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From the President



Like many of you, I just spent the long Memorial Day weekend being thankful for and reflecting on the ultimate sacrifice that so many Americans have made in service to our country. Sarah and I spent it camping among friends and strangers alike, flags flying, decorations displayed, patriotic clothing, and of course, grills filling the air with wonderful-smelling smoke.

One of the things I love about camping is the commonality we share as weekend outdoor enthusiasts. Our focus is on friends, family, being outside, enjoying good food, and learning the tips and tricks from others to make our camping experience more enjoyable. We all endeavor to leave the day-to-day stresses of work, to-do lists at home, and the daily news cycle at bay for just a few days so we can relax.

In the same manner, I feel like our alumni friends and gatherings are similar to my camping experiences. We all share the common good fortune of attending an outstanding academic institution and making lifelong friends. Regardless of whether it's the Marriott in

Cool Springs, Reelfoot Lake, the beach, Moe's house, or the coffee shop in Huntsville, we come together to tell the stories, relive the memories, and catch up with the life events of our fellow Bellhops. Even though we came from different backgrounds, have different lifestyles, and may feel differently about politics and religion, we're able to transcend our differences and enjoy our time together.

So it's with that thought in mind that I would like to encourage each of us, as we approach our country's 250th anniversary, to celebrate what we have in common. We have the good fortune of living in a free society, but let's not take that freedom for granted. Let's help one another, check on your friends and family, and remember—we're all in this together!

So until next time my fellow Bellhops....

CARRY ON!

Mike

Mike Glover
Class of 1974
CMAAA President



CMAAA Scholarship Awarded During Commencement



Bobby Bain, Class of '72, presented the CMAAA Scholarship during the Columbia Academy Commencement Exercises on 16 May. This year's recipient is Lucy Pink Carnahan. Throughout her tenure at CA, her school activities have included being a member of the Best Buddies Club where she served as a senior officer, the HOSA Club, the International Thespian Society, the Pep Club, a CA Scholar Ambassador, the CA Varsity Cheer Team and the CA Performance Competition and Gameday Competitions Cheer Squads. Additionally, she actively participates with her youth group at West 7th Church of Christ and has been involved in numerous mission trips. She comes from a long line of CMA Alumni, representing seven relatives: Jerry Ray Parks, Joe Houston Parks, Robert Seay Parks, William Alexander Thomas, William Benjamin Thomas, William Locke Thomas, Harry Web Williams, Lee Clement Williams, Carl Nicks Williams, Dr. John Orlando Williams, Jr. and John Orlando Williams III. Lucy will be attending the University of North Alabama, majoring in Elementary Education.

CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Mike Glover-President (74), Mike Gilchrist-Vice President (63), Shayne Harris-Secretary (78), Robin Salze (66), Bill Wade (68), Bobby Bain (72), Jimmy Bane (72), Woody Pettigrew (73), Winston Elston (74), Marshall Briggs (75), Tom Carr (75), Bob Orr (76), Barry Crotzer (76),

Meeting Minutes

The CMAAA Board meeting was called to order at 10 AM Saturday, May 2, 2026. The meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of faculty and cadets we have recently lost. Mike Glover read the list of alumni: Charles Buster Irvin-Faculty, Allie D. Hendricks '50, John Whiteside '52, Allen Whittington '53, John Bethshares '56, Jerry Damson '56, Harry White '56, Everette Hatcher '57, Anthony Egan '57, Jack Chaffin '62, James Borum '66, Gary Spencer '68, Peggy Nance Cole '77.

Mike Glover asked Mike Gilchrist to give the invocation and Mike Glover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike welcomed newest board member Barry Crotzer. Becky Moon was not present to give the Treasurer's report. Woody Pettigrew gave the museum report. Cash on hand for the museum is \$14,340. We have no projected income for the museum; only our budgeted expenses and the majority of that is our rent and insurance along with miscellaneous expenses totaling \$8,400 to get us through 2029. This will leave us with an available balance of \$5,940. Woody commented, I think the museum is doing fine and with any luck we will run out of money at the appropriate time.

Mike welcomed and introduced Monica Hayes to the meeting. Monica is the Development Coordinator at CA. She provided the CA report since Dr. Thomas is away on a trip. Monica shared that she had just returned from the annual trip to Washington DC with the 8th graders. This year about 70 students were able to make the trip. Ben Dials, Director of Spiritual Development at CA, went on the trip. He is a big history buff, and he knew a lot of stories he could tell, and every place they went he gave a connection to Columbia from where they were standing. Monica added, through this trip she realized how much history there is in this city, and a lot of it is from this campus. She went

on to say that she already had a lot of respect for the history that is here, but now even more seeing how this country has benefited from the people that came through this campus, and she is glad to be a part of the CMA Alumni and what we do. Monica shared details about the biggest project that is happening now on campus and that is the renovation of Academy Hall. This includes restoring the entire second floor. It's beautiful up there and they've done a really good job keeping it as close as possible to the original design as it could. CA is planning a big open house for the viewing of Academy Hall in August. Monica said, if you are local and want to come we will invite you so be watching your email for updates and details of the event. The third floor is in the process of being finished. Right now, just putting the walls back in and finishing the floors. Currently the area will only be for storage. The next thing on the list is the Business Office. CA is about to convert it into the Academic Resource Center for the upper school students. They will be able to go over there and have single and group study rooms. The Director of Academics will have his office there also. Academy Hall and the Resource Center will be fully open and ready when school starts back in August. CA's last day of school will be May 22nd. Graduation is May 16th and with weather permitting they hope to have the ceremony out front on the lawn. The baseball team just won the regional tournaments and are playing today in hopes of making it to the state finals again after winning the last two years. A new football coach has been hired. Monica mentioned that the school does have a new newsletter that they are able to share with everyone that they have an e-mail for, and it's called Reveille. The next issue will be out in June. Monica is planning to include a walk-through video tour of the newly renovated area in Academy Hall.

Mike asked for the approval of the minutes from the September 19th, 2025, board meeting. A motion was made followed by a second to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved.

Old Business

Mike opened with the review of the 2025 reunion. We had a pretty good turnout with over 100 attending. Mike thanked Tom and the people that did a lot of work to get us there.

The next item is the photo negatives. The negatives that were down in North Johnson in a room had some water intrusion, and unfortunately most of the negatives were badly damaged. The

ones that were thought to be salvageable were re-boxed and put upstairs in the business office for now. There is still a lot of stuff in the North Jackson room that we've got to figure out what needs to be done with it. Starting with the negatives, Mike and Dr. Thomas met with the director of the Maury County Archives. They have moved into a larger facility, over 20,000 square feet; a state-of-the-art facility where they can take the negatives and reconstitute them so they can be digitally copied. Mike wants to propose that we transfer the possession of all those negatives to the archives and let them work on repairing them. We would need volunteers from our group and Dr. Thomas has indicated that he would consider allowing the students who do hours of community service to assist in this process. The negatives would then be organized and put on the Maury County Archives website and linked to our website. Anybody would be able to go and look at the pictures. Mike said, "I think it's the best deal." There is no cost for this service. Woody confirmed that these pictures would be on our CMA website that will be managed by CA. Tom Carr made the motion that we do this and Robin Salze second the motion. All members approved. Tom Carr made a comment about all the items still in North Johnson. There are a lot of student records down there. Currently these records are under CA's authority. Mike said we are not sure what all is down there, but I he knows there's ledger books that weigh about 40-50 pounds each that go back decades with people's grades. At some point between CMA, CA and the Maury County Archives they will take almost anything and keep as a permanent record. Mike said it's going to take some discussion to make sure that we do it right, but the end result is that we've got to do something with this material and not just let it sit down there and deteriorate. We will start by getting the negatives to the archives. Mike wants everyone to understand that once we transfer to the archives it becomes their possession, but we can have access to it.

Next item is the Hall of Honor discussion. Tom did a great job putting together a good criterion for the Hall of Honor. The plan going forward is to narrow the scope and be very particular about nominees and not make it a popularity contest. Mike Gilchrist reminded us that it doesn't have to always be a living graduate. We can go back and look because there have to be people that may have been overlooked. Mike

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Glover mentioned at one time there was a Hall of Honor committee. Winston was part of the committee and remembers the name given of someone that should be considered. There's something of a memorial to this man in France where he was a Pathfinder. Winston mentioned that he needed to find out exactly what the story is about this person. Mike said it's not like we are actively searching to put someone into the Hall of Honor, but if there is someone that's deserving we can find material about the person and discuss it. Mike Gilchrist said we need to remember too that we are getting ready to go into the time period when the association will either go into the history books or we continue as a smaller group. But we do need to start researching this to see if there are worthy people out there like this Pathfinder gentleman Winston mentioned. Robin Salze made the recommendation that Winston Elston be the chairperson for the Hall of Honor Committee. Winston said he would have something ready before the next board meeting. Robin suggested to change the Hall of Honor guidelines from a member of five people to volunteers. What Mike proposes to do is put it out for volunteers and the volunteers will contact him. Mike Gilchrist made the motion to accept the change, made by Robin, within the Hall of Honor guidelines from five people to as needed volunteers chosen by the chairman. Second motion made. Change approved by all board members.

Website discussion. Mike stated there is an organization called Network Solutions, and we basically paid them to maintain the domain name of CMAAA.com. All the information, all the digits, is located on the web server in Auburn, AL. What we're proposing to do is Dr. Thomas has been gracious enough to volunteer the school's IT Department to help us set it up and take all the material, all the digits, and transfer it to CA's web server, which is not located here on campus. The person who actually maintains it is in Tampa, FL. This is who CA has been working with for years. Eric, the IT Director, just received his award for 15 years of service. All of our material from the website will be transferred. Some of the material we would start removing from the website like e-mail addresses and personal information. We are not looking at making a secure website where we have a login and password to access the site. It'll be an open website without personal information. An admin address

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Spring Fling at the Blue Wing Different Location; Same Fun



The annual Spring Fling at the Blue Wing took a side trip this year due to a rebuilding effort at the Blue Wing on Reelfoot Lake. Kathy Bain grabbed the bull by the horns and found a great location, The Bridges at the Natural Bridge Park just outside Waynesboro, Tennessee, to get together this year. The location did not disappoint and neither did the attendance. While everything is on track for a return to the Blue Wing next year, The Bridges provided

a great alternative. Those playing this year included Tex Tucker (71), Lee (71) and Frances Turnage, Bobby (72) and Kathy Bain, Dudley (73) and Mildred (76) Dolinger, Bill Patrick (73) Tom (73) and Sharon Norris, Donna Ryland (73), Woody (73) and Judy (76) Pettigrew, Mike Glover (74), Sharon Hartnett (74), Becky Moon (75), Bob King (77), Kirk (77) and Shayne (78) Harris, and Roy Hughes (79).



History Preserved

will be provided, such as admin@cmaa.com and whoever that admin person is at the time will receive the email request if someone is wanting a personal email address on someone the admin person would be the one making the initial contact for permission to give out their personal information. Tom Carr volunteered to be our admin person to receive any request. We will keep their domain of CMAAA.com. The good news is that our website can go on for years, even after all of us are gone. And CA has volunteered to pay for it. The motion was made, followed by a second, and approved by all members. This change will happen quickly.

Tom Carr encourages everyone to consider making the CMA Endowment a part of their estate planning. The money from the CMA Endowment will first go towards the museum, second will be scholarships and third will be historical repairs.

New Business

2027 Reunion. Discussion to have the reunion in August or September in 2027. Mike Gilchrist made the motion to have the reunion the first weekend in August. Second made. All members approved. Mike recently spoke with Moe Webster about combining forces on Friday night during the reunion weekend. The later part of the 70's happens to be locals, and Mike would love in some way be able to do something that everybody could participate in. The main problem continues to be that Columbia doesn't have any venue/facility to accommodate the size of our group. The discussion continues having the banquet at the Marriott on Saturday but looking at doing something different for Friday night. Mike and Barry plan to contact Moe to discuss possibilities for a Friday night gathering outside of Cool Springs, something closer to Columbia.

1976 & 1977 Class Reps. Barry will ask Moe Webster if he would consider being the class rep for 1977.

Honor Group for 2027 Reunion. Woody suggested previous Rifle Team members as the honor group for the 2027 reunion. Motion was made to have the Rifle Team members honored at the 2027 reunion. Second made. All members approved.

CA Scholarship. Bobby Bain will make the presentation to the scholarship recipient at graduation.

Mike asked Jimmy Bane to close us out in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.



As addressed in the Board Meeting Minutes, the Board approved the transfer of all of our negatives from years of pictures taken at CMA to the Maury County Archives for preservation. CMAAA President Mike Glover ('74), left, and Bobby Bain (72), right, finalized the transfer to the Archive Director, Tom Price, center, on May 14th. This will ensure the preservation of a big part of the CMA Story.

SILVER TAPS

Cecil B. Shelton, Jr., Class of '47

Cecil Byron "Bob" Shelton, Jr., 96, of Phoenix, Arizona, died peacefully at home on December 13, 2025. He was born on September 11, 1929, in Gantt's Quarry, Alabama. Bob was a staff sergeant in the Marine Corps and a veteran of the Korean War. He attended CMA, graduating with the Class of 1947 and studied at Vanderbilt University and Georgia Tech, where he was a miler on the track team. He earned his B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Houston in 1958, where he also met his future wife and the love of his life, Beverly Freeman. After registering several patents during the 1960's, Bob built a distinguished career as an engineer and executive in the semiconductor industry, serving as a vice president for much of his career. His work took him to Europe and Asia, including a residency in France. He worked at Texas Instruments, ITT Sem-



Bob Shelton

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iconductors, and Harris Semiconductors before concluding his career at Microchip Technology in Chandler, Arizona, from which he retired in 1992. Bob had a deep love of and eclectic tastes in literature, ranging from William Blake to John O'Hara. He also enjoyed writing and statistics, and he loved animals. He continued to hike near the Estrella Mountains with his dog Casey and to ride his bicycle well into his 80's. As one of his many post-retirement hobbies, he applied chaos mathematics to analyzing patterns in lottery numbers. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Beverly Lane Freeman Shelton; his son, Kevin; his daughter, Stacy; his grandson, Brandon Miller; and several nieces and nephews.

John F. Yusk, Class of '59

John F. Yusk, age 84, passed away peacefully on March 6, 2026 surrounded by family at his home in Prospect, Kentucky after a long illness. He was born April 3, 1941 in Memphis, Tennessee, a son of the late Stanley and Frances Yusk. Jack grew up in Ashland City



John Yusk

and Dickson, Tennessee. He attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1959. He went on to graduate from Vanderbilt University, where he played football and was president of Sigma Chi fraternity. After finishing medical school at the University of Tennessee, he served as a medical officer in the U.S. Army, where he retired with the rank of Major. Jack then moved his family to Louisville, Kentucky in 1972 where he practiced pediatrics until his retirement in 2004, providing medical care for several generations of children and families. When not working, he was an avid sportsman with a passion for golf, skiing, tennis and enjoyed travel and reading. Jack was also a long-term member of Christ Church United Methodist Church for four decades where he taught Sunday school and sang in the church choir. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert S. Yusk (Linda). He is survived by his wife, Margaret (Peggy) B. Yusk and his two children John Yusk and Lisa Bowker (Matt); six step-children Paul, Margaret, Kathryn, Lisa (David), Leslie (David), Leah (Patrick); five

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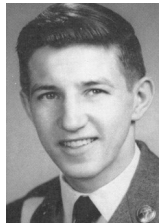
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grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; one niece, along with many other family and friends.

James B. Dodson, Class of '60

James "Jimmy" Bernard Dodson, age 84, husband of Noma Jean Walters Dodson, and a resident of

Columbia, Tennessee, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at his residence. Born on October 5, 1941, in Columbia, Tennessee, Jimmy was the son of the late Bernard Eugene Dodson and the late Ruth Walters Dodson. He attended



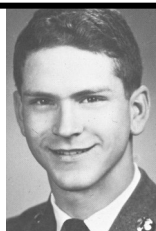
Jimmy Dodson

the CMA for five years, graduating with the Class of 1960 and later attended Middle Tennessee State University. On July 27, 1960, he married the love of his life, Noma Jean Walters. Jimmy was a hard-working and dedicated businessman, known for owning and operating Dodson's Grocery & Deli as well as Dodson's Carpet. His generosity was evident in the many ways he served others, consistently offering food, charitable support, and financial assistance to anyone in need. Jimmy attended Mt. Wesley Akin Nazarene Church where he was known as the "candy man." Jimmy loved music and never passed up the chance to dance. He enjoyed playing horseshoes and pool, and in his younger years, he was scuba diver and wrestler. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, James Allen Dodson, Anthony Troy Dodson, Mark Hensley Dodson, Gina Marie Beard, Tina Renee (Bryan Stephen) Butler, sisters, Jean Ann Layne, Judy (Ross) Orr, sister in law, Shirley Hanback, nine grandchildren, several great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Allen Dodson, brothers in law, Jerry Walters, Kenneth Walters, Earl Layne, and son in law, Mike Beard.

John S. Carothers, Class of '64

John Stuart Carothers was received by his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on January 14th, 2022. John attended CMA for two years, graduating with the Class of 1964. He spent his 75 years serving his family and friends as a devoted husband, a loving father to his two daughters,

a beloved Pop-pop to his three granddaughters, a loyal brother to his brother and sister, a reliable friend to many, and a caring employer.



John Carothers

Becky (Sutton) Clark, Class of '78

Rebecca Elizabeth "Becky" (Sutton) Clark passed away peacefully at her home in Columbia on March 14, 2026. Becky was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, and throughout her life she demonstrated a deep commitment to faith, family, and service to others. She attended CMA



Becky (Sutton) Clark

for three years graduating with the Class of 1978. Becky pursued her calling to care for others through a lifelong dedication to the medical field. She began her career as a Licensed Practical Nurse, later becoming a Registered Nurse, and eventually earning her Master of Science degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville to become a Nurse Practitioner. Through each step of her career, she used her knowledge and compassion to serve and comfort those in need. More than her professional accomplishments, Becky will be remembered for the faith that guided every part of her life. She was intentional about living in alignment with her higher calling, using her God-given gifts to serve, lead, love, and bless others. Becky sought continually to grow spiritually and to build the Kingdom of God in the lives of those around her. She exemplified the qualities of the Proverbs 31 woman—a woman of purpose, strength, and devotion. Her life verse was John 2:5: "Whatever He (Jesus) says, do it." Becky lived these words daily, seeking to follow Christ faithfully and encourage others to do the same. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mike and Shelby Saint Sutton, and her brother, Mike Sutton, Jr. She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, James Clark; daughters, Karen (Jonathan) Gobble and Andrea (Kelsey) Clark; siblings, Tim Sutton and Anne McCuen; 5 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

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