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From the President



Cadets, Faculty & Friends:

Summer is finally sneaking up on us and I think about Graduation at CMA and everything that was involved. It was quite the event.

We had our Spring Board of Directors Meeting in April. The minutes of the Meeting are in the *Bugle*. Dr Thomas welcomed us to the CA Campus. His complete address can be found in the minutes. Dr Thomas discussed the success of the CMA Day activities which were held in October last year. Plans are in place to make this an annual event in October, with the date undetermined at this time. Megan Duval was the recipient of the CA Scholarship this year. Our Vice-President, Randy Howell, presented the Scholarship to her at the CA Graduation. The final version of the revised Association By-Laws was approved and is a matter of record. This has been a three-year process taking baby steps and many discussions over multiple Board Meetings.

Our 2018 Grand Reunion is only few months away. The Reunion information is in the *Bugle*, including registration information and schedule of events. We will have the same rooms at the Marriott for Registration and the Banquet as

we did in 2016. The classes of 1968 and 1969 will celebrate their 50th Reunion this year. Class Representatives and contact information are listed in the *Bugle*. We will be honoring former Cadets who returned to CMA as Faculty Members at this Reunion.

Several weeks ago, we were presented the opportunity to have The FAB Nashville Beatles Cover Band for Saturday night after the Banquet entertainment. The cost of the band is \$2,000.00. I sent a mass email to the Board of Directors conducting an online meeting to discuss the pros and cons of having the band. The discussion lasted over a week with a vigorous debate. I had an 80% positive response when the final votes were in. With this majority we will have FAB Nashville perform Saturday night after the Banquet. There was a concern of the band interfering with folks trying to visit and chat with friends. The band will not play until ALL activities are completed. For those who are not interested in hearing the band, but still want to gather, we will have the reception room open with tables and seating, plus the great Marriott lobby area.

I look forward to a Great Reunion, seeing old friends and renewing old friendships. Now is the time to contact those classmates and friends to encourage them to join us in August.

Robin

Robin Salze
Class of 1966
CMAAA President

50th Reunion for the Classes of 1968 and 1969

If you are a member of either the Class of 1968 or the Class of 1969 this is the reunion that you need to make every effort to attend. It is time for you to celebrate 50 years since your graduation from Columbia Military Academy. This opportunity only comes once in a lifetime and it gives you a great chance to see some of those old CMA buddies that you have not seen since graduation, or since the last reunion if you are a regular. Regardless, this is your time...take advantage of it. Bill Wade ('68) and Howard Keltner ('69) are heading up the efforts for your classes at this reunion. Register now for the reunion and contact Bill or Howard at the contact information below and let them know that you will be there to celebrate your 50th. This year's added attraction on Saturday night, FAB Nashville, a great Beatles cover band, is an added benefit for your classes. How can a product of the 60's, especially the late 60's, pass on the opportunity to go back just for a little while? Make this reunion yours!

50 Year Reunion Contacts For 2018
Class of 1968
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2232 S. Berry Chapel Rd
Franklin, TN 37069
Phone: 615-790-1481

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Class of 1969
Howard Keltner
HSK5678@gmail.com
P.O. Box 1728
Spring Hill, TN 37174
Phone: 931-442-1133

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Reservation Process

Please make Reservations by 2 July

Via Phone (1-888-236-2427):

1. Ask for Reservations
2. Provide arrival/departure date
3. Reference the CMAAAA to get the special rate of \$139.
4. If they ask for a code to receive the rate, it is CMA.

Via Internet:

1. Click this hyperlink: [Book your group rate for CMAAAA](#)
2. To get the hyperlink to work, left click on it and select Allow. This puts you at the CMA Reunion Room Registration page with the special \$139 per night rate.
4. Enter the check-in and check-out dates as well as the room information and click on Check Availability.
5. Verify the room information and rate on the next page and click Select.
6. Continue making reservations by following instructions on the next page.

If Hyperlink does not work:

1. Go to www.marriott.com/bnacs
2. Fill in Stay Dates and Rooms and Guest information
3. In the Special Rates box click the down arrow and go to "Group Code" and enter CMACMAA and hit enter.
4. This will put you on the CMAAAA Page. Verify the room rate (\$139) and click Select.
5. Continue making reservations by following instructions on the next page.

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

Reunion Registration Form on Page 4

Now is the time to make reservations for the 2018 CMAAAA Grand Reunion. We will be gathering at the Cool Springs Marriott the weekend of 2-5 August to celebrate CMA and visit with old friends and make new ones. This reunion marks 40 years since the elimination of the "Military" in Columbia Military Academy and 39 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, going to see the new Moore Hall Marker, 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 2018.

Former Cadets That Were Later Faculty Members to be Recognized

This reunion's recognition group is those individuals that spent time at CMA as Cadets and then returned to CMA to serve as a member of the Faculty/Administration. This is a very small group, but a very unique group that has a special perspective of the school. We know of 18 former Cadets that returned to CMA in some capacity as a member of the school faculty or administration but we need your help to identify more. The current listing is included on Page 3. If you can provide the names of additional individuals that were Cadets and later members of the school faculty/administration, please let us know. We want to ensure that we recognize all of these individuals, both living and deceased.

Please send any information to Woody Pettigrew by either of the below methods:

Woody Pettigrew
 101 Sansberry Lane
 Madison, AL 35756

wpettigrew@knology.net

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 2

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 3

8:00 AM: Registration in Marriott lobby until 5:30 PM
 8:00: Golf Tournament at Crossing Golf Course, 750 Riverview Drive, Franklin, TN.
 10:00: Sporting Clays Shooting Event, Nashville Gun Club, 1100 County Hospital Road, Nashville, TN
 3:00: Board Meeting, Marriott Meeting Room
 5:30 PM: Welcome Reception / Group Pictures, Marriott Meeting Room
 Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

Saturday, August 4

8:00 AM: Registration in Marriott lobby until 6:00 PM
 9:00 AM: Complimentary coffee and sweet rolls at Columbia Academy
 9:00 AM: CMA Museum open until 2:00 PM except during CMAAAA General Membership meeting
 10:00 AM: CMAAAA General Membership Meeting in CA Chapel
 - CA welcome and update
 - Election of Board Officers
 - Hall of Honor Inductions
 11:00 AM: Flag Ceremony for Departed Cadets in Classes of '68 and '69
 12:00: Deli Luncheon in CA Cafeteria
 1:00: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings
 6:00 PM: Reunion Banquet / Recognition Ceremony / Auction at Marriott Ball Room
 8:30 PM: Dancing to FAB Nashville, a Beatles Cover Band.

Sunday, August 5

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

Sporting Clays Shooting Event Set Up For Reunion



We have a returning event for this year's reunion for those interested in participating in some shooting. Dudley Dolinger ('73) has again coordinated with the Nashville Gun Club to set up a Sporting Clays shooting event on Friday during the reunion for any CMA alumni and friends interested in participating. The event will start at 10:00 AM and will provide participants the opportunity to go to the gun club and go through the stations shooting at 50 sporting clays. The cost for the event is based on what equipment you bring. If you provide your own gun, ammunition, ear protection and eye protection (all required to have), the cost will be \$40 plus tax. If you need to purchase/rent any of the mentioned items, the price will increase accordingly and could make the total cost be \$75 if you needed the gun club to provide everything. All interested in registering for the shoot are asked to submit the registration form along with a \$25 deposit. Since total costs are dependent on individual needs, you should be prepared to make further payment at the gun club. If you would like to participate please complete the registration form on Page 5 and submit it to Dudley Dolinger at the address provided on the form by July 1st. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dudley Dolinger at 615-476-1820 or at ddolinger@comcast.net.



CMA Cadets that Returned to Serve on the Faculty / Staff

Please help us identify the CMA Cadets that later returned to the school as a Faculty/Staff member. We have identified the below individuals but if you know of any others, please provide the name to Woody Pettigrew, 101 Sansberry Lane, Madison. AL 35756 or via e-mail to wpettigrew@knology.net.

Clayton Metz	Class of '19
Malcolm Gilchrist	Class of '34
John Thomas	Class of '35
John Williams	Class of '45
Kim Barton	Class of '53
Alexander Cathey	Class of '53
Julius Warmath	Class of '54
Dowling Campbell	Class of '55
David Radabaugh	Class of '55
Pete Harris	Class of '58
John Rose	Class of '59
Moore Landers	Class of '60
Ron Nall	Class of '61
John Page	Class of '62
Jimmy Hatcher	Class of '64
Walker McGinnis	Class of '65
Bill Wade	Class of '68
Richard Courtney	Class of '73

FAB Nashville, Beatles Cover Band, to Play at Reunion

The CMAAA Board of Directors decided to bring the chance to dance back to the Grand Reunion this year. And, boy, did they go bold. The band for this year is called FAB Nashville and they perform Beatles music both for entertainment and for dancing. They have a great reputation in Nashville and will bring high energy to wrap up our Reunion activities on Saturday night after the dinner and recognition ceremony. If you listened to music at all in the 1960s, you were part of the Beatles experience. Even for those that did not get into listening to music until the 1970s and later, you certainly heard the Beatles music and listened to other musicians that were influenced by the Beatles. This is just another reason to make this reunion the one you will attend. Come and spend the weekend with your fellow alums. If you can't make the full weekend, then register for the banquet Saturday night at the Marriott and join us in dinner, fellowship and entertainment by FAB Nashville. Enjoy a couple of hours in the 1960s.

Golf Scramble Again Set Up For Reunion



As in years past, there will be a scramble golf tournament on Friday morning of the reunion weekend. Bill Wade ('68) and Randy Howell ('72) are coordinating the activity this year and have set up for us to have a Two Man Scramble format at the Crossings Golf Course. We will begin our Tee Times at 8:00 on Friday morning with foursomes consisting of two different two-man scramble teams. For those that have played in the past, make plans to play again at this reunion. If you have not played before but enjoy playing golf, join the group at this reunion and start the weekend with a fun round of golf with your fellow CMA Alums. Please complete the Registration Form on Page 5 and submit it and your payment to Bill Wade at the address provided on the form.

Reminder to Pay your Dues to the Alumni Association

Since the Alumni Association does not send out notices telling its members to pay their dues at a specific time, the best thing to do to keep up with dues payments is to make your payment every two years in conjunction with the CMAAA Reunion. Even if you are not going to attend the reunion, you can use the registration form to pay your dues. With annual dues being \$25, if you set yourself up to pay in conjunction with the reunion you can pay \$50 every two years and always know when you need to pay your dues. The Reunion Registration form, page 4 of this publication, provides the opportunity to pay your dues even if you are not attending the reunion. Simply fill out the top portion of the registration form and check the box that says "I Am Unable to Attend but have enclosed my \$50.00 for the next 2 Years Dues (\$25.00 per Year)". Send in the form, along with a check for \$50 made out to CMAAA and your dues are good until the next reunion year in 2020. Dues are very important to keep the association going.



Reunion Registration Form August 2nd - 5th, 2018 (Please Type or Print Clearly)

Please Respond by July 15th, 2018



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 2018 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)

2018 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, 2018. 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

2018 Reunion Honorees Former Cadets That Were Also Faculty/Staff Members

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 / orchestrating the Reunion plus goods and services, (2) Entertainment, and (3) Bugle Newsletter expenses.
- Golf Tourney, 8:00 AM, Friday—Complete Registration Form on page 6 and submit to Bill Wade with Payment
- Sporting Clays, 10:00 AM Friday—Complete Registration Form on page 6 and submit to Dudley Dolinger 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.....(\$12.00/Person) _____ x \$12.00 = \$ _____
- 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



Grand Reunion 2 Man Scramble Golf Tournament

Crossing Golf Course, 750 Riverview Drive
Franklin, Tennessee 37064
Friday, August 3rd, 2018
Sign In: 7:30; Tee Times Start: 8:00
Open to all Alumni, Family, and Guests



Please Type or Print Clearly

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

**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 Bill Wade as soon as possible so he can make plans with the golf course. If you have any questions, call Bill at 615-838-9730 or e-mail him at: englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net
NOTE: Proper Golf Attire is Required.

Make Check Payable to: Bill Wade
Mail Registration Form and Check to: Bill Wade, P.O. Box 1804, Brentwood, TN 37024



Grand Reunion Sporting Clays Shooting Event

Nashville Gun Club
1100 County Hospital Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37218
Friday, August 3rd, 2018
Registration/Sign In: 10:00



NAME _____ Class of _____
 HOME STREET ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 HOME PHONE (____) _____ BUSINESS / CELL PHONE (____) _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) _____

**Pre-Registration Fee—\$25.00
Total Cost Dependent of Supplies Required**

Notice to Participants

Please respond with this completed form and your check payable to Dudley Dolinger **no later than 1 July** so he can make plans with the gun club. If you have any questions, call Dudley at 615-476-1820 or e-mail him at: ddolinger@comcast.net

Make Check Payable to: Dudley Dolinger
Mail Registration Form and Check to: Dudley Dolinger, 59 Vaughn's Gap Road, Nashville, TN 37205

CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 28 April 2018

Attendees

Robin Salze-President (66), Randy Howell-Vice President (72), Sandra Hasler-Secretary (74), Don Kimbrell (53), Marshall Cranford (54), Bill Rairford (55), Tom Walbert (58), Wally Couch (62), Charles Field (63), Mike Gilchrist (63), Don Noffsinger (63), Harold Smith (63), Dan Duke (65), Billy Akin (66), Bill Wade (68), Frank Lawing '71, Jimmy Bane '72, Greg Thompson (72), Woody Pettigrew (73), Tricia Brown (74), Winston Elston (74), Van McMinn (76), Jay Robins (76),

Meeting Minutes

The CMAAA Board Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 28, 2018. The meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of board members who are deceased and to recognize the recent passing of Tom Hayward. The invocation was given by Dr. Thomas and Mike Gilchrist led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was making a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by the board. Robin Salze presented the Treasurer's report, noting that we have, at present, \$26,202.84 in our checking account. We have received \$2,250.00 in Reunion Registrations, and \$440.00 in dues thus far this year.

Woody Pettigrew gave the Museum report stating that the 2017 annual cash on hand amount was \$17, 831.60 and as of March 31 that cash on hand amount is \$18,240. The budgeted income is \$14,514; this includes pledges, expected sales, and payback from the General Fund for the Memorial upgrade. The total expense for the Memorial Upgrade which was made two years ago was \$7,900 and the reimbursement of funds used will be taken from the General Fund by utilizing the estimated savings from the new *Bugle* mailing procedures. The last mass mailing of the *Bugle* was in December 2016 and the estimated savings is in the area of \$800 a quarter. This brings the total budget to \$32,754.00 with expected expenses to run about \$10,467.00 (rent, insurance,

miscellaneous for the four years that remain on the lease). This leaves us with a sufficient balance at the end of the current lease period and will allow us to execute future options on the lease.

Dr. Thomas welcomed the Board and proceeded to give updates and proposed future plans for maintaining the remaining dormitories on campus. The 2017-2018 school year began with an enrollment of 950 students. The first annual CMA Day that was in the fall was a great success and the students enjoyed learning about the experiences of former cadets. Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM and the ceremony will be held on the front lawn, weather permitting. If there is rain, the activities will be moved to the Field House. He stated that the class of 2018 is the largest graduating class in CA's history, which is seventy students. The Commencement Speaker planned for that day is William Hickman, a two star Army General, who was a former CMA student and graduated in 1979 during the transition year of the school. He has a very prestigious career which includes serving under General David Patraeus in Afghanistan, and is currently stationed in Norfolk, VA., where he works for Central Command. He also travels back and forth to Brussels, Belgium to work for NATO. He has family currently living in Columbia and was honored to return to speak to the student body at CA. Athletically, CA had a great football season; went to playoffs; and basketball season; went to state tournament. One new program implemented this year is the Reach Program, which was modeled after a college honors program and has been quite successful. It is an honors program for 7th-12th grades and it focuses on reaching excellence through academic challenges. If students' test scores reach the top 15% of the national test scores and retain a 3.5 GPA, they will be eligible to participate in this program if they so choose. The group goes on four trips during the school year. The students will work on a research project for each of these trips and present their projects in an open forum (The Reach Forum) so that questions can be presented and answered. One of the trips this year was to Mammoth Cave where they did a project on the history and science of the cave. In the fall they went to Birmingham to visit the Civil Rights Museum. Most recently, nine students and three adults went to

Boston over spring break and they are planning a trip to visit Vanderbilt with the assistance of one of CA's parents, who happens to be a molecular physicist. The students will tour a lab and observe things scientist do in an actual work setting. This program was begun to help honor students to be challenged and to excel in academics. There continues to be a program (The Harmony Program) that helps reach struggling students and gives them opportunity to achieve success, and now there is a program in place to challenge students who are at the upper end of the academic scale. The CA Board is the process of purchasing the building in Spring Hill, which CA has been leasing since 2010 and presently has an enrollment of 90 students. Dr. Thomas stated that with donations and other arrangements, the cost to mortgage the property will run about the same as what is being paid to lease it. Owning the building will be financially beneficial for the school, even though this may not be the permanent location. The area is growing rapidly and plans are for the city to extend the Saturn Parkway to the road that is adjacent to the school property which will make the campus more assessable. However, the building is in an industrial area, which is not ideal. But just down the road, not too far from the campus, there are 1,100 houses being built, which will provide an opportunity to serve many families in that area. Much consideration has been given to the enhancement of some of the historical buildings on campus; specifically Academy Hall and Frierson Hall. The plans are to upgrade the buildings on the interior to make them more modern and usable. Other things include traffic flow and pedestrian safety. An architect has been hired (the plans include a 3-stage process and will involve the entire 67 acres and facilities). Thirty recommendations have been made after listening to parents and staff. Those thirty recommendations have been narrowed down to a prioritized list of eight, one of which is to upgrade the historical buildings. The hope is to preserve them and to make them usable for the school. One plan is to renovate Academy by working on the upper two floors, which are in need of repair. A new roof has already been added. They are hoping to move some of the business offices to this building and Mike Gilchrist sug-

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gested perhaps it would also be good to utilize an area for a Historic Room, where pictures and other memorabilia could be displayed. The Museum, which is limited on space, will still be used to house memorabilia as well, but Academy Hall will give us additional space and may provide a more climate controlled environment for pictures. This Historic Room can also be used for CA to display things. They have a bit of memorabilia themselves since the school has been in operation close to 40 years. The second plan is to address the repairs needed to bring Frierson Hall from the state of "lockdown" to where it is operational once again. A new roof was added six or seven years ago and it is said to be structurally sound. Dr. Thomas stated he thought the appearance of the building at this time isn't very appealing and he would like to see the building being used by students. There is no desire to lose any other of the remaining historical buildings on campus. Dr. Thomas, once again, shared his vision to eventually turn Frierson back into a dormitory for International students. He believes this would benefit the entire student body. The architect is going to deliver some plans and the estimated cost for the proposed renovations. The end result of the Master Plan will be to prioritize the lower and higher cost projects, and then to go out and talk to possible donors (CA families, CMA alumni, and supporters who would like to see the plans become a reality). This will be a costly endeavor and financial help will be needed. The overall result will be having more space by utilizing all the buildings on campus and making the campus even more attractive. Dr. Thomas expressed his desire for the Museum to continue operation for many years to come and has considered a possible solution to maintaining the building as long as CA is on campus. He proposed building the CMA Endowment to the point where the funds from that endowment will provide a revenue stream every year that will help with the upkeep of the Museum. The estimated amount needed will range between \$60,000 and \$75,000. If we could help increase the Endowment Fund from \$10,000 to \$75,000, the 5% on \$75,000 would give about \$3,700 each year, which would provide funds to maintain the Museum long term. He asked CMAAA to consider ways to help sup-

port these efforts by any means possible. We have so much history on our beautiful campus and we need to preserve as much of it as we possibly can.

Old Business

Robin addressed the need to approve the newly revised By-Laws. The Board approved the revised By-Laws at the October Board Meeting, but then amended it for the Lifetime Membership to be transferred. The only change made was the wording stating that Lifetime membership may be transferred to a family member or designated person when the Lifetime Member chooses or is no longer able to participate in Association activities. A motion was made to approve the most recent revision to the By-Laws. The motion was seconded and approved.

Mike Gilchrist gave an update on the CMA photos/negatives. He consulted with David White concerning ways to preserve the photographs and negatives that we have and they found boxes that were specifically made to safely store and protect photographs/negatives. After researching, Mike found boxes that cost about \$20 each, but with David's help, was able to find some that cost \$15 each. The total of fifteen or sixteen boxes will be needed to store our collection of photos/negatives, which will cost around \$500. Robin said most all the envelopes of photos/negatives in the boxes were labeled so it will be easier to identify pictures or picture groups without having to sort through all of the photos. Mike and David will continue working together on collecting and preserving photos and negatives; looking into digitizing as a possible option, but cost may be a factor. Randy asked the Board if anyone knew where we might find pictures of cadets marching to church. Tony South is putting together a historical segment about downtown Columbia and was asking for photos. If anyone has photos of cadets marching to church or knows where to locate one in an annual, please let Randy know.

Robin gave an update on the Honor Group being recognized at the 2018 Grand Reunion. He stated that he has located and has information on all but two of the Living Honor Group. Invitations and letters have been sent to those who have been located. He is still attempting to reach Alexander Cathey and Jimmy Hatcher. He is also attempting to

locate Staley Colvert from the class of '68.

Next on the agenda, the Board discussed the possibility of having live music or a DJ. The options Sandra Hasler had suggested at the October meeting were no longer available. Randy Howell suggested someone he knew who played in a band, as well as, could be a DJ. He volunteered to explore this and will notify the Board with details so a decision can be made prior to the Reunion. Money will be another factor.

New Business

Robin Salze asked for any discussion concerning the Scholarship for this year's CA recipient, and also, for the approval for the 2018 CA Scholarship. A motion was made, seconded, and approved. Dr. Thomas announced Megan Duval, a first year CA student, who has been accepted into the Air Force Academy, will be receiving this year's honor. Mike Gilchrist pointed out that Megan showed a lot of interest about the military when CA had their CMA Day. Dr. Thomas also mentioned a former recipient, Marshall McKee, and gave an update of his progress. He is doing well at The Citadel in South Carolina and has recently signed up to join the Air Force.

Woody Pettigrew wished to inform the Board of the generous donation of Steve Harper, class of '45, who left a box of memorabilia to CMA in his will, which has not been done before.

Robin suggested that he would like to see a few local folks to volunteer their services to help maintain the museum, keep it clean and in good condition, it would help lessen the stress on those who have distances to drive and the museum could be cleaned more often. Woody mentioned we will plan to have a Clean-Up Day this summer prior to the Reunion. Woody stated that there are a couple ideas he is working on to help keep humidity under control and to minimize damage caused by mildew growth in the display cases. He is planning to place a dehumidifier in the museum that will run continually as well as installing a fan in the roof part of the center display to help circulate the air.

Bill Wade reiterated the positive experience he had at the CMA Day festivities and asked Dr. Thomas if this was going to be an annual event. Dr. Thomas responded that it was and that the tentative

date for the second annual CMA Day is set for Oct. 26. Bill encouraged others to participate in this upcoming event. He said it was such a memorable and enjoyable time. Another Board Member told Dr. Thomas and the Board of an experience he had while attending a football game and wanted to congratulate the students on the way they conducted themselves and the respect and courtesy he was shown while visiting.

Randy Howell questioned Dr. Thomas about the athletic decision to remain in Division I. CA was one of four schools that decided to stay within this division. But due to changes in policies, two of the four schools appealed to the state to switch over to the Private Schools Division or Division II, which was granted and CA followed suit. They will be able to begin participation in this Division during the 2019 season because they are committed in the present Division for a two year cycle. They will be able to play other private schools and also offer financial aid to athletes who would like to attend CA, based on need. The aid will be limited to 50% of the tuition. He emphasized this will not change the mission of CA. He said we are a school first; the spiritual mission is number one, academic is number two, and athletic is "down the slide" a bit. It will, however, change who they play.

The 2018 Grand Reunion: Robin spoke with Ashley at the Marriott to confirm that everything is set and in place for the Reunion. The Reception, Registration, and Banquet rooms will be the same. As for now, if the Banquet Room is not reserved for another group Friday night, we will have access to it. The tables will not be set for the Banquet dinner so we would be allowed to sit at them and socialize. A separate room will be made available Saturday and Sunday morning for a buffet breakfast. There will be a cash bar both Friday and Saturday night. Update on the rooms; we guaranteed to book 155 rooms that weekend and as of now, there are already 53 rooms booked. Robin feels assured we will have no problem reaching our goal.

An inquiry was made as to why the activities on Friday and Saturday night had to be held in Franklin instead of Columbia. Robin Salze and Mike Gilchrist explained the convenience of having everything in one place, but

also, because there is no facility large enough to accommodate us. Mike mentioned he had to address this, as well, when he was President. Mike checked on several venues and he found none that had enough space and the cost was no less expensive. Greg Thompson stated that the Marriott has been a good choice since they have been more willing to work with us from a financial standpoint because the Embassy had so many separate charges. The Marriott has been very accommodating and has strived to make each Reunion better. The present location also provides a place to shop since the mall is close by.

Group pictures will be taken Friday night at the Marriott. David White will be taking the photographs during the Reception.

Bill Wade told the Board that at this time there has only been one registration form turned in for the golf tournament. He is asking for more participation.

Robin asked Don Kimbrell to head the nominating committee for this year's officers and he has graciously accepted.

Randy Howell gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 10:31AM.

NOTE: As a follow-on to the last item in the Old Business of the minutes, subsequent to the meeting a proposal was made to hire a band for entertainment after the festivities on Saturday night. Robin Salze, Association President, surveyed the board members and, based on the support for the proposal, made arrangements with the band to perform at the conclusion of the evening's events.

Want to Help the Association Cover the Reunion Costs?

As mentioned on Page 3, this year's reunion will include a band for the first time in a number of years. The Board wanted to add the entertainment for the membership, but it comes at a cost. Several alumni have already pledged to contribute \$100 to the cost of the band. If you can also make a contribution, please either include the money with your registration and annotate on the form that it is for the band or separately send the money to CMAAA, 804 Aethnaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401.

Museum Clean-Up Day



Just think of it as preparation for the Annual General Inspection (AGI); nothing like getting everything in white glove inspection shape once a year. Well, it is time for your CMA Museum to get a little of that special attention. In preparation for this year's CMA Grand Reunion, we will have a CMA Museum Clean-up Day on Saturday, July 14th. We will do some serious cleaning, touch up painting, grounds work, artifact display arrangement and general shaping up. We will get started at 9:00 and continue until the job is done, with Lunch provided. Just think of it as Bull Ring with a purpose. If you can help during any part of the day, please let Woody Pettigrew know. You can reach him at wpettigrew@knology.net or at 256-653-7303.

CMAAA Scholarship Awarded During CA Commencement



Randy Howell, CMAAA Vice President, presented the CMAAA Scholarship during the Columbia Academy Graduation on May 12th. This year's recipient, as selected by the CA Leadership, is Miss Megan Duval. Megan sought to be of service to the community by volunteering with organizations like Best Buddies, The American Red Cross, and the Humane Society. She was a small group chapel leader and challenged herself in the classroom as well. Megan will be attending the United States Air Force Preparatory School this fall.

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Carman A. Wilkins, Class of '52

Carman Almus Wilkins, Jr., age 79, died Saturday, April 12, 2014. He was born in Jackson, TN to the late Carman Almus Wilkins, Sr. and Jo Ann Norville Wilkins. He attended CMA for four years graduating with the Class of 1952. He attended the University of Mississippi "Ole Miss" and Union University. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving both on active duty and in the Army Reserve, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant in 1962. He served as an apprentice at the GM&O Railroad, where he received The Outstanding Apprenticeship Certificate. He retired from Ormet, formerly Conalco, with 35 years of service; was a member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers; a member of The Sons of the Confederacy, and the American Legion Post #90. He was a member of North Jackson Baptist Church and loved motorcycle riding, especially his Piaggio Scooter. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jewel C. Wilkins; his step-mother, Lela Ann Wilkins and a step-son, Graves Lipscomb. Surviving are his daughter, Valerie Viers (Michael) of Jackson; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sisters-in-law; a step-daughter; a step-son; and a step-granddaughter.



CA Wilkins

Grant Thompson, Class of '56

James Grant Thompson died on April 24, 2018 after a protracted illness ultimately causing heart failure. Originally from Jackson, Mississippi, Grant attended CMA for five years graduating with the Class of 1956. While at CMA he was a member of the band, the YMCA, the Boy Scouts, the *Bugle Call* Staff, the baseball team and the Gold Star Drill Team. He graduated with a biology degree from Mississippi College, and taught for several years at Pass Christian, MS. He then received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Mississippi School of Law, and practiced



Grant Thompson

law for a number of years in Gulfport, Pass Christian, and Carthage, MS.

Hal. W. Canary, Class of '62

Hal Winchester Canary, 74, of Raleigh, North Carolina, and originally from Memphis, Tennessee, died on April 25 2018. Hal grew up in Memphis and attended Central High School, where he met his future wife, Kathy Carroll. He finished high school at CMA, attending for two years and graduating with the Class of 1962. After CMA, he received both a Bachelor of Science and a Masters in Business Administration at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1966 and 1970. He then became a Certified Public Accountant. Hal served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969, in the XVIII Airborne Corps, 12th Support Brigade, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, as a First Lieutenant, Quartermaster Corps. After business school, Hal worked as an accountant at Ernst & Young and Haines & Jackson, in Memphis. He served as the Finance Director of the City of Germantown, Tennessee, from 1980 to 1990. After leaving Germantown, Hal founded Canary Consulting to provide financial advice to businesses and governments. From 1993 to 1994, Hal served as Finance Director at the Virginia Beach City Public Schools. In 1996 he joined Public Financial Management, where he retired as a Managing Director in 2009. In 2015, Hal and Kathy moved to Raleigh to be closer to their grandchildren. Hal was the Treasurer and a member of the Vestry at Grace-St. Luke's Church in Memphis. He was active as adult leader in the Boy Scouts of America. Hal is survived by his wife of more than 51 years, Kathy Carroll Canary, his sister Lucy Canary Church of Charlottesville, Virginia, his son Hal W. Canary, III, of Durham, North Carolina, and two grandchildren.



Hal Canary

John S. Clanton, Class of '65

John Samuel Clanton, 73, a native of Huntsville, Alabama, passed away May 7th, 2018. John attended CMA for one

year (his Junior year) as a member of the Class of 1965. He owned and operated Clanton Auto Parts and Engines and Commercial Sign & Banner prior to his retirement. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester R. Clanton and Birdie Knowles Clanton and his sister Shirley Stephens. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Becky Clanton; daughter Rebecca Anno (Bob); son, Jarrett Clanton; two granddaughters; brothers, Robert Ronald Clanton (Becky) and Lester Eugene Clanton (Karen); sisters, Mary Grace Reny, Maxie Marie Stephens, and Della Frances Rumore; and numerous nieces and nephews.



John Clanton

Michael M. Guess, Class of '65

Michael McCrory Guess, 70, retired Captain with Tennessee National Guard, died Thursday, April 26, 2018 at his residence on Main Street in Mt. Pleasant. Born May 6, 1947 in Lubbock, Texas, he was the son of the late Leverett Guess and the late Martha McCrory Michael Guess. He attended CMA for five years, graduating with the Class of 1965. He was a volunteer for the Chaplain Ministries for the Maury County Jail for several years. He was a member of First Family Baptist Church. Survivors include his daughters, Michele (Stefan) Maupin of Culleroka; Stephanie Guess of Coldwell, Idaho; sons, William Guess of Antioch; Michael (Maria) Guess of Murfreesboro; brothers, Larry Guess and Lynn Guess (CMA Class of 1962) both of Raleigh, North Carolina; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren



Michael Guess

A. Manson Morrow, Class of '65

A. Manson "Buddy" Morrow, II, 70, lifelong resident of Williamsport, passed away Friday, March 2, 2018. Born and reared in Maury County, he was the son of the late Manson Morrow and the late Edith Walls Morrow. As a child he attended Woodrow and

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McDowell Elementary Schools. He attended CMA for three years graduating with the Class of 1965. He was a 1969 graduate of The University of Tennessee at Martin where he earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture.



Buddy was a life-long beef cattle farmer. Buddy Morrow was a life-long beef cattle farmer. His love for agriculture and the land started as a child being raised on the family farm where he continued his career and raised his family. In 1976 he was outstanding Young Farmer of the Year, 1988 he was Category I Conservation Farmer of the Year, and in 2015 Kiwanis Club of Columbia recognized him for his Lifetime of Dedication to Agriculture. Buddy also gave back to his community by serving as a board member of the Maury Farmers Co-op, First Farmers Advisory Board, Maury County Cattleman's Association and most recently he served several years on the Maury County Soil Conservation District Board. He is survived by his wife, Carla Pinkston Morrow; children, Archie Manson Morrow, III; and Amanda (Roscoe) Voss both of Williamsport; one grandson; two sisters; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law; four nieces; five nephews; and several great nieces and great nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Carl W. Pinkston and Alma C. Pinkston.

Robert Eugene Higgins, Class of '69 (PG)

Robert Eugene Higgins died February 28 2018. Bob was born June 11, 1950 in Shelbyville, Tennessee, the son of the late Eugene and Mary Bagley Higgins. He graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 1968 and spent a post-graduate year at CMA with the Class of 1969. He attended Vanderbilt University where he was a member of the baseball team and of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. After several years as a reporter and photographer for the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, Bob moved to Los Angeles, California. He entered the film business where he met the love of his life, Lynn Rose. They married in 1987. Bob spent 24 years in the film business, nine in Los Angeles as production coordinator on music videos, commercials and films, and 15 in Nashville as a location scout and manager for stills, music videos, commercials and films. In July 2003, Bob and Lynn opened Dizzy's Dog Wash and Corner Store, a dog wash and supply store in Berry Hill that was named for a beloved Dalmatian. In 2015, he retired and moved to Olympia, Washington, headquarters of Lynn's business, Farm Dog Naturals. He is survived by his wife, Lynn Rose Higgins of Olympia; brothers Walter L. Higgins and Eugene B. Higgins, Jr.; and sister Mary Battle Thompson (Bob); two nephews; a niece and grand-niece.



Bob Higgins

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