



# THE SENTINEL

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## We are back.

Fifty-three years ago I first encountered the *Sentinel* as a cadet in B Company at LWMA. It was neat. Four pages with a few pictures, none of me, but it was the first time I saw my name in print. Cadet 1st Lt. Robert Rozelle was interviewed by a *Sentinel* reporter about the Silver Rifles, our drill team. He was the Commander of the Silver Rifles and he was talking about the upcoming year and members of the team. Roy Berwick along with such stalwarts as Brian Brunner, Matt St. Clair, Dan Titus, Bruce Hall, Dale Cook, and some twelve others were listed as the 1963-1964 team. I was pretty proud of it and sent a copy to my mother. I no longer have her copy, I think it lined a bird cage or something, but I located that same *Sentinel* among the files and have proudly spoken about it several times to anyone who would listen. Well, good news! The *Sentinel* is back. Here it is. Stay tuned for what's happening at LW.

-Dr. Roy Berwick, *President*



## Homecoming 2016 | Oct 7

### *Honoring the class of 1966*

Lyman Ward is an academy steeped in tradition. Per that tradition, this year's homecoming will honor the class of 1966. Some of the memories the class of 1966 have gifted to the academy are their leadership: Col Wesley P. Smith, President; BG Theodore L. Futch, Commandant of Cadets, and LTC Everette R. Ramsey, Academic Dean.

We will celebrate the class of 1966 both with a parade and during halftime of our Fighting Ranger's football game versus Russell Christian. Festivities will begin at 1000 and will continue throughout the day. All are welcome and invited to join.





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# CADET LIFE

## *Back in session*

Lyman Ward is breathed back to life with the return of cadets to campus. The cadets can be a bit unpredictable, but they are the heart and soul of LWMA, and we are glad to see their smiling faces.

Along with the cadets come a few new faculty to round out the old hats. Sgt Saffold is welcomed into the military department as floating TAC; his wife, Mrs. Brandi Saffold takes the helm as Jr School instructor; Coach Will Watson comes to us as a key player, taking on many roles: Jr School history and PE teacher, Spanish instructor, and newly commissioned head baseball coach; similarly, Ms. Jessica Harris is to be the health, computer science, 8th grade English; Mrs. Myka Hammock assumes our science department; and Coach Keith Elliot steps in to lead the Fighting Rangers on the football field.

## *Tallapoosa and Wallace Halls granted upgrades*

Upgrades began last year in our barracks as Wallace Hall was fully converted to automated AC/Heating. To further increase cadet safety, Wallace Hall has also been outfitted with cameras in each hallway.

As for Tallapoosa Hall, the Academic Committee's proposal to the Dixon Foundation was granted. Installation began earlier this year, but each teacher now has an Apple TV, an iPad, and a 70" TV to increase student involvement and interaction with technological advances.





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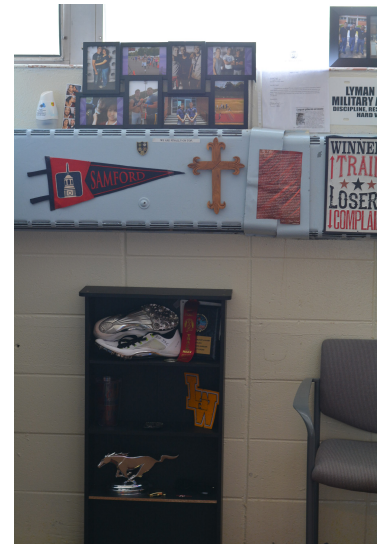


*#22pushupchallenge*

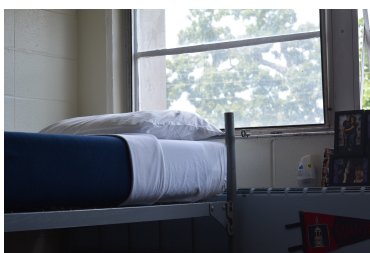
Did you know that 22 veterans commit suicide every day in the U.S.? The #22pushupchallenge was created to bring awareness to this tragedy as well as to raise funds to support our troops after they have served their duty to our country. These brave men and women have put their lives on the line for our freedom; the very least we can do as citizens who benefit from their sacrifice is to show our support.

## *Getting back into the swing of things*

By the time you read this newsletter, our cadets will have conquered a pivotal milestone at LWMA: Scrub Graduation. Currently, scrubs and cadets alike are putting their best foot forward to ensure their success at our academy. This includes room inspections, drill, SMI, and so much more. The most prepared and rehearsed company at the end of the year will win the coveted President's Cup.



This years' company commanders stand thus: TJ Diallo, Alpha Company; Michael Logan, Bravo Company; Rogan Norrell, Echo Company.



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Battalion Commander: Eric Jones

Battalion XO: Donell Richardson

# ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES



## Fighting Rangers Football

Freedom	40-20(L)
@Hope Christian	46-32 (L)
Tuscaloosa Academy	48-13 (L)
@Lighthouse	Sept. 23 (1900)
(HC) Russell Christian	Oct. 7 (1800)
@Ezekiel	Oct. 14 (1900)
Evangel	Oct. 21 (1900)

### *Ranger Football is back in session*

The Ranger Football program has a new coach and a new method: simplicity. Coach Keith Elliot is not an advocate of running lots of plays. He believes in focusing on learning a few plays and running them well.

While the Fighting Rangers are currently 0-2, they are most definitely the fighting Rangers. They go to battle each play, and do not quit until the final whistle is blown. With time and practice, this team will overcome any obstacle.

### *Other fall sports and activities*

With school back in session, it was time for each cadet to select an activity. Every cadet must choose at least one activity, but many chose to participate in multiple. Our other fall sport is in full swing with Major Will Williams resuming his role as coach of our cross country team. CC's first meet will be Sept. 22 at the Opelika Sportsplex.

Some of our other activities include the traditional groups, such as the Rangers and the Pathfinders. 1SGT Kolb has kicked off our rifle team's season, while a few newer activities from last year are getting new sponsors: the drill team and Boy Scouts.





# ALUMNI NEWS



SGM Cecil Wall Jr. (ret), a beloved former Tactical Officer of Alpha Company, passed away August 16 surrounded by family. One of his former cadets, Andy Canfield C/O 1997, has written a beautiful tribute to what can only be considered an exemplary testament to a life filled with patriotism, respect, humility, and compassion. SGM Walls, who referred to himself as "the old soldier," came to LWMA in 1996. According to Canfield, "you were immediately struck by the way he carried himself as a professional leader, the way he wore the uniform, and the awards that covered his shirts and jackets." SGM Wall had retired from the US Army after 30 years service, including two tours in Vietnam.

The most striking thing about our former Cadet Canfield's write-up is his description of the incredible humanity SGM Wall brought to this campus. He led by example. He worked alongside his cadets. He also supported, listened to, held them accountable, and demanded the

best from his cadets. If nothing else can be assimilated from this exceptional individual's life, I think it would be our continued encouragement of every cadet to "go out there and get me some gold," which is a lovely and heroic way of saying "do your best."

## TAPS

- Mr. Eugene R. Bottoms '43 SII, April 2016, Trustee/Lifetime Member
- Mr. Dorris J. Payne '60, April 2016
- Mr. Ronald A. Alston ('65-'68), May 2016
- SFC Lawrence "Larry" Henry, July 2016, Former TAC Officer
- Mr. Carter Kyser '41 SII, July 2016, Lifetime Member
- Capt. T. Wayne Betts, July 2016, Former Teacher/ Coach
- Mr. Michael W. "Mike" Lancaster '71, August 2016
- SGM Cecil Wall Jr., August 2016, Former TAC Officer

**The Alumni Association hosted their 9th Muster of the Troops this July. Each year the alumni select a Muster project. The wooden seating behind the Alumni Building needed replacing, so it was removed and the decision was made to build a deck for alumni gatherings. This project will be completed in the near future**

