



From the President

Cadets - Where has the time gone? It seems like only a few days ago we were preparing to have our Grand Reunion and now we are facing the holidays. As this is a season to be thankful I'd like to use this issue of the *Bugle* to thank the many of you who have made our association a success. First, I'd like to thank each of you who came back to our reunion and made it such a success. I also want to encourage those who could not make it to plan to come back for our next one in two years to make it even grander and a larger success. As I start my term as your president of the CMA Alumni Association, I want to thank our past presidents and in particular Don Kimbrell who kept us a strong association and provided leadership which has assisted in making sure we all benefit from our participation in the CMAAA. Additionally, I'd like to thank Woody Pettigrew for his work in the establishment of our museum and as editor of the *Bugle*. The museum has become a showplace on the Columbia Academy campus and I have received many comments from both CA personnel and local townsfolk on how happy they are that we took the time to preserve our heritage in this way. As many of you know, when you attended CMA there were many other military schools which are now only memories; we can be proud that we took the initiative to make our heritage a lasting vision for the community that many of us grew up in. Another thank you I'd like to make is to the Classes of the 70's who collec-

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First Group of Girls to Join the CMA Ranks



The girls whose enrollment made CMA a co-ed school are (left to right, first row) Laura Harlan, Mary Wagster, Molly Murphy, Mildred Graham, Joyce Parham, Lou Ellen Brooks, Shannon Sullivan, Robyn Pruett, Cindy Pressnell, Ann Edson, (second row) Leslie Shelton, Katie Willis, Patricia Murphy, Karen Karner, Candy Huffstetler, Stephanie Rippey, Lisa Van Harwell, (third row) Cathy Cooper, Sandra Hart, Leslie Colley, Virginia Dummit, Elizabeth Clifton, Marvonne Scott, Julie Kustoff, Becky Algood, Currey Courtney, and Anne Hollins.

The twenty-seven young ladies shown above enrolled in CMA in the Fall of 1969, becoming the first female students at the school. They were all enrolled in the Junior School with the youngest being in the fifth grade and the oldest in the eighth grade (females would be enrolled in the Senior School starting in the 1970-71 school year). Of these twenty-seven ground breakers, fifteen ultimately graduated from CMA.

Females were eligible to enroll in all grades at CMA starting with the 1970-71 school year. That year's enrollment included 14 Senior School and 18 Junior School female students. That was also the first year for CMA to have fe-

male graduates with Maria Lynch and Kathy Sorrell both receiving their CMA diplomas after one year at the school.

In total, 64 females graduated from CMA with the Classes of 1971 through 1979. Thirty-five of those graduates spent at least their four High School years at CMA, with some of them spending additional years in the Junior School.

Lady Jackson, who began the fifth grade at CMA in the 1970-71 school year, was a student at CMA longer than any other female, remaining at the school for 8 continuous years and graduating with the Class of 1978.

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tively came together and donated \$10,000 dollars to your association. This money will help support many parts of the association that benefit each member from the costs of the *Bugle* to the additional costs of the Grand Reunions. Next, I'd like to make sure that each of you knows who is serving on the executive board with me for the next two years. Our new Vice President is Robin Salze, the Secretary is Randy Howell, and the Treasurers are Becky Moon and Skip Snow. I thank each of them for their willingness to serve and am grateful for their dedication. In coming issues of the *Bugle* I will keep you informed on how our association is doing and plans for upcoming events. And as this is the season to be thankful, I want to thank you, the members of our association, for your trust in me to be the CMAAA President. I wish you and your families the happiest of holidays.

Mike Gilchrist, '63

Alumnus Living the Dream in Central America



Tim Richards, CMA Class of 1968, has been living in Central America for a few years now, helping put together a retirement community in the mountain forest. He also works with a small treasure exploration group searching for the lost treasure of Sir Francis Drake. They are hopeful that they have found the tunnel. Tim only attended CMA for one year and lived in the basement of Academy Hall. He says that he hated it at the time, like most others, but now relishes the experience and memories.

A Message from China



Bert Self, Class of 1972, sends the below to his fellow alumni and other *Bugle* readers.

Many of my friends have seemed rather fascinated, curious, surprised and/or interested in my living in China. I even find myself surprised at this—never would have believed I would be in such a place six or seven years ago. After my wife died I needed such a place, and sort of stumbled onto it. The varied and vast differences found in such a culture as the Chinese one somewhat aided my mind in being able to heal after my wife left—here I couldn't read the language nor understand it verbally. The culture is so very different from anything that I could have imagined—in some ways the direct opposite of what I was used to. All this seemed to help me heal, simply because there were fewer things here than in the U.S. to remind me of my past life.

This is my fifth year in China. I have taken time to travel to many places here: Chongqing, Beijing, Shanghai, Xian, He Bei, Hong Kong, Shangri La, Da Li, Kunming, Li Jiang, Hang Zhou, Yi Wu (to name some of them). I trav-



eled from Lhasa, Tibet to Uganda, Africa (where I was accused by corrupt police of being a terrorist and was on my way to prison, but narrowly escaped), and later visited Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Malaysia, and Singapore. In Mongolia I found myself living in a teepee with the reindeer nomads; also lived in a yurt with the nomads on

the steppes for a few days.

Now, I guess Coach Jones' Combat English has paid off. I teach English at one on China's leading universities, Xiamen University. I live in the beautiful garden-like semi-tropical city of Xiamen, in Fujian Province—the university boasts of having the most beautiful campus in China. Xiamen is a historical port city and a popular tourist attraction, as well. It is said to be China's tenth most popular city. I love my new life here—no more U.S. rat race. My work, study and leisure are all pretty much one these days—how life should be lived. The subject I teach in the College English Department is "American Culture". In my spare time I enjoy studying the Natural Laws of the universe, and weave these truths into the course content of my classes.



My son and his wife recently moved here. I have acquired somewhat of another family here, as well. Among them I have those I refer to as adopted Chinese children (mostly young adults in their twenties): one son and four daughters (one of whom calls me "Mummy" because I helped to care for her when she was sick), and an adopted niece from Thailand. I also have a British nephew and an adopted American sister, who was once a fellow colleague here.

Currently, I am also beginning training courses for students who wish to pass required testing for studying abroad, as well as working to develop English classes for other age-groups. I teach 12 hours a week at the university, which is full time, so I have time for pursuing other interests. In the future I desire to travel more.

"How does one obtain such a life?", someone once asked me. My answer, "Sell 98% of all the useless material possessions that you have acquired through the years, place the things you feel that you must have in the hands of a trusted individual, and go teach English abroad!"

Do You Remember?

70 Years Ago Fall/Winter 1942



The movie *Casablanca* starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman premieres at the Hollywood Theater in New York City on November 26th. It won three Academy Awards, including Best Picture.

A fire in the Cocomanut Grove night club in Boston, Massachusetts kills 491 on November 28th.

The Naval Battle of Guadalcanal between Japanese and American forces rages from November 12th to the 15th. Although the US Navy suffers heavy losses, it retains control of Guadalcanal.

At CMA, cadets filled the newly built Andrew Johnson Hall for its first full year of service for the school.

50 Years Ago Fall/Winter 1962



Johnny Carson takes over as host of NBC's *Tonight Show* on October 1st, a post he would hold for 30 years.

Dr. No, the first James Bond movie, premieres in United Kingdom theaters on October 5th.

The Cuban Missile Crisis begins on October 14th when a U-2 flight over Cuba takes photos of Soviet nuclear weapons being installed and ends on November 20th when the Soviets agree to remove their missiles and President Kennedy ends the Cuban Blockade.

At CMA, the enrollment for the 1962-63 year included 405 boarding students, 74 day students and another 65 boarding students on the waiting list.

60 Years Ago Fall/Winter 1952



Dr. C. Walton Lillehei and Dr. F. John Lewis perform the first open-heart surgery at the University of Minnesota on September 2nd.

The movie *The Quiet Man* starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara opened nationwide on September 14th.

The United States successfully detonates the first hydrogen bomb with a 10.4 megaton yield on November 1st.

At CMA, the band began a year that would include two Mardi Gras parades and selection as the "Outstanding Military Band of the South".

40 Years Ago Fall/Winter 1972



Nixon's landslide victory in the electoral college during the 1972 election

The first episode of *The Price is Right* is hosted on CBS by Bob Barker on September 4th.

Republican incumbent Richard Nixon defeats Democratic Senator George McGovern in a landslide in the Presidential election on November 7th.

The first New Year's Rockin' Eve, with host Dick Clark, airs on December 31st with Three Dog Night as the featured act. Blood, Sweat and Tears, Helen Reddy and Al Green also perform.

At CMA, the campus was just not the same with this being the first year since 1928 (except the World War II years) that Colonel Gracy was not part of the CMA Faculty.

Campus Happenings



As first reported in the Spring 2011 *Bugle*, Columbia Academy is building a new Athletic Fieldhouse that will be located between the football field and Moore Hall. The groundbreaking ceremony for the development of that complex was conducted on November 4th, 2011 and plans are to dedicate the facility in January 2013.

CA has over 750 students this year. In addition to the main campus, they have opened a satellite campus in Spring Hill with 50 students in K through 5th grade. Columbia Academy was the first school in the state to give iPads to all of their students in grades 7 through 12.

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You can save the Alumni Association printing and postage costs by downloading the *Bugle* directly from the CMAAA Website at www.cmaaa.com instead of receiving a hard copy in the mail. If you can help us reduce costs by downloading the *Bugle*, please notify Becky Moon at: athenae@bellsouth.net. Becky will keep your name on the mailing list to receive all mailings except the *Bugle*.

Help Improve the Bugle and Submit Items of Interest for Fellow Alumni to Enjoy

Thank you to all of the alumni that have provided pictures and articles for publication in the *Bugle*. As has been said before, everyone can help make the *Bugle* a better publication for all of us. If you have articles, pictures, Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes input, a CMA story, news, etc. that you would like to see in the next *Bugle* please provide input to Woody Pettigrew at wpettigrew@knology.net or via snail mail to:

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Searching for Flag Officers



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Major General

The article on CMA Alumnus Brigadier General Bill Hickman appearing in the Fall edition of the *Bugle* got Monty McNoldy, Class of '67, thinking about the contributions of CMA alumni to the United States military and wondering how many alums progressed to Flag Officer (General or Admiral) rank. He discussed the subject with CMAAA President Mike Gilchrist, '63, and Woody Pettigrew, '73, and the three decided to do some research to identify as many of the CMA Flag Officers as possible. Thanks to some previous work on Hall of Honor inductions and other research, we already know of five Flag Officers that were CMA alumni. Those individuals are Rear Admiral Ingram Sowell ('09), General Hugh Harris ('27), Admiral William Bringle ('33), Lieutenant General William Odum ('50), and Brigadier General Bill Hickman ('79).

The "End of an Era" pamphlet that was prepared for CMA's final Military Weekend in 1978 indicated that there were at least 7 CMA alumni that had attained Flag Officer rank by that time but, unfortunately, it did not name them.

Anyone that has information on any additional CMA alumni that attained the Flag Officer rank in any branch is requested to provide that information to Woody Pettigrew at wpettigrew@knology.net or via snail mail to:

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"Whhhhhaazzuuppp Dudes" Odds and Ends

In the "always be careful what you say department", Dan West, '75, and Bill Wade, '68, had an interesting conversation recently. As reported on page 6, a group of CMA alums played golf against the Castle Heights alums on October 5th. Dan and Bill were among the eight CMA golfers that day. At the end of the tournament, Dan, Bill, Rick Webster and Randy Howell sat around and talked for a long time after the awards were made. The conversation got around to Dan saying he had a geometry teacher at CMA named Wade, and he asked Bill if he knew him. Bill told him "Yes, I know him quite well". Dan then asked what happened to him, and Bill said "You're looking at him". For the next 1/2 hour, the only thing to come out of Dan's mouth was "So you're Coach Wade? - I can't believe it." After Bill named off some of the others in Dan's class, and told him what class room they were in, Dan finally believed him. Bill, who graduated in 1968, returned to CMA on the faculty from January to December 1973.



Julian Allen and Jim McEwen share stories while trail riding in Shady Grove, Tennessee. Both men were in the CMA Class of 1965. The two stayed in touch over the years and enjoyed getting together recently for the horseback ride. Julian provided this picture for the *Bugle* in October, shortly before his death in November.

Jack Walker, '45, passed along some interesting information about one of his

classmates, Barthell Joseph. Barthell spent 18 months in the Army and during those 18 months had a total of 50 airborne jumps. At the time Barthell was in the Army, airborne units only jumped once a quarter which meant Barthell should have had about 11 total jumps, including the 5 he had during Airborne School. But Barthell had a special twist to his time in the Army. Before Airborne School, Barthell had attended Military Police School and when he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division in Germany he was assigned as the bodyguard for the Division Commander, General James Gavin, whose nickname was "Jumping Jim". Every time a battalion jumped, "Jumping Jim" thought he had to jump with them and Barthell, as the body guard, would also make the jumps. There were nine rifle battalions in the Division, plus supporting troops, so Barthell could make 11 or more jumps per quarter. For his year with the 82nd, Barthell made 50 jumps. Quite an accomplishment.

Donation Made in Honor of the CMA Alumni Association Board of Directors

Buddy and Carolyn Fisher of Columbia made a generous donation to Columbia Academy in support of the new Athletic Fieldhouse in honor of the CMAAA Board of Directors. Buddy's father, Col. John T. Fisher, was a faculty member and Commandant at CMA from 1922 to 1930. CMA closed in the spring of 1930 and many of the faculty members and students finished out the academic year at Castle Heights Military Academy. After a year as Headmaster at Heights he joined the faculty at Baylor School where he served as Associate Headmaster, Commandant, and math teacher until 1948. Col. Fisher returned to CMA in 1948 as math teacher and Business Manager until his death in 1960. Buddy lived on the campus in Frierson Hall the first two years of his life and might have become a CMA cadet if his father had not had to leave when the school closed in 1930. Buddy and Carolyn are regulars at CMA Reunions and he supports the Board of Directors as a "Friend of the Board". Buddy was on the committee that worked to establish the CMA Museum. He has continuously demonstrated his support of and enthusiasm for the Alumni Association and this gift is a thoughtful tribute.

Then and Now

Jack D. Walker, Class of '45

Jack D. Walker entered the 7th grade at CMA in January 1941 when he was 12 years old. His older brother, Jeane, was already at CMA and helped him get oriented with the school. Jack skipped the 8th grade but because he was too young for ROTC he was put back in the Junior School as a 2nd Lieutenant and second in command. The next year he won the medal as Best Drilled MS 1 cadet and was a Guidon



Bearer his second year in ROTC. Jack was a Cheer Leader during his senior year at CMA. Upon graduation he entered Vanderbilt University but dropped out during his first year to begin working in men's clothing stores in Nashville. He was in the first group of draftees for the Korean War in 1950 and spent a little over three years in the Infantry, with half the time as an enlisted man and half as a commissioned officer. His assignments ranged from KP to Battalion Staff Officer. He served with the Korean Military Advisory Group and with the 1st Calvary Division stationed at Camp Crawford on Japan's northern most island, Hokkaido, where his job was to train the Battalion and Regimental Staffs on making an air transported move. Jack separated from the service as a First Lieutenant and began representing a New York manufacturer of women's apparel



and called on retailers in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and the panhandle of Florida. After 13 years, he got off the road and opened the first health food store in Nashville, which he operated for 18 years. Jack authored a 34 page booklet, *A Brief Account of the Korean War*, with three thousand printed first. It is on the Korean War website and the Department of Defense has printed 25,000 with lots of 100 going to each local chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association. He chaired the committee that raised more than \$230,000 and erected the Tennessee Korean War Memorial in Nashville. His interest in religion led him to write some on that subject. His church pastor and assistant pastor, although not in favor of every point, thought that overall it was good theology and should be studied and put

it on the internet at www.christianityscnusion.com. He also wrote community blogs for the Nashville newspaper for two years. Jack has been active in Veterans Affairs, the American Legion, and his church. CMA was a great blessing to him and he greatly appreciates the 4 1/2 years he spent there. He would love to hear from other CMA alums and can be reached at walkerjack821@gmail.com.

Cecil Little, Class of '50

Cecil Little was raised in Hot Springs, Arkansas, attending grade school, Junior High and one year of High School there before going to CMA for the 11th and 12th grades. He lettered in Rifle Team both years and was on the team that won the Third Army Area Match and placed second in the William Randolph Hearst Rifle Match in 1950. He was in the 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, C Company both years he was at CMA. He was in the Best Drilled Squad and Platoon his first year and he was a Corporal and the Bugler his second year. After graduation, Cecil did odd jobs until January 1951 when he volunteered for the paratroopers. He made high scores in radio tests and was sent to Camp Gordon, Georgia for basic training with an activated Pennsylvania National Guard Unit, the 185th Signal Battalion. He was placed in the Radio and Message Company (a critical MOS so forget Airborne) and after Basic Training stayed at Camp Gordon for 25 weeks of High Speed Radio Operators School. After school, he was sent back to the 185th Signal Battalion, now with the 15th Corps at Camp Polk, Louisiana. He was then sent to Korea and for a while was on a team manning the only code net in Korea at 8th Army Headquarters. From there his team was sent to Munsan-ni U.N. Base Camp and then to Panmunjon. Cecil's Radio Teletype team sent messages concerning the Truce Talks to Tokyo and provided "traffic" for "Little Switch" (exchange of sick and wounded) and "Big Switch" (exchange of all others). After the truce, his team worked with the Swiss and Swedes who were with the Neutral Nations Security Council and supervised the exchanges.



Cecil left Korea in December 1953, spent Christmas and New Years on the high seas, and was honorably discharged on January 15th, 1954. He attended Henderson State Teachers College for one semester and then went to the University of Arkansas where he earned his BS in Geology in 1957. He married Kathleen Kimbrell while in school (on June 2nd, 1955), which he says is the smartest thing he ever did. He went to work as a field geologist for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company in August, 1957 and worked with them until he retired as Chief Geologist of Underground Storage in November 1988. During those years he, Kay and their three children moved around as the company sent them to Liberal, Kansas; Plainfield, Indiana; Springfield, Illinois; Denver, Colorado and Kansas City, Missouri. Cecil worked with the CMA Alumni Association before it was formalized and also served as a member of the CMAAA Board of Directors. Cecil and Kay now live in Lee's Summit, Missouri and enjoy being parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Cecil says he is looking forward to the next CMA Grand Reunion.



Bill Wade, Class of '68

Bill Wade got a phone call from Major Bill Wade, basketball coach at CMA (and his uncle), on an August Saturday afternoon in 1967. He said "pack and report to Fall Football Camp tomorrow". That was Bill's introduction to CMA. He checked into Lee Hall, met Coach Jones and his life was forever changed. When the football season ended, Bill was immediately introduced to the basketball team and 50 killer sprints for being late to the first practice (not knowing he was on the team). Basketball ended, baseball began and that kept Bill out of trouble for the rest of the year. He lettered in 3 sports, graduated #5 in the class, and except for the 35 hours Coach Murphy gave him and his roommate, Bill Slayden, for being 3 hours late getting in after Homecoming, things went pretty good. After CMA, Bill went to Van-



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derbilt and lettered on the 1968 undefeated Vandy Freshman football team. He met a lovely coed (Pat) at David Lipscomb University, they married in 1970, and Bill transferred to Lipscomb and finished school in 1972. Needing a job in December 1972, he called Colonel Hatcher at CMA. CMA had a position coming open at semester break, but it included being a dorm supervisor for the Goober School. Bill took it, and introduced his new bride to dorm life at CMA as they moved into South Johnson in January 1973. Bill spent spring semester teaching civics and history in Goober School, and coaching the Senior School tennis team. In the fall of 1973 Bill taught math in the Senior School. He coached the freshman football team with Regen Peebles and the varsity soccer team with Lyle Hampton. In December of 1973, Bill received an offer to become Business Manager at Brentwood Academy and he accepted, moving again in January. Bill spent a total of two years at CMA - one year as a student, one year on faculty. Bill joined the family insurance business in 1976 and has remained active as such ever since. Bill and Pat have two sons, both who have 2 children of their own so Bill and Pat now enjoy doing "Nana & Gran'dad things". Bill's best memories of CMA are few, as his time there was limited. However, the best thing about CMA is having become active in the alumni association and getting acquainted with so many fellow cadets and their families that he had not before been able to meet.



Wally Kistler, Class of '71

Wallace (Wally) Gordon Kistler attended CMA for 4 years, graduating in the Class of 1971. Wally graduated as a First Lieutenant from CMA, was a member of the Gold Star Drill Team for three years, and a member of the Junior Civitans. After graduation from CMA, he attended Auburn University where he received both his Bachelors and Masters of Science in Physics. While studying Physics at Auburn, he developed a passion for computers that were replacing the handy



slide rule. After graduation he worked with Southern Research Institute in Birmingham, Alabama developing computer controlled systems for the Environmental Science Division and was involved with the early EPA atmospheric studies monitoring acid emissions from industrial plants. In 1984 he married Cassandra Martin, moved to Albertville, Alabama and began working for Teledyne Brown Engineering in Huntsville. After many years at a large engineering firm he joined Signature Research, a small business performing survivability analysis and developing computer simulations for the Department of Defense. Physicist by day, farmer-gardener on the weekends, he enjoys raising fruits and vegetables on a six acre gentleman's farm. Some of his current hobbies include snow skiing, scuba diving, photography, cooking, jogging, and growing unusual perennials and vegetables, along with playing on the computer in his spare time. One of the vegetables is the Bhut Jolokia or Ghost Chile pepper, which he makes (spicy) candy with. He and Cassandra are permanent residents of Guntersville, and are members of the Episcopal Church. They have one son Cade who recently graduated from Auburn with a degree in Environmental Science. There are many fond memories from the four (long) years at CMA, of which waiting tables during lunch for the 14 girls attending CMA his senior year ('71) is near the top. After a long hiatus from CMA, he was recently reconnected with Tex Tucker and many others from CMA through the informal 40th year 1971 class reunion in Grayton Beach, Florida.



October Sunrise



James Thomas, Columbia Academy President, was driving on campus early one morning in October and took this picture of the sunrise over the campus. He wanted to share it with the CMA alumni. While the black and white picture does not show the pretty color, a trip to the website at cmaaa.com will allow viewing the color version in the *Bugle* posted there.

Bringing the Plaque Home Where it Belongs



Woody Pettigrew '73 (left), Dan West '75, Walter Keith '70, Rick Webster '71, Bill Akin '66, Stan Boyd '56, Bill Wade '68 and Randy Howell '72 scramble against Castle Heights alums at their reunion.

Alumni from CMA and our arch rival Castle Heights Military Academy (CHMA) have been competing in four man team scramble golf tournaments for the past 5 years during the CHMA annual reunion each October. CMA alums make the march to Lebanon to invade the home turf of the CHMA alums and compete for the traveling plaque that has been rotated to the winning team since 2008. CMA won the plaque in 2008 and 2009 but then had it taken away in 2010. The year 2011 saw another bitter disappointment and the CMA boys vowed then that the plaque would be back at CMA after the 2012 tournament. On October 5th, 2012, eight brave souls showed up in Lebanon to give their all for CMA. In the sake of full disclosure it must be said that the B Team's all was not near enough on this particular day. They struggled and scrambled for just over four hours and just could not make the shots. While the B Team was scrambling in the rough, the woods, and the sand traps, the A Team, consisting of Bill Akin, Walter Keith, Rick Webster and Dan West, was attacking on every hole. They put up a stellar performance and completed the round at 7 under par. That score, when combined with the score of the B Team (I just can't bring myself to name that score) put the combined teams' score even with the two teams from CHMA that CMA was competing against. A scorecard playoff resulted in the boys from CMA being victorious and bringing the plaque back home. Once the names of the golfers are engraved on the plaque it will be put on display in the CMA Museum and, hopefully, will remain there for many years to come.

Go Bulldogs, Beat Heights!

Alumnus Celebrates Golden Wedding Anniversary



William O.H. Perry, known as Oliver while attending CMA from 1947 to 1949, and his wife, Sue, celebrated 50 years of marriage on August 4th, 2012. He and Sue were joined by family and friends for a cruise around Morro Bay aboard the Chablis. Attending were members of the original wedding party, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Olsen, Matron of Honor Marsha Karl Levee, and lifelong neighbor Judy Jones. The Navy brought Will (Oliver) to the West Coast and the couple met at a Single Catholic's Club in Long Beach while he was on the Police Force and she was an Interior Designer for department stores. They were married on August 4th, 1962 and have been blessed with three children and four grandchildren.

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SILVER TAPS

Neil Jones Leonard, Class of '45

Neal Jones Leonard, Jr. passed away peacefully at home in Cordova, Tennessee on June 28th, 2012 at the age of 84. He graduated from CMA in 1945. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy who went on to graduate from the University of Tennessee receiving a Doctorate in Dentistry with a specialty in orthodontics. He practiced orthodontic dentistry in Greenville, Mississippi, where he raised his five children: Patricia Anne Zuber, Nancy Leonard Harvey, Neil Leonard III, Elizabeth Fairfax Wooland, and Louis Ring Leonard, who all survive him. He will be remembered as a devoted father, husband, friend, and faithful Christian who was an elder at the Germantown Presbyterian Church. Among his favorite hobbies were painting, gardening and golf. All who knew him could count on him as a friend, for a laugh, for good advice, and a big ear. He is also survived by his wife, Margaret, his brother, William R. Leonard, two nieces, six grandchildren, and three step-children. He was preceded in death by his parents, Neil and Nora Leonard of Memphis, Tennessee.

Joe G. Cromeans, Class of '46

Joe G. Cromeans, age 82, of Scottsboro Alabama passed away on October 24, 2010. Joe was a 1946 graduate of Columbia Military Academy and a 1950 graduate of Vanderbilt University. He then attended and graduated from Vanderbilt Medical School. He and his wife moved to Scottsboro in February 1957 where he practiced medicine. "I think I am addicted to helping people," he said when asked what had kept him in practice as a doctor. Joe delivered more than 4,000 babies and performed countless surgeries on patients in Jackson County and surrounding areas. In 2003, he was honored for 50 years of practice at a meeting of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.



Joe Cromeans

Julian M. Swoop Hillery, Class of '55

Julian M. Swoop Hillery, Sr., age 74, died peacefully on August 29th, 2012. Julian was born on September 3rd, 1937 in New Orleans to the late Isabel Swoop and Andrew F. Hillery. He attended Holy Name of

Jesus Grammar School, where he met and courted his beloved wife of 58 years, Mary Folse. He continued his studies at De La Salle High School, graduating from Columbia Military Academy, where he was so proud to make the All Mid-South Football Team. He then attended and graduated from Tulane University with a B.B.A. as a member of the Kappa Alpha Order. Julian worked hard every day of his life to provide for his expanding family and to ultimately achieve the goal of starting his own business. In 1971, he founded World Ship Supply, Inc. in the basement of his home and used his passion, determination and superb salesmanship to grow the company into the internationally renowned success it is today. In addition, he started several other local businesses, respectfully becoming known as "The Chief". He authored a biographical book entitled *To Be or Not to Be a Successful Business Person*. He was a devout Catholic, lifelong parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus Church, an avid stamp collector, a playing cards enthusiast, history buff, and world traveler.



Julian Hillery

Porter A. Woolwine, Class of '56

Porter Anthony (Tony) Woolwine passed away on September 17, 2012 at the age of 75. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee on June 24th, 1937. He attended CMA for three years, graduating with the Class of 1956. He served in the Army during the Korean War and after his discharge in 1959 he attended the University of Tennessee, graduating in 1963. After working as a game warden in Tennessee, Tony moved to Spartanburg, South Carolina where he worked for Sulzer of Switzerland. Upon his retirement in 1992, he returned to Nashville to live until his passing. He was preceded in death by his parents, Marie Sudekum Woolwine and Porter Woolwine, and his brother, Graham Woolwine. He is survived by his son, Mark Anthony (Maury) Woolwine of Nashville, daughter Karin Graham (Georges Gilson) Woolwine of Mamer, Luxembourg, and four grandchildren.



Porter Woolwine

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R. Julian Allen III, Class of '65

R. Julian Allen III, 65, died on November 7, 2012. Born in Greenwood, MS on June 23, 1947 to Robert Julian Allen, Jr. and Shirley Perry Allen, he lived most of his life in Indianola, MS. He attended CMA for one year, graduating in 1965. He attended the University of Mississippi where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. In 1970, he joined his father's construction company. He went on to



Julian Allen

become president of Constructor's Inc., of Fayetteville, TN in 1972 and founder of Allen Corporation, general contractors, in 1976. In 1980, he was co-founder, president and chairman of Delta Pride Catfish and served on the board and as vice-president of Delta Western Feeds for many years. He was very active in the growth of the catfish industry in the delta, having served two terms as president and two terms as chairman of Catfish Farmers of America. His work allowed him to meet with seafood executives worldwide. He served on the board of Community Bank in Indianola as well as in the Mississippi National Guard, Indianola Unit, from 1966-1972. His lifelong love of flying allowed him to utilize private aviation for his various business endeavors. He was founder and partner in R.J. Allen and Associates, Inc., developers and construction managers in Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida and Texas. He enjoyed starting companies in a broad range of fields including fitness centers, land mitigation banking, property management, and senior housing throughout the Southeastern United States. He had an especially strong interest

in giving young people opportunities to manage or own their own business. His favorite activities involved his family and riding Tennessee Walking Horses. He was a past member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Indianola and a current member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Oxford. He was a true believer in Jesus Christ and always said "If today is my last day, it's been a great day!" Survivors include his wife, Kathy Keach Allen of Oxford, MS; three daughters, Kimberly Keach Allen and her husband, Chip of Jackson, TN, Katherine Allen Beard and her husband, Brad of Oxford and Karen Allen Blackburn and her husband, David of Oxford; his mother, Shirley Perry Allen of Birmingham, AL; two brothers, Sidney Allen of Jackson, MS and Meredith Allen of Greenwood, MS; one sister, Shirley Anne Stringfellow of Birmingham, AL; and six grandchildren.

Douglas R. Phillips, Class of '68

Douglas R. Phillips passed away November 25th, 2012. Douglas attended CMA for one year, graduating with the Class of 1968. He served in the Marines with a tour in Vietnam. He also served in the Navy where he learned to dive and served two years on an aircraft carrier. He later served in the Army National Guard and the Air Force Reserve. He had four Honorable discharges, one from each of the branches of the armed forces. He was a retired police officer, deep sea diver in the Gulf of Mexico and had several successful businesses. He also enjoyed Civil War reenacting, riding motorcycles and attending Native American Pow-wows.



Douglas Phillips

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