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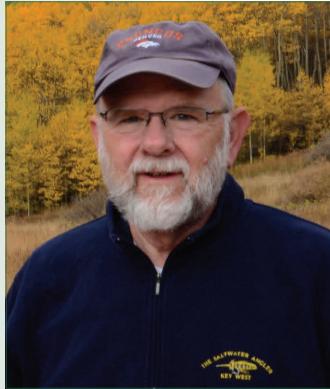
## President's Message

By Retired Army COL John Pierce  
WRS President

The Walter Reed Society board has requested that this issue of the Newsletter be dedicated to our loyal donors. Therefore, we have several stories about some of our most faithful and generous donors; we have included recent pictures if available.

These articles focus on the larger donors but we of course very much appreciate all our many donors.

Most of you may know that the Society does not actively do fund raising except for the once a year November effort tied to the matching gift of Select Auto's Mike Haji (see article and photo inside). This effort is made aware to the public via public service announcements on local radio station WTOP. Other than this once a year event we rely on unsolicited donations. We are aware of the new tax cuts and Jobs Act which became effective in tax year 2018. Many changes within this new law may effect charitable giving this year and in the future. There is, of course, no way to predict what effects may occur, so we will just have to wait and see.



John Pierce

I hope you enjoy the articles about our donors in this edition. My continued thanks to all the board members for their work and to everyone who supports the Walter Reed Society.

### WRS Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited (all members, perspective members and guests) to the Walter Reed Society's Annual Meeting. Brunch will be served.

**When:** Sunday, May 6, 2018

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Where:** Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Dining Room  
4301 Jones Bridge Road  
Bethesda, MD

**RSVP:** By May 1 call (301) 571-1580 or email [walterreedsociety@verizon.net](mailto:walterreedsociety@verizon.net)

**Cost:** \$30

**You can pay at the door or mail a check to:**

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**\*Dues can be paid at the Annual Meeting**





# Recognizing Our Many Donors

This listing of Walter Reed Society donors includes those individuals and groups that have donated \$1,000 or more during the year 2017. We sincerely apologize if we overlooked anyone or any organization.

## Individual donors:

- ◆ Mr. Victor D'Andrea
- ◆ Mr. James Anklam
- ◆ Mr. Ken Cooper
- ◆ COL Frank Cammarata
- ◆ COL and Mrs. Brian Foley
- ◆ Mr. Mile Haji
- ◆ Mrs. Kathleen Hanley
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Blair Lapwing
- ◆ Mr. John Longenecker
- ◆ Mr. Michael Marshall
- ◆ Mr. Mark Packard Norman
- ◆ Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Niehaus
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- ◆ Ms. Norah O'Donnell
- ◆ Mr. Logan Phillips
- ◆ Mr. David Rich
- ◆ LTC and Mrs. Antonio Savoca
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- ◆ Mrs. Jessica Wojcicki

## Organizational donors:

- ◆ AIB/PSB Family Foundation
- ◆ American Legion Auxiliary Unit 270
- ◆ American Legion Post 405
- ◆ Angels of Mercy
- ◆ Basic Marketing Services, Inc.
- ◆ BUNZL USA
- ◆ DLB Family Foundation
- ◆ Honor Our Troops Classic Tournament
- ◆ Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation Korean War Veterans Association of DE
- ◆ Longenecker & Associates, Inc.
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- ◆ NAF Financial Services
- ◆ NSA Washington Chapel Fund
- ◆ Network For Good
- ◆ Schwab Charitable
- ◆ Select Auto Imports
- ◆ South Jersey Baseball Association
- ◆ Southwest Florida Wounded Vet Run
- ◆ Target Corporation
- ◆ VFW Post 2578
- ◆ William S. Greene Chapter 9 DAV





# Long-time Supporter and Friend

By Retired Army COL John Pierce  
WRS President

Vandy Miller, WRS Board Member and VP of Programs; and Carlton Kammerer, former NFL player for the San Francisco 49ers and the Washington Redskins, Liaison for Sports and Recreational Activities WRS, met with John Longenecker of Longenecker and Associates as he presented a check to WRS back in 2008.

Now, 10 years later, John Longenecker continues his substantial support presenting a check for \$20,000 just this year.

John R. Longenecker, is President of Longenecker & Associates, Inc., a company that has provided highly specialized, technical and management support to the nuclear, environmental management, and defense industries since 1989.

Prior to entering the private sector Longenecker held several positions in the US Department of Energy including serving as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Uranium Enrichment from 1983 to 1987.

Longenecker received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees, with academic honors, from the Pennsylvania State University (PSU). He was recognized in April 2006 as an Outstanding Engineering Alumnus by PSU. In 2010, Longenecker & Associates established an annual scholarship program for students needing financial



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support in the PSU Engineering Mechanics and Science Department.

John is a lifetime member of the Walter Reed Society, and Longenecker & Associates, Inc. annually provides financial support to its programs.

## Passing the Administrative Assistant Guidon



The Walter Reed Society is sad to announce that their Administrative Assistant Debra Washington plans to retire. Debra has supported the WRS for nearly 12 years.

Debra has volunteered to stay “on board” to mentor an “Apprentice” to assume the various duties crucial to the operation of the WRS and WRF and for a smooth transfer of the Administrative Assistant *Guidon*.

The Administrative Assistant “Apprentice” needs to be familiar with Word Perfect, Publisher, and Excel. Social Media aptitude is especially essential. The Administrative Assistant will maintain

databases, files, policy and procedure books, correspondence, financial statements, respond to all forms of communications, and the many aspects involved with the sales of WRS commemorative items.

- The WRS Webpage <http://www.walterreedsociety.org> has a complete job description
- The Administrative Assistant must be able to access military installations.
- The Administrative Assistant’s job is a flexible part time position

Please help us pass the *guidon* by informing outstanding, potential candidates of this opportunity.



# Golf Outings Support WRS

By Carl Kammerer  
WRS Liaison of Sports and Recreation

The first golf event took place in Amelia Island, Florida with six Wounded Veterans. Board Member Dan Bullis, VP of Patient Services, made the arrangements with the late Ed Helminski, President of Exchange Monitor.

Carl Kammerer has taken this model....Wounded Veterans, Former NFL Players and business interests and has developed solid working relationships with BUNZL, MAN-TECH and Mickey Steele beginning in 2010. The companies usually sponsor eight Wounded Vets, and four former NFL players. Each guest is placed with a different foursome.

Many golfers have indicated how thrilled they were to get to know these people of unique experiences, 81 vets and 20 NFL players in 2017. Carl introduces the NFL guys and encourages a veteran to introduce their group and say a few words if comfortable.

Vandy and Carl speak about WRS at each event. Our unique team has been to: Amelia Island, Orlando, Florida; Las Vegas, Nevada; Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee; Richmond and Leesburg, Virginia; Gettysburg, York, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Long Island and Buffalo, New York; Boston, Massachusetts; Olive Branch, Mississippi;

Queenstown Harbor and Laytonsville, Maryland; and anticipate adding Chicago, Illinois and Minneapolis, Minnesota soon.

Comments from a few veterans are: "Nice to have something to look forward to...made a difference in my life. Great to get out on a quality course with such great people. This has forced me to communicate and to do it more easily."

Many express gratitude to Carl for putting in the hours to make it all come together, and of course, they love Vandy Miller.



General Manager BUNZL York, Pa, Bob Plata; held the first BUNZL golf tournament in 2010. shown here with Carlton Kammerer, Wounded Veteran Johnnie Gardner and BUNZL Senior Vice President, Northeast Region, Rick Maier on the first tee at The Country Club of York. The late Ed Helminski, Bob Plata and John Longenecker each have been awarded the "Combat Medic Statue" for their significant support of the Walter Reed Society, Inc and the Honorable Women and Men who continue to serve the United States of America.

Carl relies on two organizations to get commitments to participate. The Former NFL Players Association in Washington, DC, and Salute Military Golf Association in Maryland, visit SMGA.org to learn more. They have a data base of more than 4,000 women and men all over the country and have 10 Chapters serving those who desire to learn the game of golf. They teach the veterans and family members in private lessons, two 8

-week clinics a year, locally at Olney Golf Park, Maryland and make arrangements with golf courses to play on that range from free to reduced fees.

We have raised over \$300,000, with the largest single check being in excess of \$54,000 from the BUNZL National meeting in Nashville, TN.



# *President of Import Car Company Selects WRS to Support*

By Retired SGM Dan Bullis  
WRS VP of Patient Services

Mike Haji immigrated to the United States from Iran at the age of 17 and has worked very hard in achieving the “American dream.” He is the President of Select Auto Imports in Alexandria, Virginia and has built a fabulous business over the past several decades.

As a young boy he idolized his uncle who was a well decorated General Officer in the Iranian Army. When Mike was 9 years old his uncle was killed by a soldier who was experiencing the trauma of PTSD; this was Mike’s first exposure to this illness.

Mike has made many military friends through his business and has always had a feeling of “understanding” those that serve.

About 10 years ago Mike wanted to demonstrate his support for the service members who were injured while deployed and researched the various nonprofits supporting this effort. Mike said he selected the Walter Reed Society (WRS) because of the percentage of the donations that were directed to help those in need.

Mike contacted the WRS and requested our partnership in an annual Veterans Day fundraising event that would also involve the radio station he uses for his car business, WTOP. For over a decade, Mike has



Mike Haji presents a check to Dan Bullis, WRS VP for Warrior and Family Care.

pledged a \$10,000 matching donation and WTOP broadcasts the challenge each year. The results have been fantastic and have far exceeded the goal each year.

Mike is a true hero and one can easily see that when they visit his business location where he proudly flies an American flag presented to him the day after the 9/11 attack by a colonel who worked at the Pentagon and became friends with Mike years earlier.

The WRS is very grateful to Mike Haji and his true spirit in helping our hero’s during their recovery.



# Dad of Wounded Warrior Pays it Forward

By Retired SGM Dan Bullis  
WRS VP of Patient Services

It has been 10 years since PVT Vincent Manion-Brodeur was seriously injured in Tikrit, Iraq. On 11 March 2007 an explosion killed his sergeant, leaving Vincent with injuries that required removal of his cranium and part of his frontal lobe; in addition his left arm was nearly blown off.

His medical treatment and evacuation placed him at Walter Reed and his family from the Cape Cod area were at his side every step of the way. Vincent underwent over 40 surgeries and the outlook was dim but the family and the Vincent never gave up.

During the early, very difficult time, Vincent's father, Korean Army Veteran Jeff Brodeur was introduced to the Walter Reed Society. Jeff was very reluctant to ask any one for assistance but with the entire family at his son's side, to include the family dogs, it was impossible to provide Vince with the support he needed and keep up with the requirements back home.

The Walter Reed Society was there when needed and in doing so we became more than a non-profit to Jeff and his family. Our mili-



Jeff Brodeur's family during a recent Christmas holiday event. From right to left is Jeff, his wife, CPL Vincent Manion-Brodeur, Santa and other family members.

tary backgrounds and unspoken helping hand has created a true bond that has moved Jeff to embark on a 10 year journey of "paying it forward."

Jeff has organized numerous organizations in the Cape Cod area and other groups across the USA in supporting the work of the Walter Reed Society. He organized fund raising events in Cape Cod with the American Legion, the VFW, the Korean War Veterans and many other groups. In one such event he hosted a representative of the Walter Reed Society and the physicians who treated Vince.

Jeff efforts have marked him as one of the Walter Reed Society's top donors year after year and we are all very grateful. As for Corporal Manion-Brodeur (Ret), he is doing well at home with his loving family.

The most recent donation that the Walter Reed Society received via Jeff's efforts was \$10,000 from the Korea War Veterans Delaware Wounded Warrior Fund in December 2017.



# International Swimmer Goes Miles for WRS

By Retired Army COL John Pierce  
WRS President

David Rich of San Francisco, son of well-known and respected Army vascular surgeon Norman Rich, COL, MC US Army (Retired), completed a fund raising swim around Manhattan Island on Saturday, Aug. 19, 2017. He completed the 28 mile swim in 7 hours and 41 minutes, beating his goal of 8 hours. He also surpassed his fund raising goal of \$10,000 for the Walter Reed Society.

David who lives in San Francisco and swims with the Olympic Club rough water team is a veteran of international rough water swims. The swim around Manhattan was with a group of 12 other international swimmers from Australia, Mexico, Spain and the United Kingdom. Each swimmer had a support team but no physical contact was allowed between the swimmer and their team. In the past David has completed swims of the Maui Channel, the Strait of Gibraltar, and was the first American to swim the Bonifacio Channel from Corsica, France to Sardinia, Italy.

Prior to the swim, David wrote to his network of friends as well as on his fund raising page on Facebook:

"On Saturday, August 19, I will swim 28 miles around Manhattan Island with gratitude for my parents and in support of father's life-long mission: caring for our injured soldiers.

The marathon swim will take 8 hours, and while difficult, pales in comparison to the commitment that our military doctors and soldiers make every day.

Starting as a young surgeon in the Vietnam War and later as Chief of Vascular Surgery at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, my father, Norman Rich, and his colleagues have been treating our wounded soldiers for decades. As

Chair of the Department of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, he has also trained the next generation of military doctors. At 83, he still goes to work everyday committed to his

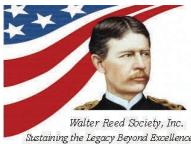
mission.

The Walter Reed Society assists servicemen and women being treated at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center due to service in Iraq, Afghanistan and surrounding areas. The Society's fund helps them with unexpected financial needs and provides them with specially identified equipment and services related to their care when other resources are not available. Scores of wounded warriors and their family members have received assistance from the Walter Reed Society's fund.

For those soldiers in need, my goal is to raise \$10,000 to make their lives a little easier and better. Please join me supporting the Walter Reed Society, any amount will help make a difference."



David Rich (far right) and his support team.



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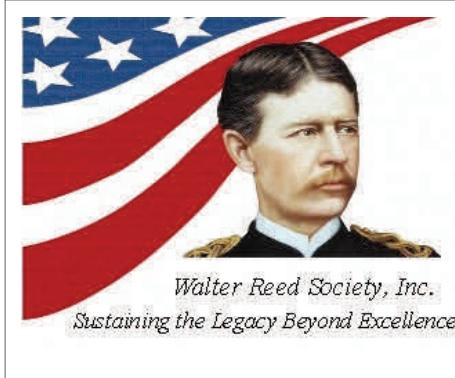
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### Appointed Positions

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Liaison Sports and Recreation, *Carlton Kammerer*  
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Annual Dues \$25; Two-year Membership \$40; Life-time Membership \$500.

Your support enables the Society to sponsor activities at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and to assist wounded warriors and their families. Send dues and donations to The Walter Reed Society, 8901 Wisconsin Avenue #303 Bethesda, MD 20889-5600, along with your Name, Mailing Address, and Email Address. Please indicate: I do  do not  want my name and address in the directory distributed to members.