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WRS Bids Farewell to Former Treasurer, Lifelong Friend

By TSgt (Ret) Andre Nicholson
Editor, WRS Newsletter

One of the most important responsibilities anyone can have within an organization is the handling of finances and for the Walter Reed Society, that person was MCPO (Ret) John Frankenburg. For more than three years, Frankenburg held the position of treasurer. Ensuring that payments were made and finances were kept in order. Although Frankenburg has resigned, he has agreed to serve as a member of the WRS Finance Committee.

"John is a true inspiration to all our colleagues in the Walter Reed Society. He has given so much of himself, over so many years, that words can't begin to express our gratitude and the honor we feel for having the opportunity to serve with him," said Joe Konzelman, WRS President.

Frankenburg's resignation from his position as treasurer comes as no surprise as he and his wife Cynthia Frankenburg were preparing to relocate to more serene living, further south in the Yorktown, Va., area.

"I've had the best time working with everyone involved with the Walter Reed Society. The work that our organization does for wounded warriors and their families is what kept me involved in the society," Frankenburg said. "I'll truly miss all the friends I've made, and the great work we did, but I'm confident that work will continue with the dedication of my colleagues under the leadership of Joe Konzelman."

As a veteran of the Armed Forces, Frankenburg is not unfamiliar with relocating. He retired from the U.S. Navy in 1997 after 34 years of honorable service, during which time he earned numerous medals and awards to include the Navy Achievement, Navy Commendation, Southeast Asia Kuwait Liberation Medal,

and Department of Defense Commendation.

He most recently retired in 2011 from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences where he served as the Protocol Officer in the Office of External Affairs. However, now it is time for Frankenburg to really sit back and enjoy the fruits of his labor.

As a native of Toledo, Ohio, Frankenburg attended the University of Toledo, graduated from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and completed a program at the George Washington University School of Business in Event and Tourism Management.

With much more spare time on his hands, Frankenburg can enjoy some of his hobbies which include traveling, studying history and spending time with his grandchildren. He is married to the former Cynthia Hodin, a Scranton, Pa., native and they have three children and six grandchildren.

Frankenburg has always been active in his community and plans to continue that tradition in his new area. He is a lifetime member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans.



John Frankenburg

WRS Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited to the Walter Reed Society's Annual Meeting. Brunch will be served.

When: Sunday, May 4, 2014

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Where: Uniformed Services University of the
Health Sciences Dining Room

RSVP: By April 28, call (301) 571-1580 or
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Cost: \$30

You can also mail a check to:

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



WRS Recognizes Its Dedicated Members

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It goes without saying that a number of people have been instrumental in making the Walter Reed Society the thriving and charitable organization that it is today. Some people contribute through donations, some contribute their time and some do both. Well, Carlton Kammerer, former Washington Redskin and WRS Liaison for Sports and Recreational Activities, is one of those people.



Carlton Kammerer

Kammerer has worked with WRS for several years in different capacities such as coordinating golf tournaments for wounded warriors and other charitable events leading to generous donations to the Society.

"My involvement started at Walter Reed Hospital while I was an active player with the (Washington) Redskins during the Vietnam War," Kammerer said. "Currently, I volunteer at Fort George G. Meade golf course. I head up Light House of Prayer for our church, and I'm the founding chairman of a group of formal NFL players who honor our military service personnel...particularly those who are wounded."

The Walter Reed Society is made up of a team of volunteers who have one goal in mind, helping wounded warriors and their families in their times of need. Kammerer understands quite well what it means and takes to be a part of a team that has one goal, to win the game. As part of the

NFL franchise for nine years, a middle linebacker for the San Francisco 49ers and a defensive right end with the Washington Redskins, Kammerer had to learn early on what it would take to be successful as an individual and as a team member. He lives by three essential points that he recently shared in a heartfelt letter to his granddaughter.

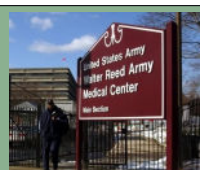
"No matter what the circumstances, one can achieve major objectives in life. It is possible on each large and small occasion when you: 1) realistically recognize your objective; 2) plan and prepare to meet that objective; and 3) attack with the full confidence that you will win," Kammerer said.

Before being drafted into the NFL Kammerer attended the University of the Pacific where he earned his bachelor degree and later went on to study secondary teaching at San Francisco State University while playing with the 49ers.

After his years with the NFL, he worked for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of the Federal Government from which he retired after nearly 28 years. He also served as a political appointee under President Richard Nixon as the director of Congressional Relations for the Department of Transportation and the ACTION agency, and then later as director of State Programs at the NRC.

Among Kammerer's many awards, he earned the Distinguished Service Award for Excellence as director of State Programs and was also recognized by the National Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors. He is chair of the Membership Committee of the Washington DC Chapter of Former NFL Players and chair of the John Mackey Committee that assists in raising funds and public awareness for Dementia and Alzheimer.

Kammerer is married to Patricia Kammerer and they have two children and six grandchildren.



**Feeling
Nostalgic?**

Check out some photos of Walter Reed Army Medical Center as it was in 2013 and decades before.

Visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/wramc/sets/>



Update on Future of WRAMC Property

By COL (Ret) John R. Pierce, M.D.
WRS Historian

It has been about a year since there has been an update on the plans for the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) campus. As it stands right now, the campus is still in the hands of the Army and it is essentially closed to the public. About 60 folks, who are charged with security and maintenance, remain there on a daily basis.

At the beginning of 2014, nothing has changed in regard to the distribution of the land as more than half (67.5 acres) will be conveyed to the District government for redevelopment; the remaining (about 43 acres) will be conveyed to the Department of State with plans to build a Foreign Missions Center.

The District government's Walter Reed Local Redevelopment Authority

(LRA) has announced that the developers will be team headed by Hines, a national firm based in Houston, with two local companies, Urban Atlantic, and Triden.

Plans call for 3.1 million square feet of development, costing \$1 billion, over perhaps 20 years of construction — including over 2,000 residential units, 250,000 square feet of retail space, 90,000 square feet of offices, a science center, restaurants, a hotel and conference center, and 20 acres of open space. Plans also include space for a Howard University specialty medical clinic, a DC charter school, and homeless service organizations. You can find more information on The Parks at Walter Reed at <http://www.walterreedtomorrow.com>

On its portion of the property, the Department of State (DOS) plans to develop a Foreign Missions Center (FMC) to house up to about 15 chan-

ceries or embassies. To make room for the chanceries, DOS proposes to tear down the Mologne House, Rumbaugh Garage, Wagner Gym, AFIP building, and Fisher Houses. The WRAIR and American Red Cross buildings will be offered to countries looking to build a chancery. Current plans do not call for the Memorial Chapel to be torn down. Much more information can be found at <http://www.state.gov/ofm/property/fmc/index.htm>

Finally, historic preservation is being addressed in two ways. The Army is preparing a nomination for the majority of the property to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Second, the DC Preservation League has prepared an application for listing the majority of the property on the DC Inventory of Historic Sites. Both of these efforts target buildings built before 1955.

New WRS Ornament, Afghan Designs Available Soon

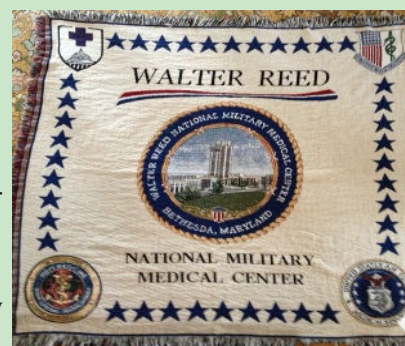
The Society designed the 2014 ornament as a Patriotic Star honoring the military forces: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard. It is a tribute to all



people who serve or have served in appreciation for their dedicated and loyal service to the nation and the many sacrifices they made in doing their duty. This includes military families who serve our country with pride, honor, and quiet dedication.

The ornament will be available for purchase soon.

The Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, depicted in the center of the new afghan is surrounded by stars with an emblem in each corner: the Defense Health Agency National Capital Region Medical Directorate logo, the AMEDD Regimental Distinctive Insignia, the Navy Medicine logo and the seal of the Air Force Medical Service. The afghans will be available at the Annual Meeting for \$45 each. Purchase may also be arranged by calling 301-571-1580 or sending an email to walterreedsociety@verizon.net.





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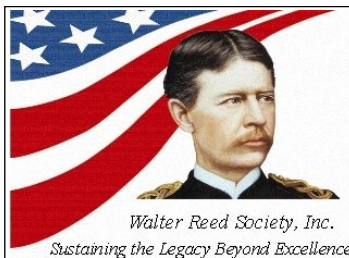
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