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From the President



Cadets – I want to start this article by saying thank you to all of you who attended the Grand Reunion this year. I must say that it was a real pleasure to catch up with all the returning Cadets. We had several great moments during the weekend and I noted on several occasions there were Cadets in groups all around the hotel catching up with each other. I hope that those of you who were unable to attend will make an effort to return for our next Grand Reunion in 2016. I can guarantee that you will not regret it.

On Saturday morning at the General Membership Meeting we had the privilege to induct two individuals into our Hall of Honor. The two were Army Master Sergeant Robert Allen who spent fourteen years working in the Military Department at CMA and Navy Captain Bill Young, a 1965 graduate with a distinguished military career. Bill Young was at the reunion and was present for the induction recognition during the General Membership meeting Saturday morning.

Also, during the General Membership Meeting Dr. James Thomas, CA President, and Ms. Lisa Bennett, Vice

President of Columbia Academy, welcomed us to the campus. Ms. Bennett gave an update on campus development while Dr. Thomas provided updated information on the CMAAA Endowment Fund. They noted that the enrollment this year is the highest they have ever had with approximately 850 students enrolled with many of those being CMA legacies. Many of the campus buildings were opened for touring during the weekend and provided us with a look at how well it is being maintained. It was a great day to spend on campus.

At the dinner Saturday night we recognized the Classes of 1964 and 1965 and the Mr. and Miss CMA's in attendance. The accomplishments of these groups are an acknowledgement to the impact and contributions all our cadets have made in this world and we can each be justifiably proud of that fact.

Finally, I'd like to make sure that each of you knows who is serving on the executive board with me for the next two years. Our Vice President is Robin Salze. The Association Secretary is Randy Howell and the Treasurers are Becky Moon and Skip Snow. I once again thank each of them for their willingness to serve another term with me and am grateful for their dedication.

Once again, if you were unable to attend the Grand Reunion I encourage you to make plans to be with us in 2016. I know you will not regret your decision.

Mike Gilchrist
Class of 1963
CMAAA President

CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting August 1st, 2014 Marriott Hotel

Attendees

Mike Gilchrist-President '63, Robin Salze-Vice President '66, Randy Howell-Secretary '72, Becky Moon-Treasurer '75, Skip Snow-Asst Treasurer '55, R.C. Smith '44, John Bass '53, Don Kimbrell '53, Marshall Cranford '54, Tom Hayward '56, John Motsinger '57, Hal Roe '57, Ron Nall '61, Wally Couch '62, Bill Hart '62, Jim Madison '62, Don Noffsinger '63, Jim Borum '66, Bill Wade '68, Jim Pennington '72, Woody Pettigrew '73, Winston Elston '74, Sandra Hasler '74, Ed Lawing '74, Robin Layton '74, Marshall Briggs '75, Vann McMinn '76, Jay Robins '76, Shayne Harris '78 and Buddy Fisher, Friend of the Board.

Meeting Minutes

The summer 2014 meeting of the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association was called to order by association President, Mike Gilchrist. There were 30 board members and guests present. The invocation was given by Don Kimbrell and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Bass.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the Spring board meeting be approved as published in the *Bugle* without discussion or correction. The minutes were approved.

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Board Meeting Minutes

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Becky Moon presented the Treasurer's report which indicated a current balance in the General Fund Account of \$43,880.14, advising that no reunion costs have been paid at this time. Approximately \$15,000 has been received to date in registration fees, some of that being from paid dues. With the amount received we should at least be able to break even on the reunion this year. Current expenses look to be approximately \$10,000, including the \$2,500 paid to David White for Mrs. Burt (photo negatives). The \$2,500 represents 50% of the agreed amount to be paid to Mrs. Burt, the remainder still being owed. Woody Pettigrew noted that the \$5,000 for the photos and photo negatives is to come out of the Museum account, as agreed to at a previous Board meeting.

Mike reported that we will have heavy hors d'oeuvres for the Friday evening gathering and the price of drinks have been reduced for the CMAAA attendees. There are 10% discount coupons for meals at the hotel and breakfast is also included in the rate for rooms. Mike complimented the Marriott for their willingness to work with the association by supplying meeting space and reception rooms.

Mike further reported on the photo project, stating that there are 5 boxes of CMA negatives that have been separated to date. David White has provided several photos for viewing during the reunion including some of the class composites that have been found. David has found several from the 50s and 60s and continues to search for the composites that have not been found. To date he has not been able to find any composites of the 70s. Becky stated that she doesn't believe the composites were done during the 70s. Some of David's business cards are available for those who might want to contact David about having some photos developed or enlarged. We will soon have to provide a place for the storage of the negatives. Woody said we will likely use space in Johnson Hall currently used to store items from the museum.

Reunion Update/Plans

The evening reception will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. It will be

held in the hospitality rooms and there should be plenty of seating.

This year the class group photos, usually made during the Saturday evening banquet, will be taken on Saturday morning after the General Meeting. The photos will be made in front of the Guard House/Museum. Hopefully it will allow those who are not planning to attend the banquet to be able to be in the photos. The cost of the photos will be \$12 and envelopes for ordering will be provided at the General Meeting.

Saturday lunch will be after the photo sessions in the CA dining hall, as well as coffee and donuts available in the dining hall prior to the meeting.

Several classes/decades will host Friday evening dinners at various locations.

For the Saturday evening banquet the banquet hall will be decorated in CMA colors including the CMA flag and American flag. A dance floor will be in place and music will be provided by Don Morrow. The banquet room will open at 6:00 p.m. and a buffet dinner will be served at 6:30. The dinner will be followed by the presentation honoring the attending Mr. and Miss CMAs.

New Business

The museum report was presented by Woody Pettigrew. Board members were provided with a copy of the financial statement. The report indicated a current Cash on Hand total of \$19,148.63 and with expected receipts and expenditures, a current available amount of \$13,209.63. This will be reduced by the additional \$2,500 due to Mrs. Burt. The current funds and the expected receipt of funds should carry us through the life of our lease, which expires in 2021. A motion to approve the report was made and seconded and was followed by an approval by the board.

Woody also reported on the CMA endowment which is now set up and operating. An individual from Columbia Academy has given an initial amount of \$10,000 to the endowment. The endowment is managed by CA but is reviewed by CMAAA and will be used to preserve CMA; the original buildings, the quadrangle, the museum, the poles and banners etc. Woody also shared that this year the banners were donated by Ed Tuggle and the endowment money was used to repair the ban-

ner poles. Approximately \$500 have been received in addition to the original \$10,000. Becky reminded us that Ed was seriously injured in an auto accident earlier this year and due to a long recovery would not be able to attend the reunion this year. She asked that everyone please keep Ed in their thoughts and prayers.

Mike Gilchrist reported that the CMA scholarship, given annually to a CA graduate, was presented this year to Christian Harris, Valedictorian of the Class of 2014. Christian is the grandson of a 1946 CMA graduate. The association received a letter of thanks from Christian for the scholarship. Mike pointed out the importance of the legacies that continue to move through the classes at CA. In the last class there were approximately 16 CMA legacies. At graduation many people extended their thanks to the association for the scholarship and also stated their appreciation for Mike's comments on legacies during graduation. Mike suggested we share with our different groups how those legacies still exist and how important they are. He also pointed out the students that receive the scholarships are good citizens who represent CA and CMA well.

Don Kimbrell provided a report from the Nominating Committee. He stated that it has been our practice in the past to ask those who have served one term in their current positions to serve a second term if desired. The current officers are: President-Mike Gilchrist; Vice President-Robin Salze, Secretary-Randy Howell, Treasurer-Becky Moon, Assistant Treasurer-Skip Snow. There were no additional nominations. Motion was made and seconded that the current officers continue for a second term. Approval was unanimous.

Mike pointed out that three notebooks were on the desk in the registration area that all alumni should look at. These three books are: A current list of all association members; a current list of all deceased members; a list of those who are lost (this includes those who we just need a current address on).

Woody informed us that our list of obituaries continues to grow. He was interested if we wanted the obits to continue in the Bugle in the current format. Presently they are lengthy and the space they take up is considerable. After discussion it was decided that the consen-

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CMA Grand Reunion 2014—A Weekend to Remember

The 2014 CMA Grand Reunion proved to be a great event for all those participating. The new venue for the event, the Marriott, proved to be a great choice with the facilities and support provided being great. The real adventurous showed up Thursday for a little “Pre Reunion” socializing and then the masses starting arriving on Friday. The golfers enjoyed time on the links Friday morning and a new Sporting Clays Shooting event Friday afternoon proved to be a real hit with about a dozen guys participating. That event will certainly remain on the agenda for future reunions. A great reception at the Marriott on Friday evening and then various classes and groups got together for dinner and other evening activities. A trip to campus Saturday morning for the Association meeting in Old Main where two individuals were inducted into the CMAAA Hall of Honor. One of the inductees, Bill Young of the Class of 1965, was present for the induction ceremony. As per tradition, after the meeting the group assembled at the Flag Pole for a ceremony to honor the lost cadets from the two classes celebrating their 50th reunion (Classes of 64 and 65 this year). The color guard from the Central High School Navy ROTC detachment performed the flag duties while Dave Trammell from the Class of 1962 played Taps. A moving ceremony. Back at the hotel Saturday night for the banquet where we had 226 attendees. The night was capped off with a recognition of the members of the Classes of 1964 and 1965 that were celebrating their 50th reunion and with a recognition of the Mr. and Miss CMAs from through the years. Twelve Mr. and Miss CMAs were present for the reunion and one wife of a deceased Mr. CMA attended in his honor. It was an impressive group that well represented all that was good about the CMA Corps of Cadets. Ruben Rochoi ('76) was recognized for traveling the farthest distance to attend the reunion (from El Salvador) and R.C. Smith was recognized as the oldest alum (Class of 1944) in attendance. What a great compliment those two individuals paid to CMA and to the Alumni Association with their attendance. All in all, a great weekend.



Ten Mr. CMAs and two Miss CMAs were recognized during the Banquet on Saturday night, along with the wife and son of the 1958 Mr. CMA, Joe Gufford, who we lost to Silver Taps in 2010. Those recognized, from left to right, were Richard Hayes ('57), Herbert Eustis ('67), David Briggs ('68), Bill Birmingham ('78), Jim McEwen ('65), Gale (Courtney) Moore ('77), Robert Field ('66), Laura (Harlan) Harpel ('75), Harold Smith ('63), Bobby Chambliss ('72), Frank Lawing ('71), Kirby Turnage ('53), and Marlyn and Charles Gufford, wife and son of Joe Gufford ('58).



Central High School Navy ROTC unit lowers flag to half staff during ceremony. Dave Trammell, Class of 1962, plays Taps in the background.



Bill Young, Class of 1965, acknowledges the gathering upon his induction into the CMAAA Hall of Honor during the General Membership meeting Saturday morning.



Bobby ('72) and Kathy Bain hosted a group at their home for lunch on Saturday. Thirty six alums, plus significant others, enjoyed a great meal.



Some of the alums that took on the reunion's newest event, the Sporting Clays Shooting Competition.



Alumni gathered in Old Main for the General Membership meeting on Saturday Morning.

Scenes from the 2014 CMAAA Grand Reunion

Twelve was the lucky number for this year's reunion. Just as we had 12 Mr. and Miss CMAs return for the reunion, we had 12 members from each of the "50th Reunion" classes (1964 first under and 1965 below) attend the Saturday night banquet. Sixteen from each class were present for some part of the reunion.



CMA Class of 1964 Alums present for the banquet from left to right: James Franklin Walsh, Jack Shannon Orman, Larry Watson, Roger Lee Crabtree, Jeffrey Scott Pilkington, Charles Osville Finne, John J. Ross, Tommy Wamsley, Robert Earl Gill, William Webb Smith, David Arne DeVore, Ramiro Gonzales.



CMA Class of 1965 Alums present for the banquet from left to right: Terry O'Donnell, Walker McGinnis, John Clanton, Danny Duke, Phil Fikes, Don Ershig, Jim McEwen, Bill Young, Albert Cover, Kap Hines, Henry Hoss, Tandy Jackson (PG).



CMAAA President Mike Gilchrist ('63) addresses the General Membership in Old Main Saturday morning.



Jimmy Bane ('72) and his wife Crystal were among the brave that showed up Thursday night.



Saturday Night Banquet.

Board Meeting Minutes

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sus desired we continue with the current format. Randy Howell will now be sending condolence cards from the association to the closest survivor of a deceased member of our association.

Mike wrapped up our meeting by going over a few of the details of the General Meeting for Saturday. CA President, Dr. James Thomas, will once again be on hand to welcome our association to the campus. There will also be greetings from CA Vice President, Lisa Bennett.

We will induct two new members into the Hall of Honor. It was agreed that further discussion on the Hall of Honor and the process for determining inductees would be discussed at another time.

Suggestion for a New Section for Inclusion in the *Bugle*

Each of the CMA Reunions provides an opportunity for alums to get together and tell (and re-tell) stories from the time they were at CMA. These stories are a big part of what bonds the CMA alumni and they provide a great way for alumni from all years to connect. A suggestion was made during the last reunion that it would be interesting to make a collection of our alumni's favorite stories from when they were at CMA. There are great stories that are the kind of things that alumni enjoy reading in the *Bugle*. These stories will be run in the *Bugle* and, depending on the number of stories received, may be consolidated and bound as a "Collection of CMA Memories". All alumni are encouraged to provide their favorite memory/story from CMA to be included in this collection. The memory/story can be whatever length is necessary. This suggestion provides another way for CMA alumni to share experiences and will certainly enhance the *Bugle*. If you have a memory/story you would like to share with other alumni please submit to Woody Pettigrew at the below snail mail address or you can e-mail it to wpettigrew@knology.net.

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Scenes from the 2014 CMAAA Grand Reunion



No Barbershop Quartet but a great group of Alumni sharing some time together Saturday night.



Bill Patrick ('73), Bobby Bain ('72) and Greg Thompson ('72) trying to figure out how to read a menu at dinner on Thursday night. Though they tried to leave Patrick at the hotel, he managed to find a way to the restaurant in time for dinner.



A.C. Howell (CMA Faculty 1963-1974) and Ed Lawing ('74) share a few moments on campus Saturday morning.



Seventy five alums and guests from the Decade of the 70's got together for dinner Friday night at Romano's Macaroni Grill in Cool Springs.



Tex Tucker ('71) gets in a little Crayola practice at Romano's Macaroni Grill before dinner Friday night.



Gathering for the Flag Pole Ceremony to honor the lost Alumni from the Classes of 1964 and 1965.



Attendees at this year's reunion were greeted by a new set of CMAAA Banners around the Quad. Ed Tuggle, Class of 1967, donated the 10 banners that go around the quad. Funds from the CMA Endowment were utilized to upgrade the poles holding the banners. These banners, along with the CMA Memorial on the quadrangle, provide a constant reminder of the campus heritage to all students.

Then and Now Write Ups to Continue in December

The report out on the 2014 Reunion in this edition of the *Bugle* took up the space that is normally allocated for the Then and Now section that has been in the *Bugle* for the past couple of years. That section will resume with the Winter edition of the *Bugle* due for publication in December. The intent is to finish reporting on an alum from each of the years from 1940 to 1979 (there are 9 classes yet to be represented) and to then begin the cycle again. Please consider participating in this portion of the quarterly *Bugle* publications. Feedback on the Then and Now section has been very positive.

Columbia Academy Honorary Football Team Captain



Marshall Cranford, '54, served as Honorary Captain of the CA Bulldogs on Friday, September 12th.

60th Reunion Gathering During Grand Reunion

Woody Woodward, Ross Campbell, Hunter Marsh, Gerald Morgan, Gordon Guess, David Ray, Simpson Russell and Marshall Cranford from the Class of 1954 got together after the reception on Friday night during the reunion to celebrate their 60th year since graduating from CMA. They were joined by special guests and/or friends of CMA Bill Dodson, Baird Harris, Jack Hart and Mrs. Hart, Skip and Audrey Snow, Bette Morgan (wife of Gerald), Randall Henderson, Bill Raiford and Linda Yoa-kum. Marshall Cranford's grandson, Hunter Hamilton, and his granddaughter, Lady Frances Hamilton, served as greeters and welcoming committee for the gathering which included a long evening meal at the Marriott. Most of these alums had not seen each other since their 50th reunion in 2004. A good time was had by all. Congratulations to the Class of 1954.

Another CMA Flag Officer

The below letter was submitted by Ottis J. Knippers, Class of 1962.

My hometown of Lawrenceburg produced a Four Star General and a Rear Admiral, both of whom passed through the imposing portals of CMA. General Hugh P. Harris reviewed our troops and Admiral Ingram Sowell attended CMA, though too early to be embedded in our memory. In Lawrenceburg, we have a neighborhood (Admiral Circle) and a school that bear his name.

Sowell attended both CMA and Lawrence County High School. At CMA, he indulged in his favorite sport, football. Sowell's athletic and military career sequenced from CMA to the Naval Academy to the Pacific. At Annapolis, he played quarterback for three years, coupled with a successful stint at wrestling. Football fever reached a crescendo when his Midshipmen defeated Jim Thorpe and his Carlisle Indians. In 1910, despite a broken rib and ruptured lung, he led Navy in a win over Army.



Ingram Sowell as a member of the CMA Football Team during the 1907-08 school year. Picture copied from the 1908 CMA yearbook, *The Bugle*.

After graduation, Sowell launched his naval career with the same surge he displayed as quarterback. In 1917, his submarine was torpedoed off the coast of Portugal, forcing him to swim ashore in Lisbon. During the Second World War, he was promoted to Rear Admiral by President Roosevelt. Rear Admiral Sowell was proudly aboard the USS Missouri when the Japanese signed the formal surrender to General Douglas MacArthur on September 2, 1945. He later commanded Battleship Division Four aboard the USS West Virginia.

At the time of his death on December 21st, 1947, he was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia as General Inspector of the Atlantic Fleet, and was appropriately buried at Arlington Cemetery.



Rear Admiral Ingram Cecil Sowell
United States Navy in World War II

Whether manning submarines during World War I, or directing battleships during World War II, this Tennessean, from his honing at CMA to his career fulfillment on the Battleship Missouri, embodied adventure, fidelity, determination and courage. For his life and example, we are appreciative.

Otis Knippers, Jr. is a 1962 graduate of Columbia Military Academy and is a former President of the Lawrence County Historical Society.

Reminders on How You Can Help Your Association

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

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

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CMA Endowment Growing



Help Preserve CMA's Legacy

As was mentioned in a previous *Bugle*, the administration of Columbia Academy, in conjunction with its Board of Directors, has established a Columbia Military Academy Endowment. This endowment will be used exclusively to provide funds to preserve and protect the legacy of Columbia Military Academy. The goal is to (1) ensure the maintenance and upkeep of the CMA Museum for perpetuity, (2) preserve and protect the original buildings of the Columbia Arsenal and other buildings that were part of Columbia Military Academy, and (3) maintain the memorials and markers across campus that are dedicated to CMA and its alumni. This endowment will be accounted for separately from the other endowments at Columbia Academy and the CMA Alumni Association, or its designee, will receive an accounting of the funds each year. This endowment was established with an initial investment of \$10,000 that was provided by an anonymous Columbia Academy alumnus. That initial gift was made in honor of all CMA alumni, faculty and staff, especially those who served our country in the military, and most especially, those who gave their lives for our country. The hope is that this endowment can grow and provide a sound financial basis to preserve and protect the legacy of CMA. To make a donation to the endowment, please send a check made out to Columbia Academy and annotated as a donation for the CMA Endowment to Columbia Academy, 1101 West Seventh Street, Columbia, Tennessee 38401. All donations are tax deductible and will result in the donor receiving a receipt from Columbia Academy that can be used when filing tax returns. A listing of donors will be included in subsequent editions of the *Bugle*.

Do You Remember?

70 Years Ago
Fall 1944



The United States Forest Service and the Wartime Advertising Council release posters featuring Smokey the Bear for the first time on August 9th.

The Allies enter Paris on August 24th, successfully completing Operation Overlord.

Franklin D. Roosevelt wins reelection over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey on November 7th, becoming the only U.S. president elected to a fourth term.

At CMA, the YMCA had its beginnings with a membership of 35 cadets.

50 Years Ago
Fall 1964



United States destroyers USS Maddox and USS C. Turner Joy are attacked in the Gulf of Tonkin 2-4 August which resulted in the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution giving President Johnson broad war powers to deal with North Vietnamese attacks on US forces.

Mary Poppins has its world premiere on August 27th. It goes on to become Disney's biggest money maker and winner of 5 Academy Awards.

Bewitched, starring Elizabeth Montgomery, premieres on ABC on September 17th.

At CMA, Mike Taylor assumes duties as Battalion Commander.

60 Years Ago
Fall 1954



The first issue of Sports Illustrated magazine is published in the United States on August 16th.

The USS Nautilus, the first nuclear powered submarine in the world, is commissioned into the US Navy on September 30th. CMA Graduate William R. Anderson later commanded the Nautilus during its 1958 submerged transit of the North Pole.

The first Burger King opens in Miami, Florida on December 4th.

At CMA, Cecil B. deMille selects Miss Bettye Dixon as the Senior Queen.

40 Years Ago
Fall 1974



Richard Nixon resigns the Presidency on August 9th; Vice President Gerald Ford becomes the 38th US President.

On October 17th, the Oakland A's beat the LA Dodgers, 4 games to 1, in the 71st World Series making the A's the only team other than the NY Yankees to win 3 straight titles.

Muhammad Ali knocks out George Foreman in the 8th round in Kinshasa Zaire (The Rumble in the Jungle) on October 30th.

At CMA, the Rifle Team begins firing its way to an undefeated shoulder-to-shoulder match season.

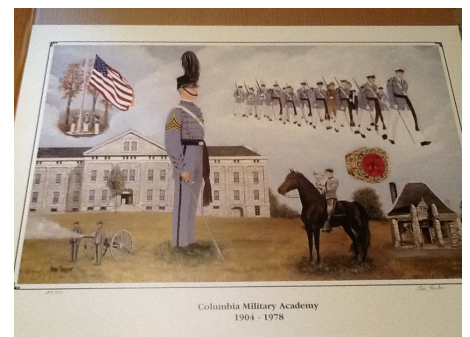
"Whhhhhaazzuuppp Dudes"
Odds and Ends

Jim Dickinson, '55, and his wife Barbara recently wrote an article about America's Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia and had the article published in R&R Travel News Magazine, a worldwide military travel newsletter. The resort was at one time an Army General Hospital and is now a Historic R&R sight. Jim and Barbara have visited the resort three times and recommend it to anyone planning to travel in West Virginia, or to even make plans for a vacation there. Get a copy of R&R Travel News and see what it is all about.



Bullring 2014. From Left to Right; Marshall Cranford, Wally Couch, Scott Hasler, Sandra (Hart) Hasler, Bobby Bain, Dudley Dolinger, Mike Gilchrist.

One hot Saturday in July the above group gathered at the CMA Museum to give it an annual once-over to help get ready for the August Reunion. A good, thorough cleaning, along with a little needed repairs, had the museum once again ready for inspection. A little more rewarding than marching around the quad for hours on end.



CMA Print Available for Purchase

This CMA print, never taken out of its original purchase folder, is available for purchase at the price of \$250. If you are interested, please contact Will Rainey at wfrainey@yahoo.com or by telephone at (931) 285-0144 (home) or (931) 215-4885 (cell).

SILVER TAPS

Thomas McKnight, Class of '36

Thomas Harrison McKnight, Junior died peacefully in his sleep, Thursday, June 5, 2014, at the age of 96. He was a life long Memphian and was the son of Thomas Harrison and Verney Malone McKnight. He graduated from Columbia Military Academy in 1936, Davidson College in 1940 and served 4 years during WWII as S4 of the 92nd Armored Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz) of the 12th Armored Division and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service in France and Germany. After WWII he joined his father and brother James Malone (Buddy) McKnight in the food brokerage business and later became president of T.H. McKnight & Sons. He was Commander of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, President of Woodlawn Shores Development in Sugar Tree, Tennessee, and President of LeMaster Sunday School Class of Idlewild Presbyterian Church. After retirement he took great pleasure driving the bus for Idlewild Presbyterian Church where he was a member and deacon having joined at 12 years of age. Tom leaves his wife of 72 years Nola Campbell McKnight, eldest son Thomas Randolph McKnight and wife Julia Sullivan McKnight of Arlington, Virginia; and youngest son Thomas Harrison McKnight III of Memphis, Tennessee

Edwin Neal Norris, Class of '39

Edwin Neil Norris, 91, of Glasgow, died May 9th at his home. He was born September 6, 1922 in Glasgow, the son of the late Roger Harry Norris Sr. and Caroline Comp-ton Norris. He attended CMA for two years, graduating in 1939. Serving as a Second Lieutenant in the US Air Force during World War II, Mr. Norris piloted a B-17 based in England. Following his discharge, he graduated from Vanderbilt University. On June 15, 1958 he married Jo Ann Landrum Norris, who preceded him in death in 2007. He was a partner in R.H. Norris and Sons Supply. He was also actively involved in beef and pork production in Barren County and most recently owned and operated Trojan Trail Self-Storage. He was a founding member of the Glasgow Municipal Airport, serving on its board of directors from January 1958 to December 1987. He also served on the board of directors of Citizens Bank and Trust Co./Trans Financial Bank for 27 years and the T.J. Samson Community Hospital board of directors for 33 years, retiring as its vice chairman in

1997. He is survived by his daughter, Yvonne Norris Bartley, of Glasgow; and his son, John Norris, and his wife, Laura, of Englewood, Florida.

William G. Fulmer, Class of '44

William "Bill" G. Fulmer, 88, went to be with the Lord on August 19, 2014 after a long illness. He was the son of Turney and Minnie Fulmer. He was born in Tullahoma, TN, and married the love of his life, Jennie Stewart Fulmer, in 1945. Bill was preceded in death by their daughter Patti Fulmer Wilson. After graduation from CMA, Bill served in WWII in The European Theater. He graduated from Memphis State and from pilot training at Randolph AFB, class of 51A. He was Chief of C-124 Standardization in the Strategic Air Command and Deputy Chief of SAC Instrument Pilot Training; he also retired from The US Air Force as a Major in 1965. Mr. Fulmer was a Clerk of Court for Memphis and Shelby County Juvenile Court 1969-1984. He was co-founder of The Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association in 1972. After retirement, he volunteered for 7 years at MIFA maintaining records of Home Delivered Meals. He also shopped for V.A. spinal cord patients for several years. He served as Chairperson for the Shelby County Service Merit Board 1994-2005, and Chairperson for Shelby County Retirement Board 1999-2007. He was a perpetual member of the Military Order of World Wars. Mr. Fulmer was an elder in the Presbyterian Church and an active member of Germantown Presbyterian Church.



James W. Walker, Class of '44

Dr. James Wakefield Walker, 87, of Germantown, Tennessee died, July 18, at his home after a long illness. Dr. Walker was a Board Certified Plastic & Reconstructive Surgeon and a Diplomate to the American Board of Plastic Surgery. He was born in Memphis, Tennessee October 8, 1926 to Dr. William White Walker, Sr. and Mrs. Roberta B. Walker. After graduating CMA in 1944, he attended U.T. at Knoxville

and Southwestern at Memphis (Rhodes College). He then joined the Army and was stationed in Alabama attending both the University of Alabama and Auburn University. He was a World War II veteran stationed in Austria and Germany. He then returned home and attended Medical School graduating from the University of Tennessee Medical School with honors in 1953. He received his Board Certification from the American Board of Plastic Surgery in 1961. He helped to form the Plastic Surgery Department at the University of Tennessee Memphis. He was also on the Teaching Staff at the University of Tennessee for Plastic Surgery and also taught Physiology there. He was in private practice for twenty-five years before retiring and joining the Veteran's Administration Hospital in 1983 as a physician and surgeon in the Spinal Cord Injury Service until his retirement in 2009. While in private practice he was on the Active Staff at Baptist Memorial Hospital and was on the consulting staff at St. Joseph, Methodist, St. Francis, LeBonheur and Doctor's Hospitals. He was an inventor, accomplished artist and musician. He is survived by his wife of almost 48 years, Mary Elizabeth "Bettye" Brannon Walker.

Jack D. Walker, Class of '45

Jack D. Walker, age 86, of Antioch, Tennessee passed away peacefully on June 9, 2014. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on May 19, 1928, the son of Charles H. Walker & Marie Trouillas Walker. Jack grew up in Nashville, TN where he attended Eastland and Bailey schools and later attended and graduated from Columbia Military Academy. He was in one of the first groups drafted for the Korean War from Nashville and served in the U. S. Army in the infantry. Half of his time was spent in the enlisted ranks while during the last half he was commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant. After the war he became a Christian and became a serious student of the Bible. Following his release from active military



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duty, Jack spent the next twenty years as a sales representative for a New York women's apparel firm. At the end of this period of his life, he was a pioneer in opening the first Health Food Store in Nashville and worked in that industry for 18 years. Finally, before his 'retirement', he joined a Nashville Public Relations firm. Jack was Chairman of the Tennessee Korean War Memorial Association. He was instrumental in raising over \$222,000 in contributions to this endeavor. Jack was the author of "A Brief Account of the Korean War", which enjoyed three printings. He wrote a weekly blog on Community Affairs in the Tennessean for 2 years and was an outspoken contributor of Letters to the Editor. He was a wonderful public speaker, teacher, member of American Legion Post 5 & the VFW, a history buff, patriot, and remained active in Veterans Affairs. He is survived by sister and brother-in-law, Madge "Maggie" Walker McCray and Tom McCray, Nashville, TN.

Nikolas F. Hansen, Class of '50

Nikolas Forbes Hansen, M.D. 81, Indianapolis, passed away June 15, 2014. He was born October 22, 1932 to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Robert Hansen. He attended CMA for one year graduating in 1950. Nikolas started college at the University of Michigan, where he met his wife Jean Gundersen.



Nikolas Hansen

He joined the Navy, became a Photographer's Mate and was Honorably Discharged in June of 1960 when he graduated with a BA degree from Wayne State University. Next he worked as a Paint Salesman with E.I. Dupont in Massachusetts. Soon it was back to Wayne State University Medical School where he graduated in 1968. He practiced medicine in Valparaiso, IN. While practicing, he drove to Chicago, IL to obtain his Internal Medicine Degree in 1983 and also his Pulmonary Fellowship in 1984. When he developed Parkinson's Disease, he retired in 1988. He was a member of the Sci-entech Club. He volunteered at Day Spring, The Children's Museum, and The Museum of Art. His hobbies were

photography and Scuba diving. He is survived by his wife Jean G. Hansen.

Edwin W. Halliday, Class of '51

Edwin Wilkinson "Wick" Halliday died at his home in Columbia, Sunday, July 20, after an extended illness. He was born in Memphis June 6, 1932, and was raised there but spent much time in Maury County as a young man with his family, the Riddleys and the Jewells.



After graduating CMA in 1951 he attended The University of Tennessee, where he played football for Coach Robert Neyland. He served in the United States Army in the 1st Infantry Division from 1954-1956. After his time in the service, he returned to Columbia and managed his family's farm raising cattle, corn, soybeans, tobacco and curing country hams, for which he was well known. He was truly a man of the soil who believed that land was a gift from God that was to be taken care of and improved during one's lifetime and left to future generations. He was voted Tennessee Young Farmer of the Year by the Tennessee State Farm Bureau in 1969. He and his son Win were named Century Farmers in Maury County in 2002, honoring family farms that had been in continuous operation for over one hundred years. He was a lifelong Episcopalian and served as Junior Warden of the Vestry at St. Peter's Church several times. Wick served for sixteen years as Chairman of the Board of St. John's. He also served on the Board of Directors of First Farmers and Merchants Bank for many years. He was a board member and past chairman at Columbia Military Academy and a past Maury County Commissioner. He is survived by his wife of fifty-seven years, Polly Ann Trabue Halliday, and son, Edwin Wilkinson Halliday, Jr. (Sandy) of Columbia.

Joe E. Magnusson, Class of '52

Dr. Joe Edd Magnusson, 80, of Madison Alabama passed away Monday May 19 2014. Born June 17, 1933, Dr. Magnusson was a 1952 Graduate of Columbia Military Academy. He

served in the Army in Germany 1955-58. He graduated from Florence State College in 1961 and went to University of Alabama School of Dentistry earning his DMD in 1965. He practiced in Huntsville AL, Fulton MS and Ardmore AL. He enjoyed caring for his patients, friends, and family. He was preceded in death by his parents Frazell and Carolyn Smith Magnusson. He is survived by his wife Inge Magnusson and son Joe Edward Magnusson of Madison AL, brothers Ray and Shirley Magnusson of Conyers GA, and Jerry and Nelda Magnusson of Knoxville TN.



Joe Magnusson

George Blasingame, Class of '58

George William Blasingame passed away at his home in Dallas. He was born on July 19, 1940 in Mount Pleasant, TN, graduated from Columbia Military Academy and from The University of Memphis with a degree in Business.



George had a passion for his family, racquetball, scuba diving and cracking jokes. He served in the Air Force for four years. He worked for IBM and was an executive at AT&T Wireless and Cellular One. George is survived by his wife, Emily, his children, Maria Welch, Nicole Pratt, Billy Blasingame, Jennifer Brown, her husband Steve Brown, James Blasingame, Michael Bleecker and his wife Faith Bleecker, Phillip Bleecker and his wife Carissa Bleecker, his brother Charles Blasingame.

Thomas B. Calhoun, Class of '59

Thomas Briggs Calhoun, Sr., 72, of Walls, MS passed away June 4, 2014. Thomas attended CMA for two years and graduated in the Class of 1959. He was a member of Memphis Rodders Association. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lynn Prewitt Calhoun. Thomas is survived by his daughter, Natalie Cal-



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houn Duggan; son, Thomas Briggs Calhoun, Jr.; grandchildren Christina Calhoun and Maryann Calhoun; sister Barbara C. Greenblatt and brother Rick Calhoun.

John Samuel Suter, Class of '66

John Samuel Suter, 66, CMA Class of 1966 died in his home town of Memphis July 3. He was a decorated Vietnam veteran with three Purple Hearts, and a proud member of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion of the U.S. Marine Corps. Following graduation from CMA, John studied economics at Rhodes College (formerly Southwestern) before enlisting in the Marines (where he memorized the eye chart in advance to ensure he passed the vision exam.) While at Rhodes, John was a standout member of the swimming and football teams. John will be remembered for helping those less fortunate; rescuing pit bulls and countless strays and sheltering his friends in need. He was an amateur inventor proudly building a form of bedsprings designed to promote health for a company he started called Bedtronics. In later years John enjoyed vacationing with his family and friends on the island of Curacao. John lived life on his own terms. As one family member said, "John lived his life as he damned well pleased." He liked his Harleys big, his tequila smooth, and his fish dumb. He was preceded in death by his parents, Loyal Samuel Suter and



John Suter

Ruth Watson Suter. He is survived by his aunt, Ramona Watson; four sisters, Ruthanna Legg of Scotia, NY, Cindy Suter of Toronto, Canada, Pati Irish of Renton, WA, Kathy Singh of Sterling, MA; and one brother, Gary Suter of Wailuku, HI.

Dwight D. Davis, Class of '74

Dwight David Davis, age 58, passed away on Monday, May 26, 2014 at his residence in Baton Rouge, LA. Dwight was born in Almirante, Panama and spent his childhood years there. After spending early years in Central America he graduated from Columbia Military Academy in



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1974. He later obtained his bachelor's degree in Parks and Recreation from Mississippi State University and received his associate's degree in horticulture from Gwinnett College in Lawrenceville, GA. Dwight was a knowledgeable, senior level horticulturist. His horticulture knowledge helped him receive the honors of the Louisiana Accredited Nursery, American Rhododendron Society, GA Perennial Society, GGIA Professionally Accredited Nurseryman and the Greater Atlanta Nurseryman Association. Dwight's other talents and interests were in the art of cooking and most of all possessed a great love for music. He is survived by his former wife, Linda Davis; son, Ben Davis; father, Marvin Earl Davis and wife, Rose; brothers Rick Davis and wife Pam, CC Davis and wife Deborah, John Davis and wife Yen; sister Dolly Fiero and husband Richard Joey Fiero II.

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