



## **WARRIOR HALL OF HONOR**

Recognition Ceremony  
September 14, 2012

*Warren High School Football Stadium  
Half time of Warren vs. Meadowbrook*

*2011 Warrior Hall of Honor Inductees*

Major General Mark Atkinson  
*Class of 1977*

Ralph D. Coffman, Jr.  
*Class of 1968*

Dr. Verna Weinstock Hillstrom  
*Class of 1966*

Cecil Johnson  
*Teacher and Coach 1962 - 1991*

Clyde Mayle  
*Class of 1967*  
*Teacher and Administrator 1974 - 2000*

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*Presenting the 2012 Class*



As principal of Warren High School it is my honor and privilege to serve as a representative of the Warren Local Schools *Warrior Hall of Honor* committee. On behalf of our organization, I would like to welcome you, and thank you for taking part in the induction of the 2012 class.

Since the first Warren High School graduating class in 1961, our community has been blessed by men and women who have positively contributed to our District's enduring success, or represented our District with great pride and distinction. Through your nominations, the *Warrior Hall of Honor* will honor those who have made such contributions. Our inaugural class, inducted in 2011, represented this quality and the Class of 2012 meets and exceeds this standard as well.

As High School Principal I am proud of our committee and the continuing work that has been accomplished. It was our desire to create an organization that would work within our community to identify people who have made a lasting impact on our District. We are confident that the inducted Class of 2012 positively represents our mission! Congratulations to our inductees!

Dan Leffingwell  
*Warren High School Principal*

## MARY WEINSTOCK SOKOL

*Warren High School Class of 1964*



Mary Weinstock Sokol graduated from Warren High School in 1964 and from The Ohio State University in 1968 with a B.S. degree in Psychology. She earned a M.A. degree from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL in Counseling and Guidance.

In addition Mrs. Sokol received a B.A. degree from Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, DC winning a scholarship for her first year there.

Currently Mrs. Sokol is the Department of Social Services Lead Coordinator at the College of Southern Maryland. She writes and manages grants for the welfare to work program for the college and oversees and provides management and day to day support for all operations, activities and programs within the grants.

During her career, she has worked as the Deputy Health Officer in Charles County, MD – managed all operations of the Health Department; Executive Director, Mt. Vernon Lee Enterprises, Springfield, VA – managed and budgeted for a corporation serving adults with developmental disabilities; Fairfax Opportunities Unlimited, Springfield, VA – developed rehabilitation policy and planning for the largest provider of vocational services for individuals with disabilities in Virginia; Chief Operating Officer of Spring Dell, La Plata, MD – provided individuals with disabilities vocational and residential services; Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Charles County, MD – provided individuals with disabilities, which were a handicap to employment, services including training, physical restoration services and counseling which led to employment.



Other experience includes: Adjunct Instructor at the College of Southern, MD teaching Career Decision Making and Life Planning plus Study Skills courses part time while pursuing self-employment as an artist; Long Term Substitute Guidance Counselor in three schools where she developed a special education guidance program.

Mrs. Sokol related the following about how her education at Warren High was beneficial in her career and personal life. “Mrs. Stalnaker awakened an interest in biology which helped me in my career as an Arabian Horse Breeder. I formed my own business and bred and sold Arabian horses from 1978 to 2008. I owned my own stallion and stood him at stud and showed him at the National Arabian Horse Show in Kentucky.

The Young sisters awakened an interest in art as I took Oil Painting from them. I obtained a second bachelor’s degree at Corcoran College of Arts and Design in Washington, DC in 2001. I then pursued for eight years my own business painting and selling art – especially oils – in the United States and internationally.”

Community activities include: was on Board of Directors for Health Partners, a non-profit free health care for the uninsured organization; was on Board of Directors for Audubon Society of Southern Maryland; member of several county art co-ops; served on Advisory and Publications Committee of Maryland Rehabilitation Counseling Association; won scholarship for a week’s seminar on painting and sculpting the Arabian horse in Taos, New Mexico, member of La Plata, MD Methodist Church.

## JACK WATKINS

*Teacher and Coach 1960-1993*



Jack Watkins began his teaching career in 1955 at Reader, West Virginia and coached basketball and baseball. With Mr. Watkins as coach, the baseball team won its first baseball championship. In 1957 Mr. Watkins and his family moved to Ohio to teach in the Fort Frye School District. In 1960 he started teaching social studies and physical education at Bartlett Junior High. He also coached basketball as well as Junior High track and was a substitute bus driver while at Bartlett. During the 1961-62 school year, he took over coaching duties for the Warren High School ninth grade basketball team and then began teaching at Warren in the 1962-63 school year. Mr. Watkins taught social studies and physical education at Warren High School until his retirement in 1993.

He coached ninth grade and junior varsity basketball as well as cross country. His ninth grade football team in the '62-63 school year only had six points scored against them all season. He was head football coach for one football game (vs. McArthur High School) during the '64-65 school year when the head coach was sick and could not attend. Mr. Watkins was the first athletic director at Warren High School, a position he held for a number of years. He announced Warren football games for many years and was radio announcer for WMOA Friday football games. He was inducted into the Warren High School Football Hall of Fame in 1995 and served on the Hall of Fame Committee and emceed their banquet for many years. Mr. Watkins also taught evening classes at Washington State Community College for almost twenty years.

He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where his son-in-law serves as pastor, and was a former member of Veto Presbyterian



Church where he was an elder, Sunday School teacher and active in the Builders Class. He was a charter member of the Scenic Hills Lions Club.

Mr. Watkins grew up in Lumberport, West Virginia, and graduated high school in 1949. He had a love of sports, whether it was playing, coaching, going to high school games, just watching sports on TV or especially going to his grandsons' games. In high school he played football, basketball, and baseball, and sang in the school choir. He graduated from Fairmont State College. His enthusiasm for education was evident as he would hitchhike from Lumberport to college every day to attend classes. He affected many during his teaching career. At his funeral many people said how Mr. Watkins had touched their lives.

His daughter, Kathy, is a former teacher. Two of his grandsons also teach, Ryan (social studies) and Daniel, (physical education) and coach. His youngest grandson, Andrew, who is attending Ohio State University, said he kind of wished he had gone into education after seeing all the lives his grandpa had touched. All three grandsons participated in wrestling, football, track and baseball while attending WHS, each receiving the Loren Weinstock Award for Sportsmanship. Kathy and her husband, Bill, were also very active at Warren, graduating in 1975.

Mr. Watkins had a great sense of humor and was well liked by his teaching peers, administrators and students. He always had everyone laughing during lunch with his stories, comments and anecdotes. He was truly a great person to be around and was an inspiration to many. He passed away November 4, 2010. He will always be remembered for his love of God, family, community, school, sports and for his patience and wonderful sense of humor. He was a loving father, grandfather, and to Dena, his wife of 54 years, a faithful and loving husband.

# THANK YOU

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The by-laws, the selection criteria process and a nomination form for the *Warrior Hall of Honor* can be found online at [www.warrenlocal.org](http://www.warrenlocal.org).

