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From the President



Cadets – Well the New Year is off to a busy and very cold start. Where's the "global warming" we hear so much about. I'm about ready to load up an ice chest with snow and ice and go south until I find a person that looks in the ice chest and asks what it is. Then I'll know I've gone as far south as I need to go.

We are starting into our final planning phase for our Grand Reunion. The weekend promises to be a special one as we will recognize the 50 year reunion Classes of 1964 and 1965 and honor the lost classmates from those years during the Flagpole Ceremony Saturday morning. In that regard we have representatives working on the classes for those years to get their classmates to return for the reunion. For the Class of 1964, Morgan Lewis has taken the reins and will be working to locate as many of his classmates as possible to encourage their attendance at this their 50th reunion.

For the Class of 1965, Walker McGinnis and Bill Young have volun-

teered to be the representatives and are working with their classmates to encourage attendance and will lead the flag ceremony following our business meeting on Saturday morning.

The contact information for Morgan ('64) and Walter ('65) are included on this page of the *Bugle*. Let's have a big turnout from those classes this year.

The association will also recognize the past Mr. and Miss CMAs so I want to encourage them to plan to attend the reunion as well. Registration forms are available in this issue of the *Bugle*. I would encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible and plan for a good time with old friends.

I will cover more about our reunion in the next edition on the *Bugle* which will be coming out in June.

On another note, I'd like to mention that "March Madness" started a little early this year at Columbia Academy. The Columbia Academy Bulldogs won the TSSAA Region 6-A Championship defeating Collinwood 75-68 but fell to defeat in the State Tournament losing to Meigs County 83-68. It was a great year for the Bulldogs.

Once again I'd like to encourage those of you who have not been back to the school in a while to return for a visit soon. The campus is beautiful in the springtime and, as always, Columbia Academy welcomes you to come by anytime.

Mike Gilchrist
Class of 1963
CMAAA President

CMAAA Grand Reunion 2014

Come Join In on the Fun

It is hard to believe that it is time to start making plans to attend the next CMAAA Reunion, but it is. A lot has happened in the past two years and it is time to get together with some old familiar friends and spend a little bit of time enjoying each other's company and remembering the Good Ole Days at CMA. With a change of venue, we will have the opportunity to enjoy some new surroundings and amenities along with making the short journey to the campus on Saturday morning for the Alumni meeting. For those that have not been able to attend a reunion before, you will be glad you made this year your year to attend. If you have not yet seen the CMA Museum on campus, you will have the opportunity to do that on Saturday. Plus, Saturday night offers a great opportunity to enjoy a nice dinner and relax with old friends. For those that attend regularly, keep that Esprit de Corps going...See you in August.

50 Year Reunion Contacts For 2014

Class of 1964

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Open Letter from a CMA Alumnus

I am a 1942 graduate of CMA. I receive the *Bugle* and enjoy reading it—although, long ago, I despaired of receiving any news of cadets of my vintage. Apparently, they have all answered the call of “Taps”.

I remember with great nostalgia my days at CMA. I remember that the Main building had four levels. The lowest level, which was actually the basement, at the Northern end was the “QM” store, the barber shop, and the Chemistry and Physics labs (Major Fishburne). At the South end were the kitchen and the Mess Hall. Mrs. Cannon (known as “Ma Cannon”) was the wife of Captain (later Major) Cannon and was in charge of all of the food service. She really knew her business and was able to keep us well fed. I remember with great nostalgia the grits and gravy for breakfast, the ample supply to each mess table of excellent hot biscuits with each meal. On Sundays, there was always fried chicken for mid day mess and ice cream for dessert. Sundays also featured “Church Call” in the morning when sections were formed for each church denomination and were then marched off to their respective churches to attend service.

The first floor (second level) of Main Barracks included the chapel where COL C.A. Ragsdale each morning delivered stern lectures on appropriate conduct and deportment for cadets. After chapel, we formed up into sections for each separate classroom and then marched off to our classrooms where, upon entering the room, we remained at attention by our desks until the command “Seats” was given by the instructor. When called upon to recite in class we were expected to jump to our feet and remain standing until the instructor was satisfied with our performance and give us leave to take our seat.

At CMA there was no such thing as a cadet failing to complete his assigned homework. Each evening we had a 2 1/2 hour study period (7:00—9:30 pm) during which we were expected to be seated at out study table in our room studying. No “teetering” or leaning back in our chair was permitted. We learned to expect frequent surprise in-

spections by a cadet duty officer who could issue you a “gig” or demerit if you were found not studying, or listening to the radio, or engaging in any form of distraction. If one encountered genuine difficulty in understanding or in being able properly to deal with the homework assignment, he could step out into the hallway where a faculty officer was seated at a table. The faculty officer would attempt to solve the cadet’s study problem and, if he was unable to do so, he would telephone the appropriate instructor officer who would be able to come over to the cadet’s room and provide the necessary tutoring. This made it virtually impossible to arrive in class on the following morning without having completed your homework. Clearly, the school insisted that a high standard of scholastic performance was maintained. I had been a very indifferent student in civilian high school but, at CMA I was able to make very good grades and to make the Honor Roll. This, obviously, pleased my parents. I played in the band under Major C. N. Martin.

I lived in Main Barracks on the Second Floor (third level) with my roommate, Carl Caddell of Birmingham, Alabama. The second floor included cadet rooms and also the apartment in which Captain (later Major and Lieutenant Colonel) C. A. Wilhoite lived with his family. I attended CPT Wilhoite’s Spanish class and enjoyed it because CPT Wilhoite had lived in Havana Cuba and was, therefore, fluent in Spanish. He, very early in the course, required us to speak only Spanish in class and made learning the language an enjoyable experience. My two brothers and my son all studied Spanish under Colonel Wilhoite.

I remember very fondly our English instructor, Captain Charles Hughes, who was also the Head Football Coach. “Coach” Hughes was a big man who had been an All Conference guard at Vanderbilt University. He was a tough but very competent coach who really put those of us who were out for football through a real workout in each practice session. His Assistant Coach, “Coach” Lockett, also taught wrestling and ran the Wrestling team to which I belonged.

I was taught English Literature by COL W.O. Batts. His son, Lieutenant Batts, taught Mathematics. MAJ

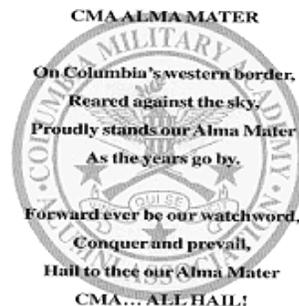
Fishburne taught us Chemistry and Physics.

The third floor (fourth level) of the Main Barracks was the armory and Drill Hall which was under the charge of Master Sergeant Wright (Regular Army). We were taught ROTC military subjects by LTC E.P. Lukert, who was known as the PMS&T (Professor of Military Science and Tactics). He was a Regular Army officer who had fought in World War One in France. From his personal experience in combat he was able to give us some very useful and realistic instruction (which I later remembered and used myself in combat in Italy and World War Two where I was an infantryman). I also participated in the Korean War and Vietnam War. I retired from the Army in 1984.

I remember my years at CMA with a great deal of fondness and nostalgia. My two brothers graduated from CMA in 1944 and 1950. My son graduated in 1965.

Yours Sincerely,

Harvey Robert Hansen Jr



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. Even short “announcements” are interesting for our Alumni Association readers, with readers constantly commenting on how they enjoy reading about what is going on with fellow alumni. If you have articles, pictures, Whhhhhaazzuuppp Dudes input, a CMA story, news, etc. that you would like to see in the next *Bugle* please provide the input to Woody Pettigrew at wpettigrew@knology.net or via snail mail to:

Woody Pettigrew
101 Springton Drive
Madison, AL 35758



Reunion Registration Form August 1st and 2nd, 2014 (Please Type or Print Clearly)

Please Respond by July 15th, 2014



110th Anniversary

NAME (Last, First Middle) _____ Class of _____

HOME STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE (_____) _____ BUSINESS / CELL PHONE (_____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) _____

Count On Me to Attend the 2014 CMAAA Grand Reunion.

I Am Unable to Attend but have enclosed my \$50.00 for the next 2 Years Dues (\$25.00 per Year)

Names of Others Accompanying me to the Reunion _____

I Plan on Arriving at the Marriott, Franklin at Approximately _____ AM PM, on _____ (Date)

2014 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 approximate 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 no later than July 15th, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Moon at 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401-3156 or (931) 388-9128 or e-mail her at: athenae@bellsouth.net

2014 Reunion Honorees

Mr. and Miss CMAs from through the Years

Activities (Please Check All That Apply)

Grand Reunion Registration Fee **(Required)**.....(\$25.00 per Adult) _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____

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 the Reunion plus goods and services, (2) Entertainment, and (3) Bugle Newsletter expenses.

Golf Tourney, 8:00 AM, Friday—Complete Golf Registration Form on page 5 and submit to Walter Keith with Payment

Welcome Reception at Marriott, 5:30—7:30 PM, Friday.....(No Additional Charge)

Coffee and Sweet Rolls in the Mess Hall (CA Cafeteria), 9:00 AM, Saturday(No Additional Charge)

CMAAA General Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM, Saturday on Campus in Columbia.....(No Additional Charge)

Deli Luncheon in CA Cafeteria, 12:00 PM, Saturday.....(\$10.00/Person) _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____

Reunion Banquet/Dance, 6:00 PM, Saturday.....(\$45.00/Person) _____ x \$45.00 = \$ _____

Biennial Alumni Association Dues.....(\$25.00 per Year x 2 Years = \$50.00 per Alumni) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

Please Make Check Payable to: CMA Alumni Association

Mail Registration Form and Check to: Becky Moon, 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401

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Marriott

Reservation Process

Please make Reservations by July 3rd

Via Phone (1-888-403-6772):

1. Ask for Reservations
2. Provide arrival/departure date
3. Reference the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association Reunion Group (Code REUREUA)

Via Internet:

1. Go to the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs website at: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnacs-franklin-cool-springs/
2. Enter the dates that you want reservations on the left side of the page
3. Enter the number of rooms and number of guests per room
4. Click the "Special Rates and Awards" button
5. Click the "Group Code" button and enter REUREUA in the box
6. Click the "Find" button. This will take you to the CMAAA Reunion special rates page showing the room rate of \$119 per night. Click the "Continue" button to finalize your reservations.

Make Plans to visit the CMA Museum during the Reunion



Open 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday

Please Complete and Submit the Registration Form on Page 3

Now is the time to "ink in" the 2014 CMAAA Grand Reunion on your calendar. We will be gathering at the Cool Springs Marriott the weekend of 1-3 August to celebrate CMA and visit with old friends and make new ones. This reunion marks 36 years since the elimination of the "Military" in Columbia Military Academy and 35 years since the CMA transition to Columbia Academy. What a great tribute to the Alumni Association and its members that we continue to celebrate CMA even without the benefit of still having the school around. While the campus is certainly different now than it was when we were cadets, we are fortunate to be able to visit the campus and use the facilities there to support our Reunion activities. The General Membership meeting in Old Main, the Flagpole ceremony honoring lost cadets from each reunion's designated "50 Year Reunion" classes, and the opportunity to visit the CMA Museum in the old Guard House. Just walking around the campus brings back a flood of memories and makes the trip worthwhile. Be part of it in 2014.

Former Mr./Miss CMAs to be Recognized at 2014 CMA Grand Reunion

The CMAAA Board of Directors selects a special group to recognize during the Grand Reunions. In previous reunions we have recognized former military service members from the various branches, members of the CMA Band, members of the CMA Drill Team, members of the CMA Color Guard, and military aviation veterans. For this year's Grand Reunion the Board decided to recognize former Mr. and Miss CMAs during the dinner Saturday evening. These individuals were selected by fellow cadets and faculty during each of the school years and are a select group of former CMA cadets that deserve recognition.

Scramble Golf Tournament

As in years past, there will be a scramble golf tournament on Friday morning of the reunion weekend. This is open to alumni, family members and friends and is a great way to kick the weekend off. This year's event will be held at the Forrest Crossing Golf Course in Franklin which is convenient to the hotel. The Registration Form for the tournament is on Page 5. Please join in on the fun.

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 31

1:00 PM: Early sign-in and registration in Marriott Hotel lobby until 7:00 PM
 Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

Friday, August 1

8:00 AM: Registration in Marriott lobby until 5:30 PM
 8:00: Golf Tournament, Forrest Crossing Golf Course, 750 Riverview Drive, Franklin, TN
 3:00: Board Meeting, Marriott Meeting Room
 5:30 PM: Welcome Reception, Marriott Meeting Room
 Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

Saturday, August 2

8:00 AM: Registration in Marriott lobby until 6:00 PM
 9:00 AM: Complimentary coffee and sweet rolls at CA
 9:00 AM: CMA Museum open until 2:00 PM except during CMAAA General Membership meeting
 10:00 AM: CMAAA General Membership Meeting in CA Chapel
 - Election of Class Representatives
 - Election of Board Officers
 - Certificates of Recognition
 - Hall of Honor Inductions
 11:00 AM: Flag Ceremony for Departed Cadets in Classes of '64 and '65
 12:00: Deli Luncheon in CA Cafeteria
 6:00 PM: Reunion Banquet / Recognition Ceremony / Dance / Group Pictures at Marriott Ball Room

Sunday, August 3

Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings, breakfast, worship, and departure as desired

Make this Reunion the one that you will attend. Come spend time with your old classmates and share some memories.

CMA Alumnus Honored

Each year the Tennessee Bar Association recognizes outstanding service by attorneys and law students who have dedicated their time to help others. The awards given are the Harris Gilbert Pro Bono Volunteer of the Year, the Ashley T. Wiltshire Public Service Attorney of the Year and the Law Student Volunteer of the Year.

This year's Harris Gilbert award was presented to Charles W. "Buz" Dooley, CMA Class of 1952. The award recognizes private attorneys who have contributed significant amounts of pro bono work and have demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of legal services to the poor. The award is named after Gilbert, a Nashville attorney and past



Tennessee Bar Association president, who exemplifies this type of commitment.

When Buz started practicing law, they didn't even use the term *pro bono*. Now at 78 and three years into retirement, Buz is downright evangelistic about the concept. "It was just part of your duty as an attorney, to help out," he says of his early experience providing legal services for free. Today, of counsel and retired from Leitner, Williams, Dooley & Napolitan PLLC, Buz still practices law. But a lot of it is pro bono, which he does as an intake and placement attorney at Legal Aid of East Tennessee.

"Buz Dooley is exponentially the most active pro bono attorney in Chattanooga, both in terms of time donated and clients served," says Charles McDaniel, who is the Southern Region pro bono project director for LAET.

"On average, Buz meets with almost 200 clients a year, usually spending over an hour with each—an unmatched level of dedication to pro bono," McDaniel says. "Buz is truly the best friend low-income, elderly and abused Chattanoogaans have."

Buz credits many of his prior experiences with his career successes, especially his high school years at Columbia Military Academy where he learned "the important life lesson of self-discipline."

Like volunteer work of almost any kind, Buz agrees that you will get more out of it than you put in. "You'll be happy that you did it because it will make you feel good. Besides, it will make your mother proud."

Taken from the January 2014 edition of the *Tennessee Bar Journal*.



Grand Reunion Scramble Golf Tournament

Forrest Crossing Golf Course, 750 Riverview Drive

Franklin, Tennessee 37064

Friday, August 1st, 2014

Registration/Sign In: 7:30; Shotgun Start: 8:00

Open to all Alumni, Family, and Guests



Please Type or Print Clearly

NAME (Last, First Middle) _____ Class of _____ HANDICAP _____
 FROM WHAT _____
 TEES _____
 HOME STREET ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE (____) _____ BUSINESS / CELL PHONE (____) _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) _____
 Requested Teammates _____

**Tournament Registration Fee—\$55.00
Covers Green Fee, Cart, Lunch and Prizes**

Notice to Golfers

Please respond with this completed form and your check payable to Walter Keith as soon as possible so we can make plans with the golf course. If you have any questions, call Walter at 615-406-9577 or e-mail him at: wk4@comcast.net
 NOTE: Proper Golf Attire is Required.

**Make Check Payable to: Walter Keith
 Mail Registration Form and Check to: Walter Keith, 110 Suffolk Crescent, Brentwood, TN 37027**

Then and Now

H. Robert Hansen, Jr., Class of '42

Robert attended CMA for two years and says that those two years raised him from a very mediocre student and enabled him to become a very good student with grade averages above 90 percent. He definitely benefited from the discipline and from the healthy and active life which cadets led. He graduated with the Class of 1942 and was the Class Prophet. He entered Michigan State College immediately after graduating from CMA and, because he had completed two years of ROTC, was allowed to enter the Senior ROTC program. Because World War II had already begun, his entire ROTC class enlisted in the Army. They all went to Camp Wolters, Texas for Infantry Basic Training. After the basic training cycle, Robert was promoted to Corporal and was sent to Camp Blanding, Florida to train new recruits as they went through Basic Infantry Training. In 1943 he was shipped overseas and found himself in Italy where he was assigned to a Combat Engineer Battalion and worked on bridging the Gariglione River. He later requested a transfer to an infantry unit because he wanted to use his infantry training. He was assigned to the newly arrived 10th Mountain Division and became a machine gunner. After World War Two, he remained in the Reserve and enlisted in the Oregon National Guard where he was later sent to Officer's Candidate School and was commissioned in 1950. He completed his studies for a degree in Civil Engineering and worked in Oregon in a family logging and lumber company—while remaining in the National Guard and returning several times to full time active duty. In 1984 he retired from the Army after serving a total of 41 years. Altogether, he participated in three wars - World War Two, Korea, and Vietnam - and served in combat in all of them. Robert went to work for a large American machinery company - Allis Chalmers - in 1963 and became their Field Engineer in Southeast Asia stationed in Singapore and working all over Southeast Asia. In the course of his work he was required to learn Cantonese and Mandarin. He counts his



blessings every day and considers himself fortunate to have survived three wars and a serious heart by-pass surgery. His wife, Kittie, and he produced a fine family of two boys and two girls, who all went to school in Singapore. Kittie passed away in 2011. His children have given him four grandchildren. At 89, he is still able to work as a Consulting Engineer and, although now living in Florida, he still makes an occasional trip to Southeast Asia in connection with his work. He continues to fondly remember his years at CMA.

Skip Snow, Class of '55

In December of 1949, Skip's father was transferred to Columbia, TN with his work. Skip finished the 7th grade in public school and decided to attend CMA as a day student in the 8th grade after meeting Joe Sullivan and J. P. Lauffer. He finished the year as a squad leader (Sergeant). In the middle of his sophomore year, his father was transferred to Columbus, GA and Skip stayed on as a boarding student. Skip was a football manager for three years, member of the wrestling team for two years, member of the dance committee for three years, and YMCA for three years. He was also on the Honor Roll two years and the Scholarship Roll one year. He graduated in 1955 as the executive officer of Company B at the rank of First Lieutenant. Upon graduation, Skip attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute (Auburn University) and studied Mechanical Engineering. He spent the first couple of years playing more than studying but was able to turn things around. In 1959 he joined the Alabama National Guard and went on active duty for 6 months. While on active duty he served as an Acting Squad Leader and after being released, he returned to Auburn and graduated in March, 1961. Skip got married in April of 1961 and started his career working at Brookley Air Force Base in the Air Force Packaging Laboratory. It did not take him long to realize that he did not want to work as a Civil Service worker. So, after 16 months he jumped from the frying pan into the fire and went to work as a nuclear engineer for a government contractor, Ingalls Shipbuilding Co. in Pascagoula, MS building Nuclear



Submarines. Skip enjoyed the work but being a government contractor meant that you could not breathe without asking permission. After 13 months, he decided to try the paper industry and went to work for International Paper Co. in Mobile. He worked as an Engineer in the Bag Plant, maintaining the equipment and modifying as necessary. After approximately 2 1/2 years, he moved his family to Tuscaloosa and went to work for Gulf States Paper Company. In 1969 he moved from engineering into purchasing. In 1972 his marriage failed and his ex wife and their two boys moved to Fairhope, Alabama. Needless to say, Skip kept the roads hot between Tuscaloosa and Fairhope to be with his boys. In 1977, Gulf States Paper Company closed their operations and he went to work for St. Regis Paper Company in Cantonment, Florida in the Purchasing Department. In 1980, Skip met Audrey and they were married after four years of dating and combined their two families of 3 boys. Skip left the paper mill in 1990, which by that time had become Champion International, and took a sales job with Cranston Machinery based in Portland, Oregon. The job required traveling 23 states calling on paper mills. He and Audrey retired in January, 2002. The boys graduated from college, got married and each have a boy and a girl. One lives in Pelham, AL, one in Carmel, IN and one in Mandeville, LA, so they spend time traveling to see the grandchildren. The oldest grandson graduated from Auburn last year and was married in October and his sister is a freshman at Auburn. The two that live in Carmel are in high school and the two in Mandeville are in middle school. In 2000, Skip was contacted by one of his classmates to let him know that CMA had an alumni association and was having a reunion in August. It did not take him long to get involved and has been on the board and an officer for the last several years. Skip considers the campus home and really enjoys returning for reunions and board meetings. Skip is very active in his church and enjoys fishing and boating when he has time. The main highlight this year was going with his oldest son, Mark, to



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Then and Now

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the BCS game in LA to watch Auburn play. They did not win but it was still a great trip and he is very proud of the team. He is looking forward to being at the reunion this year and seeing his classmates. As he would say "It's great to be an Auburn Tiger and it's great to be a CMA Alumni".

Walker McGinnis, Class of '65

Walker grew up as an "Army brat" living at various army posts in Japan and Germany before moving to Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL in 1958. He attended school in Huntsville through the 9th grade and played football at Westlawn Junior High. Two events in the late Spring of his 9th grade year paved the way for Walker's arrival at CMA the next school year... he was suspended for climbing through a bathroom window to see his girlfriend and his father received orders for Viet Nam. His dad felt Walker needed closer supervision while he was away. Walker vividly remembers arriving for football camp in August before his sophomore year began at CMA. Everyone seemed much older. Later on he learned what a "post grad" was and that only he and one other player (John Clanton) were sophomores. Practices (3 a day) were grueling and Coach Tom Jones was the embodiment of hell itself. The actual starting of school that year was a welcome relief. Walker feels that he became well prepared for college and beyond over the next 3 years, but he could not see it at the time. He went on to major in English in college. He owes that in large part to "Combat English" under Coach Jones, Latin II and Latin III with Col. Gracy, and Academy English with Col. Edson. He learned a great deal from these men and they had a great influence on him as an educator. Walker was a very active leader in sports (football, wrestling, and soccer), was a cadet officer in his senior year, and platoon leader of the Best Drilled Platoon. He was also a class officer, member of the National Honor Society, and numerous clubs. He went on from CMA to college at Southwestern at Memphis (now Rhodes College) where he played football, was president of his fraternity (SAE), and was President Pro Tempore of the Student Senate. After



graduating from college in 1969, Walker returned to CMA to teach English and serve as CMA's first alumni director. CMA was in some very serious financial strains at that time and his primary job as alumni director was to raise money for the school from alumni. He also started a collection of CMA artifacts. He left CMA after the first semester for military training with the Alabama National Guard. Walker was involved with CMA going coed during his brief stay. He fondly remembers going to the "goober school" with Col. Gracy to teach the first coed class Latin and English. After returning from military training, Walker settled in Huntsville, taught English, and coached (football and wrestling). During this time he went to OCS at Ft Benning and served in the Alabama National Guard. He met and married his first wife, Lavern, in 1972, and his son, Jay, was born in 1977. In 1985 Lavern succumbed to cancer. By then Walker was serving as an assistant principal at Grissom High School, a company commander in the US Army Reserves, and an insurance agent/manager with Lincoln National. After 5 years he met and married his second wife, Jeaneen, in 1990. They will celebrate their 24th anniversary this July. Walker served 37 years as a teacher, coach, principal, and national speaker on special education issues. He retired in 2006. He retired from the military in 1989 as a Major with 20 years service. He is currently working in real estate with Rise Real Estate in Huntsville and active in local community/educational matters. He is a member of the board of directors of The Schools Foundation, Chairman of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee, and is the Director of Community Affairs of Huntsville South Civic Association. He credits his years at CMA as the most defining part of his life. He enjoys getting together with his CMA classmates and telling, and retelling, the stories they shared decades ago. He feels there is a "special bond" that exists among CMA alumni that just can't be understood by others. He is active in planning "mini-reunions" and keeps up with the participants. The relationships forged so long ago still exist over the years. Also, he is thankful for the teachers he had who cared enough to make him learn what he needed to know and do things correctly.



As with any class reaching their mid-60's, alumni will start leaving this life and at a faster rate. A recent departure was Walker's roommate in his sophomore year, Mike Taylor. He and Mike roomed in Academy Hall with Bill Young. They shared some funny experiences while living on the top floor in that old building. Even though Walker had only seen Mike once at a reunion years ago and talked to him a year later, his death hit hard. Walker says that it was like losing a brother.

Allen Hime, Class of '78

In 1976, Allen Hime moved from a working farm in Clifton, Tennessee to CMA's Johnson Hall. After two years, he graduated with the class of '78, which was the last year for CMA as a military school. CMA gave Allen the opportunity to meet new friends; not only from the local Columbia area, but a diverse group – some from different states and some as far as other countries. The array of cultures made a large impact on Allen. He was also influenced by some of the great educator/leaders at CMA such as Major Hann, Major Rose, and Major Campaigne. Allen attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and competed in basketball and track. No stranger to the "bullring", Allen took his life lessons after CMA and furthered his education at Middle Tennessee State University. Allen discovered his career path in Information Technology, working for national companies such as Atari, Sun Microsystems, Northrop Grumman and Bosch. Allen was instrumental in the implementation of the ripper-net, (secured unified communication system) into the Department of Defense that was deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq. Despite having no children of his own, Allen is blessed with a great family including 15 great nieces and nephews. Allen lives in Franklin, Tennessee and enjoys golf, tennis, traveling, family and spending time back in Clifton on the farm with family.



Decade of the 70's Friday Night Dinner During Reunion

The members of the Decade of the 70's will again be having dinner together on Friday night during this year's Grand Reunion. The location has not yet been determined but will either be at the Marriott in one of their banquet rooms or at a Nashville/Franklin restaurant close to the Marriott to minimize driving requirements. We would like to get as many folks from the Decade of the 70's together once again for an evening of fun as part of the reunion. If you would like to join the crew for this dinner, please let Woody Pettigrew know as soon as possible. Once we have a good idea about attendees we will do more finalizing and have updated information in the June edition of the *Bugle*. While it seems like the reunion is a long way off, it is not too early to start planning. Please let Woody know via e-mail at wpettigrew@knology.net or via phone at (256) 653-7303 or via snail mail at Woody Pettigrew, 101 Springton Drive, Madison, AL 35758.

Former CMAAA Scholarship Winner Continues to Excel at the Citadel

Daniel Smith, the 2010 recipient of the CMAAA Scholarship when he graduated from Columbia Academy, is continuing to excel at the Citadel. Now a senior, Daniel is the 2014 recipient of the Palmetto Medal Award, created by the college's Board of Visitors to recognize cadets, faculty, staff or alumni for exceptional performance that reflects great credit on the college or the state of South Carolina. The Palmetto Medal is the second highest honor bestowed by the college; the first is an honorary degree. "Cadet Smith excels in all aspects of cadet life," said Lt. Col. Charles H. Graham, First Battalion Tac Officer at the Citadel. "He is an accomplished scholar, a strikingly physically fit individual and his conduct over his seven semesters as a cadet is unblemished." David has completed Airborne School, Air Assault School, Recondo Badge training, Cordell Scroll and Ranger Challenge. He will graduate this year.



"Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes" Odds and Ends



Hudson Tucker, Tex Tucker ('71), Olivia Tucker, Wally Kistler ('71), and Cade Kistler

Nothing like spending a few days on the slopes. That is just what the Tucker and Kistler families did the week before Christmas. Wally's wife, Cassandra, captured this moment of fun for the families during their trip to Park City, Utah.

Herbert L. Eustis III attended CMA from 1964 to 1967 and then attended and graduated from the University of the South in 1971. He spent 30 years in the real estate business in Atlanta Georgia and is now retired and living in North Carolina. He would like to hear from any of his old classmates. Herbert Eustis, 579 Flat Mountain Estate Roads, Highlands, NC 28741, 404-358-7708.



James "99" Klask ('73), Mike Glover ('74) and Bill Patrick ('73) on guard duty during the 1972-73 school year. Picture provided by Bill Patrick.

Do you have something to add to our "Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes" Odds and Ends section in the next *Bugle*? Send it on in!

Class of 1954 - Sixty Years Let's Get Together

Remember the great time we had 10 years ago in Columbia? I am recruiting for all Class of '54 survivors to return for the CMA Grand Reunion 2014 and our 60th. While three of the four main organizers and recruiters for the 2004 "50th" reunion are now resting in the silent city of the dead, I am hoping we can get a good group together this year. Old Airborne Rangers and Insurance Peddlers don't give up... if it be the will of God, we will find some way to pull this off!

There is a great possibility for us to get together and enjoy a 60th reunion. During 2013 the following classmates were eyeballed by me, or thru e-mail: Gordon Guess, E. T. "Woody" Woodward, Mack Carter, Gerald G. Morgan, Jim Denny, and Monroe Pointer. All contacted promised to help in recruiting and support of a 60th meeting of our class during the All - Class Grand Reunion from 31 July - 3 August 2014. The headquarters will be the Franklin, Tennessee Marriott Hotel at Cool Springs. It appears the only logical time for our Class of '54 get together would be on Friday night as we did in 2004. Please reply in order for us to get the feel of how many to plan for!

Being almost 78, I prefer Snail Mail at home:
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1660 Rachel Way
Old Hickory Tn. 37138.

Next choice is e:-mail:
marshall.cranford@att.net

Last choice is phone, home # 615-847-8476 or 615-847-3469. I have a phone which works similar to closed caption on TV, provided you speak fairly loud, clearly and slowly!

My pledge to my classmates is to pester each of you until we meet in August.

May God Bless each of you,

George Marshall Cranford
CMA Class of 1954

Vincit Qui Se Vincit

CMA Graduate Enjoys a Lifetime Passion for Flying

For so many pilots the story is the same. For Elbert T. "Woody" Woodward, CMA Class of 1954, it started very young. He was smitten with anything that flies starting about 2 years of age, they told him. He grew up building model planes, stick and tissue flying models. His best friend growing up in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee was Marshall Cranford, CMA Class of 1954. Woody was the model builder and Marshall was the football player. Woody attended CMA for four years, and after that, he attended and graduated from the Citadel with a commission in the United States Air Force and a slot in Air Force Pilot Training. Training in T37 and Lockheed T33, he was assigned to Sewart Air Force Base in Smyrna, Tennessee flying C130 cargo planes. After that, he was hired by Delta Air Lines. Woody spent 32 years with Delta flying DC6s, DC7s, DC8s, Lockheed C130s, Lockheed L1011s, and Boeing 747s, 757s and 767s. He joked that his real focus was to make enough money to support his avocation, grass roots aviation. The purest form of flight, Woody believes, is gliding and soaring. He competed in competition soaring for 18 years with



Sailplane Trainer

over 2000 hours aloft without an engine. Soaring racing consists of a predetermined course with the fastest time the winner. Courses vary from as little as 100 miles to over 400 miles. Retiring from competition soaring in 1988, Woody took up his old love, aerobatics, using an antique airplane that he restored over a period of 3 years. After that, Woody did four more antique restorations, with one of his planes garnering Grand Champion at the National convention in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Starting in 2006, Woody took time (5 years) to build his and his wife's own plane from a kit so they could commute to their winter home in Florida. In January 2014, Woody finished what he

says could be his last antique restoration, a 1933 Waco UBF2. Woody says that he is very fortunate to have been



Woody with his most recent restoration, a 1933 Waco UBF2

able to realize his young dreams of flying. In his words, he never "worked" a day in his life, thanks in part to CMA and the Citadel, the USAF and, of course, Delta. Most of all, to a terrific wife, Letitia Anne, that has helped him for 54 years.



Woody Woodward when he was a Senior at CMA as part of the Class of 1954.

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SILVER TAPS

Robert L. Owen, Sr, Class of '45

Robert L. Owen, Sr., 86, went home to be with his Lord Sunday, April 28, 2013. Bob was born March 22, 1927 in College Grove, Tennessee to the late Homer and Edna Owen. Bob attended Columbia Military Academy for three years, graduating with the Class of 1945. Bob's father, Homer Owen, was an instructor at CMA for 22 years, from 1944 to 1966. Bob served in the US Army during WWII and was a 1954 graduate of the University of Tennessee. He was President of Walters and Co, retiring in 1984. Bob Owen



Prior, he was a District Manager for Carnation Foods. He was a member of the Carmel Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and the Murat Shrine. Bob was an avid golfer, playing almost every day after his retirement. He was also a huge sports fan, passionate about the Indianapolis Colts. He was a world traveler and especially enjoyed his travels to Europe. Bob had a great sense of humor and was a wonderful family man; he loved his sons and his grandchildren. Bob was the widower of Nancy Roach Owen. He is survived by his sons, Lee and his wife Jean, and Mark and his wife Pat Owen; grandchildren, Stephen R. and Melanie A. Owen; significant other, Jackie Abbett; sister, Katherine Sanford and her husband, Buddy; several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his brothers, Edwin and William

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Owen. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital.

Chadwick Christine, Class of '49

Chadwick Wilson Christine, Jr., devoted husband of Treon McGuire Christine for 53 years, loving father of Chadwick (daughter-in-law, Cynthia Chin) and John (daughter-in-law, Suree Tamjai); beloved grandfather of Andrew and Miranda, Eric and Natalie; dear brother of Patricia Christine and Shelley Morss, died peacefully on October 14, 2013 at Twin Lakes in Montgomery, Ohio. Born February 18, 1931 in Louisville, KY to Chadwick Wilson and Florence Christine, he attended CMA for two years, graduating in 1949 as the Salutatorian. He graduated in 1953 from Yale University and then served in the Navy from 1953-1958. He rose to the rank of Lieutenant JG and worked as a Russian Language specialist. He retired from Kidder Peabody in 1994, after 30 years in the investment business. From the age of 16 when he climbed the Grand Teton in Wyoming, Chad was passionate about mountain climbing. He continued to climb and trek for 55 years and especially enjoyed trips to the Himalayas. He shared his love of the mountains, reading, tennis, bicycling and running with his two sons, family and friends. Chad was also active in the Indian Hill Elementary School PTA starting the after-school soccer program. He was a president of



the Mercantile Library, a member of the Cincinnati Yale Club, the Canadian Alpine Club, and the American Alpine Club.

John A. Bowman, Class of '67

Dr. John A. Bowman, 64, passed away on February 14th, 2014 after a short but courageous battle of a metastatic melanoma brain tumor. John was born in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on July 7th, 1949, and was raised in Florence, Alabama. He graduated from CMA and received his B.S. degree from the University of North Alabama and then attended the University of Alabama-Birmingham and earned his DMD and Periodontal Degrees and spent one year at Huntsville Hospital earning a General Practice Residence certificate. After school, he served four years in the Air Force as Chief of Periodontics at Norton AFB, California and attained the rank of Major. After leaving the Air Force he opened his periodontal practice in Opelika, Alabama in October of 1985. John is survived by his sweetheart of more than six years, Patricia Lindsey of Auburn, Alabama; children Natalie Bowman (fiancé Mark Lee), Melissa Bowman (husband Richard Goss), Stennett Bowman, Julian Bowman and their mother Melissa Behee. John's wish was to be cremated and have his ashes put in the Tennessee River in Florence, and some put at Muscle Shoals Sound because of his love of music and the many famous and infamous artists that recorded there.



John Bowman

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