

Next Board Meeting Set for April 22



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1957 Grad Reflects on “Why Attend?”, Determines It Was “A Very Good Year!”

It was “a very good year—the big five-0. Well, 49 years and 8 months to be technical, but still noteworthy, Right?”

Please check all that apply:

- ___ You are going to be too busy.
- ___ You are too old.
- ___ You really do not want to see any of your old classmates.
- ___ You would rather your wife *NOT* meet your cadet friends or hear tales of your days at Columbia.
- ___ It’s a long trip.
- ___ Other (please specify).

I’m sure you can come up with several good reasons for not attending yet another reunion. In fact I would expect them to be varied and novel. So please submit your best shot. Those of us who do plan to attend will vote on the best and worst, you might win a prize!

More Reasons To Attend than Not

Seriously, there will be more reasons to attend than to miss it. Aside from the big 50 status, there will be grads there from all the classes. You will be able to visit with cadets from all the years you attended.

1957 was a very good year! Check your memory. Not only did it mark our individual entry into the great outside world and girls, civilian clothes every day and girls, college for some, the military for others and girls, there were some significant events taking shape. The introduction of true muscle cars (did you have one?), it was pre Elvis, at least as a movie star, flower power was seeded out west and Playboy Clubs were opening (sorry, no touching the Bunny tail). Your relationship with a girl no longer relied on the mail man. Some of

you married that girl and started your families. Some launched a seemingly endless college career; still others took the first steps into the profession that you made your living from or perhaps just retired from.

So you see there are lots of things to catch up on and share with old friends.

OK, so you can’t hit the ball quite as far now, heck maybe you can’t hit at all. So what?

The important thing is that you are still here and many of our classmates are not. The (almost) fiftieth reunion for our class is a significant milestone, plan to attend, everyone will be glad to see you!

Spike ‘57

Ray Garrison

ps: we have time to plan something really special for our class.

“100 Years of Tradition” VHS/DVD Still Available

Alumni Assn. Vice President, Woody Pettigrew still has a few media presentations he put together on what CMA stood for over the past 100 years. Displayed at the last Reunion general meeting in 2004, the 18 minute Video titled “100 Years of Tradition” is still available for \$15 as a VHS tape and \$20 as a DVD disk. You can e-mail him at: wpettigrew@westar.com or snail-mail him at: 312 Church Street, Madison, AL 35758-1604

Class of ‘54 Schedules 52nd Reunion with Same Zeal

Marshall Ledbetter, Class of 54, has been contacted by enough classmates requesting a 52nd Reunion to justify a repeat of last Reunion’s special Friday night class supper.

“Our 50th was a huge success and some are getting too old to wait another five years,” he says.

Marshall claims the secret to a good turnout is getting started early and continuing to remind everyone to cross network in order to find lost cadets. Persistency must include repeated calls, e-mails and personalized cards and letters. He promises more info later.

CMAAA Web Site to Include Reunion Activities

Following the April 22 Board meeting, the Alumni Website will update August reunion activities including Friday morning’s Golf Tournament, Friday afternoon’s Attitude Adjustment Hour, Saturday morning’s ladies tour and Saturday Night’s Banquet.

A list of motels will also be posted. The web site’s address is:

www.cmaaa.com

50th Year Reunion Contacts

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Tribute to Major Draper

by Ernest Henegar, Class of '59

I was a particularly naive, self-centered and slow-witted boy. I say this only to illustrate my mindset when, one Friday night in the spring of 1956, my roommate and I decided we needed to visit Bam's Corral for a six pack.

As those cadets of a certain age will recall, that was easier said than done because Bam's was off limits to cadets. That minor hindrance only meant we couldn't walk in the front door and sit down at a stool to order our beer. We instead took the adventurous route using the storm sewer under Mt. Pleasant Pike, which took us directly to the barbecue pit behind Bam's. There were always one or two cooks tending the pit and they would go to the back door and make our purchase for us. Then back under the road and across the campus with our beer we went.

Our room was upstairs in South Johnson and the faculty officer on duty was Major Draper. I knew Major Draper as a quiet, calm gentleman. He was also my civics instructor. He would never suspect a thing. He probably wouldn't even know what beer was, or so we thought.

Our plan was to wait until the Major made his nightly rounds just before or after taps, and then we would enjoy the cocktail hour.

Possession of alcohol was a zero tol-

erance expulsion offense. If we were caught with beer we would be home tomorrow. One small detail we forgot was that our beer had warmed and was somewhat shaken during its cross campus transit. Opening and sampling just one sip before taps caused a little spewing. Hiding the open can in our locker we crawled into our bunks.

Major Draper came around, right on schedule, flipped on the light and in a kindly voice observed, "If I didn't know better, I would say I smelled beer...good night boys." He turned out the light and closed our door. After a while I suppose we got up and finished our beer.

Over a period of time it finally dawned on me that maybe we hadn't fooled the Major after all, but he never mentioned it again and I didn't try to sneak anything else into the barracks. Major Draper died a year or two later and I, along with many other cadets, attended his funeral. He was a gentleman and a fine teacher and he knew how to handle boys.

God bless the soul of Major John Draper.

Registration Form to be Posted on CMAAA Web

If you don't receive a Reunion Registration Form in the mail, you will be able to find a copy posted on the CMAAA web site after activities have been confirmed.

"Whhhhhaazzuupppp Dudes"

Odds and Ends from Here and There

Skipper Snow, '55, talked to Julian Hillary, '55, who lives in New Orleans in late October. Julian said that they had about a foot of water in his house and had to take the sheetrock off the walls about 3 feet up and replace a lot of things but he and his family are making progress. His business building was damaged but they are working to get it fixed. At that time he was running his business out of another location.

Clinton Groves, Class of '61 wants to know what happened to new and old Whithorne Halls. He claims in 1955 he used to look out his door after taps and watch huge rats come out of the basement.

One night he and Robert Oats followed them. "I swung at a big one with a golf club, hit the floor and had to hide from Captain Baulch behind the coke machine for an hour till he went back in his room.

Hank McMahon, Class of '73 wants to know what happened to the following classmates and teachers: Steve McCarty, '69; John Blankenship, '69; Randall Kurtz, '69; Ben Davidson, '73; Mike Alligood, '69; and Captain Rose. Hank's e-mail is: hank@intersigncorp.com

Hank McMahon, Class of '73 says, "I would love to spend the night in one of the old dormitories. Talk about bringing back memories. I would pay if the school would set it up. Could be a fund raiser for them. Like a primitive Bed and Breakfast with reveille. I have a recurring dream about the first day back at school after summer where I walk by the rooms and see old friends and meet new ones. It's getting less frequent." Inquiry forwarded CA.



Alumni Gathering...Dudley Dolinger's fishing camp on Realfoot Lake in northwest Tennessee was the site of an impromptu alumni gathering in early October. From left to right: Randall "Tex" Tucker, '71, William L. "Bill" Patrick, '73, Don Gregory "Greg" Thompson, '72, Jim Law, '72 and Dudley Dolinger, 73.

MOVING? STAY IN TOUCH...

Please forward your new address to:

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Columbia, TN 38401-3156**

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SILVER TAPS

Col. Robert B. Wells, Class of '38

Retired Army Col. Robert B. Wells, age 85, died in late December '04, in Anniston, AL, where he lived with his wife Margaret, for the past 11 years.

Bob served in the Pacific during WWII and was awarded the Silver Star and 2 Bronze Stars for valor along with the Purple Heart during his 28 years of service.

After retiring from the Army, he worked as a sales representative for Miliken and Co., in LaGrange, GA.

"Bob remembered his days at CMA fondly and treasured the friendships made there," according to his wife Margaret.

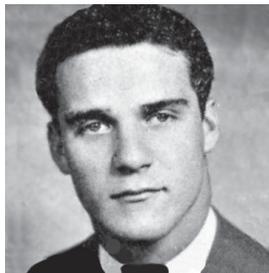


Col. Robert B. Wells

Dr. Hardie B. Webb Jr., Class of '41

Hardie B. Webb passed away in May. He was 81 years old and a retired chiropractor. Dr. Webb was born in Aberdeen, MS, moving to Marquette, MI at an early age before relocating in Orlando, FL. Both his parents were chiropractors.

He went into the Army after graduating high school and was a member of the



Dr. Hardie B. Webb

325th Glider Infantry Battalion when it hit Normandy, June 6, 1944.

One year later he had joined the 82nd Airborne when it was a part of the Market Garden offensive in Holland.

His next action was at the Battle of the Bulge. He received two Purple Hearts.

Following discharge, he attended Rollins College on a football scholarship subsequently graduating from the University of Florida in '51 and the Palmer College of Chiropractic in '55. He then moved to Winter Garden, FL where he practiced for the next 46 years.

He was a member of the Winter Garden Rotary Club and the Central Florida Chiropractic Society. He additionally served on the Winter Garden Planning and Zoning Board as well that of the Florida Chiropractic Society.

A Baptist, Dr. Webb is survived by his

son; Robert Webb of Longwood, FL; a daughter, Suzanne of Charlotte, VT; granddaughter, Sarah, of Orlando, FL; and brother, William P. Webb II, CMA Class of '48, who still has a practice in Altamonte Springs, FL.

Howard Harris Bishop Sr., Class of '43

Howard Harris Bishop, Sr., age 81, died in Jacksonville, AL in early August.

After graduating from CMA he continued his education at Jacksonville State University and Howard College (now Stamford University) with a degree in Pharmacy.

He began his career in pharmacy working with his father-in-law, Ralph Crow at Crow Drug in Jacksonville and later became owner and operator of Wikles at Saks.

Howard was an active member of Jacksonville First United Methodist Church and of the Friendship Sunday School Class. He was also involved with the Teenager group from the First Baptist of Jacksonville.



Howard Bishop Sr.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII in the Middle East. While serving in Cairo, Egypt, he visited the Holy Land.

Survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty Crow Bishop, he leaves three sons; Howard H. Bishop Jr., Class of '68, Robert L. Bishop, Class of '72, and Ralph Bishop, all of Jacksonville; three grandchildren; Jennifer Bishop Wallenstein, of Birmingham, Howard H. Bishop, III, of Fayetteville, GA and Will Bishop of Jacksonville; a sister, Margaret Bishop Lee of Orlando, FL and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Lewis E. Moore, Faculty

Dr. Lewis Edward Moore, Jr., age 73, retired Professor at Columbia State Community College and former CMA Faculty Member, died Sunday, December 11, at his residence in Columbia, TN.

He served in the U. S. Army from 1954 - 1956. Dr. Moore received Bachelor's (1954) and Master's (1959) Degrees from Vanderbilt University and a Doctorate from the University of Mississippi (1974), all with honors in political science.

Dr. Moore had made his home in Columbia since 1960 when he became a member of the faculty of Columbia Military

Academy. At CMA, he became Head of the Social Studies Department, coached in the Athletic Department and recruited the Nashville area.

One of the founding fathers of Columbia State Community College, Dr. Moore was the first full-time faculty member in 1966. He had served as professor of history and political science and held positions as Chairman of the Social Science Division, Coordinator of Upper Division and Graduate Programs, and interim Assistant Dean for Arts and Sciences. The CSCC 1969 Men's Tennis Team that he coached won the Tennessee Junior College Athletic Association Championship, which was the first athletic championship that the college won.

He received the Distinguished Faculty Award in 1984 and the tennis complex was named for him in 1996. He retired in May 2000.



Dr. Lewis E. Moore Jr.

Dr. Moore was a weekly contributor of articles to the Columbia Daily Herald for several years and had served as a member of numerous community organizations. A longtime member of the Columbia Rotary Club, he served on the Board from 1991 - 1994 and was honored with the Paul Harris Award. He had also been a member of ALS Central Tennessee Chapter, Frank G. Clement Foundation, Maury County Animal Shelter Association, Maury County Arts Guild, Maury County Better Schools Task Force, Maury County Democratic Party Executive Committee, Maury County Historical Society, Maury County Tennis Association, and United Way of Maury County. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife of fifty-one years, Lil Lewis Moore of Columbia; two daughters, Mrs. Bonnie (Jim) Rodgers and Mrs. Melinda (John) Fleming, both of Columbia; one son, Lewis E. "Chip" Moore, III of Huntsville, Alabama; one sister, Mrs. Nancy Walton of Gatlinburg; and six grandchildren, Lucy Fleming, Mica Fleming, Lucas Fleming, Rebecca Rodgers, Shannon (Robin) Rodgers, and Melissa (Rob) Jurbergs.

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SILVER TAPS

J.W. "Billy" Brooks, Class of '52

John William "Billy" Brooks Jr., age 68, died Oct. 23 at his home in Decatur, AL.

Billy was born July 16, 1933, in Cullman, AL to John William Brooks Sr. and Cyril Edwards Brooks. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Bettie Reeder Brooks; one son, John William Brooks III of Morristown, TN; one daughter, Katherine Brooks Pickrell of Panama City, FL; his mother, who resides in Decatur, and four grandchildren.

Arthur Barry Potwin, Class of '55

Arthur Barry Potwin, son of the late Arthur Simms Potwin and Wingfield Fern Barry Potwin, died Nov. 12 at his home in Jordan, AR. He was 68.

Following graduation from CMA, Barry was married to Rea Childress and served in the U.S. Army for 24 years, retiring as a Major.

For many years, he owned and operated Potwin Cotton Co. in Greenwood, MS. Following Army retirement, he and Rea moved to Jordan, AR. Being an experienced pilot he loved to fly. He was a Presbyterian.

In addition to his wife, he leaves two daughters; Vicki Smith of Fayetteville, GA and Holly Ellis of Vicksburg, MS; three stepchildren; Teresa Goforth of Ripley, TN, Roy Carter of Calico Rock, AR and Don Carter of Springdale, AR; and one aunt, Inex Potwin of Redmond, WA. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Winky Potwin.

Overton H. McCullough, Class of '55

Overton H. "Mac" McCullough, died Dec. 15, in Raleigh, NC, following a massive heart attack.

Mac was Co-Captain of the CMA Wrestling Team his senior year. He attended the last CMA Grand Reunion in 2004.

Following graduation from CMA, Mac attended Westminster College in Missouri, joining the U.S. Army in 1959 following graduation.

While in the Army, Mac earned his Masters degree from Michigan State University in Criminal Justice.

During his 22 years in Service, he was stationed in Hawaii, Panama, California, Colorado, North Carolina, Georgia, Michigan and Kentucky as well as serving in Vietnam.

Following his retirement from the Army in 1982, he pursued his passion for flying enjoying a two decade career in aviation. As a pilot, Mac flew for Emory, United Postal Service and UPS most recently working as an independent pilot for corporate executives.

He was a member of the local chapter of Amran's Shriners as well as an active member of The Quiet Birdmen.

He is survived by his wife, Gail McCullough of Raleigh; his brother, John McCullough of Trenton, MO.; his sons, Mark and Matt of Cary, NC, and Grant of Raleigh, NC; and six grandchildren. He also leaves two Aunts, Elizabeth "Libby" Cowgill of Milan, MO, and Margaret "Mo" Clymer of Trenton, MO.



"Mac" McCullough

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