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Classes of '51 Thru '53 Honored at Reunion, School's 100th Anniversary Scheduled for 2004

The Flag Ceremony following the Annual Meeting August 3 honoring all deceased graduates, specified those individuals who have died in the classes of '51 thru '53 by name. The Reunion Flag Ceremony in 2004 will honor deceased graduates in the classes of '53 through '55 as those classes commemorate their 50th anniversary. The flag used in the ceremony flew over our nation's capital July 4, 2000.

The question of moving the meeting of Reunion '04 from August to earlier in the Spring when the weather is not as oppressive was discussed. While a decision was not reached, this option will be taken up by the Board of Directors and the membership will be notified.

A large number of attendees indicated it was their first Reunion. Ruben Rochi, Class of '76 was recognized as having traveled the farthest while Sonny Frakes, Class of '38 was the senior graduate in attendance.

Others honored at the gathering in the Main Chapel included Mariemma Grimes for 50 years of service, John Thornton, Ed Hessel (deceased) and Vince Vinson who were presented certificates of appreciation for their work in starting and maintaining the Alumni Association.

Bam Webster's grandson, Quint Webster, a graduate of Columbia Academy, received the annual \$1,000 college scholarship funded by the Association. He is a freshman at Maryville College having earned a soccer scholarship.

Bill Thrasher, Columbia Academy President, provided an update on the planned CMA Memorial. In excess of \$49,000 has been donated by more than 100 CMA alumni. December of this year is targeted for first phase completion. This phase will consist of the quadrangle walk and wall which will carry the names of those having made project contributions.

The memorial's second phase will consist of several pylons located in the stage area which will include the names of entire graduating classes making contributions in excess of \$10,000. Phase three consists of the construction of a Bell Tower on the old Bull Ring. All phases are scheduled for dedication at the 2004 Reunion.

While the Alumni Association does not have the money to fund the memorial project, it strongly endorses contributions by individual alumni.

Another possible project includes the renovation of Black Hall as a CMA museum and boardroom. The museum would include displays and photos of CMA memorabilia. Estimates for the renovation range from a low of \$1.5 million to \$3 million.

Bill Hart, Class of '62, was elected president of the Association, Woody Pettigrew, Class of '73 was named vice president, Bill Raiford, Class of '55 secretary, Becky Moon, Class of '75, treasurer and Don Kimbrall, Class of '53, assistant treasurer.

Tournament Winning Team Pockets \$340.00 Purse

Team winners taking first place at the CMA Grand Reunion golf tournament at the Saddle Creek golf course in Lewisberg included Doug White, Scott Ward, Henry Bennett and Julian Wells. The team shot a minus 12 to take the grand prize.

Second place went to the team of Bill Fricke, George Colburn, J.R. Fricke and B.B. Densford. They split \$200 delivering a score of minus 8.

Third place of \$108 went to the team of Jim Barton, Allen Wood, William Wade and Bob Smith with a minus 6.

Scott Ward won the \$25 prize for being closest to the par 3, 5th hole.

Players enjoyed free driving rangeballs prior to Friday's 8 a.m. tee time. balls prior to Friday's 8 a.m. tee time.

The Winning Team



A PROFITABLE MORNING...CMA grads taking home the grand prize of \$380 at the 2002 Reunion were (l to r), Doug White, Henry Bennett, Scott Ward and Julian Wells.

Committee Chairs named include Winston Elston, Hall of Honor Committee and Bobby Bain, Bylaws Committee to be assisted by Alice Algood.

Advisory Board Minutes, August 2, '02

MINUTES OF THE COLUMBIA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

DATE: August 2, 2002

TIME: 3:15 P.M.

LOCATION: Academy
Hall, Columbia Academy
Campus, Columbia, TN

Agenda and Reports

Board Members in Attendance

Bill Fricke '39	Tom Walbert '58
Robert C. Smith '44	Bill Hart '62
Steve Harper '45	Mike Gilchrist '63
Albert W. Sheen '49	Doug Pyron '68
Thomas Ogle '49 (guest)	Bobby Bain '72
James Haynes '50	Woody Pettigrew '73
Jim Bledsoe '50	Norm Andersen '73
Cecil Little '50	Winston Elston '74
Don Kimbrell '53	Robin Layton '74
Marshall Cranford '54	Becky Moon '75
W.H. Raiford '55	

Mr. Layton ('74), President of the Association, called the meeting to order. The number in attendance met the requirement for a quorum and Mr. Layton welcomed the attendees to the Fall/Grand Reunion meeting of the Board. Mr. Layton opened the meeting by leading the attendees in a prayer. Mr. Layton noted that an attendance roster was being passed around and asked all to ensure they signed in for the meeting.

Officer Nominations

Mr. Little (Chairman of the Nominating Committee) provided the report of the Nominating Committee for the slate of offices for the CMAAA for the 2002 - 2004 term. The committee recommended Mr. Bill Hart ('62) for President, Mr. Woody Pettigrew ('73) for Vice President, Mr. William H. Raiford (1955) for Secretary, Ms. Becky Moon ('75) for Treasurer, and Mr. Don Kimbrell ('53) for Assistant Treasurer. A motion to accept the slate as provided was made and seconded. The motion passed. A copy of the report of the Nomination Committee is attached to the record copy of the minutes.

Old Business

Mr. Layton noted that the Memorial Project would be a point of discussion during the General Membership meeting. He also stated that the status of Academy Hall restoration would be addressed during the board meeting.

The Secretary reminded the Board of a previous decision to present Mr. John Thornton a Certificate at the 2002 reunion and noted that he had also prepared certificates for Mr. Ed Hessel (per board decision during the April 2002 meeting), Mr. Vince Vinson (per request of the board president) and Mr. Lou Ellis per the request

of Mr. Jack Walker. There was time devoted to discussion on the two additional certificates since the board had not voted on them at the previous meeting. After discussion separate motions were made on the two nominations. A motion to award a certificate to Lou Ellis was made but was not seconded. There was no vote on the motion. A motion to award a certificate to Mr. Vince Vinson was made and seconded. The motion to present a certificate to Mr. Vinson passed. The Secretary then presented Ms. Becky Moon with an updated certificate to replace the one she was awarded at the 2000 Grand Reunion.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Becky Moon provided the Treasurer's Report indicated that the association has approximately \$47,000 in the bank in a CD and checking account. She noted that each edition of the Bugle cost approximately \$1300 to produce and mail.

Mr. Bill Hart noted that per a previous decision of the board all members of the association that have not paid their dues will be billed after the reunion.

Mr. Gilchrist noted that there is currently nothing in the Columbia Academy budget for the restoration of Academy Hall. He also noted that Columbia Academy is concerned about the association's support of the Memorial Project. He noted that an alternative to do Academy Hall would have to be considered carefully.

Memorial Project

The board members had a detailed discussion on the memorial project and how to put the issue before the general membership during the General Membership meeting. Since the board decided in April to put the issue before the general membership, it had to decide how it would present the project. After much discussion

the board agreed to state that the association, as a nonprofit organization, could not financially support the project. However, the board will strongly endorse the vision of Columbia Academy to build a memorial to CMA. Will recommend supporting as individuals, if desired. Mr. Layton will present the position of the board to the general membership.

New Business

The President noted that we need to address issues in the bylaws. Specifically, what will money be spent on if the association is disbanded. Mr. Bill Hart will appoint a committee to work with Mr. Bobby Bain to work on revising the bylaws.

Mr. Layton informed the board that there are no nominations for the Hall of Honor this year. Mr. Winston Elston is the new Hall Of Honor Committee Chairman and he will update the Hall of Honor guidelines before the next meeting of the board.

Cannon and Caisson

Mr. Layton noted that we need to find a better place to store the cannon and caisson. A motion was made and seconded to explore a location in Colombia to store the cannon and caisson. Mr. Woody Pettigrew stated that he could store the items if a local facility cannot be found.

There was a question concerning the liability of the board in regard to functions of the association. The question concerned the need for the board to purchase liability insurance. There was no definite answer provided.

It was noted that the memorial services for the classes of 51-53 would be held immediately after the General Membership meeting.

Mr. Layton adjourned the meeting at 4:40 and thanked the members for their attendance and support.

Alumni E-Mail Directory Now Available to Members

An e-mail Directory is now being compiled for the general membership of all who have an e-mail address listed in the CMA Alumni database.

Be sure your e-mail address is kept updated in the database. Individuals will be deleted from the directory if they allow their e-mail address to become inactive. This Directory will be revised and mailed periodically.

If your e-mail address is not included in the database and you want it listed, e-mail it to Bill Raiford, Class of '55, at the following: memnet@memphisnet.net

“Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes” Odds and Ends from Here and There

Dave Jolly, Class of '41, put in three years on the rifle team and ended up in Audie Murphy's outfit in Italy in '43. He was surprised to run into CMA grad Airey Evans while on pass there. He was one of 12 men receiving an "Appointment from the Field" to attend West Point. He retired in June '84 and resides in Memphis.

Harold Armstrong, Class of '41, in his quest to find grads serving in the 99th Infantry Division heard from Bill Downs, Class of '47 who told him his brother Ned has served with the 99th. Turns out all three graduated from Ohio State.

Randall Yearwood, Class of 51, retired from the practice of architecture in '91 and from the presidency of O'More College of Design in 1999. He and his wife Joan just returned from a trip of more than 8,000 miles to resorts from Arizona and Nevada to Portugal and Spain where he played a lot of golf.

Eddie Harrison, Class of '54 responded to Clint Houston's request for info on grads who served in Vietnam. Harrison graduated from the Citadel in '59 embarking on an Army career.

Ray Daniels, Class of '54 would like to hear from any former classmates. He's in Memphis and can be e-mailed at: rdaniels52@aol.com

Wayne Wilkinson, Class of '54, has retired as Facilities Engineering Manager at Chrysler Corp. He says retirement is wonderful.

Cleve Johnson, Class of '56, and wife Phillis, spent some time in Montana in the Spring.

John "Birdman" Bryand, Class of '61, is the "World's Most Controversial Author" when it comes to websites according to the rating service Alexa.com His website hosts a Daily Read page and many other features along with a description of his 40 books. Friends can e-mail him at: john@thebirdman.org

Tom Ballentine, Class of '67, completed his term as Co-Chairman of the 2002 Dogwood Arts Festival in Knoxville and now heads up the Board for that organization.

SILVER TAPS

Joe P. Robertson, Jr. Class of '43

Joe Robertson, 77, died March 4, 2002, after a short illness.

Born in Fayette, AL, he moved to Satellite Beach, FL in 1960.

A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy Class of '47, he was a Naval Aviator and retired NASA engineer.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Wilma.

He is survived by his children, Phillip (Kathy) Robertson, Mary Dru (Steve) Bowman and Lindy (Bruce) Johnson; grandchildren, Todd, Phyllis, Leetra, R.B. and Will; and a sister, Malinda (Malcolm) Daniel.

A memorial service was held in Fayette, AL and at the South Brevard Funeral Home in Melbourne, FL.

Robert Dale Fielder Class of '48

Robert Fielder died February 17, 2002, in Arlington, TX.

Charles "Jeff" Edelen Class of '52

Jeff Edelen died September 5, 2001 in Miami, FL.

A Florida native, he served as an MP in the U.S. Army following graduation where he acquired a life long love for motorcycles.

Following his Army service he became owner of Edelen Buick, a car dealership in Miami which he took over from his father, Frank Edelen.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Nancy and daughter Caroline, both of Miami.

He and wife Susan are building a house on the banks of the Tennessee River and should have the boathouse with party deck completed in time to watch the Vol Navy make its way up stream for the Florida game.

Randy Howell, Class of '72, is now a quality analyst with CNA Insurance Company in Nashville. He can be e-mailed at: randy.howell@cnaife.com

Roy Goin, Class of '58, just lost his wife to Lymphoma after a 2 year battle. He is an Engineering Inspector and has been a General Contractor for over 20 years.

William John Wunderlich Jr. Class of '52

William Wunderlich, 68, died May 15, 2002, in Memphis.

He was a sales executive for Graphic Systems, Inc. in Memphis and a bishop's warden, usher, and vestryman at St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. He was also chairman of the church's evangelism and stewardship committee.

Services at the Cathedral were followed by interment in Memorial Park.

He was a graduate of Vanderbilt University, a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Rotary Club and Chickasaw Country Club.

The husband of Marcia McCall Wunderlich, William leaves two daughters, Lenora Wunderlich Hardee and Laura Cooke Wunderlich Echols, both of Memphis; a stepdaughter, Laura Kay Landers Duke of Nashville; a stepson, Mark McCall Landers of Knoxville; a sister, Donna W. McCullough of Nashville and six grandchildren. The family requests that memorials be sent to St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral or the American Cancer Society.

Evander M. "Pat" Patterson, III Class of '54

Pat Patterson died June 29, 2002 at age 66 in Nashville, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents, E.M. and Mary Katherine Patterson, Jr. and is survived by daughters, Darcy Patterson "Chris" Benwell and Vanessa Patterson "Bryant" Woodard; grandchild-



Jeff Edelen

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SILVER TAPS

dren, Lillian Claire, Anna Katherine and Elizabeth Louise Benwell; and a sister, Margie Patterson Williams.

Pat worked for Robert Orr/Sysco for more than 20 years having retired in 2001. He was a Mason and a member of Al Menah Shrine Temple since 1982.

Funeral services were held at Woodbine Funeral Home followed by interment at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to DreamMakers.



Pat Patterson

Oscar Maxey Hall Class of '54 (PG '55)

Max Hall died September 14, 2000 at his home in Springdale, AR.

A 35 year resident of the area and member of the Elmdale Baptist Church, he graduated from the University of Arkansas earning both a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Civil Engineering. He was a registered Professional Engineer in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri and a registered Land Surveyor in Arkansas.

Max served as a helicopter pilot with the 120th Aviation Company in Vietnam with more than 1,000 combat hours earning 22 air medals while taking 25 hits to his ship. He earned the Vietnam Expeditionary Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with 15 Oak Leaf Clusters.

He additionally served in the Persian

Gulf War as Chief Warrant Officer with the 374th Army Rescue Medical Detachment of Little Rock, AR earning the Air Medal with "V" for Valor and a nomination for the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was the oldest helicopter pilot trainer in the Persian Gulf War.

He worked for the Arkansas Highway Department and was a consultant to Engineering firms in Arkansas and Tennessee.

In 1971 he founded Engineering Services, Inc. which earned the "Engineering in Excellence Award" from the state in 1982.

Max was instrumental in developing the Springdale Municipal Airport, serving on its first Airport Commission as Secretary/Treasurer.

He was a member of the Springdale Chamber of Commerce, Springdale Rotary Club, the Springdale Pilots Club, the Northwest Chapter of Arkansas Land Surveyors, the Washington Regional Medical Center. He was additionally a member of the Arkansas Cattleman's Assn., the Springdale Realtors Assn., was on the Washington County Board of Surveyor's Technical Advisory Committee, and was a 32nd-Degree Mason. He was named Surveyor of the Year in Arkansas in 1979 and in 1983 was Recipient of a National Public Service Award presented by AOPA.

Survivors include his wife Margie Lyn Hall; two daughters, Dr. Robin Lundstrum and Toni Crowder of Fredericksburg, VA; his mother, Maxine Hirsch of Albuquerque, NM; two aunts, and three grandchildren.

Services were held at Elmdale Baptist Church in Springdale with burial in the Elm Springs Cemetery.

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