Matthew D. Burrows

“Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.” These immortal words of Vince Lombardi exemplify the qualities of the individuals who have been inducted into the Warrior Run Hall of Fame. These words hold true for Matthew D. Burrows, a member of the Warrior Run Hall of Fame Class of 2010.

Born November 23, 1965, Matt, the son of Jenadelle and John Burrows, is a Warrior Runner through and through having attended district schools for his entire elementary and secondary education and now choosing to reside with his family in Watsontown. While attending high school Matt served as Class President, participated in student government as a member of the student council and performed in the school musicals for four years as a member of the concert choir. In addition, Matt excelled as a member of the football, wrestling and baseball teams. Matt was the MVP of the 1983 West Branch League Champion Football Team that compiled a career record of 25 and 10. As a wrestler, Matt won 61 of 82 matches attaining an overall winning percentage of .744. Matt was the Sectional Champion in 1983 and again in 1984 when he also earned a second place medal at District Championships and was a 5th place finisher at the PIAA State Tournament in the 155 lb. weight class. During Matt’s four year baseball career he demonstrated his batting prowess with a career batting average of .341.

Matt attended Slippery Rock University after high school before enlisting in the United States Air Force in 1984. Matt had a plan – to gain experience and education in the Air Force serving in the Military Police so that he could pursue his lifelong dream of being a law enforcement officer. Matt served his country attaining the rank of Sergeant before leaving the Air Force in 1990. While in the Air Force Matt gained experience and leadership skills but also pursued his athletic career being named the Male Athlete of the Year at the Kliene Brogel Air Station in 1989. Matt graduated from the Pennsylvania State Police Academy in May 1993 where he was assigned to Troop F in Rockview, Pennsylvania. While a member of the State Police Matt demonstrated his commitment to the team as he pursued his lifelong dream serving as a Detective at the Selinsgrove Barracks and returning home to serve as a Community Liaison Officer for Troop F while being stationed at the Milton Barracks. As a State Police Officer, Matt received a State Police Commissioner’s Letter of Accommodation and Citation of Bravery from the Northumberland County District Attorney. He is the founder and current President of the Susquehanna Valley Law Enforcement Camp Cadet. A nonprofit program for students aged twelve to fifteen that focuses on team work, discipline, structure and self esteem. Matt has spent endless hours while on duty and off building the Camp Cadet Program seeking donors and raising funds by organizing golf events and running events to support this very worthwhile opportunity for the youth in Northumberland, Union and Snyder Counties.

As a private citizen and as a police officer, Matt continues his community support for the Warrior Run School District and the children in our community. He is a Little League Baseball Coach in Watsontown and has recently worked to gain an affiliation with the Cal Ripkin Baseball Program. He has been a PIAA wrestling official for nineteen years often volunteering his time to officiate at the Warrior Run Athletic Association Tournament that raises funds in support of district athletes. Often we can see Matt, along with his wife, Kathy, of twenty four years and their children, Emma and Luke, attending district events supporting our students and programs.

Matt has always served as a role model. As a student, Matt held leadership positions in student government and in the many activities in which he participated. In the Air Force he became a leader serving as a Non-Commissioned Officer. And now as a police officer, he is a leader in his community serving our youth and supporting the Warrior Run School District. Again quoting Vince Lombardi who said; “The quality of a person’s life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.” Matthew D. Burrows is a person whose commitment to excellence and to the youth of his community is a measure of the quality of his life. We thank Matt for that commitment to excellence.

MATTHEW BURROWS
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Warrior Run Proud!
Captain David G. Fry, USN, is the son of Mrs. Virginia Houser of Watsontown and Gary Fry of Milton. He graduated from Warrior Run with the class of 1983. During his high school career, David was active in the National Honor Society, and participated in a number of varsity sports including football, varsity wrestling and varsity track and field. David was also a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student.

In 1987, David graduated with distinction from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and Physics. At Cornell, David participated in NROTC Sailing Club and intramural football, wrestling, and soccer.

Captain Fry entered the Navy following graduation and following initial nuclear power and submarine training, he was assigned to the USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) where he served in various capacities from 1989-91. From 1992-94, his next assignment was in London, England, as Assistant Strike Warfare and Contingency Operations Officer for the Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe. Following graduation from the Submarine Officer Advanced Course and Strategic Weapons Officer training at Trident Training Facility in Bangor, ME, and onboard the USS GEORGIA (SSBN 729) (BLUE), David served as the Strategic Weapons Officer on the USS MICHIGAN (SSBN 727) (BLUE) from 1995-98. In 1998 until 2000, he served on the Chief of Naval Operations Staff in the Plans, Liaison, and Assessments Branch of the Submarine Warfare Division.

Captain Fry reported onboard USS NORFOLK (SSN 714) for duty as Executive Officer in April, 2000. The Norfolk, as a member of the USS HARRY S. TRUMAN Carrier Battle Group, deployed to the Mediterranean where she participated in numerous multi-national undersea warfare exercises. David’s next duty was as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Warfare Requirements and Readiness under the Commander of Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet, completed in December, 2003. Commanding the USS PROVIDENCE (SSN 719) from 2004-6, he led her through the Navy’s first ever LOS ANGELES class submarine Engineered Overhaul and post overhaul certification.

Captain Fry attended the Naval War College from 2006-7, earning a Master of Arts degree with distinction in National Security and Strategic Studies. He currently serves the United States Strategic Command’s Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, as the Operations Plans Division Chief. David’s naval awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with three gold stars, the Joint Service Achievement Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Navy Achievement Medal with gold star. He is qualified as a pistol sharpshooter. During his tours of duty, David has visited 24 countries around the world.

David currently lives in Plattsmouth, Nebraska with his wife Katherine and daughter Maeghan. He volunteers at Freedom Park in Omaha, NE for the restoration of the training sub SST-2 Marlin. His hobbies include fencing (foil, epee, and saber) and horseback riding. David is a member of the Naval Institute, the US Fencing Association, and the American Quarter Horse Association.
Wilma Shively

Lieutenant Colonel Wilma J. Shively is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Deane Shively of Main Street, Turbotville. She graduated from Warrior Run with the Class of 1980 and was active in extracurricular activities as well as excelled in her academic endeavors. Wilma was a member of the Defender marching, concert and jazz bands during her high school years and also was a member of PMEA District 8 Band during her senior year. She was also a member of the Keyettes Club, Tri-Hi-Y Club and the school newspaper, The Eagle’s Perch. Active with the foreign exchange program at Warrior Run as a member of the AFS Club, she served as Vice President during her senior year.

Wilma matriculated at The Pennsylvania State University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Science in 1984. While at Penn State, Wilma was a four year member of the prestigious Penn State Blue Band. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon graduating from Officer Training School in San Antonio, Texas in 1989, Wilma began her Air Force career as the Duty Officer at Norton AFB, CA. Lt. Col. Shively has completed assignments in Korea, the United Kingdom, Iceland, Germany, and Iraq as well as five bases within the United States. In 2003, Wilma earned a Master of Aeronautical Science in Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She has also completed numerous courses through the Air Force continuing education program.

Wilma has earned 18 awards and decorations from the Air Force among them, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal. Wilma became a Lt. Colonel on August 1, 2005. (She follows in her father, Deane’s footsteps, who was also a Lt. Colonel with the USAF.) Currently, Lt. Col. Shively is the Chief of the Joint Visitors Bureau, United State Special Operations Command at MacDill AFB, FL.

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Joseph Kowalski, the Superintendent of Milton Area School District from 1997 – 2004, is a 2010 inductee into the Warrior Run Hall of Fame. Kowalski’s long association with education began in high school at Warrior Run where he played basketball, participated in choir, band and student council.

Voted the senior with the “Best Sense of Humor,” Kowalski went on to obtain a B.S. from Bloomsburg University and a M.S. from Bucknell University. He continued graduate work at Bucknell and Pennsylvania State University and the Governor’s Institute for Technology and Innovation.

At the beginning of his career, Kowalski taught both second and fourth grades from 1968 – 1973. Then from 1974 – 94 he was the Principal of Elementary Education in the Milton Area School District. He served as the Assistant Superintendent of Milton from 1995 to 1997 assuming the title of Superintendent in 1997.

Kowalski has many professional memberships including the American Association of School Administrators and the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development. His many awards include receiving the 2003 Milton Sports Super Booster Award and the Governor’s Outstanding Community and Family Service Citation in 2003.

His community service includes being the Northumberland County United Way Honorary Chairperson, being a board member and vice chairman of the Central Pa. Chamber of Commerce, and the 2005 Centennial President of the Rotary Club of Milton. In 2007 and 2008 he served as a crew member of the Sorcerer II Global Ocean Sampling Expedition. In 2009 he again participated on the Sorcerer II Expedition from San Diego, CA.; to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; and the Baltic Sea, Sweden.

The son of the late Mrs. Arlene Harrison Kowalski, Kowalski has been married to Sarah Biddle Kowalski (W.R. class of 1964) for 44 years. They have one daughter Heather Kowalski Venter and a son-in-law Dr. J. Craig Venter. Heather has her own public relations firm. The Kowalski’s also have an AFS exchange student daughter, Marilu Alzamora Vordi who now resides in Florida with sons Renzo and Fabrizio. Three cats, Milton, George and Muffy and a granddog, Darwin, complete the family.

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