

2025 Reunion Registration Info—Pages 2 and 3



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From the President



Greetings to all Bellhops!

It is time to start thinking about our 2025 Grand Reunion scheduled 18-21 September 2025. We will honor the 1974 and 1975 classes 50th anniversaries. I hope all of you will attend. For 1974, Kay Bircher, Mike Glover and Sandra Hasler are our reps and for 1975, yours truly and Becky Algood Moon will do the honors.

It's hard to believe that 50 years have passed since we were last students at CMA.

We are having the reunion back at the Cool Springs Marriott again and I must report that inflation has also taken a toll on the cost. We've had to raise rates a bit this time and I apologize for that, but it was unavoidable. We did our best to keep the cost down, but we haven't had a significant increase in the banquet fee since 2021 when we had a \$5 increase. That increase was minimal and I'm proud of our stewardship there. With increased reunion expenses across the board, we had to make another increase this year to be able to successfully plan and execute the reunion. I hope all of you will make it and we have a s good a

turnout as we did in 2023. Let me or Beck Moon know if you have any questions about it.

As always, once again let me thank Dr. Thomas and the staff of Columbia Academy for their support for this Association. The best way to thank them and preserve our heritage is a contribution to our Legacy Endowment. Our beautiful museum and our stately buildings will need your support in the years to come. Contact me for any details.

Until Our Next Formation,

Tom

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 2 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)".

Streamlined Bugle

This edition of the *Bugle* is streamlined to get out the information on the 2025 Reunion as early as possible. Please make plans now to join us 18-21 September 2025 as we convene for our next Grand Reunion for CMA Cadets, Faculty and Friends. While we will be recognizing the Classes of 1974 and 1975 as they celebrate their 50th Reunion, all alumni are encouraged to attend this year as always. We will also recognize the graduates from the Decade of the 1960s as our 2025 Reunion Honorees. Make this Reunion the one that you will attend.

Class Points of Contact for 2025 Reunion

Kay (Wetzel) Bircher, Mike Glover and Sandra (Hart) Hasler are the Class of 1974 contacts and Tom Carr and Becky (Algood) Moon are the Class of 1975 contacts for the 50th Reunion Classes as part of the 2025 CMAAA Grand Reunion.

Class of 1974

Kay Bircher
kwetzbi@aol.com

50 Year Reunion Contacts For 2025

Mike Glover
mdglove@yahoo.com

Sandra Hasler
Sandhsl180@att.net

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Class of 1975

Tom Carr
tkcarr@bellsouth.net

Becky Moon
becsmoon@gmail.com



Reunion Registration Form Sep 18th - 21st, 2025



Please Respond by August 15th, 2025

(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 2025 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)

2025 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. **We regret the price increase for the banquet but rising costs for food and inflation necessitated the increase.** 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 August 15th, 2025. 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

2025 Reunion Honorees Alumni from the Decade of the 1960s

Please Indicate if you are part of that Group (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, Friday—Golf Registration Form will be provided in Spring 2025 Edition of the *Bugle*
- Sporting Clays, Friday—Registration Form will be provided in Spring 2025 Edition of the *Bugle*
- Welcome Reception at Marriott, 5:30—7:30 PM, Friday.....(No Additional Charge)
- 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)
- Reunion Banquet/Dance, 6:00 PM, Saturday.....(\$65.00/Person) _____ x \$65.00 = \$ _____
- 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

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**Marriott
Reservation Process**

Please make Reservations by 4 September to get the Special Rate.

Via Phone (1-888-403-6772):Book your group rate for Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association

1. Ask for Reservations
2. Provide arrival/departure date
3. Reference the CMAAA to get the special rate of \$169.
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 \$169 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. Please call the number above to make reservations.
2. The hotel website is www.marriott.com/bnacs for gen-

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

**Sporting Clays Shooting Event
In Planning For Reunion**



We are trying to determine interest in having another Sporting Clays event during the 2025 Reunion. Dudley Doolinger ('73) has again agreed to head up the event but we need to determine the interest before he can make arrangements with the Nashville Gun Club. If you are interested in participating this year please get in touch with Dudley so he can determine if there is enough interest. Please contact Dudley at 615-476-1820 or at ddolinger@comcast.net and let him know if you are interested. Take out some of your frustrations on a Sporting Clay.

**How About a Round of Golf
During the Reunion**



As in years past, the Association is looking at setting up a golf outing on Friday 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. If you are interested in playing, please contact Bill Wade at englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net and let him know so he can begin to get an idea on the participation level. A decision needs to be made soon so if you would like to play a round of golf on Friday please get with Bill and let him know. If there is enough interest, more information and a registration form will be available in the Spring 2025 Bugle.

Please let Dudley and/or Bill know if you are interested in either of these events. They need to know the interest level.

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 18th

- 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, September 19th

- 9:00 AM: Registration in CMA Registration Room until 5:30 PM
To Be Determined based on Interest:
Golf Tournament—Details in Summer 2025 Bugle
To Be Determined based on Interest:
Sporting Clays Shooting Event, Nashville Gun Club, 1100 County Hospital Road, Nashville, TN
3:00 PM: Board Meeting, Marriott Meeting Room
5:30 PM: Welcome Reception , CMA Registration Room
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

Saturday, September 20th

- 9:00 AM: CMA Museum open until 2:00 PM except during CMAAA General Membership meeting
10:00 AM: CMAAA 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 '74 and '75
12:00 PM: 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, September 21st

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

SILVER TAPS

John W. Hubbard, Class of '59

Mr. John Wayne Hubbard, Sr, 83, departed this life on October 28, 2024 at his home in Hollow Rock, Tennessee. John was born on June 9, 1941, in Brownsville, TN to the late John Henry Hubbard and the late Margaret Lightfoot Hubbard. He was the owner/ operator of Camden Hardwood in Camden, a graduate of the Columbia Military Academy, a member of New Hope Methodist Church and of the National Hardwood Lumber Association. John attended CMA for three years graduating with the Class of 1959. He served on the CMAAA Board of Directors for 20 years from the Spring of 2004 until his passing. Mr. Hubbard was preceded in death by his son Little John Wayne Hubbard Jr.; two sisters, Charlotte Koob and Margaret Allen; and one brother, William Franklin Hubbard. He is survived by daughters Lucinda Michelle Hubbard (John) Willis and Wendy Hubbard (Patrick) Yarbro; son Michael (Lisa) Hubbard; sister Carolyn Tanner; the mother of his children Brenda Hubbard; eleven grandchildren; and thirty five great-grandchildren.



John Hubbard

James D. Rainey, Jr, Class of '71

James Donald (Dee) Rainey, Jr. of Athens, Alabama passed away on September 10th, 2023. Dee was born on March 22nd, 1953, to James Donald and Paula McDonald Rainey. He attended CMA for three years graduating with the Class of 1971.



Dee Rainey

He is survived by his mother Paula McDonald Rainey of Athens; his wife Brenda Goode; his daughter Didi Rainey of Charleston, S. C.; and his brother Mac Rainey of Athens. He was predeceased by his father James Donald Rainey.

Timothy H. Sands, Class of '77

Timothy Harold Sands passed away earlier this year. Tim was from Mount Pleasant and attended CMA for five years, graduating with the Class of 1977. While at CMA he played basketball and football for four years and baseball for two years. He was a Cadet Second Lieutenant and a Platoon Leader.



Tim Sands

Please let Woody Pettigrew know if you hear any news on the passing of former Cadets and Faculty members so it can be included in the *Bugle*. Silver Taps, while sad to read, is a key portion of the *Bugle* to help keep our association updated on our friends and faculty.

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