



# FORGING THE FUTURE

*A History of Service. A Promise To Lead.*

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## Your Gift Makes a Difference

Dear Alumni and Friends,

In the beginning, the *Forging the Future* bicentennial campaign was a rare and special endeavor. After all, there are very few colleges and universities across this nation that have a near 200-year legacy and a reputation as strong and enduring as Norwich University.

Launched in 2014, our five-year, \$100 million capital campaign is a momentous fundraising challenge to deliver upon, yet the outcome of our efforts will help to forge the future of our university and ignite limitless possibilities in the academic and collegiate lives of our students as they find their passions and pursue their dreams.

Today, we find ourselves well past the mid-mark, with two beautifully renovated buildings that will now equip our students' and faculty's academic requirements and experiential learning needs with modern, flexible spaces that engage active, collaborative learning. Today, Kreitzberg Library and Ainsworth Hall each provide an environment that fosters innovation, creativity and intellectual growth, and fulfill Captain Alden Partridge's vision for preparing the next generation of leaders to serve our nation.

Mack Hall is rising up and will stand strong on the bedrock of our shared values: a commitment to the pursuit of excellence and to serving with honor and integrity. Brick by brick, we are facilitating the university's mission to better educate and equip students. This campaign invests in the future captains of industry, military leaders, scholars and teachers, architects and artists, and cyber security warriors, preparing them to make a positive impact on society.

Every gift counts and each dollar raised makes a difference. The countdown to our bicentennial celebration at Homecoming in 2019 is fast approaching. The power of our bonds, our connection, to Norwich, to one another, and to our students has never been greater, as Norwich has left an indelible mark upon us all and upon the world.

Please join us and be counted among the thousands of alumni and friends who together through their generosity and support will assure Norwich University's success well into our third century of leadership and service to our country.

Norwich Forever!

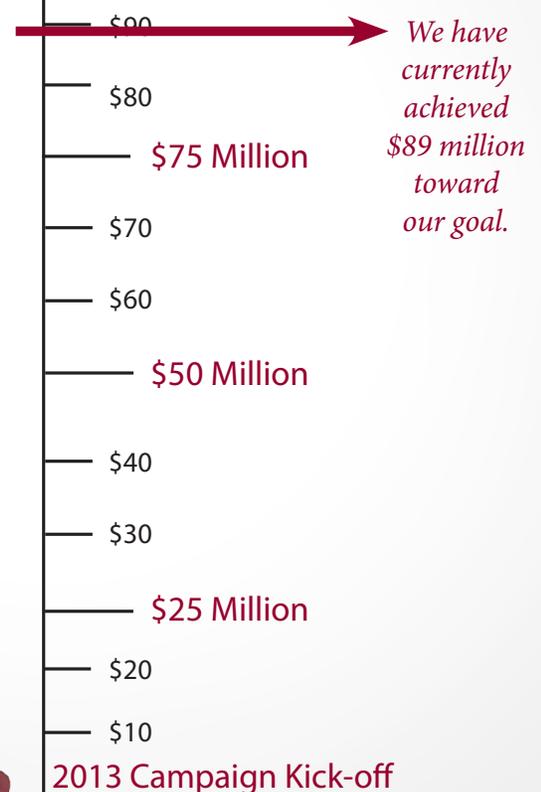
Joel Kobert, Chair

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*P.S. Each gift, no matter the size, is an investment in the future. As Norwich alumni, your gift is a remembrance of what was given to you by Norwich.*



## GOAL: \$100 Million





# State-of-the-Art Learning Environment

The campus-wide transformation, designed to create an intellectual landscape where cross-disciplinary thinking will flourish, is well underway. Initially difficult to envision, the future of Norwich is crystallizing much like Vermont's winter season.

Foundations for Mack Hall, the capstone of the *Forging the Future* campaign, are complete; steel has risen skyward thanks to a massive crane, and insulation is now framing the four-story structure.

Ainsworth Hall's February ribbon cutting ceremony and open house marks the completion of the \$4.8 million renovation to one of the oldest buildings on campus. When the building was originally built in 1910, it was designated the U.S. Weather Bureau, Northfield Station, from which official weather data was reported to the federal government to be used in weather forecasting. The second building to be renovated in the *Forging the Future* bicentennial campaign, Ainsworth Hall houses faculty offices and classrooms for Norwich's Academic Achievement Center and the Peace and War Center as well as the departments of History and Political Science and Justice Studies and Sociology.

Outside, the Harmon Memorial Wall and Plaza's granite walls are near finished, and detailing will begin soon honoring alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of Norwich University who have made a significant contribution to the improvement of this near two-hundred-year-old institution. The list of names, recorded by the year they were inscribed on the Wall, commemorates a commitment to Norwich that has sustained the University in the past and will carry it proudly into the future.

For a comprehensive overview of Mack Hall, and renovations to Dewey, Webb, and Ainsworth Halls, or our weekly update on construction progress, please visit: <http://lifeat.norwich.edu/wdam/mack-hall/>.



## Meet the Development Team!



### Kristin Dodge

Kristin returns to Norwich as a Senior Development Officer after spending two years as the Director of Development at the Vermont Historical Society. There, as a member of the senior management team, Kristin was responsible for developing and leading all fundraising, membership, stewardship, and donor relations programs and

initiatives. During her first stint at Norwich, Kristin worked in many different roles within the Office of Development and Alumni Relations. Kristin will be covering the Carolinas, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington D.C. Kristin can be reached via email: [kdodge@norwich.edu](mailto:kdodge@norwich.edu).



### Fred Palmer

Fred joins the development team following four years as the Athletics Annual Fund Director at the University of Vermont Foundation. At UVM, Fred was responsible for managing and developing relationships with over 150 donors, and securing over \$3 million in gifts. With a proven track record in relationship-driven sales, Fred will be working with

Norwich alumni in western Florida, Texas and Colorado. Fred's email is [fpalmer@norwich.edu](mailto:fpalmer@norwich.edu).



### Bob West

Robert "Bob" West holds B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from Suffolk University in Boston, MA. At his alma mater, he served as Director of Alumni Giving and Programs, Director of Alumni Development, and Associate Vice President/Chief Development Officer for the Suffolk Law School. Following his leadership at Suffolk, Bob moved to the State University of

New York, where he served as Executive Director/Assistant Vice President for Development at the Empire State College Foundation. He served at Marist College from 1996-2010 as Associate Vice President and Vice President for College Advancement and Vice President for Advancement at Roger Williams University. Bob will be working in New Hampshire, Upstate New York and Pennsylvania. Bob's email is [bwest@norwich.edu](mailto:bwest@norwich.edu).



## Growing Up Norwich

by Kathy Murphy

Peter Francis Dalton '65 was a generous man of selfless standing who loved family, country and the Madison (CT) community. Born in Cambridge, MA, Peter graduated from Norwich University and went on to serve in the United States Army. A platoon leader for the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, A Troop, 1st Squadron, Peter was honorably discharged as a Captain. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star with Valor, a Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign ribbon with Device. Peter was a true patriot and not afraid to lead under pressure.

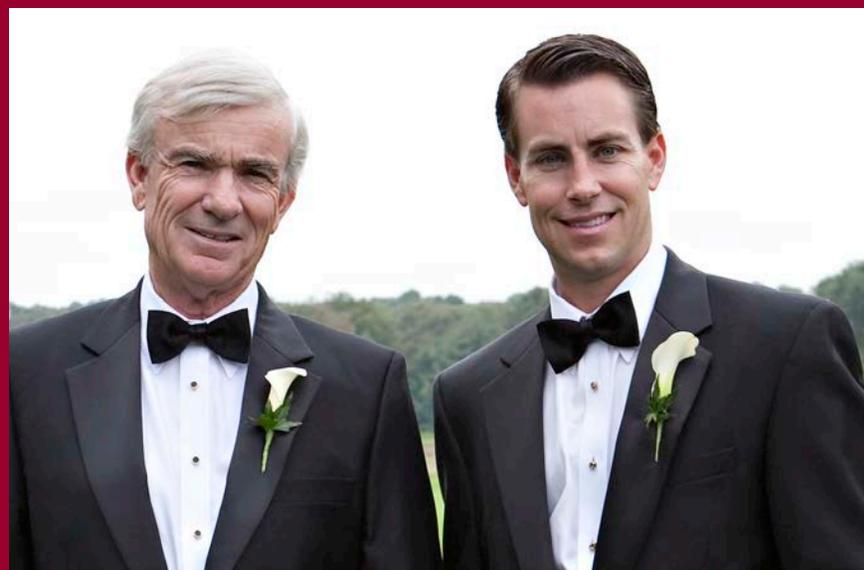
Peter started his own contracting firm Dalton Company Inc. and eventually formed Dalton Enterprises, Inc. in Cheshire, CT where he served as CEO and worked side by side in lockstep with his son John.

As Norwich marks its Year of Legacy, the fourth theme in our five-year bicentennial commemoration, John A. Dalton shares his memories of growing up Norwich, "of never giving up and constantly striving to achieve my goals." John remarks "I fondly remember going to Norwich with my mom, dad and older brother Pete where at 10 and 11 years old we played on the Sabine Sally tank, and had lunch in the mess hall. We were fascinated not only with the experience, but to see how happy it made our dad was quite special."

When asked for three words to characterize his father, John remarked – determined, charismatic and selfless. Peter was proud of his son's choice to follow in his footsteps into the family business where his own character traits of honesty, empathy and hard work were honed as modeled by his father.

The Peter F. Dalton '65 Memorial Scholarship at Norwich University was created in June 2011 by John in honor of his father's memory and is awarded to a member of the cadets who is in the business program at Norwich and is financially challenged. As of August 2017 six scholarships have been awarded, and the fund continues to grow and support the next generation of leaders.

Brandon Beal '19, a cadet and accounting major from Quincy, MA, is this academic year's recipient of the Peter F. Dalton '65 Memorial Scholarship. When asked why he chose Norwich, Brandon says, "I came to Norwich for a different college experience that a lot of people do not choose. Norwich has taught me many skills and standards that I will carry with me for a lifetime."





## Newly Dedicated Doc Vitty Scoreboard Unveiled at the Little Army-Navy Game

Haynes Family Stadium at Sabine Field was packed with maroon and gold clad Norwich alumni and football fans to mark the return of the rivalry between the Coast Guard Bears and the Norwich Cadets at Homecoming.

This decades-old rivalry dates from 2005 all the way back to October 5, 1929, when Norwich won, 7-0. To reignite the legacy and mark the start of new traditions, the University unveiled the newly rededicated Doc Vitty Scoreboard, in honor of an outstanding three-sport athlete, Clarence "Doc" Vitty, NU Class of 1920, who was inducted into the NU Hall of Fame in 1990.

A longtime youth sports coach, Doc recruited many fine student athletes for Norwich over the years. Partridge Society Five-Star Generals Roderic and Patricia Vitty (parents of David Vitty, NU Class of 1989, and grandparents of current student Lawson Hayes, Class of 2020), were unable to attend; however their daughter, Ginger Hayes, joined Norwich University President Richard Schneider in the unveiling of the scoreboard.