

Alumni Award

Colonel (ret.) Stephen C. Sherwood

Class of 1970

It is a pleasure to honor Stephen C. Sherwood with this 2010 Alumni Award for service to Ohio Wesleyan as an exemplary volunteer and for his lifelong dedication to his alma mater.

Stephen Custer Sherwood graduated with a B.A. in Economics. As a student at OWU, Steve was active in Beta Theta Pi fraternity, varsity soccer, ROTC, and the “W” Association. After Ohio Wesleyan, Steve had a 28-year career in the United States Air Force. He retired in 1998 with the rank of colonel.

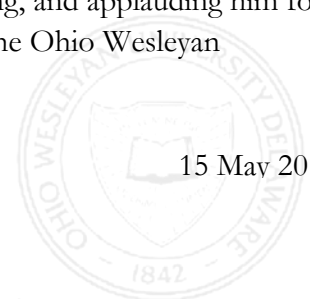
After Steve’s service to his nation, he now serves his community in a variety of volunteer programs including Tionesta Lions Club; the Forest County Penn State Cooperative Extension Board; chairperson of the Forest County American Cancer Society Relay for Life; tutoring project with the West Forest Elementary School; and a member and treasurer of the West Hickory Volunteer Fire Department.

Steve’s dedication to Ohio Wesleyan extends to many areas. As a Team OWU Volunteer for Men’s Soccer and Annual Fund Class Chair, he hasn’t been afraid to use humor in “an effort to glean a few extra bucks.” Looking forward to his 50th Reunion, Steve set up the “Class of ’70s 50th Reunion Fund” to lessen the financial burden in that 50th year by allowing his classmates to pay in earlier years. He religiously supports the OWU men’s soccer program and is a regular attendee at men’s soccer reunions. In 2009, Steve was instrumental in coordinating the first ROTC Reunion held during Alumni Weekend. This event is destined to become an Alumni Weekend tradition.

Steve was unanimously elected President of the Class of 1970 for their 35th reunion. He attended what he calls “Reunion University” and began a “most rewarding relationship with the Heart of Ohio Wesleyan, the Alumni Relations office, especially the party girls and the dialing for dollars bunch.” At Steve’s 35th reunion, he was once again elected as President of the Class of 1970, only this time, the members of the class elevated him to President for Life; an election he happily accepted.

Steve has been a welcome and friendly face at a myriad of University events and in the Alumni Relations and Annual Giving offices.

Today, we join Steve’s reunioning classmates and his wife, Marion, in saluting, thanking, and applauding him for decades of devoted service to Ohio Wesleyan University and as a valued member of the Ohio Wesleyan community.



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