



From the President



Cadets – Once again it is that time of year when we think back to the cadence call of “Hark the herald Angels shout, (fill in the number) more days and we’ll be out”. Well I remember one year when the school did not shut down for Christmas. As a matter of fact it became a hotel overnight for stranded motorists. It was in the early sixties and it was close to Christmas night. A horrible snow storm came upon the sleepy village of Columbia and Highway 31 (I-65 was not built yet) was closed down. The local hotels quickly filled and my father was called by the Holiday Inn and the Highway Patrol to see if he could open one of the cadet “barracks” for stranded motorists. He agreed and opened North Jackson and, with the help of the Holiday Inn linens, my family quickly turned the rooms into a hotel so that stranded families would have a place to stay that night. Soon the Highway Patrol arrived in the dark of night leading a convoy of several cars on campus and the CMA saved the day. It

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CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting October 12, 2013 Columbia Academy Campus

Attendees

Mike Gilchrist-President ‘63, Robin Salze-Vice President ‘66, Randy Howell-Secretary ‘72, Becky Moon-Treasurer ‘75, John Bass ‘53, Don Kimbrell ‘53, Marshall Cranford ‘54, Bill Raiford ‘55, Tom Hayward ‘56, Tom Walbert ‘58, John Hubbard ‘59, Ron Nall ‘61, Wally Couch ‘62, Bill Hart ‘62, Don Noffsinger ‘63, Harold Smith ‘63, Jim Borum ‘66, Ed Tuggle ‘67, Bill Wade ‘68, Greg Thompson ‘72, Woody Pettigrew ‘73, Robin Layton ‘74, Winston Elston ‘74, Marshall Briggs ‘75, Vann McMinn ‘76, Guests Ed Lawing ‘74 and Buddy Fisher, Friend of the Board

Meeting Minutes

The fall meeting of the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association was called to order by association President, Mike Gilchrist. There were 21 board members and officers present along with Past Presidents Don Kimbrell (‘53), Bill Raiford (‘55), Bill Hart (‘62) and Robin Layton (‘74) and guests Ed Lawing (‘74), CA President James Thomas and friend of the board Buddy Fisher. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Bass and the invocation was given by Don Kimbrell.

Welcome and CA Update

Dr. Thomas welcomed the association

and guests back to the campus and provided an update on Columbia Academy happenings. He was excited to report that the enrollment for the fall term is a new record for CA with 839 students, 95 of which are at the Spring Hill campus. This is a 10% increase over last year, and places CA second only to David Lipscomb in enrollment for Church of Christ schools in the state. The CA football team has been doing very well with a 6-1 record (10-2 as of this writing). Dr. Thomas invited the board to go see “Winston”, the statue of the CA Bulldog, located in the front of the new Anderson Field House. Winston was named by a student body election in 1999. Dr. Thomas stated that the CA staff and student body were excited about this year’s homecoming festivities. He also informed the board of the newly established CA Hall of Fame and reported 6 Inductees were included in the first class. On a sad note, Dr. Thomas reported that due to structural failures and many other long-termed issues, plans have been made to demolish Moore Hall, one of the original CMA buildings. After extensive studies of the building, it was determined that it is unsafe and beyond reasonable repair. While this was a disappointing announcement, many of the CMAAA board members knew of the poor condition of the building and agreed it was the right move to make. Dr. Thomas spoke to the condition of other buildings on campus and stated that Johnson and Jackson are still in good shape with only normal repairs needed to maintain them. Even though Frierson is not in

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good condition, there are no plans to demolish that building in the foreseeable future. Dr. Thomas then informed the association of the establishment of the Columbia Military Academy Endowment. A CA graduate made the initial \$10,000 donation to establish the endowment that is focused solely on preserving the history of Columbia Military Academy. While CA will manage the endowment, it is specifically limited to funding activities that preserve the CMA History (Museum, Memorial, Flag Pole, banners, etc.). He provided the board members a copy of a draft letter setting up the endowment and asked the board to review and make recommendations to him on potential revisions to the letter. Mike Gilchrist asked Ron Nall ('61), Bill Wade ('66), Woody Pettigrew ('73) and Robin Layton ('74) to serve on a committee to review the letter and make recommended revisions to present to the board. Dr. Thomas asked that the board get back with him after its next meeting and let him know the results of the review. Once the endowment is formally established, anyone wishing to contribute can send their donations to Columbia Academy and note on the check that it is for the CMA Endowment. As CA does have the tax exempt status, all donations to the CMA endowment are tax deductible. More information will be provided in later editions of the *Bugle* newsletter.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes from the last board meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Becky Moon. As of September 30, 2013, the balance of the CMAAA General Fund is \$39,462. Becky responded to questions regarding the cost of mailing the quarterly *Bugle*. Currently it is costing between \$1,500 and \$1,600 dollars. Once again we were asked to notify Becky if we no longer wanted the paper copy of the *Bugle* since it would save some of the cost of mailing. Later discussion regarding finances included the fact that we currently have 1,452 alumni on the active list. Of that group, only 397 are current with their dues. There was discussion about the potential of being able to pay dues electronically, possibly through the CMAAA

website, using PayPal or other methods. Woody Pettigrew issued the report on the CMA Museum account. We are in good shape with a current available balance of \$11,765.44. Woody also noted that the projected sales of ornaments would not likely meet the designated amount of \$2,574, but that overall the museum budget is in good shape. Expected donations and revenue from raffles and auctions at reunions will make up the shortfall of ornament sales.

Old Business

Mike Gilchrist informed the board that he has been in contact with David White of White's Camera Shop regarding the negatives obtained from Orman's after Mr. Burt's passing. CMAAA offered Mrs. Burt \$5,000 for any and all negatives pertaining to CMA and the cadets. David informed Mike that he is approximately six weeks behind in sorting the negatives due to some family obligations, but he expects to be able to give us more information by the spring board meeting. The \$5,000 has not yet been paid to Mrs. Burt pending the results of the sorting of the negatives.

A lightweight jacket was shown to the board which had the CMA cross rifle logo. Buddy Fisher, friend of the board and son of former faculty member John Fisher, had donated the jacket to the Museum. Becky Moon agreed to have a prototype made of a jacket similar to the one presented and she will advise of the cost and see what the interest is in having several made to sell.

The committee assigned to research the possibilities of the location for the 2014 Grand Reunion came back with the decision to go with the Marriott in Cool Springs. The location is very close to the Embassy Suites which we have used in the past two reunions. The board voted unanimously to use the Marriott for the next reunion.

Related Reunion Planning

Part of the discussion for the upcoming reunion pertained to the Friday night reception. The Marriott agreed to consider providing snacks for that evening for a fee of \$500. That has not been finalized at this time.

A website has been set up for the hotel registration for the reunion. There will be 3 areas available for reunion dinners for classes that would like

to have a get together. It will be first come – first serve. However, the board agreed that first right of refusal should go to those groups celebrating anniversary years, such as 1953/54, 1963/64 and 1973/74.

At the Grand Reunion we will be recognizing those who were named as Mr. or Miss CMA through the years. It is the board's desire to make the recognitions during the Saturday night event rather than the meeting Saturday morning. For the former Mr./Miss CMAs that are deceased we would recognize any family members that attend. Mike Gilchrist will generate a letter to be sent to these individuals asking them to attend the reunion.

Mike Gilchrist will check to see if David White has an interest in doing the class photos for the reunion.

This year, due to the Marriott giving us free nights based on the number of rooms we use, we will try to give a free night to the person traveling the longest distance to the reunion and to the oldest alum in attendance. This will of course depend on the registration numbers.

New Business

The CMA banners that are hanging around the Quadrangle are ready to be replaced. The last time we replaced the banners the cost was approximately \$3,000. Woody Pettigrew noted that we need to ensure that the poles holding the banners are fixed before we spend the money to buy new ones; that effort is a CA responsibility. Mike Gilchrist asked Woody Pettigrew to get with the vendor for the banners and determine the cost to replace them in time for the reunion.

Woody Pettigrew is going to set a weekend in the Spring for cleaning and repair work on the CMA Museum. This is an annual event that has drawn great support from association members. The next session will include paint touch-up, display cleaning, landscaping and painting the cannon and caisson. This may be set up to coincide with the Spring Board meeting.

Woody announced that all CMA year-books from 1953 to 1979 are now on the CMAAA website. He suggested they be downloaded onto your personal system in order to view more quickly.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.

From the President

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is memories like this that help us to understand the meaning of the season and our ability to help others. This is one of my memories of my time at CMA.

Well now for some items I need to discuss concerning our association. We had a very good quarterly meeting in October discussing plans for our Grand Reunion in 2014 along with some other items of note. First, I want to congratulate our golfers who once again were victorious over our rivals from Heights. Those who played also reported that we are very fortunate to still have our school in tact as our colleagues from Heights will lose the last part of their school as the restaurant in their main building closes in the near future. I once again want to encourage those who have not been to the school lately to visit if you are in the area. I believe you will be pleased with what you see.

Our board decided that the 2014 Grand Reunion will be at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Cool Springs instead of the Embassy Suites. The Marriott is across the street from the Embassy Suites and is offering the same rate with a full cooked to order breakfast. They will also provide us with private rooms in the convention center at no charge for our reception on Friday night and our Banquet on Saturday night along with an area that can be locked up overnight during our reunion so we can leave the memorabilia and registration information out instead of taking it up every evening. We will also have a private area for our Friday afternoon board meeting. The Embassy was going to charge a fee for all the extra room requirements as well as less options for reservations. The Marriott provided all the extras free of charge. Overall it was agreed that Marriott offer was the best choice.

Another item of note is that Dr Thomas, the current President of Columbia Academy, reported to the CMAAA Board of a decision by the Columbia Academy Board to take down Moore Hall. This became necessary because the building is no longer safe and the price to restore it is cost prohibitive. He pointed out this was a very difficult decision to make but they had to take some action before someone got hurt. There is more on this subject in the

minutes of the association meeting along with Dr Thomas' statement concerning the issue

Dr Thomas also advised our board that he has started an initiative to create a CMA Endowment Fund. The purpose of the endowment will be to preserve the original CMA buildings and grounds. He said that he already had a Columbia Academy donor ready to give \$10,000 to start the CMA Endowment. I've asked Woody Pettigrew, the association historian, to head up a committee to work the details of the endowment fund with Dr Thomas and report to the board at the Spring Meeting and our full association at our Grand Reunion in August 2014. There is more information on this initiative in the minutes of the association as well.

Well, as you can see our October meeting was quite busy. In the coming months we will be planning further for the grand reunion and will provide more information as it becomes available. I want to once again encourage those who could not make it last time along with those of you who did to plan to attend to renew old friendships and see the current school that shaped many of our futures

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your support to our association over the last year and hope that you and your families have the happiest of holidays.

Mike Gilchrist
Class of 1963

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. Even short "announcements" are interesting for our Alumni Association readers, with readers constantly commenting on how they enjoy reading about what is going on with fellow alumni. 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 the input to Woody Pettigrew at wpettigrew@knology.net or via snail mail to:

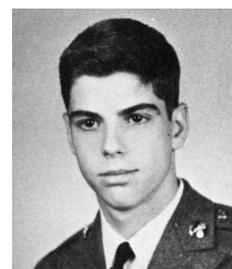
Woody Pettigrew
101 Springton Drive
Madison, AL 35758

Open Letter to all CMA Alumni

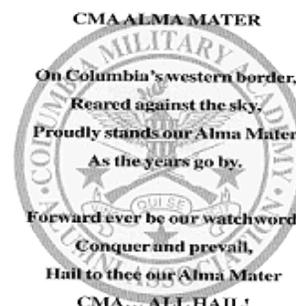
In April I was in Nashville on business. I finished my meetings early and was headed to Huntsville, Alabama. While driving south on I-65, I saw the sign for Columbia. I had not been on campus in 25 years. What a rush of emotions. I went in Old Main and was cordially greeted by one of the teachers. His comment was "you must have been a cadet". I must have looked like a deer in headlights. I told him I had been at Columbia for two years. I can tell all of you, it was great seeing the place. I was delighted to see young men and women going about their daily activities. The secretary in the office gave me the key to the Guard House and I had the chance to see the Museum. What a special treat. I walked around campus for over an hour. I visited the old gym and mess hall. I walked around where Black Barracks use to be. The trip was great and brought back a lot of good memories. I would like to encourage all the Bellhops to make the pilgrimage to CMA --- it is good for the soul.

Sincerely,
George Archer
228 Briar Creek Road
Greer, SC 29651

George was member of the Class of 1967 attending CMA for two years as a Freshman and Sophomore from the Fall of 1963 through Spring of 1965.



George Archer as a Sophomore at CMA during school year 1964-65.



GRAND REUNION CMAAAA 2014



Marriott

Reservation Process

Please make Reservations by July 3rd

Via Phone (1-888-403-6772):

1. Ask for Reservations
2. Provide arrival/departure date
3. Reference the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association Reunion Group (Code REUREUA)

Via Internet:

1. Go to the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs website at: www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnacs-franklin-cool-springs/
2. Enter the dates that you want reservations on the left side of the page
3. Enter the number of rooms and number of guests per room
4. Click the "Special Rates and Awards" button
5. Click the "Group Code" button and enter REUREUA in the box
6. Click the "Find" button. This will take you to the CMAAA Reunion special rates page showing the room rate of \$119 per night. Click the "Continue" button to finalize your reservations.

Make Plans to visit the CMA Museum during the Reunion



Open 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday

Look for the 2014 Reunion Registration Form in the Spring (March) Bugle

Now is the time to "ink in" the 2014 CMAAA Grand Reunion on your calendar. We will be gathering at the Cool Springs Marriott the weekend of 1-3 August to celebrate CMA and visit with old friends and make new ones. This reunion marks 36 years since the elimination of the "Military" in Columbia Military Academy and 35 years since the CMA transition to Columbia Academy. What a great tribute to the Alumni Association and its members that we continue to celebrate CMA even without the benefit of still having the school around. While the campus is certainly different now than it was when we were cadets, we are fortunate to be able to visit the campus and use the facilities there to support our Reunion activities. The General Membership meeting in Old Main, the Flagpole ceremony honoring lost cadets from each reunion's designated "50 Year Reunion" classes, and the opportunity to visit the CMA Museum in the old Guard House. Just walking around the campus brings back a flood of memories and makes the trip worthwhile. Be part of it in 2014.

Former Mr./Miss CMAs to be Recognized at 2014 CMA Grand Reunion

The CMAAA Board of Directors selects a special group to recognize during the Grand Reunions. In previous reunions we have recognized former military service members from the various branches, members of the CMA Band, members of the CMA Drill Team, members of the CMA Color Guard, and military aviation veterans. For this year's Grand Reunion the Board decided to recognize former Mr. and Miss CMAs during the dinner Saturday evening. These individuals were selected by fellow cadets and faculty during each of the school years and are a select group of former CMA cadets that deserve recognition.

Scramble Golf Tournament

As in years past, there will be a scramble golf tournament on Friday morning of the reunion weekend. This is open to alumni, family members and friends and is a great way to kick the weekend off. This year's event will be held at the Forrest Crossing Golf Course in Franklin which is convenient to the hotel. Registration forms will be available in the Spring edition of the *Bugle*.

GRAND REUNION CMAAAA 2014

Schedule of Events

Thursday, July 31

1:00 PM: Early sign-in and registration in Marriott Hotel lobby until 7:00 PM
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

Friday, August 1

8:00 AM: Registration in Marriott lobby until 5:30 PM
8:00: Golf Tournament, Forrest Crossing Golf Course, 750 Riverview Drive, Franklin, TN
3:00: Board Meeting, Marriott Meeting Room
5:30 PM: Welcome Reception, Marriott Meeting Room
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

Saturday, August 2

8:00 AM: Registration in Marriott lobby until 6:00 PM
9:00 AM: Complimentary coffee and sweet rolls at CA
9:00 AM: CMA Museum open until 2:00 PM except during CMAAA General Membership meeting
9:30 AM: Looking for options for potential Ladies' event. Please submit suggestions for this activity to your Class Representative
10:00 AM: CMAAA General Membership Meeting in CA Chapel
- Election of Class Representatives
- Election of Board Officers
- Certificates of Recognition
- Hall of Honor Inductions
11:00 AM: Flag Ceremony for Departed Cadets in Classes of '64 and '65
12:00: Deli Luncheon in CA Cafeteria
6:00 PM: Reunion Banquet / Recognition Ceremony / Dance / Group Pictures at Marriott Ball Room

Sunday, August 3

Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings, breakfast, worship, and departure as desired

Do You Remember?

70 Years Ago
Fall 1943



The Bugs Bunny cartoon *Falling Hare* is released in the United States on October 30th.

U.S. President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Churchill and Soviet leader Stalin meet in Tehran to discuss war strategy on November 28th.

The Great Depression officially ends on December 4th.

At CMA, the Rifle Team which had won the William Randolph Hearst Trophy in the 1942-43 school year begins practicing for a successful defense of the trophy in the 1943-44 school year.

50 Years Ago
Fall 1963



Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax sets a World Series record by striking out 15 New York Yankees in Game One of the World Series on October 2nd.

President John F. Kennedy is assassinated on November 22nd; Vice President Lyndon Baines Johnson becomes the 36th President.

The Beatles' "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and "I Saw Her Standing There" are released in the United States on December 26th, marking the beginning of Beatlemania on an international level.

At CMA, Miss Cynthia Whitaker is selected as Football Queen.

60 Years Ago
Fall 1953



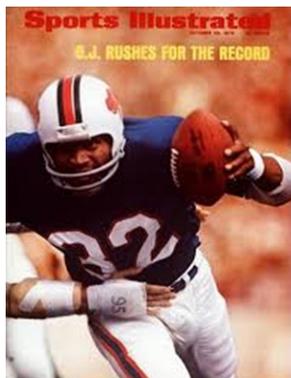
Earl Warren is appointed Chief Justice of the United States by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on 5 October.

First issue of Playboy is published in the US in December, featuring a centerfold nude photograph of Marilyn Monroe; it sells 54,175 copies at \$.50 each.

The FCC approves the use of color television on December 17th. Color televisions go on sale for about \$1,175.

At CMA, Stewart Gammill settles in his role as Battalion Commander.

40 Years Ago
Fall 1973



The Oakland Athletics win baseball's World Series on October 21st, defeating the New York Mets 4 games to 3.

In Orlando, Florida, U.S. President Richard Nixon tells 400 Associated Press managing editors "I am not a crook" on November 17th.

O.J. Simpson of the Buffalo Bills becomes the first running back to rush for 2,000 yards in a pro football season on December 16th.

At CMA, the school year starts without COL Wilhoite on the Faculty for the first time in 43 years. COL Wilhoite passed away earlier in the year.

CMA vs. CHMA Plaque Stays with the Bulldogs



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.

The CMA Alumni Association once again squared off against the Castle Heights Alumni on the golfing field of battle on October 11th. It was a great Fall day with perfect weather for a day on the golf course. Bulldogs Stan Boyd of Kentucky and Woody Pettigrew of Alabama joined Tennessee Bulldogs Bill Akin, Randy Howell, Walker Keith, Bill Wade, Rick Webster and Dan West in Lebanon Tennessee to take on the Castle Heights Tigers on their home course during their 2013 Reunion. The eight Bulldogs formed two teams to take on eight Tigers in the scramble format. The two teams from both schools had a combined stroke total of 132 resulting a tie score. A scorecard playoff resulted in the Bulldogs taking the victory by scoring a birdie on the 17th hole. This scorecard playoff resulted in the CMA teams again bringing home the plaque. After six years of competition, CMA holds the record at 4-2. Also, the Bulldogs "A Team" made up of Bill Akin, Walter Keith, Rick Webster, and Dan West took overall second place for the tournament. Congratulations to the Bulldogs on another fine performance against the Heights Men.

50 Year Reunion Contacts For 2014

Classes of 1964 and 1965

We need a representative for each year, 1964 and 1965, to lead the effort to get your class in attendance for the reunion and to gather the names of the departed alumni from your years to recognize at the Flag Ceremony after the Membership Meeting. If you can do this, please let Mike Gilchrist know. E-mail him at: mgfamilytn@charter.net

Then and Now

Sam Paplanus, Class of '46

Although his family lived in Winchester, Sam was born in Columbia at the King's Daughters' Hospital. He grew up in Winchester and attended school there through the 10th grade. He then transferred to CMA in 1944; he lived with his grandfather on Athenaeum Street and commuted by bicycle to the CMA campus. He did live on the campus during the 1945 summer session. There were things about his CMA academic experience that Sam still remembers and values.

Major Fishburne taught Sam's physics class; when he later took introductory physics at Vanderbilt he found that he already knew almost everything that was being taught, courtesy of Major Fishburne. Sam also thoroughly enjoyed his mathematics courses, especially the advanced courses taught by Colonel C.A. Ragsdale. Sam's decision to major in mathematics at Vanderbilt was at least in part due to that experience. The cadets in Sam's senior English course were required to memorize "L'Allegro" by John Milton – not a short poem. Sam still remembers it; when he recently underwent an MRI which required him to spend many minutes in a confined tube-like space he found himself making the time pass by reciting "Hence, loathed Melancholy, Of Cerberus and blackest Midnight born, In Stygian cave forlorn,..." and so on for many lines. Sam graduated from CMA in 1946 as the Class Salutatorian. He went on to Vanderbilt, graduating in 1950 with a mathematics major. He then spent four years at Vanderbilt Medical School and decided to specialize in Pathology. He finished his residency at Vanderbilt as chief resident in Pathology in 1957. After that it was off to the Army for two years. After a 6 week orientation course at Fort Sam Houston, Sam was assigned to the Army Chemical Center in Edgewood Maryland. He developed an interest in infectious diseases and in 1959 he took a one year fellowship at Yale in the infectious disease section of the Internal Medicine Department where he contributed to some published work on kidney infections. After that, Sam took a two year fellowship at Johns Hopkins Pathology Department continuing his in-



fectious disease work. He was asked to stay on after the fellowship in 1962 so he spent 10 more years on the Pathology faculty at the Johns Hopkins Medical School and the Medical Staff at Johns Hopkins Hospital. During that time, Sam became intrigued by a device called a "computer" (those CMA math courses were beginning to pay off). He developed a system of storage and retrieval of pathology information using "natural language" (English language, no numeric codes). Sam moved to Tucson to the Pathology faculty at the University of Arizona and the Medical staff of University Hospital in 1972. He continued and expanded his computer related work as well as being a Surgical Pathologist. He retired in 1990 as Professor Emeritus of Pathology. Since retiring Sam has kept busy as a member of the Pima County Medical Society, where he has been a long time member of the Public Health and History Committees as well as having been the Chair of the Alternative Medicine Committee. Sam has long been interested in the outdoors and has camped extensively in Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and California. It was after a 1967 raft trip down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon that Sam decided to explore a move to the Southwest (Baltimore had nothing like that!). He has also taken advantage of Elderhostel with trips to Turkey and other places. Sam says that all in all he has had a pretty busy existence and now that the inevitable infirmities are beginning to take over, regrets are few.



Marvin Vernon, Class of '57

In the Fall of 1953 Marvin decided to attend CMA as a 9th grade freshman due to Jackson, Mississippi having only one overcrowded high school. The plan was to return to Jackson as soon as a new high school was completed the following year. After a visit from Colonel Ragsdale that summer, it was decided Marvin would return to Columbia. Ragsdale promised Marvin the rank of PFC! Strangely, Marvin never was a PFC..... went directly to Corporal. Woopie, he was off and running. Four years later in 1956-



1957 Marvin was named Company Commander and Captain of Band Company. After graduation, Marvin attended the University of Mississippi majoring in Insurance. Marvin was married to his precious wife Lemma Ann Grantham in the summer between his junior and senior years at Ole Miss. They had three wonderful children over the next eight years; Gene, Laura, and Ken. Ken produced their only grandchild, Presley Ann, in 2006 (pictured herein with Marvin). He entered the life and health insurance business upon graduating from Ole Miss, first selling insurance in Jackson. He and his family then moved to Omaha, Nebraska in 1970 working in the Marketing Department of Mutual and United of Omaha. After four years there, Marvin accepted a position in Topeka, Kansas as vice-president of pension



marketing at Security Benefit Life. In 1977, the family returned to Jackson to head up the pension marketing department of Southern Farm Bureau Life. Over the next 25 years, his department produced over \$2 billion of annuity assets through the sale of qualified retirement plans and annuities. Marvin's hobbies have been hunting and fishing and Ole Miss football. Additionally, Marvin was a runner..... after being on the CMA track team..... participating in dozens of races over 10+ years, 13 marathons, including the Boston Marathon as a 50 year old in 1991. Marvin retired in 2003, subsequently losing his wife, Lemma, of 53 years earlier this year (2013). Marvin fondly remembers his years at CMA and still appreciates the efforts of the instructors and management in those crucial formative years. Marvin may be reached by e-mail at mevernon@ymail.com.

Jim Thornton, Class of '61

In the spring of 1957 Jim decided to live with grandparents in Columbia and enrolled at CMA as a local day student that fall. It turned out to be a very timely and fortunate decision; his mom had remarried and was moving to another state. He had spent most weekends and summers in Columbia and had many relatives and friends there. He was also aware that he needed a differ-

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Then and Now

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ent environment and direction in his life. Jim was actually excited about having a new beginning, new friends and motivated about starting high school at CMA. Like other young cadets, there were some setbacks and hard lessons to be learned. He certainly didn't realize it at the time, but the next four years of new found discipline, academics, responsibility and motivation were invaluable and contributed greatly to a successful future career and family. "CMA treated all of us pretty much the same. For the first time, I felt really good about myself. Friendships made with fellow cadets and their families, both local and on campus, have carried on to this day".

Jim also learned quickly the hard way that "local town dogs" had the same rules, demerits, drills, Saturday morning school, night school, bull ring tours etc. as on campus cadets; caught out in town out of uniform on dates, turned in for tossing snow balls from the tennis courts at passing L&N train engineers/conductors, and more. Like many, a bit more stripes came and went, bull ring hours were racked up. However, early in his junior year, a bit more maturity set in and a more serious attitude about the future came forth. Senior year 1961 was a lot of fun as well as rewarding; B company was named "Efficiency Company". New cadets wanted to be in the "B-country club". Jim and friend Charlie Walters had both become converted/"good boys" working their way back up the ladder as the 2 platoon sergeants. Richard Oates was company commander along with Jim Whitmer and Bill Orman as platoon leaders, double date sidekick "Aldy" Bobby Alderson the company first sergeant. What a group that was! Jim graduated from MTSU in 1966 and was commissioned an officer in the Army via the ROTC program. Jim's four years at CMA allowed him to waive the basic ROTC requirements but he stayed involved with the department as a sophomore getting to know the advanced cadets and staff. Several of his CMA friends were also at MTSU to include Ron Nall and Jim Jacobs. In the spring of 1966, Jim married the love of his life, Patricia (Pat) Forsythe, a beautiful Murfreesboro girl. Jim had Army



assignments at Ft. Benning, Ft. Bragg, Ft. Holibird and an overseas tour with US Army Intelligence. In late 1968, 1LT Thornton went on reserve status and returned to civilian life in Tennessee. While at a new year's party with some old college friends, he learned of a position open with the Tennessee Industrial Development Commission in Nashville. He was hired and worked with local and regional industrial/chamber groups in recruiting new and expanding industries around the state. In the process of working with recognition products manufacturer Jostens, locating 2 new plants in Memphis and Clarksville, TN and expanding their plant in Shelbyville, Tennessee. Jim was offered a sales territory in the Tri-Cities area of northeast TN/VA. He was a Jostens Rep. for 38 years and has made his home in Johnson City for last 42 years. Pat returned to college at East Tennessee State earning bachelors and graduate degrees. After a successful career as a clinical psychologist, Pat helped Jim with his Jostens territory until his official retirement. He attributes much of his success to the self-confidence, mutual trust, brotherhood, and emphasis on character stressed at CMA. Jim stays in touch with the 1961-62 CMA classes and loves to attend the reunions. (Please check the Fall issue of the *Bugle*", page 6 to see a picture of the mini-reunion Jim and several others attended back in September.) "It's sad to think about the friends and classmates we have lost over the years; that old red 1961 yearbook is priceless to me" states Jim. Jim and Pat have resided on Boone Lake for 16 years. Sons Jay and Matt, along with wives Dana and Emily and grandsons Jacob and Gavin, live in Melbourne and Weston Florida, respectively. Jim enjoys boating, fishing and golfing and just being with family and friends. He currently serves on the Johnson City Industrial Development Board. Jim and Pat attend the Episcopal Church. He and Pat enjoy going back to Nashville/Murfreesboro area to visit friends and family and look forward to the big reunion next summer.



Roy Hughes, Class of '79

Roy Hughes attended CMA for 6 years, graduating in 1979. During his time he served as Platoon Sergeant, was the manag-

er for both the baseball and basketball teams, and played football for 5 years. After graduation from CMA, Roy attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he was a member of the ATO Fraternity. Since graduating from UT in 1983, Roy has worked in corrections for the State of Tennessee in both Memphis and Nashville, and as a Probation/Parole Officer in Columbia. Roy married his wife, Jennifer, in 1993 and they have a 16 year old son, Gavin. Roy currently lives in Waynesboro, Tennessee where he is a Claims Representative for Tennessee Farm Bureau. Roy's hobbies include deer and turkey hunting, skeet shooting, and spending time with his family and two dogs.



CMA Alumni Association Master Database is Being Updated—Please Help

Greg Thompson, CMA Class of '72, has taken on the task of doing a complete update to the CMA Alumni Association membership database in an effort to capture as many current addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses as possible. He has sent e-mails to those that he has addresses on asking for updated information. If you have already received an e-mail or a phone call directly from Greg, please provide him with the information he is seeking to help him with this task. If you have not heard from Greg or Woody Pettigrew on this endeavor that means they do not have an e-mail address for you. Please send Greg an e-mail at gregt53@att.net and provide him with the information requested below and help him update our database. Thank you for helping in this endeavor.

Please send the following information to Greg:

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Campus Happenings

For the 2013-2014 school year, Columbia Academy reports a school record enrollment of 841 students with a total of 152 new students in grades K - 12. This enrollment breaks the previous record of 825 students enrolled more than 10 years ago in 2001. Economic challenges over the years have taxed many private schools nationwide, but President Dr. James Thomas is encouraged by the continuing growth seen at Columbia Academy over the past three years. This record enrollment growth comes on the heels of the opening of the new Anderson Fieldhouse athletic facility, which opened in January of 2013. Other factors which may have contributed to the growth, Thomas said, also include the one-to-one iPad technology initiative, the increase of college credit options for high school students, rising college placement and TCAP scores, the Spring Hill satellite campus, and improved extracurricular options for students such as theatre and band. (From the *Daily Herald*)

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Make your Reservations now for the 2014 CMA Reunion the weekend of August First to the Third. Come share in the fun and fellowship with fellow alumni and their families.

“Whhhhhaazzuuppp Dudes” Odds and Ends

Five members from the Class of ‘58 gathered in mid-September at Opryland Hotel for a weekend in the Music City.



Present were Jack Fish, John Kinnard, Jerry Sands, Jerry Reagan and Tom Walbert. On Saturday the wives, Robin Walbert (daughter-in-law), Betty Jo



Reagan, Melinda Sands, some strange dude they picked up, Liz Fish and Brenda Walbert, shopped at every store in Opry Mills while the guys enjoyed hanging out with a day of football, sharing memories and making new ones. Needless to say, scrumptious meals were enjoyed by all from Friday evening through Sunday morning. All those participating (including wives) agreed that the odd year mini-reunions fill in the gap between our regular return to campus and encourage every one in every class to participate in such events.

September 13th to the 22nd marked the fourth annual assault on Grayton Beach by a group of CMA Alumni. Tex Tucker, ‘71, once again hosted the group with significant coordination support from Jim Law, ‘72. Twenty-six CMA



The on-time arrivers at Grayton Beach open the festivities by posting the CMA Guidon at the Red Bar.

Alumni, spouses, and friends made the sojourn and enjoyed time on the beach as well as time at the Red Bar. While other locations did draw some attention, those two seemed to capture the crowd the most. Former cadets in attendance included Tex, Wally Kistler ‘71, Lee Turnage ‘71, Bobby Bain ‘72, Jim Law ‘72, Ronnie Shirah ‘72, Bill Strong ‘72, Dudley Dolinger ‘73, Tom Norris ‘73, Bill Patrick ‘73, Woody Pettigrew ‘73, Donna (Ryland) Kelley ‘73, Mike Glover ‘74, Sharon (Sims) Hartnett ‘74, Robin Layton ‘74, Mildred (Graham) Dolinger ‘76, and Judy (Bone) Pettigrew ‘76.



Sharon (Sims) Hartnett, Mildred (Graham) Dolinger and Judy (Bone) Pettigrew enjoying a sunset at Grayton Beach.

William O.H. Perry and his wife, Sue, recently returned from a marvelous cruise to Portugal and Spain with Vantage Cruise Lines. They visited Lisbon, Cascais, Fatima, Portugal and Salamanca, Spain. William, known as Oliver while attending CMA, is a member of the Class of 1949.

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Harold Kendall, Class of '44

Harold Kendall, 87, of Huntsville, passed away June 3rd, 2013 following several months of illness. Harold attended CMA for three years as part of the Class of 1944. He was a resident of DeWitt, AR, until he moved to Huntsville, Alabama in 2005. He was owner of the Kendall Title Company, which was established in 1919 by his father. He had 62 years of perfect attendance with the Rotary Club, of which he was a member for 65 years. Harold was the county treasurer of Arkansas County, Arkansas for 12 years. A member of the First United Methodist Church in DeWitt, AR, he later became a member of Latham United Methodist Church in Huntsville. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Gippa; son, Ray Kendall and wife, Vicki; grandchildren, Shanna Bocchino and husband, Vaughn, Cory Kendall and wife, Amanda; and great-grandchildren, Molly Gibbons and Ian Knoell, all of Huntsville.

Charles Sharpe, Class of '47

Charles Kenneth Sharpe, age 84, passed away at his home on October 18th, 2013. He was born in Memphis on September 13th, 1929 to Wyatt and Helen Sharpe. He attended CMA for one year, graduating in 1947, and attended Texas Christian University and graduated from Memphis State University. During the Korean War Charles served with the Army Corps of Engineers attached to the Air Force. After service, he joined his father in the construction business. Charles Sharpe His entire business career was with W.L. Sharpe Construction company, since 1976 as President. Charles devoted his life to his family and his work. He also enjoyed travel to faraway places, especially to his home on a quiet island in the Bahamas where he loved sitting on the deck and watching the sunrise over the ocean. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Dorothy Sharpe Carey, and his first wife Carolyn Sellers Sharpe. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Carol Tension Sharpe; daughters Linda Maxey (Jerry), Cynthia Sharpe, Rebecca Sharpe Hibner; and son Ken Sharpe; three grandchildren; three step-children; five step-grandchildren; and four nieces and nephews.



Jere P. Griggs, Class of '48

Jere P. Griggs, age 83, passed away on October 31st, 2013. Jere attended Columbia Military Academy, graduating with the Class of 1948. He then attended and graduated from the University of Tennessee. He was Commissioner of Agriculture under Governor Alexander and he was very involved in Saint Vincent de Paul. He is preceded in death by his sons, Emmett Lee Griggs II and James Harrison Griggs. He is survived by his loving wife, Sally Griggs; granddaughter, Saorise Alice Griggs; and daughter-in-law, Lisa Byrne Griggs.



Jere Griggs

Clyde Maynard, Class of '48

Clyde Maynard, age 84, passed away with his family at his side on October 19th, 2013. He was born March 7th, 1929, to Cleo Donegan and John Isom Maynard in LeHi, Arkansas. He attended CMA two years, graduating with the Class of 1948. In 1952 he graduated from the University of Tennessee with a BS in business. He was commissioned in the United States Army as a second lieutenant of infantry at Ft. Benning, Georgia, where he graduated first in his ACO class. Upon discharge, he fulfilled his reserve commitment in the Tennessee National Guard's 191st Field Artillery Battalion, 30th Armored Division serving as Captain and Battery Commander. He was employed by Southern Extract Company, Knoxville, as paper mill superintendent from 1954 to 1963. In 1963, he joined Mead Corp., Lynchburg, Virginia, as mill manager. While there, he served on the advisory board of Randolph-Macon Woman's College. In 1966, he transferred to Dayton, Ohio where he became president of Mead Paperboard Division. In 1967 he attended the Advanced Management Program #51 at Harvard Business School. In 1976, he became president of Saratoga Paper Co. in Mechanicsville, New York. He later moved to New Canaan, Connecticut, becoming vice president of Clevepak

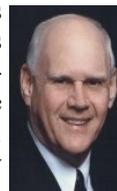


Clyde Maynard

Corp., White Plains, New York. In 1979, he returned to East Tennessee as president of Harriman Paperboard. In 1983, he founded Southeastern Coal Services, a coal marketing firm supplying paper mills in the Southeast. He retired in 1994. He was a member of Second Presbyterian Church serving as deacon, elder and Stephen Ministry Leader. He was admired and respected as a man of great character, integrity, and Godly wisdom. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Anne Willis Maynard; and his faithful canine companion, Hoots; children, John Maynard (Julie), Merrill Simon (Denis), Edith Cronin (Tim); special family friend, Denis Keyes; nephew, Robert Maynard; and seven grandchildren.

Thomas H. Walls, Class of '51

Thomas H. Walls, Sr. passed away peacefully on October 24th, 2013 at the age of 80. Thomas attended CMA for three years, graduating in 1951. He also attended and graduated from Arkansas State University. He was born in Searcy, Arkansas and later moved to Blytheville where he fell in love with his wife of 60 years. He served in the U.S. Army and then moved to Nashville to pursue a Thomas Walls career in the music industry. He loved his family, his Lord, and his country. Preceded in death by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Walls, he is survived by his wife, Jean S. Walls; sons, Dr. Thomas H. Walls, Jr. and wife Glenda Nelson Walls and James Gray Walls and wife Janet Jones Walls; grandchildren, Justin Thomas Walls, David Andrew Walls, Leslie Walls Binford and husband Caleb Woodson Binford, Preston James Walls and wife Carly Hartman Walls; great grandson, Isaac Woodson Binford and brother, Dr. Joseph T. Walls and wife Sally Walls.



Michael W. Taylor, Class of '65

Michael W. Taylor, 66, passed away on September 5th, 2013, after a courageous five-year battle with pancreatic cancer. There were many important things in Mike's life, but three stood over all; family, faith, and country. His devotion

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to each was steadfast and unbending, and there wasn't a decision he made or an action he took that wasn't framed and constructed by these three principles. Mike attended CMA for 3 years, graduating in 1965. He excelled in academics and sports - football and wrestling. His dedication to duty and country were honed at CMA. He was Battalion Commander his senior year, which was one of the highlights of his education there. After graduating from CMA, Mike attended the United States Military Academy, graduating in 1969. After West Point, Mike and his wife Janie served his Army field artillery duty in Europe and the United States. Mike retired from the Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel in March 1994. After eleven years of active duty, Mike moved to the private sector, beginning a career in medical administration and information technology sales. In the mid-1980's, Mike embarked on his final career in medical executive recruitment. In 2003, he purchased a partnership position in Grant Cooper & Associates, a St. Louis-based national executive search firm. He retired in 2011. Mike was a decades-long member of Ellisville Baptist Church, where he mentored, served as deacon, and taught adult Sunday School. While God and country were cornerstones in his life, equally so was family. His greatest love was time with his wife of 44 years, Janie. Together they enjoyed traveling with friends and hiking across Europe, but mostly they relished spend-



ing time with their children and grandchildren. Mike is survived by his wife Janie Timberlake Taylor, his mother Maxine Grindstaff, son Robert Wayne Taylor (Kari), daughter Natalie Taylor Bock (John), brothers Ed Taylor and Terry Grindstaff, and four grandchildren.

Thomas L. Smith, Class of '71

Thomas L. (Little Tom) Smith passed away in September 2013. Little Tom attended CMA for four years, graduating in 1971. While at CMA, Little Tom was a member of the drill team for two years, worked on the school paper for two years, the Recall annual for one year, and played football for one year. Originally from Pulaski Tennessee, Tom was living in San Diego, California at the time of his death.



Tom Smith

Gary Armor, Class of '72

Gary Brent Armor, 60, of El Cajon California, died Monday, June 17, 2013. He was born to William and Joyce Armor, January 18, 1953 in Florida. Gary attended CMA for two years as a member of the Class of 1972. The oldest of three children, he was raised in Casper, WY, and moved to San Diego in the 1980's where he met his future wife and life-long companion, Kitty. He is survived by Kitty, daughter Rachel, stepson Jason and his wife Nailah, with countless other extended family and friends from California to Florida.



Gary Armor

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