

2006 Reunion Set for Aug. 4 & 5



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**MINUTES OF
THE COLUMBIA MILITARY
ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSN.**

BOARD MEETING

DATE: April 23, 2005

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

**LOCATION: Academy Hall,
Columbia Academy Campus,
Columbia, Tennessee**

AGENDA ITEMS/REPORTS

Mr. Bill Raiford ('55), President of the Association, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. The number in attendance met
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Advisory Board Members Present:

Bill Fricke '39	George Thomas '42	Steve Harper '45
Barthell Joseph '45	Jack Walker '45	James Haynes '50
Cecil Little '50	John Bass '53	Don Kimbrell '53
E.C. Sandlin '53	G. Marshall Cranford '54	W.H. Raiford '55
Nelson Snow '55	Tom Hayward '56	Tom Faires '57
Tom Walbert '58	John Hubbard '59	Edmond Smith '60
Ron Nall '61	Wallace Couch '62	Donald Noffsinger '63
Robin Salze '66	Rob Zimmerman '67	Steve McCool '71
Bobby Bain '72	Randy Howell '72	Jim Pennington '72
Woody Pettigrew '73	Winston Elston '74	Becky Moon '75
Jay Robins '76	Shayne Trousdale '78	



TONY EGAN (Class of '57)...is a member of the Key Chorale which got rave reviews at the the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota, FL, April 17. The Chorale performed with Sarasota's symphonic chorus, celebrating their 20th anniversary. Tony auditioned for the group three years ago. He has been a Cantor for his local church for the past 7 years in Venice, FL after having served his previous congregation as a Cantor in New Jersey.

**'56 and '57 Cadet Contacts
Want Input for Reunion**

Tom Hayward, '56 and Tom Faires, '57 want to know what their classmates want to do for their 50th Reunion...and how much they're willing to pay in addition to regular registration, to do it. Suggestions include a Friday night supper and/or a shuttle from the Richland Inn to the Saturday night banquet.

Saturday activities suggested include a bridge game, shopping in Franklin or Leiper's Fork or a tour of Civil War historic sites including the Confederate Cemetery.

**50th Year
Reunion
Contacts**

1956

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1957

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the requirement for a quorum and Mr. Raiford welcomed the attendees to the meeting of the Board. Mr. Don Kimbrell provided the invocation to start the meeting.

Dr. Bill Thrasher (Columbia Academy President) welcomed the board to the campus and provided an update on the CMA Memorial and on the Flag Pole, which the CMA Alumni Association adopted during the last Grand Reunion.

CMA Memorial

The memorial area (quadrangle) has been restored with a brick quadrangle laid and an eating area with tables set up for the students. The project to date has taken in \$66,627 dollars and has expended \$65,203 with the greatest expense being on the paving and stamping of the walkway. The original intent to include a bell tower has proven too expensive but the desire is to still have ten pillars positioned around the area. The money for one pylon has been collected to day. Cost to complete the pillars is estimated at approximately \$150,000. The Flag Pole has been restored with a brick foundation around the base and with new lights that shine on the flag at night. This was done as part of the Alumni Association's adopting of the Flag Pole.

Mr. Raiford announced that the minutes from the August 6 2004 Board Meeting and the minutes from the August

7 2004 General Membership meeting were included in the *Bugle*. A motion to approve the minutes as reported in the *Bugle* was made and seconded. The board voted on, and approved, the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Becky Moon (Treasurer) provided the Treasurer's Report. During the period April 2003 to April 2005, the association's income was \$35,837.46 and its expenses were \$42,058.42. Becky noted that the 2004 Grand Reunion was more expensive than most and that there were some one time expenses that contributed to the difference between income and expenses. Those expenses included the banners that the association purchased for the school, the cost of producing the 100 Years of CMA video, and the "extras" that were part of the last reunion. She noted that an additional expense on the Flag Pole project was not included in the report but that a payment of \$2000 would be made to Columbia Academy thus increasing the expenses. The association currently has approximately \$14,000 in the bank in addition to a \$35,000 Certificate of Deposit that will come due in May. After discussion, it was agreed that the association should take \$5,000 out of the CD and put it with the bank account funds and reinvest the remaining \$30,000 in a CD. The concern is for having the funding on hand to make the *Bugle* mail outs and fund the expenses for the next reunion

(August 2006) as they are being incurred and before enough money is collected for dues and reunion registration. It was agreed that an announcement will be run in the next edition of the *Bugle* asking association members to pay their dues. Dues collection continues to be a major problem with a very small percentage of the alumni actually paying dues. The idea of discontinuing the mail outs of the *Bugle* (use e-mail only) or of limiting the mail outs to those that do not have e-mail accounts was discussed. The decision was made to continue with the mail outs to the full alumni listing (cost is approximately \$1200 per each mail out). The Treasurer's Report was accepted by the Board.

Old Business

Mr. Raiford informed the Board that the tax exempt status paperwork needs a small amount of information from the Treasurer and it will be ready to submit.

Mr. Bill Fricke announced that there had been only one response to the proposed off-year Golf Tournament and that the response was just seeking more information as opposed to stating an intent to participate. Based on the lack of interest shown, there will be no further action to try and have the event.

Mr. Woody Pettigrew reported that the sales of the 100 Years of CMA video are continuing. He receives a couple of requests for the video when each addition of the *Bugle* is put out. The production company has been very supportive of the project and provides additional copies of the video on request (to meet sales requirements). They do not require a minimum order so we are able to order only the number that we need at this point. The association will break even on the project with the sale of 17 more copies. While that should happen before the next reunion, the plan is to have copies available for sale during the reunion in August 2006.

Mr. Winston Elston reported that there have been no nominations to date for the Hall of Honor. The next presentation will be during the August 2006 Grand Reunion. Winston noted that the next reunion will be 100 years after the graduation of the first Class of CMA. That may be a theme for the reunion and may be a consideration for individuals thinking about making Hall of Honor nominations.

New Business

The major item of new business for the Board was the upcoming reunion in 2006. The first order of business was for



DONNA KELLY (formerly **DONNA RYLAND**, Class of '73)...is pictured at the far right following announcement by newly elected Chattanooga Mayor, **Ron Littlefield**, far left, that she has been appointed administrator of city personnel. Other appointees pictured to the right of the Mayor include; **Rob Healy**, head of parks and recreation, **Missy Crutchfield**, head of the new department for Education, Arts and Culture and **Bernadine Turner**, administrator of human services. Donna has worked for the City of Chattanooga for over 26 years.

the Board to specify the date for the next reunion. During the Grand Reunion General Membership meeting in 2002 there was much discussion about possibly changing the date of the reunion to a time that provided milder weather conditions.

The decision was made at that General Membership meeting for the class representatives (Board Members) to poll their classes and be prepared to discuss at the next board meeting. As a result, the Board (in 2003) voted on, and approved, a change to the Association By-Laws that allows the board to vote on the date for each reunion as opposed to automatically having the reunion during the first weekend in August. Based on that background, the Board discussed the possibility of having the reunion in 2006 on alternative dates. After much discussion, two potential dates were recommended for final consideration. Those two dates were the weekend of 10-11 June and the weekend of 5-7 August. The board voted on those two dates with the result being that the Grand Reunion in 2006 will be held on the weekend of 5-7 August.

Reunion 2006

Other discussions concerning the Grand Reunion were as follows:

-We will again try to use the Richland Inn as the reunion headquarters.

-Rob Zimmerman, Becky Moon, Woody Pettigrew and Shayne Trousdale will work registration for the next reunion.

-Bill Fricke plans to again host the golf tournament at Saddle Creek Golf Course on the Friday of the reunion weekend. Will again plan for a morning event.

-Jimmy Mays will work to schedule the Friday night reception at the Graymere Country Club again. Will try and get an inside area as well as the outside area. This is to account for potential inclement weather during the event.

-Mike Gilchrist will work with Columbia Academy on the Saturday morning breakfast, lunch, and 50th Reunion Class Dedication.

-Bill Raiford will work numerous possibilities for the Saturday Spouses Day out. Possibilities include a tour of homes in Columbia, a shopping trip to Cool Springs Mall, a tour of the Hermitage or Belle Meade mansions, and a lunch activity.

-The Saturday night banquet will again be held at the Saturn Hall (if available). After much discussion, the Board voted to utilize a Disc Jockey as

opposed to a full band at the next reunion. John Bass is going to take the lead on finding potential DJs to use. Randy Howell will help in that process. The same photographer that was used at the 2004 reunion will be asked to support the 2006 banquet as well.

Museum Funding

A second item of New Business was a report from Bill Raiford on efforts he has made on behalf of the association to obtain funds to support the Alumni Association leasing the old Guard House and turning it into a museum for Columbia Military Academy and the Alumni Association. Bill has talked with Dr. Thrasher about the possibility and has also done some preliminary work to determine what it would cost to set up the lease (30 year), remodel the Guard House, maintain the lease and pay for a staff to keep the museum open. He is estimating that cost to be approximately \$600,000. Bill Raiford has sent a letter to Mr. Jackson T. Stephens (CMA Alumnus) of Little Rock Arkansas seeking his funding for this endeavor. To date there has been no response from two separate letters that Bill has sent to Mr. Stephens.

Barthell Joseph stated that he will check into to status of Mr. Stephens and see if there is a better way for the Board to make contact with him. Bill Raiford reemphasized the intent in the By-Laws for the association to establish a museum and talked about all the efforts to date, including the CMA memorabilia that is currently located in the Memorial Building museum area. It was clarified that the material that the association provided is still there. As part of the discussion on the memorabilia a motion was made and seconded to set up a property committee to begin a search to catalog all of our memorabilia. The motion was voted on and passed. Becky Moon stated that she would talk with Vince Vincent and see if he would be willing to head up that work.

Next Board Meeting in April

Mr. Raiford led a discussion about when the Board should again meet; either in the Fall of 2005 or in April 2006. Since the majority of the decisions on the next reunion had been already made, the Board agreed to wait until April 2006 to conduct it next meeting, unless circumstances develop that warrant another meeting.;

Mr. Raiford adjourned the meeting at 11:40 and thanked the members for their attendance and support.



CMAAA SCHOLARSHIP...Asa Aldridge, right, receives the \$1,000 CMA Alumni Association's Memorial scholarship from CMAAA Secretary, Mike Gilchrist.

Scholarship Recipient to Attend Freed-Hardeman

Columbia native and member of the Board of Directors for both CMAAA and CA, Mike Gilchrist, presented Asa Aldridge with CMAAA's annual \$1,000 scholarship at CA's May 21, graduation ceremonies.

Asa, the son of Mr. Tony Aldridge and Mrs. Tammy Lyons, will attend Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, TN with plans on majoring in Bible and Finance. As a CA undergraduate, Asa was on the Tennis and Bowling teams and played in the Band.

Fully one third of this years Graduating Class achieving membership in the National Honor Society.

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SILVER TAPS

Bertram C. Dedman, Class of '33

Bertram Cottingham Dedman, age 90, retired trial attorney, general counsel and resident of Nashville, died April 8. The Columbia native attended the University of the South at Sewanee and George Washington University Law School in Washington, DC.

During WWII, he served in the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant posted to Moscow, Archangel and Mermansk as an Assistant Naval Attache to the USSR.

Following the war he was employed as a trial attorney by the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division and subsequently by Texaco, Inc. in Los Angeles.

Mr. Dedman joined Insurance Company of North America in 1955 retiring in 1980 as Vice-President and General Counsel.

He was a member of the American, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia and Tennessee Bar Associations.

Following his retirement, he and his wife returned to Columbia where they lived until moving to Richland Place, a retirement community in Nashville. While in Columbia, Mr. Dedman served as Senior Warden of the Vestry of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and as an overseer of St. John's Episcopal Church at Ashwood.

He was a member of the Graymere Country Club and while in Nashville, was a communicant of St. George's Episcopal Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rainsford MacDowell Dedman of Nashville; two daughters, Rainsford D. (Theodore) Olson of Kirkland, WA and Ella B. Dedman of Phoenix, AZ; three grandchildren, Fariss McGee of Medina, WA, Brooks Olson of Snoqualmie, WA and Rainsford Yang of Phoenix, AZ; and four great-grandchildren.

Clinton Ray Bramel, Sr., Class of '44

Clinton Ray Bramel, Sr., resident of Helena, KY, died Dec. 19 at the Maysville rehabilitation and Nursing Facility. He is survived by his wife, Betty Guffey Bramel of Helena.

Nicknamed "Dog" because of the way his hair curled like a puppy dog, Bramel played first base for the Bulldogs, rooming with Bob White, '44, of Parsons, TN in Whitthorne his senior year.

Following graduation from CMA, he served in the U.S. Navy in the Philippines during WWII.

A well known farmer and landowner, he spent most of his life on his Hickory Hill Farm which has been in his family for several generations.

Besides his wife, Mr. Bramel is survived by four children, Lynda Bramel (Jimmy) Lytle of Maysville, Clinton Ray (Mary Jo) Bramel Jr., of Mays Lick, KY, Kathy Bramel (Jim) Striplin of Dayton, OH and Michael Todd (Meagan Orme) Bramel of Maysville; a step-daughter, Karen Cain of Sebastian, FL; six grandchildren, Amanda Bramel, Mary Beth Bramel (Daren) Shepherd, Jennifer Striplin (Jim) Gert, Lindsey Striplin, Jace Striplin and Nicholas Bramel; and four step-grandchildren, Darla Caudill, Nicole Patterson, Taylor Caudill and Alyssa Meadows.

Services were held at Knox and Brothers Funeral Home with the Rev. Tom Stinson and Brother Richard Sutton officiating. Burial followed in Maysville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Hope, 909 Kenton Station Drive, Maysville, KY 41056. Friends may sign the guest book at: knowbrothersfuneralhome.com

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