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Lieutenant General Ervin J. Rokke: An Officer and A Gentleman



By Dewey Swanson

Ervin J. Rokke is a 1957 Warren High School graduate where he was the class valedictorian and a member of the Honor Society. After spending a year at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, he attended the United State Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, graduating in 1962. Then he went on to a distinguished 35 year active career rising to the rank of Lieutenant General. He retired from active duty in 1997 with the last 3 years as president of the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. If you count his Air Force Academy years and years of active service, he spent 40 years as he says, "in a blue suit." He also spent another 12 years working as a civilian associated with the Air Force Academy Center for Character and Leadership development. That adds up to more than 50 years serving in the U.S. Air Force. In addition to that, he served as President of Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania for 9 years, retiring in 2006. His progression of success from his days at Warren to his final retirement is what follows and is a truly remarkable story. General Rokke had so many interesting, informational and insightful replies to inquiries about his military and educational career that a large part of this article was better served as a question and answer interview.

We begin this story with his family. His parents are the late Joan (Ivery, WHS 1934) and Edwin Rokke. They were long-time Warren residents and were active throughout the community including Our Savior's Lutheran Church. He has been married to his wife, Pam for 56 years and they met at St. Olaf College. Pam has been an equal partner in their life's journey

from the Air Force Academy to 35 plus years of active service in the Air Force to his 9 year run as president of Moravian College and into retirement. They have a son, Eric, who followed his father's path to an Air Force career and was a F-16 fighter pilot. They also have a daughter, Lisa. Eric and Lisa have each blessed their parents with a set of wonderful twin grandchildren. General Rokke also has three sisters who are all graduates of Warren High School. They include Janice Britton (1959), Lois Monroe (1961) and Pam Luecke (1964).

Going back to his school days at Warren, Ervin had some fond memories which he shared saying, "I enjoyed most of the

courses I took in high school, particularly Civics, History, Physics and Math, all of which had excellent teachers. One of my most valuable courses turned out to be typing. I remember trying to type as fast as Corrine Goplin (a classmate) during Mrs. (Sadie) Coninx timed typing drills, but Corrine always beat me. Industrial Arts was also high on my list, mostly because of a wonderful teacher, Emery Johnson. (the WAO high school football field is named after him). We still have a small hardwood wall shelf in our home that I made in his woodworking class. Mr. Johnson was also my Scoutmaster. He escorted our troop on a week-long camping trip to Oak Island on Lake of the Woods. I think that was the farthest distance and longest time I had been away from home."

Among some of his favorite teachers at WHS were those he considered good friends because they shared common interests he had. He learned things from them he would value throughout his life. He explained, "Warren High School was blessed with a cadre of outstanding teachers. I learned from them all. The one who probably had the greatest impact on me was Mr. Norm Ward. I recall him making us outline a lengthy book after we failed to meet his preparation standards for one of his classes. I loved cars in those days and enjoyed listening to Mr. Ward (who drove a Pontiac) tease his teacher roommate, Mr. Marlow Hammerston (who drove a Mercury) about which car was best. I should also say that Mr. Ward and Mr. Hammerston were the only teachers who dared to take a ride on my Harley Davidson motorcycle. I went a little faster than either of them expected, but neither complained. I shared a fascination for airplanes with Mr. Ward and we continued to correspond about my

Air Force career for many years. We planned a visit at the annual air show in OshKosh, Wisconsin at one point, but I was transferred overseas before we could make it happen."

Besides his excellence in academics at Warren High School, General Rokke also participated in many extra-curricular activities which he thoroughly enjoyed. He stated, "I tried several high school sports activities, but soon realized that I had no athletic genes. I enjoyed playing in the high school band, participating in declamation as well as class plays and serving as co-editor of the 1957 Wahisean (now WAOHISEAN)."

Ervin also held part-time jobs at several Warren businesses for most of his high school years. There were two people he gave credit to who helped him develop a good work ethic in his youth. He explained, "My father believed that I should have part-time jobs beginning with newspaper routes in my early teens. I also worked on several farms during summer school vacations. Also in my early teens, Walt Hillman, a Warren bricklayer got me a summer job as a laborer where he was working at the Grand Forks Air Base. That went well for several weeks until the local union realized I was too young to receive a union card. Needless to say I was fired immediately and according to Walt was replaced by two adults. Another fond memory was when Warren High School principal, L.J. McKinnon allowed me to leave after my last class in the afternoon to work for Walt. Mr. McKinnon's only stipulation was that I keep my grades up. I remember mixing Walt's mortar for the gas station he was building in Oslo. He was also working on another major construction job until about 2:30 in the afternoon. I would leave school about the same time, ride my motorcycle to Oslo and try to have the mortar and cement blocks ready by the time he arrived. Walt was a wonderful boss and I continued to work for him on non-union jobs until I graduated from high school. More than any other person, he taught me how to work hard."

General Rokke was very thankful about the education and out-of-school learning experiences he received while living in Warren. He summed up those feelings saying, "For me, attending school in a small community was a blessing.

Somehow, Warren was able to attract excellent teachers and they came to know both our educational and personal lives.

As such, they served as role models and as mentors

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Ed. Foundation Fundraiser

Baked Potato Supper

Jan. 7 2019

WAO Ponies

vs.

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Boys Basketball Game

WAO High School Cafeteria

Serving: 5-7 p.m.

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Arizona-Warren Picnic

February 23, 2019 in Mesa, AZ
See page 9 for more information.

Golf Scramble

The 15th Annual Education Foundation Golf Scramble Fundraiser will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019, at Warren Riverside Golf Course.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Class Reunions

Please contact the Education Foundation with your class reunion details for our next edition of "Connections." We would be glad to give you our most current addresses for your classmates. In return we ask that you give us any address updates that you become aware of.

Warren-WHS/WAO Florida Picnic

March 16, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Park closes at sundown)

Frank Rendon Park, 2705 – Atlantic Avenue South, Daytona Beach, FL
See page 8 for more information

Marshall County Fair

July 24 – July 28, 2019

2018 Class Reunions



OHS CLASS OF '78 REUNION—The graduating class of 1978 met in Oslo, Minnesota on Friday, July 27. They toured the Oslo School and enjoyed reminiscing, going through the old gym, locker rooms, basement where the band room was, high school rooms and lockers, offices, etc. After touring of the school they met at Jamieson's on Main in Oslo for a potluck meal. First row: Alan Lind, Perry Paschke, Richard Jarombek, Fred Holter, Peter Solem, Myrna (Hoverson) Knutson and Todd Risteigen. Back row: Margo (Pokrzywinski) Rolczynski, Liz (Johnson) Brekke, Debby (McFarland) Hoverson, Melania (Holter) Nelson, Renaye (Ronan), Kjenstad, Lori (Clemetson) Gowan, Judy (Gowan) St. Germain, Debbie Haugen, Kelly Plutowski, Rodney Hoverson, Julie (Holter) Risteigen and Patty (Nelson) Morin. Present but missing for the picture was Kathy Solem.



WHS CLASS OF '58 60TH YEAR REUNION—Front: left to right, Janice McCauley Johnson, JoAnne Hess Sundby, George Owens. Second row, left to right, Mary Madsen Garry, Marlene Bonnette Carlson, Dolores Weiland Zammert, Evelina Abeld Love, MayBelle Tucker Gordon, Evodia Horgen Balek, Lois Nybakken Kresl. Third row, left to right, John Olson, Jerome Botko, Judy Maruska Yutrzenka, Stanley Sirek, James Boardson, Bruce Morgan, Adriana VanBaalén Omang, Leonard Novak.



AHS CLASS OF 1987—The Alvarado High School class of 1987 met for an outdoor barbeque. Back row: Michelle Miller Nybo, Kristin Narlock Olson, Michael Seines, Robbie Hammerlund, Kristy Moen and Steve VanKirk. Front row: Lana Jacobson, Mrs. Linda Storstad (the class' Kindergarten teacher), Michelle Gross Hart and Angie McLain Johnson.



WHS CLASS OF '63 REUNION—Monday, July 30, the Warren High School Class of 1963 held its 55th class reunion at the Bonfire Restaurant in Eagan, MN. There were many in attendance. Front row, left to right: Ruth (Wood) Sease, Mike Johnson, Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler, Jean (Peterson) Hill, Janet (Johnson) Gast, Dwight Sedlacek and Faye Wallsten. Middle row: Carol (Stroble) Edgar, Mary Beth (Peterson) Denham, Susie (Hill) Lee, Judy (Peterson) Helgemo and Arlene (Jagol) Tholkes. Back row: Richard Kuzel, Bruce Peterson, Milton Sommers and Larry Peterson.



WHS CLASS OF 1968—The Warren High School Class of 1968 held their class reunion July 25-28. First row: Kathy Fitzsimmons Jackson, Char Hoasas Kreuger, Karen Erickson Holmstrom, Donna Kuznia Brouse, Joanne Maruska Kostka, Susy Baird, Morgan, Maureen Engstrom Greentree, Becky Roley Bro, Rhonda Fanfulik Berg, Pat Ross and Joel Flaten. Second row: Don Jones, Karen Huddleson Stevens, Gordon Carlson, Tom Johnson, Bob Holmstrom, Dave Sorensen, Joy Johnson Lavik, Linda Engelstad Turn, Dean Peterson, Deb Claerbout Erickson, Suzanne Riopelle Larson, Kathy Howard Ellis, Beth Solmonson DeZwarte, David Amundgaard, David Broten and Warren Hagestuen. Third row: Jim Johnston, LeRoy Klet, Doug Sorenson, Karolyn Johnson Belcher, John Torkelson, Donna Vansickle Franks, Rod Erickson, John Melgard, Paul Hess, Darrell Charboneau, Pete Gunderson, Dave Engen, Ron Pearson, Wayne Peterson, Wayne Bjorgaard and Terri Wages Smith.



WHS CLASS OF 1978 – Front row: left to right; Mark Potucek, Darlene Johnson Pagnac, Vicki Truhn Nicodemu, Marla Sundby Vasek, Kathy Stone Williams, Lori Lenhart Narlock. Second row : Brad Peyton, Cheryl Steer Parvey, Dawn Korynta, Shelly Anderson Conley, Karen Porter Reyhl, Pamela Fulks Brule, Brian Anderson, Kent Broten. Third row : Kathy Kozjed Blish, Dave Blish, Brian Fagerstrom, Justin Myhre. Back row: Joel Pulkrabek, John Walker, Stefan Johnson, Mark Swanson, Jodi Olson Quade, James Anderson, Don Paulson, Lyle Palm



AHS 1953 CLASS REUNION — The Alvarado High School class of 1953 celebrated their 65th anniversary with a reunion at the Alvarado Community Center on Wednesday, June 20. Pictured above, left to right: Don Mager, Janet (Anderson) Peterson, Betty (Ranstrom) East, Delwyn Olson, Arlyn (Johnson) Sands, Dan Grabanski, Jim Aas and Marlin Pokrzywinski.



WHS CLASS OF 1953 – Back row; left to right: David Judovsky, Sig Silnes, Corinne (Carlson) Nelson, Don Wysocki, John Rakowski, Jerry Jensen, Ray Larson. Front row; left to right: Marlys (Mattson) Nelson, Marlene (Wittman) Silnes, Shirley (Haugen) Olson, Ethel (Kliner) Safranski, Rosemary (Wilkinson) Berget, and Janice (Hanson) Pulkrabek.



WAO CLASS OF 1998 — Front row; left to right: Adam Nordling, Andrea (Holter) Nelson, Melissa (Steer) Potter, Erika (Swanson) Erickson, Amy (Brotten) Swanson, Tanya (Mock), soon to be Swartz), Holly (Jones) Parker, Dee (Sombke) Gerszewski, Patrick Vesey, Jason Hill, Joey Kvamme, and Tim Strickler. 2nd row; left to right: Jim Kotrba, Eric Jergens, Ben Johnson, Mitchell Kotrba, and Jonas Peterson. 3rd row; left to right: Cole Whitman, Joshua Saunders, Megan (Torgerson) Vitko, Meredith (Kruger) Kos, Kaydi (Strickler) Grunhvd, Aaron Peterson, and Kelly Kliner. Top row; left to right: Michael Taus, Roxie (Adrian) Simion

CLASS OF 1969

WHS Class of 1969 now has \$11,500 in their scholarship fund. The decision of when they will start awarding scholarships will be made at their 50th reunion on July 27, 2019. Additional donations are welcome.

2018 Class Reunions



WHS CLASS OF 1948—Eight of the fourteen living members of the Warren High School Class of 1948 met for their 70th class reunion at Uptown Cafe and Lounge in Warren last Saturday, August 11. Back row, left to right: George Erickson, Clayton Pearson, Joyce (Hedquist) Crocker and Ed Palmer. Front row: Doris (Wimpfheimer) Erickson, Lila (Eukel) Golden, Maxine (Paulson) Thoreson and Dorthy (Connett) Palm.



WAO CLASS OF 2008 – Front row: left to right; Emily (Welin) Enger, Ally (Sorenson) Linder, Alexy (Johnston) Safranski. 2nd row: Heidi Erickson, Gabrielle (Welin) Lunday, Kristen (Maruska) Rolland, Adaire (Ranstrom) Reinpold, Lisa (Zutz) Arnason, Emily (Johnson) Fisher, Megan (McFarland) Mathison, Katie Peterson. Third row: Miles Martine, Matt Olson, Kyle Beaudry, Dillon Kasproicz. Back row: Evan Mattson, Zak Duckstad, John Huderle, Jeremy Newland.



AHS CLASS OF 1968 50TH REUNION — Alvarado High School Class of 1968 recently celebrated their 50th class reunion at Breezy Point, MN. Back Row: Rex Selnes, Rita (Honek) Brodina, Lowell Torgerson, Jim Thompson, Paulette (Olson) Thompson, Mark Vanyo, Wendell Wahlin. Front Row: Suzanne (Pribula) Nelson, Lana (Johnson) Swartz, Kay (Haugen) Olson, Kathy (Vanyo) Bayne, Roberta (Hanson) Mischel, Barbara (Olson) Wold. Unable to attend were: Tom Dahlstrom, Helen (Everson) Torgerson, & Sheila (Mackie) Siegler. We were joined by former classmate James Anderson. The class honored two members that have passed, John Nordling & Ron Svard.

Marshall County Fair

July 24 – July 28, 2019

Chat with the Chairman

by Carol Anderson

Greetings from the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Public School Education Foundation!

As I write this, the temperature feels more like spring than fall. What an interesting situation to have school close at 2:00 on October 10th because of weather and begin two hours late the following morning because of icy roads. As of early November, the beet harvest finally has ended but the farmers are still combining sunflowers, beans, and corn.

The summer of 2018 was a busy time with many class reunions, the Marshall County Fair, Open House at the school, and our 14th annual Golf Scramble. Many friendships were renewed and new memories were made at class reunions throughout the area and in other cities where classes gathered. We were in awe of our generous sponsors, donors, and 126 golfers who contributed to our golf scramble on July 27th. Wow! We cleared over \$23,000! Thank you to everyone who had a part in this awesome day! The weather cooperated and provided us with a cooler day than the previous years. Mark your calendars for July 26th for our 2019 event. Registration is open for our 15th annual Golf Scramble and we have teams that have already registered. You may reserve a spot by sending in your name or a team at any time.

Plans are underway for the All School Reunion during the Marshall County Fair which begins with the parade on July 24th and concludes on July 28th. The main day of the reunion gathering will be Saturday. You will find information about the reunion in this publication. More complete details will be included in our spring issue in late May. This event is planned for 2019 as it will be the 125th anniversary of the first graduating class from Warren. The reunion is for all parts of the current district-Alvarado, Oslo, Warren, Valley North, Alvarado/Oslo, Warren/Alvarado, and Warren/Alvarado/Oslo.

A huge project that the Foundation took on under, the leadership of school board liaison member, Sally Roller has been very successful. Thank you for submitting 549 recipes. Our Foundation volunteer, Katie Kleven, did a huge amount of the typing of the recipes along with Sally. Katie also designed the cover. The books are being printed. We hope they will be here before the holidays.

Amy Trudell left our board because of her work hours at her new job. Thanks, Amy, for all of your work and commitment to the Foundation.

Melanie Fulks Nelson joined our board in August. Melanie is a 1981 WHS Graduate. Welcome Melanie!

This fall we facilitated \$13,944 in needs for the staff. All staff were given the opportunity to submit paperwork for items that they would like to have for their classroom/department. These are all items that are over what the district provides. In addition we funded \$1014 from the CJ Anderson Endowment for the Scholastic Book program for grades 3-6 which provides each child in the classroom with a \$.99 book each month at their grade level. Preschool through second grade had already been provided for this program by outside donors.

Again this past February many locals, snowbirds, and residents of many states gathered in Mesa, AZ for the second Warren and surrounding area gathering. The overwhelming success of this has plans in the works for the third annual event. Mark your calendars for February 23rd. The picnic will again be held at the Red Mountain Park in east Mesa. Also, just coming in is plans for a Florida reunion scheduled for March 16th. See details on page 8 for more information.

Our interactive donor wall has been up and running for a few months. All information that is in our database about donations and memorials scrolls nonstop. It's fascinating to see how quickly the info can be "pulled up" when a search is typed in. It will not tell the exact amount of dollars that has been donated by an individual, but it will tell the level of giving. The various levels are TUTOR \$1-\$99, EDUCATOR \$100-\$499, MENTOR \$500-\$999, SCHOLAR \$1,000-\$4,999, and BENEFACTOR \$5,000 or more. Before long there will be information on each scholarship located in clear folders below the school screen. There will be a bio and picture of the person that the scholarship is named for along with a list of recipients that have received the particular scholarship each year that it has been in existence. Stop in and take a look when you come in for a game, concert, or event!

Where would we be without our great volunteers? I know that our golf scramble wouldn't or couldn't happen without them. Many of the volunteers sign up a year in advance to work at the event. All Volunteers are underpaid, but they are worth gold! Thank you volunteers!

American Education Week was November 12-16. We said thank you to all school personnel for all of the things that they do for our district and students by providing and serving a light lunch for all.

We sincerely appreciate all of the updates, obituaries, address changes, etc. that you provide for us. Thank you for keeping us informed.

Please keep in mind that we list the names of recently deceased alumni, staff, and friends on our website. We update this at least every other week. You'll find the Education Foundation link under the district at www.wao.k12.mn.us Check it out under recently deceased family and friends. This list is only as up-to-date as you help us by sending us information.

None of us get through this life alone. We have all benefited from the assistance of others at some point along the way. Would you like to consider helping with a designated gift or donation? This could help many staff members and students to enhance their learning experiences at WAO.

Please keep in mind that if you give a memorial, donation, or gift to the Foundation you have the opportunity to designate it for a certain grade, department, or activity if you wish. All you have to do is to make a notation in the memo part of the check or attach a note. All undesignated donations and memorials go to the general fund. Whether the gift is large or small, it does make a big difference in the lives of our students and staff.

As we look ahead to 2019 one of our first events will be our annual baked potato supper on January 7th. Yes, that is the first day of classes in 2019. It is the night of the Stephen/Argyle Storm Pony BBB Game. Come join us for our salad bar, delicious baked potatoes with various toppings and bars.

Thank you for all of your support over the years. As our motto states, "WE CAN'T SUCCEED WITHOUT YOU!" If any of our board members can be of any assistance to you, please contact us.

May your holiday be bright and filled with peace and joy! Happy 2019!

Tribute and Memorial Gifts

May 1, 2018 - October 31, 2018

In Memory of Abe Narlock

Jim & JoAnne (Edgar) Ranstrom
In Memory of Adeline (Lenhart) Wachter

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In Memory of Bette Boman

Alan & Lana (Walker) Maruska
Chuck & Betty (Ranstrom) East
Glenn & Ruth Ann (Lundberg) Johnson

In Honor of Betty Evin's 90th Birthday

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In Memory of Beverly (Vansickle) Gladhill

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In Honor of Brian & Sheryl Schanil

Jeanie Ulferts

In Memory of Camille Strandberg

Glenn & Ruth Ann (Lundberg) Johnson

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In Memory of Cecelia (Vanyo) Kovar

Kovar Family

In Honor of Class of 1959/Lyle Anderson Challenge

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Burt & Linda (Erickson) Head
Carol J. Anderson
Deanna Swanson
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Jerry & Patrice Pribula
Jim & Janice (Hanson) Pulkrabek
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Philip & Gloria Thompson
Rick & Marie Schmiedeberg
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Tom & Jan Aafedt

In Memory of Daniel G Holz

Wendell & Michal (Loeslie) Sands & our family: Stephanie, Karmen, Monica & Jared

In Memory of David Duckstad

Bill & Carol Sedgeman

Jon & Brenda Ackerson Hapka

In Memory of Dean Kasprovicz

Jill (Johnston) Anderson
Jim Duckstad
Monique (Dubore) Collette

In Memory of Deceased Classmates - WHS Class of 1975

Mark & Julie (Hess) Nowacki

In Memory of Dewayne Sedlacek

Darrell & Patricia Sedlacek
Dwight Sedlacek
Faye Wallsten

In Memory of Don Berry

Philip & Gloria Thompson

In Memory of Donna (Copp Ovsak) Drews

Bill & Mary Bliven
Carol J. Anderson
Donald & Coralie Jones
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Hendrickson Family
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Jenny (Slusar) Ohnstad
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Samulson

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Steve & Stacy Scott

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In Memory of Dr G.I. and Marjorie Sholy

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In Memory of Ernie Slusar

Patricia (Ovsak) Koranda

In Memory of Eugene Carr

Thomas & Bobbie Carr

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Wayne & Deanna (Carlson) Zink

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Rick & Paty (Engelstad) Gould

Robert & Deanna Bossman

In Memory of Fern Anderson

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Bill & Carol Sedgeman
Cheryl (Wages) Nowacki
Jeanne, Ashlee & Rudy Johnson
Jim & JoAnne (Edgar) Ranstrom
Jon & Brenda Ackerson Hapka
Leslie, Patty (Pickett) & Sarah Howard

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In Memory of Floyd Stancyk

MaryLee (Stancyk) Moritz

In Honor of Frances Fanfulik's 90th Birthday

Carol J. Anderson

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Irmy Haugen

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In Memory of Harold & Margaret Sorensen

John Short

In Memory of Harold Hanevold

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble

In Memory of Harold Sorensen

David Sorensen

In Memory of Iris (Quiner) Johnson

Avis (Larson) Luchsinger

Barb (Potucek) Horien

In Memory of Jaime Gerlach

Mike & Deb Schmidt

In Honor of James Duckstad's Retirement

Carol J. Anderson

In Memory of James S Pearson

Janice Lenhart
WHS Class of 1968

In Memory of Jeanne (Stancyk) Plattner

MaryLee (Stancyk) Moritz

In Memory of Jeff Evin

Mark Nelson

Nancy (Evin) Christman

In Honor of Jen Conely

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In Memory of Jim Edgar

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In Honor of John Woinarowicz

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In Memory of Julie (Pumala) Ovsak

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In Honor of Margaret Sommers 99th Birthday

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Richard & Mary Jane (Hendrickson) Emerson

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JoAnn (Hanson) Skunes

L. Peder & Karen Larson

Nancy (Hanson) Abrahamson

In Memory of Marvin Swanson

Mark & Judy Swanson

In Honor of Mary Beth Edman

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Chris & Kari (Strickler) Kujava

Clayton & Jodi (Olson) Quade

Dean & Jana (Walker) Maruska

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Kelly & Carole DeMars

Michael & Judy (Gulden) Weiland

Michelle (Steer) Anderson

Mike & Deb Schmidt

Mike & Ladonna (Fillipi) Bannach

Paul & Janet (Carlson) Aakre

Philip & Gloria Thompson

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman

Rick & Nancy Mattson

Rodney & Deborah (Claerbout) Erickson

Sandra (Stone) Forslund

Sigvart & Marlene (Wittman) Silnes

Terry & Ilene Estabrook

Todd & Tami (Halvorson) Schumacher

Tom & Jan Aafedt

Tracey (Peterson) Regimbal

In Memory of Phyllis Pagnac

Dean, Jana (Walker), Carter & Patrick Maruska

In Memory of Randy B Swanson

Bette Swanson

Bill & Carol Sedgeman

Jon & Brenda Ackerson Hapka

In Memory of Randy Jenkins

Bill & Carol Sedgeman

Jarod & Jessica (Rivard) Peterson

In Memory of Raymond "Ray" Swanson

Bill & Yvonne (Engelstad) Bossman

Carol J. Anderson

Ed & Beryl (Bossman) Palmer

Glenn & Ruth Ann (Lundberg) Johnson

L. Peder & Karen Larson

Mark & Judy Swanson

Murray & Betty (VanBaal) Goodwin

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman

In Memory of Richard "Dick" Engelstad

Burt & Linda (Erickson) Head

Rick & Paty (Engelstad) Gould

In Honor of Rielle Longtin

Carol J. Anderson

In Memory of Robert Eggen

Duane & Jerrilyn (Olson) Potucek

In Memory of Robert L Strandberg

Glenn & Ruth Ann (Lundberg) Johnson

In Memory of Roger Kostrzewski

Jim & JoAnne (Edgar) Ranstrom

In Honor of Ron Pearson

Janice Lenhart

In Memory of Shelly Woinarowicz

Duane Pribula

In Memory of Stuart "Stewey" Hurst

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble

Bette Swanson

Bill & Yvonne (Engelstad) Bossman

Bremer Bank

Carol J. Anderson

Chuck & Lovie (Johnson) Graham

Darrell Rindy

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler

Faye Wallsten

George & Susan (Hill) Lee

Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl) Jevning

Jack & Delores (Anderson) Sedlacek

Jim & JoAnne (Edgar) Ranstrom

John & Carol Bowman

John & Rachel Peterson

John Short

Karen (Hickman) Larson

Kelsey (Stroble) Svoboda

L. Peder & Karen Larson

Larry & Faith Rud

Michael & Judy (Gulden) Weiland

ALL SCHOOL REUNION

ALL SCHOOL REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS JULY 24-JULY 28, 2019

Wednesday, July 24 – Parade at 6:00 p.m. You are invited to gather classmates together to be participants in the parade.

Thursday, July 25 – Movie/tailgating night at Sky-VU Drive In. Bring your own grills/meat etc. for the tail gating experience. Concessions will be available.

Friday, July 26 – WAO Foundation Golf Tournament, Fair activities and Fireworks.

Saturday, July 27 – 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Warren Elementary and High School open for tours and visiting. WAO classes are invited to assemble something to represent their class to display in hallways of high school for the open house. Lunch served in Warren High School cafeteria. Music/skits in High School auditorium. WAO alumni/classes are invited to put together a skit, musical number etc.

2:00 pm All School Reunion Program in High School Auditorium. Hall of Fame inductees as well as former teachers and administrators will be recognized. Evening street dance.

Sunday, July 28 – Morning worship service at fairgrounds.

WAO ALL SCHOOL REUNION LODGING OPTIONS:



Area Motels:

- Elm Crest Motel Warren 745-4721
- Quality Inn Thief River Falls 681-7555 Ten rooms held until June 1.
- C'Mon Inn Thief River Falls 681-3000 Deluxe continental breakfast, pool, hot-tub, 18 rooms including 1 handicap accessible held until July 1.
- Super 8 Grand Forks (701) 775-8138 Continental breakfast, 10 rooms held until June 24.
- Holiday Inn Express Grand Forks (701) 772-7700 Deluxe continental breakfast, pool, hot-tub, 24 hour fitness center, guest laundry, 24 hour business center, 15 rooms held until June 19.
- Cobblestone Inn Crookston 470-1111 Deluxe continental breakfast, pool, hot-tub, 10 rooms held until June 1.
- Crookston Inn and Convention Center 281-5210 Continental breakfast, pool, lounge, 16 rooms including 1 handicap accessible, held until June 24.

Area Camping:

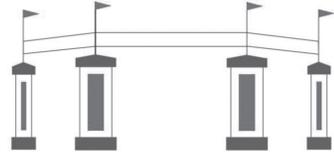
- Marshall County Fair Board 745-4445
- Old Mill State Park 437-8174
- Red River State Recreation Area East Grand Forks 773-4951
- Home Stays:

If interested, please call 745-4346 to make arrangements. Ask for Lynn.

Possible Venues for WAO All Class Reunion	Contact Person	Phone Number
Warren		
Bremer Bank	Geralyn Loeslie	218-745-4411
Godel Memorial Library	Dawn Korynta	218-745-5465
Riverside Golf Course		218-745-4028
Uptown Café	Lisa/Cindy	218-745-7636
Warren American Legion	Veronica Halvorson	218-745-5201
Warren Community/Senior Center	City of Warren	218-745-4190
W/A/O School	Lon Jorgenson	218-745-4646
Marshall County Courthouse	Leanne Novacek	218-745-4851
Ours Saviors Lutheran Church	Wanda Gubrud	218-745-4478
First Lutheran Church	Carol Moen	218-745-4221
Evangelical Covenant Church	Barb Hess	218-745-4191
St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church	Donna Gehrls	218-745-4511
Harvest Community Church (Opera House)	Margaret Deschene	218-745-0911
Grace United Methodist Church	Mari Lee Stenerson	218-745-4301
Zion Lutheran Church	Verona Poolman	218-745-4766
Angus Presbyterian		218-745-4301
Assembly of God	Jim Robberstad/Dann Pagler	218-745-7634
Alvarado		
Alvarado Community Center/Senior Center		218-965-4504
New Hope		218-965-4638
Oslo		
Oslo Community Center		218-695-3842
Zion Lutheran Church		218-695-2501
St. Joseph's Catholic Church		218-695-2641



MARSHALL COUNTY FAIR



MARSHALL COUNTY FAIR PARADE REGISTRATION

July 24, 2019 6:00 p.m.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

ENTRY NAME: _____

(Please circle category of your entry):

4-H/Church/Family Volunteer Org. Old Tractors/Machines Non-Profit
Commercial Old Cars/Trucks Animal/Animal Drawn School

(Please write a sentence or two what you would like the announcer to say about your unit.)

Please send registration to:
Marshall County Fair Parade
PO Box 176
Warren, MN 56762
email: marshallcountyfair@gmail.com

HALL *of* FAME

Nomination Form

The all-school reunion committee would like to recognize former graduates of the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo schools for their accomplishments after they graduated from high school.

We want kids to see what others who have walked the same halls have accomplished.

If you would like to nominate someone who has made an impact in business, military, sports, the arts, civic engagement, or any other category, please provide us with some information about who the person is and why they should be selected. All nominations will be reviewed by a committee (not the reunion committee), and 4 applicants will be chosen to be honored at the all-school reunion. We would like to make the selection of new candidates to be a yearly event, where new honorees would be recognized at the school awards day ceremony or a similar event.

If you would like to be a part of the selection committee (participation on the committee will be via email), please provide your information.

Please leave your information should follow-up information be needed on the candidate you have nominated.

Person nominated: _____
Graduation year, if known: _____
High School graduated from: Warren Alvarado Oslo North Valley W-A W-A-O (circle one)
Reason for their nomination (tell us about their accomplishments): _____

Please add additional sheets, if needed.

I would/would not like to be part of the selection committee (circle one)

Your name and contact information: _____

Please send all information to: WAOreunion@yahoo.com



WATER, SNACKS, FOOD, ETC.

Parade afternoon brings much excitement and work for some folks as they are doing the final touches on their float and visiting with friends and alumni who are back in town. Sometimes it's hot, other years it's cool, but the weather doesn't determine if you take time to eat lunch! This year there will be an opportunity for you to get food and beverages at the parade line up site. The DONUT SHACK will be set up on the WAO School Grounds. This food truck is owned and operated by Billy (Oslo 1984) and Rene (Engen) (Alvarado 1983) Newland. They spend much of their summer going from event to event with their "Shack". Items that you will find there range from nachos to pickles on a stick. You'll be able to purchase a hot dog or foot long along with sunflower seeds, chips, popcorn, pop, water, energy drinks and coffee. Of course you'll be able to get mini donuts at the DONUT SHACK.

Billy and Rene will also be set up Saturday on the school grounds.

Calling ALL
Teachers!



Warren-Alvarado-Oslo All
School Reunion
July 24-28

A special warm welcome is extended to all former and present teachers and administration. We hope you will come back to renew friendships and make new ones at the All School Reunion!

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Public School Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization to benefit education.

Gifts of \$100 or more to the Foundation are recognized on an attractive donor board located in the east entrance of the high school.

Please Contribute The Ed Foundation would appreciate your financial support, so we can continue to send you this newsletter. Online credit card donations can be made to the Ed Foundation on the WAO website.

Give Us Your Ideas Let us know what is interesting to you or what other information you'd like to see in this newsletter.

From the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation

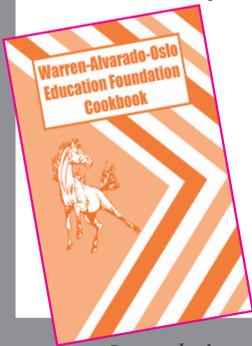
With the success of our first cookbook, we decided to produce a new cookbook featuring recipes from past, present and future WAO graduates in honor of the 125th All School Reunion which will be held in 2019.

We sincerely appreciate and thank all those whose fine spirit of cooperation made it possible for us to publish and market this book.

Funds from the sale of this book will help benefit the learning experience of young people in the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo School District.

We hope you enjoy this large variety of recipes. It has been exciting to hear from past alumni, current students, staff and faculty.

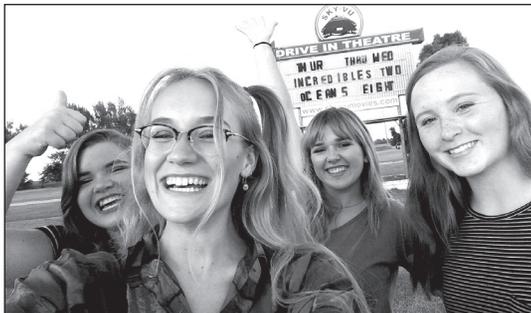
Thank you for your continued support!



Cookbooks will be available to purchase middle of December just in time for Christmas.

Contact an Ed. Foundation Member

Cover designs by Katie Kleven WAO Class of 2014



SKY-VU MOVIE TAILGATING EXPERIENCE

The Sky-Vu Drive-In Outdoor Theater is one of the few outdoor theaters left. It is still a very busy place most evenings at sundown when people come from miles away by the car or pickup loads to watch a movie, have snacks, and meet up with friends. The Novak Family has offered the All School Reunion Group a Thursday Night at the Drive In. Thursday is usually a grandstand event, but it will be over in time for you to get to the movie! The Novaks will close the theater to the public that evening and they are not going to charge per individual or car. Instead they are going to have a donation basket where moviegoers can give a free will donation that will go to WAO. (A percentage of these donations will go to the Novaks for their expenses.) The snack bar will be open and they have a WIDE variety of products available for purchase. Check out their website at sky-vumovies.com. All proceeds from the concessions will go to the Novaks. They do not sell any beer or alcohol, but people may bring their own. The movie that they select for the evening will be family orientated because we're sure you'd like to bring your children along to experience the times you spent at the drive-in as a child. Bring your lawn chair, some food, if you wish, and plan for a fun evening of socializing, fellowship, and fun!

It would be so helpful to the Novaks if you could reply to the following:

- Yes, we plan to be there
 No, it won't work for us to attend
 Maybe we can fit it into our plans

Plans do change. If you marked no and your plans change, please come!

Email you reply to: novakweather@gmail.com
 or go to: <https://www.skyvumovies.com/wao> to register

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER



A volunteer is a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

The All School Reunion Committee is looking for people who fit the above definition. This could be for Wednesday afternoon at the parade staging area, on Thursday Night at the Sky Vu Outdoor Movie Theater for the Movie Tailgating Experience, or Saturday at the schools.

The simplest, easiest way to meet as many classmates in the shortest amount of time is to volunteer.

Seriously we could use willing volunteers! Please send your name, contact info, and the day or days that you would be willing to volunteer to: WAOrenunion@yahoo.com

Many hands make for easier work!

WAO WEARHOUSE




Established in 1999, the WAO Wearhouse continues to operate and it grows every year. What is it? It's WAO's student-run school store. Students manage all aspects of running a small store that serves students and the public.

Students that take the "WAO Wearhouse" course are learning all aspects of marketing and running a small business. This includes, but is not limited to: Customer service, order and manage inventory, creating advertisements, problem solving, money handling, simple accounting practices, calculating profit/loss, create and manage spirit/fan orders, designing, website management and producing clothing.

The WAO Wearhouse designs and offers clothing embellished with a heat or vinyl transfer, embroidery, or sublimation designs.

The WAO Education Foundation has greatly assisted the Wearhouse by providing equipment such as a dual-head head press, a sublimation printer and many materials to modernize the room.

The Wearhouse store has recently expanded in size and is now a full walk-in store. They are open for students, staff and the public. Ryan Larson (Wayne Larson Construction) installed a faux brick wall in the store. Sara Steer has also been a huge asset for the Wearhouse with her ideas and creativity as well as donating time over the summer to help paint and set up the room.

You are invited to stop by and check out the new store. They are open Monday-Friday 2-4 p.m. and will be open during some future home games and events. You can also visit their student-created and managed website: <https://goo.gl/Mg5wkZ>.

THE WAO WEARHOUSE HAS A LARGE VARIETY OF ITEMS. IT WILL BE OPEN DURING THE ALL SCHOOL REUNION. IT IS LOCATED IN THE FORMER HOME EC AREA OF WAO HS

All School Reunion Pre-registration Form

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo will be hosting an all-school reunion during fair week of 2019 (July 24-28, 2019). Please let us know if you are coming, interested in attending, but not yet sure, and if you are interested in volunteering to help with the event. We will reconnect with you prior to the event to keep you updated.

Name: _____
(include maiden name, if applicable)

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Year of graduation _____

School graduated from (circle the appropriate answer(s): Warren Alvarado Oslo

Valley North W-A W-A-O

We will be providing a noon meal on Saturday, which will be included in the cost for the day.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE EVENT IS \$25/PERSON.

of meals _____

Special meal requirements _____

(vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, etc)

I am willing to volunteer prior to or at the event:

yes no (circle one)

Send all information to

WAOreunion@yahoo.com

or P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762

Join the WAO Education
Foundation for their
15th Annual

Golf Scramble Fundraiser

Friday, July 26, 2019

at Riverside Golf Course
Warren, MN

18-hole, 4-person scramble
or come for lunch and
play 9 holes for fun.

Registration is NOW Open
starts at 7:00 a.m.

Shotgun start: 8:30 a.m.

\$50.00/person

Pre-registration strongly suggested,
(see form on the left)

contact us at

(218) 745-4646 ext. 1317 or

email: edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us

To reserve a golf cart, call 218-745-4028 and
leave a message. Your call will be returned.

FUN, FOOD, GAMES, PRIZES!



WARREN - WHS/WAO

**FLORIDA
PICNIC 2019**

MARCH 16, 2019

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Park closes at sundown)

Frank Rendon Park
2705 - Atlantic Avenue South,
Daytona Beach, FL

Two pavilions - #1 and #2 - are reserved for this event.

Frank Rendon Park is located directly on beach of Atlantic Ocean and features: Sheltered picnic areas. Grills. Playground area. Water fountain. Multiple restrooms and outdoor showers. 141 - spaces of off-street parking (not reserved - so try to arrive early). Observation deck (with great views of beach and ocean). Easy access to beach.

Event Details:

Pot luck - please bring at least one food item.

A voluntary contribution of \$3-\$5 will help defray some incidental expenses.

Limited beverages (pop, juice, & water) will be available at event.

Alcoholic beverages are NOT allowed in Park or on beach,

but can be obtained next door at The Shores, a world class resort.

Two door prizes will be available - one for person coming from the farthest distance

another for best item of Warren memorabilia.

Anyone with questions can contact me:
David Sholy - at dsholy@sandslandscaping.com.

Entertainment Committee

The Entertainment Committee for the All School Reunion is coming along. If you have any additional ideas, please contact me.

As of right now, we will be having a choir, who will be singing music of past years. One song that used to be a tradition of the Warren High School Choir was Christianson's "Beautiful Savior." We thought it would be nice to sing this as a closer to the choir portion of the program, as done in the past.

Mark Maruska, an alumnus of Warren High School and past Warren and WAO High School Choir Director, has graciously said he would direct the choir. There would be a rehearsal earlier that same day of the concert.

It would be nice to have a Jazz Band to perform sometime on Saturday as well. If there are small groups who would like to perform, please contact myself or someone on the All School Reunion Committee.

We look forward to a wonderful All School Gathering and hopefully you will be able to attend!

Joan (Grega) Peterson, Class of 1974
Entertainment Committee

Reply to: joanmp1956@yahoo.com

Golf Registration Form

Please return this with your entry fee. (\$50/person)

Team Member's Names: _____

Contact email _____ Contact Phone: _____

Team Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: WAO Education Foundation Mail to: WAO Ed. Foundation, P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762

General Ervin J. Rokke

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1957 Honor Society

for our character development. I'm not sure that would have happened to the same degree, for me, in a larger community."

Following high school graduation, he enrolled at St. Olaf College and joined the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) which was required for male students. He said, "I was impressed with what I learned about the military profession in ROTC and appreciated the fact that a military academy offered an excellent education without tuition and other expenditures on my part. I chose the Air Force Academy over Army and Navy because I was fascinated with flight and aspired to be a fighter pilot. That all started, incidentally, when a neighbor, Clarence (Kelly) Peterson gave me a ride as a 12 year old in his two-seated Cessna from a field north of Warren. As I recall, my dad paid \$1.50 for the ride."

General Rokke graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1962 as a commissioned second lieutenant. Remember, he joined the Air Force to be a fighter pilot. Unfortunately for him, at the time, those plans were derailed and he had to set his sights towards another branch of the Air Force. He explained, "My aspirations to be a fighter pilot were negated when the Air Force assigned me to Harvard graduate school upon graduation from the Academy. Adding to my frustration, my eyesight went below flying standards during my first year there. I reluctantly selected the military intelligence career field as an alternative and frankly assumed I would leave the Air Force after completing my five year commitment." His assumption proved to be wrong. Between 1965-1987, he would be sent to special intelligence training on four separate occasions and spent 30 more years fulfilling Air Force Intelligence assignments.

All of his military training and education led him on a path to do double-duty during his career. He said, "Much to my surprise, I found my Air Force assignments both challenging and rewarding. As an Air Force officer, I served about half the time teaching and serving as Dean of Faculty at the Air Force Academy and the other half serving some six operational tours overseas in Japan, Hawaii, Belgium, England, the Soviet Union and Germany. My wife tells me that we have lived at more than twenty addresses during my time as an Air Force Officer. Our lives were busy, sometimes hectic, but we would not trade the experiences for any other."

He did have some favorite assignments that stood out as being interesting and demanding, as well as enjoyable. He elaborated, "I loved teaching cadets at the Air Force Academy, but as a military intelligence officer, I found our Defense Attache' assignment in Moscow during the late 1980's to be the most interesting. Pam and I spent a year at the Foreign Service Institute in Washington, D.C. studying the Russian language before leaving for Moscow. Life there was not always pleasant, particularly during the first year when the United States' and the Soviet Unions' relationship was very troubled. Both sides declared several diplomats and military attaches "persona non grata." I lost one of my best assistant army attaches."

He continued, "Things changed, however, as President Gorbachev implemented his policy of "Perestroika." I spent much of my second year in Moscow arranging military negotiations with the Soviets and accompanied the senior Soviet military officer (Marshal Sergey Akhromeyev) on his first trip to the United States. Such events culminated with the very successful Moscow Summit Conference in 1988 between Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev." Now that's getting right up there with world military leaders!

He also had some assignments that were not near as intense or extreme. As far as his favorite, he replied, "From the perspective of our

personal lives, Pam and I would agree that my stint as Air Attache in London during the early 80's was most enjoyable. London is a fabulous place to live and we made many friends there. Recently we were visited by a retired Air Vice Marshal with whom I served as a junior officer teaching at the Air Force Academy some 40 years ago."

Because of his modesty, I hope General Rokke will not be annoyed that I bring up the honors and commendations he earned during his illustrious career in the Air Force. Regrettably, space limitations prevent us from listing them. However, if you Google Lieutenant General Ervin Rokke, you will see these impressive lists of his education, assignments, major awards and decorations and dates of his promotions. His accomplishments are awe-inspiring!

After his active service in the Air Force ended in the late 1990's, General Rokke was almost ready to proceed to a life of leisure. However, he and his wife decided there was one more bridge to cross. He related, "When my operational Air Force career ended in 1997, Pam and I were not ready for retired life. However, we wanted to do something very different from Air Force service, and were invited to compete for the helm at Moravian College and Moravian Theological Seminary. Pam and I were fans of small liberal arts colleges and I accepted the Presidential position when it was offered. We found ourselves spending nine enjoyable years there." They are now living in full retirement close to where his Air Force career started in Monument, Colorado.

In conclusion, this is a story that should have been told a long time ago about this great American. It is unfortunate, generations of people in our communities (excluding his Class of 1957) know very little about his achievements during his lifetime of service to our country. I used to think "An Officer and a Gentleman" was just the title of a movie. Now I firmly believe that it was created to exemplify the career path chosen by Warren native, Lieutenant General Ervin J. Rokke.

FALL 2018 NEEDS

Funded by the Ed. Foundation

- Preschool – Play kitchen & dress-up play/storage unit \$1116
- Preschool – Wooden puzzles & magnetic building set \$370
- Second Grade – 2 Locking laptop/tablet charging stations \$800
- Elem Special ED – 2 Flexible seating-rocking chairs \$293
- LD Speech/lang. – Meeting needs in social skills \$480
- Elem. Counselor – Social Skills \$377
- Elem Vocal Music Playing and reading music \$612
- Elem. Staff – Cricut machine/supplies \$426
- Elem. Speech – Inferences material, laminating and Vinyl materials \$438
- HS Library – Junior Library Guild renewal \$1089
- Band – Bass Clarinet \$1945
- Spanish Class – Lunch at a Spanish restaurant \$450
- HS Staff – Cricut Machine and paper \$1060
- Art – Art team project IO tables \$1400
- HS Spec. Ed – High school coffee service \$364
- Warehouse – Sublimation printer \$1724

Total \$13944

JACKIE (ARNOLD) LEE SAYS IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN WARREN-MESA PICNIC IS COMING!

"Hello Warren residents (and surrounding area) as well as former students, former residents and current Arizona residents.



Well, it's that time again! The Warren-Mesa Picnic is coming. Circle your calendar for FEBRUARY 23, 2019 It will be held at Red Mountain Park in east Mesa. It is the same location as the past 2 years." That is: 7745 E. Brown Road, Mesa, AZ. 85207. This is a clean, beautiful park with many trees, a pond, and a great view of the mountains.



WAO PONY EXPRESS



Cam Yanish, left and Haleigh Davis, managers of the Pony Express and students at WAO High School's Transition Skills Program.

Donations

May 1, 2018 - October 31, 2018

175 Corner Store	Dr. Sarah Roley & Greg Yeager	Johnson Controls	Progressive Insurance Foundation
Advantage Ag Air	Dr. Tim & Kate Erickson	Johnson Family Farms	R & R Farms, Inc
Ag Country Farm Credit Services	Duane & Shari Swanson	Jon & Brenda Ackerson	Rachel Loeslie
Alan & Lana (Walker) Maruska	DuBore Funeral Home	Hapka	Raymond Larson
Alane (Pederson) Dobie	Dvorak Brothers Farms	Jordan & Brooke (Bork) Johnson	Renee Borowicz
Alexandra Erickson	Dwight W. Peterson Farms	Jim & Pamela Jubie	Richard & Beth (Solmonson) DeZwarte
Ali Hasbargen	Earl & Marlys Swanson	Judith (Tillet) Stromberg	Richard Fanfulik
American Federal Bank	Ed & Renee (Rehder) Rosendahl	Justin & Lindsey Buegler	Rick & Marie Schmiedeberg
Anonymous	Eldor & Bonnie (Franks) Ornquist	Karlstad Country Golf Club	Rick Jackson
Argyle Building Center	Elizabeth Murray	KB Stump Removal	River 15 Cinema
Arthur & Charlotte Drenckhahn	Erdahl Heating & Air	Kelly & Ben Pahlen	Riverside Golf Club of Stephen
Ash Grove Ag, Inc.	Ericco Tool & Mfg.	Kelly Mattson/Elm Crest Motel	Robert & Sharon (Nordin) Hegland
Auto Value	Evergreen Implement	Kevin Kroepelin	Rodney & Dorothy Soderstrom
Autumn Schindele	Ewing Oil (Cenex)	Kim Brekke	Roger & Evie Iverson
Ben & Kari (Stinar) Miska	Excelsior Logistics	Katie Kleven	Roger & Treasure (Soltis) Omdahl
Bernatello's Foods	Family Chiropractic	Kristi (Rosendahl) Flyen	Roger Quern
Bill & Carol Sedgeman	Faye Wallsten	KROX	Roley Electric/Dairy Queen
Billy Potucek	Fern (Abrahamson) Frothingham	Larson Construction	Ryan & Dana (Adolphson) Larson
Bob & Jiralyn Miller	Fert-L-Lawn	Laura (Anfinson) Jevning	Ryan & Tami (Stengrim) Hoyt
Bobby & Nancy (Pederson) Useldinger	Finseth's Hardware	Lee Hestnas	Rydell Auto Center, Inc.
Brady Martz & Assoc, PC	Hank	Liberty Business Systems	Sand Hill River Golf Club
Bremer Bank	Frances (Anderson) Johnson	Lon & Michelle Jorgensen	Savanah Simmers
Brian Ljunggren	Frandsen Bank & Trust	Lucas & Kaia Goodwin	Scott & Dion Hansen
Brian & Sheryl Schanil	Frandsen Wealth Management & Trust	Lucille (Judovsky) Bruce	Seven Clans Casino
BTD / Eric & Kristi Flyen	Fraye & Jean Ranstrom	Marc & Beth Kurz	Shane & Megan (Maruska) Dagoberg
C&R Cleaners & Laundry	Freddie Martinez	Margaret (Streich) Dufault	Simply
Calvin & Amber Schoepp	Garden Corner	Margaret Melgard	Sjoberg Cable TV
Carl & LaVerne Anderson	Garnet Asmundson	Marilyn Chruszcz	Sky-Vu Drive In
Carol J. Anderson	Garrett & Kim (Carlson) Molacek	Mark & Amy (Nowacki) Jones	Solid Ground Construction
Cathy (Anfinson) Dahlman	Gene & Sally Roller	Mark & Judy (Evin) Flaten	Southline Farms c/o Derek Peterson
Charles & Dolores (Weiland) Zammert	George & Susan (Hill) Lee	Mark & Leanne (Loeslie) Poolman	Stacy Laudal
Charles & Kathryn Blacklance	George Erickson	Mark Nelson	Stanley Maynard
Chris Kirchner	Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl) Jevning	MarKit County Grain LLC	Steve & Desilee Brekke
CHS Northland Grain	Gerrell's Sport Center	Marshall & Diane (Fabel) Melbye	Steve & Marie Goodwin
Chuck & Lovie (Johnson) Graham	Gerry Bergeron	Marshall County Coop	Stinar Farms
Cindy Blacklance	Gerry & Patti (Olson) Evin	Mary (Martin) Keller	Strickler Farms, Inc./ Brent Strickler
City of Warren	Gilmen & Bonnie Tinnes	Mary Stanislawski	Strickler Seed
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	John & Carol Bowman	Phil Thompson & Associates	
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Where are they now . . .

Gilman Tinnes, a former student of the Oslo school system, gives high praise to the WAO Foundation Newsletter for sharing information about classmates. He tells of starting first grade in 1936, having access to only a bare bones education, but a good one. When he was a sophomore his father passed away. Gilman quit school and took over the farm. It wasn't until 1991, when he was serving on the school board in Oslo that he learned of the GED program. Gilman received his GED diploma from East Grand Forks, but considers himself a graduate from Oslo, just a few years later than planned. Gilman says he and Joanne Mondry are the only two students left of the original first grade class. Gilman and wife Bonnie live in Bemidji.

Lacey Riopelle, WAO 2009, moved to Bemidji, MN, where she is on the teaching staff at Horace May Elementary School. She previously lived and taught in Reimer, MN. Lacey teaches 3rd grade and is also in charge of managing and preparing the curriculum for their after school program. Lacey recently received her Master's Degree in Education.

Becky (Strickler) Moen, WHS 1992, graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. After teaching History in Cloquet, MN for 4 years, she pursued her master's in Deaf Education at the U of MN. For the past 11 years, Becky has been teaching deaf and hard of hearing students, kindergarten to 12th grade. As a District 287 traveling teacher, she works in multiple school districts in the West Metro area of Minneapolis. She coordinates with teaching staff to ensure students have access to auditory information and teaches them self-advocacy skills. She assists with hearing equipment and provides direct teaching to improve academic goals. She also teaches hearing students American Sign Language as their requirement course for graduation at Mound-Westonka High School. Becky and husband Selmer have 2 children, Harrison 15 and Josie 13. They live in Minnetrista, MN.

Brian Ljunggren, WHS 1982, recently transferred

to the East Grand Forks Hugo's grocery store, where he is assistant store manager. At the age of 12, Brian started working for his uncle Dale Ljunggren at Dale's Foods in Warren. In 1984, he joined Hugo's in Crookston and over the past 18 years has worked in several of their Grand Forks locations. Brian has 2 daughters and lives in East Grand Forks, MN.

Jeff Westberg, WHS 1980, retired after 33 years of teaching elementary grades and coaching several sports at Tri-County Schools, Karlstad, MN. Jeff attended college at Northland, TRF, and graduated from University of North Dakota. The inspiration for Jeff's teaching career was his elementary school teacher at Warren, Marilyn Bennett. When he started third grade, his mother had passed away and Mrs. Bennett was kind and had the compassion and caring he needed. Jeff says, "Being able to communicate with kids, knowing what they feel has been an asset." As a teacher, his personal life experiences have helped him relate to his own students. Jeff lives in Karlstad with his wife Deana. They have 2 grown children.

Jonas Peterson, WAO 1998, is the CEO of Las Vegas Global Economics Alliance. His job consists of attracting and keeping businesses in that area. Jonas says, "Nevada is the fastest job producing state with record high employment. It has a strong and diverse economy." Jonas graduated from North Dakota State University where he majored in economics. He and wife Leah, live in Las Vegas. They have 2 children.

Jay Vansickle, WHS 1982, is a licensed director and co-owner of Strum Funeral Home in Sleepy Eye, MN. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Mortuary Science program in 1988. Jay worked in Fargo for Ivers-Landblom Funeral Home before he moved to Sleepy Eye. The business was purchased in 2004. Jay is very active in the community as a member of several civic organizations. He is an avid golfer, hunter and fisherman. Jay has twin daughters, Alexa and Regina, both completing their college degrees.

News and Notes . . .

Congratulations to **Zach Riopelle, WAO 2012**, who was recently named Region 1, 9-Man Football Coach of the Year in North Dakota. He is the head coach of the Richland 44 Colts which is a consolidation of several communities located in Colfax, ND. Zach coached the Colts for three years, while going to college at Minnesota State University, Moorhead. He graduated last December, was offered a teaching position in Colfax where he now teaches physical education and health science. He is also the strength and conditioning coach. Zach lives in Fargo.

Peter Sedgeman, WAO 2002, was recently hired as the Director of Social Services in Polk County MN, Crookston. He graduated from North Dakota State University in 2006, with a degree in industrial engineering and management. He then worked at Digi-Key in TRF. He earned his MBA and worked at Sanford Health, TRF, as an operations and financial analyst. Peter has also been very active in mission work with a church in Sahunivka, Ukraine. He has visited there 9 times developing close relationships. One of Peter's acquaintances of 10 years has returned to the United States with him as an exchange student in WAO High School.

Phillipp Bieliciaev, is the student that lives with Peter. He comes from Sahunivka a village in the center of Ukraine. His father is a minister and his mother a homemaker. He has 6 siblings. He is enjoying his studies at WAO, noting the teachers in the U.S. seem to really enjoy their work and contribution to the students. He likes having the ability to choose courses of study that interest him. Upon his return home, he plans to enroll in a specialized IT program, and work in the Ukraine for Western companies.

Linda (Engelstad) Turn, WHS 1968, recently retired after 29 1/2 years of employment at Phil Thompson and Associates in Warren. She and husband, Ed, live in Thief River Falls, MN. They have 2 grown sons, Scott and Jeff, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

Richard Kuzel, WHS 1963, recently retired after working for the Polk County Highway Department as a Maintenance 2 Employee since 2006. After graduation from high school, he worked on the family farm and attended the Minneapolis Vocational School majoring in accounting. In 1967, he joined the Army National Guard based in Crookston. He was an active

member for 6 years. He married **Michelle (Aase), WHS 1977**, who is employed at Digi-Key, Thief River Falls. They live in rural Angus where Dick continues to raise cattle. They have 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren.

Dean Pawlowski, WHS 1984, works as an engineer for Otter Tail Power Company in Fergus Falls, MN. In 2012, Dean started the formal application to become a Deacon in the Catholic Church. He has recently been ordained at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Fergus Falls where he will work with young people, particularly in the confirmation program. Dean and wife, Sarah, live in Fergus Fall with their children, Will, 16, and Sophia, 13.

Susan (Stano) Boman, WHS 1980, was recognized for 5 years of service with Lutheran Social Services. She cooks for Warren Senior Meals and Meals on Wheels. She is a valued employee with a caring attitude, going beyond her duties to make every meal appealing and delicious. Susan enjoys spending her extra time with boyfriend, Paul, her 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 3 foster grandchildren. Susan lives in Warren.

Last July, as part of his 50th class reunion celebration, **Ron Pearson, WHS 1968**, entertained his classmates and Warren community to an organ and piano concert at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Ron has had a successful music career dating back to his graduation from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN in 1972. After obtaining his Masters of Music degree from the University of Michigan, he served as organist and Director of Music at the First Presbyterian Church in Tulsa, OK. He has also been Adjunct Instructor of Organ at the University of Tulsa and active in the American Guild of Organists. Ron and wife Joanne live in Tulsa. They have 3 daughters and one granddaughter.

In January of 2019, WAO High School will be hosting a VEX Robotics Tournament. There will be 24 teams from the area, including 3 from WAO. Robotics has become a very popular extra-curricular activity, coached by Nathan Wozniak, WAO Industrial Tech instructor. Last spring, the WAO team attended the 2018 VEX Robotics World Championships held in Louisville, KY. The team finished three days of intense competition, ranking 53rd out of 97 teams. The WAO Foundation is proud to have helped fund their trip. The tournament is free and open to the public.

Legion Baseball has gained a following in Warren as **Hunter Roller and TJ Bowman, both WAO 2017** graduates, were members of the Stephen-Argyle Storm American Legion Baseball team. After a successful season, they took 3rd place at the Division II State Baseball Tournament in Pelican Rapids, MN. Hunter attends college at Northland Community Technical College in TRF and TJ is a student at Concordia in Moorhead, MN.

Congratulations to alumni that were recently elected to school board and city offices.

County Commissioner: **Jim (Ducky) Duckstad, WHS 1982**. City Council: **David Weber, WHS 1973**, and re-elected, **John Golden, WHS 1974**. Newly elected school board members are: **Jordan Johnson, WAO 2005**, and **Nikki Peterson, WAO 2002**. Re-elected are **Jeff Steer, WHS 1987** and **Don Narlock, WHS 1985**.

Alvarado election results: Mayor, **Robert Kleven, ALV 1981**, City Council, **Dean Bergman, ALV 1977**, and **Daryl Larson, ALV 1979**.

thank you!

Receiving a thank you from **Mary Stanislawski, high school special education teacher**, we received some insight about the new and unique project that was launched for special-ed students and those taking part in the Training Skills Program that teaches job and life skills. The Pony Express enables students to take orders from staff, for a variety of coffee/hot beverages and deliver them during the day. The service can only be utilized by staff and a free will donation is taken to cover costs. Orders can be placed on line or in the staff lounge. It can be a one time delivery or a standing order each day at a certain time. The WAO Foundation helped with start up costs by purchasing equipment and supplies. This successful project enables students to interact with people and take directions. They learn to handle money, manage inventory, become independent and take ownership of a business. It's a win, win for all concerned.

WAO Foundation, Thank you for the scholarship I received. Your generosity and support is much appreciated.
Jackson Steer, Class of 2018

"Thank you for the "new" teacher incentive and spring request items I received. They have helped me work on the goals set for the students. The Education Foundation is appreciated by staff, students and community."
Marilyn Edman, Language Specialist

"Thank you for your donation. I have been working on updating our library to a library/commons area. It is a way to offer a study environment to students while making them feel as if they are in a "home environment". By offering reading nooks and comfortable seating options, it provides students with a fun atmosphere while promoting learning. Your support is appreciated."
Ashley Anderson, Librarian

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Zachary Duckstad

Recently Deceased Alumni, Staff & Friends

These are death notices of alumni and staff that we have received. If you have additions or corrections, please contact the Education Foundation.

1939	WHS Edith (Hvidsten) Biscay
1940	WHS Donna (Copp Ovsak) Drews
1943	WHS Walter Holbrook
1946	ALV Jean (Skurdahl) Fritts
1946	Oslo Raymond "Ray" Swanson
1946	WHS Helen (Horgen) Peterson
1948	ALV Alvin Boman
1950	WHS Lorlie (McGlynn) Slaughter
1950	WHS Beverly (Vansickle) Gladhill
1951	WHS Marlyce (Lundberg) Walker
1953	WHS Eva (Kliner) Boman
1953	WHS Corinne (Carlson) Nelson
1954	ALV Bette (Paulson) Boman
1958	WHS Dewayne Sedlacek
1961	WHS Stuart "Stewey" Hurst
1966	ALV Philip Olson
1969	Oslo Randall "Randy" Awes
1969	Oslo Mary Beth (Olmstead) Aubuchon
1979	Oslo David Mondry
1986	Oslo Rodney Devine
Friend	Daniel Holz
1989	WHS Paula Laudal
2017	WAO (Honorary)Neil "Hardrock" Anderson
Friend	Janet Nice



AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK LUNCH — WAO Education Foundation served lunch to all school personnel of WAO to thank them for all they do for our kids every day. WAO Education Foundation members serving are Carol Sedgeman, front right and Ellen Strickler, far right. 5th grade teachers are Dana Larson, front left and Jeanne Johnson.

2018 Ed. Foundation Golf Scramble



GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS—First place winners of the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation Golf Scramble. Left to right: Mitch Flaten (WAO, '99), Gerry Evin (WHS, '69), Nicholas Evin and Tyler Evin. Nicholas and Tyler are sons of the late Jeff Evin, who was a 1982 WHS Grad.

CLASS REUNIONS

Please contact the Education Foundation with your class reunion details for our next edition of "Connections." We would be glad to give you our most current addresses for your classmates.

In return we ask that you give us any address updates that you become aware of.



Bill Potucek (WAO '99), Shane Dagoberg (WAO '03), Paul Fredrickson (WAO '01) and Christian Erickson (WAO '11).



WAO '08 GOLFERS & 2ND PLACE WINNERS—Kyle Beaudry, Matt Olson, Dillon Kasproicz and Zak Duckstad (WAO '08).



WAO CLASS OF 1998 GOLFERS—Patrick Vesey, Mitch Kotrba, Tim Strickler and Jonas Peterson. The Class of 1998 celebrated their 20 year reunion this summer.



GOLF SCRAMBLE 3RD PLACE—Ben Johnson (WAO '98), Joey Vesey (WAO '94), Michael Taus (WAO '98) and Jason Hill (WAO '98).

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