

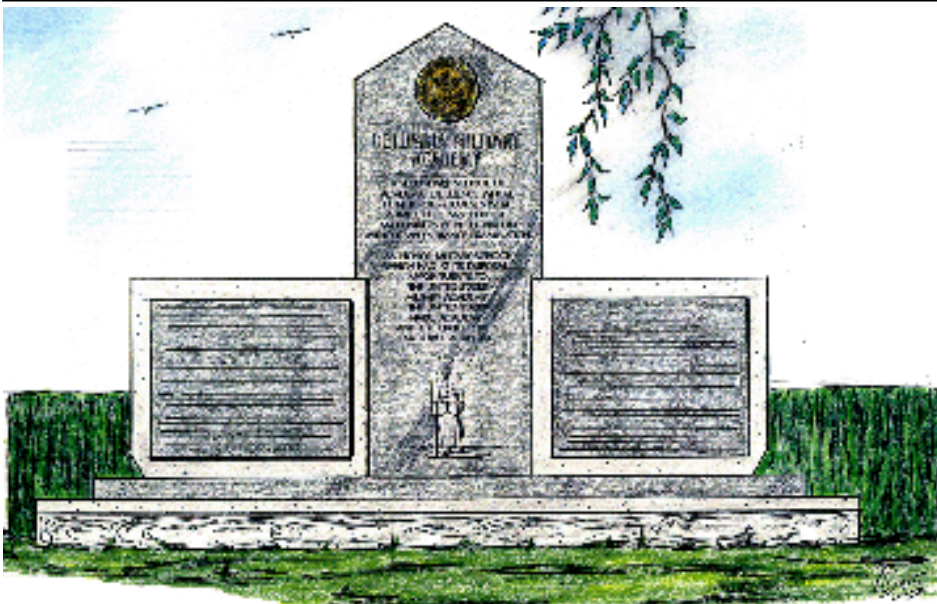
# 2006 Reunion Set for Aug. 4 & 5



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## Alternate CMA Memorial "Wall" To Be Proposed at Next Board Meet

A fresh approach to installing a permanent granite CMA Memorial with the names of all contributors of \$500 or more engraved thereon, will be on the agenda of the upcoming Board meeting in April '06. The new memorial or "wall" will consist of a central black granite tablet and two wing panels fabricated by Hunt Memorials, Inc. of Nashville, TN, designers of the original CMA Memorial pylons and tower. The central panel, which is 2 ft. 8 in. wide, 8 in. thick and 6 ft. high will be headed by the CMA seal, and will be followed by wording as exemplified by the following:

### Columbia Military Academy

"A secondary school of academic excellence whose honor roll graduates were admitted to any college and university in the nation without an entrance examination.

An honor military school which had at its disposal, appointments to the United States Military Academy, The United States Naval Academy and the United States Air Force Academy."

One or more cadet figures will appear at the bottom of the central panel.

Side panels measuring 3 ft. 2 in. wide by 10 in. thick by 2 ft. 8 in. tall, may carry an abbreviated history of CMA, the names of former cadets contributing to the memorial, a description of a day in the life of a cadet and/or excerpts from the speech dedicating the historical marker in August of '94.

The CMA Board of Directors will designate what wording will appear on the Memorial.

The three panels will rest on a 9 ft. 10 in. by 1 ft. 2 in by 3 in. thick sub-base and

## "100 Years of Tradition" VHS/DVD Still Available

Alumni Assn. Vice President, Woody Pettigrew still has a few media presentations he put together on what CMA stood for over the past 100 years. Displayed at the last Reunion general meeting in 2004, the 18 minute Video titled "100 Years of Tradition" is still available for \$15 as a VHS tape and \$20 as a DVD disk. You can e-mail him at: [wpettigrew@elmco.com](mailto:wpettigrew@elmco.com) or snail-mail him at: 312 Church Street, Madison, AL 35758-1604

a base 11 ft. 6 in. long by 1 ft. 6 in. wide by 3 in. thick.

Hunt Memorials estimates the cost at \$21,750 which includes labor, material and installation. All work and material is unconditionally guaranteed.

As of April 15, 2005, contributions by CMA Alumni topped out at \$66,627 with expenditures adding up to \$65,203. A cost estimate of \$750,000 has been projected to finish the memorial as originally conceived. It is due to this projected shortfall that the new proposal will be put forward for consideration.

### 50th Year Reunion Contacts

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Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
601-288-7844

## “Whhhhhaazzuupppp Dudes”

### *Odds and Ends from Here and There*

Dave Jolly, Class of '41, still has the shootin' eye he developed on the Rifle Team at CMA. He was awarded the “Old Goat” Rifle Trophy at last year's Guard and Reserve Rifle Championship matches at the Memphis Rifle and Revolver Club range.

Dr. William O.H. Perry, Class of '49, and his wife, Sue Ann, celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary by taking an Adriatic Cruise. They spent three days in Venice, Italy prior to boarding the M.S. Dalmacija. Highlights of the trip included the Glass and Linen Factories in Venice and a tour of St. Mark's Square. After visiting Korchla, Dubrovnik, Montenegro, Kotar, Split and Pula, Croatia they went to Corfu, Greece and concluded their trip with three days in Rome. Perry continues volunteer work with service at the Hospice Partners of the Central Coast, as a Boy Scout Counselor, as a Meals on Wheels driver and as Program Chairman for the Morro Bay Rams (Retired Active Men) in Morro Bay, CA.

Julian Hillery, Class of '55, is in the news again with the company he started from scratch: World Ship Supply, Inc. Hillery was featured in an article in City Life Magazine of New Orleans in April. He still claims he got where he is, thanks to CMA.

Tony Woolwine, Class of '56, has a 132 acre farm 4 miles from the junction of I-40 at the Old Hickory exit near Nashville. He has an assortment of light to heavy machine guns (all legally registered) and invites alumni to give him a holler if you want the experience thrill of firing off some rounds instead of playing golf. His phone number is: 615-356-6786 and his Fax is: 615-356-4182. E-mail him at: [tonyWool@aol.com](mailto:tonyWool@aol.com)

Lindley Clark, Class of '59 retired in September. I don't know if he can still be e-mailed at: [lindley.clark@smith-nephew.com](mailto:lindley.clark@smith-nephew.com)

Clinton H. Groves, Class of '61 has moved to the remote high desert near Lake Isabella, CA.

His new address is:

Clinton H. Groves

P.O. Box 983

Weldon, CA 93283-0983

E-mail and phone remain unchanged.

## SILVER TAPS

### **Dr. Horace Frierson, Class of '27**

Farewell to a true southern gentleman. Horace Frierson died Thursday, July 28, 2005, at NHC Healthcare in Anniston, Ala. We shall no longer receive his typical greeting, a tip of his hat, a generous smile and a sincere questioning about our health.

Mr. Frierson was born Nov. 29, 1910 in Columbia to Julia Warfield and Major Horace Frierson. Although his marriage to the late Lorraine Roberts Frierson of Anniston, Ala. resulted in his residing in Anniston for over 60 years, his heart remained in Maury County. He attended Columbia Military Academy and was a graduate of Vanderbilt University and received a law degree from American University in Washington, D.C. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the 738th Field Artillery under General George Patton. He held the rank of Lt. Colonel when he retired from the U.S. Army.

His legal career in Columbia was interrupted by the war. After the war he settled in Anniston and retired as a Vice President with Adelaide Mills.

He is survived by his daughters, Patricia Martin of Pleasant Garden, N.C. and Diana Steckel of Chambersburg, Pa.; a daughter-in-law, Sarah Ann Frierson of Mobile, Ala.; five grandchildren, Katherine and Rebecca Martin, Julia Steckel Fleischner, David Steckel and John Frierson. In addition, he is survived by two great-granddaughters, Margaret and Caroline Fleischner.

A memorial service will be held later. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Beacon Hospice, Anniston, Ala. or Donoho School, Anniston, Ala.

### **Jack Stephens, Class of '41**

Jack Stephens was born on August 9, 1923 in Grant County, Ark., the youngest of six children. He died early Saturday afternoon at his Little Rock home. He grew up on a farm near Prattsville during the great Depression. Coming from humble beginnings, the hard times and his parents taught him the values of self-reliance, diligence, integrity and hard work. His father, A.J. Stephens once told his young son, “It's no disgrace to be poor, it's a disgrace to stay poor.” His father also advised, “Success is not a destiny to be reached, but the quality of the journey we make.”

The advice from his father stayed with him throughout his life. In his younger years Jack Stephens worked on the family farm behind a mule drawn plow and picking cotton. By age 15, he held summer jobs as a bellhop and shoe shine boy at the

Barlow Hotel in Hope, Ark. He added the delivery of telegrams to his duties when he realized he could do so after his normal hotel shift was finished.

A bright student, Mr. Stephens attended the University of Arkansas following his graduation from CMA, ultimately graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 1946 (Class of '47).



**Jack Stephens**

Poor eyesight prevented Mr. Stephens from active duty in the Navy so he took a job offered to him on his graduation day by his brother W.R. “Witt” Stephens. With a simple handshake in his room at Annapolis, Jack agreed to join his brother in Little Rock at a municipal bond house.

Witt was outgoing, a natural salesman. Jack was quiet, unassuming and studious. A decade later, in 1956, Jack became an equal partner with his brother and became President and Chief Executive Officer the following year (1957). The two brothers acquired the Fort Smith Gas Company and renamed it the Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Company. The pair also acquired an oil and gas exploration firm and named it Stephens Production Company. Both investments proved to be the catalyst for expansion from a municipal bond business to a diversified financial group that became Stephens Inc.

Jack Stephens served as President and CEO of Stephens Inc. from 1957 until 1986 when Stephens Group, Inc. was formed and became the parent company of Stephens Inc. His son, Warren, assumed the leadership of Stephens Inc. at that time. Mr. Stephens became Chairman of Stephens Group, Inc. that year, a title he carried for the remainder of his life.

Over the decades, Mr. Stephens led the company to great heights. Under his leadership, Stephens Inc. invested or assisted in many enterprises including the former Union Life Insurance Company, the former Systematics, Donrey Media (now Stephens Media Group), Dillard's, Alltel, Wal-Mart, Tyson Foods and many more. Jack Stephens' leadership and business acumen was responsible for the creation of hundreds of businesses in America and thousands of jobs. Many of those enterprises have become Fortune 500 companies, and a number of them are located in his native Arkansas.

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In recent years, Mr. Stephens has been recognized for his philanthropy but it is something he did all his life. He once told a reporter, "There are only two pleasures associated with money, making it and giving it away." For over 20 years Jack Stephens has been the principal benefactor for The Delta Project, a program designed to assist and educate underprivileged children in Arkansas' delta. When he sold the Little Rock cable franchise in 1985, he put the profits into the City Educational Trust Fund. For 20 years the Trust Fund has provided scholarships for students and incentive awards for innovative teachers. His gift of \$48 million built the Jackson T. Stephens Spine and Neurosciences Institute on the campus of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and financed the purchase of equipment for the institute as well as support programs and research.

The Stephens family has been a life long supporter of the Arkansas Arts Center and Jack Stephens donated a portion of his personal art collection to the Center as a permanent display. The Stephens Gallery currently boasts the works of Degas, Monet, Picasso, Wyeth and more. The Stephens display, valued at \$22 million at the time of the gift, has been recognized as one of the most important art collections in the country. It is perhaps the finest art collection in the nation for a city the size of Little Rock. Mr. Stephens was also the lead contributor for the construction of a new 30,000 square foot wing at the Arkansas Arts Center.

The Episcopal Collegiate School, the campus of which bears his name, occupies 31 acres near downtown Little Rock. The total amount of this gift has never been made public but Mr. Stephens donated the money to purchase the land that comprises the campus. In April 2004, he donated \$20 million of the announced \$30 million endowment for the school. His son Warren and Warren's wife, Harriet, donated the remainder of the gift. Mr. Stephens also donated \$20.4 million for the construction of the Jackson T. Stephens Special Events Center on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR). The facility will become the home court for the UALR Trojan basketball team.

The list of contributions to his community also includes a \$5 million endowment to Harding University, establishment of the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas, and the Bill and Skeeter Dickey Scholarship at the University of Arkansas Athletic Department.

Mr. Stephens's love of sports (football and

golf in particular) led to a \$10 million gift to the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation in Annapolis, MD. The donation funded the recent renovation at the Navy Marine Corp Stadium near the campus which has been renamed Jack Stephens Field. The gift is the largest ever made to the Naval Academy.

When asked by the PGA Tour if he would support the launching of a new program to teach golf and its values to children by creating affordable and accessible golf facilities, Mr. Stephens surpassed their expectations with a \$5 million donation to help start The First Tee. The program serves children who have not previously been exposed to the game of golf.

Mr. Stephens loved the game of golf and once told a reporter, "Golf is a great teacher in life. The same skills needed to master this game are the same skills needed to master life, a life full of unseen obstacles and excitement."

In 1962, Mr. Stephens was invited to become a member of the Augusta National Golf Club. Mr. Stephens served as its fourth Chairman (1991-1998 ) with the responsibility of overseeing the golf club and the most prestigious tournament in golf, the Masters. After turning over the duties of chairman to Hootie Johnson in 1998, Mr. Stephens was named Chairman Emeritus.

Mr. Stephens won numerous awards and recognitions during his lifetime. He was honored with the Horatio Alger Award in 1980 and he was the first recipient of the J. William Fulbright Award given for international trade development in 1989. Mr. Stephens served on the board of the Little Rock Boys Club, The Quapaw Council of The Boy Scouts of America. He served 10 years on the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Law Degree and a University of Arkansas Distinguished Alumnus citation. He was inducted into the Arkansas Business Hall of Fame, the Arkansas State Golf Hall of Fame, and the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

Jack Stephens was a proud and loving father and grandfather. He is survived by two sons: Jackson T. "Steve" Stephens, Jr; Warren Stephens, and his wife, Harriet Stephens ; six grandchildren: Caroline Stephens, Jackson T. Stephens III, Mason Stephens, Miles Stephens, John Stephens and Laura Stephens; two great-grandchildren : Sydney Stephens and Bruce Stephens, Jr.; and two adopted children: Kerry LaNoche and James Stephens. Mr. Stephens is also survived by two sisters: Jewel Mays of Prattsville, Arkansas and Wilma Thornton of Searcy,

Ark.

The family requests that memorials be considered in lieu of flowers to one of the following organizations : Episcopal Collegiate School, Jackson T. Stephens Campus, 1701 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201; Arkansas Arts Center, 501 East 9th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202; First Tee of Arkansas, #1 First Tee Way, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204; First Tee of Fort Smith, 5800 Geren Road, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72916; or the Jackson T. Stephens Spine and Neurosciences Institute, 4301 West Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205.

Jack Stephens was an original American success story with roots deep in the soil of his home state of Arkansas and his other great devotion, the Augusta National Golf Club. His life was filled with many successes and his compassion, commitment and dedication resulted in an extraordinary journey that touched many lives.

## Dr. Valton C. Harwell, Class of '47

Dr. Valton C. Harwell, age 75, retired obstetrician and gynecologist, died June 20, 2005, at his home in Sunnyside, TN.

The son of the late Valton C. Harwell, Sr. and Ruth Brown Harwell, Dr. Harwell was born in Lewisburg, TN and moved to Fayetteville, TN at age 12. Following is graduation from CMA he attended Vanderbilt University of a Founder's Scholarship, graduating as a member of Phi

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Beta Kappa. He attended Vanderbilt University Medical School, graduating in 1954. He took his internship at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI. He married Martha Van McRady of Fayetteville, April 2, 1955 entering the U.S. Navy the following July. He was subsequently designated a Naval Flight Surgeon in June, 1956 and was stationed in Washington, DC.

After completing his tour of duty in 1958, Valton began his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Crawford W. Long Memorial Hospital of Emory University. He continued to serve with the Naval Reserve in Atlanta until moving to Columbia, TN in June of '61 when he resigned his commission.

He delivered over 5,000 babies over his career.

He was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church where he was a former choir member, Junior Warden and Senior Warden. He had served as President of the Maury County Medical Society and as Chief of Staff at Maury Regional Hospital. He retired in June of '94 due to Parkinson's Disease. In addition to his love for his family and medicine, he enjoyed hunting, hiking and tennis.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Lisa Van Harwell of Half Moon Bay, CA; one son, David Carden Harwell of Huntsville, AL; three grandchildren, William Harwell Johnston,



**Valton Harwell**

Jessica Elizabeth Johnston and Tyler McRady Harwell, all of Columbia.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Evelyn Kowel.

## **Fred C. Robbins, Class of '57**

Fred C. Robbins, 65, went to be with the Lord on June 25, 2005. His wife of 40 years, Sherry, and his three children, Sherry Dawn, James Terence, and Dann Clayton, were at his side during his passing. Fred was born to Robert G. Clark and Jean Clark Duncan on October 22, 1939, in Bay Shore, Long Island, New York, and was adopted by his great uncle, Fred S. Robbins. He was the son-in-law of J.T. and Hazel Wheeler of Jacksonville Beach.

Fred graduated with honors in 1957 from Columbia Military Academy in Columbia, Tennessee, and attended the University of Florida. He was self-employed as an Executive Search Consultant specializing in the transportation industry. Finding a great passion for high power shooting late in life, Fred was an avid member of the Gateway Gun Club, an F Class shooter, and the host of the Delphi Forum "Fred's High Power". Fred was a member of St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church.

## **Spencer Lee Bressack, Class of '65**

Spencer Lee Bressack, age 56, an independent salesman, passed away peacefully Aug. 13, in Louisville, KY after a courageous eight-month battle with lung cancer.

He was raised in Memphis, TN but lived in Louisville most of his adult life.

He leaves a daughter, Courtney Bressack of Memphis; a son, Jason Bressack of Dallas, TX; a sister, Dalen Bressack of Dickson, TN and his loving companion,Carolynn Ritter.

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