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## **ANNUAL REPORT, May 2013**

The Walter Reed Society, a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in the District of Columbia (EIN 52-1961196), was organized exclusively for charitable purposes in 1996 to benefit Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) and its educational, patient, treatment, and research activities. In 2011, the Society transferred its activities to the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC), Bethesda MD.

The Society aims to preserve the legacy and renowned international reputation of Walter Reed, the man, and the institution named in his honor. It sponsors activities and funds projects and goods that enhance patient care services and support the welfare and morale of service members and other staff at the Nation's premier military medical center. Through the generous support of corporate and private donors, the Society has assumed an additional mission of assisting service members being treated at Walter Reed due to service in Iraq, Afghanistan and surrounding areas by helping them and/or their families in response to unmet needs during their care at the medical center.

### **COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Finance, Investment and Audit**

The independent financial audit and submission of the Form 990 were completed by Ribis, Jones & Maresca, P.A. The Society records were found in compliance with generally accepted standard accounting principles.

In 2012, donations income exceeded grant expenditures which was a welcome reversal from 2011. Combined Federal Campaign, corporate and individual contributions to the Society totaled \$331,204. An impressive \$233,511 was distributed to support of activities, services and Warrior patients/families during 2012. Donor generosity has enabled the Society to grant \$2.2 million in assistance since 2004. At year's end, the net assets were \$1.4 million. These are updated figures since publication of the April newsletter.

Also, reporting and licensing requirements for DC, Maryland and Virginia were met.

#### **Membership and Programs**

Membership is open to all friends of Walter Reed and numbers 683. Recent membership initiatives include providing refreshments and distributing Society materials to attendees at the April and May Leader Forums at WRNMMC.

The traditional December Membership Holiday Gathering and Annual Meeting Brunch have continued at the USU Dining Room. Trying a new venue in December is being discussed.

## **Communications**

A newsletter was published twice this year and the website has been kept up to date.

The official document file is maintained by the Secretary.

The formation of a committee to track member “happenings” is in progress.

## **Grants and Development**

The Warrior/Family Support Grant Committee and the Projects Grant Committee continued to be active with more than \$233,500 distributed in assistance grants during 2012. Some major efforts include sponsorship of the Arts, Military + Healing Collaborative Initiative, purchase of 60 iPads to serve as adjunctive devices for Warrior rehabilitation, and funding monthly dinners for Warriors and their families at the American Legion Post 41 in collaboration with Helping Hometown Heroes.

## **History and Current Events**

Updates on the former Walter Reed property were included in the newsletters.

Last month, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, Dr. Jonathan Woodson, assumed control and jurisdiction over the operation and management of JTF CapMed, WRNMMC and FBCH. By 1 Oct 2013, JTF CapMed will have disappeared completely, as will Tricare Management Activity.

## **Walter Reed Mementos**

The 2012 holiday collectible sold very well. It is anticipated that another will be designed this year along with a WRNMMC afghan.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

We will miss COL Juan d’Avis, MC, USA, Ret., an active member who served as First Vice President and as a member of the Finance Committee.

Dr. Ward Casscells, a good friend the Society and former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, will also be missed.

## **IN CONCLUSION**

The Board of Directors continues to meet every other month and each member devotes many hours serving the Walter Reed community. For their service and commitment and for the many volunteers who sold mementoes, served on committees, especially the nominating committee and special projects, I am truly grateful.

As I leave office, I again thank all who have given so much time and effort to make the Society such a successful entity during my 12-year tenure.

I extend all best wishes for continued success to the incoming officers and the Society into the future.

Sincerely,

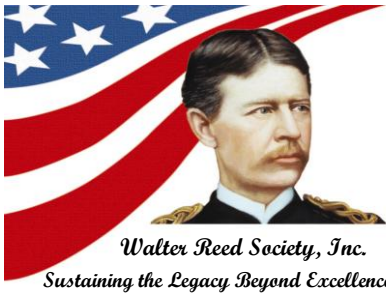
Janet Southby, PhD  
COL, USA, Ret.



<b>Walter Reed Society Officers - 2012</b>	
President	COL (R) Janet Southby
1st Vice President; Chair, Audit Committee	COL (R) Allan Glass
Secretary	COL (R) Fred McLain
Treasurer; Co-Chair, Finance Committee	MCPO (R) John Frankenburg
VP Communications	vacant
VP Development	COL (R) Fred Brand
VP Finance	vacant
VP Membership; Co-Chair, Finance Committee	COL (R ) Joe Konzelman
VP Patient Services; Chair, Warrior/Family Support Grant Committee	SGM (R) Dan Bullis
VP Programs; Member of the Audit Committee	COL (R) Vandy Miller
VP Projects; Chair, Project Grants Committee	LTC (R) Linda Anderson

<b>Appointed Positions - 2012</b>	
Historian	COL (R) John Pierce
Society Advisor	Mrs. Rose Mologne
FBCH SFAC Liaison	SGM (R) Jim Gonyea
Liaison for Sports & Recreational Activities	Mr. Carlton Kammerer
Administrative Assistant	SFC (R) Debra Washington
Web Master	Ms. Lyn Albrecht
Newsletter	TSgt (R) Andre Nicholson DAC (R) Peter Esker
Finance Committee members	COL (R) Fred Brand LTC (R) John Wetterau
Warrior/Family Support Grant Committee members	COL (R) Janet Southby COL (R) Fred Brand SGM (R) Jim Gonyea DAC (R) Peter Esker
Project Grants Committee members	COL (R) Sharon Feeney Jones SGM (R) Ricardo Alcantara
Member "Happenings"	Mrs. Robert (Jan) Brady Mrs. Philip (Connie) Russell (pending)

<b>Office of Distinction</b>	
President Emeritus	MG (R) Enrique Mendez



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### ASSISTING OUR WOUNDED WARRIORS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

The Walter Reed Society (WRS), a tax exempt 501(c) 3 charitable organization, was founded in 1996 (TIN 521961196). Organized for charitable and educational purposes, it benefits the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) and its educational, patient, treatment and research activities. Membership in the Society is open to all – officer, enlisted, active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired, civilian, patient, family member, friends of WRNMMC. The WRS governing board is all volunteers and those involved in assisting our Wounded Warriors do so without remuneration.

Through the generous support of corporate and private donors, a fund was established in 2004 to assist servicemen and women being treated at WRNMMC due to service in Iraq, Afghanistan and surrounding areas with unexpected financial needs and provide specially identified equipment and services related to their care when other resources are not available. Grants are approved on a case by case review. Since its inception, hundreds of service members and/or their families have received assistance from the **WRS Warrior/Family Support Fund**. The total amount granted so far exceeds **\$2.2 million**.

The following list includes examples of the assistance provided through the generosity of our donors:

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| Airfares  | Mortgage/rent payments, Foreclosure prevention   |
| Alter G antigravity trainer   | Personal grants for incidental expenses/<br>unexpected debts   |
| Calling cards   | Refreshments for ceremonies and receptions   |
| Calling card minutes donated to Fisher House Foundation   | Refurbishment of pediatric waiting room & artwork  |
| Childcare expenses  | Fertilization procedures and sperm banking   |
| Children's festival & Dr. Patch Adams sponsorship   | Sponsored fishing and shooting trips, other outdoor<br>activities, & monthly group dinners for warriors/families |
| Seasonal clothing   | Storage fees   |
| Direct support to occupational and physical therapy,<br>nursing, and the amputee center for outings,<br>equipment, supplies and furniture | Telephone bills  |
| Funeral expenses  | Tickets to sporting and entertainment events   |
| Furniture rental  | Utility bills (gas, electric, water); Furnace replacement  |
| Hand crank cycle, wheelchair gloves, shoes for<br>prosthetics   | Vehicle payments and insurance premiums  |
| Healing garden in hospital courtyard  | Vehicle repairs and tire replacements  |
| Healthcare costs for family members   | Challenge coins  |
| Holiday decorations for the Dining Facility   | Sponsored two seminars for spouses of PTSD injured   |
| Handicap access for a vehicle & rented vans with<br>disabled access on occasion   | Co-sponsored The Arts, Military + Healing: A Collaborative<br>Initiative   |
| Home insurance premiums   | Provided 60 iPads over two years as adjunctive therapy for<br>rehabilitation                                     |
| Lodging expenses  |  |

The annual total for assistance grants is as follows:

2004	\$61,642	2009	\$221,461
2005	\$146,707	2010	\$206,532
2006	\$268,984	2011	\$275,780
2007	\$489,302	2012	\$233,511
2008	\$345,572		

Needs for assistance are forwarded through the Warrior Family Coordination Cell at the WRNMMC. A simple form is completed and the application is directed to a representative of the Society. Once received, requests are usually reviewed within 24-48 hours and, if approved, assistance is provided. Other opportunities to assist at the medical center may be presented to Society directors, all of whom volunteer their service, for consideration at regularly scheduled board meetings.

All contributions to the **Walter Reed Society** are tax deductible and will be gratefully acknowledged according to IRS guidelines. Contact details for further information are noted above.

## SELECTED COMMENTS OF APPRECIATION:

“Walter Reed [Society] was our last option for help...It was such a blessing for our family.” – DS

“Thank you for getting [us] help in paying for our hotel room while we were there visiting our son.... We will never forget your kindness nor ever cease to thank God for the services that you offer” – GL & KL

“We want to thank you for your generous grant. Words can’t express our gratitude. If it wasn’t for organizations such as yours we couldn’t be here with our son. God Bless” – CC & BC & EC

“Please accept our thanks for your kind generosity in our time of need.... Our eventful trip home to St. Louis would have been impossible had you not intervened.... Thank you for your part, thank you for touching our lives.” - SF & RF

“WRS has made a huge difference in our lives, thank you from the bottom of our hearts” – JS

“My husband and I wish to thank you for your kind gift, it means so much to have our financial burden lessened right now as we transition to our “new normal” for our family. Our son ... is beginning his rehab in Richmond and we are excited for him. Your kindness will not be forgotten, ever” – BE & EE

“We would like to thank you so very much for thinking of us on this Thanksgiving holiday. We were able to feed at least 30 soldiers...” – JC

“One of the biggest lessons that I’m learning is that some things are so special – there are no words than can relate to it. For me, the generosity that this organization has shown to [us] falls into this category. We cannot thank you enough for helping us out with our finances.” – KK & JK

“On behalf of all the soldiers and their families, I want to express our extreme gratitude for your very generous gift. Your gift will be utilized to assist the Soldiers and their families in beginning to re-establish their lives after a traumatic injury.” – RM

“Thank you for your time and support. It is through your giving that we are able to minister to those who defend us so bravely” – TG

“I am deeply indebted to the Walter Reed Society for their open support of this event. Without it, we would not have been able to offer this to the wounded warriors currently seeking care here.” – JR

“We genuinely appreciate all the projects you’ve sponsored. Hands down, you’ve made so much possible for us as we work hard to provide top notch rehab care to the wounded.” – KY

“I don’t know what I would have done if it weren’t for your organization. Words cannot express our gratitude for lessening a very heart-wrenching time in our lives.” – D family

“My son and I can’t thank you enough for your generous financial help during our time of need. ... May God continue to bless you all for your outreach to the soldiers and their families.” – NF & FF

“I’d like to thank ... Walter Reed Society for what they do.... My son was shot in the neck while serving in Iraq. ... While I appreciate what the Army has done, it was not enough to meet our needs.... Your help has been greatly appreciated.” – JJ

“Please let me express my deepest gratitude for the financial assistance you obtained for our family” – MG

“Thank you for helping make it possible for me to be here while my son continues his recovery. Bless you all.” - MC

“Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you’ve done for my son and the help we received from the Walter Reed Society” – G family

“I wish to commend the Walter Reed Society for the [outstanding] service that it has bestowed on both my wife and me.... [WRS] literally saved our lives and well being” – CB

“What a blessing you have been during one of the most tragic and difficult times in my life. Because of your open hearts, I can now get back to caring for my son.” – PB

“I cannot express my gratitude in words... Without your generosity I would have had to leave [my son] in order to support my commitments back home. So thank you so very much” – MF

“The Walter Reed Society provided me financial assistance with important medical support which was not covered by Tricare. Both myself and my family greatly appreciate the help you provided...” – BS

“The Walter Reed Society provided a very generous gift.... Thank you for helping us get our lives back”- LH

“Thank you so much for your help ... so that I am able to stay with my son at [Walter Reed]... I’m very grateful and won’t ever forget your kindness to my family.” - CL