CMA GRADS SON LEADS HONOR GUARD...Gabe Paull, son of James Paull, Class of ’71, is pictured leading the Armed Forces Honor Squad as they carry the coffin of former president Ronald Reagan from the Ronald Reagan Library to the hearse on its journey to Washington, D.C. Gabe is the first soldier on the near side of the coffin. Interviewed by Good Morning America, he was also one of the Honor Guards in the Friday funeral when the body was returned to California for burial.

Visual Presentation to Highlight “100 Years of Tradition” at CMA

Board Vice-President, Woody Pettigrew, ’73, is constructing a video review of CMA activities through the years to be shown at the opening of the General Membership meeting, Saturday, August 7. In addition to alumni, wives and children of are encouraged to attend. Depending on the interest shown, copies of the video may be made available to whomever would like a copy at a minimal cost.

A bus will leave the campus after the presentation, to take wives and children that have signed up, on a historic and educational tour of Columbia and Maury County.

Topics to be covered in the general meeting will include the possibility of a golf tournament in the summer of 2005 (probably in Tunica, MS) and the scheduling of a spring Reunion for 2006.
Columbia Area Motels

Richland Inn (Reunion Headquarters)
2405 Highway 31, South
Columbia, TN 38401
1-800-828-4832

Honors Inn and Convention Center
(formerly Ramada Inn)
1208 Nashville Highway
Columbia, TN 38401
1-800-359-5672

Hampton Inn Columbia
1551 Halifax Drive
Columbia, TN 38401
1-800-426-7866

Columbia Days Inn
1504 Nashville Highway
Columbia, TN 38401
1-800-576-0003

Comfort Inn Columbia
1544 Bear Creek Pike
Columbia, TN 38401
1-866-270-2846

Holiday Inn Express
1554 Bear Creek Pike
Columbia, TN 38401
1-800-465-4329

Jameson Inn Columbia
715 James M. Campbell
Columbia, TN 34802
1-800-423-7846

Best Value Inn
1548 Bear Creek Pike
Columbia, TN 38401
1-888-315-2378

Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 5
1:00 PM: Early registration in Richland Inn Lobby until 8:00 PM
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings, Richland Inn

Friday, August 6
8:00 AM: Registration in Richland Inn Lobby until 8:00 PM except during scheduled events.
8:00 AM: Golf Tournament
3:00 PM: Board Meeting, Academy Hall
6:00 PM: Welcome Reception, Graymere Country Club (d’oeuvres and cash bar)
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings, Richland Hospitality Room

Saturday, August 7
8:00 AM: Registration in Richland Inn Lobby until 6:00 PM except during scheduled events.
8:30 AM: Continental Breakfast in CA Cafeteria
10:00 AM: CMAAA General Meeting in CA Chapel
10:45 AM: Bus leaves CA for Historic Tour of Columbia, TN
11:45 AM: Flag Ceremony for Departed Cadets
Noon: Deli Luncheon in CA Cafeteria
6:00 PM: Reunion Banquet/Ball & Group Photos at Saturn Union Hall, Spring Hill
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings, Richland Hospitality Room

Sunday, August 4
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings, breakfast, worship and departure as desired.
Registration Form
August 6 - August 7, 2004
(Please type or print clearly)

Please Respond by July 19, 2004

100th Anniversary

NAME (Last, First, Middle) ____________________________________________ Class of ______
HOME STREET ADDRESS __________________________________________________________________________
CITY ______________________________________ STATE _______ ZIP __________
HOME PHONE (_____) _____________________ BUS. PHONE (____) ___________________________
E-MAIL ADDRESS (please print) _________________________________________________________________

q Count On Me To Attend The 2004 CMAAA Grand Reunion.
q I Am Unable to Attend but have enclosed my $30.00 for the next 2 years Dues ($15.00 per Year).

Names of Others Accompanying me to the Reunion ____________________________________________
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I Plan on Arriving in Columbia at Approximately ______ AM ________________________________ Date
PM

2004 CMAAA Grand Reunion Activity Check List

Please check those activities and functions of interest to your party. In so doing, indicate the number of participants
and appropriate fee per activity. Please mail this completed form with a check (payable to CMA Alumni Association) for the total amount in an envelope to arrive by July 19, 2004. Thanks for your help. If you have any questions, contact Becky Moon at 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401-3156 or (931) 388-9128.

q Grand Reunion Registration Fee (Required) ...........(15.00 / Adult; 30.00 / Couple) ____ x $15.00 = $_______
The registration fee is required regardless of how many or few activities registrants attend. It covers the association’s costs of 1. Promoting and orchestrating this affair plus goods and services for, 2. the Hospitality Room at the Richland Inn with, 3. hors d’oeuvres at the Welcome Reception, 4. Continental Breakfast at CA, 5. Hall Rental and entertainment and 6. Bugle Newsletter Expenses.

q Golf Tournament, 8 AM, Friday ............(Complete “Golf Form” and Mail with Separate Check to Bill Fricke)
q Welcome Reception, 6:00 PM, Friday ...................(No Additional Charge but tickets will be collected at door)
   Cash Bar Reception to be held at the Graymere Country Club in Columbia

q Continental Breakfast, 8:30 AM, Saturday ..........(No Additional Charge)
q Columbia, TN Historic Tour and Lesson..............($30.00 per Spouse or Child) ____ x $30.00 = $_______

q CMAAA General Meeting, 10:00 AM, Saturday ....(No Additional Charge)
q Deli Luncheon in CA Cafeteria, Noon, Saturday ....($6.00 per Person) _____ x $6.00 = $_______
q Reunion banquet/Ball, 6:00 PM, Saturday ... (Before July 19, $10.00 per person) ____ x $10.00 = $_______
   q Chicken or q BBQ?...................................(After July 19, $15.00 per person) ____ x $15.00 = $_______
q Biennial Alumni Association Dues ..................................................($15.00 per Year x 2 = $30.00 per Cadet) = $30.00
   = $_______

Total

(Please make check payable to CMA Alumni Association)
Retired Class of ‘60 Pilot and Wife Take 4,000-Mile Vintage Plane Ride

Ted Beckwith, CMA Class of ‘60, has been flying for almost 40 years, 32 of them as a commercial pilot for Delta Airlines. But last year he completed a journey unlike any other in his flying career.

Ted and wife, Beverly, squeezed themselves into the cockpit of a 1932 Great Lakes Aircraft biplane he spent 10 years restoring and took off for the wild blue yonder: Destination - Dearborn, Michigan.

There he joined about 25 other vintage airplane owners to begin a 17-day, 4,000-mile flying tour of the eastern seaboard and the Midwest. The National Air Tour seeks to re-create a slice of the golden ear of aviation when flying was a novelty that easily captured the public’s imagination. When planes landed, people flocked to see them.

“Centennial of Flight”

The tour was an official “Centennial of Flight” event, one of many commemorating the 100th anniversary of Orville and Wilbur Wright’s first flight near Kitty Hawk, N.C. in December 1903. But the 2003 tour is patterned after the National Reliability Air Tours that took place from 1925 to 1931, according to Beckwith.

“The thrust of those tours was to prove to the public that aviation was safe and reliable and not just for barnstormers,” said the retiree pilot, who also noted that Ford Motor Co., was the primary sponsor of the early tours.

“Many people don’t remember that Ford made airplanes too,” he said. A Ford Tri-motor is among the planes in the National Air Tour.

Testing Reliability

The message of the early Reliability Tours was successfully delivered, for commercial aviation became a catalyst that produced changes, not only in how society did business and went on vacations, but in how Americans perceived the world. Airplanes made the globe smaller and more accessible to the common individual.

Last year’s tour held a different message for 21st-century travelers, used to traveling in comfortable, wide-bodied jets that can cross the ocean in only a few hours.

“I think it’s good that we look back at how far we’ve come,” said Beckwith, who when he retired in 2001, was piloting Boeing 767s on international flights.

A Matter of Education

“I think we captured that ear and it will help educate people on how important this era was to flying.”

In the 1920s and 1930s, general aviation was in a boom cycle. Aircraft companies with names such as Waco, Stinson, Bird, Stearman, Cabinaire and Fairchild were building airplanes that contributed greatly to aviation history. Most of those companies no longer are in business, but their products are still flying, and planes from these defunct manufactures will be participating in similar tours for years to come, saved from the scrap heap by appreciative pilots like Beckwith.

The manufacturer of his biplane, Great Lakes Aircraft of Cleveland, OH, is among those companies that didn’t last.

“They made planes from 1925 to 1933. They made a good plane, but they just couldn’t make a go of it,” the Tullahoma, TN pilot said.

Hauled It Back in Pieces

Beckwith, who has been an antique airplane enthusiast for many years found his Great Lakes aircraft in Lubbock, TX.

“I hauled it back on a trailer in pieces and got to work.”

The Beckwiths’ plane was the only one from Tennessee to participate in the three-week event.

The National Air Tour will trace the route of a 1932 air tour that was started, but not completed. The planes took off from Michigan and flew to various cities, with the finish line back in Detroit.

Each pilot was responsible for their expenses and some recruited sponsors to help out. The Beckwiths asked their friend, country music star and fellow aviation enthusiast Aaron Tippin, to help out.

He agreed to foot the fuel bill, if he could fly along on one leg of the trip. The Beckwiths and Tippin became friends a decade ago when another plane the couple owned was used as a prop for a CD cover.

“It was an interesting proposition getting all these planes from one place to another,” Beckwith concluded.

Contrasts to SpaceShip One

The Beckwiths’ flight stands in contrast to SpaceShipOne which soared more than 62 miles above Earth’s surface during its brief flight June 21, making it the first privately funded manned craft to fly in space, controllers said. Pilot Michael Melvill safely landed SpaceShipOne back in the California desert where the craft lifted off attached to a carrier jet earlier in the day.

SpaceShipOne is a warm-up for the Ansari X Prize, a $10-million award given to the first plane that can launch a three-person crew to an altitude of 62 miles (100 km) on two consecutive trips within two weeks in the same vehicle. More than twenty teams from all over the world have entered the amateur space race.

Intended to promote the space tourism industry, the X Prize is a $10 million contest to build and send the first privately financed manned craft into suborbital space.
100th Anniversary Reunion Slated for Weekend of Aug. 7

MINUTES OF THE COLUMBIA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 22, 2004
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Dooley’s Deli, Columbia, TN

Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Alumni Association President Bill Hart who delivered the invocation.

The first item for discussion was the Registration Form for the August Reunion. It was suggested that as soon as the form was available it was to be posted on the CMAAA web site and e-mailed to everyone with a verified e-mail address. It will also be included in the next issue of the “Bugle”.

A tentative schedule for the Friday night cocktail party is to be held at Graymere Country Club in Columbia, Aug. 6, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Becky Moon emphasized that while there was no charge for the event, it was still important to get a head count so tickets for the event would be taken at the door. It was reported that there were only 25 rooms left at the headquarters motel, The Richland Inn.

Vice-president, Woody Pettigrew and Treasurer, Becky Moon volunteered to man the registration desk Thursday afternoon, Aug. 5 for those arriving early to participate in the Golf Tournament, the next morning. Bill Fricke will again be in charge of the Tournament. Participants should arrive at Saddle Creek Golf Club in Lewisburg no later than 7:30 a.m. Friday with the first tee time set at 8:00 a.m. for a shotgun start.

The next Board Meeting was scheduled for Friday afternoon, Aug. 6 at 3 p.m. in Academy Hall, Columbia Academy campus.

Following a cafeteria breakfast Saturday morning in Old Main, the Annual Membership Meeting will be held in the upstairs chapel. All children and spouses are invited to the meeting to view the short visual presentation composed by Woody to commemorate the school’s 100th Anniversary.

Wives and children will depart the campus at approximately 10:45 by bus for a special morning activity yet to be finalized. A luncheon for the ladies in Franklin was discussed.

Hall of Honor Chairman, Winston Elston reported that one nomination had been submitted. It was anticipated that both Col. Ragsdale and Col. Hatcher were possible future nominees with Mrs. Grimes writing the narrative for both.

Saturday night’s Banquet at the Saturn Union Hall came into the discussion. It was noted that several alumni had complained in the past of the loud music emanating from a live band. It was then proposed that we hire a disk-jockey for this event who could cover a wide variety of music from the 40’s through the present day.

A professional photographer will be hired this year for the class photos.

The theme for the 100th Anniversary is to be, “100 Years of Tradition”.

Bill Hart displayed artwork for 10 flags measuring 30 in. by 60 in. to be displayed on campus. The white vinyl flags which can stand up to adverse weather will cost approximately $25.00 each. Woody made a motion that we go ahead with the purchase and it passed.

Woody then estimated that he would spend no more that $1,500 on the video continued on page 6

‘45 Grad Retires as Judge Never Had a Law Degree

By Sue McClure
Staff Writer for The Tennessean

Maury County General Sessions Judge Jimmy Matthews, CMA Class of ‘45, one of the last judges in Tennessee without a law degree, announced his retirement last month.

He will step down September 1.

“My health’s not as good as it once was,” he said. “I’m a diabetic and have some health problems.”

Matthews was the county’s first General Sessions Court “lay judge,” meaning he had no formal law degree.

“I was the first lay judge, and I’ll be the last,” he said. With numerous attorneys working in growing Maury County, his successors will almost certainly be lawyers.

Sue Allison of the state Administrative Office of the Courts said her office did not keep a list of how many lay judges remain on the bench.

“I do know that there are just a very few,” she said. “At one time, a lot of the state’s General Sessions Court judges were not attorneys and they handled things like Juvenile Court.

“But all that’s changed in the time Matthews has been on the bench,” she said.

In 1997, the state had 159 General Sessions judges and 21 weren’t lawyers, a state appeals court judge wrote that year.

Matthews was the first appointed to the bench in 1955 by then Gov. Frank Clement to fill the unexpired term of San Kennedy, who moved to Paris, TN, to open a law practice.

“I stayed on four years, then got out and ran again in 1974 and have been re-elected every year since then,” Matthews stated. “And I was unopposed every time.”

Matthews’ colleagues cited his ability to listen and render sound judgements.

“Through the years, Jimmy Matthews has matured into one of the finest General Sessions jurists in the state,” Kennedy said.

“He has a unique blend of understanding and compassion for people...black, white, rich and poor.”

Circuit Judge Jim T. Hamilton agreed.

“Over and above his ability as a judge, he was so willing to listen to people’s problems,” Hamilton said. “They’d come to his office and he’d give them advice.”

Matthews was able to “balance the application of the law with compassion and understanding of human nature,” said attorney Bobby Sands. “We call him the big judge partly because he’s a big man,” Sands said, “but his heart is the biggest part about him.”

The Maury County Commission will appoint an attorney to fill Matthews’ unexpired term, which ends in 2006.
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taped tribute to CMA. Winston Elston made a motion that the board allow the expenditure and it passed.
The following nominating committee was selected to propose a slate of officers for the election to be held at the Reunion’s general meeting. The committee is made up of: Tom Walbert, John Page and Robin Layton.
Bill Raiford made the motion to approve the nominating committee selection and it passed.
Regarding the cannon reconditioned by the Alumni Association, it was reported that a letter from a General Marion A. Matthews indicated it was in possession of the Military Department of Tennessee. Some concern was voiced that the membership didn’t want to lose track of the cannon in the event a suitable site could be found for its display.
President Hart reported that the 501C tax exempt status was to be implemented for the Alumni Association within the next two weeks and its finalization could then be relayed to the membership.
Woody Pettigrew moved that the meeting adjourn and the motion carried.

58 Students Graduate CA, 42 in National Honor Soc.
Columbia Academy seniors, garnering in excess of $1-million in scholarships, took their final turn on the stage receiving diplomas under the trees in front of Academy Hall, May 22.

Timber Coalition Headed by Class of ’46 Graduate
Clarke T. Reed, CMA Class of ‘46, former Mississippi Republican Party Chairman has been instrumental in forging an alliance between Democrats and Republicans in a Whitehouse bill giving federal land managers broad new license to thin millions of acres of public timber to cut down on losses to wildfires.
The bill began as a solely Western firefighting initiative but has grown into a national forestry bill.
Twenty-eight Southern Democrats supported House passage last May.

West and South Join Forces
The two regions, West and South, have been rivals in the past, especially when western mills depressed Southern prices by cutting billions of board feet each year from public lands. But without the votes to win alone, western Republicans led by Colorado Rep. Scott McInnis reached out to the South in what has become a textbook case of coalition politics.
After a lifetime in Southern politics, the 75-year-old Reed, concedes amusement at

“Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes”
Odds and Ends from Here and There
We owe a big “Thank You” to Terry Mays, ’52, for securing the Graymere Country Club for our Reunion poolside gathering Friday afternoon, Aug. 6.

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John Jarrett, instructor 1977-1979 plans on attending his first Reunion in August. John is trying to locate Col. Fly, John Rose, Jim Barrom and Phil Matlock. If you know, you can e-mail Jarrett at: johnnyangel_97@hotmail.com

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CMA Alumni Association President, Bill Hart, ’62, presented the Annual CMA $1,000 scholarship to Adam Bedwell at the CA graduation ceremony May 22.

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Jim Pennington, ’72, received an excellent review from Hemmings Motor News on his recently published manual titled “Porsche: Fuel Injection, 1973 - 1983”.

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Reunion Capt...Gary Vaughn, ’58, has had 100 caps embroidered with the red and blue CMA seal. They will go on sale at the August Reunion.

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Mississippi Land Trust
Reed’s own part in the coalition comes as head of the Mississippi Land Trust, whose fellow officers include William “Billy” Van Devender, a former Republican National committee member with substantial forest holdings. The non profit land-conservation group is credited with almost single-handedly creating a proposed $25-million healthy-forest reserve program, which would have the federal government pay timber owners to forestall cutting to protect wildlife habitat.

With local staples soybeans and cotton hurting, Clarke says that wildlife could attract sportsmen and tourists to Mississippi and help its economy. “I had the idea we’ve made so many mistakes, why not get ahead of the curve?” he says.

SILVER TAPS

Thomas Walton Williams, PG ‘48
Tom Williams died in 1996. He was 87. After graduating from Gross Point High School he enrolled at CMA as a postgraduate student.
He graduated from Indiana University with a degree in Business Administration.
Tom served in the Korea, going into the food brokerage business with his father after the War.
According to wife, Patty, Tom loved life and nature - hunting and fishing with his best buddies.
In addition to his wife, the former Patty Nelson, he had two daughters; Allyson and Wynne.

Pat Hampton, Maj. Hampton’s Wife
Pat Hampton, wife of Maj. Lyle E. Hampton died January 24 in La Jolla, CA.
Major Hampton recounted how he and Pat had taken their usual walk along the California Coast and watched dogs and children chasing seagulls two days before her death. “Even a whale thrilled us spouting some eight times before moving South,” he related.
Pat was cremated and for those wishing to make a memorial contribution, Maj. Hampton suggests it be sent to Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA.

MOVING?
STAY IN TOUCH...
Please forward your new address to:
CMA Alumni Association
804 Athenaeum Place
Columbia, TN 38401-3156

NAME:______________________
GRADUATING CLASS:_________
ADDRESS:___________________
CITY:_______________________
STATE:______ZIP:____________
PHONE: (____) ______________
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100th Anniversary Scramble Golf Tournament
Friday, August 6, 2004
Alumni, Spouses & Guests
(Please type or print clearly)

Please Respond by July 19, 2004

NAME (Last, First, Middle) ________________________________ Class of ______ TEES _________
HOME STREET ADDRESS _______________________________________________________________
CITY______________________________________________________STATE _______ ZIP_________
HOME PHONE (____) __________________ BUS. PHONE (____) ___________________________
E-MAIL ADDRESS (please print) __________________________________________________________

$50.00 Tournament Fee
Covers Green Fees, Charts and Prizes

Notice to Golfers
As usual, we expect a large turnout for this event. However, our field of players is limited. Please respond with this completed form with your check (payable to Bill Fricke) as soon as possible. If you have any questions, call Bill Fricke at (256) 852-2924 or e-mail him at: frickew@bellsouth.net.
Note: Proper golf attire is required.

Mail check to: Bill Fricke, 126 W.T. Garrison Lane, Huntsville, AL 35810
Travis Marshall Sims, Class of ’48

Travis M. Sims, Class of ’48, died Nov. 25, 2002, at his home in Oak Ridge, TN. He was 71.

Born in Washington, D.C., he was the son of John Granville Sims and Olga Marshall Sims. After graduating from CMA he earned a degree in chemistry at Vanderbilt University. He also attended the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology.

He served in the United States Air Force and was a member of Grace Lutheran Church. He enjoyed painting and drawing in all mediums.

He and his wife, Martha Waller Sims, by whom he is survived, would have celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in June of 2003.

In addition to his wife, Sims is survived by a son, Travis Marshall Sims Jr. and his son’s wife, Elizabeth Ellen Nyaard of Ft. Wayne, IN; his sister, Olga Ferrill of Denison, TX; Memphis, TN; Marianna, AR; Rochester, NY; Scio, NY and Detroit, MI. Following his Detroit ministry, he retired to Horn Lake.

In addition to his wife and six children, he left three grandchildren (he now has 10 grandchildren).

Son, William “Hale” Barclay remembers as a child, his dad telling of the good memories he had of CMA.