



Walter Reed Society, Inc.

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Walter Reed Society Moves from WRAMC to WRNMMC

By COL (R) Janet Southby
President, Walter Reed Society

Dear Members and Supporters,

The Society has moved into the newly renovated Building 17, Healthcare Operations Suite 2C, Cubicles 78 and 79, at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Although the office previously described was not approved, these cubicles have been provided for our use. We have settled into our new space, so stop by when you visit.

Our new address is: Walter Reed Society, 8901 Wisconsin Ave #303, Bethesda MD 20889-5600. To date, we do not have on-site internet access or a dedicated telephone number. In the meantime, our email address is still walterreedsociety@verizon.net and a temporary telephone number is 301 319 2624. Updates may be found at walterreedsociety.org.

We greatly appreciate the support of COL Chuck Callahan, Chief of Staff, WRNMMC, who recognized that preserving the legacy of Walter Reed, the man and the institution named in his honor, has been an integral part of the Society's mission since its founding in 1995. Integration of the Society within WRNMMC is appropriate to honor the history of both WRAMC and NNMC as the facilities merge to form a new internationally recognized identity. The Society's close association will insure its availability to assist with unmet needs associated with education, treatment, research, or specially identified equipment and

services related to patient care, in coordination with the Command or the Warrior Family Coordination Cell. Proximity to patients and caregivers will also facilitate another vital Society mission of financial assistance to wounded warriors and their families.

Loyal members of the Society packed our physical goods and files in the Pershing Suite on Sept. 30. As file space and storage space for mementoes at Bethesda is not yet available, these items have been moved to storage at the headquarters of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. We are most grateful to AMSUS for their support with this great need. We also heartily thank Joe Cevasco, Alberta Banen, and Bill Mason for their volunteer labor, equipment and transport to make the physical move a reality in short, efficient order.



Photo by Jim Cox
The National Colors were lowered over Walter Reed for the last time as a garrison of the U.S. Army at 1200 hours on Sept. 15, 2011.

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Volunteers, donors are key to WRS success



Courtesy photos

Col (Ret.) Fred Brand, Vice President of Development, WRS (left), volunteered in the Walter Reed Society Booth during the Stars, Stripes and Spokes Motorcycle Rally on Memorial Day Weekend. (Right) Don Blocker, sponsor and chairman of WRS cookout and golf tournament, Al Landis, 96th District Ohio State Representative, Barry Gibson, volunteer; Ed Diefenbaugh, volunteer; and Clarence McGinnis, supporter, attended the Armed Forces Appreciation Day, May 2011. Blocker has sponsored golfing events for the Walter Reed Society for the last three years to help raise funds. Other organizations such as Helping Soldiers donated \$133.50; Stars and Stripes Organization donated \$5,000; BUNZL donated \$2,000, and Korean War Veterans donated \$20,000.

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The following week, we moved our computers and printers to the cubicles at Bethesda where Debra Washington, our Administrative Assistant, is currently available to support Walter Reed Society activities on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. John Frankenburg, Treasurer, and other Society members are present intermittently.

The WRAMC Transition Ceremony and casing of the unit colors, held July 27, 2011, received good press and links can be found at walterreed-society.org. The final ceremony was held at the flag pole in front of Building 2, Heaton Pavilion. The National Colors were lowered over Walter Reed for the last time as a garrison of the U.S.

Army at 1200 hours on Sept. 15, 2011.

Congratulations to RADM Alton L. Stocks, MC, USN, who assumed command of Navy Medicine Capital Area and the WRNMMC on Sept. 28. The Society has already contributed over \$22,600 in support of Wounded Warriors and activities at the Command since our relocation. While most of the funds assisted with Warrior/family needs, the Life Skills Transition Program, lunches for troops on a White House Visit, and the Walter Reed Birthday Lecture were also funded.

Please attend the Holiday Membership Gathering on Dec. 4 and bring along a new member.

*With kind regards,
Janet Southby, COL, USA, Ret.*



With Special Thanks From Families

Dear Walter Reed Society,

Our family would like to thank you for your financial gift to us. Earlier this year, we were in need of help with transportation. I needed to go home to Oregon and see my Dad. He has Alzheimer's and was put into a nursing home a couple months ago, and is not doing well.

In order for me to leave, my daughter needed to come out and stay with my son. He is 19 and was taken to Walter Reed on April 8. Matt was injured in Afghanistan. He was driving a vehicle that ran over an IED. His side took the brunt of the blast. His left leg was amputated about 3 weeks after he arrived at Walter Reed, The right leg is badly injured and the doctors continue to work on it.

Thank you to Mr. Bullis and Mr. Brand for their help. Walter Reed was our last option for help with airfare. It was such a blessing for our family. The stress of dealing with financial issues during this time is draining. We are thankful for the many different avenues that are available to help the families of Wounded Warriors.

Again, thank you very much for your generosity.

*Sincerely,
Debbie Stubblefield and Family*

Members of The Walter Reed Society,

On December 9, 2010 my wife (1LT Lacey Hamilton) was ejected from a vehicle traveling in Afghanistan's Herat province. She suffered severe injuries to her neck, skull, face, collar bone and right hand. The news of her accident put a deep emotional strain on me and my family. Preparation for her return home brought on financial strains which we were not prepared to deal with alone.

Mr. Dan Bullis and the members of the Walter Reed Society were there to take on a huge part of the financial burden. In January 2011 the City of Wilmington, DE turned off the water to our house. Although we were not living in it we had planned to return when Lacey was released from the Warrior Transition Brigade. The Walter Reed Society provided a very generous gift which covered the entire past due balance.

I was traveling to Wilmington to plea a payment arrangement with the water company when Lacey called me with the news. I did not believe her! Thank you for helping us get our lives back. We have every intention of giving back at a future date.

*Best Regards,
Larry and Lacey Hamilton*

WRS Membership, Donations

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 at 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.



The Walter Reed Society, Inc., would like to thank all our donors for their support of our wounded warriors and their families.



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Please Join Us for a Holiday Celebration

You are cordially invited to the WRS Holiday Membership Gathering. Come enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, socializing, and activities. You are encouraged to bring new members.

When: Sunday, Dec. 4, 2011

Time: 2 - 5 p.m. **Cost:** \$30 per person

Where: Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) Dining Room

RSVP by telephone to Debra Washington at 301-879-0521 or email walterreedsociety@verizon.net or mail your check to Walter Reed Society, 8901 Wisconsin Ave #303, Bethesda MD 20889-5600 not later than Nov. 28. Also call Debra in case of inclement weather for information. Please respond to this printed invitation as a separate mailing is not planned.



The 2011 Walter Reed Society collectible will soon be available for \$15 each.