

CMAAA Board Meeting — October 27th



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From the President



Cadets, Faculty & Friends:

Our 2018 Grand Reunion is history, and by all accounts a great time was had by all. Our attendance was down from 2016, which leads me to encourage everyone to contact your classmates and friends and invite them to the 2020 Reunion. As the Silver Taps Section of the *Bugle* reflects, we are losing more and more of our CMA Brethren. Every opportunity to visit with your friends, old and new, is precious.

I would like to thank Dr. James Thomas and Columbia Academy once again for their hospitality. Allowing us the use of the Chapel for our General Membership Meeting on Saturday morning and access to the campus all week-end, including our Museum, helps make our reunion a special experience. I would like to note the highlights of our Saturday morning General Membership meeting on campus. Brigadier General Frank Blazey, US Army Retired, was inducted into our Hall of Honor posthumously. His son attended the reunion and accepted the Certificate of Induction and provided remarks during the ceremony. The Board of Directors awarded an Honorary Membership in

the CMA Alumni Association to Dr. Thomas, Columbia Academy President. He continues to grow the relationship between CA and our Association. Lisa Bennett, CA Vice President, and Jamie Cook, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Thomas, were awarded Certificates of Appreciation from the CMAAA for their assistance with CMA functions on campus.

The Association Executive Board will remain the same for the next two years except for Assistant Treasurer, with Tom Carr, '75 replacing Skip Snow, '55. I would like to personally thank Skip for his many years of service to the Board. He will remain on the Board as a Class Representative. I would like to thank our returning Executive Board (Randy Howell, '72/Vice-President; Sandra Hart Hasler, '74/Secretary; and Becky Moon, '75/Treasurer) for their hard work over the last two years, and I look forward to working with this great group for the next two years.

The classes of 1968 & 1969 recognized their deceased members during the Flag Pole Ceremony after the meeting. This ceremony, supported by the Columbia Central High School ROTC Color Guard, is such an important part of our reunions.

We recognized former Cadets who returned to CMA and served as Faculty and Staff members during the Saturday night banquet. We know of 18 such individuals and recognized them all during the ceremony. We were fortunate to have several members of this group present Saturday night for the ceremony. They were Moore Landers '60, Ron Nall '61, Walker McGinnis

'65, Bill Wade '68 and Mike Gilchrist accepting the Certificate for his father, Malcom Gilchrist '34.

After the banquet and Honor Group recognition we were treated to live entertainment by Fab Nashville, a Beatles Cover band. The band played for two hours with plenty of dancing and interaction from the crowd.

I would like to offer a special thanks to Woody Pettigrew '73. Not only does Woody publish the *Bugle* and oversee the Museum, he is responsible for the unbelievable amount of research involved in gathering the information and creating the slideshow presentation for our Honor Group at each reunion. To say Woody is one of the cornerstones of our Association would be an understatement.

Looking forward, our Second Annual CMA Day at CA is scheduled for October 26. We will have a program during the CA morning Chapel Service (9:00 AM) and have a Question and Answer session with classes throughout the day. Friday night we will be guests of CA at their football game with free admission and a special seating section as we did last year.

Thanks again to all who attended our 2018 Reunion. Make your plans for 2020 and bring a few friends.

Robin

Robin Salze
Class of 1966
CMAAA President

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Attendees

Robin Salze-President (66), Randy Howell-Vice President (72), Sandra Hasler-Secretary (74), Becky Moon-Treasurer (75), Clyde Wilhoite (53), Marshall Cranford (54), Skip Snow (55), Lynn Bowles (58), Tom Walbert (58), Ron Nall (61), Wally Couch (62), Bill Hart (62), James Madison (62), Charles Field (63), Mike Gilchrist (63), Don Noffsinger (63), Harold Smith (63), Billy Akin (66), Bill Wade (68), Howard Keltner (69), Bob Bain (72), Jimmy Bane (72), Jim Pennington (72), Dudley Dolinger (73), Woody Pettigrew (73), Tricia Brown (74), Tom Call (75), Van McMinn (76), Jay Robins (76), Allison Ward (78)

Meeting Minutes

The CMAAA Board meeting was called to order at 3:38 PM on Friday, August 3, 2018 at the Marriott. The meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of board members who are deceased and to recognize those who recently passed. The Invocation was given by Randy Howell and Tom Walbert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was making a motion to approve the minutes from the April 28 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. Becky Moon gave the Treasurer's report. She informed the Board that the bank the association had been using, Community First Bank of Columbia, had been sold and is now Reliant Bank. The routing number has been changed, however, the in-house accounting number will remain the same. The date when the bank statement is to be sent will also change. The most recent statement she has received is for the end of June 2018. The July statement has not yet been received. We have, as of the end of June, \$28,621.41. Since April 2018 when information about the Reunion came out, there have been deposits totaling \$14,634.00. Monetary donations for the band playing at the banquet Saturday night total \$1,425.00. The cost of the band is \$2,100.00 and therefore the Association will have no trouble covering

the difference. The Board would like to recognize and thank Jimmy Bane, Amy (Sisco) Lanz, Charles Hoover, Rodney Wilcox, Bobby Bain, Becky Moon, Dan Justin, Jim Law, Kirk and Shayne Harris, Gary Ledbetter, Dudley and Mildred Dolinger, and Woody and Judy Pettigrew for their generosity. Their donations helped cover the majority of the cost for the band.

Woody Pettigrew gave an update on the Special Endowment Fund stating that by May 31, the end of CA's fiscal year, \$1,160 had been deposited in CMA's portion and \$518.00 had been withdrawn, leaving a balance of \$17,257. There was a return of 7.23% over the course of the year. Woody then gave the Museum report, stating that there was \$17,544 on hand as of June 29, 2018. The budgeted income includes \$4,800 for pledges due, expected donations and payback for the memorial upgrade, which totals \$14,600. The Museum has a total budget of \$32,144. The anticipated expenses through the life of the lease are \$9,667 giving a surplus of \$22,477. There was a question presented concerning the Endowment Fund and if any of it could be utilized for the Museum from an external maintenance standpoint. Woody explained that the Endowment will be used specifically for any repairs done to the original CMA buildings, but at this time, repair work done for the Museum has been covered by the Museum Account. The Museum Account is budgeted \$1,200 a year on building maintenance.

Old Business

Mike Gilchrist gave an update on the photos and said that the treated boxes have been purchased. All the photos have been placed in the new boxes and they are divided by dates. The boxes are quite sturdy and are stacked in the store-room in Johnson Hall. David White helped locate boxes that cost less than the \$500 expected amount. There are plans in the future to locate a more temperature controlled environment in which to store the photos. Woody interjected that four or five years ago there had been discussion about possibly moving the photos to the upper floor of the Administration Building which, even though it may not be cool, would be a better place for storing the boxes of photos than Johnson. Mike reiterated that for now, all photos are preserved in

packages inside boxes. It was suggested that former cadets may be interested in visiting the West 7th Company on West 7th Street near the Square. There are pictures on the wall of the Cadet Corps marching in the Mule Day parades. And there may be other pictures worth seeing in the photography studio. Mike said David White would be taking class pictures at the Reception Friday evening and that he would also be bringing prints by Mildred Hartsfield for anyone who might be interested in purchasing one. He has been given exclusive rights to reprint any of her prints. He will be bringing several CMA photos, as well.

The next topic of discussion was the band playing at the banquet Saturday night. A survey was taken and 80% voted to have the band. The cost for the band is \$2,100 and the amount of donations given specifically to cover band expenses is \$1,425. The band will begin following banquet activities.

Robin informed the Board of the upcoming 2nd Annual CMA Day scheduled for Friday, Oct. 26 at CA. There will be a program Friday morning during the chapel service, followed by Q & A sessions with some of the former cadets for classes throughout the day. Woody suggested that we should inquire about the possibility of showing the CMA DVD that morning. There will be a football game that evening and the CMA alumni will have a designated place to sit. CMA alumni are encouraged to come and participate. The former cadets who participated last year had nothing but positive things to say about their experience. The students were very eager to learn about CMA and there was great interaction between them and the alumni. Michelle Shrader, who is a seventh grade CA instructor, teaches a weeklong segment on CMA. As part of her study, she takes her students on a historical tour of the campus. Robin stated that Lisa Bennett, Vice President, and Jamie Cook, Dr. Thomas's Administrative Assistant, will be given certificates of Appreciation at the General Meeting Saturday Morning. He also proposed that Michelle be presented with a certificate, as well, during the CMA Day activities. There was a motion made for this presentation and it was seconded. Dr. Thomas will be given his honorary membership certificate at the General Meeting Saturday morning.

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It was brought to the Board's attention that on August 3, 1958 (sixty years ago today), Commander William R. Anderson, Class of 1938, commanded the nuclear-powered submarine Nautilus on its historical cruise beneath the North Pole. He was recognized for his distinguished service in WWII and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and participated in a total of eleven combat submarine patrols. Jim Borum, Class of 1966, graciously donated a framed portrait of Commander Anderson and it will be placed in the Museum.

New Business

Mike read the slate of proposed officers for the 2018-2020 term. Robin Salze has agreed to continue as President; Randy Howell as Vice President; Sandra (Hart) Hasler as Secretary; Becky Moon as Treasurer; and Tom Carr, who agreed to step into Skip Snow's position as Assistant Treasurer. A motion was made to approve the slate of new officers. The motion was seconded and approved.

Van McMinn gave an update on the Hall of Honor. Brigadier General Frank Earl Blazey, Class of '41, who was a decorated Army infantry officer who led troops in the Korean and Vietnam wars, is being inducted into the Hall of Honor. His son will be attending Saturday morning to receive his father's Induction Certificate. The Columbia Central High School Color Guard will be performing the Flag Ceremony following the General Membership Meeting Saturday morning. A motion was made for the alumni association to donate \$100 to their ROTC program. The motion was seconded and approved.

Randy Howell gave the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

CMA Day and Next CMAAA Board Meeting

The next CMA Day on the Columbia Academy Campus is Friday, October 26th. All alumni are encouraged to return to the campus and be part of the celebration. A fun day on campus with a ballgame that night. Hang around for the CMAAA Board Meeting on Saturday the 27th and help influence the future of the Association.

CMAAA General Membership Meeting Minutes 4 August 2018

The CMAAA General Membership meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM on Saturday, August 4, 2018 in the former Study Hall in Old Main. Robin Salze, CMAAA President, began the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and requested a moment of silence in remembrance of members lost since our last reunion. Dr. James Thomas gave the Invocation and Randy Howell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

First order of business was to approve the minutes from the August 2016 General Membership meeting as published in the Bugle. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Becky Moon gave the Treasurer's report, stating that as of June 29, 2018, there is a balance \$28,621.41 in the general operating account. She mentioned that there had been overwhelming approval for the band that would be playing at the banquet Saturday night, and wished to thank the individuals who donated money toward the cost. The donations given totaled \$1,500 which almost covered the total amount owed.

Woody Pettigrew then gave the Museum Report, stating that as of June 2018, the Museum Account has \$17,544 cash on hand. He said we have projected income over the next seven years; four years for the life of the lease, an additional \$14,600, with expenses being withdrawn from that. The lease runs \$1,200 a year for the use of the Guard House and maintenance costs are also considered. At the end of the original lease, we expect a balance of \$22,477 in the Museum account, which will help us execute the next two five year options on the lease. He did say that donations to the Museum account are always welcome and appreciated! Robin recognized and thanked Woody and Marshall Cranford for all their diligent work keeping the Museum maintained.

Robin introduced Dr. James Thomas, the President of CA. Dr. Thomas welcomed everyone and gave an update on things that are happening at CA and shared future hopes and dreams. He apologized that Lisa Bennett, Vice President, was unable to attend. She recently had hip replacement surgery and was recovering. He continued by informing the association members of the upcoming

ing 2nd Annual CMA Day scheduled Friday, October 26th, in conjunction with a home football game. He explained that the activities will begin at 9:00 AM during their Chapel program. He said that the CMA – 100 Years of Tradition video will be shown and there will be a time for questions and answers. The CMA visitors will eat lunch with the 7th-12th grade students, allowing time for good conversation. Those participating will be invited to attend the home game that evening. There will be a Suite on the field reserved for CMA alumni who come to the game. He said that the school year was off to a great start with 937 students, preschool through twelfth grade, including 85 enrolled at the Spring Hill Campus. There has been a lot of growth at the Spring Hill Campus and there are actually 69 students who ride the bus to the Columbia campus from Spring Hill. There have been a lot of improvements made over the summer; one of those being security, facility wise. There have been additions to the staff, as well, which will help the school be even more effective. Dr. Thomas made the comment that he is often asked about the football team. He said that last year their team made it to the Final Four. They lost in the State's Semi-Finals to the eventual State Champion. And this spring CA had a wonderful baseball season. They have had one team State Championship as a school in the forty year history of CA and that was in 1994; winning 1-0. This spring the baseball team got really hot and made it to the State Finals. The opposing team had a pitcher who won the Gatorade National Player of the Year. This team had beaten CA twice during the season. The pitcher was actually drafted number seven overall by the San Diego Padres two weeks after playing CA in the State Finals. CA didn't think their chances looked good. But CA's Ace pitched a great game and the players played the longest State Championship game in Tennessee history. Normally they play seven innings, but after nine innings both pitchers were taken out and the score was 0-0. The teams ended up playing three more innings and at the end of the twelfth inning CA won 1-0. Dr. Thomas went on to say that he thought this year was going to be great for both their football and baseball

teams. The football team has fifteen seniors and there are four or five who have been offered college scholarships to play football. He gave everyone an invitation to come watch them play. Dr. Thomas announced the winner of the CMAAA Scholarship, Megan Duvall. Each year CMAAA provides a \$1,500 scholarship to one of CA's graduates. This year Miss Duvall, who transferred to CA for her Junior and Senior years, is the recipient. She has been accepted into the Air Force Academy. She received a Scholarship at the Academy worth about two million dollars. He offered that if anyone would like to purchase CMA hats and shirts, Elise Harrelson would have those items in the library or in their gift shop. He said that the library had been renovated and there was now a restroom available on the second floor. He informed all who were in attendance of a notepad in the back and if anyone wished to be added to their mailing list to sign up. Dr. Thomas used a Power Point presentation to show his future masterplan for the campus. They are using an Architecture Company called Centric Architecture, Inc. whose motto is "Preserve the Past and Plan for the Future". They have Jim Thompson, who is a historic preservationist, on their team. Mr. Thompson came to visit the school and especially enjoyed his tour of the armory in the top of Old Main. They discussed short and long term goals for the school to help plan for the future. The CA Board has been looking at what could be done to accomplish their mission. Part of what they have asked Centric to do is look at the historic buildings on campus. Frierson Hall, for example, is boarded up, but structurally sound. Dr. Thomas stated he wants to utilize that building. The building hasn't been used by CA except as a haunted house. The Fire Department has used it for training purposes. Several years ago a new roof was put on it. There are no major leaks and the perimeter is pretty secure. However, the inside is in disrepair. He mentioned that when he saw the inner stairwell, he felt the building had potential. He said he would like to see the building being used as a residence again. His hope would be to use the facility as an International Student Residence. CA would become a boarding school for 8-12 stu-

dents. And a family would live there, as dorm parents, just as CMA had during its boarding school years. Having International Students would help the school with diversity and we could help prepare them for their future, as well. Part of the curriculum includes studying the Bible, and some of the students who would be coming from other countries, such as China, may have never heard the Bible. Maybe even help spread the Gospel. So there has been discussion how to utilize all four floors of the building. Preliminary plans have been drawn. Centric had given them some "rough" numbers and they were high; even conservatively, the number was in the two million dollar range. But this was to restore the building to what it needed to be. Dr. Thomas felt it was more than he had wished, but at the same time, he wanted to know how much it would cost to do it right, and to make it something they would all be proud of. This is something Dr. Thomas would love to see happen, but it would not be top priority for CA's families. There are other things they are focused on. Dr. Thomas proposed the best way to make this a reality is asking for CMA alumni to help with this project. He wanted to share this dream and "plant some seeds" with the alumni because utilizing the historical buildings is important to him and he doesn't want to see anymore buildings on campus destroyed. Another building he was interested in restoring was Academy Hall. He said during his first or second year on campus, he was able to receive a grant from the state, The Tennessee Preservation Society, for \$25,000. This grant money was used to put a new roof on Academy. They moved into the building four years ago and are currently using the main floor for Admissions and Development offices, as well as, Dr. Thomas's office. The upper two floors are in disrepair. His stated his hope is to renovate the whole building, possibly making more office space so that all business offices could be moved from Ragsdale Hall (Administration building) to Academy. Ragsdale Hall could then be used in other ways, one of which could be giving more space for storing CMA memorabilia; more specifically, for the Hall of Honor designees. He felt that this is such an honor, especially recognizing so many who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. He would

like to see them displayed in a bigger, better place on campus that would be more permanent, as long as CA lasted. The building could also be used to store the CMA photos and museum memorabilia in a more temperature controlled environment, possibly utilizing a space for a CMA Historical Room. The cost of renovations would be between one and one and half million dollars. Once again, he reiterated that these are dreams he has and wanted to make CMA alumni aware so that if anyone would be interested in helping make these dreams becoming a reality, they could do so. The last thing Dr. Thomas wanted to share was about the CMA Alumni Endowment Fund. It was started about six years ago when a \$10,000 gift was given anonymously from a Columbia Academy Alumnus who wanted to help maintain the history of CMA. There have been some gifts to it over the years and its amount has grown minimally. The way the endowment works is five percent is taken out every year for operating expenses. The purpose of this endowment is to pay for the CMA things on campus. Mainly to preserve the exterior of the Old Main, Academy Hall, the Guard House, the Memorials; anything that is related to CMA. Dr. Thomas would like to see the Endowment to grow to \$75,000. He stated that if it reached that amount, this would be enough to help maintain the Museum (Guard House) in perpetuity. At some point there will not be any CMA alumni, but there will be legacies. Having this Endowment fund will help keep CMA's history alive for years to come. Dr. Thomas mentioned that he is an alumnus of CA. He graduated in 1992 and he understands how special it must be to the CMA alumni to return to campus and reminisce about old times. He said he feels blessed, as we all do, to be a part of this organization and to still have a campus.

Robin Salze called Dr. Thomas back to the stage to surprise him by presenting him with an Honorary Membership to the CMAAA. This Presentation was given for the dedication Dr. Thomas has shown in helping maintain a strong union between the CMAAA and CA, for helping to keep the history of CMA alive, and for his welcoming CMA alumni back to campus with open arms. Dr. Thomas has been very receptive to working along with CMAAA to help

preserve CMA's history. We are very fortunate to have access to our alma mater campus whereas so many other military schools do not.

Mike Gilchrist was called to give an update on the CMA photos/negatives. The CMA photos that are presently being preserved were found when Orman's Photo Shop closed down and would have otherwise been destroyed. Some of the negatives date back to the early 1950's. The photos were divided into years and placed in boxes. But the boxes were falling apart, so David White and Mike found boxes made by a company in Atlanta that are better equipped for preserving historical photos/negatives and other memorabilia. The boxes have been acquired and the photos/ negatives have been placed in them. Andrew Williams told Mike there may be a room on the second floor of Ragsdale Hall where the boxes of photos could be stored. This would be a better place than where they are presently stored. Mike expressed his hope that eventually there would be a place more environmentally controlled for safely storing the photos and, also, he wanted to make them more accessible to anyone who would like to go through them. Many of the photos are individual photos that were taken for the yearbooks. David White has been continuing to find photos and has recently located one hundred additional negatives, which will be added to the boxes. Mike shared about the West 7th Company near the Square in Columbia. He said that it may be worth the time to take a walk through this shop to look at the photos they have of Columbia, including some from CMA. He believes they were open Friday through Sunday afternoons.

Robin then asked Van McMinn to conduct the Hall of Honor induction ceremony. The Hall of Honor Committee proudly inducted BG(R) Frank Earl Blazey, Jr. into the CMAAA Hall of Honor. He was born October 3, 1924 in Fairfield, Illinois and died June 19, 2017 in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Frank attended CMA three years and graduated with his class in 1941. He then began an engineering curriculum at the University of Illinois and joined the ROTC program. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, Frank was motivated to enter the military and was

eventually appointed to the United States Military Academy, graduating in June 1946. Lieutenant Blazey was initially an infantry platoon leader in Germany and soon became a Regimental Assistant S3. With the outbreak of the Korean War, after promotion to Captain, he was ordered to Korea as a Rifle Company Commander. While there, he earned his first Silver Star and promotion to Major with assignment as Battalion S3. He was the first in his West Point Class to reach the rank of Major and the first to attend the Army War College. During peace time, he continued service as an Infantry Battalion Commander at the DMZ in Korea, assignments in Germany and various roles at the Pentagon, including work as Executive Officer to the Army's Vice Chief of Staff. Later while serving as Commander of the Third Brigade, 16th Infantry during the Vietnam War, he earned his second Silver Star and his third Purple Heart. After promotion to Brigadier General he also served as Deputy Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division and finished his army career in 1975 as Inspector General, European Command. During his service he also earned the Army Distinguished Service Medal; the Legion of Merit, three times; the Distinguished Flying Cross; the Bronze Star Medal, four times; as well as other awards. After his military retirement, he worked in the private sector as a training director. He continued his service to country and community in Hendersonville, North Carolina, working with the homeless, the local environment conservation organization, United Way, as a board member of the YMCA, and forty years as a member of the Rotary Club. He is buried at West Point. General Blazey's life-long accomplishments bring great credit to CMA and justify his induction into the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association Hall of Honor. Van introduced Frank Blazey III, General Blazey's son, who attended the reunion and the membership meeting. Frank made some thoughtful remarks about his father and donated some memorabilia, including his father's Distinguished Service Medal, to place in the Museum.

Robin asked Mike Gilchrist to present the slate of officers for the next two years. The slate of officers nominated for the upcoming two years; 2018 -2020 are:

President: Robin Salze
Vice President: Randy Howell
Secretary: Sandra (Hart) Hasler
Treasurer: Becky Moon
Assistant Treasurer: Tom Carr

Mike announced that the former Assistant Treasurer, Skip Snow, would be retiring and he wanted to thank him for his service to the Alumni Association. A motion was made to approve the slate of officers for the 2018-2020 term, the motion was seconded and approved.

Robert Reed was recognized as being the alumnus who traveled the farthest from Washington state and Albert Doug Sheen, class of '48 and Post Graduate '49, was recognized as the oldest in attendance.

Robin thanked the Central High Honor Guard for performing the Flag Ceremony and stated that the Board voted to donate \$100 to their ROTC program.

Woody Pettigrew wanted to make everyone aware of the Moore Hall Memorial that was placed in the area where Moore Hall once stood and encouraged those who have not seen it to stop by and take a look. Moore Hall was the one building that housed cadets from the beginning to the end of Columbia Military Academy.

Before closing, Robin made a presentation recognizing Lisa Bennett and Jamie Cook for all they do for our Association. He stated that the CMA Alumni Association wished to present to them Certificates of Appreciation for their dedication to honoring and preserving the history and memory of CMA, and the former CMA campus, assisting the CMA Alumni Association in all aspects of CMA functions including meetings, gatherings, and CMA Museum promotion and access. Bill Wade suggested that those being recognized with Certificates of Appreciation might be recognized at the assembly on CMA Day as well.

Robin reminded everyone of the Flag Ceremony following the meeting, recognizing the deceased of the '68 and '69 classes, as well as, the luncheon.

Randy Howell led in the singing of the Alma Mater before the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned around 11:00 AM

CMAAA Grand Reunion 2018—A Look at the Action



Becky (Algood) Moon '75 and Tommy Mitchell '72.



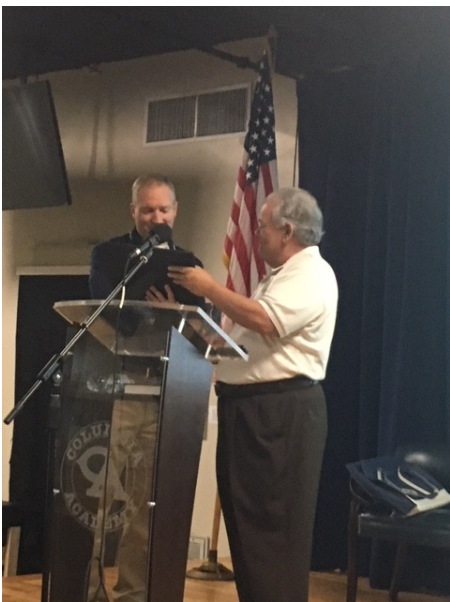
The Class of 58 had a great showing for their 60th Reunion. This is 14 of the 18 that made the Reunion.



More Banquet Fellowship



Central High School ROTC Color Guard Honoring the Lost Cadets from the Classes of 1968 and 1969.



Robin Salze, CMAAA President, presents Dr. James Thomas, CA President, his certificate of Honorary Membership in the CMA Alumni Association.



Bill Wade '68 and Howard Keltner '69 honoring the Lost Cadets from the Classes of 1968 and 1969.



Tommy Mitchell '72. and Ed Lawing '74.



Saturday Night Banquet



Sharon (Sims) Hartnett '74 and Donna (Ryland) Kelley '73



Ellen Dunnebacke McCaleb '78 locates her father's name (William C. Dunnebacke '48) on the CMA Memorial Donor List

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A group from the Classes of 1961-1963



Becky (Algood) Moon and Cathy (Cooper) Walker, both from the Class of 1975



Mike Glover '74, Tricia (Murphy) Brown '74, Cathy (Cooper) Walker '75



Saturday Lunch with Bobby and Kathy Bain



The Sporting Clays Bunch. William Dunnebacke, Class of '74, took Top Shooter.



Gale (Courtney) Moore '77, Nancy Coppedge '78, Jim Lowe '77



Laura (Harlan) Harpel and Tom Carr, both from the Class of 1975



A group from the 70's at the Sportsman's Lounge Friday Night



Mary (Wagster) Lynn '77, Ellen (Dunnebacke) McCaleb '78, Jane (Locke) Anderson '78, Barbara Hampton-Franseen '77, Courtney (Hollins) Eddington '78, Nancy Coppedge '78, Gale (Courtney) Moore '77



The Girls, well mostly, at the reception Friday night.



Buster Irvin, CMA Instructor 1972-1974, holding court with some former students and actors.



Kay (Wetzel) Bircher '74, Mike Glover '74, Laura (Harlan) Harper '75 and Bobby Bain '72 sharing a grown-up moment.

CMAAA Grand Reunion 2018—A Look at the Action



Laura (Harlan) Harpel '75, Cathy (Cooper) Walker '75, Tricia (Murphy) Brown '74, Sandra (Hart) Hasler '74, Kay (Wetzel) Bircher '74



Bill Payne '71, Donna (Ryland) Kelley '73, Jay Robins '76,



Frank Bellomy, CMA Faculty 70-79, Amy (Sisco) Lanz '78



Jim Borum '66, Cathy (Cooper) Walker '75,



Frank Blazey III addresses the Association while accepting the CMAAA Hall of Honor Certificate for his father's induction.

What a Grand Reunion it Was

The 2018 CMAAA Grand Reunion provided another great opportunity for CMA Alums, Faculty and Friends to get together and share memories, tell tall tales, meet new alumni friends and generally celebrate Columbia Military Academy. From the reception Friday afternoon to the packing up Sunday morning (and the gathering Thursday night for the really brave), it really was a good weekend of CMA fellowship.

The pictures on these three pages only capture a fraction of the events and the comradery that filled the weekend. There were many small group gatherings and activities that were not captured and some events when the camera was forgotten. Most notable of the events that were not captured on film was the Honor Group Recognition Ceremony Saturday night. The Association recognized the 18 former CMA Cadets that came back to CMA in some capacity on the faculty and staff. Starting with Clayton Metz (Class of 1919) and ending with Richard Courtney (Class of 1973), Cadets returned to CMA to provide mentorship to the next generations of Cadets. Bravo for Clayton Metz '19, Malcolm Gilchrist '34, John Thomas '35, John Williams '45, Allyn Lay '46, Kim Barton '53, Alexander Cathey '53, Julius Warmath '54, Dowling Campbell '55, David Rada-baugh '55, Pete Harris '58 PG, John Rose '59, Moore Landers '60, Ron Nall '61, John Page '62, Jimmy Hatcher '64, Walker McGinnis '65, Bill Wade '68, and Richard Courtney '73. What a unique group that is.

We inducted another deserving alumnus into the CMAAA Hall of Honor. BG Frank Blazey '41 was inducted and



Fab Nashville entertaining the crowd with their Beatles Cover Entertainment Saturday night after the Banquet.

his son was present to accept the induction certificate. Please see the General Membership meeting minutes on Page 5 of the Bugle to read about BG Blazey.

The Classes of 1968 and 1969 celebrated their 50th Reunion over the weekend and there were some representatives of those classes that knew how to celebrate...let's just leave it at that.

The Fab Nashville Beatles Cover Band really entertained the crew on Saturday night. The band was superb and there was no way that the audience could not be transported back in time to the 1960s while listening and dancing to the music.

This was the first reunion for a lot of the attendees and it appeared that they enjoyed themselves and enjoyed getting to visit with old friends and other alumni. The CMA Museum was, again, a big hit with those that had not seen it before.

As each reunion closes we look forward to the next one and hope that other alums will decide that it is time to return and celebrate their Alma Mater. Make 2020 the year that you return and celebrate CMA with your fellow alums.



The 2018 Bullring Crew that prepared the Museum for the Cadet's return. Bobby Bain, Bill Wade, Mike Glover, Wally Couch, Woody Pettigrew, Marshall Cranford, Sandra (Hart) Hasler, Randy Howell and Scott Hasler

SILVER TAPS

Thomas P. Dupree, Class of '48

Thomas Parmelee Dupree, Sr., of Lexington died April 29th, 2018. He was born in Louisville, KY on July 10th, 1930 to Gladys Parmelee Dupree and Frederic Lamar Dupree, Sr. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Frederic Lamar Dupree, Jr. and his wife of 53 years, Clara Galtney Dupree. He is survived by his second wife, Ann Todd Houlihan Dupree and a brother, Bryan Whitfield Dupree of Lexington. Other survivors include his children, Thomas P. Dupree, Jr. (Elizabeth), Harriet D. Bradley (Guy), Lamar D. Grimes (Allen) all of Lexington, David G. Dupree (Uma) of Ashland, OR and seven grandchildren. Tom graduated from CMA with the Class of 1948. While at CMA he attained the rank of Eagle Scout and he graduated as the Class Valedictorian. He earned a Naval ROTC scholarship to Yale University graduating in 1952. Tom was proud to have served the United States as a naval officer during the Korean Conflict. He served as Lieutenant JG on US Navy Destroyer Clarence K Bronson as a navigator, circumnavigating the globe. After his military service, Tom joined his father at Dupree & Company in Harlan, KY as a municipal bond salesman. He and his family moved to Lexington in 1963 to expand the business which specialized in municipal bond finance. In 1979, Mr. Dupree founded Dupree Mutual Funds. Mr. Dupree was a founding board member of ACS - Affiliated Computer Services, which became a division of Xerox. He was Chairman of the Board of Appalachian Hospital Corporation, now Appalachian Regional Healthcare, serving on that board for over 25 years. Mr. Dupree also served as Chairman of the Board of Regents of Sewanee: The University of the South, later receiving an honorary degree in appreciation for his service to the university. Tom enjoyed playing the piano, painting portraits including each of his children, and designing and engineering buildings at his retreat in Pulaski County. As a patron of the arts, he supported numerous individuals and organizations, establishing the



Dupree Initiative for Innovation at the Lexington Philharmonic. He funded research for Parkinson's disease at UK Healthcare, an illness to which he refused to submit, valiantly fighting it with a positive attitude and enormous perseverance for nearly 25 years. His service to God's creation and to the church brought him the greatest joy. With his wife Clara, he built The Close Retreat Center in Pulaski County, KY, nestled above the banks of the Rockcastle River narrows, providing a natural sanctuary for many to seek a closer connection to Jesus Christ. Tom was involved with the Episcopal church on a national as well as local level in his younger years. He and Clara were founders of Apostles Anglican Church in Lexington. Declaring Kentucky "God's country", Tom sought to preserve as much of it as he could by working with the Nature Conservancy to establish the Dupree Nature Preserve along the Kentucky River Palisades and by making significant contributions to protect Blanton Forest as a founding member of the Kentucky Natural Lands Trust.

Phillip T. Raiford, Class of '51

Phillip Tyrone (Tye) Raiford, age 84, passed away on April 11, 2018 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, Jackson, TN. He was born on April 27, 1933. He was originally from Shelby, Mississippi. Tye graduated from CMA with the Class of 1951. Tye was a member of the CMA Band which often represented the school at the annual Cotton Carnival Parades in Memphis. William Raiford, CMA '55 from Memphis, was Tye's cousin. After graduation, he attended and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1955. Survivors include his wife, Lucy Katherine Raiford; daughters Gaye Lemmings (James) and Annette Parker; sons Phillip Raiford, Jr and James Neal Raiford; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Randall Yearwood, Class of '51

Randall Nile Yearwood passed away on July 31, 2018. He was born on August 13, 1933 in Nashville, Tennessee. He graduated from CMA with the Class of

1951. After CMA he attended Washington University architectural school where he graduated Cum Laude. In 1962 he founded Randall Nile Yearwood Architects. He was awarded the Life Time Achievement Award for Excellence in Development in 1995. In his later years, he served as president of O'More College of Art and Design. He was a Christian business leader and was known throughout his life for writing encouraging personal notes in his beautiful calligraphy handwriting. He was preceded in death by his wife and beloved soul mate of 63 1/2 years, Joan Marks Yearwood, and his parents Russell and Nile E. Yearwood. He is survived by his three daughters Lisa (David) Flow, Linda (Terry) Hendon and Laurie (Mike) Casey, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



Randall Yearwood

Joe R. Barlow, Class of '52

Dr. Joe Ray Barlow, 83, of Iuka, MS, died August 23, 2018, at his residence. Dr. Barlow was a U. S. Army veteran and achieved the rank of Captain serving as the dentist for the Guard Sentinels of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. He was also a long-time local dentist, serving the Iuka area for 42 years. Joe attended CMA for two years, graduating with the Class of 1952. He then attended the University of Tennessee and earned a Doctor of Dental Science degree. Dr. Barlow was a long-time member of the Iuka Rotary Club and received the distinction of Paul Harris Fellow. He was also a former member of the American Dental Association, and was a former president of the Iuka Country Club. Joe was a big Tennessee Volunteer football fan. He loved traveling, as well as boating and spending time on the water. He is survived by his wife, Jean Akins Barlow of Iuka; two daughters, Diana Barlow Cosby (Harry) and Rachel Barlow Adelman (Matt);



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one sister, Betty Barlow Agee; four grandchildren; his favorite sister-in-law, Barbara Akins Aldred; and a special friend, Mike Borden of Iuka. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Jewel Hodge Barlow.

Donald D. Bryan, Class of '52

Dr. Donald Dean Bryan, age 82, passed away on the evening of June 3, 2017. He was born on July 5, 1934, on the Bryan Family Farm in Bryson, Tennessee. He attended Ardmore Elementary and was a member of First Baptist Church. He graduated from CMA with the Class of 1952. While at CMA he served as class president for two years. He was a 1958 graduate of Auburn University. There he was awarded the Upjohn Award for Proficiency in Small Animal Medicine on February 12, 1958. He served in the United States Air Force in Greenville, Mississippi, where he was the base veterinarian and earned the rank of Captain. He practiced veterinary medicine for over 40 years in Columbia and Ardmore, Tennessee, as well as Toney and Hazel Green, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents Myra Bledsoe and B.A. "Boots" Bryan and by his sister Sherry Bryan Reynolds. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Dianna Looney Bryan, and four children, Michael D. Bryan of Columbia, Kimberly Bryan Meek of Smyrna, Matthew D. Bryan of Choudrant, Louisiana, and Hannah Bryan O'Neal of Paint Rock, Alabama. He has seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

John A. Phillips, Class of '52

John Alan Phillips, 82, went to his heavenly home on Saturday, March 19, 2016. He was born January 28, 1934, in Sabougla, Mississippi. He was the son of Noel and Nina Lord Phillips. John graduated from CMA with the Class of 1952. He was a member of Sabougla Baptist Church and a retired loan officer for Production Credit. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Carolyn Phillips, Gore Springs, Mississippi; daughter, Cathy (Tony) Bailey; two sons, Jack (Laura) Phillips, Jr., and

Rusty (Annette) Phillips; one brother, Noel Phillips, Jr.; ten grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Roy Sullivan, Class of '52

Lee Roy Sullivan, Jr., age 84, died May 23, 2018 in St Petersburg, Florida. Roy was a Columbia native and son of the late Roy and Lena Sullivan, longtime Columbia business owners and CMA boosters. Roy attended CMA for six years, graduating with the Class of 1952. He participated in football and was a member of the swim team, the Battalion Color Guard, and the Dance Committee. He received his BS and MA degrees from Middle Tennessee State College. In addition, he was an ROTC enrollee at MTSC and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Medical Services Corps upon graduation. He served two tours of active duty as well as several years of reserve time. Roy began his teaching career in Pinellas County, Florida in 1961, eventually retiring as the Principal of Country Side High School in 1996. He was an avid golfer for most of his adult life. Roy is survived by his wife, Stephanie; his brother, Joe (CMA Class of 1955); his daughter, Anne; and son, Tom; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Roy Sullivan

Gerald B. Creagh, Class of '54

Gerard Bugg Creagh, Jr. (Rod), 81, of Athens, Georgia, died Thursday, June 14, 2018. Dr. Creagh was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Rear Admiral Gerard Bugg Creagh, MC USN, and Margaret Ehemann Creagh. He attended CMA for one year, graduating with the Class of 1954. After CMA, he attended and graduated from Vanderbilt University. After graduation from Vanderbilt, he completed flight training in Pensacola, Florida, and Kingsville, Texas, and received a commission in the U.S. Navy. He served for five years as an all-weather fighter pilot aboard the USS Shangri-La. After completing his



Rod Creagh

military service, he attended the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry, where he received a DDS degree and completed a residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He practiced for 32 years in Athens, Georgia. Rod's generosity and concern for others is legendary. He was a person who lived life fully--an advocate for wildlife and stray dogs, a bicyclist, country music composer, and an ardent fan of boats and sports cars. After he retired from his surgery practice, Rod was able to enjoy his lifelong love of country music and founded his own music publishing company, 3 Wire Music. One of Rod's country music compositions, "I'm Nobody Today, But I Was Somebody Last Night," was recorded by both Mickey Gilley and Mose Allison. Rod is survived by his wife of 50 years, Ellen Lacher Creagh; his sister Mary Margaret (Peg) Wood and husband Norman; brothers-in-law Michael Lacher and Christopher Lacher and wife Kathy; and sister-in-law Lisa Lacher Bryan and husband Stephen.

Joseph P. Lauffer, Class of '55

Joseph Peter "J.P." Lauffer Jr. passed away May 22, 2018. He was born July 20, 1937 in Charlotte, North Carolina, the son of the late Joseph Peter and Lucille Stevens Lauffer. He attended CMA for six years, graduating with the Class of 1955. He received a BA in business administration/economics from Vanderbilt University. He moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina to work for Wachovia Bank and trust. He was owner and president of Atlantic Mortgage and Investment Company. He also worked for the Pfefferkorn Company as executive vice president and was an assistant manager at First Family Mortgage. He was on numerous boards and volunteered for the American Red Cross. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where he was on the vestry and served as an usher. He was a lifelong, avid reader, played tennis and enjoyed being outside doing yard work. In ad-



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dition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louise Lauffer. Survivors include one daughter, Brahan Lauffer (John) Agnew; one sister, Beji (Gary) Fitts; one grandson; and three nephews.

Marvin E. Vernon, Class of '57

Marvin Vernon, 79, passed from this life on August 12, 2018 at his home in Madison, Mississippi. He was born March 28, 1939 in Dallas, Texas. He and his family moved to Jackson Mississippi in 1951 where he attended Forest Hill for 2 years. He then attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1957. He was the Band Company Commander his senior year and finished second in his class in military science. He was also an Eagle Scout. Marvin then attended Ole Miss graduating in 1961 with a BBA degree and a major in Insurance. He then served 42 years in the insurance industry with Mutual and United of Omaha, Security Benefit Life, and most recently Southern Farm Bureau Life in Jackson as associate director of marketing services and head of retirement planning and health insurance sales. He was the first registered Principal for the company and headed up the marketing effort for variable annuities and fixed annuities for the company. Marvin enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing with them at their Lake Caroline home for 14 years. He also enjoyed hunting with his sons and brother. He was active in the running community, racing in many Mississippi Track Club functions over several years. He also qualified for the Boston Marathon, which he ran in 1990. Marvin is pre-deceased by his parents, Eugene C. and Mary E. Vernon; sister, Barbara Vernon Chapman; and his first wife, of 53 years, Lemma Grantham Vernon. He is survived by three children, Eugene Sherwood Vernon, Laura Vernon Meacham (Clint), and Kenneth Marvin Vernon (Amy); brother Jerry Vernon; and his second wife, Martha McLarty Vernon; and one grandchild.



Emory B. McNoldy, Class of '67

Emory Belmont "Mac" McNoldy, III, 69, passed away on June 10, 2018 at Hospice House, Roseland, Indiana. He was born in Jamestown, New York on August 27, 1948 to the late E. Belmont McNoldy, Jr. and Betty A. (Miller) Russo, who survives. Mac attended CMA for two years, graduating with the Class of 1967. He then graduated from College of Advance Traffic; the University of Mississippi. He returned to the South Bend area in 1996. Mac worked in transportation and logistics management for 45 years prior to retiring. On October 31, 1976, Mac married Jill Ann Campbell, who preceded him in death on January 1, 2005. In addition to his mother, Betty Russo of South Bend, Mac is survived by one daughter, Jennifer McNoldy; one son, Paul McNoldy of Michigan; and granddaughter, Kayla.



Mac McNoldy

Ed Edenfield, Class of '69

Ed Edenfield died May 24 2018 at his home in Baxter, Tennessee. Ed was born in Uniontown, Pennsylvania on November 7, 1951. He attended CMA for three years, graduating with the Class of 1969. He continued his studies at TTU where he earned a B.S. in both Business Administration and Accounting. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved nothing better than to walk streams and fly fish with his wife, Pamela Ferency Edenfield. Eddie loved to read history books from a very young age and had a wealth of knowledge on so many historical happenings that he could captivate an audience for hours. He loved to travel to places he had read about and explored many wonderful sites both in this country and abroad. He worked for many years in manufacturing management at S & S Screw Machine and Genco Stamping and retired to become a "gentleman farmer" nearly 20 years ago. His garden was a marvel to behold every summer. Eddie was very in-



Ed Edenfield

involved with his church, the First United Methodist Church of Cookeville, and taught Disciple Bible Study Class for 16 years. Many people believe life is about what a person accomplishes in life but Ed believed life was about relationships. Ed was a fine man with a great sense of humor and a generous spirit. He lived his life with a sense of gratitude and a continuous awareness of Grace. Memories are all we have left of a large group of people who have gone before us. Ed touched the lives of many people and will be remembered by them. He lived his life with humility and he was thankful for a wonderful life. It can truly be said, like in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" (Ed's favorite movie), "I like Eddie Edenfield." He is survived by his wife Pam; sisters Karen Edenfield Jerald and Jane Anne (Wayne) Edenfield Bass; two nephews and three nieces. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward Edenfield, Jr. and Dolores Hickie Edenfield and his brother, Joseph Christopher Edenfield.

Larry E. Sheffield, Class of '70

Larry Eagle Sheffield, 62, died Sunday, May 25, 2014, at his residence. He was born May 26, 1951, to Orman and Maxine Hughey Sheffield. Larry attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1970. He was a self-employed salesman most of his life and was currently working at Midway Marine Sales in Peppertown. He was an avid race car fan and a Harley-Davidson and luxury car enthusiast. He was truly a friend to all that knew him. Survivors include one daughter, Sarah Presley (Joey); one brother, Tommy O. "T.O." Sheffield; one sister, Betty Fargo; three grandchildren, two nephews, and three nieces.



Larry Sheffield

James Klask, Class of '73

James Felix Klask of Birmingham, Alabama passed on January 26, 2018. James was born in Birmingham on March 6, 1955. James, "99", attended CMA for five years, graduating with

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the Class of 1973. He will be remembered as a wonderful brother, uncle, and good friend. His passion has always been fishing and he enjoyed many good times fishing with his family and friends. He worked at Jack's Food Store with his



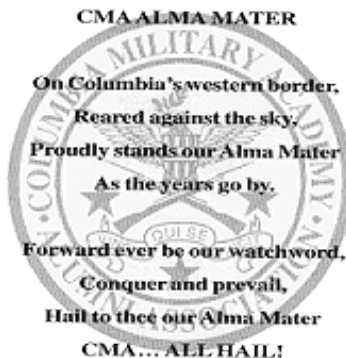
brother and sister. James Klask James loved his dog, Peanut, who was his constant companion. When he was home and not fishing, he enjoyed watching his favorite television shows, Gunsmoke and Andy Griffin and his favorite football team, Alabama (Roll Tide Roll). He is survived by his brother, Jack (Patricia) Klask and his sister, Vickie (Larry) Gibson, a niece, nephew, great nephew, and great niece. James was preceded in death by his parents, Jack J. Klask and Frances E. Klask.

Jack Walton, Jr., Class of '74

Jack Walton Jr., of the Grassland community in Franklin, Tennessee passed away June 10, 2018 at the age of 62. Jack attended CMA for 3 years graduating with the Class of 1974. He served as a member of the Williamson County Commission for 20 years. During his tenure, he was a member of the Planning Commission, the Williamson Medical Center Board of Trustees and was unanimously elected to lead as chairman of the County Commission for eight years. Aside from his service to the William-



son County community, he owned Mid-Tenn Rubber Stamp in Nashville with affiliate businesses in photography, videography and real estate. Those who knew him describe him as a genuine, kind-hearted man of faith who consistently aimed to serve those around him. In addition to his service in the community, Jack participated in a Vanderbilt research study that resulted in significantly slowing the progression of kidney disease. Because of his selfless involvement in this study and the efforts of researcher Dr. Julia Lewis, patients throughout the world have greatly postponed their need for dialysis and kidney transplantation. Jack was preceded in death by parents, Jack Walton Sr. and Melba (Horner) Walton. He is survived by wife, Patricia (Feldhaus) Walton; daughter, Amy (Matthew) Phillips; son, Jack (Chloe) Walton III; daughter, Kellie (fiancé Matthew Benz) Walton; brother, Michael (Adrian) Walton; and grandchildren, Eli, Lucy and Wes Phillips and Harper and Graham Walton.



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