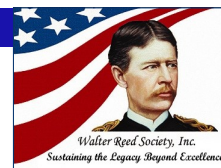


Walter Reed Society, Inc.

President's Message



John Pierce

WRS OFFICERS

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COL (R) Brian Foley

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CAPT (R) John Gallicchio

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COL (R) S. Avery Davis

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Appointed

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I hope that this finds you and your families well and safe. To say that 2020 has been an unusual year would be a gross understatement. The pandemic has changed almost everything in our lives. Things that we used to think nothing about and take for granted, we can no longer do. Visiting with family, children and grandchildren, is no longer as carefree as it once was. Sometimes we may wonder if it will ever get back to normal, and if not, what will our new normal be? In addition to the pandemic, the social and political unrest has been significant.

The activities of the Walter Reed Society have been slowed but not stopped by the pandemic. As you know we had to cancel our Annual Meeting in May and our reunion in October. We are also cancelling our Holiday Gathering for this coming December as well. Hopefully, we will be able to hold our Annual Meeting next spring. We are planning to hold our WRS reunion on the old WRAMC campus next fall, 2021 (see following story).

Despite the pandemic the Society's activities have not been stopped. The Board has continued to hold our every other month meetings but by conference call instead of face to face. The Board voted to provide a cash grant to both Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital to be used as they see fit in dealing with the pandemic issues and needs they face (see following story). We have continued to provide assistance to patients and families when needs are identified in which we can assist.

It is very unlikely that we will be able to have any sales within the hospital during the upcoming Holiday Season. Anyone interested in purchasing WRS related items may do so via our website where a number of our items are available (see following story).

Three of our long-time Board members have stepped down from their positions and a fourth will do so soon. The entire membership of the Society and the Board sincerely thanks Fred Brand for his long and valued service to the Society. Fred was the first President of the Society and is probably its longest serving Board member, most recently as VP Development. Fred McLain has been our Secretary for a number of years and has faithfully and competently served in getting the minutes of the Board meetings prepared and distributed. Linda Anderson has been our VP Projects for several years and has done an excellent job working with the hospital responding to their requests for assistance. Thanks so very much to both our Freds and Linda for their dedication and service. John Gallicchio, our only former Public Health Service Board member, has informed me that he wants to step down from his position as VP Communications.

Dr. Avery Davis, COL, MC USA (R) has volunteered to serve on the Board (see following story). We need a couple of more volunteers to fill out the Board membership. If you are interested please let me know.

As always, a big THANK YOU to all our loyal members and supporters especially during these trying and unusual times.

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Dr. S. Avery Davis Joins the WRS Board

COL(R) Shelton Avery Davis, MD, currently works as a physician in the Department of Rehabilitation at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) where he is faculty with the Anesthesia Pain Fellowship Program and faculty/staff, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Residency Program. He is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation at the Uniformed Services University of the Health

Sciences. Prior to returning to WRNMMC as a civilian physician, Dr. Davis was in private practice for several years as a physiatrist and interventional pain management physician at Parkway Neuroscience and Spine Institute (PNSI) in Hagerstown and Frederick, MD. Before joining PNSI in 2013, Dr. Davis was an active duty physician and Chief, Integrated Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service and faculty/staff physician, Anesthesia Pain Clinic at WRNMMC. Dr. Davis was instrumental in transitioning the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service from WRAMC to WRNMMC in 2011.

Dr. Davis also deployed as a Battalion Surgeon, 1-505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Baghdad Iraq in



S. Avery Davis, M.D.

2008-09. Prior to his deployment, he had been Chief, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service at WRAMC and Assistant Chief, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service at Tripler Army Medical Center.

Dr. Davis is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute in 1988 where he was a Merit Scholar, Gottwald Scholar and Distinguished Military Graduate. He was commis-

sioned as a Chemical Officer and served with distinction with 1/5 Mechanized Infantry in the Republic of Korea and as a biological weapons detection specialist at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He is a graduate of Eastern Virginia Medical School in 1996 and he completed his internship, residency and fellowship training at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Additionally, Dr. Davis is published in the medical literature and the recipient of numerous awards and accolades to include to the Bronze Star Medal and the Order of Military Medical Merit.

The Walter Reed Society is very pleased that Dr. Davis is joining the Board of Directors.

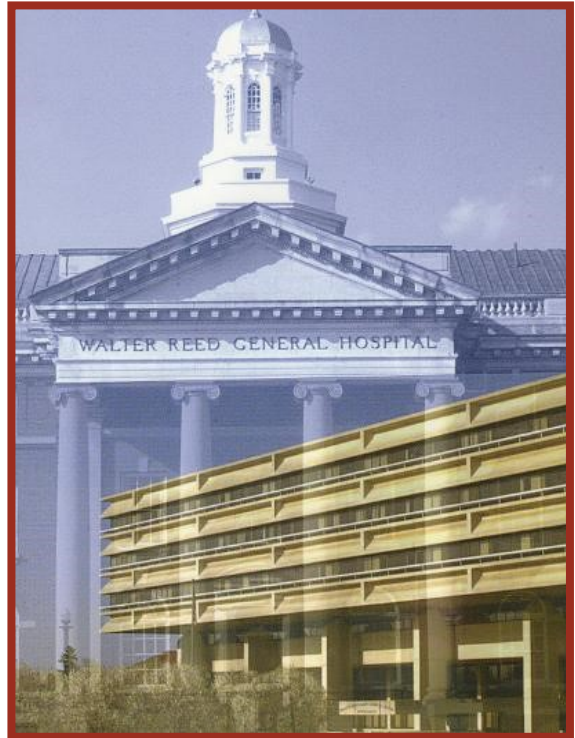
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Walter Reed Society Reunion on WRAMC Campus Rescheduled

As you know, our reunion scheduled for this fall on the old WRAMC campus had to be postponed because of the pandemic. We are planning on having the reunion in the fall of next year, 2021, in the same location, the historic Rose Garden. The campus has undergone many changes and is currently under lots of new construction. Building 2, the Heaton Pavilion, has been torn down.

The DC International School operates in Delano Hall. Children's Hospital National Medical Center is renovating the AFIP building for its use. Housing for homeless veterans occupies a renovated portion on Abrams Hall. Construction on new condos continues behind the two sets of General Officer quarters on the corner of Georgia Avenue and Aspen Street.

Obviously lots going on within the old campus. Join us next fall for the reunion. Although the date has not been finalized, it will probably be the first weekend in October. Final date and other details will follow.



Check out website for a webcam image:
<https://api.ibeamsystems.com/api/cameras/d315b14428/large/latest/?timestamped=true>

Walter Reed Society Health Information Management Scholarships

COL(R) Brian Foley - First Vice President

The Walter Reed Society (WRS) is providing funding for Health Information Management (HIM) scholarships to the spouses of active duty military, veterans and their spouses, wounded warriors and their spouses and surviving spouses. Since 2015, the WRS has funded scholarships at the associate, bachelor's and master's level. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics cites medical records and health information technicians as one of the fastest growing occupations in the US, with an anticipated growth of 11 percent between 2018-2028. The WRS desires to have more applicants for these scholarships. Request that the readers educate prospective eligible applicants on the Health Information Management career field and the availability of these scholarships: (<http://www.ahima.org/careers/healthinfo?tabid=why>) and the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Foundation (<https://ahimafoundation.org>).

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'Tis The Season — WRS 2020 Holiday Showcase Collection

Because of requirements during the pandemic, Walter Reed Society will not hold any hospital sale events this holiday season. Instead, we continue our annual tradition with new and "old" favorites alike available for online purchases. Preview our three-page showcase that features our Wreath of Flags 2020 collectible below and highlights others from previous seasons. Don't see what you want here or want to see more? Go to our website for a complete list: www.walterreedsociety.org. Proceeds from sales assist patients and their families treated at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and other facilities in the National Capital Region to help with unmet needs.

WRS 2020 Collectible

**Wreath of Flags
\$18 each
includes S&H**



Wreath of Flags

Adorned with an attached Walter Reed Society oval tag, handcrafted on solid brass in the USA and packaged in a window box with ruffled bow on display.

Visit www.walterreedsociety.org for more collectibles and online purchases. For mail-in orders and info, see page 6. Questions? contact: walterreedsociety@verizon.net or 301-571-1580. Methods of Payment: Credit Cards (Online Only) / Checks (payable to: WRS) Mail to: WRS, 8901 Wisconsin Ave, #303, Bethesda, MD, 20889-5600. **Want items delivered by 12/25? Estimated recommendation: Payments be received for processing by 12/15/2020.**

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WRS 2020 Holiday Collection and Online Sales cont.



Wreaths Across America

WRS-designed holiday collectible honors veterans. Each year, thousands of wreaths are placed at graveside by volunteers at more than 1,600 locations in all 50 states, at sea and abroad.



Peace and Hope

Beautiful white peace dove holding the world on a red ribbon with a striking burst of blue stars in the background.

Featured items

\$18 each

includes S&H



"God Bless the USA"

Honors those who serve. Includes raised lettering in red, white, and blue on a bright medallion of mainland United States.



The Patriotic Star

Honors USA military—Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Circle of loyalty and star of fidelity, pays tribute to service.

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WRS 2020 Holiday Collection and Online Sales cont.



Holiday Stockings

United States Armed Services. U.S. Public Health Service (not pictured) also available for purchase on website.
\$20 each (includes shipping and handling)



CHECK ORDER (Include phone# on check)

Please PRINT clearly and legibly

Name: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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Society Makes Grants to WRNMMC and FBCH

Early on during the pandemic, it became evident with "Stay at Home" orders and everything else that was going on that the work of the Society would, for the immediate future, be changing. It was evident that there were new challenges for the hospitals and many previously unbudgeted requirements. WRS Board of Directors voted to provide both Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital grants of \$20,000 each to be used as needed during these difficult and very unexpected days and months.



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Thank you for your generous donation of \$20,000 to the General Gift Fund at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Please accept my sincerest appreciation for your generosity and goodwill, but most of all for your support of our brave men and women who serve this great Nation.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Barr
Colonel, Medical Corps
United States Army
Director



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CYNTHIA L. JUDY
CAPT, NC, USN
Director

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SERVING THOSE WHO
SERVE OUR COUNTRY

Dear Walter Reed Society,

On behalf of the Oakleaf Club of Greater Washington, DC I would like to thank you for your continued support and generosity for our Pediatric Stuffed Animal Program! We are so grateful for your partnership and we wouldn't be able to host the program without you! Thank you for helping ensure our youngest at Walter Reed have the best experience possible!

All the Best,
Kamela Bell





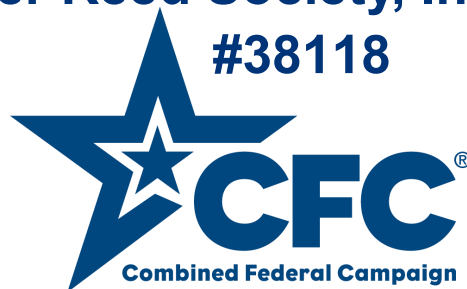
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MEMBERSHIP CONNECTIONS... We continue to develop an electronic mailing list of our members. Please share your email address with us if interested in receiving our newsletter electronically in the future. Thank you. Walter Reed Society, Inc. www.walterreedsociety@verizon.net

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is underway thru January 15, 2021. WRS is once again a participant in the annual charitable fundraiser. Federal government employees, retirees and new hires are eligible donors. Help us spread the word about what we do and ask them to consider us when making contributions. As members, your voice of support and generosity helps us continue to do our good **Work**, **Respond** to those in need, and **Serve** and assist our valued military patients, families and hospital staff.

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Special Day — Giving Tuesday is December 1st — an annual day of online giving that celebrates the spirit of generosity. Donations can be made through CFC or directly.

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