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From the President



Season's Greetings Bellhops, Faculty, and Friends.

As we get close to the Christmas Holidays, I often think of CMA. It was an exciting time as we prepared for a long vacation at home with our loved ones. I especially enjoyed the YMCA Candlelight Service before the holidays. It was something that celebrated the Christmas Season with the singing of carols and hearing the Christmas Story. I did always feel sad for the guys who, for whatever reason, could not go home for the Holidays.

As a young Cadet, my first years at CMA, I loved the snow. Growing up in Birmingham, Alabama, snow was a rare thing for us. I remember there were some serious snowball fights between barracks. You probably remember there was always the wise guy who had to pack snow around a rock. Not fun if you were on the receiving end. We also had great times pouring water on the sidewalk in front of South Johnson. It would freeze and we would slide down the sidewalk. This lasted until someone fell and busted their mouth open. Here comes the salt and no more slip and slide. As I got older, the snow was not as much fun when we had to walk everywhere in the cold, slippery conditions.

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I have been in contact with the Marriott in Cool Springs as we look forward to our 2018 Reunion. I will report to you when the Board makes a decision on our 2018 plans. We have just completed our 2016 Reunion, but as we all know, time flies when you're having fun.

We will continue to sort the Orman photo negatives. Our goal is to have them sorted to where you will be able to find photos of your time at CMA.

This issue of the *Bugle* is the last copy that will be mailed to the entire Association Membership. Due to the high cost of printing and mailing, hard copies will be mailed only to dues paying members. If you have access to a computer and printer, it would benefit the Association if you removed yourself from the mailing list. All of the *Bugles* are available on the CMAAA website.

As football season winds down, congratulations are in order again for the CA Football team. CA was 9-0 during the regular season. They just lost their game against South Pittsburg in the State Playoff Quarterfinals.

At this time of Thanksgiving, we should give thanks to those who keep us in touch throughout our organization. Woody Pettigrew ('73) edits and publishes the *Bugle*. Bill Raiford ('55) maintains the CMAAA website, and Pat Smith ('66) hosts the website on his servers. What a great job these guys do. It often goes unnoticed and taken for granted, but it takes a lot of work. Thanks Guys!!

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays & Happy New Year to you and all of your

families.

As Tiny Tim would say, "God Bless Us, Every One!"

Robin

Robin Salze
Class of 1966
CMAAA President

Thank You Note from Central High School Navy Junior ROTC Program

To CMA Alumni Association: Thank you for providing our cadets with the opportunity to participate in your flag raising ceremony on August 6th and thank you for the \$100 contribution to the program. Your contribution will help augment various activities such as travel costs and competitions and allow our cadets to be competing at the state and national levels. Thank you again. All the best.

Website for CMA Items

There is a new website that carries CMA related items for sale. Jim Law, Class of 1972, has been designing and developing CMA shirts and hats for several years and has now set up a website with numerous CMA items going to be available for purchase. The initial items are Vacuum Tumblers with the CMA logo. Take a look at cma.pokeys.net and get your tumbler ordered. A great Christmas, Birthday, Anniversary, Father's Day or Mother's Day gift for CMA alumni.

Do You Remember?

**70 Years Ago
Winter 1947**



In Palm Island, Florida, "Public Enemy No. 1" Al Capone dies on January 25th at age 48.

The *Tom and Jerry* cartoon "Cat Fishin'" is released on February 22nd.

The movie *The Best Years of Our Lives* wins the Academy Award for Best Picture on March 19th.

At CMA, the newest barracks, Johnson Hall, is being built and readied for Cadets to move in.

**50 Years Ago
Winter 1967**



The Green Bay Packers defeat the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10 in Super Bowl I on January 15th.

Apollo 1 astronauts Gus Grissom, Edward White and Roger Chaffee are killed when fire breaks out in their Apollo spacecraft during a launch pad test on January 27th.

The American Basketball Association is formed on February 2nd.

The body of U.S. President John F. Kennedy is moved to a permanent burial place at Arlington National Cemetery on March 14th.

At CMA, John Leahy and Steve Springer are named to the All Mid-South Basketball Team for the season. John averaged 20 points per game and Steve averaged 18.75 points per game.

**60 Years Ago
Winter 1957**



Elvis Presley appears on *The Ed Sullivan Show* for the third and final time on January 6th. He is only shown from the waist up.

The first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, logs its 60,000th nautical mile on February 4th, matching the endurance of the fictional Nautilus described in the novel *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*.

The US Congress approves the Eisenhower Doctrine on March 7th.

At CMA, Major John Draper, in his thirteenth year at CMA as a math and social sciences teacher and coach, passes away on March 17th.

**40 Years Ago
Winter 1977**



Jimmy Carter becomes President on January 20th. He pardons Vietnam draft evaders on January 21st.

Fleetwood Mac's Grammy-winning album *Rumours* is released on February 4th.

Marquette University wins the men's NCAA basketball tournament with a win over the University of North Carolina on March 28th.

At CMA, the Corps of Cadets is preparing for the Annual General Inspection (G.I.) on March 31st.

**"Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes"
Odds and Ends**



Another September and another CMA assault on Greyton Beach. Tex Tucker ('71) once again hosted a crew for a week of fun and sun in Florida. This year's attendees included Irby Atkinson, Wally and Casandra Kistler, Bill Payne, Lee Turnage, David and Patricia (Murphy) Brown, Jim and Elaine Law, Bill Strong, Dudley and Mildred (Graham) Dolinger, Donna (Ryland) Kelley, Tom and Sharon Norris, Bill Patrick, Mike and Terri Glover, Ed Lawing, Tom Carr, Becky (Algood) Moon, Bennett Moon, Bill Ryland, and Renee Hodnett.



Four members of the Class of '58 gathered at the home of Jerry and Betty Jo Reagan just out of Sevierville, TN for a little R&R October 15th weekend. Weather was beautiful, leaves were turning and hospitality maxed out! Pictured Left to Right are Tom and Brenda Walbert, Jack and Liz Fish, Jerry and Betty Jo Reagan and Jerry and Melinda Sands.

Jim Dickinson wants folks to know that vacationers to New Orleans that possess a military ID might be interested in an alternate place to stay with reasonable rates. Jackson Barracks, located less than five miles from the heart of the French Quarter, provides accommodations for active duty and retired military personnel on an as available basis. Jackson Barracks can be reached by phone at 504-278-8224.

CMA Memories Great Stories from the History of CMA

It would be several years after high school before I would recognize how I got to CMA. My father had grown up in this small, rural coal mining town in northwest Alabama (as had I), but in the early 1900's the town of Brilliant had no high school. So, his parents paid room and board in another town in the county in order for him to get a secondary education. Commuting was not practical on single lane dirt roads back then. So, when my father learned that four boys about my age, in adjacent Fayette county, were attending a boarding school in Columbia, Tennessee the die was cast. Those CMA cadets were Don Kimbrell, John Parks, Graham Loper and Joe T. (Skipper) Couch. My parents and I visited campus in early summer 1951, and I distinctly remember meeting Nurse Biddle at the school hospital at the south end of campus.

When I reported to CMA the following September, I was escorted right over to that campus hospital, except now it had been refitted with bunk beds and newly fabricated, wooden wall lockers and was now called Lee Hall. The front southeast corner rooms on both floors were larger than others which accommodated only two cadets. I had two roommates in the corner room, John Powell from Glasgow, Kentucky and Sonny Thompson from Galveston, Texas. Sonny was transferring from Gulf Coast Military Academy as it closed down that spring. He informed us that two instructors from there were also transferring to CMA. They were CPT Yeatman and CPT Sparkman.

One mischievous event that occurred my first year was on a weekend town leave when another freshman and I decided to take a closer look at the abandoned, old Gothic building we passed by walking into town on West 7th street. Legend had identified it as a former girls' school (actually Columbia Female Institute that operated from 1834-1932). My co-conspirator and I approached the old building after sundown and found an unlocked window on one side. With flashlights in hand we entered several rooms off the corridor but found absolutely nothing...no paper scraps, no debris, etc, as if a janitor had just made

his rounds. It wasn't really a trophy hunt or vandalism trip, rather "let's just see what's there." We exited as quietly as we had entered and hiked back to campus with no thought or explanation had we been discovered. But, fourteen year olds were daring and curious then.

Major Charles T. Boyle, PMS&T, had put together the Gold Star Drill Platoon and I already had enough Bull Ring hours to become proficient in drill and ceremonies so I joined that group. The highlight that year was a chartered bus ride to the New Orleans Mardi Gras parade (actually three parades). The CMA Band and Drill Platoon were quartered in WWII barracks at Jackson Barracks Compound, belonging to the Louisiana National Guard just a few blocks off Canal Street.

Also my first year, Lake Kelly led C Company to be recognized as "Efficiency Company", and as a reward we were bussed to Sewart Air Force Base, then active at Smyrna, Tennessee, for a Familiarization Ride. The aircraft was a C-119 (Flying Box Car) and it was my first ever airplane ride!

My second and final year at CMA I relocated to North Johnson and my roommate was Skipper Couch. He was in Band Company and I was in Bravo, plus I played B Team Football and was a waiter in the mess hall, so there was little activity between us other than being roommates. I would see Skipper again three years later at the University of Alabama where he pledged Phi Kappa Sigma and I was a Lambda Chi Alpha. For a short time we dated the same coed; she later would become Mrs. Skipper Couch. I would also bump into another former cadet, Steve Waldrop, when he came with Mississippi State freshmen to play football with their Alabama counterparts. We enjoyed a short visit, as we were on the same B Team at CMA under Coach Watson.

While I was only at CMA for two years, my life has been very much influenced by my time as a cadet.

Jim Dickinson, '55

**Submit Your Story for
Inclusion in a Future Edition of
the *Bugle***

Soliciting Your Input to Help Improve Future Editions of the *Bugle*

One of the hardest aspects of publishing the *Bugle* each quarter is keeping it fresh and interesting for the readers. Reporting out on the reunions is easy but that only happens once every two years. The Then and Now section has proven to be popular with the readers but it can be hard to complete. If you are willing to prepare a write-up for that section, please let me know. Also, the Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes section is a great way to let folks know what is going on with former cadets. This does not have to be a long write-up; just a few sentences announcing some event that an alum or group of alums participated in. Pictures are nice to have but certainly not a requirement. Finally, the CMA Memories has proven to be a great addition to the *Bugle*. If you have any items or articles that you would like to share with other alumni please submit them to Woody Pettigrew at the below snail mail address or you can e-mail it to wpettigrew@knology.net.

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Another CMA Alumnus with the Skills and Fortitude to be a Writer

Cecil R. "Mike" Yarbro, Jr. attended CMA during his 10th grade year in 1961. He recently published a book about how two young children survived child abuse in the 1880's in rural Tennessee. The title of the book is *Children Alone* by Mike Yarbro. So far the reviews on Barnes and Noble have been outstanding. It is available in Ebook and print format both and is written in twelve languages and is available in Europe, Asia, South America, Korea, Japan and in over 10,000 libraries or at www.mikeyarbro.com and www.amazon.com. Mike says he is sure that many CMA cadets will relate to the events in this book because they will be familiar with the harsh winter weather.

Then and Now

James Dickinson, Class of '55

Jim Dickinson attended CMA for two years (his freshman and sophomore years) starting in the fall of 1951 (making him part of the class of 1955). When Jim's father learned of four boys about his age attending CMA from an adjacent county, he and Jim's mother took Jim to visit the campus in early summer of 1951. Jim remembers meeting Nurse Biddle at the school hospital at the south end of campus on that visit. When Jim reported to CMA the following September, he was escorted to the school hospital, which had been converted into a barracks and named Lee Hall. Jim was assigned to a three man corner room. While at CMA Jim was a member of the Gold Star Drill Platoon and was one of the cadets that make the trip to New Orleans to march in Mardi Gras parades. In Jim's second (and final) year at CMA he played B Team football and served as a waiter in the Mess Hall. Jim returned to Brilliant, Alabama for his final two years of high school and then attended the University of Alabama where he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He also took the mandatory two years of ROTC (Air Force) while at Alabama. During his senior year of college, as part of the job interview process, Jim interviewed with many companies but was particularly interested in DuPont Corporation and its Engineering Department's Construction Division. He accepted an offer from DuPont and started his career working in Virginia. His next assignment took him to Houston, Texas. As a single guy, the urban lifestyle suited him just fine. Then, a young school teacher moved in next door to his apartment and Jim realized this person was a threat to his bachelorhood. That was 48 years ago and they are now enjoying being grandparents. Jim also got involved in the Army Guard after college and received a commission through the Officer Candidate's School program at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. After Houston, Jim and his wife, Barbara, lived in New Orleans, Texas again, Nashville and, finally, Wilmington, Delaware. After two daughters, their long-awaited son



was born when Jim and Barbara were well into their 40's. Jim had just finished 20 years of officiating high school football and now he would be involved in Pop Warner league football as a parent. There was also baseball, soccer and Cub Scouts, where Jim became a Cub Master and then an Assistant Scoutmaster. Along the way, Jim completed a Masters Degree, belonged to the Jaycees and Lions Club, participated in church activities and traveled. Jim's DuPont career lasted 31 years, followed by another 10 years with Sanofi Pharmaceuticals. Jim then retired from the civilian scene (he had retired as a Colonel from the Army Guard earlier). Jim still participates in one military organization, Military Order of World Wars, and for historical enjoyment, he can be found at monthly meetings of the Civil War Round Table. Jim and Barbara are now looking at retirement communities for their final move. Jim says that his life has been very much influenced by his years at CMA.



Richard Smith, Class of '63

Like a lot of other cadets, Richard Smith got through CMA the best he could. He wasn't big or fast or strong or smart, but he got through his three years at CMA and marched off from Silver Taps to the University of Florida to begin a love-hate relationship with those august halls. Florida won the first round, so in December of 1963 Richard enlisted in the Marine Corps. He says that, thinking back on it, the Devil may have made him do that. His active service in the Marines began in the Spring of 1964 and ended Christmas Eve 1968, following the Tet Offensive. One of Richard's life's benchmarks was the reenlistment speech from his First Sergeant. As he shoved the re-up papers at Richard, a green tracer bullet popped through the tent and passed between them. That was an NVA bullet, so Richard and his sergeant stripes went home instead of reenlisting. He had earned those stripes in combat and he took them home with him. Twenty six days after returning



home from combat he resumed his love-hate affair with the University of Florida and Florida won round two. Those weren't good days to come home from the war, plus he was "batshit crazy" from combat. So, out the door he went for the second time. All was not lost, though, because the war had given him a Nikon camera in a card game. That was the second best part of supporting the siege at Khe Sanh. The first, and best part, was living through it. The Marines have a war chant, "This is my rifle..."; well, Richard's became "This is my camera, there are many like it..." The "bats" mentioned earlier made sense in 35mm so onward and upward, literally, to study photography in New York, Boston, and eventually, yes, back to Florida for round three. He won that final round and match two years later by default, graduating from the University of Florida in 1975. There was not a lot of ceremony to it; an administrative secretary threw his diploma to him across the office counter. Kind of anticlimatic, all things considered. But for the last, most wonderful time, out the door he went. Photojournalism took Richard to California in 1975, and he met his wonderful wife of 36 years, Sharon. They have three kids, two girls and a boy. Richard says they are blessed. Their kids are doing well and have brought six grandkids to them for babysitting. In 1985 Richard traded photojournalism for teaching martial arts and high school mathematics for the next 31 years. He says that CMA did that to him, starting with Major Sparkman's algebra class, all the way through Colonel Prickett's geometry and trig. He traded math help in those days for cigarettes and sometime canteen money. Those were good times, except for emphysema now.

Cathy Walker, Class of '75

Cathy Cooper Walker attended CMA for six years from 1969 (first year females were accepted) to 1975. Her brother, James Borum, had previously attended CMA for nine years and graduated with the Class of 1966. Major Mur-



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phy's family previously were neighbors to the Coopers so Cathy spent a lot of time on the CMA campus with Tricia Murphy Brown ('74) and Molly Murphy Locke ('77). Cathy enjoyed her time being a cheerleader her last two years with great memories, especially an overnight road trip to Memphis for a boys' basketball tournament. Another memorable trip in the Spring of 1973 was a CMA sponsored sightseeing trip to New York City with Captain Russell Snyder, Major Graham Hann, and two parents as chaperones. Among the many adventures on this trip, Cathy and Becky Algood Moon ('75) were introduced to their first mixed drink, a Tom Collins, by Norm Anderson ('73). The Class of '75 senior trip to Pickwick Landing State Park was a great way to celebrate their graduation from CMA. Upon graduation, Cathy attended Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, MS along with classmate Becky Algood Moon. The transition to college life was enhanced with fellow CMA alums Robin Layton ('74) and Mike Glover ('74) attending Mississippi State, only 19 miles away. In 1980, Cathy graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and moved to Nashville to start her banking career with Third National Bank, which later became SunTrust Bank. In 1991, she married and moved to Bucks County, PA and continued working in commercial banking for another 22 years in Philadelphia. Cathy retired in July 2014 and spends her time golfing and volunteering at Doylestown Hospital. She enjoys spending time with her husband's 4 adult children and 8 grandchildren living in WV, IN, LA, & NY. Cathy and her husband are looking forward to moving to Bloomington, IN by the end of 2016. Cathy is very thankful for the many life-long friends that were made during her years at CMA.



Paul McLeod, Class of '51

Paul C. McLeod, Jr. of Sheridan, Arkansas died on October 30th, 2016 at the age of 83. He was born October 12, 1933 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Paul attended CMA, graduating with the Class of 1951. He was a member of First Southern Baptist Church, and a member and past president of the Arkansas Association of Mechanical Engineers, Texas Woodcarver Guild, Grant County Library Board, GLPGA President and the Hardees Coffee Club. Paul's lifelong career in education began in 1954 as a research lab assistant at the University of Arkansas Fayetteville, earning his BSME in 1958. He moved that year with other engineers and scientists to Little Rock to open the Graduate Institute of Technology in the university's old medical center building at MacArthur Park. There Paul earned his MS in 1967 while teaching graduate courses in GIT's Dept. of Electronics and Instrumentation. He spent the next two years in industry at Corning Glass, returning to GIT in 1969 as Assistant Professor. Countless graduate students, classes, publications, patents, and grant awards in biomedical research were the hallmarks of McLeod's distinguished teaching career. Paul retired as Associate Professor in 1998. He was an accomplished wood carver, wood worker, webmaster and musician and had multiple patented inventions. He was preceded in death by his former wife, Jo Ann Drake McLeod and his sister, Betty Jo Rankin and is survived by his wife of 26 years, Betty, five sons and eight grandchildren.



Paul McLeod

Kenneth Norsworthy

Kenneth E. Norsworthy, 82, of San Pedro California passed away on March 26, 2016. He attended CMA for his 8th grade year during the 1948-49 school year.

Harold Robinson, Class of '57

Harold W. Robinson, 76, passed away on September 4, 2016. Born in Humboldt, Tennessee, he grew up in Hol-low Rock, Tennessee. He attended

CMA for one year graduating with the Class of 1957. After CMA, he graduated from the University of Tennessee at Martin and at Knoxville with a Masters degree in Geology. He retired from TVA, Tennessee Environmental Office (Geology) out of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He was a charter member of the Smoky Mountain Knife Club and a member of St John United Methodist Church. He loved jokes, was a master of puns and laughed a lot. He loved talking with people, attending garden club activities with his wife, wood-working, and sitting on the porch watching the hummingbirds and butterflies. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nancy Haynes Robinson; sister Martha Zabetakis of Connecticut; son Mark Bryant Robinson of Gainesville, GA; daughter Suzanne Smith of Carrol-ton, GA; and four grandsons.



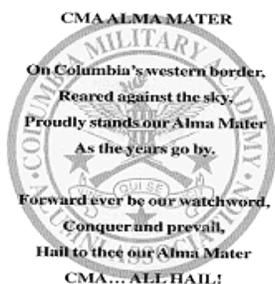
Harold Robinson

Robert Babb, Class of '61

Dr. Robert Marion Babb of Orange Beach, Alabama was welcomed into the arms of Jesus on July 9, 2016 at the age of 73. Robert (Bob) was born in Henderson, KY on May 19, 1943. He was reared in Marion, KY where his parents, Lois and F.M. Robert Babb owned and operated Babb Drugs. He attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1961. After CMA, he graduated from Murray State University and completed his doctorate at the University of Kentucky. As an instructor with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, he developed the Data Processing degree program, was a member of the Data Processing Management Association, and served as an accreditor for many years with the Accrediting Body of Business Schools. Dr. Babb taught at Arkansas State University; chaired the Department of Computer Science at Marshall University where he assisted in the development of the Society of Yeager Scholars and held the position of the Charles



Robert Babb



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Yeager Mentor; was the Dean of the School of Business at Oklahoma Baptist University where he oversaw the building of the Bailey Business Center; and retired in 2008 from the Oklahoma Office of the Inspector General. Bob was a leader in his community, notably in the area of developing young leaders. He was an Eagle Scout, served on the leadership board for Boy Scouts of Oklahoma and a Girl Scout Leader for the Black Diamond Council in WV, and he was a Kentucky Colonel. Additionally, he was a major in the Military Reserves where he served his country for 26 years. Bob was joyfully and intimately involved in the life of the church in each place that he lived serving as a Sunday School Director, Sunday School teacher, Preschool Extended Teaching Care teacher, volunteer at Falls Creek and the summer WINGS camp for special needs and as a deacon in Kentucky, Arkansas, West Virginia and Oklahoma. He also served on the Executive Board for the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists. Bob is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 51 years, Sherion Hurst Babb. Bob's legacy will be continued through his three daughters and son-in-laws - Susan Renee and Juan Galvis of Madrid, Spain, Dora Lee (D'Lee Babb) and Dave Gesler of Murray, KY, and Kara Marion and David Juneau of New Orleans, LA; his sister, Lois Susan Babb of Islamorada, FL, and his eight grandchildren

James Duke Argo, Class of '67

James "Jim" Duke Argo passed away at his home in Bloomington, Indiana on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at the age of 66. Jim was born in Birmingham, Alabama on January 4, 1950, to Malcolm "Buddy" Marion and Sarah "Libba" Elizabeth (Duke) Argo, Jr. He attended Berry High School in Birmingham and Columbia Military Academy, where he became an expert marksman. He attended CMA for three years, graduating with the Class of 1967. He then attended Auburn University, earning his B.S. in Industrial Engineering in 1971. That same year, Jim earned his airplane pilot's license. Later, he also became a helicopter pilot. An engineer by trade, his passion was flying. He also enjoyed NASCAR and had the privilege of spending time at Talladega Superspeedway and flying with Davey Allison. He enjoyed discussing politics and loved to tell a good story or a joke. More than anything else, aside from family and friends, Jim loved Auburn University. He was an Auburn man to his core and loved watching the Tigers play. He was a devoted family member and a loyal friend. He was preceded in death by his parents, Buddy and Libba, and his brother, Malcolm "Mac" Argo, III. Jim is survived by his daughter, Erin Elizabeth Argo; his grandson, William "Liam" James Frisz; his sister, Sarah "Sally" Argo Hunt (Horace); his fiancée, JoAnn Jaffe; and seven nieces and nephews



Jim Argo

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