

Next Board Meeting - March 31



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Minutes Of Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association Board Of Directors

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Raiford on August 4, 2006 at Academy Hall, Columbia Academy, Columbia, Tennessee. Don Kimbrell offered the Invocation. Marshall Cranford was recognized for his work and generosity on the CMAAA Memorial to be dedicated during this Grand Reunion Weekend.

Minutes from our last meeting were approved by the association as written.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was deferred to the Main Association meeting on 5 August 2006.

Old Business

- Tax Exempt Status – Don Kimbrell made a report on the progress on the Tax Exempt Status for the Association. It appears that we will be able to obtain it but will cost approximately \$500 to complete it. Don also said that incidentals were running around an additional \$500. A motion was made and carried to provide \$1000 to Don Kimbrell to continue work on this endeavor.

- CMA History Books were obtained from the publisher and most have been sold. A Thanks was given to Jack Walker and Cecil Little for their work in obtaining the books and making them available to the Association members.

- Museum Update - Woody Pettigrew reported on the progress with the CMA Museum Project. He reported on meetings with Dr. Thrasher, CA President, and the School administrators. He also said that he estimates that it will cost approximately \$15,000 to set up. Woody also mentioned

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CMA FLAG DEDICATION...Cpl. David A. Bass, USMC, was three weeks short of his 21st birthday when he lost his life in Iraq last year. David was commemorated by his family who will set up a perpetual flag donation in David's honor at CA. Present for the dedication from left to right were Sue Bass (David's grandmother), John E. Bass (David's father), John G. Bass Jr. (David's grandfather and a member of the CMA Class of '53) and CA Headmaster, Dr. Bill Thrasher.

Class of '52 Mini Reunion In Spring Hill May 18 - 20

The third weekend in May the CMA Class of '52 will rendezvous in Spring Hill, TN to celebrate their 55th reunion.

Contact either George "Doc" Holladay or Bill Alexander. Doc's telephone number is 940-566-6515 or you can e-mail him at: docholl@charter.net and Bill can be phoned at 615-739-5711 or e-mailed at fieldsa@comcast.net

Headquarters in Spring Hill will be the Best Western (formerly the Holiday Inn) at 104 Kedron Parkway where it intersects with Highway 31. You can call Best Western at 931-486-1234 to reserve rooms for the nights of Friday and Saturday and/or Sunday, May 18, 19 and 20. This will be a free form meeting (no agenda).

Class of '61 to Gather In Nashville July 6 and 7

The Opryland Hotel will host the 46th year reunion for the Class of '61 this summer but any classmates from other classes in the Nashville area are invited to join in, according to Joe Bailey.

Call Joe at 502-773-2301 for details or phone the Opryland Hotel at 866-972-6779 and indicate code "XCMA" to make reservations.

You can also visit the Class of '61 web site at: cmarecall.com.

Alumni scheduling class gatherings are can send details for an advance announcement in the *Bugle*. You can snail mail the announcement to: Bill Raiford, 1577 Forrest, Memphis, TN 38112 or e-mail: memnet@memphisnet.net

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that he was concerned about leading the Museum Project while serving as the Association's Vice President. He asked if the Association Directors thought this might be a "conflict of interest". It was moved and seconded that Woody continue his duties in both capacities. Woody also said that he would continue to work the project and report back at the next meeting.

- A motion was made and seconded by the group to provide funds to Cecil Little for the night he spent on the road to get our History Books. Cecil declined the offer.

- Hall of Honor – Winston Elston reported that the Hall of Honor had one inductee, Colonel J.B. Gracy.

New Business

-The Association's Nominating Committee presented the slate for the upcoming two years:

Bill Raiford – President

Woody Pettigrew – Vice President

Becky Moon – Treasurer

Don Kimbrell – Assistant Treasurer

Mike Gilchrist – Secretary

Motion was made and seconded to accept the committee's recommendations. Motion carried.

- The Grand Reunion Plans for 4-6 August – The Grand Reunion Committee covered plans for the next two days.

- Association Board of Directors Year Group realignment – Robin Layton said that he had received questions on the Board of Director Year Groups. A committee has been formed to look at this area and report back to the Board at the meeting. Committee members are Bobby Bain, Chairmen, Robin Layton, Member, and Winston Elston, Member.

- It was reported that the Flag Pole was now repaired and the Dedication would take place on Saturday, 5 August, 2006.

- The meeting was adjourned by President Bill Raiford at 4:16 PM on 4 Aug. 2006,

Interested in a CMA Cruise?

e-mail: xytus3@hotmail.com

Former Alumni President, Robin Layton is interested in assessing the possibility of a CMA Cruise. By committing to an 8 cabin minimum, a great rate is available, according to Robin.

By planning educational presentations such as investment planning and/or gaining insight into museum operation, the venture may qualify as a write-off.

Cruise lengths can vary from one to five days but the majority of itineraries run from 6 to 8 days and can be scheduled anytime during the year.

Let Robin know what you would like in a cruise and how long it should be.

Minutes Of Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association General Meeting August 5, 2006

Meeting was called to order by the President, **Bill Raiford**, at 10:00 AM on August 5, 2006, on the Columbia Academy campus, Columbia, Tennessee. The Invocation was done by **Don Kimbrell** followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by **John Bass**.

Minutes were approved as written by the association membership.

The group was welcomed by **Dr. Bill Thrasher**, President of Columbia Academy. A presentation on the state of Columbia Academy was made by **Dr. Thrasher** as he noted that the physical plant of the school was in great shape and was continuing to improve. He told the association that the theme for the 2006 school year was "Proud to be an American" which focused on patriotism and love of country and had foundations in the roots of the school when it was Columbia Military Academy. **Woody Pettigrew** thanked **Dr. Thrasher** on behalf of the association for the academy's willingness to host our reunions and for their hospitality to our members.

Next the presentation of the proposed slate of Board Officers to serve for the 2006 to 2008 term was done. It was moved and seconded by the association that the proposed slate of officers be approved for a second term. Motion carried. The Board Officers are:

Bill Raiford – President

Woody Pettigrew – Vice President

Becky Moon – Treasurer

Don Kimbrell – Assistant Treasurer

Mike Gilchrist – Secretary

A presentation of the last American Flag to fly over Columbia Military Academy was made by **M/Sgt (Retired) Michael Sutton**. M/Sgt Sutton presented the flag to **Bill Raiford**, CMAAA President. In his remarks M/Sgt Sutton pointed out that the last official function on any U.S. Army Facility that is being closed is to lower the flag and retire it. He has been in possession of the flag since CMA closed and he thought it only fitting to give it to the association for future safe keeping. This will be part of the artifacts maintained by the association. Bill Raiford thanked M/Sgt Sutton on behalf of the Association.

Awards were presented next to the oldest alumni and the one who traveled the greatest distance.

Becky Moon presented the treasurer's

report. She stated that the association had \$91,157 on hand.

Jack Walker made a presentation on the faculty children who had graduated from CMA.

Following this **Bill Raiford** noted that the plaques that were supposed to be on the new Memorial had been damaged and that the company in Nashville was having them remade. The company said they had hoped to have the Memorial completed by our reunion, however, due to this unforeseen problem, the plaques would not be available for the dedication today. They hope to have them in place within the next month.

The **Hall of Honor** had one inductee. It went to **Col. J.B. Gracy**. Col. Gracy was recognized by the Association for his many years of dedication to the school and the many lives he influenced as an instructor at CMA. **Winston Elston**, Hall of Honor Chairman, made the presentation to **Bill Raiford** who accepted on behalf of the Gracy family. **Robin Layton** read the presentation.

Beth Jackson, the CA student who received the CMAAA Scholarship for 2006 thanked the association for their kindness. Both her grandfather and uncle attended CMA. She plans to use the money to help with her college expenses in the fall.

Awards were presented by **Woody Pettigrew** to **Bill Fricke** for his work on the Grand Reunion Weekend Golf tournament over the years, and to **Marshall Cranford** and **Jack Walker** for their work on the new CMA Memorial.

Alice Algood received the "Torch Bearer" Award from **Woody Pettigrew** for all her tireless effort in assisting the Association in many of its endeavors to preserve the school and its memory. In accepting the award she made comments about the school and its importance.

The Flag Ceremony recognizing the 50th reunion classes followed. This was done by the Flag Pole in front of the administration building. A new flag given by **Ed Bryant** was presented to Columbia Academy by the Association.

The CMA Memorial Wall Dedication was next in the northwest corner of the old Quadrangle.

The General Membership meeting was adjourned by Bill Raiford, CMAAA President, at 11:30, 5 August 2006.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Michael L. Gilchrist

Secretary,

**Columbia Military Academy
Alumni Association**

SILVER TAPS

Sam Harris, Jr., Class of '47

Sam Harris Jr., passed away Nov. 16 at his home in Huntsville, AL. He was 76.

A lifelong resident of Madison County, Sam attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) after graduating CMA. He received a degree in agricultural science, was a member of Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honorary Society, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, as well as Scabbard & Blade.

After graduating Alabama Poly in '51, he was commissioned in the U.S. Army 756th Field Artillery Battalion. He was discharged from active duty in 1953 and settled in north Madison County where he maintained and expanded a family owned cotton and beef cattle farming operation. He was awarded the 1962 Outstanding Young Farmer of Madison County. Sam served as the president of the Madison County Cattlemen's Association and was honored as the Cattleman of the Year in 2003. As a statewide recognition of his farming achievements in 1994 he was the district winner of the "Farm of Distinction" award. He was an active member of the Madison County Auburn Alumni Assn. and was recognized in 1989 for outstanding service by the Madison County Auburn Committee.

Mr. Harris was a member of First Baptist Church for 65 years.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Rosa Griffin Harris; three children, Samuel

"Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes"

Odds and Ends from Here and There

The editor of the Bugle is searching for information on George Pfann, a supposed CMA graduate in the Class of 1915. He was selected an All American college football player when Captain of the team at Cornell and was a Rhodes Scholar. He was on the staff of George Patton during WWII. Confirmation is needed to the fact that he attended CMA in the early 1900s.

Mike Yarbro, Class of '63, reports that his daughter Sharra Reno is out of ICU and has been placed in a regular hospital room. Sharra was diagnosed with double pneumonia back in January with 105 degree fever.

John Redmon, Class of '71 tells us his son, John J. Redmond III, is now a Marine Lance Corporal assigned to Iraq. The former CMA grad says it "makes this old cadet awfully proud."

Mark Harris of Huntsville, AL, Karen Harris Rowell, of Johnson City, TN and Laura Harris Martin of Murfreesboro, TN; a sister, Corinne Harris Shovelton of Huntsville, AL, brother, James Wall Harris of El Paso, TX and four grandchildren.

He was buried at Maple Hill Cemetery.

Bobby Durrett Jr., Class of '49

Bobby Durrett Jr., age 77, of Clarksville, TN died May 3 at St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville.

He was buried at Riverview Cemetery.

Born in Montgomery County, Bobby was a member of the Clarksville City Council from 1968 to 1994 and served as Mayor Pro Tem from 1979 to 1990. During this time he served on several committees including Building and Codes, Charter Revisions, Downtown Development, Finance, Fireworks, Insurance, Metro Planning and Community Development, Municipal Properties Search, Natural Gas Acquisition, Police and Recreation.

He was a member of Austin Peay State University Tower Club, Bank of America Board of Directors, Blue Wing Hunting Club, Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce, Clarksville-Montgomery County Industrial Board, Association of the U.S. Army, Clarksville pointer and Setter Club, Red River Riders, Peachers Mill Land and Cattle Company and Bethel United Methodist Church where he served as Sunday School Superintendent. He had a passion for hunting.

Edgar H. Sugg, Jr., Class of '50

Edgar Harbert Sugg, Jr., died Sept. 28, at his home in Hernando, MS after a two and one-half year battle with cancer. Ed was from Dyersburg and Memphis, TN.

Following graduation from CMA, he graduated from both Southwestern College (now Rhodes College) and Southern University College of Law, Memphis.

He served two years in the United States Army, practicing law for 31 years in Memphis after his discharge. He retired from his practice, which specialized in bankruptcy law, in 2004.

Ed was active in Fellowship Baptist Church, Gideons International and Hernando Hills Country Club. He served as a deacon for a number of years at

Fellowship.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Sherry Hood Sugg; one son, Edgar H. Sugg, III of Stockton, CA; two daughters, Marcie Estes of Orange Beach, AL and Amy Rutledge of Charlotte, NC; two stepchildren and nine grandchildren.

His parents, Edgar H Sugg Sr. and Celeste Rhea Sugg predeceased him as did two sisters, Shirley O'Neal and Celeste Vaughan.

Due to his great love of Gideons International, the family requests any memorials in his name be made to that organization.

David Ogle III, Class of '74

Dave Ogle, a native of Columbia, TN, and former resident of Houma, LA, died in Elk City, OK, Jan. 17 at the age of 50.

Following graduation from CMA, he began working in the oilfields, eventually working offshore before moving to western OK in 1986.

He was a mechanic at L&R Tire in Elk City for a number of years before acquiring and operating Dave's Diesel.

He was married to Peggy Sue Schreck in Scottsdale, AZ in May of 2004 and they made their home in Canute, AZ.

His favorite hobby was fishing, doing anything outdoors, cooking and

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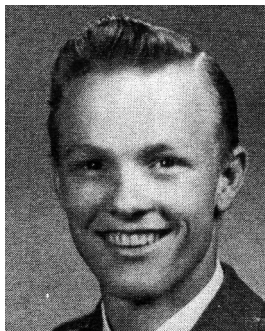
Survivors include his wife, Peggy; one son, William Ogle or Canute, OK; a daughter, Stephanie Adams of Foss, OK; his mother, Yvonne Ogle, of Brookfield, MS; his mother-in-law, Gelene Schreck of Canute; three grandchildren and two sisters, Debbie Porche of Blountsville, TN and Patty Ogle of Pulaski, TN; and a brother, Donald Ogle of Nashville.-----

Thomas S. Harmon, Class of '57

Thomas Stuart Harmon, age 66, died March 19, 2006, in Shreveport, LA, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Tom roomed with Tom Faires, Class of '57, his senior year at CMA.

In order to provide the source of knowledge that is the foundation



Tom Harmon

for medical education and research, his final wishes were to donate his body to LSUHSC. Due to his unselfish act, services were held at a later date.

He was a native of Shreveport where he attended high school prior to attending CMA. He subsequently graduated Northeast Louisiana University.

Tom enjoyed volunteer work at the Overton Brooks Medical Center and was an avid reader.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Lynna Comegys and his father, Dr. Walter S. Harmon.

He is survived by his son, Chris Harmon and Chris' wife, Sharon of Shreveport; daughter, Elizabeth Averitt and her husband, Randal of Hosston, LA; sister, Kathy Harmon of Fort Worth, TX; brother, Russell Harmon of Mineola, TX; five grandchildren; two step grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Bill G. Brown, Class of '58

Bill G. Brown of Taylor Lake Village died suddenly of a stroke at St. Luke's Hospital on Dec. 31. He will be greatly missed by his family, wife Betty, son Michael, and daughter-in-law Briana.

Subsequent to graduating CMA, Bill graduated MIT in 1963, and worked in the Aerospace Business from 1963 until 2004.

His father, Rufus, and his mother, Mary passed away 1984 and 1986.

Bill's remains were buried in the family cemetery in Knippa, Texas, where Betty Brown's parents and other relatives are resting.

Mr. Brown had a lifetime love of the sport of baseball, with particular loyalty to the New York Yankees. He had several other hobbies, including model shipbuilding and war gaming.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation in memory of Bill Brown should send it to MIT's Class of 1963 Alumni Fund or Interfaith Caring Ministries of League City.

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