



## President's Message



John Pierce

### WRS OFFICERS

**Elected Officers**

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COL (R) John Pierce

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COL (R) Brian Foley

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COL (R) Fred Brand

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COL (R) George Turiansky

**VP Patient Services**  
SGM (R) Dan Bullis

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LTC (R) John Wetterau

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WRS Advisor**  
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President Emeritus**  
Maj Gen (R) Enrique Mendez

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COL (R) Janet Southby



As I write this message in early March 2020 everyone is concerned about the coronavirus. Of course no one knows what its ultimate course will be but all are hoping that as the weather warms it will play itself out as cold weather viral illnesses often do. Please accept my sincere best wishes for your good health and well-being. Remember to wash those hands, even more than you normally do.

When I did the first draft of this message about a week ago I was unsure of how our Annual Meeting scheduled for May 3, 2020 would be affected. Since then it has become clear that we have to postpone our meeting. On March 16, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control released updated guidance to postpone or cancel gatherings with 50 or more people for the next eight weeks which would be until mid-May. The guidance underscores a focus on protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing. The Society's Board will determine if we can safely re-schedule in the future or if we will have to cancel this year's Annual Meeting.

Some of you will know of the passing of Brigadier General Connie Slewitzke former chief of the Army Nurse Corps and a long-time Society member. General Slewitzke generously left the Society a large contribution in her trust. A memorial to her follows in this newsletter.

We informed you in our last newsletter about the Society's plans for a reunion in the Rose Garden of the old Walter Reed Army Medical Center property later this year.

Those plans are continuing to take shape as we have signed a contract with an event planner to assist us to insure that this is a successful and enjoyable event. The reunion will be a ticketed event; we have set the ticket price at \$25.00. The Society is seeking sponsorship to help defray the cost of the necessary equipment such as a large tent with flooring, tables, chairs, restrooms, etc. If you would like to help sponsor or know a corporation or entity that would like to help please see the information later in this edition of the newsletter. There is also additional information about the reunion as well as information on tickets.

I want to sincerely thank the Society's all volunteer board of directors and advisors for their generous time and effort they provide for our work. Carrying on our work would simply not be possible without their efforts. Thank you one and all.

## Walter Reed Society, Inc.

### A Salute to Service, Leadership and Philanthropy

The Walter Reed Society recently received a gift of \$68,000 from the Connie Slewitzke Trust. General Slewitzke was a long-time member of the Society and former Chief, Army Nurse Corps. Below is a brief accounting of her distinguished career.

After graduation from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Wausau, Wisconsin, she worked for several years in civilian hospitals in the Midwest, California, and Washington, D.C.

Looking for the opportunity of career advancement, enhanced professionalism, and the chance to travel she joined the Army in 1957. Early assignments were at Brooke and Tripler Army Medical Centers, Fort Meade, MD and Korea. Moving into mid-level supervisory roles she served in New Mexico and requested duty in Vietnam where she served with the 36th Evacuation Hospital in Vung Tau after which she became chief nurse of the 6th Convalescent Center in Cam Ranh Bay.

After returning from Vietnam and a follow-on assignment in the clinic at Fort Myer, VA she was allowed to complete her bachelor's degree in nursing 1971. After service in Europe and completion of Command and General Staff College she was assigned to Health Services Command at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where she ultimately served as nurse consultant.

Following completion of the Army War College, she held successive senior leadership positions in Korea and at Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco. In 1980 Slewitzke agreed to serve as assistant chief of the Army Nurse Corps and in 1983 she was promoted to brigadier general and became the 17th chief of the Army Nurse Corps.

She retired in 1987 after 29 years of service. After retirement from the Army she became director of development of the University of Maryland School of Nursing. She later participated in archiving a repository of 17,000 historical photographs in the Army Nurse Corps historian's office at the U.S. Army Center of Military History. She also served as vice-president of the Women in Military Service of America board. Brigadier General Slewitzke resided in Northern Virginia until her death on September 2, 2019.



*Connie Lee Slewitzke  
(1931-2019)*



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## Walter Reed Society Health Information Management Scholarships

COL Brian Foley US Army (Retired) WRS First Vice-President

**Better Health Information = Better Health.** The Walter Reed Society (WRS) is strengthening this concept by 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 seven scholarships for those at the associate, bachelor's and master's level. In 2019, there were five applications for the HIM scholarships and one awarded. The scholarship recipient is a Navy spouse enrolled in an Associate Degree Program at Tidewater Community College in VA which will allow her to sit for the examination to be credentialed as a Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT). She stated that she: *"sincerely thanks the WRS and donors for their generosity effort and encouragement. The opportunity inspires personal growth and professional success"* The WRS desires to have more applicants for these scholarships. We request that our members educate prospective eligible applicants on the Health Information Management career field: (<http://www.ahima.org/careers/healthinfo?tabid=why>) and the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Foundation Veteran Scholarships: (<http://www.ahimafoundation.org/education/VeteransScholarship.aspx>).

### ...Appreciation of Note



Debra Washington pictured with WRS President, COL John Pierce, USA (Retired).



Debra Washington is presented a farewell gift and Certificate of Appreciation by John Pierce, WRS president at the Society's Holiday Gala on December 4, 2019. Debra retired after many years of dedicated and outstanding service to the Society as our administrative assistant. Everyone will miss her and we all wish her the very best. Thank you Debra.

### Note of Appreciation...

To Dan Bullis and The Walter Reed Society:



*On this very Special Day, I wish all of you and yours a warm, love filled day... For those of us Vietnam Veterans whom you have kindly extended a hand in time of need, this day becomes extra special...I for one, am very Thankful to Dan Bullis and your Society for having been there for me...while at Walter Reed...going through...cancer treatments.... Your kindness... and patience helped me...I will not forget this kind act. Wishing...the very best... Antonio, Vietnam Veteran*

## WRAMC REUNION

# Historic WRAMC Reunion Save the Date - 4 Oct 2020

Walter Reed Society, Inc. is sponsoring a "reunion" on the old Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) property. Join us:

Sunday ~ October 4th ~ 1 - 4 PM

Rose Garden, 6900 Georgia Ave NW,  
Washington DC

Enter off Georgia Avenue or 16<sup>th</sup> St NW  
Parking signs displayed

### TICKETS AND ADMISSIONS

Tickets - \$25 per person

Children under 12 (complimentary/accompanied by adult)

*Event ticket required for admission*

**BBQ Lunch ° Beverages ° Cash Bar**

**Amenities: Tents ° Tables ° Chairs °**

**Portable restrooms and more...**

**Event program**

*Tickets must be ordered by September 21st*

### WRAMC "REUNION" SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The deadline for sponsorship listings in printed program — September 4, 2020

#### Regiment Sponsor **\$7,500**

Organization name on WRS website 1 year  
Recognition in next WRS newsletter  
Recognition on sponsor signage  
Recognition in program  
Podium recognition at event  
Twelve tickets to event

#### Battalion Sponsor **\$5,000**

Organization name on WRS website 1 year  
Recognition in next WRS newsletter  
Recognition on sponsor signage  
Recognition in program  
Podium recognition at event  
Ten tickets to event

#### Company Sponsor **\$2,500**

Organization name on WRS website for 1 year  
Recognition in next WRS newsletter  
Recognition on sponsor signage  
Recognition in program

#### Platoon Sponsor **\$1,000**

Organization name on WRS website 6 months  
Recognition in next WRS new  
Recognition on sponsor signage  
Recognition in program

#### Squad Sponsor **\$500**

Recognition in program  
Four tickets to the event

#### Friends Sponsor **\$250**

Recognition in program  
Two tickets to the event

# Walter Reed Society, Inc.

## WRAMC REUNION

### WRAMC Reunion Sponsorship Form

Individual or Organization Name

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Contact name (if different from above) to discuss acknowledgement

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Mailing address

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Email Phone number

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#### Sponsorship Levels:

Regiment (\$7,500)	Battalion (\$5,000)
Company (\$2,500)	Platoon (\$1,000)
Squad (\$500)	Friends (\$250)

Sponsorship level selected: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount donated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **Walter Reed Society** and mail with this form to:

Walter Reed Society  
8901 Wisconsin Ave #303  
Bethesda MD 20889-5600

If you prefer to make an electronic transfer, please contact John Wetterau, WRS, Treasurer, at: [jwwetterau@gmail.com](mailto:jwwetterau@gmail.com) or 202-999-9183

Walter Reed Society EIN number is 52-1961196

The deadline for sponsorship listing in the printed program — September 4, 2020

Thank you for your support of the Walter Reed Society.

### WRAMC Reunion Ticket Order Form

Name

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\*Name(s) and dates associated with Walter Reed for your name badge:

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Mailing address (to receive purchased tickets):

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Email Phone number

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#### Ticket Order

Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 per ticket \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children 12 and older \_\_\_\_\_

In Kind Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make check payable to:

**Walter Reed Society by September 21, 2020.**

Indicate tickets in the memo line. Tickets will be mailed to you.

Mail this form along with check to:

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Tickets may also be purchased using PayPal by visiting the website, [walterreedsociety.org](http://walterreedsociety.org). Confirmation/tickets will be emailed to you if you use Paypal. Additional on-line payment options may also be available soon.

**\*Remember to include your name and dates associated with Walter Reed for the name badge.**



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**MEMBERSHIP CONNECTIONS...** We are developing an electronic mailing list of our membership. Please share your email address with us and indicate your interest in receiving our newsletter electronically in the future. Thank you. Walter Reed Society, Inc. [www.walterreedsociety@verizon.net](mailto:www.walterreedsociety@verizon.net)

## WRS 2020 Event Updates

### POSTPONED

#### Annual Meeting

For the health and safety of our members, our **WRS Annual Meeting** traditionally held in May has been postponed. If the decision is made in the future to hold the meeting later this summer you will be informed by a mailed postcard.

You can also check our website for updates and information at: [www.walterreedsociety.org](http://www.walterreedsociety.org)

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The Walter Reed Society  
Is Honored to Present  
A Rose Garden Reunion  
at Historic WRAMC

October 4, 2020

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Admit One

\$25.00

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