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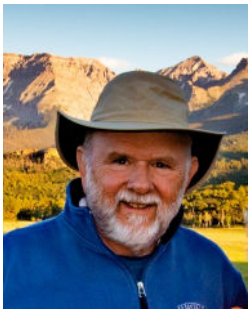

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This year, 2026, is a bit of an anniversary year. Not only is it the 30th anniversary of the Walter Reed Society it is also the 175th anniversary of Major Walter Reed's birth. In addition, it is the 125th anniversary of the completion of his world changing yellow fever research in Cuba. It is also the 15th anniversary of the opening of Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Lots to remember and celebrate.

This edition contains a bit of an unusual article for us titled, **Walter Reed at 175**. This article provides a little history of the life of the man whose name is memorialized on one of the great medical facilities in the world. In July, I had the pleasure of meeting Rosie Hayes and her family visiting the United States on "Holiday" from England. Rosie is the great-great-granddaughter of Major Walter Reed; it was an honor to meet her, her husband and four children and to present them with Walter Reed Society coins. This addition also contains articles about the Society's assistance to patients within the National Capital Region, our sponsorship of the Rose Mologne Award and the new Janet R. Southby Award. Both of these awards, honor Society members and leaders. The inaugural Southby Award is to encourage and recognize research conducted by nurses. At the award ceremony, I met Colonel Canisha Martin, Chief Nursing Officer at WRNMMC. In a later meeting with her and her deputy I offered for the Walter Reed Society to provide more support for nursing research in the form of small grants to individual researchers. We will pursue this support with them during the coming year.

I have previously mentioned the efforts of Catheryn Penzler with the Chevy Chase Garden Club to rehab the ground level garden between Buildings 9 and 10 at Walter Reed. Catheryn's father experienced his final illness at Walter Reed a number of years ago during which time she visited him frequently. During her visits, she noted the less than optimal condition of the ground level gardens. She was determined to do everything she could to see it improved and for at least the past 4 years pursued that goal. She has finally been successful with work to begin this fall. Congratulations to Catheryn.

You recall that last fall the Society partnered with the Red Cross to provide food items and gas cards to Walter Reed employees during the federal government shutdown. Out of that effort evolved a food pantry maintained in the Red Cross office area with food items supplied by the Society. Another great partnership that aids our patients, families and staff in need.

At our Annual Meeting in May, we elected two new members of the Board of Directors. Colonel (Ret) Jeb Baker, a former Army JAG officer and Colonel (Ret) Mary Maniscalco Theberge, a former Army trauma surgeon were added as Members-at Large. Visit our website for their full bios. We look forward to working with them.

In the Fall edition, we usually announce our Holiday Gala. Last year we cancelled the event because of a low attendance commitment. This year the Board decided not to host an event during the holidays. The decision was made for a number of reasons, including such a busy time of year with many competing events; and importantly the potential for bad weather. Our Annual Meeting plans are for the first Sunday in May 2027.

As always a sincere thank you to the Board of Directors for their efforts on behalf of the Society and to Hermalene Taylor, our Director of Operations for her outstanding work. Without these folks, we would not be able to step up to assist those in need.

WALTER REED AT 175

This year, 2026, is the 175th anniversary of the birth of Walter Reed and the 125th anniversary of his work in Cuba searching for answers to the scourge that was yellow fever. Although he would live only 51 years and never achieve in life the acclaim that he has after his death his work in the Army was truly remarkable. Off and on I have spent some 25 years studying his life and work. Some of you will be familiar with his life but here I cover some information often not addressed.



WALTER REED C.1850S

Walter Reed was the fifth of five children born to the Reverend Lemuel and Pharaba Reed at Belroi near Gloucester, Virginia in 1851. As far as I can tell, Walter Reed had no middle name as did his sibling brothers. There are no official documents showing a middle name or even a middle initial. I've asked the folks at the church where his father ministered but they have no records of marriages, births or deaths that far back.

Walter was too young but two of his brothers served with the Bedford Light Artillery in the Civil War, the same Bedford, Virginia that eight decades later would lose more young men per capita than any city or town in America during the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

It is well known that Reed graduated from the University of Virginia medical school two months short of his 18th birthday. He remains their youngest graduate ever. He acquired a second medical degree from New York University, however they did not grant it until he turned 21. He worked for the City of New York for several years, but when he tried to open a private practice found it difficult to attract patients because of his youth. He needed a steady income so he could marry Emily Lawrence, a young lady he had met at his father's church in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, so he joined the US Army in 1875. After a year posted in New York, he was ordered to Arizona.

Moving up their planned wedding date, Walter, 24, Emily, 20, married on April 25, 1876, with his father performing the wedding in Murfreesboro. As is still common today for military couples, his bride stayed behind as he reported to Ft. Yuma, Arizona. She joined him later after what must have been for the unaccompanied 20 year-old a challenging cross country trip via the transcontinental railroad just 7 years after the Golden Spike had been driven in Promontory Summit, Utah. Emily was surprised when they met in San Francisco to find her husband sporting a mustache, he wore it the rest of his life. In 1877 following a political deadlock in Congress (imagine that), the military was unpaid for months as Congress adjourned without passing an appropriations bill. The independent-minded young couple had to borrow from their parents to get by. ***(Cont. inside >)***

Over their first 18 years of marriage they moved 15 times as military families do, east and west, north and south. During one of his postings in the west, Reed shared the Officers' Mess with Lieutenant (later Brigadier General) Tom Cruise who said of Reed, "at the time the greatest wag and joker that I ever saw." Years later Cruise said that if anyone at the mess was destined for greatness, no one would've guessed it was Walter Reed.

In 1893 he was brought to Washington to be on the faculty of Surgeon General George Miller Sternberg's new Army Medical School. Apparently his selection was not based entirely on the fact he was the best candidate but in part because it would cost less to move him as he lived closer to Washington. It was a fateful decision.

While assigned to the Army Medical School he became a trusted troubleshooter and investigator for General Sternberg. He led missions to investigate issues around the Army, most significant the deadly problems with typhoid during the Spanish American War and yellow fever in Cuba. It was a national scandal that many more troops died of typhoid in Army camps within the United States than died overseas from combat. The Army's Typhoid Board led by Reed included Majors Victor Vaughn and Edward Shakespeare. Beginning in August 1898 they travelled for most of the next 2 months to all the large encampments in the South and several smaller ones. Their work established that "filth, fingers, flies and feces" are the main factors in the spread of typhoid. They helped develop the concept of healthy typhoid carriers, eliminated the diagnosis of typhomalaria as a disease and placed the responsibility for the health of the troops squarely on their military commanders.

In June 1900 Reed was sent to Cuba to investigate infectious diseases with a particular interest in yellow fever, a disease he had read about but never seen. He headed an Army board made up of contract physicians: James Carroll, Aristidies Agramonte and Jesse Lazear. In a remarkable few months, without a single death in their volunteer human subjects, they were able to prove that yellow fever was transmitted by a common domestic mosquito, now known as Aedes aegypti. In further experiments they proved the agent of yellow fever was not acquired through fomites, was transmissible via blood passed through a Berkefeld filter providing evidence of what would become recognized as the first viral disease in humans. In addition to their scientific findings they were the first research group to obtain written informed consent from their experimental subjects.

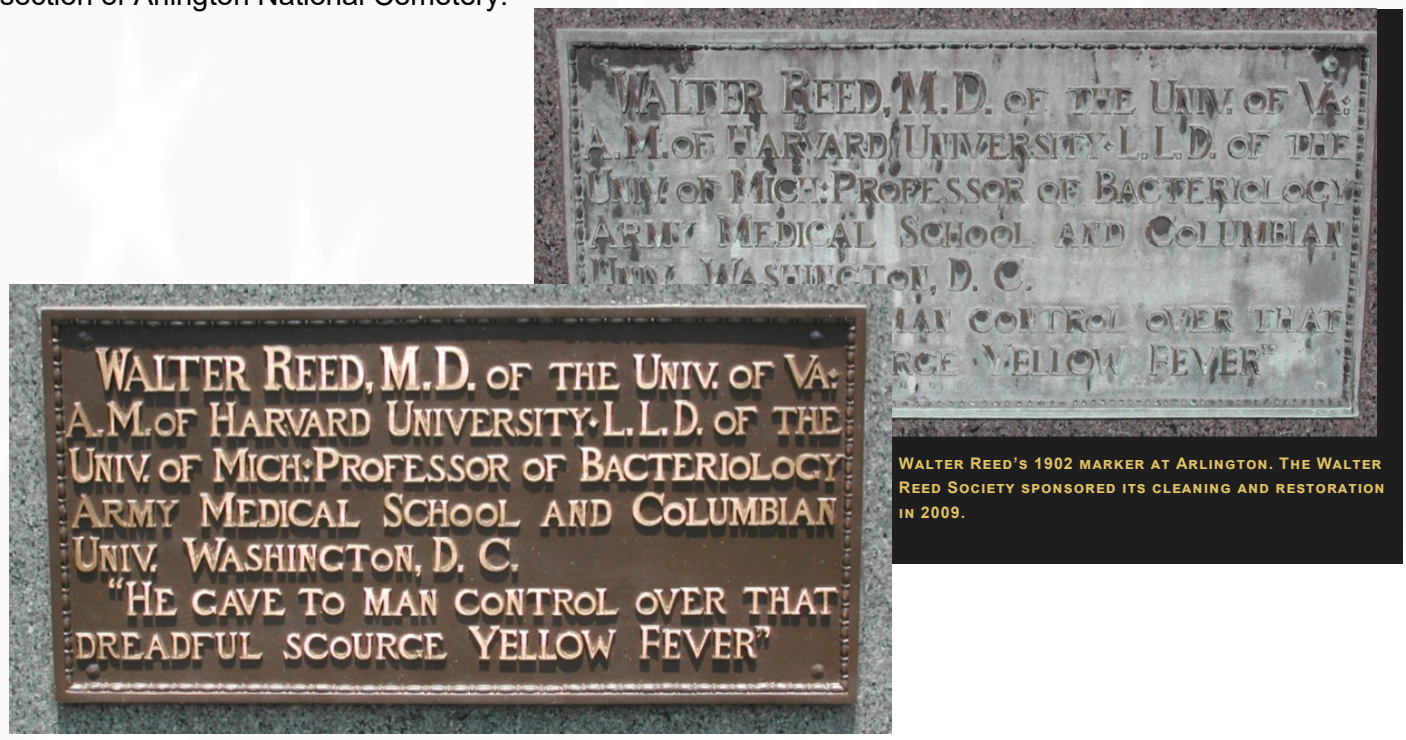


Reed did not have "sea legs" and was often sick on his trips to Cuba.

Reed had returned to Washington to work on the Typhoid Board report when two of the board members developed yellow fever during the course of their experiments. Reed, Carroll and Lazear had agreed to begin human experiments before Reed left Cuba. James Carroll was the first one of the early volunteers bitten by a experimental mosquito laden with yellow fever to become ill. Bitten on 27 August 1900, he developed a severe case of yellow fever but survived. It is very likely that Jesse Lazear who had already been bitten twice before without result self-experimented again when on Sept 13, 1900 he documented an experiment with so-called Guinea Pig #1. Although no document is known that supports a ”stop order” it is most likely Reed told him to stop human experiments until he returned to Cuba. There is no evidence the Board had planned animals experiments and there are no other examples of animal experimentation documented in the “Guinea Pig #1” laboratory notebook or any others. Lazear became ill with yellow fever on the 18th and died on 25 September 1900.

In February 1901 Reed who had shuttled between Washington and Cuba three times during his 8 months in Cuba returned to his work in Washington. He would not return to Cuba.

In the fall of 1902 Reed became ill with what he thought was appendicitis. At the time, it was not considered a surgical emergency and he was operated on after a weekend at home. Dr. William Borden, the operating surgeon and one of Reed’s best friends was shocked to find what amounted to a death sentence, a perforated appendix. In this pre-antibiotic era, Reed had little chance of survival. He died on November 23, 1902 in a building that still stands on what is now Fort McNair in Washington. Reed, just 51, was buried in the medical section of Arlington National Cemetery.



Walter Reed’s 1902 marker at Arlington. The Walter Reed Society sponsored its cleaning and restoration in 2009.



Lieutenant Lawrence Reed

Walter and Emily Reed's son Lawrence had enlisted during the Spanish American War and was in Cuba while his father was there for the Yellow Fever Board. He received a commission while enlisted and remained in the Army for a career. At the time of his father's death he was in the Philippines and unable to return home for the funeral. Major General Lawrence Reed served as a Inspector General of the Army from 1935 to 1939.

Crosby and Haubrich published "The Death of Walter Reed" in 1982. It is beyond the scope of this article to go into detail but Borden had said in a previous article that Reed's was not a typical case of catarrhal appendicitis. They note that Reed's surgical specimen was "Discarded on 8-23-26" by the Army Medical Museum. Could the person who discarded it have looked at the information on it, seen Water Reed and assumed it was just another surgical specimen from the hospital, not realizing it was a specimen from Dr. Walter Reed himself? We will never know.

Borden, commander of the Army hospital at Washington Barracks, spent several years seeking funds for a new hospital with intention of naming it after his friend. He was ultimately successful with the funding and construction of Walter Reed General Hospital in Northwest Washington opening in 1909. In honoring his friend, Borden was successful beyond his wildest dreams as over 100 years later the name Walter Reed is known around the world not because of his groundbreaking scientific work, but because of the military hospital that carries his name. Also carrying his name is the world-renowned Walter Reed Army Institute of Research successor of the Army Medical School who Reed's assignment to in 1893 changed his life.





In 1929 Congress authorized a gold medal honoring the US Army Yellow Fever Board of 1900. Each of the members of the board and the volunteers were honored.

John R. Pierce, COL, MC (Ret) US Army
President & Historian, The Walter Reed Society

Source Note: This is an abridged version of an article scheduled to be published in The AMEDD Historian Fall 2026, an online newsletter of the U.S. Army Medical Department Center of History and Heritage.

Living History - Major Walter Reed's Family Members Visit WRNMMC

Rosie Hayes, the great-great-granddaughter of Major Walter Reed, visited his name sake institution in July with her husband Charles and their four children. Her grandfather Dr. John Munro, an English physician, married Landon Carter Reed, one of Walter and Emily Reed's granddaughters. They moved to Singapore where Dr. Munro was a Professor of Surgery at the time. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Landon and the children left Singapore but Dr. Munro stayed with his patients ultimately to become a prisoner of war of Japan. He survived the war and after recuperation with his family in America they returned to Singapore. Ultimately they moved back to England where the family has remained. Rosie's father Dr. Jim Munro visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center on two occasions, once in 1970 and again over 30 years later in 2002. He was a pioneering pediatric cardio-thoracic surgeon who would serve as the President of the Society for Cardiothoracic Surgery in Britain and Ireland. Rosie and her family live outside London.



The Hayes Family along with John Pierce stand beneath the portrait of their famous ancestor Major Walter Reed.

Living History - Major Walter Reed's Family Members Visit WRNMMC



Rosie Hayes and John Pierce stand beside the Felix de Weldon bust of Walter Reed outside the medical center during her visit. More than 50 years before Rosie's visit, her father Dr. Jim Munro admired the Hans Schuler bust of Walter Reed (above) in the lobby of Walter Reed Army Medical Center.



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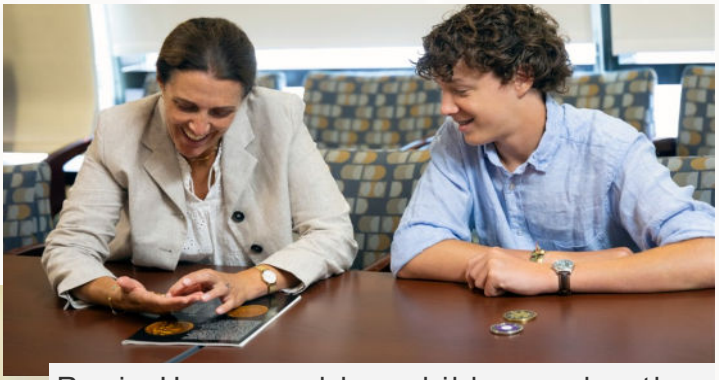
Dr. James Murno **Cardio-Thoracic Specialist**

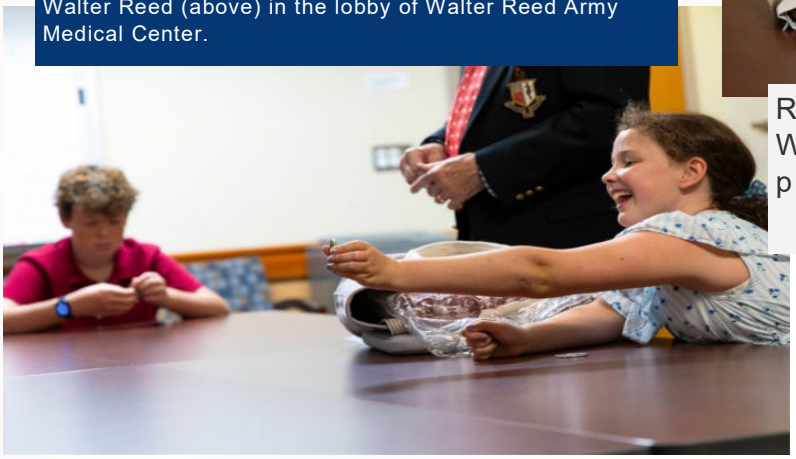
Walter Reed's Great Grandson Visits Center Enroute to Aukland

FAMILY RESEMBLANCE -- Dr. James Monro studies the statue of his greatgrandfather, Major Walter Reed, in the lobby of Old Main at Walter Reed General Hospital. The British physician visited the hospital on his way to a year's residency in New Zealand.

Rosie's father, Dr. Jim Munro, looks up at history and legacy during his visit in 1970 to Walter Reed Army Medical Center.



Rosie Hayes and her children enjoy the Walter Reed Society coins they were presented.



Historical archive photos shown and recent family lineage visit images provided by the WRS President & Historian COL, John R. Pierce, MC Ret, US Army

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LEGACY IMPACT AWARDS

WRS PRESENTS INAUGURAL JANET R. SOUTHBY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NURSING RESEARCH

In spring 2026, Walter Reed Society presented the inaugural Janet R. Southby Award for Excellence in Nursing Research. Colonel Southby is well known to all WRS members as our longest serving president.



Major Julia Catanese holds the inaugural Southby Award for Excellence in Nursing Research. Left to right: CAPT Melissa Austin, Director WRNMMC; Major Catanese; Janet Southby COL (Ret) and Cliff Yu, COL (Ret) Deputy Director Education, Training, & Research, WRNMMC.

COL Southby completed a remarkably distinguished 30 year career in the Army Nurse Corps. During her career she served in Viet Nam, Korea, Ft. Belvoir, VA, The White House, and various positions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to include Chief, Nursing Research Service; Chief, Nursing Administration and Chief, Department of Nursing. She also served as Consultant in Nursing Research to the Surgeon General, US Army. As WRS president, she successfully guided the Society through its move from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda. She continues to serve the Society as an important advisor as President Emeritus.

In an effort to fulfill our mission to support research, WRS established the Janet Southby Award to encourage and support nursing research. The award is an annual competition open to all military nurses in the National Capital Region. WRNMMC's Department of Research Programs supports the award by conducting both the competition and the judging of submitted papers.

Julia G. Catanese, Major US Army Nurse Corps, is the inaugural winner of the Southby Award. Major Cantonese completed her PhD in nursing science at the Uniform Services University of the Health Sciences in May 2026.

The proud daughter of a Vietnam Veteran (LRRP, 101st ABN, 3-506th Currahee), she was commissioned through Army ROTC and holds a master's degree in nursing and healthcare informatics. She is a Certified Perioperative Nurse and Certified Health-care Simulation Educator.

Career assignments include Brooke Army Medical Center, the 512th Field Hospital and Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. Operational and humanitarian missions include the COVID-19 response, Operation Allies Welcome, and Operation African Lion.

Her doctoral research and Southby Award presentation focused on the validity, reliability, and usability of computer-based simulation for scrub-role training in military surgical teams.

Her next assignment is Chief at the Center for Nursing Science and Clinical Inquiry at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. Aloha to our Southby Award recipient!

WRS Presents Fourth Rose Mologne Award

LTC(R) Steve Peth's military career spanned 26 years and included enlisted, warrant, and commissioned service. He accumulated 3,600 hours of flight time as an air evacuation pilot during the Vietnam War. He received a Purple Heart and the Silver Star Medal as well as a place in the Dustoff Hall of Fame among other distinctions. LTC Peth joined American Red Cross in 2006 serving in the Military Advanced



Left to right: John Wetterau,WRS Treasurer ; Molly Wilson, American Red Cross Regional Manager at WRNMMC; Steph Peth, 4th Rose Mologne Awardee; and John Pierce, WRS Board President

Training Center, before leading the development of Red Cross support for the WRNMMC Department of Rehabilitation. He models the best of program management by maintaining close contact with staff, regularly assessing needs, recruiting, interviewing and orienting all new volunteers. He constantly seeks new areas to support staff. Most recently, he spearheaded training of volunteers to

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ACCOLADES AT AUGUSTUS

ATAMMC RECOGNIZES WALTER REED SOCIETY

In April 2026, COL Gina Adam, Director of the Alexander T. Augusta Military Medical Center at Fort Belvoir, Virginia presented certificates of appreciation to WRS Board members for the Society's support of the Medical Center, its patients and staff. Left to right: ATAMMC CSM Tanya Boudreaux; WRS board members Ed Coll, Secretary; Rick Erdtmann, Member at Large; John Wetterau, Treasurer; and Colonel Adam.





"In sincere appreciation for your generous support and unwavering commitment to the staff of the Alexander T. Augusta Military Medical Center. The Walter Reed Society's contributions to morale events have significantly enriched the well being of our team, strengthened camaraderie, and supported the dedicated professionals who care for our patients each day."

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take patient vitals and expanded volunteer support into the Department of Orthopedics. LTC Peth regularly supports visits from distinguished guests and promotes opportunities to recognize his volunteers' service through awards and publications. Through steadfast, knowledgeable leadership he has grown the program to over 70 volunteers, positively impacting the experience of every patient seeking treatment in the Departments of Rehabilitation and Orthopedics for many years to come. ★

VISIT WALTERREEDSOCIETY.ORG FOR MORE NEWS, INFORMATION AND UPDATES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS-GIVING



OKW Families. Inset: A recent OKW family. Mom is in the Army and enjoyed the camaraderie with the other mothers.

WRS readers know about Operation Key West (OKW) at the Portsmouth Naval Medical Center and WRS' support for their efforts for a number of years. OKW provides family parties for the children organized by Kathy and Patty McGonigle. They specifically include all the children in each family. Here's an update *"The [April party] was a great success and possibly one of the better ones we have had. The families and their children are so comfortable with us...the kids...tell us about... their school...sports and anything else that comes to their minds...Patty and I truly enjoy these families... Our plan is to have another party in October...Please know... we appreciate your continued support. --Kathy & Patty McGonigle*

WRS STEPS UP AND STANDS OUT WITH PURPOSE

For the past several years, the Society has provided a summary of those we assisted at the hospital. In the past few months, we received a number of requests from hospital case managers seeking help for patients. We thought information about these patients and their circumstances would be insightful. Some involving terminally ill patients are particularly poignant.

WRS Board Member Dan Bullis, Vice-President, Patient Services, does a remarkable job advancing our mission as we provide essential resources that support and elevate quality of life care.

SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE

Transportation Assistance

- Family of a 53-year-old beneficiary diagnosed with cancer 2 ½ years ago was admitted to Johns Hopkins due to increased pain. Cancer spread. Oncology team gave her 3-4 weeks to live. Originally from the West Coast her dying wish was to get back there to say good-bye to her family as her parents are still alive. She took a turn for the worse and the doctors said she should not/could not travel via air. Her family flew here. As she will be going home soon, the social worker placed a referral along with a medical necessity letter from the provider. Humana/Tricare did not approve it. WRS provided transportation from John's Hopkins University Hospital (JHU) to patient's home in Virginia so she could be with her family. Board Member Bullis received an emotional call from her husband – a US Marine Corps officer -- expressing overwhelming gratitude for our assistance with the transportation home to Virginia. She would be able to bid farewell to her family that day, which was her birthday.
- Retired AF Chief Master Sergeant and his wife completed their year long journey from WRNMMC to Sacramento where they will live out the time he has remaining. On a trip to Europe with his wife, he became ill and spent a number of months between hospitals in Europe ultimately ending up at the Army's medical center at Landstuhl. They were air-evaded to Walter Reed where he was in and out of the hospital and the Fisher House for 9 months. As his disease progressed, he was ultimately placed in a hospice status. Because of this designation, he was not eligible for air evacuation back to the West Coast. WRS assisted with transportation via a three day trip by rail as he was unable to fly commercial. He passed away about a month after getting home.

Benevolence/Home Care Services

- A 64-year-old female retired Marine patient with cancer required a palliative total pelvic exenteration, colostomy, and ileal conduit among other surgeries. Upon discharged from WRNMMC it was discovered that she was not eligible for Medicare or TRICARE. She was in the hospital during the sign up period. She turned 65 in August and needs home care services assistance to pay for ostomy care, wound care, and physical therapy. WRS is assisting her with sign up for these programs and providing support for required home care for a few months until Medicare and Humana/TRICARE eligibility.

MOBILITY ASSISTANCE

- A Pediatric Mobility Clinic case manager requested equipment assistance for an 11 year old male with multiple chronic conditions but no formal diagnosis. His has limited ambulation, difficulty with daily living activities and has had several falls. All secondary to pain. He would get substantial

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benefit from utilization of a folding power wheelchair to improve safety in the home, energy conservation, and community access. Additionally, he will benefit from additional assistive devices at home. He is referred to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia rheumatology department for a formal diagnosis. The family travels there once per quarter. His parents are trying to get him the equipment needed to be as independent as possible for school. The last half of the previous school year he was unable to continue due to pain without a proper wheelchair. Humana/Tricare will not consider the request without a "formal" diagnosis.

- The son of an AD Soldier assigned received compassionate relocation from Oklahoma in May 2025. The 4 year old male with craniosynostosis, with neuro developmental disorder Level 3 non-verbal, t-tube dependence who is in need of stroller trotter mobility/w Patient has frequent self-injurious behavior that resulted in injuries to himself and his caregivers. He is unable to reliably follow commands and communicate effectively. Commercial strollers and car seats result in him escaping and subsequent injuries. The patient has appropriate motor function from neurological and musculoskeletal standpoints. He is unable to safely control behaviors given his developmental status and would benefit from a stroller/chair that he is unable to release on his own. This would benefit both the patient and his caregivers from a safety standpoint and allow him and his family to be more functional in both private and public settings. Humana/Tricare denied request.

- A Case Manager in the Rehab & Mobility Clinic for a 30 year old USAR E-4 with a history of multiple TBIs secondary to blunt force and falls. He has multiple psychiatric disorders to include anxiety disorder, major depressive disorder with psychotic features, complicated by a functional neurological disorder. He has chronic pain, tremors and is unable to walk unassisted. He can walk short distances using a walker but needs a wheelchair for long distances. He is unable to self-propel a manual wheelchair efficiently due to tremors, pain and weakness in his extremities. He has been using a loaner lightweight folding power wheelchair successfully. He is being medically boarded out of the military to go home to Puerto Rico. The clinical team feels he will benefit from having the power wheelchair and cushion to use when he goes home. Humana/Tricare will only cover a basic manual wheelchair despite the clinical recommendations.

- A case manager in Inpatient Transitional Care for an 84 year old, retired E-5 widow of 11 years with extensive medical issues including dementia, vascular issues, a necrotic hip. She is cared for 24/7 by her son and daughter-in-law. She is not ambulatory and they travel to WRNMMC at least 4 times monthly. Tele-visits when possible. A chair lift is needed for home care room for stairs and a small ramp for car access. The items are unavailable to her thru Humana/ TRICARE or Medicare.

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CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY: A MOMENT IN WRS HISTORY...

In celebrating our history we look back at our newsletter issue from 2009. Below is a look at the front page, reflecting the enduring heart and mission of WRS.

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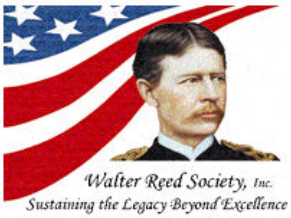

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"...to preserve and enhance the rich history and worldwide reputation of the Army's best known medical research, treatment and training facility..."

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.

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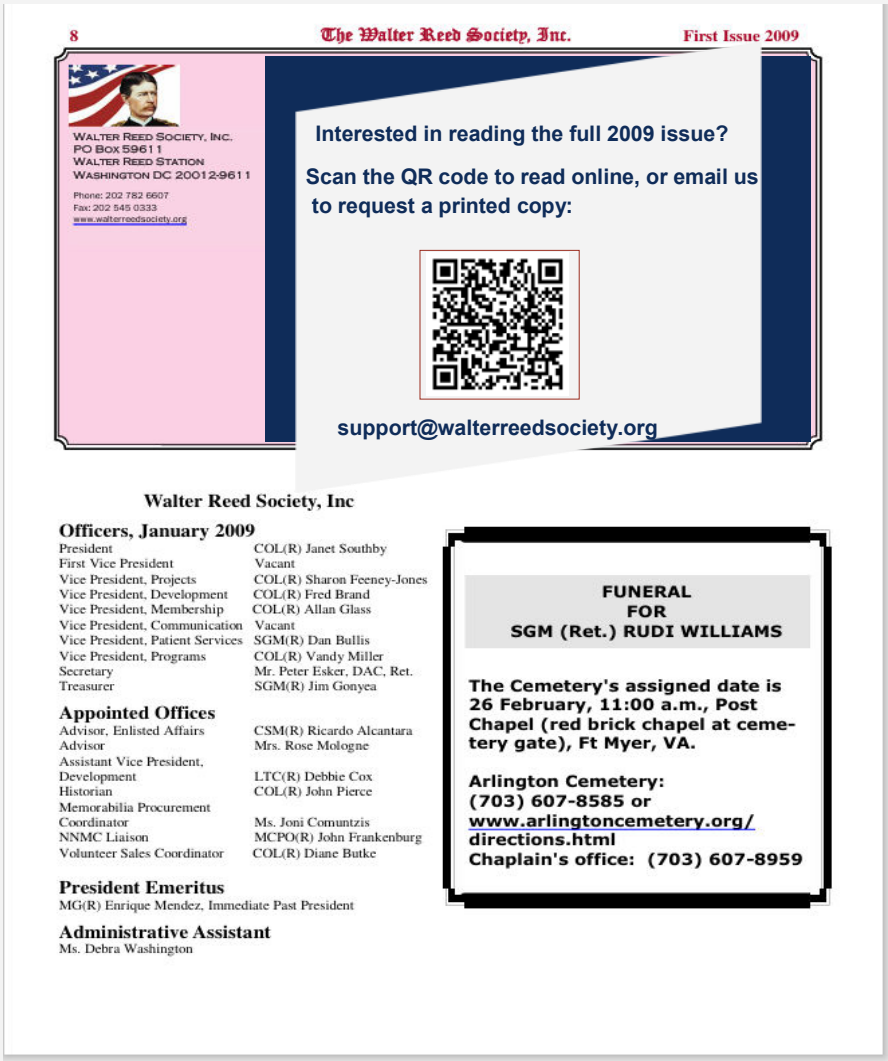
...A FLASHBACK IN TIME

A historic glimpse of the back cover honors our 2009 leadership. Some are familiar faces still serving. This is just a snapshot of many dedicated leaders who shaped our 30 years of ongoing success.



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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 cemetery gate), Ft Myer, VA.

Arlington Cemetery:
(703) 607-8585 or
www.arlingtoncemetery.org/directions.html
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A VETERANS DAY SALUTE

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION and its President Jeff Brodeur (center) continue their support. WRS board members from left: Dan Bullis, John Wetterau and John Pierce are presented donations of support by Brodeur and members of KWVA. A donation from Vinnie's Wounded Vet Run of Florida was also accepted. The presentation was made at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in front of The Unspoken Bond statue by Peter Wilde.

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The obverse of the medallion features the likeness of Major Walter Reed with his birth and death dates as well as honoring his achievements as a Soldier, Physician and Scientist.



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