

From the President



Cadets – Well our Spring Board Meeting is over and we will meet again in the Fall. You can see the results of the meeting in the minutes included in this edition of the *Bugle*. I hope that all know their class representatives and will contact them if you have questions about our Association. In case you don't know who your representative is, please refer to page 10 of this edition of the *Bugle* and, once again, if you have any concerns or issues with your Association please let me or your representative know. I also want Association members to be aware of some items of interest in this edition of the *Bugle*.

First, I wanted to let Association members know that Mr. Ray Burt, owner of Orman's Photo Shop, passed away late last year. Mr. Burt bought the business from Buster Orman whose two sons attended CMA and graduated during the 1960s. As many of you know, Mr. Orman took many of the class pictures and day to day pictures of CMA life for several years. Following Mr.

Remembering Your First Day at CMA

Of all the memories we have of our time spent at CMA, our first day is one we all very well remember. For me, it was in the Summer of 1964 that I decided to go to CMA, starting in August for the 1964-65 school year. We sent for a catalog and I remember looking at it over and over trying to visualize what life was going to be like at CMA. My mom was busy sewing my name tags in my underwear, tee shirts, bath towels and wash cloths. We were busy getting everything on the list ready to go. We had



Tommy Phillips
8th Grade, 1965

already been to CMA to get enrolled and for me to get fitted for my uniforms. At this point I was still wondering what I was in for. The day came and we left home for my new "home". It was on a Friday and classes were to start on the following Monday. We arrived at the campus and were told where I would be staying so we unloaded the trunk and took my things to my new room. I was starting the 8th grade and was moving into Whitthorne Hall. I remember entering the dorm and the first person I saw was Glen Wong. He was dressed in uniform with metals, shoulder cords, and sergeant stripes. There were a few Cadets dressed in uniform and other newcomers like me who hadn't gotten theirs yet. We spent the rest of that day getting settled in and running here and there getting books, uniforms and, as you might guess, the

haircut. My parents left and it was just me and my new roommate, Steve Cooper from Irondale, Alabama, and a dorm full of other boys I hadn't gotten to know yet. We went to Quad for formation at supertime and were in ranks as we were assigned. The flag was lowered and we stood at attention saluting the flag as they fired the cannon. I remember jumping three feet off the ground not knowing that was going to happen. We then filed into the Mess Hall to our assigned tables and seats for my first CMA meal. I watched and did as everyone else did as we were called to attention, then seated with arms folded in front, and then rest. Then everyone began to eat. After the evening meal we returned to the barracks and were ordered to spend study time until lights out, reading the rule book and getting lockers in order. At lights out I heard Taps for the first time.

As days passed, I got to know everyone, made lots of good friends, and CMA became a way of life. I did get a little homesick at first but soon became so busy that there just wasn't time for thinking of home. I followed the rules and within 6 months was promoted to Cadet Staff Sergeant and Platoon Guide. I came away from CMA with values that have stuck with me for all these 48 years since I was there. I want to thank my 8th grade math teacher, Mr. A.C. Howell, for the example he was to me and the others. He was a gentleman and a person we'd want to be like. Thanks Mr. Howell.

V.T. (Tommy) Phillips
CMA Class of 1969

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Burt's death, Mrs. Burt decided to shut down the business and get rid of the photos and negatives that were housed at the shop. She was contacted by Mr. David White, owner of White's Camera Shop in Columbia, about the photos and negatives at Orman's and her plans for them. He asked if he could have them with the possibility of providing the photos or negatives to people who would be interested in them. She agreed and Mr. White has started going through the thousands of photos and negatives that were stored at Orman's, including many that were taken at CMA from the 1930s on. I have spoken with Mr. White on several occasions as he goes through the photos and negatives. As noted in the minutes on pages 3 and 4 of this *Bugle* publication, Mr. White came to our Board meeting on March 9th and gave a detailed presentation to the Board members concerning the negatives and pictures and what all has been identified. There is great potential to recover many negatives of pictures that we thought were lost. Most notable is the potential to recover the negatives for the Senior Class Composites that hung along the walls in Old Main. I am pleased that the Board voted to purchase all of the negatives and pictures (see Board Meeting Minutes) and that our offer was accepted.

As many of you know if you have been back to the campus recently, the new Anderson Fieldhouse is now completed and open. Many of us had a chance to tour the facility during the Spring Board Meeting and it is definitely a facility that will set Columbia Academy apart from other private schools in the area. We as an Association can be justly proud that the home side of the football field has been moved back to the side where many of us remember cheering on the Bulldog teams of the past. I encourage you to stop and take a tour if you are back in the area in the future.

In our next edition I will talk a little about Association plans for our next Grand Reunion. I hope that many of you will plan to return to the campus then or even before and take a tour of the CMA Museum and the campus. I promise that you won't be disappointed.

Mike Gilchrist
Class of 1963

Open Letter to CMA Alumni



Dodd Daggett, Class of 1963, sends the below open letter to his fellow CMA Alumni and other *Bugle* readers.

I owe the Association an apology. I attended CMA for three years and graduated in 1963. Upon graduation I put CMA behind me, but remembered, and took through life, many good lessons, habits, and ideals. But, I wasn't active in our Alumni Association. I didn't return to the campus for forty-nine years. This not keeping up with old friends and their lives and memories was a mistake. I apologize.

I have had a very lucky and fortunate life. I will share with you some of the highs and lows.

In 1963 I entered the University of Arkansas studying business and running high and intermediate hurdles for the track team.

In 1967 I married Rebecca Johnson and over the years we have had four dogs, three children and one cat. The Labrador Retriever was the best friend I have ever had and a good sailor.

1967 through 1970 found me at the University of Arkansas Law School. The war was raging and I should not have been in grad school. Most of you were on active duty somewhere. In the fall of 1970 my unacceptable grades and my draft number arrived in my mailbox at the same time. The Dean of the Law School suggested "I try another field of endeavor". That "endeavor" was the Arkansas Army National Guard where I served as an Artillery Officer in eight inch self propelled and 105 air mobile units for nine and one-half years.

In 1972 I returned to law school, corrected my academic deficiencies, and was later admitted to the Bar and then practiced law for about 35 years.

My family and I were involved in an automobile accident in 1974 and I should have died. Lots of my body parts were broken, bent, cut and abused. Seat belts saved our lives.

I retired at the age of 58 to go sailing. During my working years we sailed for recreation and we traded up through eight boats so that we now have a forty foot Hunter Marine sailboat, Vesper Light II. The Hunter sleeps four comfortably, eats eight nicely and parties with gusto about twelve. Mostly, we sailed in the Gulf of Mexico, Florida Keys, the East Coast and the Bahamas. In 2009 we sailed from St. Augustine, Florida to George Town Bahamas, and to a marina at Palmas del Mar, Puerto Rico. We used the marina in Puerto Rico as a base to sail the Spanish Virgins, U.S. Virgins, and the British Virgins. Next year we plan to sail to St. Martin and other Windward and Leeward Islands.

The beer is cold, the winds fair, the fishing is good and the people are friendly. I am fortunately alive and life has been good for Dodd Daggett, CMA Class of 1963.

Yours Very Truly,

Dodd Daggett
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Marianna, Arkansas 72360
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Please Pay Your Dues If You Have Not Already Done So

As everyone knows, it takes a significant amount of money to keep the CMA Alumni Association going. Costs for *Bugle* publications, the annual CA scholarship, Board meetings, and reunions require that we generate income to support the Association.

As of this publication, we only have 364 of our almost 1500 alumni in the database that are current with their dues. We need to improve on that percentage and we need to ensure that we continue to improve on dues collection. If you have not paid dues in the past year, please consider making that \$25 annual payment. You can pay in advance for future years if you desire. Many alumni pay two years in dues when they register for the bi-annual reunions. You can take that opportunity to pay dues even if you cannot attend the reunion. Please send in your dues payment to:

CMAAA
804 Athenaeum Place
Columbia, TN 38401

**Columbia Military Academy
Alumni Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 9th, 2013
Academy Hall
Columbia Academy Campus
Columbia, TN**

Attendees

Mike Gilchrist '63 - President, Robin Salze '66 - Vice President, Randy Howell '72 - Secretary, Skip Snow '55- Asst Treasurer, John Bass '53, Don Kimbrell '53, Courtney Wilhoite '53, Marshall Cranford '54, Bill Raiford '55, Tom Hayward '56, Tom Walbert '58, Wally Couch '62, Tom Colvert '65, Jim Borum '66, Ed Tuggle '67, Bill Wade '68, Bobby Bain '72, Jim Pennington '72, Greg Thompson '72, Dudley Dolinger '73, Woody Pettigrew '73, Winston Elston '74, Marshall Briggs '75, Van McMinn '76, Jay Robins '76, and Buddy Fisher - Friend of the Board.

Meeting Minutes

The spring meeting of the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association was called to order by Association President, Mike Gilchrist. There were 25 Board members and officers present along with guests CA President James Thomas, David White of White's Camera Shop and Friend of the Board Buddy Fisher. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Bass and the invocation was given by Don Kimbrell. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes from the last Board meeting as posted in the *Bugle*.

Treasurer Report

In Becky Moon's absence, Woody Pettigrew gave a summary of the report. Current balance on hand in the general CMAAA account is \$42,420. The balance in the museum account as of the end of 2012 was \$18,972 and the balance as of 2/28/2013 is \$19,116. There was no additional discussion regarding the general account. However, discussion was raised regarding the museum account and how the account balance will be impacted in the future. Since the meeting, Woody provided an update/correction as follows: *The financial report that I handed out at the Board Meeting showed the status of the Muse-*



Some of the CMAAA Board Members getting ready to do the Association's business during the Board Meeting on March 9th. Twenty five board members along with Buddy Fisher, CA President James Thomas, and David White of Columbia were present for the meeting.

um's finances at the end of 2012 (\$18,972). When Ed Tuggle and I were discussing the amount of money that would be in the Museum's account at the end of the current lease (2021) and how much we would need to execute the two options on the lease, we ended up saying that we would have \$18, 972 at the end of the lease and that we would only need to raise an additional \$6,000 between now and then to have the approximate \$24,000 needed to get us through 10 more years of lease payments and maintenance when we execute those two options. That \$18,972 is an incorrect figure of what we will have on balance at the end of 2021. The current budget calls for us to have a little over \$11,000 on balance at the end of 2021. That is still a healthy balance and still one that I believe we can work from to execute the two options. We will have to raise some more money for the Museum between now and then but I do not foresee a problem with being able to maintain the Museum and execute the options.

CA President Remarks

Dr. Thomas offered the Association his welcome to the CA campus. In his address he covered several topics including the current CA enrollment which is now at 780 students. This number includes 60 students in grades 1 through 6 at the Spring Hill campus. With the current growth rate, he anticipates the enrollment reaching the 800 mark for the 2013-2014 school year. Dr. Thomas spoke about the January 2013 opening

of the new Anderson Fieldhouse and invited the Board to visit the new building after lunch. He informed the Board of the accidental death of a recent CA grad, Matt Williams, and that they were able to have his funeral in the fieldhouse. The following facility issues were relayed to the Board: The top level of Moore Hall is in significant disrepair, needing work to the roof, replacement of broken windows and repair work to broken and missing bricks. There are 3 options for the project: 1) proceed with the repairs with a current bid of \$60K to complete the repairs, 2) remove the upper level and 3) demolish the building. The third option is not one that Dr. Thomas is interested in pursuing but there has been some discussion along those lines with the CA Board. Jackson Hall, Lee Hall and Main building are all in need of roof repairs. Jackson Hall is already scheduled to receive a new roof. Dr. Thomas was questioned about the future use of the old gym and he assured the Board there was no plan to take down the building; CA will continue using it for practice and as a baseball locker room and a visitor's football team locker room. The new fieldhouse will not provide a locker room for the visitors.

Old Business

At the August 2012 meeting it was decided that a survey of participants of the 2012 Grand Reunion would be made to get feedback regarding the facilities, programs, etc. of the reunion. To date,

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this survey has not been done. Doug Townes will be contacted to determine the status of the survey.

New Business

David White, owner of White's Camera Shop of Columbia, spoke to the Board regarding the discovery of a large number of CMA photo negatives dating back to the 1930s while removing items from the former Orman's Photo Shop. Mr. Ray Burt, the former owner, passed away in 2012 and Mr. White was asked to clean out the building by Mrs. Burt. It is currently the plans of Mrs. Burt to dispose of these negatives, as well as many others that were found, using a Georgia firm that breaks the negatives down to retrieve the silver content. While only bringing a few pennies per negative, Mr. White pointed out that there are well over 1 million negatives. We were shown several recovered CMA photos and negatives, which if procured by the Association, could potentially enable the alumni to recover lost or destroyed photos such as individual pictures from annuals, sports photos and much more, including the senior class photos that used to line the halls of Old Main. Mr. White suggested the Association make an offer to Mrs. Burt to obtain all of the CMA negatives. These could be used as possible fund raisers in the future. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed that the Board offer Mrs. Burt \$5,000 from the museum account to purchase all locatable negatives and pictures related to CMA. *(As a follow-on to the minutes, Mr. White contacted Association President Mike Gilchrist on 13 March and told him that Mrs. Burt accepted our offer to purchase the negatives and pictures. Mike will work with Mr. White to finalize the deal.)*

Woody Pettigrew told the Board of the opportunity for alumni to replace their old senior class rings that had been lost, misplaced, etc. The price range of the rings is \$339 to \$696 and there are 3 choices of metals. *(See details on how to order replacement rings on Page 8 of this Bugle).*

Woody Pettigrew reminded the Board of the need to have the names of the 2012 Hall of Honor inductees engraved on the CMA Memorial. Recommendation was to have this done as soon as possible and not wait until the next reunion. A motion was made, se-

conded and passed to get the engraving done as soon as possible.

Mike Gilchrist recommended that a position of Association Historian be added as a permanent position to the Board of Directors, either as an officer or as a separate position. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and passed that Woody Pettigrew be named as the Association Historian, in a non-officer capacity.

Friend of the Board Buddy Fisher addressed the Board regarding his passion for CMA and similar schools. Although Buddy did not actually graduate from CMA, he did spend time as a child on the campus as his father was on the faculty. He expressed his appreciation for the campus and the job CA has done, and commended the Association for its loyalty and commitment to sustaining the history of the school, as well as the continued efforts to hold reunions and sustain the relationships that have been built through the years.

The Board entered into discussion regarding the 2014 Grand Reunion. Little discussion we needed to determine the reunion must again be held in the Franklin, Tennessee area, as Columbia and surrounding towns still do not offer a potential location. Although there have been many comments from attendees to the last two reunions to try and relocate closer to the campus, it was explained there is just no place with sufficient space. A motion was made, seconded and passed that a committee of Tom Walbert and Don Kimbrell research and make a decision regarding the location for the next event. The Board decided to recognize all former Mr. CMA and Miss CMA cadets at the 2014 reunion.

Jim Borum asked Winston Elston, as the Hall of Honor Committee Chairman, about the status of an individual that had been nominated for the Hall of Honor. Winston said there had been some hurdles regarding his research but felt that he now had the information he needed to complete the process.

Winston Elston notified the Board that he will no longer be able to continue in the position as Chairman of the Hall of Honor Committee. He will stay on until a replacement is identified and he stated that he will work with the President to find a replacement. The Board thanked Winston for his hard work through the years.

Van McMinn notified the Board that

there is a 1906 CMA Yearbook being auctioned on E-bay. The opening bid is \$199 and the bidding is open for one more day. He asked if the Board would be interested in trying to purchase the item. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed for Van to make a bid on the item. Board members were asked to provide any donation to Van that they wanted to in order to help in the purchase of the yearbook. *(As a follow-on to the minutes, Van successfully bid on/bought the 1906 Yearbook.)*

Bill Raiford read a citation to the Board that had been provided by Greg Thompson. The citation was a copy of a letter that Colonel Robert Rasch, United States Army, had written to the Executive Vice President of INTUITIVE Research and Technology Corporation (company where Greg works) commending the job that Woody Pettigrew (also an INTUITIVE employee) does for Colonel Rasch's Project Office within the United States Army. The Board congratulated Woody for his continued efforts with our nation's military.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn for lunch. Several members of the Board joined CA President James Thomas for a tour of Anderson Fieldhouse after lunch.

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: (____) _____

E-MAIL: _____

Then and Now

Frank Blazey, Class of '41

Attending a military school was not the highest priority in Frank Blazey's mind during the late 1930s but events led to thinking about military schools such as Culver, CMA and Castle Heights. Although only 14 years old, Frank was impressed by Coach Charles Hughes from CMA when he visited Frank's home in southern Illinois. Frank entered CMA with his step-father's last name of Hovey, and later



changed it to Blazey. He attended CMA for three years and was on the basketball and baseball teams. Academics were of the highest priority at CMA and he profited by having Stuart Irby, Class of 1941 Valedictorian, as a roommate. After CMA, Frank entered the University of Illinois. Having joined ROTC and following an engineering curriculum, Frank became interested in acquiring a commission in the military. Thanks to a lot of help from his family, Frank received an appointment to West Point in 1943. After graduation, Frank's initial assignment was to a regiment in Germany. On the plus side was his marriage to a very attractive young lady from New York who did everything well through 22 moves, raising three children, and teaching school for 15 years. They recently celebrated 65 years of matrimony. Military service resulted in many events for Frank. Besides learning how to jump out of USAF airplanes, he graduated from three military schools, and after 16 years was the first member of his West Point class to attend the Senior War College. Important troop assignments included commanding a Rifle Company in the Korean War where he later received a battlefield promotion, and later going to Viet Nam to command a brigade in the 1st Infantry Division. After being promoted to flag rank he joined the 82d Airborne Division as Deputy Commander. He was also the ROTC summer camp commander for students from 10 colleges in the southeast. Following another tour of duty in Viet Nam where he served as senior US military advisor in the Delta, Frank was sent back to Germany and assigned as Inspector General for all US forces. Frank retired from the Army in



1975 and moved to Hendersonville, NC. He was hired by the Coca Cola Company in Asheville as a training director. He later joined a manufacturing firm that produced conveyor systems for many Fortune 500 companies. He became deeply involved with the community and joined a number of governing boards. Frank says that Hendersonville is one of the most patriotic communities where veterans of any war and those currently serving are praised and thanked for their service. Frank was able to spend a lot of time with his family as all three of his children are now married and he and his wife became grandparents. He and his wife have traveled throughout the world visiting the Soviet Union and China as well as about 25 other countries. They even visited in Mississippi to reminisce about CMA with old friends who were very kind to a Yankee classmate!!

Richard Waters, Class of '54

Richard was sent to CMA to straighten out his behavior and bad habits and some of it took and some did not. It seemed like he was perpetually on the Bull Ring and became friends with other bull ringers. He claims that he excelled in nothing and his grades were average or below. As he remembers it, he was a private the entire 2 years that he attended CMA. After graduating from CMA in 1954, Richard got involved in waterskiing and was the 1957 State Waterskiing Champion in jumping, slalom, and tricks. He attended Mississippi Southern University and majored in Fine Arts in painting drawing. He then went to work for Jack Tar Hotels and ran their Yacht Club in Orange, Texas, their cafeteria in Galveston, and resigned when he was assistant manger for a hotel in Biloxi, Mississippi. He then drifted west, first to Los Angeles, then north to Sausalito and to Inverness on the Point Reyes Peninsular and during these times painted, painted and painted. He attended the California College of Arts & Crafts and received a Master in painting before returning south where his parents lived in Ft. Lauderdale. There he met his future wife, got married and returned to Ocean



Springs for a year before returning to northern California. He and his wife had one child, Rayme, who is an author, and now have one granddaughter, Eva. In California, Richard morphed over from sculpture to primitive instruments and sound devices. He began attending sessions at a friend's studio where his instruments developed into more advanced creations like the Waterphone. This was in the late 1960s and early 1970s and it was about this time that he formed a new music ensemble, "The Gravity Adjusters Expansion Band". They began performing in the San Francisco Bay Area on non-conventional and experimental instruments and sound devices and produced 2 recordings, "ONE" and "Hole in the Sky". Later, Richard worked in or led a number of musical groups including "CSIDE", "SEAMS", "Listen" and "Totem". He also launched a musical instrument production business which continues today. He visits northern California yearly to perform and record a new type of music with musician friends. This music has elements from jazz, classical, and new music based on improvisation. Richard has exhibits of both his fine art work in painting and the musical instruments that he markets world wide at local galleries and museums on the Mississippi Gulf Coast .



Billy Akin Class of '66

Billy Akin was born in Columbia and started CMA in the 7th grade in 1960. Being in Junior School, his classes were held behind the stage in the gymnasium. This was quite a change from his elementary school, but he was a Local Cadet, and went home at night. Billy's best friend, Johnny Slayden, started CMA in the 6th grade at the same time. They never had PE before going to CMA. They decided to ask for golf clubs for Christmas, joined Major Cannon's Golf Team and never had PE again. Billy joined the Drill Team and later was recruited to change to the Rifle Team. He graduated from CMA with the rank of Captain and was the Battalion Intelligence Officer his



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senior year. He was the 1966 Class Valedictorian and thinks that may be why he got that job. Billy went to Vanderbilt from CMA. Vanderbilt had a PE program, too. The only way to get out of PE was to take ROTC. Army ROTC had a collegiate rifle team, which he promptly joined. After six years at CMA, Billy was exempted from the first two years of drill and offered the job of opening and closing the rifle range. He was supposed to start drilling his junior year but they felt his greater duty was to continue to open and close the range. He may be the first ROTC student to graduate from Vanderbilt, be commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, and never wear a uniform. Next for Billy was Dental School at the University of Tennessee. He met my wife, Sheila, there and they have been married forty years. After dental school, Billy went on active duty and was stationed at Fort Gordon, Georgia. His time at CMA came in handy once again. At the end of the first year, he was told to report for his Annual Personnel Review. He was informed that perhaps the Army was not paying him enough. It turned out that he was made an honorary E-1 in the Tennessee Air National Guard when he entered CMA. Billy had technically joined the Army on September 1, 1960. His time in service went from four years to fourteen and his monthly pay doubled. His fellow dental officers gave him the title of "Dr. Akin, Captain since the 7th grade". When the Lieutenant Colonel in charge of the clinic gave Billy the pep talk about staying in the Army or being in the Reserves to complete his obligation, Billy told him to check his records. It turned out that Billy joined the Army eight years before his commander did. After the army, Billy and Sheila stayed in Augusta and he completed a residency in Periodontics at the Medical College of Georgia. They moved to Nashville in 1977 and Billy has been a practicing Periodontist ever since. They have two children, Will and Elizabeth. Elizabeth, the youngest, is a junior at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. Will is now a Periodontist and he and Billy practice together. Billy says he still has fond memories of CMA. He always looks



forward to the reunions to see old friends and make new ones.

Van McMinn, Class of '76

Van McMinn was raised in Arkansas and entered CMA in 1970 as a 7th grader. He was at CMA for six years, graduating in May 1976. Van was the Cadet Battalion Commander his senior year. He says that he is most proud of being on the Gold Star Drill Team and serving on the Color Guard but was also involved with Junior Civitan and volunteered in the Library. He has many happy memories of CMA and has built his life around the valuable lessons learned there—unfortunately, he says, way too many were learned the hard way! After graduating from CMA, Van attended Vanderbilt University and was enrolled in ROTC for the first 2 years but health issues clouded opportunities for obtaining a ROTC scholarship. He graduated from Vanderbilt in May 1980 with a BA in European History. After graduation from Vanderbilt, Van began his career working in retail management and joined Service Merchandise in 1981. He was employed in jewelry departments in the Nashville and Louisville markets. He later worked for an independent jewelry chain in Nashville and earned the Graduate Gemologist diploma from the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) in 1997 while managing one of the largest jewelry stores in Nashville. Van launched his own jewelry appraisal business in 1999 and has been self-employed since then serving jewelers, attorneys and individuals, preparing all types of appraisals. He says that one of his favorite aspects of his vocation is mentoring students studying gemology and jewelry. Van served two terms as President and is currently a board member for the Middle Tennessee chapter of the GIA Alumni Association, currently assigned to the committee awarding scholarships for gemological training. Additionally, Van serves as a Class Representative on the CMAAA Board of Directors, a position he has held since 2010. Van married Nashville native Teri Keeling in 1981 and they have two daughters - Hannah, who lives in Chicago and Rebecca, who lives in Nashville and is the mother of their grandson, Asher, who was born in October 2011. Van has been collecting coins since boyhood and has furthered his interest in the hobby by trying to obtain a coin from every country in the world from the last 300 years.



Another Flag Officer Found

The Winter 2012 edition of the *Bugle* asked for any information on additional CMA alumni that became Flag Officers in any of the United States Armed Forces. In addition to the five individuals identified in that article, we now have information on another. Frank Blazey, known as Frank Hovey (his step-father's name) while at CMA. He attended CMA from 1938 to 1941, graduating with the Class of 1941. Later, upon receiving an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, he dropped the name Hovey and entered the military with his name as it is today, Frank Blazey. Frank graduated from West Point in 1946 along with two other CMA alumni—Jack Kopald and Bob Bradley. Upon graduation, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry. Frank's military service included two tours in South Korea, two in South Viet Nam (one tour as Commander of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division), almost five years in the Pentagon, eight years in Germany, four years on the West Point faculty, and assignment as the Deputy Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. During his time in the Army he was also able to earn a MBA from New York University and also became a graduate of the Harvard University Management Program. He progressed through the ranks within the Army and was promoted to Brigadier General in 1971 and retired from active duty in 1975. For more information on Frank, please see the write-up in the Then and Now section of this *Bugle*.



CMA Basketball Team from the 1938-39 school year.

Pictures from the years that CMA did not have a yearbook are hard to come by. Frank Blazey provided the above picture of the team he was on.

Do You Remember?

70 Years Ago Spring 1943



The 15th Academy Awards ceremony is held on March 4th with Bob Hope hosting. *Mrs. Miniver* is named the Outstanding Motion Picture.

Rogers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma!* opens on Broadway on March 31st, going on to be Broadway's longest running musical up to that time.

The Memphis Belle's crew becomes the first aircrew in the 8th Air Force to complete its 25-mission tour of duty.

At CMA, the Rifle Team wins the William Randolph Hearst Trophy - first place among all ROTC schools in the nation - during the National ROTC Rifle Match.

50 Years Ago Spring 1963



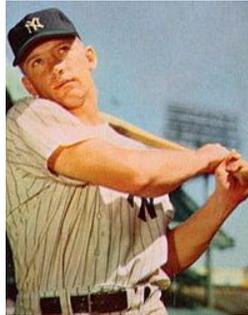
Country music superstar Patsy Cline is killed in a plane crash in Camden Tennessee on March 5th while returning from a benefit performance in Kansas City, Kansas.

The Alcatraz Island federal penitentiary in San Francisco Bay closes on March 21st.

The Coca-Cola Company introduces its first diet drink, TaB cola, on May 1st. It is marketed to customers who wanted to keep "tabs" on their weight.

At CMA, Col. Ragsdale completes his assignment as President Emeritus of CMA. Under his leadership, the CMA Corps of Cadets grew from 162 to over 500.

60 Years Ago Spring 1953



The 25th Academy Awards, the first broadcast on television, is held on March 4th. *The Greatest Show on Earth* earns Best Picture honors.

The first James Bond novel, *Casino Royale*, is published on April 13th.

Mickey Mantle hits a 565 foot home run on April 17th. It is believed to be the longest home run in baseball history by many historians.

At CMA, publication of the annual, *The Recall*, was renewed. The school annual, which was first published in 1906, had not been printed since 1929.

40 Years Ago Spring 1973



Pink Floyd's *The Dark Side of the Moon*, one of rock's landmark albums, is released in the U.S. on March 1st.

The last United States soldier leaves Vietnam on March 29th.

The first handheld cellular phone call is made by Martin Cooper in New York City on April 3rd.

Led Zeppelin plays before 56,800 fans at Tampa Stadium on May 5th, breaking the 1965 record of 55,600 set by the Beatles at Shea Stadium.

At CMA, Col. C.C. Wilhoite passes away on January 15th after 42 years of service to the Academy. Col. Wilhoite's pallbearers were representatives from his beloved CMA Corps of Cadets.

Anderson Fieldhouse Dedication / Grand Opening



The Grand Opening / Dedication of the new Anderson Fieldhouse on the CA Campus occurred on Friday the 25th of January.

The facility was filled with students, faculty and visitors for the ceremony that included comments from school officials, the 2013 Student Body President, and Mr. Tom Anderson, for whom the facility is named.

As part of his remarks, Dr. James Thomas, CA President, talked about how in 1941 CMA opened a state of the art gymnasium with a swimming pool and bowling lanes that was a premier facility in the southeast and that he believes this new facility is the same type of state of the art addition for the campus.

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Help Improve the Bugle and Submit Items of Interest for Fellow Alumni to Enjoy

Thank you to all of the alumni that have provided pictures and articles for publication in the *Bugle*. As has been said before, everyone can help make the *Bugle* a better publication for all of us. If you have articles, pictures, Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes input, a CMA story, news, etc. that you would like to see in the next *Bugle* please provide input to Woody Pettigrew at wpettigrew@knology.net or via snail mail to:

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**Class Ring Replacement
- The Results Are In -**



As reported in the Summer and Fall 2012 *Bugles*, the Herff Jones Company has the dies available to make replacement class rings for CMA alumni. (The available dies are for the men's ring only; no dies are available for the lady's ring.)

Four alums took advantage of the opportunity to have their CMA Class Rings replaced this past fall. Results from two of those efforts are shown above. The ring on the left is a 10 karat yellow gold version with a fire blue spinel stone and the one on the right is the extreme silver version with a black onyx stone. (If you are viewing the black and white mail-out version of the *Bugle*, you can go to the website at www.cmaaa.com to see the color version of the *Bugle* and get a better view of the rings.)

The Herff Jones representative, Chris McGimsey, will continue to work with CMA alumni that want to replace their class rings. He will continue to offer two options; one with the school seal on both sides, and one with the school seal on one side and a bulldog on the other side. Additionally, he is offering three metal choices (White Ultrium, Extreme Silver, 10k Yellow or White Gold) and three stone choices (Black Onyx, Fire Blue Spinel, Red Ruby). The prices for the rings vary based on the metal options and range from \$339 (White Ultrium) to \$695 (10k Yellow or White Gold), plus 9.25% sales tax.

Anyone interested in having his class ring replaced should contact Chris at the below address. He will work directly with any CMA alumnus to get the order completed and the ring delivered.

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**“Whhhhhaazzuuppp Dudes”
Odds and Ends**



Bill Raiford, CMA Class of '55, was appointed King Horus LXVIII by the Carnival Memphis Grand Krewe of Sphinx for the 2013 season. Bill was inducted into the Krewe's Royalty with his soul mate Linda Yoakum (Queen Tiaa LXVIII), pictured here, during ceremonies on Saturday, February 16 at Chickasaw Country Club in Memphis, Tennessee. CMA alumni last saw the lovely couple at the 2012 Grand Reunion in Nashville.

The CMA Alumni Association Golf “B” Team (Stan Boyd '56, Bill Wade '68, Randy Howell '72, and Woody Pettigrew '73) that participates in the annual scramble tourney with the Castle Heights alums decided it was time for a practice round on the 9th of March...never too soon to get in some practice to be ready to attack the Heights Links this October. The group gathered at Kings Creeks Golf Course in Spring Hill. Never has there been a finer exhibition of the skills of golf than was demonstrated by our Association Secretary (Randy) on this venture. From the time his opening drive flew down the fairway, till his final putt rattled the cup, the other members of the foursome witnessed one amazing shot after another. Three hundred yard drives, approach shots more easily measured in inches from the cup than feet, electrifying putts and an overall spectacular command of the course was the order of the day. That is the type of golf that resulted in a score of 65...too bad that was just on the front nine holes.

It was great to get the information on BG(R) Frank Blazey as a CMA alumni

that became a Flag Officer. If you know of any other alumni that attained Flag Officer rank, please submit that information to:

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**CMA Alumnus Used His Music
Passion to Spur Inventions**



Richard Waters, Class of 1954, invented and holds the patent on the Waterphone, pictured above.

Richard Waters, Class of '54, has always had a passion for art and music. This passion resulted in his creation of fine art as well as musical instruments. One of the instruments he invented and holds the patent on is the Waterphone which is used on TV and Movie sound tracks as well as by symphonies and touring bands. It is stainless steel and bronze and utilizes water to bend tones and create acoustic echoes. The Waterphone has also been used successfully to call whales and other Cetacean. He produced one CD "Water Dreams" which features music from several bands he played in while living in the San Francisco Bay Area. He performed and recorded on his instruments in several ensembles including "Ghost in the House", "The Full Disclosure Band" and his own "Richard Waters & Friends" in Northern California in February 2013. He invented the Waterphone and other musical instruments and sound devices shown on his web site www.waterphone.com. Additionally, his fine art may be viewed at www.richardAwaters.com.

SILVER TAPS

Clarence Andrews, Class of '48

Clarence Kendrick Andrews Jr., 82, died on December 2, 2012. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on October 5th, 1930. He is survived by Martha Gresham and their three children: Dr. James Andrews (Grayson), Catherine Failla (Arthur Failla, Chase, Jordan and Alicia) and Martha Jeshurun (Bruce McClure, Joshua and Weston). He was preceded in death by Norma Andrews and is survived by her three sons: William Smith (Lisa Smith and Bailey), Curtis Smith (Angel) and Theodore Smith.



Clarence Andrews

He graduated from CMA in 1948 and attended classes at Emory and graduated from Auburn University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was inducted in the US Air Force and he developed his love for flying as a crewman on a B-36 during the Korean conflict. After the war, he furthered his education and gained valuable engineering experience with Chrysler as a mechanical engineer. He then worked for the US Government in a variety of sites and constructed missile silos in the cause for national defense. He then worked with Brown Engineering in Huntsville, Alabama where they developed the primary stage for the Saturn rocket platform that was used in the first manned flight to the moon. Finally, he seized an opportunity with the Tennessee Valley Authority where he worked until his retirement. He was an active member of the community and volunteered as a member of the Special Tactics and Rescue Services Search and Rescue Squad. He was a Scout Master with Troop 116 at Signal Mountain United Methodist Church. He was an expert in K-9 obedience training and loved to spend time with his dogs. He was an accomplished pilot and aircraft builder. He was active in the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. He especially enjoyed flying to the air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in his Cassutt, one of the two planes that he built.

Harry Albert Balke, Jr, Class of '49

Harry Albert Balke, Jr died December 6, 2012 in Fort Myers, Florida. Harry was born on November 23, 1930 and was a 1949 graduate of CMA. Harry was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Albert Balke Sr. and Della Wilson Balke, and his brother

Kenneth Wilson Balke. He is survived by his dear wife of 55 years, Marian Porter Balke, and three children, Harry A. Balke III (Pam), James Bentley Balke (Pam), and Holly Browning, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was the business manager of Harry Balke Engineers in Cincinnati, was a partner in Shilling-Smith, Balke and Robinson Architects and Balke Enterprises. He was a 50 year member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Cincinnati and a member of the Cincinnati Shrine. He was a founding member of the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce.



Harry Balke

Robert Fortner, Class of '57

Robert Carlton "Bob" Fortner, Sr., a resident of Gulf Breeze, Florida, passed away on March 4, 2013. He was born on April 16, 1938 and grew up in Memphis, Tennessee. Bob attended CMA for three years (8th through 10th grades) and East High School. He joined the U.S. Marines in Jacksonville, Florida. After his service, Bob spent over 35 years in the furniture industry working for Bassett Furniture and opening his own furniture warehouses in Louisiana. He also opened Carlton Arts in Somerville, Tennessee. He is survived by four children: Elizabeth Fortner of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Bob Fortner, Jr. (Karen) of Hampton, Arkansas; Stuart Fortner (Paula) of Baton Rouge; Lawrie Dunn (Chuck) of Memphis, Tennessee; and five grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Judy Accardi (Mike), of Somerville, Tennessee. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Lillian Fortner of Memphis, TN.



Bob Fortner

Sidney Allen Woodard, Class of '58

Sidney "Sid" Allen Woodard, 72, died March 8, 2013. Born in Carroll County, Mississippi, Sid lived most of his life in Memphis, Tennessee. He attended CMA for two years from 1954 to 1956 prior to graduating from Treadwell High School in 1958. He was a Navy veteran. He was a consummate salesman, real estate agent, and insurance agent owning his own agency for many years. During the last few years of



Sid Woodard

his life, he became a poet, writing poems and even publishing a book of poems. Sid leaves his wife of 40 years, Pat; three children, Chris (Angie) Woodard of Franklin, Tennessee, Becky (Paul) Houston of Memphis, Tim (Kelly) Woodard of Collierville, Tennessee; 8 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He also leaves two sisters, Lorraine (Henry) Cooper of Lake Cormorant, Mississippi, and Betty (Lynn) Houston of Germantown, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by two sons, Allen and Stephen Woodard.

Jack Woodley, Class of '59

Jack Woodley, 71, died on October 24th, 2012 in Crystal River, Florida. He was born in Orlando Florida on March 12th, 1941. Jack is survived by three daughters, Tabetta Harrison (Robbie), Jackie Christiansen (Dave), and Stephanie Weirard (Tom); four sisters, eight grandchildren, and former wife/caregiver Mary Lee Woodley. Jack attended Winter Garden schools until his senior year when he transferred to CMA, graduating with the Class of 1959. His year at CMA really helped him to mature his way of thinking...studies were important and required; disciplined time schedules were a priority; manners built the character; and military ways set a pace that focused the mind. These were all topics that Jack held near and dear for the rest of his life, along with his friendships that were made at CMA. Jack had a great interest in history, Indians and country and this interest resulted in him traveling and working across the country early in his life. He returned to Florida in the early 1970s and began working as a real estate broker. He went on to get his Commercial Fishing License. He loved the Chassahowitzka River, and most knew him as "Captain Jack". He loved his country, the Florida Gators, gardening, and his family.



Jack Woodley

Joe F. Fish, Class of '60

Joe Fish of Hot Springs, Arkansas passed away on November 14, 2012. He was born February 13, 1942 in Portland, Arkansas and was preceded in death by his parents, John and Edith Fish. Joe attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1960. Joe was involved in many clubs and organi-

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zations including Rotary International, Gideon's International, Razorback Foundation, Phi Delta Theta Alumni and was a former school board member. He was a leader in the Hot Spring National Park Rotary Club. Having joined the club in 1968, he was the president in 1985-86 and District Governor in 1998-99, and was the only District Administrator. As treasurer of the club for 25 years, he had the foresight to suggest the idea of a scholarship endowment so the club would always have money to help deserving high school seniors further their education. The club named the endowment the "Joe F. Fish Scholarship Endowment" in his honor. Joe was committed to the Imagination Library Project to help children receive a book a month to help the literacy in Garland County. His commitment and dedication to this project was just one of the many factors in his being named the 2012 Rotarian of the Year. Joe was a founding member of the Jeff Farris Leadership Academy and a staunch supporter of the Zimbabwe Water Project. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Nancy Fish; children, Tim and Laura Winston of Hot Springs, Jody and Lynda Fish of Plano, Texas and Kati Fish of Hot Springs; his brother Jack (CMA '58) and sister-in-law Liz Fish of Chattanooga, Tennessee; sister-in-law Sally Reed of Stuttgart, Arkansas; cousin, Ann Machen of Hot Springs; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Joe Fish

Edmund Haynes Ward, Class of '77
Haynes Ward died on March 15, 2013 following a long illness. Haynes was born in

Memphis, Tennessee on September 8, 1959. He was the third son of Dr. Mary Ward and Dr. Dennis Ward now retired and living in Jackson, Tennessee. He spent his first two years in Montgomery, Alabama where the family lived at that time. Haynes attended kindergarten and five years of elementary school in Corinth, Mississippi. He then entered CMA where he graduated in 1977. He graduated as a Cadet Lieutenant Colonel and was Battalion Commander. He served as Page in the US House of Representatives Rep. Jamie Whitten and attended Page School at the Library of Congress. Haynes married Allison Miller (CMA Class of '78) on June 17, 1978. He attended Mississippi State University for over two years and then attended the University of Mississippi, graduating with honors. He spent two years doing research there and teaching freshman labs. He then pursued various lines of work including several years with Holcomb-Dunbar Law firm. He began working for 1st National Bank in Oxford as a vice president in charge of their electronic banking which he helped establish there. Haynes was Governor of the Mississippi colony of the Mayflower Society for six years and once was Mississippi delegate to the Triennial Convention of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in Plymouth, Massachusetts. He was also a member of the William Gray chapter of Sons of the American Revolution. Haynes is survived by his wife Allison and three children; daughter Clara Taylor (Malcolm) and their two children, Alyssa and Austin, daughter Mary Ward, and son William Ward. He is preceded in death by his son, Gregory Ward.



Haynes Ward

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