

*Waltham Public Schools  
Retirees' Newsletter  
Fall 2020*



**Congratulations to the new retirees**



The Retirees' Corner wishes to welcome this year's newest retirees.

Robert Biddy	Whittemore	Custodial Staff
Patricia Cummings	Stanley	Kindergarten
Diana Mahoney	Plympton	SPED aide
Miguel Negron	Plympton	Custodial Staff
Barbara Walsh	McDevitt	Media aide
Rosanna Zottola	WHS	Food Services

**Thanks for the Feedback**

Our thanks to the retirees who took a few minutes to email their positive feedback on our last newsletter! Nice to hear from you about how we are doing! Let us know what you might like us to include in future newsletters. Email us at [retireescorner@gmail.com](mailto:retireescorner@gmail.com)



On a sad note, over the past few months, we have lost more former friends and colleagues -

Leona Curhan	Hill	Grade 5
Leo Hill	Fitzgerald, Bright, Newhall	Principal
Jim Johnson	Central, Kennedy	Physical Education/SPED
Joanne Monagle	WHS	Food Services
Shirley Regas	Central Office	Secretary
Clint Rumrill	Waltham High School	CTE
Josephine Russo	Plympton	Grade 4
Jane Sprogis	Waltham High School	Biology



### What Can We Do for You?

For several years now, we have informed you of the deaths of our colleagues, showcased our successful students, and reported on legislative matters which are pertinent to you. Now we wonder what Retirees' Corner next step should be.

Are there are any other needs you have that we can meet? Maybe you are seriously ill and/or confined to home and would love to receive cards and notes or a phone call from former colleagues. Or maybe you need resources for some issue.

We have formed a "benevolence" subcommittee (Judy Ferolito and Regina Pacitti) to address potential requests. Of course, all situations will be handled with discretion to protect people's privacy. If a need is forwarded to us by your friend retiree, we must still check with you directly to be sure you want our attention and response.

Please let us know as soon as possible what you think of this idea by contacting us at [retireescorner@gmail.com](mailto:retireescorner@gmail.com)



# Graduates in the News

## Brian Bolio

Generally speaking, as former employees of the Waltham Public Schools, we are all interested in the accomplishments of graduates of our system.

Colonel Brian Bolio is one of the many graduates of whom we can all be extremely proud. After graduating from Waltham High School in 1991, Brian matriculated at West Point and upon graduation in 1995 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Aviation Corp.

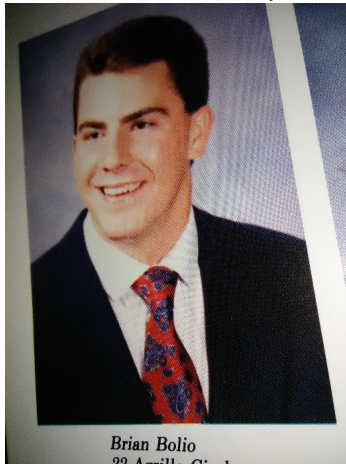
Over the years, Brian has served in Korea and Afghanistan as well as various locations in the United States. He is currently in command of the Army's lone space unit. The Space Brigade is in charge of the payload of "a global satellite Constellation" and provides theater missile-warning across the world.

On a personal note, Brian is married and the couple has three daughters. (His mom is our own Sally Bolio, MacArthur)

Brian stated that "our job depends on maintaining trust in each other, and, as importantly, the citizens that we serve. They deserve no less."

We are all very proud of Colonel Bolio's service, commitment, ideals and dedication, and his service to the American people.

*(note: The media has predicted Brian will be among the next officers promoted to General.)*



Brian Bolio  
99 Army...



COL Brian Bolio, commander, 1st Space Brigade, ASU photo (Photo by U.S. Army photo)



### Interview

[www.dvidshub.net/news/376614/profiles-space-atypical-evolution-space-commander-hockey-helicopters-head-brigade](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/376614/profiles-space-atypical-evolution-space-commander-hockey-helicopters-head-brigade)



## We are asking for your help.

We do not have current emails for the following retirees or former employees. Some we never had, some have most likely been changed as they bounced back as unknown, some we never got before they recently retired, some may be receiving emails under a spouse's email (who may also be a retiree) and some may have been automatically gone to the recipient's junk folder, and, unfortunately, some may have passed and we were unaware. We also understand that some may not have an email address at all and rely on a spouse's or other relative's email when necessary.

If you are in touch with any one on this list, might you ask them to forward a working email to us at [retireescorner@gmail.com](mailto:retireescorner@gmail.com)? It is our belief that everyone below is living, but we could be in error. Any updates would be most appreciated. Thank you.

Patricia Adolph	Jeannette Amiano	Marian Anthony	Lynne Arico
Joseph Arsenault	Lillian Arsenault	Marie Arsenault	Pamela Aucoin
Debra Auld	Djalai Babazadeh	Eileen Benoit	Marcia Benson
Robert Biddy	Rosemary Bonica	Bernadette Bourque	Margaret Boyajian
Charlotte Brown	Frank Buczek	Janet Buczel	James Buell
Mary Burke	Phyllis Caci	Zita Callahan	Marion Campbell
Margaret Cannon	Grace Carney	Micheal Carrafiello	Clifford Chase
Stephanie Childs	Helen Clancy	David Class	Mary Cochran
Ron Colachicco	Ann Coleman	Erin Collings	Robert Cook
Joseph Connolly	Joseph Corbett	Jerry Cormier	Lois Crandell
Joanne Crowe	Patricia Cummings	Donna D'Allesandro	Joseph D'Amico
Joseph Dayton	Joseph Defillippo	Karen DeMeo	James Dempsey
Barbara DeVito	Beverly DiVaio	Michelle Dolitka	Lawrence Doxsey
Jeanne Driscoll	Kathy Dufromont	Diane Dupuis	Roger Dupuis
Lawrence Enos	Anne Faulstich	Leonard Fay	Diane Fischer
Mary Fobert	David Gautreau	Micheal Gledhill	Debbie Grimes
Deborah Guelli	David Hachey	Louise Hague	Linda Hanley

Marie Hanson	Barbara Hantman	Denise Hernandez	Marion Hoagland
Mary Hodgdon	Donna Holdman	Denise Hoyt	Carol Jacobs
Alan Jacobson	Regina Jacobson	Joanne Jeffries	Dorothy Jensen
Arthur Jones	Margaret Juliano	Irving Kardon	Gail Kearns
Christopher Keene	Anna Kefalas	Fran Kelly	Margaret Kipp
Jeanne Kunze	Mary Langdon	Helen Leavitt	Gilda LeBlanc
Thomas LeFort	Gerardo Leone	Thomas Leverone	Elissa Levine
Howard Levine	Jacob Levine	Madeline Litopoulo	Judy Long
Jeffrey Lord	Robert Lucente	Faye Madden	Richard Madden
Diane Mahoney	Charles Malloch	Peter Marini	Katherine May
Pauline McCready	Joseph Mc Cusker	James McDonnell	Marsha McDonough
Mary McGagh	Charlene McGann	Mary Jane McGovern`	
Patricia McLaughlin	Helen McNamara	Christine Mirabito	Elaine Mitchell
Anthony Mrugula	Linda Murfitt	Marianne Murkidjanian	
Neil Murphy	Dovile Murray	Miguel Negron	Mary Neylon
Vincent Nicolorra	James O'Connor	Joan Olah	Lucy Oliveri-OHearn
Virginia Paige	Donald Prohovich	Nancy Quinn	Stephen Rando
Anthony Ratta	Carolyn Ream	Norma Renna	Maureen Richard
Debra Riggott	Marie Rivera	Annette Roberts	Robert Rooney
Emile Rosenberg	Vincent Rucinski	Patricia Rudman	Rosella Saia
Gail Santiago	Heidi Sardina	Frank Schofield	Robert Schubert
Wayne Schubert	Joseph Silva	Nina Skavenski	Sidney Smith
Sandra Steinberg	Stanley Straub	Woody Streeter	Judith Sumner
Nancy Taranto	Gerardo Tempesta	Mary Thomits	M. Tramantozzi
Joseph Travalini	Paula Truax	C. Vanderkruik	Annette Vardaro
Melinda Verde	Richard Wall	Barbara Walsh	Helen Wentworth
Dorothy Wolaszek	Alex Wyeth	Patricia Yarossi	Linda Yerardi
Richard Yerardi	Peter Yetten	Arlene Young	William Young
Rosanne Zottola			

Update as of early November

## **Cost-of-living adjustment update** *FY2021 COLA still not approved*

In mid-October, the Governor submitted a revised FY2021 budget proposal, which includes a 3% COLA on the first \$13,000 of your MTRS benefit, retroactive to July 1, 2020.

As a reminder, the MTRS cannot pay a COLA unless it is included in the final state budget approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. Your October benefit payment **will not** include a new COLA as the FY2021 budget is not yet finalized.

If a COLA is ultimately approved in the final FY2021 budget, it will be payable to those retirees whose retirement date was on or before 06/30/2019. Please know that the MTRS is closely monitoring the state budget process, will continue to keep you updated and will work to pay the COLA as soon as possible if it is approved.

For more information on the COLA and your benefit payment please visit [Your benefit payment - Cost-of-living adjustment eligibility and history](#).

Please stay safe,  
Erika M. Glaster,  
Executive Director  
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System

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## Rules of the Schools !

**A**T the last meeting of the School Committee it was voted to add the following to the list of "Rules and Regulations of the Public Schools of Waltham."

Teachers are expected, both from inclination and from a sense of duty, to abstain from all course or otherwise improper expressions in the school room. The use of nicknames and of all opprobrious or degrading epithets applied to the pupils is strictly forbidden. Violations of this order will be regarded by the committee as good cause of removal from the school.

Per order of the Committee,

R. B. THURSTON, *Chairman.*

Waltham, Nov. 21, 1862.

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*Best wishes for a wonderful and safe holiday season!*

