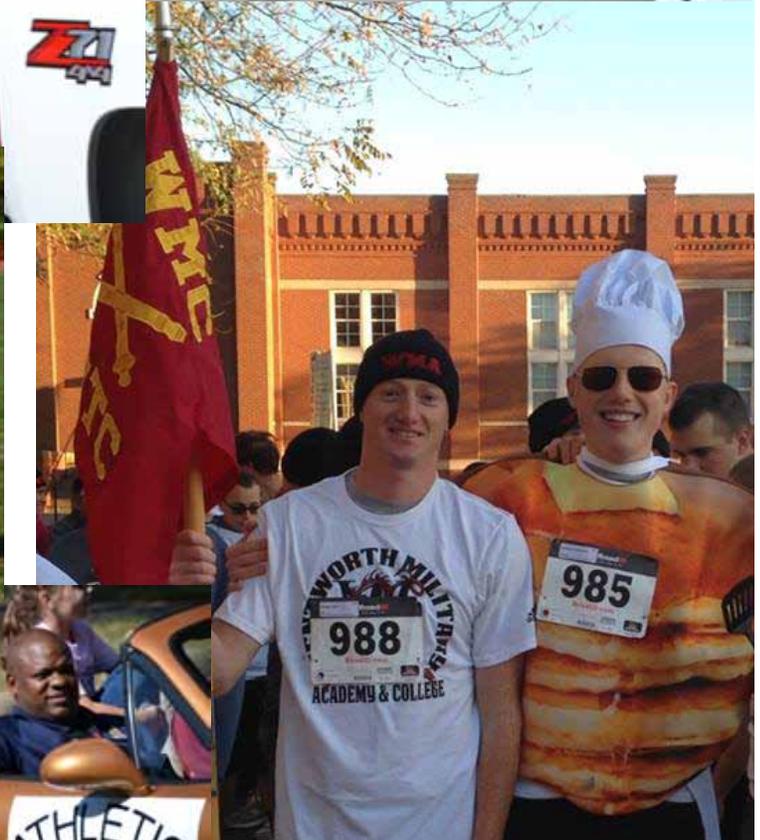


More Golf Tournament pictures on next page

# Homecoming 2015 - Golf Tournament



# Homecoming 2015



# American Samoa Cadets



American Samoa continues to produce quality cadets for our athletic teams and ROTC program. Our Samoan cadets' positive attitudes and friendly demeanor make Wentworth a better place to work and study.

Front Row (L to R): Salvation Lee, Feliua'i Tuiolomotu, Shammah Fai'ilagi, Elsie Lagima, Lina Kava, Nathaniel Tuamoheloa, Jordana Manaea, Kimberly Godinet, Cecilia Taufa'asau, Kanoelani Chun, Audreena Sualevai, Virginia Pu'a,

Back Row (L to R): Nolan Puletasi, Rodney Wilson, Sethrine Talamoa, Valerie Pu'a, Onosa'i Pule, Kealoha Schuster, Wrandee Alofaituli, Teri Pogi, Schey McMoore, Pule Vou, Tanielu Mata'utia,



Homecoming 2015 Concluded with flag ceremony

## Guy Harkness - Bobby Gadt Winner

Congratulations to immediate past president of the WMA Alumni Association Guy Harkness who was recognized with the presentation of the Bobby Gadt Award during the 2015 Homecoming festivities.

The Bobby Gadt award was originated to recognize an individual who supported alumni activities and could be considered alumni of the year.

Mr. Harkness has met and exceeded those expectations. He is supportive of Wentworth financially, supportive of the Alumni Association financially, and has, for the past several years, provided the banquet wines for the Homecoming dinner. Guy also has been a sponsor of the Golf Tournament for several years. In addition he has provided leadership by serving the Association as a vice president, president-elect, and president. Guy is the second Bobby Gadt award winner for 2015. Earlier in the year, Jim Wright was recognized for his dedication to Wentworth and the association.

Congratulations Guy, well deserved!



## First Annual Ike Skelton Legacy Dinner

by Amy Lierman

The first annual Ike Skelton Legacy Recognition Dinner will be held on the campus of Wentworth Military Academy on Friday, November 13, 2015.

The public is invited to attend as we spend the evening celebrating the life of our friend and Congressman with a social beginning at 6 PM and dinner following at 7 PM.

The Legacy Committee will recognize distinguished guests who will be presented the Ike Skelton Achieve the Honorable Award during the program portion of the dinner. The recipients for this year are: GEN Richard B. Myers, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver, Dr. William LaHue, Bob Hagedorn, and Tom Hayes (posthumously).

Congressman Skelton was a member of the United States House of Representatives for 34 years serving the citizens of Missouri's Fourth District. A life-long resident of Lexington, Skelton graduated from Wentworth Military Academy in 1951 before continuing on to the University of Missouri-Columbia. He served as the Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and played an active role in bringing the B-2 Stealth Bomber to Whiteman Air Force Base and the Army Engineer, Chemical and Military Police Schools to Fort Leonard Wood, both located in Missouri's Fourth District. Skelton passed away on October 28, 2013 in Arlington, VA.

This year's dinner will feature GEN Richard B. Myers, the 15<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. As the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Myers was the principal military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the National Security Council. He joined the Air Force in 1965 through the ROTC program at Kansas State University and has more than 4,100 flying hours including 600 combat hours in the F-4. He retired from the Air Force in October of 2005.

# WMA Alumni Association Flag Honors Program



The Wentworth Military Academy Alumni Association along with WMA, is proud to continue the Flag Honors Program.

The Flag Honors Program is designed to honor former cadets, faculty, and friends of Wentworth Military Academy with a memorial United States flag that has actually flown over the WMA campus. The school will fly a 5-foot by 9.5-foot flag on the main quadrangle flagpole, if you wish, on a specific date. The flag will be properly folded and placed in a memorial case with the name of the person being honored engraved on a brass plaque. Also included will be a certificate of authenticity. All of this will be shipped to wherever you wish, or presented during an on-campus ceremony.

The cost of this honor is \$300 per flag. The proceeds will be used to support the Alumni Association's scholarship programs along with other programs supported and funded by the Association.

Think of this as a way to honor you, a loved one, or even an old roommate and help support the school, through the Alumni Association, at the same time.

For more information, please contact the president of the WMA Alumni Association or Al McCormick at 816-820-0760, 816-741-7164, or [almccormick64152@gmail.com](mailto:almccormick64152@gmail.com). Also, there will soon be a page in the Alumni portion of the WMA website that will have this information and a form that can be completed and sent in. All we ask is that you give us a reasonable length of time to get this done.

We will be announcing the flag presentations as they occur.

Check out the WMA blogsite at [www.wma.edu/blog](http://www.wma.edu/blog) and scroll through the many blog posts. Have fun.



## Alumni Overseas

LTC Loren Duwel, '94, Kosovo

CPT David L. Lawburgh, '05, Afghanistan

David Roberson, '01, Afghanistan

Tom Simpson, '77, The Netherlands (Holland)

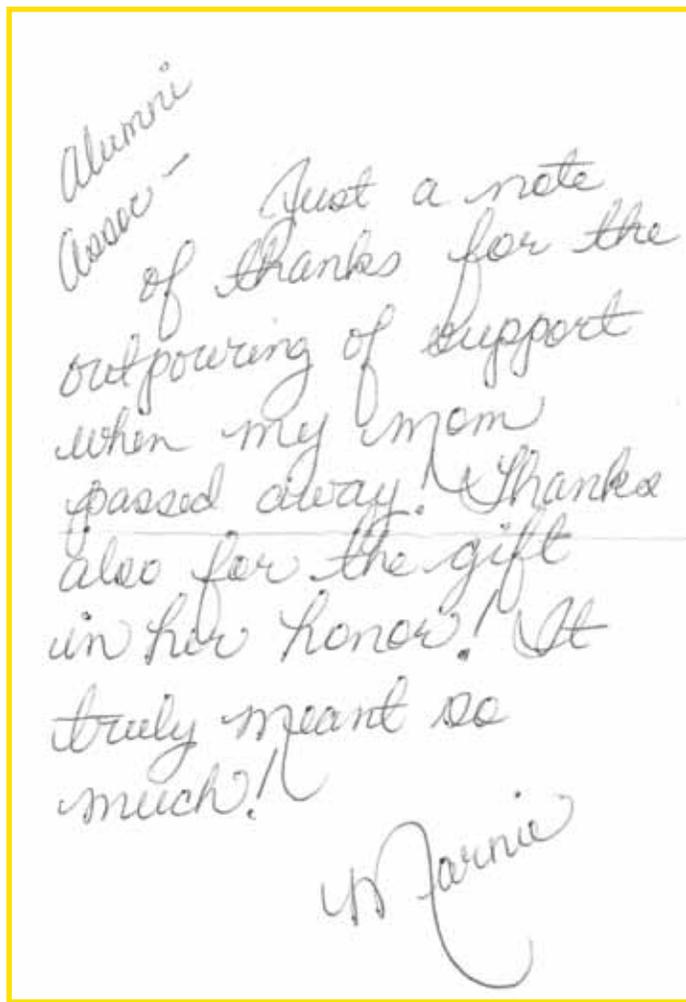
These are the alumni that we know about. If you know of any others, please let the Alumni Office know.

## Silent Auction Winner

by Guy Harkness, '63

The Silent Auction Winner at Homecoming 2015 was J. D. Walker, a 1966 high school graduate, and 1968 junior college graduate. J. D. was in Headquarters Company while at Wentworth, and he now lives in Mocksville, North Carolina. His winning bid was \$2,500. That bid won he and his family a period of time at the home of Doug Gourlay located in the Lake Tahoe area. Congratulations, J. D.!

A special thanks must also obviously go out to Doug Gourlay for his generosity, his kindness, and his willingness to give of his property for this period of time. So, we have several "winners" - J. D., the Alumni Association, and Doug!



# Old Boy News

--1900s--

## ☞ Major General Clarence L. Tinker, '08,

started at Wentworth at the age of 16 and graduated in 1908. He was the first Native American to reach the rank of Major General. He was the first General killed in World War II; when the plane he was personally flying to lead the bomber command during the Battle of Midway went out of control and



was lost in the ocean. MG Tinker was a member of the Osage Tribe in Oklahoma and Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City is named for him.

## Veterans Day Thank You

Please convey to the Wentworth faculty, staff and the 136th Corps of Cadets that the Board of Trustees remembers and acknowledges the valor of those who have or are serving in the United States Military and their families. It most especially recognizes the selfless sacrifice of the wounded and fallen Wentworth alumni on this 2015 Veteran's Day.

*Regis McDonald, '64*

--1950s--

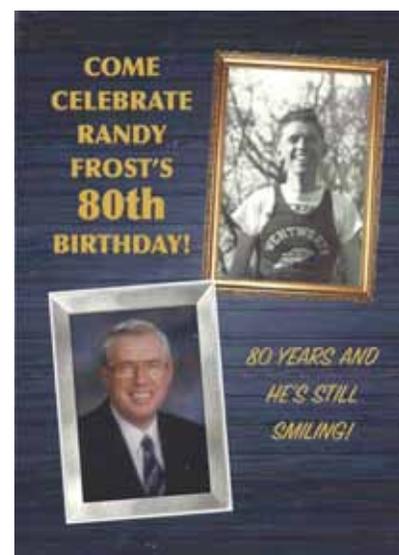
☞ Early in September, the Truman Library organized a weekend celebration to honor World War II veterans who were able to attend. In recognition of those attending, the library presented each with a commemorative coin to honor their service to our country.

**Andy White, '58**, decided to attend as he had not visited the library in several years. When he learned of the coin he inquired about acquiring one for former U.S. Marine and former Wentworth Band Director, **Capt. Jim Bell**. The initial reaction from the library was no, as they wanted Veterans receiving the coin to be in attendance. So, Andy pursued and learned a form for exceptions was available so he completed the form and submitted to the library's board of directors.

Six days later the coin arrived at Andy's home with a card for Capt. Bell thanking for his service to our country. Andy immediately forwarded the card and coin for Jim.

Nice work Andy, it was extremely thoughtful on your part!

☞ A belated Happy Birthday to **Dr. Randy Frost, '54**, who recently celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 30. Many happy returns



# Old Boy News

## --1960s--

☞ We received news from **Marshall (Butch) Beall, '61**, and Alumni Association life member, that he and wife Donna are proud grandparents again. August Allen, 8 pounds and 22 inches long became grandson number 4 shortly after mid-October.

Butch and his wife are residents of Salt Lake City and very active with their grand children. Congratulations!



☞ Correction to Issue 3 from **Marshall 'Butch' Beall, '61**. "Just read 'Old Boys News' and needed to add a correction. The ceremony with the 101st Airborne Division was held at Camp Williams, Draper, Utah, not Fort Bragg North Carolina. The division integrated members of a National Guard Intelligence Battalion into the Division. I was invited as a guest since I was a veteran member of the division 1964-66. A wonderful ceremony that was attended by the 101st Airborne Division Commanding General and Command Sergeants Major, both of whom I met, a huge honor for me. Thanks, Marshall 'Butch' Beall"

**Tom Lankford '69, Webb Cole '66, and James Lowman, '97** were found in Lexington on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Tom and Webb



were enjoying the Community Fair and James was working on a Masonic Lodge youth program.

## --1970s--

☞ **COL Michael Lierman, '73**, and president and superintendent of Wentworth, along with his wife, Brenda, added another grandson to their family on September 25. Breckin William joins his big sister, Endsley, and big brother, Landry.



## --1990s--

**Alicia McKeag Surrey, '94** was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and assumed the Troop Battalion Command at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center in Fort Hood, Texas over the summer. Her husband, Nathan Surrey, was also selected for command and will assume his position next summer. They have three daughters: Lily (3), Brittley (3) and Annelise (1). In September, Alicia reached her 15-year mark in the Army Nurse Corps.

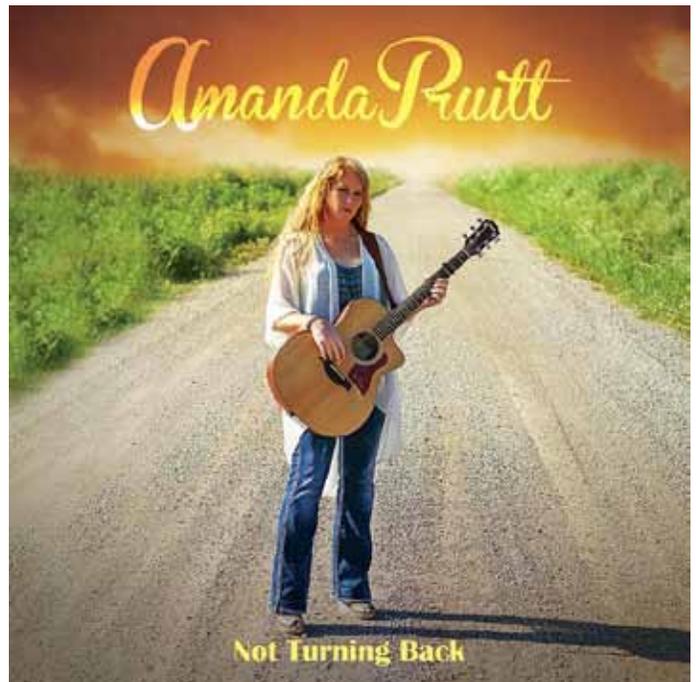
# Old Boy News

--2000s--

☞ Two Old Boys, **Verndell Morgan, 2001** - 120th Corps (Left) and **Walter Lewis, Jr., 2000** - 119th Corps, were both in Korea in August for the UFG Exercise. They had not seen each other in more than 15 years and had a great time catching up. Thank you both for your service



☞ **Amanda Goodman-Pruitt, 2001**, has a new album that is about to be released. The new album, her fourth, titled "Not Turning Back" will be released later this fall. Her first music video from the new album "The Beauty of Music" will be released later in November. Check her out on facebook or at her website [www.amandagp.com](http://www.amandagp.com)



# Old Boy News



## Former Cadet Begins Exciting Journey

Zack Razafinjatovo, better known as “Raz”, came to Wentworth in 2006 as a high school freshman. Raz was an outgoing young man who always had a smile on his face. He spent the next 5 years at Wentworth, graduating from the Academy with the class of 2010. Raz then enrolled in Wentworth Military College. After earning his associate degree, he was accepted by the University of Missouri. From MU, he transferred to Central Methodist University. In December 2014, Raz graduated with a bachelor’s degree in computer science.

Raz recently visited Wentworth and had big news to share. He decided to join the United States Army. According to Raz, Wentworth was definitely a big part of his decision. All of his experiences here played an important role in his decision. Originally from Tanzania, Raz is taking advantage of the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI) program that allows certain non-citizens who are legally present in the United States to join the U. S. military. The program is only available to legal aliens holding critical skills, and experts in certain languages with associated cultural backgrounds. Raz is fluent in both English and Swahili.



Raz reported to basic training in Oklahoma on September 1<sup>st</sup>. He will be in the military for at least 8 years and will be in the medical corps as an operating room specialist. Congratulations Raz. Good luck in your future endeavors and don’t forget to keep in touch with your Wentworth family!

Top photo of Cadet Razafinjatovo 2011 by Steve Biggers Photography.

Bottom photo of Raz when he visited campus in August. Photo courtesy of MAJ Cristhina Starke, Director of International Admissions.

# Old Boy News

--2010s--

👉 **Eduardo (Lalo) Schoener, 2013**, has just started his seventh semester in medical school (he plans on being a surgeon). While in medical school he has kept a grade point average of 9.01 (out of 10.0). He is an extremely disciplined and independent young man (skills he learned from his time at WMA). He is very healthy and regularly goes to the gym.

Even though he really likes to play football, he can't do it because he studies up to 10 hours a day, which makes it very difficult to practice football. He has been asked to coach some sports but due to his studies, it is simply impossible.

He attends Universidad Anáhuac, which is an excellent and prestigious university, especially in the medical field. Even though Eduardo doesn't know yet which field he will be pursuing, he is very inclined to become an orthopedic surgeon.

His youngest brother, Rodrigo sees him as his hero, for his accomplishments at WMA and in Mexico.

Monica (his mother) and I are fully aware of the benefits of having worked hard to keep our son at WMA, as we now see how much he benefitted from it, not only learning the language, but also the discipline, as he is a healthy young man who knows how to distinguish right from wrong, with outstanding moral values and high self-esteem.

Again, thank you Cristhina, WMA and each one of his instructors. May you always be able to tell them that Lalo is and will always be successful in life and a good man.... May God always bless you.

*(editor's note: The above information was included in a letter from Lalo's Father, also named Eduardo that was sent to Cristhina Starke, the WMA Director of International Admissions.)*



# Taps

Maj (Ret.) Dwight W Leopold, '43 (USAF)

William "Bill" Shaffer, '43

George K. Cheatham, '47

John Finney, '56

Don Holbert, '57

Owen C Davis III, '67

John L. Eichman, '69

Gary L. Johnson, '71

Steve Woodson, '84

Staff and Faculty

1SG (Ret.) Homer Tell Runkle, Assistant PMS  
from 1969-71

John Jordan, Women's Basketball coach from  
2012-14



## Alumni Association Members

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

## Life Members

Joe Neff Basore, Jr, '71	Russ Gilman, '70	Al McCormick, '67
Ted Bratrud, '61	Douglas Gourlay, '94	Charles W. McCracken, '42
Marshall (Butch) Beall, '61	John Groendyke, '64	Al Nordeen, '66
Scott Bitner, '61	Guy Harkness, '63	Bruce Palmrose, '68
Ralph Bowles, '84	Mark Hedrick, '64	George Peek, '61
Melvin (Mel) Camp, '61	Scott Hefner, '92	Wally Potter, '63
Webb Cole, '66	Daryl Heiskell, '63	Robert (Bobby) Reed, '66
James Cormany, '61	Dr. Chuck Himmler, '65	George Reece, '57
Jack Cronan, '74	J. Curt Hockemeier, '66	Sam Richardson, '55
Stephen DeLorenzi, '76	Jay Jeffries, '66	Jim Service, '69
Ed Devinger, '60	David L. Johnson, '63	Ron Sipes, '61
James DiRenna, '67	Jay Johnson, '77	Charles Stempel, 2005
K.O (Ken) Dixon, '56	Mike Katskee, '64	Tom Vale, '77
Robert "Bob" Elliott, '68	Keith Kretschmer, '54	Robert (Rob) Waldrop II, '69
Philip Fogle, '60	Bill Labhart, '66	Steven Westlake, '64
Terry Follas, '67	Tom Lankford, '69	Chuck Wright, '61
Roy (Ted) Ford, '69	Doyle Leeding, '64	Jim Wright, '66
Edson "Perk" Foster, '67	Jeff Lipsky, '66	
John Francis, '83	Robert Matkin, '69	

## Regular Members

David Adams, '60	Raymond Harvey, '62	David Ratcliffe, '98
Richard Amos, '52	Dawson Heathman, '56	Scott Richart, '81
Scott Bitner, '61	George Hittner, '97	Joseph Roper, '74
Garold Butdorf, '72	Father John N. Himes, '70	Lloyd Schultz, '74
Ted Butherus, '68	Donald Holbert, '57	Bob Sellers, '89
Christie Butler, '71	Richard "Dick" Hudson, '56	Jim Sellers, '80
Tom Butler, '64	David Kolinofsky, '04	Jim Servi, '69
Richard Burgess, '49	David Lawrenz, '64	Tom Slover, '67
John Colon, '70	Michael Lierman, '73	Dale Slunicko, '59
Clyde (Sid) Crabel, '60	Jeff Lipsky, '66	Steve Smith, '83
Jon Crim, '59	Mark Martin, '47	Carol Luehrman-Stempel, '06
Anteco Cross, '93	Tim Martin, '2000	Mary Stempel, '92
Jack Easton, '60	Regis McDonald, '64	Carl Stempel, '72
Renz (J.R.) Edwards, '44	John (Mike) McKinney, '59	Michael Warne, '71
Thomas Follas, '72	Robert (Bob) Meyer, '72	Bob Watts, '60
John Fotenos, '67	Ben Millar, '47	Robin Wendell, '74
Dr. Henry Frost, '54	Richard "Moose" Miller, '54	Brown Whitaker, '45
Gerald (Jerry) Gustafson '39	Leon Moore, '75	Lee Williamson, '53
C.J. Hardnock, '05	William (Sam) Ratcliffe, '65	Matt Wiseman, '83
Chuck Hitchcock, '55	John Ratcliffe, '96	Taylor Wright, '49
		Marvin Wrisinger, '80

## 2014 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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

## 2014 COLLEGE GRADUATES

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

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

## December 2014 COLLEGE Graduates

Justin Aldred  
 Colleen Baldwin  
 Tashara Booker  
 Autumn Buchanan  
 Whitney Dawson  
 Natasha Duncan  
 Lisa Harp  
 Samantha High  
 Alexandra Holcomb  
 Jordan Hood  
 Emma Long  
 Millennial Manu  
 Kalani Rankin  
 Devon Riekhof  
 Ethan Salatielu  
 Carrie Smith  
 Alexandra Summers  
 Carmen Thill  
 Anosinosivaleleloto Thomsen



## **2015 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

Ali Abdulaziz Al-Yahya  
 Chloe Mary Joan Beller  
 Philip Roy Commins  
 Assif Ao Dong  
 Xiaoyun Patty Feng  
 James Maximo Fores  
 Mark Joseph Daniel Forgét  
 Justin Lee House  
 Xianhao Ray Jin  
 Damon Thomas Kastner  
 Edward Ye Deng Li  
 Zhiyuan Dane Li  
 Anastasia Marie Miller  
 Haochen Kelvin Ouyang  
 Jiamin Jeremy Shen  
 Shaohua Michelle Zhan  
 Tatianna Carney

## **2015 COLLEGE GRADUATES**

Milton N. Ah-Sam  
 Nathan Matt Anhalt  
 William Everett Austin  
 Carolyn Ann Barrett  
 Elizabeth A. Baumeister  
 Robbi Nichole Bayne  
 Kevin L. Beach  
 Robert W. Beers  
 Marlon Benevides  
 Hugh Jin Benner  
 Pete Mitchell Brittain  
 Shakorya K. Brower  
 Thomas William Byrne  
 Quincy A. Carpenter  
 Jonathan Clegg  
 Leslyn Brianne Cole  
 Travis Cringan  
 Katherine Elizabeth Dale  
 Samantha Renee Daugherty  
 Carter Joseph Dittmer  
 Makayla Brooke Easley  
 Christopher Wendell Edwards  
 DeMarcus Alexander Edwards  
 Tamati Randy Faoasau

Reggie R. Fatino  
 Patricio Fernandez Hernandez  
 Karen Mae Fine  
 James Allen Filley  
 Matthew Quinton Frame  
 Andrea Dale Newnham-Freese  
 Caleb Garton  
 Brandin Alexander Gage Grind-  
 staff  
 Javier Guerra  
 Shoshana M. Hall  
 Alexandria Niccole Hamilton  
 Heather L. Henderson  
 Stacey Jones-Hendricks  
 Justin Lee Howard  
 Courtney Elizabeth Howerton  
 Marcos A. Herta  
 Tamara Huff  
 Alissa Woods-Hufford  
 Katelynn D. Hufford  
 Kirk Dustin Hullinger  
 Joseph Bradley Johnston  
 Nathan Paul Kennedy  
 Eli Joseph Kraft  
 Taylor Megan Lee  
 Matthew Paul Leidy  
 Carl Edward Link III  
 Hailey Elizabeth Long  
 Paul Marquez  
 Brittany Ranee Maze  
 David Mazzei  
 Laura C. McBee  
 Tanna Rose McBee  
 Cameron Ryan McClintock  
 Ethan Caruthers McCray  
 Daniel McElroy  
 Kayla Ann McFall  
 Lori Ann McFall  
 Fred Christopher Meaole  
 Robert Ramsey Micheels  
 Daniel George Miller  
 Korbin Millsap  
 Lucas C Mondino  
 Benjamin Killian Mooneyham  
 Austin Eric Nordike  
 Jonathan Nolasco Ocampo

Jader Moredno de Oliveira  
 Kimberly Jean Parker  
 Whitney N Parks  
 Alexandria Lynn Paul  
 Jade E'Lisa Perry  
 Manumalo Magnolia Porotesano  
 Mendrix Irvin M. Punzalan  
 Stephen R. Quinn  
 Nathaniel Allen Richards  
 Brandon Thomas Rogers  
 Buster Evan Blake Sanders  
 Antonio Santos Filho  
 Basapparaju Scott  
 Shanda Dawn Shannon  
 Camden Shell  
 Siabatto Rodriguez Marco  
 Puakalani Princess Tiara Sione  
 Tyler Solomon  
 Dillon Smith  
 Anthony Steffany  
 Caitlin Ann Still  
 Heather Louise Nicole Stoner  
 Layne A. Sturgeon  
 Katerrina Lynn Lama Taula`i  
 Luaiva`a Chanel Tavai  
 Grant Wayne Thomas  
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 Marshall P. Thompson  
 Wyli Thompson  
 Gabriel Leal Togni  
 Taulagaola Sala Sutagi Utai  
 Lahriza Menime Vaivao  
 Keamber Monet Vaughn  
 Eric Dion Warren II  
 Lexus Lucky Wells  
 Kayla Wilbur  
 Ka`san Love Williams  
 Ceshia Marie Wilson  
 Elizabeth Anne Yeager  
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**Wentworth Military Academy  
Alumni Association  
Membership Application**



**Instructions:**

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

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

***Applicant's Information:***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Spouse's Information:**

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

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

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

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