



Walter Reed Society, Inc.
Sustaining the Legacy Beyond Excellence

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"...to preserve and enhance the rich history and worldwide reputation of the Army's best known medical research, treatment and training facility..."

2009 - WRAMC Centennial Year

WRAMC Centennial Lecture Series

Join the **National Museum of Health and Medicine** as we celebrate the centennial year at WRAMC. The series of lectures beginning in February will be free of charge in the Russell Auditorium (photo ID required).
Info: <http://www.nmhm.washingtondc.museum> or (202) 782-2200.

WRAMC Centennial Committee

Celebrations are being planned for the last week of April.

The tentative schedule:

Monday, April 27:

Appreciation Ceremony

Tuesday, April 28: Fun Run

Wednesday, April 29: Symposium

Friday, May 1: Centennial Ceremony and Ball

Further details will be forthcoming from the committee.



Walter Reed Society Annual Meeting

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, May 17

The **Annual Meeting and Brunch** will be held in the dining room of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, NNMC, Bethesda, MD, Noon - 2:30 PM, on May 17. Further details regarding guest speaker and directions will be forthcoming.

President's Message

Dear Members and Friends of Walter Reed,

Our Holiday Membership Gathering was one of the most successful ever with over 100 attending. It was held at the Uniformed Services University on Pearl Harbor Day and the weather cooperated to encourage the great turn out. In addition to enjoying the beautiful decorations, delicious food and good company, several new members joined! Our membership is now over 700, so we are well on our way toward the goal of 1,000 members!



The design of the 2008 Society collectible featured the new Walter Reed Army Medical Center logo and recognized the

centennial this year on the front.. Formal celebrations are being planned by the medical center to recognize the occasion and we hope that the collectible will sell well, too.

In the two previous newsletters, I have recognized outgoing and incoming members of the Board. Most recently, Command Sergeant Major Ricardo Alcantara, USA, Ret. joined us as the Advisor for Enlisted Affairs. We are grateful to have

the active participation of another dedicated Walter Reed alumnus and appreciate his keen support.

Sadly, Sergeant Major Rudi Williams, our Vice President of Communications, passed away in December. His funeral will be at Fort Myer with interment in Arlington National Cemetery on February 26. Further details are in this newsletter.

During the later part of 2008, the Board began a review of the Society's governance plan in light of the current standards of practice for non-profit organizations. Increased reporting expectations and many regulations have been put in place since our founding in 1996.

As a result, the law firm of McGuireWoods was engaged to assist. We are in the process of requesting that the IRS re-classify the Society's status from a supporting organization to a publically supported organization, amending the Articles of Incorporation, and revising the constitution as bylaws. The amended Articles and the revised bylaws will be presented to the membership for approval at the upcoming Annual Meeting. A table showing the amended Articles is included in this newsletter. A copy of the bylaws will be distributed before the meeting.

A Finance Advisory Committee was appointed to assist with defining policies and proce-

dures for the Society's financial operations. The initial members of the committee are COL (R) William Dunn, COL(R) Juan D'Avis and COL(R) Joe Konzelman. A planning session to further explore our future is scheduled for February 24 with COL(R) Bernie Horak serving as the facilitator.

Again, we seek volunteers for nomination to serve on the Board of Directors. Two specific needs are persons interested in being Vice President of Communications which includes responsibility for getting the newsletter published and Vice President of Membership to recruit and retain members. Between now and May, other needs may be identified so if you are interested in being more active in the Society, please contact us via email or call (202) 782-6607.

Many thanks,
Janet Southby, PhD
COL, USA, Ret.

Articles of Incorporation

The Articles of Incorporation of the Walter Reed Society, were adopted on December 17, 1996. The following table (page 3) shows five amendments recommended by McGuireWoods to update the document in compliance with current regulations. These amendments will be presented to the membership for adoption at the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Articles of Incorporation of Walter Reed Society, Inc.		
Articles	Adopted in December 1996	Recommended Amendments for 2009
Third	The purpose for which the corporation is organized is for the acquisition and retention of wealth for its members, in particular, and for the minority business community, in general.	The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. More specifically and without limiting or expanding the foregoing, the purposes of the corporation are to benefit Walter Reed Army Medical Center and/or its successor organizations and its educational, treatment, and research activities.
Fourth	The corporation shall be a membership organization. The qualifications for membership shall be stated in the bylaws. The corporate members shall have voting rights. Voting is only authorized for individuals, real persons and not legal entities that are not real persons.	The corporation shall be a membership organization. The classes and qualifications for membership shall be set forth in the Bylaws. Members shall have the right to vote for the officers of the corporation who shall serve as the Board of Directors of the corporation as set forth in the Bylaws. Other than the right to vote for such officers, Members shall not have the right to vote on any other matter pertaining to the corporation.
Sixth	No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensating for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Three hereof. No part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).	No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its incorporator, directors, officers, or other private persons except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its charitable or educational purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
Seventh	Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such manner, or to such religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such designated purposes.	Upon the dissolution of the corporation, and after all of its liabilities and obligations have been paid, satisfied, and discharged, or adequate provisions made therefore, all of the corporation's remaining assets shall be distributed to or among any one or more foundations affiliated with Walter Reed Army Medical Center and/or its successor organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code. If no such affiliated foundations are then in existence or so organized and operated, the corporation's remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes within the meaning of sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code.

In Appreciation

To Walter Reed Society,
Thank-You so much for your help in paying bills at home so that I am able to stay with my son at WRAMC for a longer time. He still needs the moral support of family and you have provided that for us. I'm very grateful and won't ever forget your kindness to my family!
Sincerely, *Catherine Lombardo*
(PFC Christopher Miller)

Hats off to all of our members! We currently have a total of 466 Members + an additional 242 Honorary Lifetime Members. We appreciate your continued support to the Walter Reed Society.

The family of the late *BG Peter Hidalgo* has requested that, in lieu of flowers, all donations be made to the Walter Reed Society. We honor *BG Hidalgo* and appreciate his service.

The family of the late *SFC William Hutson* has requested that, in lieu of flowers, all donations be made to the Walter Reed Society. We honor *SFC Hutson* and appreciate his service.

Dear Walter Reed Society,
You never know when your life will change in an instant! I had a very average life in Maine, worked for a small handbag manufacturer, went kayaking with my 19 year old son John, volunteered for Animal Rescue and retrained feral cats so they can get homes. My son, SPC David Gillis was injured on February 18, 2008 and life changed. We have been in and out of different hospitals and arrived here at Walter Reed on April 3, 2008. My son John has been trying to attend college, take care of our house, the bills and our 9 foster cats. It's been hard on all of us and we're only at the beginning of our new life. My son David has physical problems, he's blind and has a frontal lobe injury. I'm a single mother and have always been able to care for my two sons but this time I had to get help. David's Case Manager pushed me to ask for help and through the SFAC I found Daniel Bullis and your organization. I wanted to tell you a little bit about myself and my family, I can't thank you all enough for the financial help you gave me. It is a very caring thing you're doing for our Soldiers and their families. Thank You Again,
Love & Prayers Wanda Gillis

Janet Southby & Fred Brand,
Thank you very much for your support of our event. We had a great weekend and got national press with the Pentagon TV Channel.
Thanks again, My Best to All,
Joe Potter

The family of the late *CSM Sinkovitz* has requested that, in lieu of flowers, all donations be made to the Walter Reed Society. We honor *CSM Sinkovitz* and appreciate his service.

Miss Debra,
Thank you for arranging Friday's visit at WRAMC. The girls were so happy to be able to visit...it was the highlight of their DC trip. Love your unique office-like you're sitting in "history" surrounded by amazing photos and memorabilia. Love our pins! Here's a little donation for the Walter Reed Society.
Pamela Casey (Lifetime Member)

SGM James Gonyea and his family would like to express their sincere appreciation for your kind words of comfort during their most difficult times.

We extend grateful appreciation to all of our individual and corporate donors during 2008. Thanks to you we were able to make a difference for Soldiers and their families.

IN MEMORY OF SGM (RET) CLARENCE J. ROUP

It is hard to believe that seven months have gone by since the passing of our beloved member and friend CJ Roup.

Brenda and he have been dedicated members of the Walter Reed Society for many years and are a part of the fabric of our Army Medical Department family as well. Our deepest sympathy to Brenda and her family on this untimely loss. Many of us were able to attend the funeral services at Arlington National Cemetery to bid a farewell to this great American. CJ was a model of a man and a professional Non-Commissioned Officer who would never hesitate to perform on



the spot corrections to fellow senior NCO's when he deemed appropriate. Many times his corrections involved a string of expletives that only CJ could deliver. CJ was always armed with advice, solicited or not, and most of the time it was direct and left the listener with no doubt about where he stood. This is what made him so loveable. His love for our country, our soldiers, his bride, his family and his corps...and now and then his game of golf is what made CJ the man he was.

We miss him tremendously and treasure the relationships that we had and hold dear.

MEMBERS OF THE SPRING LAKE, NJ FIRE DEPARTMENT...

Members of the Spring Lake, NJ Fire Department returned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center this December to present their second donation to the Walter Reed Society to help wounded warriors and families that need our assistance. Their dedication to our wounded warriors and generosity with their fund raising efforts is genuinely appreciated by the Walter Reed Society and Soldiers and family members who benefit from their donations.



Representatives from the New Jersey Fire department and SGM (Ret) Dan Bullis

NCR MILITARY MEDICAL FACILITIES ...

BETHESDA, MD.-- On 15 January 2009, Deputy Secretary of Defense Gordon England approved the establishment of Joint Commands at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the community hospital at Ft. Belvoir. These new Joint Commands will report to the Joint Task Force National Capital Region Medical (JTF Cap-Med). The new facilities will be staffed as Joint rather than single Service billets with a mix of military medical professionals from the Army, Navy and Air Force.

This unprecedented and transformational decision ushers in a new model for health care delivery in the National Capital Region. While military hospitals have traditionally provided care to beneficiaries from all Services, Military Treatment Facilities have never been staffed with a representative mix of medical personnel from the Service Medical Departments.

This decision is the second in a series of decisions designed to implement an integrated regional approach to military healthcare and achieve unity of effort. The first decision approved by the Deputy Secretary of Defense on 20 October 2008 was the use of a single Department of Defense (DoD) civilian personnel staffing model at National Capital Region Medical Facilities. This means that ultimately current Army, Navy, or Air Force civilian personnel in the region will become a DoD civilian workforce.

VADM John Mateczun, Commander JTF CapMed remarked, "These decisions provide the foundation that will allow us to achieve one of the nation's premier regional healthcare systems for our patients while enhancing the Services' ability to provide fully trained and ready expeditionary medical forces. Our skilled and dedicated civilian workforce will have new opportunities for career development that will

be unprecedented."

The plans for implementation of these transformational decisions are in development. The BRAC law requires that the new facilities be fully operational by 15 September 2011. The manning documents for the hospitals have been undergoing spiral development and will now take the form of a Joint Table of Distribution or JTD. A Civilian Human Resources Council has been chartered with representation from the service systems as well as DoD.

The JTF Staff and Component Commanders are completing an organizational structure for the new hospitals that will incorporate best practices and bring together some clinical services in new ways to enhance patient care.

Additional information about transitional changes in the NCR will be posted on www.JTFCAPMED.mil.

EXCHANGE MONITOR FUND RAISING EFFORT...

Mr. Ed Helminski receives the combat medic statue (from left SGM Jim Gonyea, COL Jan Southby, Mr. Ed Helminski and SGM Dan Bullis) during a luncheon at Walter Reed as a token of our gratitude for his dedication and generosity to our wounded warriors. Mr. Helminski is the President of Exchange Monitor, a Washington, DC based organization and has sponsored an annual golf tournament for the past two years and has named the Walter Reed Society OIF/OEF Family Support Fund as the recipients of this fund raising effort. The golf tournament is conducted in October of each year at Amelia Island in Florida where Mr. Helminski and the Exchange Monitor employees host several wounded warriors from Walter Reed Army Medical Center during their annual meeting. Representatives involved in this effort have been COL Vandy Miller (2008) and SGM CJ Roup (2007). We are currently planning for the 2010 tournament and any member of the Walter Reed Society that would like to participate should notify one of the Board Members.



SGM Jim Gonyea, COL Jan Southby, Mr. Ed Helminski and SGM Dan Bullis. Photo by Irene Cusimano

Select Auto Imports in Alexandria...

For the third consecutive Veterans Day, Select Auto Imports in Alexandria, VA partnered with the Walter Reed Society and WTOP to commemorate our active military and veterans. Mr. Mike Haji, president of Select Auto Imports, felt the best way to do this was to promote the positive things the Walter Reed Society does each day to enhance the life of our military!

The Walter Reed Society sponsors events and funds projects and goods that enhance patient care services, support the welfare and morale of soldiers and other staff, and preserve the legacy and renowned international reputation of "Walter Reed" the man and the institution named in his honor.

Through the generous support of corporate and private donors, a special fund was established in 2004 to support servicemen and women being

treated at WRAMC due to service in Iraq, Afghanistan and surrounding areas. The Operation Iraqi Freedom/ Operation Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF) Support Fund is used to assist service members and/or their families when support provided through Invitational Travel Orders (ITO), do not meet the immediate need during the patient's treatment at WRAMC.

Funding is approved for assistance on a case by case review of the applications and a personal meeting with a WRS representative and it is considered a grant. Hundreds of wounded warriors and their family members have received assistance from this fund. Help with travel, lodging and subsistence expenses is a frequent need.

The end result was a month long campaign - driving WTOP listeners to www.walterreedsociety.org to donate funds - with Select Auto matching up

to \$10,000 in donations....this resulted in a total contribution of \$23,450!

"Well first let me say just how honored I am to be a part of this fundraising event. I originally came up with this idea last year after hearing news about Walter Reed being under funded and the soldiers staying in unacceptable facilities. Being in business in the Washington DC area for over 22 years has given me the opportunity to form close relationships with those who serve or have served in the military. Many have been clients, close friends and even employees. I am so thankful that even in this tough economic climate we were able to raise as much as we did. I look forward to raising even more next year."

M. Hajimohammad
President & CEO
Select Auto Imports, Inc.

THE WALTER REED SOCIETY IS GRATEFUL FOR RUDI WILLIAMS' MANY CONTRIBUTIONS AS VP, COMMUNICATIONS AND EXPRESSES SINCERE SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY.

Rufus M. Williams Army Photographer

Rufus M. Williams, 70, a retired Army sergeant major who specialized in public affairs and photojournalism, died Dec. 26 from heart and kidney failure at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. He was a Dale City resident.

Sgt. Maj. Williams joined the Army in 1963 as a cook in New York City. He took assignments in Germany and France before working at Walter Reed Medical

Center as a journalist. In the late 1970s, he was a bureau chief in Germany for the publication Stars and Stripes.

In 1976, he was trained as one of the Army's first photojournalists at Syracuse University. In the early 1980s, he worked at the Pentagon as a bureau chief for Stars and Stripes before working a photojournalist for the American Forces Information Service, which reports on military life, until his retirement in 1990. He then took an assignment as a photojournalist for the American Forces Information

Service until his second retirement in 2006.

Rufus Moses Williams was born in Savannah, Ga. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland in the early 1970s. He settled in the Washington region in 1982.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Irene Summers Williams of Dale City; a daughter, Sharon S. Williams of Dumfries; and a grandson.

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FUNERAL FOR SGM (Ret.) RUDI WILLIAMS

**The Cemetery's assigned date is
26 February, 11:00 a.m., Post
Chapel (red brick chapel at ceme-
tery gate), Ft Myer, VA.**

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(703) 607-8585 or
[www.arlingtoncemetery.org/
directions.html](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org/directions.html)
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