



WMA Homecoming 2025

Honoring the lives of Norma Maring, Sam Ratcliffe, Monte Lauderdale and their Dedication to Wentworth Military Academy
All Former Military Ball and Homecoming Queens, Princesses and Pages
WMA Classes of 2015, 2000, 1975 along with all Alumni and Classes

Thursday, October 2, 2025

7:00pm – 10:00pm
Merrymaking & Volunteer Appreciation
(*** Museum Sponsored ***)
Casey's Pizza
Alumni Quadrangle/Old Boy Walk and Old Boy Bunker
1351 Main Street | Lexington, Missouri

Friday, October 3, 2025

10:00am – 5:45pm
Homecoming Registration, Check-in, Museum Store Open
Inside Museum Store

10:00am – 5:30pm
WMA Museum Open to Visitors
100 S. 13th Street | Lexington, MO

10:00am – 4:00pm
Annual Ed Ellis Golf Tournament
Shirkey Golf Club
901 Wollard Boulevard | Richmond, MO

6:00pm
Tolling of the Bell Ceremony Honoring the life of Monte Lauderdale
Wentworth Museum Park, John D. Groendyke Bell Tower

6:30pm – ???am
Hot Dogs, Burgers, Brats, Bonfire and Alumni Social
(*** Museum Sponsored ***)
Lexington Goose Pond (BONFIRE)
Alumni Quadrangle/Old Boy Walk and Old Boy Bunker

Saturday, October 4, 2025

9:00 am
Memorial Service for Major Sam Ratcliffe
Trinity United Church of Christ
1312 Franklin Ave, Lexington, MO 64067

(Immediately following)
Tolling of the Bell Ceremony Honoring the life of Major Sam Ratcliffe
Wentworth Museum Park, John D. Groendyke Bell Tower

9:30am – 12:00pm
Tri-Military Trap Shoot
WMA/Kemper/MMA Alumni Tournament
Lake Lotawana Sportsmens Club
29708 E Alley Rd, Lee's Summit, MO

10:00am – 4:00pm
Homecoming Registration, Check-in, Museum Store Open
Inside Museum Store

12:45pm – 2:00pm
Wentworth Museum Sponsored Community Luncheon and Festivities
(***Museum Sponsored***)
Maid Rite (for lunch ordering, *take-out only, no dine in*)
Alumni Quadrangle/Old Boy Walk, Museum Park, and Old Boy Bunker

2:00pm – 4:30pm
WMA Museum Open to Visitors

4:30pm – 5:30pm
All Former HC & MB Queens, Princesses, and Pages Group Photo
WMA Museum Hall of Honor (enter via 13th Street)

5:15pm – 6:00pm
Tolling of the Bell Ceremony Honoring the life of Norma Maring
Wentworth Museum Park, John D. Groendyke Bell Tower

6:00pm – 6:30pm
Tolling of the Bell and Memorial Bagpipe Ceremony
John D. Groendyke Bell Tower
1351 Main Street | Lexington, Missouri

(Immediately following event)
WMA Museum Annual Banquet
WMA Museum – Basement (enter via the WMA Park)

8:00pm-ish – ???am
Alumni Social & A Live Band and Music in the Museum Park
(*** Museum Sponsored ***)
Alumni Quadrangle/Old Boy Walk and Old Boy Bunker

Sunday, October 5, 2025

10:30am – 11:00am
WMAM Final Flag Ceremony
The Doughboy
(Museum Hall of Honor – in the event of inclement weather)

11:00am – 12:30pm
Brunch – Ham Fat Fajitas/Open Q&A with Museum Executive Committee
(*** Museum Sponsored ***)
WMA Museum Basement (catered by Las Carretas)

1:30pm – 3:00pm
WMA Museum Open to Visitors

(Immediately following)
Museum and Park Clean up
Any and all help would be appreciated.
WMA Museum, and Museum Park

Registration is Required

For Museum Sponsored events, pre-registration by September 22nd is required. Registrations after the deadline will be permitted to the extent possible but will not be eligible for food and beverages sponsored by the Museum.

Registration: <https://www.wmamuseum.org/homecoming>

Adult Beverages

The Museum will provide refreshments, beer and wine (but no hard liquor) for all social events in the Park (while supplies last). If that is not to your liking, you are encouraged to BYOB/L (including if you plan to stay late and Museum sponsored supplies are exhausted). Glass is strongly discouraged in the Park, and Museum. Please bring plastic, cans or flasks to the greatest extent possible.

Security

Security is being provided for all events. Those who cannot "play well with others" will be asked to leave and/or escorted from premises.

Parking

Suggested primary parking location is in the Bank Midwest parking lot on the southwest corner of Main Street and 13th Street.

Litter Disposal Reminder

Alumni and guests are reminded to kindly deposit waste (and cigarette butts) in trash cans and/or ashtrays in the WMA Memorial Park. Offensive litterers will be asked to leave the premises.

Name Tags

Nametags will be issued to all registrants. Those without nametags will not be permitted admission to certain events and will not be eligible for food and beverages sponsored by the Museum.

You must register to receive a nametag

WMA Reunion Classes of

2015, 2000, 1975, 2005, 1995, 1985, 1965, 1955, 1945, and beyond will be recognized and acknowledged. Those commemorating their 10, 25 and 50-year reunions will be presented with WMA anniversary challenge coins.

Please join us October 2-5, for the 2025 Wentworth Military Academy Museum Homecoming!!

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