

# 100th Anniversary, a Tradition of Excellence 1904 - 2004



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### 100th Anniversary Reunion Slated for Weekend of Aug. 7

#### MINUTES OF THE COLUMBIA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

DATE: January 10, 2004

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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

#### Agenda and Reports

The meeting was called to order by CMA Association President Bill Hart who called on Don Kimbrell for the invocation.

The Minutes as published in the "Bugle" and on the web site were approved.

Becky Moon, treasurer, reported as of Dec. 31st. there was \$16,396.66 in the checking account and a CD that was coming due the 5th of May for \$31,854.28.

Since publication of the association's paid members in the newsletter along with a letter by board member Bill Fricke outlining the organization's expenses, over 100 members had brought their dues up to date. This increased the paid membership by approximately 1/3rd. Fricke suggested that a note of appreciation be included in the next "Bugle".

Becky was asked if there were alumni that attended reunions without paying their dues. She responded affirmatively but emphasized there were only a hand full.

Regarding the association's efforts to achieve tax exempt status, Bill Hart reported

#### Board Members in Attendance

Bill Fricke '39	Jack Walker '45
Steve Harper '45	Albert Shean '49
James Haynes '50	Don Kimbrell '53
Bobby Phillips '53	Marshall Cranford '54
W.H. Raiford '55	Carter Witt '55
Jimmy Mays '56	Tom Walbert '58
Ron Nall '61	Wallace B. Couch '62
Bill Hart '62	John Page '62
Mike Gilchrist '63	Robin Salze '66
Steve McCool '71	Bobby Bain '72
Woody Pettigrew '73	Robin Layton '74
Becky Moon '75	

that he has the documentation but pointed out that the benefits reaching the membership through the \$15.00 per year membership dues would be minimal.

Jack Walker reported that he had received an e-mail that Jack Stevens, CMA Class of '41, had given the U.S. Naval Academy \$2.5 million toward the construction of a stadium. Jack said that Becky Moon's mother, Alice Allgood, was a good friend of Jack Stevens. Becky responded that Stevens was at one time contacted by the alumni association and in effect said what did the association want him to do and how much did it want him to give.

Becky described Stevens as a semiretired mortgage banker presently serving as Chairman of the Augusta Country Club.

Bill Hart said that in a conversation with Mr. Stevens regarding the CMA Memorial, Stevens had mentioned that he might be interested in purchasing a pylon in his father's name but that was the last Bill heard.

Robin Layton standing in for Hall of  
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### Class of '41 Graduate Contributes \$10-Million

The Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium's field at the U.S. Naval Academy will be renamed Jack Stephens Field in honor of a \$10-million gift for the field's

renovation from the Little Rock financier. Stephens, a '41 graduate of CMA, and a '45 graduate of the Naval Academy, gave the largest single private donation



**Jackson T. Stephens**  
in the academy's history last August.

In addition, it was announced that he donated \$1.5-million to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to endow a second chair in geriatric medicine in November.

These donations are the latest in a string of gifts Stephens has made over the years to various educational, medical and cultural institutions. With his brother Witt, Stephens built Stephens, Inc., once the largest investment company off Wall Street.

### Board Offers Thanks for Influx of Membership dues

The CMA Alumni Association Board of Directors extends a warm thanks to those alumni that caught up with their annual dues over the past several months.

Faced with an increase in expenses for the upcoming Centennial Reunion Celebration, the added monies will help pay for advance advertising and enhanced activities for the August 7th weekend.

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Honor Committee Chairman, Winston Elison, reported the committee had received one nomination, that of a retired vice-admiral. Additionally, Mrs. Grimes has been asked to structure a brief write-up on both Major Hatcher and Col. Ragsdale for possible future consideration.

By-Laws Committee Chairman Woody Pettigrew, announced the result of a vote by the board concerning the change in the by-laws allowing the board to set the dates of each reunion. He reported the large majority of board members approved the change. The board is now charged with the responsibility of specifying reunion dates.

**President's Select Committee**

After thanking Pettigrew and the other committee members for their efforts, Bill Hart charged each of the board as members of the President's Select Committee, with bringing a CMA graduate to the next reunion that has never attended.

Mike Gilchrist announced that Mrs. Grimes lymphoma has returned. She is still active and has charge of the CMA student records but he counseled the board that it would be wise to make other arrangements if thing changed.

He pointed out that whereas her initial concerns had been of a monetary nature after retiring from Columbia Academy, they had now shifted to health care concerns. Mike felt sure CA would join with the Alumni Association in helping Mrs. Grimes.

A motion was made and passed that Mike and Becky conduct an exploratory study on what can be done with the remaining school records in the future.

Bill Hart then read a letter he had sent CA's Dr. Thrasher thanking him for his offer of the old Guard House made at the last board meeting and regretting that it must be declined for lack of fiscal resources. Bill emphasized that Columbia Academy had made several overtures to the CMA Alumni Association to participate more actively in on-campus activities but for one reason or another, we had to decline.

**New Business**

The primary thrust of the board meeting concerned the fixing of a date for the centennial reunion scheduled for this year since the By-Law change had been affirmed.

Bill Hart enumerated the advantages and disadvantages of fixing a Spring reunion date and then asked board members to let their views be known.

While the hot weather of August would be avoided, there were concerns involving the need for shouldering a heavier work load for the centennial celebration which this year would take longer to implement.

It was decided that the board should wait for a future reunion to hold in the cooler climate of Spring. The 2004 reunion was set for the weekend of August 6-7.

Reunion Applications will be posted on the web site as well as in the "Bugle" as soon

as details regarding activities are resolved.

Robin Layton volunteered to explore the installation of flags with the CMA emblem on campus before and during the reunion.

Robin Salze volunteered himself and wife Suzanne, to coordinate reunion registration. This year a registration form will be available on the web site as well as in the "Bugle".

Friday's golf tournament will again be spearheaded by Bill Frickew. You can contact Bill by e-mail at: frickew@bellsouth.net

An effort will be made to advertise the Centennial Reunion through advertising in major publications in Memphis, Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville and Atlanta. Military publications will also be contacted as will Southern Living magazine.

Suggested activities for the wives during the Saturday morning meeting included a visit to Milk-E-Way Farms, a walking horse farm or a shopping trip to Nashville's Cool Springs Mall. Layton volunteered to look into the possibility of placing the walking horse farm on the schedule.

Mike Gilchrist was again appointed to coordinate Saturday breakfast in the old mess hall and on other campus activities such as the flag raising commemorating graduates that have died. He additionally urged special recognition for CA student, Adam Bedwell, who has played taps for a number of the re-

**Service Industry Leader Traces Origins to CMA**

Julian Hillery Sr., CMA '55 Post Graduate, remembers his high school football days as character building days. He cites determination, discipline, loyalty and honesty as the foundation that led to his organizing and building World Ship Supply into a world leader with offices serving all ports on the Gulf of Mexico.



**Julian Hillery**

It was in his basement apartment in 1971 that the business became a reality.

The company recognizes the importance of incorporating e-commerce in the framework of the ever expanding business.

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Headquartered in New Orleans, the corporation participates in the e-procurement systems of iShip Exchange, ShipServ, Sea Supplier, Real Marine, Danaos and Marine Provider, all of which are based on the expeditious exchange of information via computer.

Known as "The Chief", the senior Hillery heads up the organization that in-

cludes his son, Jubi Hillery, daughter, Mamie Hillery and nephew, Andrew Cobb.

Two possibilities are being investigated for a site for the Friday afternoon cocktail party, the American Legion Post and the Columbia Country Club. Robin Layton is checking with the American Legion and Don Kimbrell, whose Class of '53 held a mini-reunion at the Country Club last year, will see if they can accommodate a larger gathering.

Becky will again arrange for the bands at the cocktail party and the Saturday evening banquet plus a professional photographer to take class pictures.

Woody urged the organization of a decorations committee and suggested a series of toasts early Saturday evening honoring fellow classmates, the school and the American Flag. He is also preparing a brief media presentation reviewing the history of CMA. Anyone with photos or film clips they think might be useful in this endeavor is encouraged to contact him by e-mail at: wpettigrew@elmco.com

There was a brief discussion as to the possible need for two board meetings prior to the August reunion.

The next board meeting is set for May 22, the weekend of the CA graduation and dedication of the CMA Memorial.

The meeting was adjourned.

Over 100 employees provide a wide variety of services for the shipping industry including the delivery of refrigerated products, ship spare parts and tools to ship side, plus the maintenance of liferafts serviced through world ship's liferaft depots. The company also participates in the launching of private boats.



**Jubi Hillery**

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**Mamie Hillery**

Julian can be reached at his New Orleans office through the company web site at: [www.worldship.com](http://www.worldship.com) or by e-mail at: [world@worldship.com](mailto:world@worldship.com)

# SILVER TAPS

## Wright H. Ross Jr., Class of '37

Wright Hackett "Pete" Ross Jr. died of cancer on his 85th birthday, Nov. 23 at his home in Tuscaloosa, AL where he had lived most of the time in recent years. He also had a home in Guntersville, AL.

He played golf until shortly before his death.

He was born in Baltimore, MD where

## "Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes"

### *Odds and Ends from Here and There*

Maj. Lyle E. Hampton, CMA faculty/staff member came through a quadruple bypass recently and claims he is virtually pain free.

He only has a tightness in his neck and chest. He is up and walking eight days after the operation. His e-mail address is: lyhamp@aol.com



**NEW YEARS EVE...Wynn and Gwin Scott, Class of '56, are pictured at a New Years Eve party sponsored by the Memphis University Club. The theme of the party was a trip to "Raiford's" a legendary downtown nightspot famous for its colorful interior and even more colorful owner, Robert Raiford.**



**DOVE HUNTERS...Keith Watson, Class of '54 and Bill Raiford, Class of '55 scared up a few doves at their annual Arkansas Hunt on opening day last September but it was arguably the worst hunt in years.**

his father was serving in the Army in the aftermath of WWI.

After graduating from CMA, Pete attended the University of Alabama where he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity.

He was a member of the Guntersville National Guard unit and was called to active duty in Nov., 1940 before finishing college. He served in the Philippines and other parts of the Pacific with the 31st. Infantry known as the Dixie Division.

Married in 1941 to Eugenia Cade Butler of Tuscaloosa whom he had met at the Univ. of Alabama, Ross joined his father and brother in running the family hardware business after the war. Eugenia died in 1978.

He collected antique cars and enjoyed cooking and working on genealogy. He was a member of the Friday Lunch Bunch, the Thursday Night Supper Club, the Friday Night Supper Club and the Exchange Club.

Pete was a former member of the Guntersville Industrial Board and the Guntersville Jaycees.

He is survived by wife Bennie Glenn Ross; 3 sons, Wright Hackett Ross III, Thomas Butler Ross and John Carey Ross, all of Guntersville; two daughters, Mary Cade Ross of Denver and Eugenia Ross Smallwood of Birmingham; 6 grandchildren and a sister, Mary India "Sissy" Ross.

## Dr. Julian T. Caudill, Class of '36

Dr. Julian Terrell Caudill Sr., Class of '36, died August 3, 2003 at his residence in Elizabethton, TN, following an extensive illness. He was 84.

A native of Narrows, VA and the son of the late Dr. Estell Leftridge Caudill Sr. and Flora Weatherly Caudill, Dr. Caudill was preceded in death by his son, Terry Caudill and a brother, Dr. E.L. Caudill Jr.

Following his graduation from CMA, Dr. Caudill graduated from the University of North Carolina and was a '51 graduate of the Florida School of Pharmacy. He was a member of First United Methodist

Church, Elizabethton.

Dr. Caudill and his wife, also a pharmacist, owned and operated Watauga Pharmacy in Elizabethton for 29 years. He was a member of the Elizabethton Rotary Club having achieved a perfect attendance record for 48 years. He was also a Paul Harris Fellow.

He was a member of the Dashell Masonic Lodge #238 F&AM, the Scottish rite and the Jerico Shrine Temple.

He was a member of the Board of Directors at Security Federal Savings Bank. A WWII veteran, he served in New Guinea and the Philippines in counter intelligence and was with the First Occupational Forces in Japan.

Survivors include his wife, Dr. Altajane Holden Caudill, of the home; one son, Tom Caudill, Dayton, OH; one daughter, and son-in-law, Carolyn Caudill Hazelwood and Kail Hazelwood of Knoxville; his deceased son's wife, Charlotte Caudill of Elizabethton; a sister, Peggy Weiss of Ashville, NC; three granddaughters and one great-grandson.



**Dr. Julian T. Caudill**

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A private inurement was held at Happy Valley Memorial Park in Elizabethton.

## Dr. William J. Wright, Class of '37

Dr. William James Wright, Class of '37, died July 30, '03 at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife, Gladys who graciously "renewed his contract" each anniversary for 55 years. He leaves a brother, Jack; a daughter, Janet; a daughter-in-law, Patti; and four grandchildren.

Dr. Wright was born in Ethridge, TN and was a pitcher for the CMA Bulldogs. His plans for pitching in the big leagues was interrupted by WWII in which he served as a pilot with the Eighth Air Force.

Following the War, he graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine. He was an avid supporter of the UT Alumni with an allegiance that ran deep and orange.

Dr. Wright and his wife lived and worked in Earle and West Memphis, AR from 1951 until 1996 when he retired to Hot Springs, AR.

During his 45 years of service, Dr. Wright attended the births and treated the illnesses of thousands of Crittenden County, AR residents. He had a passion for the work and considered himself blessed to have found his mission in life. He felt strongly that his patients showed excellent judgment in choosing him for their doctor.

His love of sport and competition found expression in regular tennis matches, during which he would when necessary unleash the legendary "Blue Darter," a lightning fast forehand.

He was preceded in death by his brother John, and his son, Jim Jr.

## S. Glenn Barton, Class of '52

Stanford Glenn Barton, Class of '52, died of lung cancer Jan. 24 at his home in Byhalia, MS. Glenn was 69 and a former car dealership owner and manager in Warner Robins, GA.

The husband of Gayle Hulsey Barton, he also leaves a daughter, Glenna Lolgue of Memphis; two sons, Stanford Glenn Barton Jr. of Kansas City, MO and Jay Cooley Barton of Lawrenceburg, TN; his mother, Dorothy Fiedler of Memphis and seven grandchildren.

## Frank Russell Leu, Class of '54

Frank Leu, Class of '54, died of cancer September 16, 1987 at age 51.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; three daughters; a sister and two grandchildren.

He is buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, TN.

## William C. Dotson Jr., Class of '61

William C. Dotson, Class of '61, died May 25, 2003 in Memphis, and was buried in Dexter, MO. He was 59.

Retired president of Southeast Management, he was a member of First Evangelical Church.

Survivors include his wife, Sara D. Dotson; a daughter, Leslieann Dotson of Denver; a son, William C. Dotson, III, of San Francisco; and a sister, Beverly D. Owen of Hernando, MS.

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Robin Layton '74

### HALL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

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