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## From the President



Bellhops, Faculty & Friends:

Seasons Greetings! At this time every year I reflect on the Christmas holidays at CMA. I think about the YMCA Candlelight Service, 2 weeks at home, but a sadness for those few Cadets who were unable to go home.

We held our 3rd Annual CMA Day October 25th. During the Chapel Service, Dr. Thomas spoke about the history of CMA which was published as an in-depth article in the Maury County Historical Society magazine. After the Chapel Service we had Q&A with several classes and then joined the CA Students for lunch. Although the CA football game was moved from Friday night to Thursday night, several of our CMA folks were able to attend. CMA Day, which was Dr. Thomas's idea, has become more than we could have ever expected, and strengthens the relationship between CA and our Association.

The 2020 Reunion will be held again at the Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, TN, August 6-9. We will recognize our Valedictorians & Salutatorians in 2020. This is a special group who represent the top of their classes through the years. We will no longer have the Saturday morning coffee and donuts in the

CA Cafeteria or the lunch due to low participation. For the Banquet Saturday night, registration must be received by noon on Friday in our registration room. We must give the Marriott a number for dinner attendees at that time. Please send your Registration Form, or contact Becky Moon (becsmoon@gmail.com) or me (firsalze66@gmail.com) to confirm your Saturday night Banquet attendance prior to the Friday deadline. We will have the FAB Nashville Beatles Cover Band perform after the Saturday night banquet again in 2020. This is an additional expense and I encourage you to make a donation to help cover the cost. The cost of the Band is \$2,300. In 2018 we had a short notice and still received \$1,800 in donations. Any donations that exceed the cost of the band will be added to the funding for the CA Scholarship which our Association gives to a CA graduate each year. There was a concern about the band interfering with the Banquet and our being able to visit with each other. The band will not perform until after dinner, Honor Group Recognition, Auction and all activities are over. For those who want to get together and not listen to the band, our registration room across the hall will be available with tables & chairs all evening. If you haven't planned on staying for the Saturday night banquet, please reconsider. This is the highlight of our reunion weekend and helps make our reunion a success. In 2020 we begin celebrating the 50th Reunions for the Classes of the 70's with the 1970 & 1971 classes. As our older alumni become unable to attend our reunions, we will depend on the support from our younger alumni to

help us move forward. If you are a member of the 1970 or 1971 Class, please contact your Class Representative, listed below, and plan on joining us in August. I would also like to invite all of the 70's folks to join us.

Remember, the CMA Alumni Association is for anyone who attended CMA for one year, several years, graduate or non-graduate. We all shared the same experience and have many of the same stories. Please contact your classmates and friends and encourage them to attend our 2020 Reunion and renew old friendships and share those stories.

Cordially,

Robin

Robin Salze  
Class of 1966  
CMAAA President

### 50 Year Reunion Contacts For 2020

#### Class of 1970

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#### 50

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# CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 26 October 2019

## Attendees

Robin Salze-President (66), Randy Howell-Vice President (72), Sandra Hasler-Secretary (74), Becky Moon-Treasurer (75), Tom Carr-Asst Treasurer (75), Marshall Cranford (54), Tom Walbert (58), Ron Nall (61), Wally Couch (62), Charles Field (63), Don Noffsinger (63), Harold Smith (63), Gene Van Meter (63), Billy Akin (66), James Borum (66), Douglas Townes (67), Bill Wade (68), Walter Keith (70), Jimmy Bane (72), Jim Pennington (72), Winston Elston (74), Marshall Briggs (75), Jay Robins (76), James Thomas (CA President, Honorary Board Member), Buddy Fisher (Friend of Board), Suzanne Salze (Friend of Board),

## Meeting Minutes

The CMAAA Board meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 26, 2019. The meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of Board members and fellow cadets who have passed. The Invocation was given by Randy Howell and Ron Nall led the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a motion made to approve the Minutes from the May 4th Board Meeting, as published in the *Bugle*. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

Becky Moon gave the Treasurer's report and stated that the balance on hand as of September 30, 2019, is \$27,242.31. This reflects the activity between October 1, 2018 and September 30, 2019. The only expenses we have, because there was no reunion this year, are the *Bugle* and CMAAA scholarship. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved. Becky was then asked to give the Museum report. The report given to her from Woody Pettigrew stated that there is \$17,531.08 on hand; \$13,335.00 budgeted in over the next three years for the life of the lease with CA, giving us a total operating budget of \$30,866.00. The expected expenses for the three years is going to be around \$8,000. She said he estimated the annual expenses, including rent, insurance, and miscellaneous, over the

ten years of the two lease options, if we choose to re-opt are going to be about \$2,200 a year. Part of the budgeted income comes from the \$7,900 payback from the General Fund, owed to the Museum to cover the cost for the Memorial upgrade. This payback is currently pending. It is also hopeful that more money will become available with the decrease in the number of mailings of the *Bugle*. A motion was made to approve the Museum report; the motion was seconded and approved.

Robin introduced Dr. James Thomas, who welcomed the Board and gave an update on things happening at CA. He began with his appreciation of being named an Honorary Alumnus and Member of our Board. He was happy to announce there was a record enrollment this fall; 955 students, including about 100 at the Spring Hill campus. He said one of the reasons for this record enrollment is last year they had a record retention of students; over 93.5% of their students came back. There were 71 graduates, which is the largest graduating class CA has had thus far. Their average ACT scores were right at 25; the National Average being 20-21. He next shared appreciation for the CMAAA Scholarship that is awarded to a CA student each year. He said the recipient from two years ago, Megan Duvall, went to the Air Force Prep School and this year was admitted to the Air Force Academy. Another former recipient, Marshall McKee, is attending The Citadel/Military College in SC. The recipient from last year, John Farris, has an interest in becoming a Ranger in the United States Army.

Dr. Thomas informed us that he had recently spoken with Mike Gilchrist and he gave us an update on Shannon Gilchrist. She recently had heart surgery and had to go back to the hospital three weeks ago. She is hoping to return to therapy very soon and that her strength will be gained back without further complications.

Dr. Thomas once again apologized for the rescheduling of the Friday night game to Thursday, but was glad that everything went well. The coach made arrangements for a helicopter to bring a Major General from the National Guard to come and deliver the game ball. They landed on the baseball field and brought out the game ball. There were also recruiters and the Guard brought two of their Humvees and set them up. It was

a very special evening, as was the CMA Day. CMA Day had a wonderful turnout on Friday and he said he is already looking forward to next year's event! The next major facility project is Academy Hall. He is wanting to renovate the upper two floors. There are grant possibilities that may be pursued to help with this. He was also made aware of some damage to part of the fence that encloses the campus, especially the West Seventh sections. He stated that a 6-8 foot section on the fence costs around \$1,500 to be manufactured. The fence is well over 110 years old. Dr. Thomas asked the Board if there were any suggestions for things he might do for us. We, as a whole, told him, that we feel that he has gone above and beyond for our Association and that we appreciated all he has achieved. Dr. Thomas was asked if the campus and its structures were on the National Historical Registry and he said we have been since 1977. In closing, Dr. Thomas shared a unique experience he had two weeks ago when he attended a retirement ceremony of one of CA's alumni, Major General William Hickman, class of 1979, who had thirty-seven years of service. The retirement ceremony was held at Vanderbilt and he felt quite privileged to have been invited. During the ceremony other generals, as well as General Hickman's Sergeant Major, spoke; but Dr. Thomas was very excited to see that General David Petraeus was one of them.

Becky Moon inquired if Megan was one of the first graduates of CA to attend a Military Prep school and if Dr. Thomas knew if this option was being promoted to other students via their Guidance Counselors. There are full scholarships (at universities/colleges that have ROTC programs) available to students who are interested in pursuing this option. Dr. Thomas mentioned one of the top places their graduates attend is Harding University in Arkansas and scholarships are available there, as well.

## Old Business

Robin began discussion of old business with the 2020 Reunion. Walter Keith and Charles Hoover will be '70 co-reps and Bill Payne will be the rep for '71. Steve Watts was not present at the meeting, but he had previously discussed the idea of an auction being held

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at the next reunion. This is an idea that the Board is considering to help with funding because our attendance numbers are on the decline. Becky Moon shared an item that was found at a local Trash/Treasure Antique store: a framed CMA Stock Certificate, issued to a Ms. Emma Harlan, on January 17, 1947. We will be trying to locate items, such as photos and other memorabilia that can be auctioned off at our 2020 reunion. Another suggestion is selling 'The History of CMA' DVDs at the reunion. The Board discussed the best time to take class pictures. It was decided and a motion was made to have them taken Saturday evening around 5:00 PM, prior to the banquet. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board. The Banquet fee last year was \$45 and the cost came in at \$44 so we had that covered. Robin said he had added numbers on Friday due to late comers, but we did not have the expected turn-out. This did cost us money. There will be a reminder in the *Bugle* to emphasize the importance of returning the Registration form and fees promptly. Robin made the suggestion that the cost for the banquet be increased to \$50 this year. The Board considered an increased amount of \$65 for turning in the Registration form and fees at the last minute, but concurred that it would not be in our best interest to increase the cost more than \$50. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the cost for the banquet will be \$50. The Registration fee will remain at \$25 per person attending. It was also decided to discontinue the provision of Saturday morning coffee and donuts, due to lack of participants and to the cost to the Association. There was a motion made, seconded, and approved. The next topic of discussion was the turnout of the last Golf Tournament. Bill Wade said that it may be feasible to set aside four and five back to back tee times, but it would very unlikely that they would be able to close off a course due to too few participants. It was decided not to make a final decision at this time, but leave this as pending until our Spring Board Meeting. Information will be in the *Bugle* concerning the Golf Tournament and that the decision to have one has not yet been determined. Dudley Dolinger will be holding the Sporting Clay event again. Entertainment for the evening of the banquet was discussed. Robin has

spoken with the booker for the Beatles Cover Band (played at our last reunion) and they are available the weekend of August 7th. The band will cost \$2,300 to book for the 2020 Reunion. Requests for donations for the band will be made in the *Bugle* and on the Registration form. He also suggested that on the Registration form that there be a line added for donations to the Scholarship Fund as well. Any monies donated that exceed the cost of the band will automatically go to the Scholarship Fund. Ron Nall made a suggestion to have a bowl on display for collecting donations for the Scholarship Fund in the Registration room at the Marriott. Becky Moon stated that \$1,800 in donations were made last year so that the Association only had to pay \$300 to cover the cost of the band. The Marriott does have a place to go for those who do not wish to listen to the band, and the band would not begin until after the banquet, program, etc. were over; around 8:30-9:00. A motion was made and approved that we would pursue getting the band to play Saturday night.

Becky Moon stressed that our goal as an association is to try to continue until the last CMA class can attend their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion, which would be in 2028. That is only four more reunions after the upcoming one in 2020. This should be something we emphasize to our classes; that we do have a timeline and the deadline is closer than we realize. Dr. Thomas stated that he would like to see our reunions continue beyond that deadline. Merging our class reunions with CA may be something considered beyond 2028.

### New Business

Randy Howell informed the Board that by 2022 the new Marriott in Columbia should be open and ready for reservations. However, because it is going to be a Marriott Courtyard, there will probably not be a convention room, which we would need for our banquet. He said the UAW building in Spring Hill is available at this time, but we had already reserved our rooms at the Marriott in Franklin. This is a subject that will need to be discussed more in depth after our 2020 Reunion. There is a hope that by the time we are making plans for the 2022 Reunion, there will be a large enough facility in Columbia to house the numbers attending.

Robin announced that Courtney Wilhoite had called and told him that he will be resigning from the Board of Directors due to health issues. He hasn't been able to attend all the meetings and doesn't feel he should be on the Board if he is unable to be productive in its proceedings. Robin asked the Board if we could consider making Courtney an Honorary Board member. There was a motion made, seconded and approved. The decision was unanimous.

Randy Howell made the comment that he feels the need to send cards to families of loss cadets or those who are going through difficult times. Becky Moon stated she will have cards printed so these can be mailed out when needed. It is important that if any of us hear of the needs of certain members of our association, we should communicate these needs to each other so we can reach out, either by calling, emailing or sending cards.

Randy Howell led the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

### Meal Time at CMA

Each place setting had one 12 ounce glass of milk and one 12 ounce glass of water. After the command REST was given, a milk lover (I was one) would immediately drink his glass of water, grab the "cream" pitcher and drain 12 ounces of cream (actually it was just milk) into his water glass. Another cadet would do the same and get the other glass of milk from the pitcher. The coffee lover who wanted cream for his coffee was out of luck. Hopefully, your table had no Cuban Cadets. (I recall that the Cubans added milk to their coffee until it was about 50-50.) The cadet who now had an extra glass of milk could either drink it or use it to barter another cadet out of his dessert!

How about it MAC? Is that the way it was during your 4 years at CMA?

Nevin R. "Pete" Williams, '52

PS. All of this just came to my head while having breakfast (at 1300!) and drinking milk.

# GRAND REUNION

# CMAAAA



## Marriott

### Reservation Process

Please make Reservations by 9 July

Via Phone (1-888-236-2427):

1. Ask for Reservations
2. Provide arrival/departure date
3. Reference the CMAAAA to get the special rate of \$139.
4. If they ask for a code to receive the rate, it is CMA.

Via Internet:

1. Click this hyperlink: [Book your group rate for Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association](#)
2. To go to the hyperlink, left click on it. This puts you at the CMA Reunion Room Registration page with the special \$139 per night rate.
3. Enter the check-in and check-out dates as well as the room information and click on Check Availability.
4. Verify the room information and rate on the next page and click Select.
5. Continue making reservations by following instructions on the next page.

If Hyperlink does not work:

1. Go to this address:  
[www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1567023461734&key=GRP](http://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1567023461734&key=GRP)
2. This puts you at the CMA Reunion Room Registration page with the special rate of \$139 per night.
3. Follow instructions as above.

**Make this Reunion the one that you will attend. Come spend time with your old classmates and share some memories.**

## Support Your Association

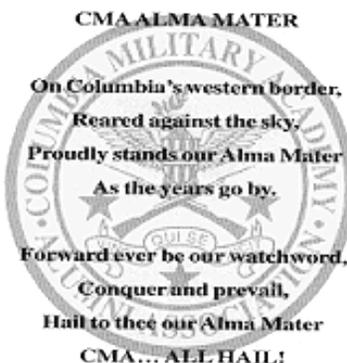
If you want to help your Association with some expenses the opportunity is right before you. We have the Beatles cover band, FAB Nashville, playing at the reunion after the banquet Saturday night. That is an added reunion expense and the Association could stand to have your help in deferring that cost. If you would like to make a donation to help with the expense, please mark the appropriate block on the Registration Form and include the amount in your registration payment. You can also help with our annual expense of providing the CMAAAA Scholarship to a CA graduate each year. If you would like to specify a donation to the CMAAAA Scholarship Fund you can do that on the Registration Form as well. Please consider helping the Association with these expenses.

## Valedictorians and Salutatorians to be Recognized

This reunion's recognition group is those individuals that were the Class Valedictorians and Salutatorians. These cadets set the bar for academic excellence at CMA, demonstrating excellence in a demanding curriculum. Those that earned the honor each year were certainly exceptional in their academic endeavors.

Thanks to the yearbooks for the years 1953-1979 we know the Valedictorians and Salutatorians for those years. We encourage those from earlier years to indicate on your registration form if you were either honoree when a senior at CMA so you can be recognized.

Each Valedictorian and Salutatorian is encouraged to attend the 2020 Grand Reunion and be recognized during the banquet Saturday night.



# GRAND REUNION

# CMAAAA

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, August 6

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

### Friday, August 7

- 9:00 AM: Registration in CMA Registration Room until 5:30 PM  
8:00: Golf Tournament—Details in Spring 2020 *Bugle*  
10:00: Sporting Clays Shooting Event, Nashville Gun Club, 1100 County Hospital Road, Nashville, TN  
3:00: Board Meeting, Marriott Meeting Room  
5:30 PM: Welcome Reception, CMA Registration Room  
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

### Saturday, August 8

- 9:00 AM: CMA Museum open until 2:00 PM except during CMAAAA General Membership meeting  
10:00 AM: CMAAAA General Membership Meeting in CA Chapel  
- Columbia Academy welcome and update  
- Election of Board Officers  
- Hall of Honor Inductions  
11:00 AM: Flag Ceremony for Departed Cadets in Classes of '70 and '71  
12:00 PM: CMA Reception and Tour at James K. Polk Home and Gardens  
1:00: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings  
3:00 PM: Registration in CMA Registration Room until 6:00 PM  
5:00 PM: Class Group Photos in CMA Registration Room  
6:00 PM: Reunion Banquet / Recognition Ceremony / Dance at Marriott Ball Room

### Sunday, August 9

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

## Sporting Clays Shooting Event Set Up For Reunion



A now regular activity at the CMA Reunions is once again going to happen in 2020. Dudley Dolinger (\*73) has again coordinated with the Nashville Gun Club to set up a Sporting Clays shooting event on Friday during the reunion for any CMA alumni and friends interested in participating. The event will start at 10:00 AM and will provide participants the opportunity to go to the gun club and go through the stations shooting at 50 sporting clays. The cost for the event is based on what equipment you bring. If you provide your own gun, ammunition, ear protection and eye protection (all required to have), the cost will be \$40 plus tax. If you need to purchase/rent any of the mentioned items, the price will increase accordingly and could make the total cost be \$75 if you needed the gun club to provide everything. All interested in registering for the shoot are asked to submit the registration form along with a \$25 deposit. Since total costs are dependent on individual needs, you should be prepared to make further payment at the gun club. If you would like to participate, please complete the registration form on page 7 and submit it to Dudley Dolinger at the address provided on the form by July 1st. Feel free to contact Dudley Dolinger at 615-476-1820 or at [ddolinger@comcast.net](mailto:ddolinger@comcast.net) if you have any questions. This event has proven to be a great time for all that participate. Join the group and shoot some clays!



## CMA Reception at Polk Home and Gardens During Reunion

We have a new event scheduled for this year's reunion and it is a great addition to our schedule of activities. Joe Fuller, Class of 1961, is sponsoring a CMA Reception and Tour at the James K. Polk Home in Columbia on Saturday after the General Membership Meeting in Columbia. Joe has worked with the Polk Home and the Chamber of Commerce to make this event happen and is sponsoring the event so there is no charge to the Association or to the reunion attendees that participate. There will be light hors' devours and a reception in the gardens followed by a tour of the home and grounds. Please be sure and indicate on the registration form on Page 6 if you plan to attend the reception. Joe needs to get a good count so he can make arrangements for the food and drink for the reception and let the Polk Home management know how many to expect. What a great venture...from Polk Hall to the Polk Home. Come celebrate the country's 11th President.

### Reminder to Pay your Dues to the Alumni Association

Since the Alumni Association does not send out notices telling its members to pay their dues at a specific time, the best thing to do to keep up with dues payments is to make your payment every two years in conjunction with the CMAAA Reunion. Many individuals do that and pay their dues as part of the registration for the reunion. Even if you are not going to attend the reunion, you can use the registration form to pay your dues. With annual dues being \$25, if you set yourself up to pay in conjunction with the reunion you can pay \$50 every two years and always know when you need to pay your dues. The Reunion Registration form, page 6 of this publication, provides the opportunity to pay your dues even if you are not attending the reunion. Simply fill out the top portion of the registration form and check the box that says "I Am Unable to Attend but have enclosed my \$50.00 for the next 2 Years Dues (\$25.00 per Year)". Send in the form, along with a check for \$50 made out to CMAAA and your dues are good until the next reunion year in 2022. Dues are very important to keep the association going.

## Golf Scramble For 2020 Reunion



As in years past, the Association is looking at setting up a golf outing on Friday morning of the reunion weekend. The format and location are being discussed based on the anticipated participation level. Since we have had a difficult time getting enough participants to justify a golf course closing the facility for our group to play a shotgun start scramble type tournament, other formats are being considered, as well as an appropriate location. More information and registration information will be available in the *Spring Bugle*. If you are interested in playing, please contact Randy Howell at [Demingsboy1954@att.net](mailto:Demingsboy1954@att.net) or Bill Wade at [englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net](mailto:englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net) and let them know so they can begin to get an idea on the participation level.



## MOVING?

### STAY IN TOUCH...

Please forward your new address to:

**CMA Alumni Association**  
**804 Athenaeum Place**  
**Columbia, TN 38401-3156**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATING CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



# Reunion Registration Form August 6th - 9th, 2020

Please Respond by July 15th, 2018

(Please Type or Print Clearly)



NAME (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS / CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

- Count On Me to Attend the 2020 CMAAA Grand Reunion.
- I Am Unable to Attend but have enclosed my \$50.00 for the next 2 Years Dues (\$25.00 per Year)

Names of Others Accompanying me to the Reunion \_\_\_\_\_

I Plan on Arriving at the Marriott, Franklin at Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM, on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

## 2020 CMAAA Grand Reunion Activity Check List

Please check those activities and functions of interest to your party. In so doing, indicate the number of participants and approximate fee per activity. Please mail this completed form with a check (payable to CMA Alumni Association) for the total amount in an envelope to arrive no later than July 15th, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Moon at 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401-3156 or (931) 388-9128 or e-mail her at: becsmoon@gmail.com

### 2020 Reunion Honorees Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Please Indicate if you were a Valedictorian or Salutatorian (Circle Above)  
Activities (Please Check All That Apply)

- Grand Reunion Registration Fee (Required).....(\$25.00 per Adult) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
The registration fee is required regardless of how many or few activities registrants attend. It covers the Association's costs of (1) Promoting / orchestrating the Reunion plus goods and services, (2) Entertainment, and (3) Bugle Newsletter expenses.
- Golf Tourney, 8:00 AM, Friday—Golf Registration Form will be provided in Spring 2020 Edition of the Bugle
- Sporting Clays, 10:00 AM Friday—Complete Registration Form on page 7 and submit to Dudley Dolinger with Payment
- Welcome Reception at Marriott, 5:30—7:30 PM, Friday.....(No Additional Charge)
- Band Donation—Help cover cost of Band; Donations in excess of cost will go to CAAA Scholarship Fund.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- CMAAA Scholarship Fund Donation—Funding for Annual CMAAA Scholarship for CA Graduate.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- CMAAA General Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM, Saturday on Campus in Columbia.....(No Additional Charge)
- CMA Reception and Tour at Polk Home and Gardens, 12:00 PM, Saturday.....(No Additional Charge)
- Reunion Banquet/Dance, 6:00 PM, Saturday.....(\$50.00/Person) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Biennial Alumni Association Dues.....(\$25.00 per Year x 2 Years = \$50.00 per Alumni) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration Form and Check made out to CMAAA to: Becky Moon, 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401



## Grand Reunion 2 Man Scramble Golf Tournament

Crossing Golf Course, 750 Riverview Drive  
Franklin, Tennessee 37064  
Friday, August 7th, 2018  
Sign In: 7:30; Tee Times Start: 8:00  
Open to all Alumni, Family, and Guests



Please Type or Print Clearly

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_  
 FROM WHAT \_\_\_\_\_  
 TEES \_\_\_\_\_

HOME STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Teammate: \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Updated and Provided in the  
Spring 2020 Edition of the Bugle**

**Registration Fee—\$55.00  
Green Fee, Cart, Lunch and Prizes**

### Notice to Golfers

Please respond with this completed form and your check payable to Bill Wade as soon as possible so he can make plans with the golf course. If you have any questions, call Bill at 615-838-9730 or e-mail him at: [englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net](mailto:englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net)  
NOTE: Proper Golf Attire is Required.

Make Check Payable to: Bill Wade  
Mail Registration Form and Check to: Bill Wade, P.O. Box 1804, Brentwood, TN 37024



## Grand Reunion Sporting Clays Shooting Event

Nashville Gun Club  
1100 County Hospital Road  
Nashville, Tennessee 37218  
Friday, August 7th, 2018  
Registration/Sign In: 10:00



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

HOME STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS / CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Registration Fee—\$25.00  
Total Cost Dependent of Supplies Required**

### Notice to Participants

Please respond with this completed form and your check payable to Dudley Dolinger **no later than 1 July** so he can make plans with the gun club. If you have any questions, call Dudley at 615-476-1820 or e-mail him at: [ddolinger@comcast.net](mailto:ddolinger@comcast.net)

Make Check Payable to: Dudley Dolinger  
Mail Registration Form and Check to: Dudley Dolinger, 59 Vaughn's Gap Road, Nashville, TN 37205

## Open Letter to CMA Alumni and Friends

Former Cadets & Friends: Being local, I live only 58 miles from our beloved CMA in Old Hickory, Tennessee which is located 17 miles east of the Capitol and the Nashville Court House for Davidson County. Ironically, only 17 miles further east from me is what is left of our old rival, Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon. Only 3 of the original buildings remain. Most all of the other Military Academies have long been destroyed completely! Baylor and McCallie are standing tall and remain boarding schools without military affiliation.

Since my wife Frances passed away 13 years ago and I live alone, I have spent many hours visiting Lewisburg and Columbia and Mt. Pleasant. I was born in Lewisburg in 1936 and all my Mom's relatives and a few of my friends from the 1-4th grades remain there. After World War Two, we moved to Mt. Pleasant where my granddad was a big fish in a small pond businessman. My dad was born and raised in Columbia. Most of my Nashville friends that I spent most of my time with have passed on: therefore, I have more surviving friends and relatives in Marshall and Maury counties than in Nashville where I landed after my 3+ years in the 101st Airborne Division in 1962.

One of the best decisions of my life was in 1951 when I transferred from Hay Long High School in Mt. Pleasant to CMA as a sophomore. I knew only two persons at CMA: George Mabry and Elbert Tucker Woodward (Woody). To be very honest, I was scared to death when I came to "2 a Day" football camp run by Coach John Bass Sr. and his crew of blood thirsty assistants. After graduation in 1954, Coach Lawson gave me a football scholarship to come back for grade 13, or Post Graduate year, graduating again in 1955.

After not paying attention to CMA for 20+ years, I became interested when Colonel Jim Bledsoe contacted me about getting an active Alumni Association organized. It has been one of the most interesting adventures of my lifetime.

Dr. James Thomas, the Columbia Academy President, has done an unbelievable job with Columbia Academy.

While I was at CMA enrollment was approximately 450 cadets; this year CA has close to 1,000 students total including a feeder school in Spring Hill. The Tom Anderson Sports Complex for basketball and football compares favorably with the better High Schools of this state and is superior to some of the small college facilities.

About the "No Parade" Sunday: CA has parades for many occasions during the Year. The aerial picture makes it hard to believe that there are multiple gates to the cinder track which is wide enough for floats, 24 cheer leaders, politicians running for every office in the county, etc. If you former cadets can still wear your CMA uniform (don't worry about the corroded brass and a few moth holes), I am sure that Dr. Thomas will welcome us to have a mini military parade at the tail end of the next event when the stadium is filled with fans!

Some of my happiest days are spent visiting CMA, being in an even lower pay bracket as the janitor for our museum. Duties include checking on the AC/Heating unit, making sure the rest room is presentable, sweeping up small round dead bugs, removing wasp nests, picking up and repairing pictures that have fallen from the wall in the small hallway where the Hall Of Honor pictures are displayed. If any of you old cadets have any items that would be appropriate for display in the museum please bring or mail them in order that our displays don't become stagnant.

Don't let old age deter you from visiting your CMA/CA.

Marshall Cranford, '54; PG '55

## 50th Wedding Anniversary

A 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary comes once in a lifetime, so Jim and Barbara Dickinson decided on 8 days to revisit the city where they began as a married couple - - - New Orleans. Home at first was a 3-room apartment on the second floor of a complex just off Airline Highway near the city's International Airport. We wanted to re-live the experience as the travelers who journeyed to New Orleans 150 years ago, so we booked transportation on a paddlewheel riverboat (American Queen Steamboat Company) from Memphis to New Orleans,

with stops along the way, in towns where cotton, agricultural products, and livestock would have been loaded for transportation to market on this same type boat. Stops in Vicksburg and Natchez provided much American history. The trip included meals and sleeping quarters in a "stateroom", (rooms then were identified by "individual state names", not numbers, so that's the origin of the term). River travel was found to be refreshing, and the plantations visits were exciting. The Riverlorian aboard each boat will tell you more.

The Mississippi River was paramount in transporting goods and supplies for new settlements in the North and West. And that's exactly how General U.S. Grant saw it in 1863. And Civil War history tells the rest of the story.

Following our boat docking in New Orleans, two more stops were on my bucket list, the National WWII Museum (a must-see for all), and a revisit to Jackson Barracks (facility headquarters for the Louisiana National Guard). I was last there in 1952 when the CMA Band and the Gold Star Drill Platoon spent two nights in those leftover wooden barracks from years past. We participated in three Marti Gras parades that year. Today, overnight visitors to the site can enjoy modern conveniences in a brick facility and walk around an outdoor museum.

Another memory of the early 1950s, chartered bus travel took a lot of time on the 2-lane highways that were built primarily to connect cities and towns. Rest stops were established where commercial bus lines had access to rest rooms and where lunch counters were available to support travelers.

James E. Dickinson, '55

## Post Script

*"A kid who grew up in rural Marion County, Alabama; a graduate of the University of Alabama; a church and family man, who with wife, Barbara, raised 3 children; residing their last 42 years in Wilmington, Delaware."*

## Tales of CMA The Intelligence Network

I attended CMA from 1950 to 1952, graduating in June of 1952. During my time, we had mandatory study hall nightly, Sunday through Thursday nights. I think it started at 1900 and ended around 2130 with a break in the middle. If all your previous week's grades were 80 or above, you could study in your room. If any grade fell below the 80 mark, you were required to attend the centralized study hall in the Old Main building.

The two faculty advisors that lived in Black Hall rotated duties of supervising our study. Coach Prickett lived with his family on the first floor and he took his duties seriously. Study period was for studying, not shining shoes or writing letters to your girlfriend. We could count on Coach Prickett visiting each room each evening. He was there to assist any cadet needing academic help. He also took advantage to make sure we were not goofing off.

Jack Hart roomed at the North end of the barracks. I roomed about midway down the hall in Room 11. (I only remember that because it was written on an old CMA notebook that I found.) We all knew that the Coach began his visits from the end of the hall where Jack lived. We had an immediate need to improve our intelligence system so that we would know when Coach was making his visits.

Jack Hart found the solution. He found an intercom system somewhere. It was a small unit, with two small consoles that would fit on the top of a desk. The only problem was that this was the day before wireless so we had to run a wire. Well, we were on the first floor and the old timers knew that the trapdoor to the area beneath the floor was in the janitor's closet. Although Charlie, the janitor, locked the closet before departing, the old timers also knew how to remove the closet door by lifting it off its hinges. So we drilled a small hole in the floor of each of our rooms (hidden under one of the student desks) and ran a wire from one intercom to the other.

Right after Coach Prickett would visit Jack Hart's room, Jack would notify me of his visit. I then would pass the word to the other rooms. I recall that the Coach once asked me what that

“box” was. So, since Cadets don't tell lies, I explained it to him. No reaction on his part. I do recall that one time he was in my room when Jack notified me, via the intercom, that the Coach was on his rounds. This came through the “squawk box” while Coach Prickett was there. (Jack was delayed in his notification.) I do not recall that Coach Prickett made any comment regarding Jack's transmission, although he had to have heard it.

Of course, Coach Prickett was a nice guy, was always very helpful and did not go out of his way to get any cadet in trouble.

I think that Jack and I used his intercom through the end of my senior year. I have no idea what happened to it after that.

Both Jack and I ended up as career Army officers, but neither of us were in the Intelligence Branch. Yet, we had practical experience in setting up intelligence networks!

Nevin Williams, '52

### “Whhhhhaazzuuppp Dudes” Odds and Ends

If it's September then there is a CMA rush to Greyton Beach, Florida to enjoy the hospitality of Tex Tucker, '71. The event gets bigger each year and the word seems to be getting around because there are new attendees every year, which is exactly what Tex wants. Between his hospitality and Jim Law's ('72) organization, the group always has every opportunity to have a blast in

the Florida sun and sand. While folks have different times that they can be



**Tom Mitchell, Jim Law,  
Kent Simpkins, Tex Tucker,  
Donna Ryland, Sandra (Hart) Hasler,  
and ?**

there during the week and there is never really a time when everyone is there, you can see by the picture at the bottom of the page that there is always a good number of folks enjoying themselves. This year's attendees included Tex, Jim Law, Bobby Bain (72), Becky Moon (75), Sandra Hart (74), Kirk (77) and Shayne (78) Harris, Jimmy Bane (72), Wally Kistler (71), Bobby (72) and Betsy (72) Chambliss, Frank Shippen (72), Bill Strong (72), Bill Patrick (73), Mike Glover (74), Sharon Hartnett (74), Tom Norris (73), Tom Mitchell (72), Donna Ryland (73), Tom Carr (75), Bill Payne (71), Lee Turnage (71), Kent Simpkins (71). And that was just the alums; there were numerous significant others as well as other friends that took part this year. What a great way to say goodbye to Summer and get the added bonus of visiting with CMA friends.



## In Memory

Corporal David A. Bass, USMC, was the great grandson of CMA Coach John Bass who was at CMA from 1943 until his death in 1954 and the grandson of former Cadet Johnny Bass who attended CMA for six years, graduating with the Class of 1953. Following basic training at Parris Island, South Carolina, David



**Sign designating the building where Corporal Bass worked at Camp Pendleton. David's father, John E. Bass, is on the left. His younger brother, Robert Bass, is on the right.**

was station at Camp Pendleton, California until being deployed to Iraq where he died April 2, 2006, three weeks prior to his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. One of his duties involved paying civilian contractors in cash. He was riding in a truck with other Marines on his way to secure funds when a bad decision was made by the ranking Marine to cross a rain swollen waddy. The depth of the flooding water was much deeper than estimated, resulting in the death of eight Marines and a Navy Corpsman. On September 7, 2019 the building where David previously worked while stationed at Camp Pendleton was named in his memory. His dad and younger brother are shown in the picture of the sign designating the building. The plaque on the base of the flagpole at CMA/CA reflects that the flags flown on the campus flagpole are given in David's memory. In high school David indicated he wanted to be a Marine. When asked why he chose the Marines he had one brief answer, "they are the best". We believe he was one of their best.



## Country Music Memory

There has been on our TV, maybe yours, a Ken Burns documentary on country music. It made me think back on days of residence in North Johnson Hall on the top floor when in about 1952 and 1953, and maybe longer, there was a group of guys led by Vic Burnham, from Magee, Mississippi, who was the band commander in 1956, that started learning, on their own, how to play the stringed instruments guitar, electric guitar, and mandolin. They were playing and practicing on the current day songs and singing all the time. They got so good that they went down to the local radio station and got accepted for a Saturday morning slot to play about 30 minutes of country music.

Vic Burnham could play any of the instruments, but he seemed to turn to the mandolin as his instrument of choice. The guy with the steel guitar was Eddie Johnson from Columbus, Mississippi. I'm sure that there were some others, but I can't remember any other names. Vic Burnham, as I understand it, went to New Orleans and stayed there playing in different bands for many years. I found that he was in San Francisco, later, teaching Russian. Unfortunately, Vic has since died.

I don't know if there is any information on this group that can be made into an item for the *Bugle*, but in light of the current day interest in country music, if there is anyone who has information on the old CMA group, it would be interesting to have something written up for publication in the *Bugle*. Obviously, most of us were not thinking too much about country music back then but hearing the story of the CMA group would be interesting to us now.

Russell Thompson, Class of 1956

*Editor's Note: If anyone has any information of the group that can be put into an article for the CMA Memories and Stories section of the Bugle, please contact Woody Pettigrew at 101 Sansberry Lane, Madison, AL 35756 or at [wpettigrew@knology.net](mailto:wpettigrew@knology.net).*

## SILVER TAPS

### Dot Mabry, Faculty

Dorothy "Dot" Nicholson Mabry, age 84, passed away September 29, 2019. Born on April 4, 1935 in Mt. Pleasant, Dot was the daughter of the late George Taylor Nicholson and the late Lutie Mai Brown Nicholson. She was a 1953 graduate of Hay Long High School where she played



**Dot Mabry** basketball. She worked at Columbia Military Academy from 1963 – 1975 as a secretary to the Commandant and was "momma" to many students who were so far away from home. She also worked at Columbia State Community College from 1975 – 1977 and at Maury Regional Medical Center from 1977 – 1997 in the Business Office and Laboratory. She is survived by her children: Dennis Michael (Janice) Mabry, Janet Nell (Frank) Varnado, Mark Ernest (Cheryl) Mabry; five grandchildren; seven grandchildren; brother, Wray (Janette) Nicholson; and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Dennis Wright Mabry; brothers George Edward, Tommy, Joshua Brown "JB", Frank and Jim Nicholson; and sisters Mary Matthews, Nell Hayes, and Sarah Nicholson.

### George Colburn, Class of '47

George B. Colburn, Jr. 89 of Scottsdale, Arizona passed away on December 11, 2018. George was born September 27, 1929 in Gardner, Massachusetts. He attended CMA, graduating with the Class of 1947. George is survived by his wife, Phyllis; Son George III & wife April; daughter Lisa; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents George Sr. and Mae Colburn, daughter Cynthia and sons James and John.

### George Carter, Class of '49

George Laurent Carter, Jr. passed away September 14, 2019 one month after his 90th birthday. Born August 15, 1929, he was the eldest son of the late George Laurent Carter, Sr. and Martha Ellen

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Cartledge Carter. As a child he resided in Alabama, Georgia, and Kentucky, moving to Columbia in 1936. While a student at Columbia Central High School he founded the Camera Club. He graduated from CMA in 1949. He was an avid photographer, capturing many scenes of Columbia in the 1940's and 1950's. He was employed by Princess Theater before it burned and Orman's Photo Shop in the late 1940's. From 1950 to 1954 he served four years in the United States Navy during the Korean War, principally in the Far East, as an electrician, photographer, and movie operator earning four battle stars. Returning to Columbia he was employed by Hewgley's Music Shop and attended Columbia Business College. In 1955 he founded the first of fifteen businesses, Memory Lane Recording Studio, in Columbia. The establishment of Midstate Collection Bureau/Credit Bureau/Employment Agency (with an office above Gordon's at the historic Masonic building) would follow, as well as other companies and stores in Columbia, Nashville, Huntsville, and Washington D.C. In 1991 he opened Southern Sales Furniture which he operated for 28 years until the age of 90. For several years he was a vendor at the Middle Tennessee Civil War Show in Nashville. He is survived by his son, Stephen Laurent Carter; brother, William Hull (Rita) Carter; two nephews; two grandnieces; one great-grandnephew; and five first cousins. He was preceded in death by his wife, Syble and his brother, Joe Thornton Carter, Sr.

## Charles Kibbons, Class of '53

Charles Kibbons, 84, passed away on November 2, 2019. He was born on July 19, 1935 in Columbia, Tennessee to Charles and Dosix Kibbons who preceded him in death. He attended CMA for six years, graduating with the Class of 1953. His father also attended CMA. Charles also attended the University of Tennessee and Tennessee Tech University. He



**Charles Kibbons**

married Joane Benson of Columbia in 1959 and they moved to Cookeville in 1964 where he began working at Citizens Bank. He was a lifetime avid fisherman and outdoorsman. He retired from Citizens Bank as Vice President, cashier and Board member and continued his fishing career until his health prevented him from enjoying the sport. A lifetime member of the First Presbyterian Church, he served as assistant financial secretary for several years. He was a silent partner in his wife's business, Ships and Trips Travel Agency, in Cookeville. Survivors include his wife, Joane B. Kibbons, two sons, Charles Kibbons III and Christopher Kibbons; and brother, John Kibbons.

## Kenneth Taylor, Class of '53

Colonel Kenneth T. Taylor, USMC (Ret), 85, of Huntsville, Alabama passed away October 28, 2019. He attended CMA for one year, graduating with the Class of 1953. He then graduated from the University of Alabama (1961) and Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University (1972). He served honorably in the United States Marine Corps for 34 years. His personal decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star and the Navy Commendation Medal with a "V" for combat valor. After retiring in 1988 he went on to work in the Madison County District Attorney's office as an Assistant Deputy District Attorney until 2000. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Barbara Guerin Taylor and his parents, Dawson and Lela Tate Taylor. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Barton Taylor; daughters Leslie Taylor, Laurie Taylor Rodgers (Gerry), and Susan Taylor Lanier; ten grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.



**Kenneth Taylor**

## Arthur Miller, Class of '58

Arthur Rowe Miller died September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. He attended CMA for two years, graduating with the Class of 1958.



**Arthur Miller**

## Joe Kelley, Class of '63

Joe Thomas Kelley, Jr., 74, died October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Born May 4, 1945, he was the son of the late Joe Thomas Kelley and the late Dorothy Cole Kelley. He attended CMA for six years, graduating with the Class of 1963. He then graduated with honors from the University of Florida with an accounting major. In 1971, he earned Tennessee Certificate of Certified Public Accountant and ran Joe T. Kelley CPA P.C. from 1981 to the present. Mr. Kelley was a lifetime member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, a member of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants, past President of the Maury County Chamber of Commerce, past President of The Noon Rotary Club and was a recipient of Paul Harris Fellow. Survivors include his wife Martha Meek Kelley; children, Beth K. Hamilton, Dr. Joe T. (Melissa) Kelley, III, Amy K. Kelley, Daniel W. (Tara) Kelley; sister, Nancy Grooms; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Dr. James B. Kelley,



**Joe Kelley**

## Tandy Easley, Class of '65

Tandy Leon Easley of O'Fallon, Missouri, passed away September 4, 2019 at the age of 72. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard L. Easley and Marguerite Wicker Easley, and by his son, Mason Garrett Easley. Tandy attended CMA for two years, graduating with the class of 1965. He then attended Vanderbilt University on a full basketball scholarship and was coached by the legendary Roy Skinner, and graduated with a BS degree in Civil Engineering. Tandy was the starting pitcher for Vanderbilt's baseball team. At the time of his death, Tandy served as Managing Director for AIG Global Real Estate/Construction Services. During his 30-year career with AIG he also held the position of Vice President of



**Tandy Easley**

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Construction for SunAmerica, Inc. He enjoyed playing golf, reading, and traveling with his family, most recently on an extended trip to Japan, South Korea, and China. Tandy is survived by Erin Easley, his wife of 15 years, son Jack Easley, daughter Mary Ashley Langley, and granddaughter Mary Elizabeth Griffin. He is also survived by his sisters, Lenore Easley Yates and Lynette Easley Ingram, and his nephew, Jayson D. Clemmer,

## Joe Cantley, Class of '70

Joe Robert Cantley, age 68, passed away on October 11, 2019. He was born in Jefferson County, AL on January 30, 1951; the son of the late Dr. Don A. Cantley and Marilyn Miller Snow. He attended CMA for six years, graduating with the Class of 1970. He served in the United States Marine Corp from 1970 to 1977. He was an orthodontist and loved his job because he loved people and being able to help and assist. He was a devoted husband and a loving father and grandfather. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He enjoyed playing competition darts and was an absolute Auburn football fan. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Dana T. Cantley; Daughter, Stacy C. (Sean A.) Stagner; Son, Ray T. (Amanda) Cantley; Granddaughter, Lacey Stagner; Grandson, Andrew B. Cantley; Grandson, Nathan T. Cantley;

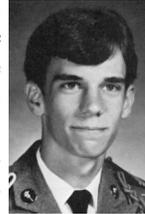


Joe Cantley

Granddaughter, Alaina Jo Cantley; Mother, Marilyn M. Snow; Brother, Don A. (Dori) Cantley III; Brother, David F. (Suzanne) Cantley; Brother, Neal (Kim) Cantley; and Sister, Lauren (David) Brutscher,

## Carter Harpole, Class of '72

Carter Harpole, age 64 of Gallatin, TN, passed away on October 23, 2018. He was born on August 26, 1954 in Gallatin, TN. He attended CMA for three years, graduating with the Class of 1972. He attended volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tennessee and worked for Owen Steel Company for many years. He is preceded in death by his father, Arch Woodfin Harpole; two brothers David Britton Harpole and Hunter Bacot Harpole. He is survived by his mother, Regine Bacot Harpole; two sons Andrew Byron Harpole and Adam Justin Harpole; one daughter, Kimberly Dianne Schuch (Chris); one brother, Neal Naylor Harpole; three grandchildren, Natalie Marie Schuch, Dylan Matthew Schuch and Aubrey Jane Harpole.



Carter Harpole

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