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From the President



Greetings to all Bellhops!

Our Grand Reunion is scheduled for 3-6 August 2023. The deadline for getting a hotel room is July 6, 2023!

We would love to see as many folks as possible there and hope you will make your reservations soon! We got an exceptionally excellent rate for our rooms at the Marriott and for our banquet as well. We also plan to have a DJ to provide music for your enjoyment.

We are hoping to see lots of graduates at our reunion. If you have never attended one, I would urge you to consider it. Full disclosure, I waited for 40 years to come back and wish I had done so years before! I have reconnected with old friends, and that means a lot as the years pass.

I write this to you on the day of the 79th Anniversary of D-Day, the Invasion of Normandy. Some of our alumni were there that day, and some did not come back. We have a proud legacy of service to our country both in the military and civilian life since the turn of the last century.

Wouldn't you like to see that service and sacrifice remembered by future generations? If so, consider a donation or bequest to the CMA Legacy endowment. If you have any questions about how to give, let me know. I have includ-

ed the endowment in my will and hope you might consider it as well.

Until Our Next Formation ,

Tom

Tom Carr
Class of 1975
CMAAA President



Memory from the 2021 Grand Reunion.
Join in on the fun in 2023.



2023 Grand Reunion 3-6 August 2023

Designated Honor Group for 2023 Grand Reunion

The designated honor group for the 2023 CMAAA Grand Reunion includes everyone who attended CMA during the decade of the 1950s, Graduate or Non-Graduate. Additionally, all individuals that were in Classes that graduated prior to the 1950s will be recognized. In addition to being members of the Corps of Cadets during a period of significant growth of CMA, these classes were instrumental in the establishment, growth and accomplishments of the CMA Alumni Association as we know it today. All members of these classes are encouraged to attend the 2023 reunion and be recognized during the banquet on Saturday night.

Class Points of Contact for 2023 Reunion

Jimmy Bane ('72) and Woody Pettigrew ('73) are the Class contacts for the 50th Reunion Classes as part of the 2023 CMAAA Grand Reunion.

50 Year Reunion Contacts For 2023
Class of 1972
Jimmy Bane
Jbaneinvestments@yahoo.com
205-342-0360

50 **Class of 1973**
Woody Pettigrew
wpettigrew@knology.net
256-653-7303



Reunion Registration Form August 3rd - 6th, 2023

Please Respond by July 15th, 2023

(Please Type or Print Clearly)



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 2023 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)

2023 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, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Moon at 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401-3156 or (931) 626-5859 or e-mail her at: becsmoon@gmail.com

2023 Reunion Honorees

Alumni from the Decade of the 1950s and Before

Please Indicate if you are part of that Group (Circle Above)

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, Friday—Golf Registration Form will be provided in Spring 2023 Edition of the *Bugle*

☐ Sporting Clays, Friday—Registration Form will be provided in Spring 2023 Edition of the *Bugle*

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

☐ CMAAA Scholarship Fund Donation—Funding for Annual CMAAA Scholarship for CA Graduate.....\$ _____

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

☐ Reunion Banquet/Dance, 6:00 PM, Saturday.....(\$50.00/Person) _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

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

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

GRAND REUNION CMAAAA 2023



Marriott Reservation Process

Please make Reservations by 6 July to get the Special Rate.

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

1. Ask for Reservations
2. Provide arrival/departure date
3. Reference the CMAAAA to get the special rate of \$149.
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 Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association](#)
2. To go to the hyperlink, left click on it. This puts you at the CMA Reunion Room Registration page with the special \$149 per night rate.
3. Enter the check-in and check-out dates as well as the room information and click on Check Availability.
4. Verify the room information and rate on the next page and click Select.
5. Continue making reservations by following instructions on the next page.

If Hyperlink does not work:

1. Please call the number above to make reservations.
2. The hotel website is www.marriott.com/bnacs for general information.

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

Sporting Clays Shooting Event In Planning For Reunion



We are trying to determine interest in having another Sporting Clays event during the 2023 Reunion. Dudley Dolinger ('73) has again agreed to head up the event but we need to determine the interest before he can make arrangements with the Nashville Gun Club. If you are interested in participating this year please get in touch with Dudley so he can determine if there is enough interest. Please contact Dudley at 615-476-1820 or at ddolinger@comcast.net and let him know if you are interested. Take out some of your frustrations on a Sporting Clay.

How About a Round of Golf During the Reunion



As in years past, the Association is looking at setting up a golf outing on Friday of the reunion weekend. The plan is to start at 8:15 Friday morning at the Franklin Crossing Golf Course. Bill Wade is coordinating the event and must have names and Greens Fees (includes lunch) by July 26th to hold the times for the group. Please get in touch with Bill as soon as possible and let him know if you would like to play.

Bill Wade

615-376-3060

615-838-9730 (cell)

englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net

Please let Dudley and/or Bill know if you are interested in either of these events. They need to know the interest level.

GRAND REUNION CMAAAA 2023

Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 3

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

Friday, August 4

8:15 AM Golf Tournament - Based on Interest
9:00 AM: Registration in CMA Registration Room until 5:30 PM
To Be Determined based on Interest: Sporting Clays Shooting Event, Nashville Gun Club, 1100 County Hospital Road, Nashville, TN
5:30 PM: Welcome Reception, CMA Registration Room
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

Saturday, August 5

9:00 AM: CMA Museum open until 2:00 PM except during CMAAAA General Membership meeting
9:30 AM: Board Meeting, Columbia Academy Chapel (Old Main)
10:00 AM: CMAAAA General Membership Meeting in CA Chapel
- Columbia Academy welcome and update
- Election of Board Officers
- Hall of Honor Inductions
11:00 AM: Flag Ceremony for Departed Cadets in Classes of '72 and '73
12:00 PM: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings
3:00 PM: Registration in CMA Registration Room until 6:00 PM
5:00 PM: Class Group Photos in CMA Registration Room
6:00 PM: Reunion Banquet / Recognition Ceremony / Dance at Marriott Ball Room

Sunday, August 6

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

CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 6 May 2023

Attendees

Tom Carr-President (75), Mike Glover-Vice President (74), Ron Nall (61), Mike Gilchrist (63), Bill Wade (68), Howard Keltner (69), Dudley Dolinger (73), Woody Pettigrew (73), Winston Elston (74), Bob Orr (76), Jay Robins (76), Steve Watts (76), Shayne Harris (78), Bill Hickman (79)

Meeting Minutes

The CMAAA Board Meeting was called to order at 10am on Saturday, May 6th, 2023. The meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of Board members and cadets we have recently lost. Tom Carr read the list of alumni: Haynes Malloy ('73), Robert Derryberry ('70), James Reiss ('42), Allen Lay ('46), James Poe ('55), Ron Stone ('63), Don Noffsinger ('63), James Bass ('62), L.E. Gibson ('58), Jack Hart ('53), Jerry Cobb ('53), Irby Skeeter Atkinson ('72), D.R. Smith ('60), James Couch ('56), Bill Fry ('76), Benjamin Clement ('67), Patrick Murphy ('66), Walter Broadfoot ('55), Ben Clemon ('66).

Mike Gilchrist gave the Invocation and Tom Carr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of Becky Moon, Tom Carr gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account as of May 2, 2023, is \$30,908.44. \$23,000 has been set aside for the reunion expenses. However, it is not anticipated that much will be needed to cover the cost of the reunion. \$7,300 has been received in dues and donations. Projected remaining balance for the fiscal year \$11,000. Tom mentioned he can provide a copy of the budget to anyone that may want to see it.. Woody Pettigrew gave the museum report. As of the last bank statement, April, the balance on hand is \$17,250.72. The only budgeted income we have is the payback to the general fund for the museum's expense to update the CMA Memorial. If needed, \$7,900 would be asked from the general fund. At this point, it has not been asked to receive. The budget for the museum is projected through October 2028. Yearly expenses are \$7,200. Annual rent payment \$1,200. Insurance to cover the 5-year span \$1,400. Miscellaneous expenses \$7,200. Total expenses \$15,800. 2028 projected balance of \$7,350. This would include the \$7,900

from the general account, if it is needed. Two budgeted expense items to think about replacement soon are the HVAC unit and something done with the flooring. Woody ended the report by saying he does not foresee any funding problems with the museum. The motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. Followed by second. All agreed.

Tom took the floor and shared with the attendees about a discussion he and Howard "HK" Keltner had regarding the museum. HK has graciously volunteered to be available if visitors wanted to tour the museum. If he has prior notice, he could plan to meet the visitors at a designated time. The thought behind this idea is in hopes to obtain donations from visitors. Woody said there is a key in the Administration building and people visiting the campus can get in the museum anytime they want. Woody mentioned he could get extra keys made. Dudley Dolinger asked if there was a sign on the door of the museum saying where a key could be picked up. Tom said he liked the idea of HK being there with the visitor(s). Having someone there who attended the campus, during the CMA era, could be a real advantage. Dudley asked about going to the local Chamber of Commerce and leaving flyers there in case someone wanted to see the museum. Woody suggested the idea of putting a small block of information in the *Bugle* every time it comes out giving the name and number of who to call for a tour of the museum. Current plan of action: Tom will order a donation box; Dudley will go by the Chamber of Commerce to see if we can leave information flyers about the CMA Museum. Woody thinks he might have access to the pamphlet/flyer that he did when the museum opened 15 years ago, HK will also work on a flyer. Final thought – more visitors mean better opportunities for us to receive more donations.

Courtney Hulsey, CA's Director of Development gave the CA Report. Next year enrollment will be 1,180 and there is a waiting list for over 80 new students. CA graduation is May 20th at 10am. Presentation of the CMA scholarship will be Bill Wade. Tom asked if any money had been received into the CMAAA Legacy Endowment. Courtney said we had received some recently in memoriam of some of the past alumni you mentioned earlier. Tom asked if we could start receiving a report on the endowment fund, and that it would be nice to know when donations are made. Currently no date has been set for the next CMA Day.

Tom made a motion to approve the

Minutes from the October 22nd Board Meeting. Second was made, and the Minutes were approved.

Old Business

Mike Gilchrist gave an update on the Photo Project. He has met with David White, and he would like to get together with a few of us to discuss a plan for digitizing our photo negatives. He likes the idea of doing a small amount and seeing how they look. He also mentioned whenever we want him to come talk to our group, he would do it. Mike said David was very anxious to help us out. One thing we need to consider because time is fast approaching - we need to decide on doing something with those negatives. Digitizing seems the best approach. It gets them out soon. Our pictures came from Ormond's and would have been destroyed if David had not intervened. Mike believes David is the right person to help us with everything for this project. He is knowledgeable on photos and has good suggestions on the right sizes when digitizing photo negatives. He said it takes him a little while to do it, but he does have the necessary equipment. Tom said, the first step is to figure out what the cost will be to get photo negatives digitized. Tom said his vision is to set up an archive that would eventually be part of the CA website. It would need to be supervised by appointed administrators to monitor who wanted access to the photos. Anyone wanting access would have to register to get to the site with the photos. We would need to work with an IT group. Tom asked if anyone would like to be part of this project. Mike Gilchrist said he would. Mike added, future CA students would like to do research project and add to it. Photo negatives are in Johnson Hall and all years have been separated. The question was asked about purchasing a humidifier to help preserve the photo negatives. It is possible there is no electricity in that part of Johnson Hall. After the meeting Courtney and Winston Elston will walk down to Johnson Hall to check for electrical outlets. Before the reunion in August, Mike will coordinate the date and time with David, and anyone else interested, in getting together for lunch to further discuss this project.

Tom talked about the CMAAA Legacy Endowment and the alumni database. Becky Moon gave Tom a copy of her latest spreadsheet of alumni. Tom is screening out who is deceased and looking for alumni. Tom has some

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genealogy tools that he can use in hopes of finding some of our alumni. The next step would be to send letters letting them know about the endowment. When the Alumni Association ends, all the money left will go into the endowment fund. 1st Museum, 2nd Scholarship, 3rd Historic parts of buildings restored. Legacy Being Built! Anyone wanting to help with the project can contact Tom. It is a slow but enjoyable project he says.

New Business

The 2023 Grand Reunion is August 3rd - 6th. Two contracts have been signed. 1st contract: The single room rate is \$159.00 a night with the Marriott Hotel in Cool Springs for 3rd - 5th. We have 41 rooms to fill. This includes a complimentary meeting room with food and beverage minimum met. If we can obtain 50-night stays, Marriott will give us a complimentary room. That room will be given to the person who traveled the furthest. Breakfast and parking are included in the cost. 2nd contract: Food cost \$5,500. This year there is no sales tax to pay.

August 3rd: Thursday set up memorabilia room about 1pm. Might need volunteers. Early check-in. Name tags to all who pre-registered. Tom will get with Robin on how name tags were done. Becky has all the CMA merchandise at her house and will need help transporting it to the Marriott. Woody, Bill Wade and Mike Glover will help with transporting merchandise. Becky wants to know if there are any special request merchandise items. No special request items were mentioned.

August 4th. Reception 5:30pm-8:30pm. No heavy hors d'oeuvres this year. Chips dips and fruit. Cash bar.

August 5th. Board Meeting 9:30am, 10:00am CMAAA General Membership Meeting, 11:00am Flag Ceremony, 5:00pm Class Group Photos, 6:00pm Reunion Banquet - \$50 per person.

Mike Gilchrist said he could arrange for the Central Honor Guard to be there again. He will also speak with the Band Director about a bugler to play Taps.

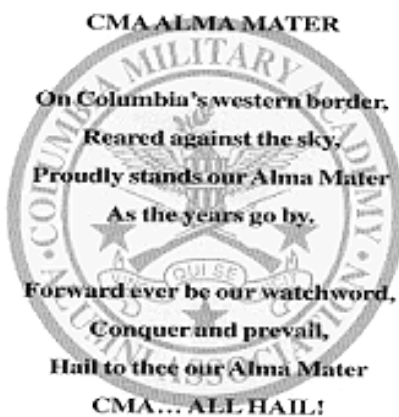
Bill Wade asked about having a fundraiser auction for the general fund. Steve Watts is donating a CMP M1 Garand.

This reunion we will be honoring the decade of the 50's. Woody will run a slide show of pictures during the Friday night reception and Saturday night banquet. If we have a good turnout of

people who registered from the 50's; Woody will show pictures of each individual. Maybe ask a few of the class members to talk about what it was like to attend CMA in the 50's.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned around 11:30 AM.



CMA History Part 4 — The Ragsdale Years

The Ragsdale Years

The movement to reorganize CMA began immediately after the bankruptcy of the Cunningham and Tarpley administration in April 1930. In May 1930, W.A. Howard, George E. Sloan and Hugh T. Shelton led the reorganization effort. A stockholders meeting on May 22nd, 1930 resulted in the establishment of a new Board of Directors that elected D.M. Myers as the Superintendent of CMA and R. J. Harlan as the Business Manager. Mr. Myers and Mr. Harlan, along with Majors S.F. Howard, Thomas Fishburne, and J.B. Gracy, and Captains John A. Harris, H.C. Warren, and M. S. Cannon, were members of the previous administration that had expressed a desire to continue with the school with its reorganization. More positions were filled in July 1930 to include the hiring of E. M. Ragsdale as the School Physician, Mrs. M. S. Cannon as the Dietician, and Cecil Eskew as the Quartermaster. The school reopened with a new operating body and with the financial support of local businessmen in September 1930.

It did not take long for tragedy to once again strike CMA. Cadet Robert Black was fatally injured in a football game at TMI in Sweetwater Tennessee on Sep-

tember 26th, 1930 and died on the 28th of September. On Thanksgiving day of that year the football field was formally dedicated as the Robert Black Memorial Field. The dedication was simple, consisting of dropping a wreath on the field from an airplane just prior to a game against the Morgan Prep School. Black Hall, one of the original buildings of Columbia Arsenal, was later named for him. On November 24th, 1931, the school's youngest cadet John Henry Pisano, 11, died from injuries sustained from a passing automobile on November 20th when he had left campus to go to the movie theater. He was the youngest CMA cadet to die during the entire existence of the school.

In 1931 Colonels W.O. Batts and C.A. Ragsdale of Branham and Hughes Military School in Spring Hill Tennessee applied to join the faculty at CMA. Colonel Batts joined CMA as Co-Superintendent with D.M. Myers and Colonel Ragsdale joined the CMA faculty as the Principal.



W.O. Batts and C.A. Ragsdale during their first year at CMA

Other Branham and Hughes personnel to join the CMA faculty were Captains C.N. Martin, J. D. Kimery, and C.C. Wilhoite. L.U. Ragsdale, brother of C.A. Ragsdale, also joined the faculty in 1931, coming from Tennessee Military Institute.

The administration of W.O. Batts and C.A. Ragsdale is credited with leading CMA to and through its most prosperous years, those being from the early 1930s to the early 1960s. While Colonel Batts initially led the effort as Superintendent, Colonel C.A. Ragsdale was able to stay with the school significantly longer and is generally referred to as the leader of the CMA effort during those years. He served as teacher, Principal, and President of the school until his retirement in 1962.

There were 162 cadets at CMA for the 1931-32 school year. This number, while small, was still a solid foundation to build on for the new administration.

The charge for tuition, board and uniforms for 1931 was \$850 for a full academic year. That fee would actually drop during the next few years as more cadets began coming to the school and the school was able to reduce per student costs and use the lowered cost to attract more students. The decade marked the beginning of many great accomplishments for the CMA Corps of Cadets. The 1931 Football team was the state champion and the 1932 team was the Southern Prep Champion. The 1932 team held every opponent scoreless except for one team that scored 7 points. The CMA Band, by special invitation, participated in a reception for President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt on his visit to Muscle Shoals, Alabama on January 21, 1933. The band met him at the Sheffield Station, furnished music for the crowd, and united with the American Legion drum and bugle corps of Birmingham to lead the President-Elect's parade through the business districts. June 8th, 1935 is a significant date in the CMA history. This is the date that CMA was notified that it had been selected as an Honor Military School for the first time. The school had been striving to attain this designation for a number of years and the success of 1935 was repeated annually until the military program was dropped in 1978.

The 1930s were a period of significant growth and improvement for CMA. The enrollment increased each year, even during the worst years of the depression, and the number of cadets enrolled for the 1938-39 school year was more than double the amount in the 1931-32 school year. The increase in enrollment resulted in many additions and improvements to the physical plant. The old stable, one of the original 9 buildings on Columbia Arsenal, was converted to a barracks in 1931 by raising the roof and adding a second story. The barracks was named Whitthorne Hall in honor of W.C. Whitthorne whose influence was instrumental in getting the Columbia Arsenal established. Black Hall was completely remodeled and a new dormitory, Andrew Jackson Hall, was built in 1937-38.



Jackson Hall when first built

A new dining room and kitchen were added and the kitchen was completely electrified. The library was moved to a larger quarters and new books were added yearly and a full time librarian was added to the staff. Laboratory facilities and equipment doubled to facilitate the teaching of Chemistry, Biology, Physics and General Science. A new hospital was established with a full time nurse. The driveways on the campus were hard surfaced and a new road was built. Academic standards were raised and the school's rating in the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges was at the top.

The success of the 1930s carried over into the 1940s. The 1941 graduating class included 82 seniors and 22 post graduates, the largest graduation class to date. CMA produced many young men that would serve their country in World War II and other conflicts. In 1942, five CMA Cadets, Bill Hartley, Richard Gaulding, Ted Thistle, David Russell and Richard Freeling, were directly commissioned as Second Lieutenants upon Graduation from CMA. Nathan Green Gordon, CMA Class of 1933, received the Medal of Honor, the Nation's highest award, while serving in the South Pacific Theater in World War II. A total of 35 known CMA graduates gave their lives in World War II.

The decade of the 1940s resulted in additional physical plant improvements as well. The remodeling of the interiors of all the nine original buildings that was begun in the 1930s continued. The buildings were reworked and modernized to conform to the latest methods in educational requirements and the highest standards of comfort and convenience. The new gym was built in 1941 and Andrew Johnson Hall was completed in 1942. The gym and swimming pool were the most up to date to be found anywhere; the old gym (Greers Gym) had a second floor added and became Lee Hall.

CMA continued to make itself known across the country during the decade through scholastics, sports and other activities. The CMA Rifle team of 1943 won the William Randolph Hearst Trophy— first place among all ROTC schools in the nation — during the National ROTC Rifle Match for the first time for the school. Robert Lucy ('43) was the high scorer in the nation. The team won first place again in 1944.



1943 Rifle Team that won the William Randolph Hearst Trophy

The YMCA had its beginning in 1944 under the leadership of Major J. Keylon Moore with a membership of 35 cadets. (By 1954 that number had grown to over 250.)

Columbia Military Academy Company was changed to the Columbia Military Academy School when it was reorganized and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1949. While this change impacted the way the school was governed, there was really no impact on the Corps of Cadets and the school environment and the decade of the 1950s was a continuation of the successes of the school. The Gold Star Drill Platoon was organized in October 1951 under the supervision of Major Charles T. Broyle. The Gold Star Drill Platoon won the Tennessee Championship in 1952 and was the Mid South Champion from 1954 to 1956. In 1953 the platoon went to New Orleans and participated in the Mardi Gras Festival and in 1955 the Drill Platoon performed in Tennessee Governor Clement's inaugural parade. The Gold Star Drill Platoon won the Tennessee Drill Trophy for military preparatory schools for 7 of the 9 years between 1952 and 1961.



Gold Star Drill Platoon that won the Tennessee Championship in 1952, its first year of existence

The band for the 1952-53 school year, under the direction of Major L.E. Dillon, participated in two parades at the Mardi Gras Festival, one of which they had the honor of leading. They also received the title of "Outstanding Military Band of the South" during performances in Blytheville, Arkansas. The band continued its success throughout the 1950s and the 1956-57 band was asked to play for Vice-President Nixon on his campaign trip to Nashville in October 1956. The 1959 band played in inauguration ceremonies of Governor Ellington in Nashville.

The spring of 1953 brought a renewed spirit to CMA with the publication of the first CMA annual since 1929. The school had gone without an annual for 24 years, relying on the School Year Catalogs and the Bugle Call publications to capture the school's activities. The name of the annual in 1929 was the Recall and the cadets decided to continue with that name for all future publications. It did not take long for the Recall to gain support and in December 1954 Cecil B. de Mille of Paramount Pictures selected Miss Betty Dixon as the CMA Senior Queen, as sponsored by the Recall.

Sports were a big part of CMA and the success of the teams in the 1950s was impressive. The 1955-56 football team was the Mid South Conference Champion and the 1956 basketball team won the Mid South Championship as well, making that a great year for the school. The 1957 and 1958 baseball teams won the Mid South Championship. In the 1958/59 school year the football team went undefeated (9-0) averaging 33 points per game while only being scored on 4 times all season. Although there was no actual Mid South Championship in football during the year, the CMA Bulldogs were named as the "Mythical Champions". The basketball team won the Mid South Championship in Basketball in the 1958-59 and 1959-60 school years.

The decade of the 1960s began with more success for the school. The CMA Band in 1960 included over 40 members and played for a political rally for Vice President Nixon in Nashville prior to the 1960 elections. The Rifle Team for the 1961-62 school year won First Place in the National William Randolph Hearst Match, First Place in the Unclassified National Rifle Association Match for Essentially Military Schools, won the Mid South Championship, the Twelfth Army Corps Championship and the Texas A&I Match.



1962 CMA Rifle Team

The Citizenship Plaque awarded to CMA by the Columbia Civitan Club was first presented in 1961. The first awardee was Richard Oats (Class of 1961); an award was made each following year. (The original plaque with all the awardees' names included is on display in the CMA Museum.)

November 1961 was an important month for the CMA Junior School. The Junior School vacated its quarters in Jackson Hall and the part of the gym that they had occupied for several years and moved into the new Junior School building. This was another milestone in the progressive development of CMA. The new building, erected on the south part of the campus, was modern in every respect.

The 1961-62 school year was last for Colonel C.A. Ragsdale as President. During the Homecoming activities in October 1961, the Headquarters building was named Ragsdale Hall and dedicated to him. A portrait of Colonel Ragsdale was presented and hung in the building during the ceremony. He officially retired on June 1st, 1962 and served as President Emeritus for the 1962-63 school year and as a member



COL and Mrs. Ragsdale at Dedication Ceremony

of the Board of Directors until his death in 1966. Under his leadership the cadet corps grew from 162 to over 500.

Colonel Malcolm Gilchrist became President for the 1962-63 school year. At the time of this transition the CMA enrollment exceeded 500 and the total tuition, board and uniform costs for a full school year was \$1,680.

This is Part 4 of a 5 part series on the History of CMA. The remaining part will be included in the next edition of the Bugle.

SILVER TAPS

Richard Walterhouse, Faculty

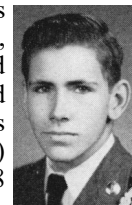
Richard Allen Walterhouse, age 81, of Cordova, Tennessee passed away on Thursday, September 2, 2021. He was a career Army Officer that served 22 years active duty and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He did two tours in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. One of his assignments while a Major on active duty was as the Senior Army Instructor at CMA for 3 ½ years. He came to CMA during the 1969-1970 school year and remained with the Academy until the end of the 1972-73 school year.



Richard Walterhouse

John Evans, Class of '58

John Sidney Evans, 83, of Memphis, Tennessee, died peacefully at home on April 12 2023. John was born on January 20, 1940, the oldest child of J.D. and Mickey Evans. He attended CMA for two years (Freshman and Sophomore) as part of the Class of 1958 and finished his secondary education at Memphis



John Evans

University School. From there, he went on to the University of Tennessee. After serving his country in the Air Force Reserves, John started his career in a training program at the National Bank of Commerce. He spent the next 31 years working at the bank, where he became known as a trusted mentor, a champion of diversity, and a believer in the potential of Memphis. He retired in 1995, after one year as President. For the next two decades, he traveled all over the world, but he loved nothing more than the woods and waters of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. He loved music too, especially Schubert, Simon & Garfunkel, and anything performed by his wife Marsha. He is survived by his wife, Marsha; his sons, Sid (Susan) and Marshall; his sister, Dorritte Early; and two grandchildren.

Charles Ogle, Class of '58

Charles Earl Ogle, Jr., 83, died peacefully on April 11, 2023. He attended CMA for two years graduating with the Class of 1958. He then served in

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the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of Captain. After leaving the military and graduating from the University of Tennessee, he devoted much of his energy to the betterment of his beloved home Gatlinburg. He served on the city's Industrial Development Board and the City Commission, including leadership terms as Mayor.

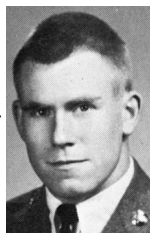


Charles Ogle

Charles Earl was preceded in death by his wife of 49 years Pat Ogle, his parents Charles E. and Elizabeth Agnew Myers. He leaves behind a large and loving family, including his wife Patty Powell Ogle; his son Drew Ogle and partner Micah-Shane Brewer; his older daughter Keely Ogle and partner Jeff King; his younger daughter Maggie B. Ogle and partner Scott Kozlowski; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sisters Mary Harriet Cox and Sandy McCown (Mark).

Thomas N. Wright, Class of '66

Thomas "Tom" Newton Wright, age 75, passed away May 25, 2023. He was born in Lincoln, NE to the late Jesse & Mildred Wright. He then attended CMA for ___ years, graduating with the Class of 1966. He then joined the Navy and was assigned to the Marines as a Corporal. Tom served in Viet Nam with a Combined Action Platoon where the Marine forces lived and fought beside the Vietnamese. Upon his discharge he attended



Tom Wright

Washington University, Barnes Hospital School of Anesthesia, and took a position with Middle Tennessee Anesthesiology, and was with them for 25 years. In 2003 he joined Fayette Memorial Hospital in Connorsville, IN. In 2007 he left Fayette Memorial and took several locum tenens positions in Indiana. He retired in 2018 to travel, relax and enjoy his family. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Margaret Meier. Tom is survived by his wife of 55 years, Vicki Wright; daughter, Tammy Wright; son, David (Molly) Wright; sister, Patty (Shelton) Johnson; four grandchildren; beloved dog, Lola and many other loving family members and many beloved friends.

Ed Lawing, Class of '74

Edwin "Ed" Lawrence Lawing passed away May 7th, 2023 after a period of declining health. Ed was born in 1956 and attended CMA for 4 years graduating with the Class of 1974. He was the proud owner and operator of Lawing's Heating & Air. He cherished the many customers who became friends, serving the Burke, Caldwell and Catawba county area for many years. He was known for his kindness, generosity and as an avid pet lover. Ed was preceded in death by his parents Loyd & Mary Graves Lawing. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Karen; his four children; Laura Tribble (Dallas), Brandy Lewis (Joseph), Eddie Lawing, Jr. and Nechole Lawing (Cory); 19 grandchildren; one great grandson; brother Frank (Kathy); and numerous relatives and close friends.



Ed Lawing

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