

# Board Meeting — October 14th



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## From the President



Cadets, Faculty & Friends:

I hope everyone has had a great summer. As summer ends and fall approaches, I think back to the start of the school year at CMA. If you spent a few years at CMA you naturally defined the seasons as they coincided with the events on campus. Living in Birmingham, the public schools started back the day after Labor Day. We made our journey to Columbia the following Sunday to get settled in and start classes Monday morning. It was a strange week for me with my Birmingham friends in school and trying to find a way to pass the time. Whether you were returning to CMA or were a new Cadet, there was a definite period of adjustment. You had new roommates, new classes, new teachers, and sometimes a change in faculty. There were new platoon & squad leaders, company commanders and Battalion Commander. If I remember correctly, during my years at CMA, we had temporary officers for the first two weeks. There was a group of officers for the first week then a second group for the next week. This was often a friendly competition among friends and roommates. The permanent officers were then chosen. We had the ordeal of getting new uniforms, which was no

fun, especially if you were a short guy and there was nothing on the rack to fit you. Even if you were returning, there was always something you needed. As a side note, if anyone has the uniform list, I would love to see it. I remember most of them, but not all. Naturally there were the pranks pulled on the newbies by the veterans, and I'm sure some aspects of CMA life were not expected by the new Cadets such as Bull Ring and the strict regiment of everyday life.

Our Board of Directors Meeting will be held October 14 at 9:00 AM. I am working with Dr Thomas to have a CMA Day Friday October 13 with some of our Board members speaking to the CA students. Friday will also be CA's last home football game. It would be fun to watch a football game on our old campus. The Board will vote on approval of the revised By-Laws at this meeting. The Board will also finalize the 2018 Reunion Plans. I had noted in the Summer *Bugle*, in error, that the Reunion plans would be in this edition. The Winter *Bugle* will have the hotel reservation information and itinerary for the week-end. As this edition goes to press, we are only 12 months away from the 2018 Reunion. Now is the time to contact all of those old classmates and friends to invite them to join us in August 2018 to celebrate old friendships and memories. The Silver Taps section of the *Bugle* sadly continues to grow. Make that call now, or send that email or letter.

Robin

Robin Salze  
Class of 1966  
CMAAA President

## Mark Your Calendars Now - 2018 Reunion -



Make plans now to join other CMA Alumni and Friends the weekend of 3-5 August, 2018 to celebrate CMA and our common bond. Headquarters for the 2018 Reunion will be the Marriot Hotel in Franklin, Tennessee. We will have a reception at the Marriot on Friday evening, conduct an Association General Membership meeting in Old Main on the campus on Saturday morning and have a dinner Saturday night at the Marriot. We will celebrate the 50th reunion for the Classes of 1968 and 1969. Look for full details in later editions of the *Bugle* but mark your calendars now.

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# Then and Now

## Floyd Bowen, Class of '56

Floyd B. Bowen, Jr was born on December 30, 1938 in Mulberry, Florida. His family moved to Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee in 1943. While living in Mt. Pleasant, he was active in the Boy Scouts of America, where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. His CMA experience began when he entered the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in 1950 as a day student. Living in Mt. Pleasant, he traveled



the short 10 mile distance to school for the 7, 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> grades. He was a member of the Gold Star Drill Team that participated in the Mardi Gras parade in New Orleans. In 1953, his family moved to Lakeland, Florida where he entered the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Lakeland High School. He was fortunate that his parents agreed to send him back to CMA as a boarding student for his 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. He has many favorable memories of his time at CMA, including the Sunday parades, the friends that he made, and the sports, where he played right guard on the "B" football team. During his junior and senior years he was on the swim team, which represented CMA in the Mid-South swimming tournament in Atlanta. Some of his memories, however, were not so favorable, such as walking the bull ring and the time that one of his "friends" gave him a chew of tobacco before drill time where he could not spit and had to swallow or risk racking up some serious demerits. When he graduated in 1956, he was very proud that he had a five year experience at one of the finest military schools in the nation. It was at CMA where he formed his character and learned the importance of discipline, integrity and honor. CMA gave him a sense of duty to his country, and instilled in him the leadership skills that have served him well over the past 60 years. After graduation, he entered the University of Florida where he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. In 1958, Uncle Sam called and Floyd was drafted in the US Army where he was assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Armored Division in Crailsheim, Germany. Upon completion of his tour of duty he returned to Lakeland, Florida where he married Lois Williams of Lakeland on December 30, 1960. They

have been happily married for 56 years and have three wonderful children, five grandchildren and one great granddaughter. He returned to the University of Florida in 1961 and graduated in 1963 with a degree in Business Administration with a major in Marketing. He began his career with Exxon Corporation in Jacksonville, Florida. He held marketing and management positions over the next 18 years, with various assignments in Greensboro, NC, Atlanta, Charlotte, Houston, Tampa, and Tallahassee. In 1982, he was transferred to Exxon's Public Affairs office in Memphis, where he was responsible for lobbying efforts in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Kentucky state legislatures. In 1985, he moved to Houston where he was responsible for lobbying activities in Oklahoma, Illinois, Arkansas, and Kansas. In 1986, he was named Texas Public Affairs Manager with responsibilities for coordinating Exxon's lobbying activities with the Texas legislature. He retired from Exxon Corporation in Austin in 2000 after 36 years of service. Floyd is a life-long Methodist who has been active in local church activities and also held leadership positions on both the district and conference level. He spends half of his time in Austin, Texas where he and Lois have lived for the past 26 years and enjoys the cool summers at his home in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. He enjoys reading, golf, traveling, playing bridge and being with his family. He feels like his life has been a blessing and that his time at CMA was the beginning of a wonderful and rewarding life experience.



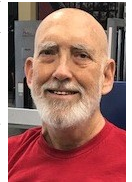
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## Jim Borum, Class of '66

Jim Borum, CMA Class of 1966, says that he has been one undeserving, fortunate man and that it all started at CMA and with his Step Father, Colonel Newsom Cooper, USAR Retired. Jim was born in a house next to Streeter Hall on Academy Court. Before Streeter Hall was Streeter Hall, his mother worked in the office in 1945-46, he believes. One of his earliest memo-



ries is of the Dress Parades. His parents soon divorced and his mother remarried in 1956. Jim started CMA in the fall of 57' in Junior School in the last 4th grade Class, with Robin Salze, Ronnie Poetz and him staying in the upstairs of the old gym. Jim had not spent much time in Columbia, attending school in Nashville his first 2 years. As a result, he really didn't know many kids in Columbia. He was a local student, so most of his best friends were fellow CMA Cadets. Junior School was a wake-up call with Maj Baulch, Maj Cannon, Mrs. Chambers, who taught him to read. Mrs. Cauchon and Coach Jones, Coach Pete Harris, Coach Towles, Coach Allen, Coach Wade, Coach Moore, Coach Murphy, his next door neighbor, and his wonderful wife, Mrs. Murphy. He also remembers CPT Chambers and Lynn Bowles, his 1st CMA Battalion Commander, and a 1st Calvary Brother, SSG C. D. Doughtman, and LTC Mason R. Shelton. Jim enlisted in the Army soon after graduation from CMA and served in Germany and Viet Nam. After his time in the Army, he went home, bounced around and entered the Army National Guard in 1975 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He relocated to Austin, Texas in 1983. He worked for the state of Texas and Travis County. However, his one and only love was the US Army. Jim was activated and deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2004 to 2005 and was medically retired from the Army in 2006. He relocated to Columbia and is happily retired. Since retirement, Jim has had a couple of cancers, severe COPD, and other medical problems, but always received much help from his sister, Cathy Cooper Walker, CMA Class of 1975 and his other "sister", Becky Algood Moon, CMA Class of 1975, as well as all of his CMA Brothers in Huntsville and Nashville, the Boys of '64 '65 and '66. Jim says that the only thing he could ever bring to the table in his life was a damn good work ethic and that is due to the great example from his father, Colonel Newsome Cooper USAR (Retired) and Columbia Military Academy, it's Faculty and Cadets. For this, he has been blessed!



## **CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 9 April 2017**

The board meeting was called to order at 9:17 AM. Randy Howell presented the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 2016 board meeting and general membership meeting; it was seconded and approved. The treasurer's report was given by Becky Moon. The reunion of 2016 made \$13,000 and Becky stated that this was the best outcome over the past four reunions. The general checking account currently has \$28,009.43. Reduced cost of sending out hard copies of the *Bugle* has been beneficial; instead of costing an estimated \$1700 or \$1800, the cost for the Winter 2016 edition was \$315. Woody Pettigrew gave the museum report stating the cash on hand is just under \$18,000. The budgeted income from pledges due is \$6500. Ornament sales are not expected to reach the goal set but that will not impact the overall budget. The museum fund budgeted \$7900 for the memorial update; bringing the total budget to \$33,122.58. The reduction of hard copies of the *Bugle* will help make more funds available as the General Fund will pay the Museum Fund back for the \$7,900 spend on the memorial. Budgeted expenses for the next five years include \$6000 for the lease, \$1200 for insurance, as well as \$6000 allotted to miscellaneous needs, bringing the total expenses to \$13,200. When we reach the end of the current lease period in five years, the plan is to extend the lease to the 50th year mark which is 2029. It appears the Museum account will have the funds to support the lease extension.

### **Columbia Academy Update**

Robin then introduced Dr. James Thomas, who welcomed the Board to Columbia Academy. Dr. Thomas is proposing a CMA day to educate CA students about Columbia Military Academy, its history and other related information. His plan is to implement this activity on a Friday in the fall of 2017, just prior to our October Board meeting. Dr. Thomas is requesting any feedback and would appreciate any input about this upcoming event. He also invited any CMA alumni who would be inter-

ested to speak with the CA students about the history of CMA and its campus, sharing experiences from an educational standpoint, and emphasizing the importance of patriotism and military sacrifice. The speaker will need to communicate in such a way as to provide age appropriate information and experiences for K-12 students. The museum may also be utilized as part of the CMA day activities. If you have any suggestions for CMA day please submit them to Robin Salze or to Dr. Thomas. Dr. Thomas explained plans for future growth. He stated that a master plan is being discussed with an architect to plan for future facilities. He emphasized that at this time no major plans are in place for building or removal of current buildings. It is the fourth year CA has experienced a record enrollment. The current enrollment is 950; 100 students attending Spring Hill campus (K-5th grade; planning to add 6th grade in near future) and 150 preschool, 350 elementary, and 350 high school students at CA in Columbia. Dr. Thomas was asked about Frierson Hall and he said there is a group out of Dallas, Texas that does facility audits. This group would come and look at the existing buildings and give advice as to how they can best be used. An idea is to renovate the building and potentially house exchange students. CA currently has no exchange student program but it is Dr. Thomas's belief that implementing such a program would be good for the diversity of the school and provide learning experiences for the students. A memorial marker for Moore Hall will be placed at the northwest corner of the parking lot where the brick structure once stood. The memorial will have information about the history of Moore Hall engraved on an aluminum or bronze plaque which will be mounted on a brick base. Bricks that were salvaged when Moore Hall was torn down will be used for the base. The Moore Hall memorial is to be in place in time to be dedicated on CMA Day in the fall of 2017. He reminded us that the CMA Alumni endowment fund is used to support the original campus and stated he recognizes the importance of honoring the legacy of our beautiful campus. The family of Wade Bowie ('61), who recently passed away, donated various items to the museum. Dr. Thomas presented these to Woody Pettigrew at the meeting. Dr. Thomas ended by reading

a poem entitled "The Dream", written by one of his former classmates, Harry Garner in 1990. The poem was written about CMA and how CA followed to continue building upon the dream that became reality many years ago.

### **Old Business**

Robin Salze discussed old business. The 2016 Reunion numbers were outstanding. We had 250 alumni and guest in attendance. Our contracted monetary goal amount of \$8,000 spent for food and beverages was exceeded by about \$2,000. The Marriott staff will plan to have a room available for the alumni to sit at tables and socialize Friday evening during future reunions. The same rooms we used for the 2016 Reunion registration, memorabilia, and banquet will be reserved for the 2018 reunion. The staff has offered a room, if one is available at the time, for alumni to enjoy a private breakfast Friday, Saturday, and possibly Sunday mornings. Discussion was made concerning the 2018 and 2020 Marriott Reunion contracts. A motion was made to approve the 2018 contract with the Marriott; the motion was seconded and approved. The 2020 contract will be signed and approved following the 2018 reunion.

The board then reviewed the bylaws and the revisions that had been made. Bill Hart, Robin Layton, and Robin Salze collaborated to update and improve how the bylaws are presented. Robin addressed the changes and there was discussion concerning the mailing address of the registered agent (Becky Moon), honorary membership, dues, the board of directors, the officers and their responsibilities, rules of order and how the bylaws are to be amended or revised by the Bylaws Committee and presented before the Board for approval. The revisions/amendments will be finalized and a final draft will be made available to board members prior to the October board meeting. The updated bylaws will be formally presented for approval at the October 2017 Board meeting.

### **New Business**

The next topic of discussion was storage of CMA photos and negatives. Mike Gilchrist explained how David

White had accumulated many of our photos/negatives; 95% of which are now in the possession of the Alumni Association and being stored in Johnson Hall. They are presently stored in paper to protect them. However, the boxes in which they are stored are not in good condition. David suggested to Mike that we look for boxes specifically made for storing and preserving photos/negatives. Mike said after researching he concluded we may need approximately seventeen boxes at the cost of \$20 per box (may possibly get for less). Another suggestion for preservation of the photos/negatives was moving them to a climate controlled environment. Charlie Field made a very good point of possibly putting these photos on CDs/DVDs. Mike is going to explore this idea of digital service with David White and the projected cost of the service. Cost of storage boxes or the digital service will be covered by the Museum account. The motion was made to research and resolve the best way to store these priceless pieces of CMA memorabilia. The motion was seconded and approved. Mike suggested the association continue using David White as our photographer at the reunions; Becky Moon made the motion, it was seconded and approved. Mike said David had actually come across a few random pictures he had taken at the 2016 reunion. They will be posted on the website.

The next topic of new business discussed was the Honor Flag Proposal, recognizing the service and sacrifice of those who have served in the US Armed forces and who freely gave their lives in the line of duty. It was decided more information was needed before pursuing approval of this proposal.

The board moved to continue supporting the CA scholarship and the amount would remain at \$1,500. This proposal was seconded and approved. (The scholarship was presented at the CA Graduation Ceremony on May 13, 2017.)

Thoughts and suggestions are needed as to whom to recognize at our 2018 Reunion. The idea of recognizing the Valedictorians and Salutatorians was proposed as was the idea of recognizing those who attended CMA both as students and later as faculty members.

The Board of Directors discussed, and concurred with, continuing to produce the hard copy of the *Bugle* for

those dues paying members but acknowledged that phasing out the hard copy publication may be a necessity in the future. The minimum order for hard copy publication is 100; the number being sent out is around 175 at the cost of \$315 for printing and postage.

Mike Gilchrist asked that a motion be made to recognize John Bass as an honorary board member. He has done so much for our association and has provided the flags for Columbia Academy to fly at the old flagpole. The motion was seconded and approved.

Woody Pettigrew addressed the board to recognize and thank Bill Rairford for managing the CMAAA website for the last few years. Woody will assume the responsibility of maintaining and keeping the website updated.

Randy Howell gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

### Recognizing a Special Friend and Fellow CMA Alum

My name is Jerry Damson and I am writing this about my friend Bill Propst.

I met Bill sixty-four years ago when he had been sentenced to two years at CMA, and I had received a sentence of five years. All these years later we both agree it was one of the best things that could have happened to us at the time.

Our years at CMA took two Alabama boys and made us men.

Over the next few years we went different ways. Bill went to Samford where he received a degree in Pharmacy, and I flunked out of college twice and joined the Army.

Bill came back to Huntsville and went to work for Walgreens. After working for Walgreens, he borrowed seven thousand dollars from a friend and opened his first drug store in Huntsville. That one store grew to six.

Now comes the good part about how smart a businessman Bill was...and still is.

Bill saw a big opportunity when he realized Kmart (in its heyday) did not have pharmacies. He went to Troy, Michigan and sold S.S. Kresge (parent company of Kmart) into allowing him to open pharmacies in Kmart. He got six open and when Kmart realized how much business he was doing, they bought him out and hired him to be the Pharmaceutical Director for all Kmart.

He stayed there for the next seventeen years.

Then Bill came back to Huntsville and started Vintage Pharmaceuticals – a generic drug manufacturer. He then started a plant in Charlotte. He became the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> largest manufacturer of generic drugs in the country. After twenty-something years, he sold his business to a company in England.

In 1968, we were at a friend's lake house when our 10-week-old daughter got sick and we rushed back to Huntsville to the emergency room. The doctors could not find anything wrong, but gave us some prescriptions. At this time, drug stores were not open at midnight. So I called my friend Bill who met me at his main store in fifteen minutes, and I took the prescriptions home to my wife. I told Bill I had to go back to the lake to pick up our 3-year-old son before he woke up and couldn't find us. Bill said, "I will go with you so you don't fall asleep." I tried to get Bill to go home, but he would not go. We got back between 4 and 5 AM, and Bill had to go open his store at 8 AM and work until 10 PM. Just another day for Bill. Bill is a great friend with a lot of compassion.

After he sold his plants, he started developing real estate and giving his money away – which would be impossible. Bill and Eloise, his wife of over fifty years, have given back many, many millions to their community. What a family!

Bill will not like this...that I have written about him, but he will get over it.

Jerry Damson  
Class of 1956



Bill and Eloise Propst

## Thank You CMA Alumni

Marshall McKee, this year's recipient of the CMAAA Scholarship, recently sent the below note of thanks to the Alumni Association:

Thank you to the CMA Alumni Association. I am very honored to have received the CMA Scholarship. I hope to make your association proud by my performance at The Citadel. Hopefully I can live up to the high standards set by the CMA Alumni.

Thank You,  
Marshall McKee  
CA Class of 2017

## History Treasure

With regard to leisure travelers who may have a passion for history, here is a trip report I'd like to share.

This past 4th of July, my wife and I decided we should look for a part of American History that some how we missed along the way, while family priorities were given to soccer game travel, scouting events and sandy beaches. We decided to pursue a photo-ad that appeared in AAA Traveler Magazine (Summer 2017), highlighting a restored, 200+ year old Inn located in the Allegheny Mountains of Southwest Pennsylvania. Fort Bedford was established by the British Militia during the French and Indian War in 1758. Early settlers in this frontier noticed friendly Indians would come from afar to access (drink and bath) in nearby springs which produced mineral water. The perceived healing qualities of this water spread quickly to the affluent population throughout the region. Soon, a physician moved to the area and built the first hotel which had 24 rooms. As time went on more people traveled to this growing community now known as Bedford, searching for the healing powers of these "magic waters". Additional buildings were erected to accommodate these seasonal travelers and in the early 1800s business was booming. My wife and I were quartered in the Swiss Cottage, which was added to the group in 1846, and later connected end-to-end with adjacent structures. It would be 1849 when President Polk visited here, and soon

after President Taylor arrived for a stay. Later, the 15th President of the United States, James Buchanan, would declare the Bedford Springs Inn to be his Summer White House! (His wooden desk remains on display in the Hotel Lobby today.) The last US President to stay here was Ronald Reagan. During WWII, the US Navy leased the Bedford Springs Inn to establish a Radio Operator Training School and, overall, graduated 9,000 Navy seaman. In 1944-45 the role at the Inn changed and Japanese diplomats with their families (captured in Germany) were housed here in hopes that this civil treatment would result in reciprocal treatment of American POWs held by Japan. The 120 million dollar renovation at the Inn was completed in 2007 and 216 rooms with period decor and modern conveniences for family and conventions reopened. Today, the Bedford Springs Inn is host for many family events, such as reunions, weddings, school graduations, anniversaries, and a mecca for golfers. The Hotel is operated by The Omni Corp.

James E. Dickinson  
CMA Class '55

## CMA Memories

I was an active Boy Scout in my hometown of Lewisburg, Tennessee before coming to CMA in the eighth grade. A troop was being organized there and our Scoutmaster was none other than Master Sergeant Wilfred "Meathead" Gilbert. Sarge was a grizzled old thirty year veteran and ROTC Instructor who many will remember. He was a fine man and highly regarded by all. He decided the troop would have a weekend campout in the fall before winter set in. Sarge borrowed a truck from the local National Guard and about a dozen cadets/scouts set out on a Friday afternoon. I have no idea where we were, but it was definitely way out in the country. He stopped the truck at the end of a dirt road and we unloaded our gear and pitched our tents on a gentle sloping hillside with a creek running through the bottom. We wasted no time in getting back to the truck to see what we would do next. We played and ate and had a great time the rest of the day as little boys will. There was supper around a big camp fire and Sarge told

ghost stories until someone suggested this would be a good night for a snipe hunt. Since I and one other boy had never caught a snipe we were accorded the honor of holding the bag while the other scouts drove the snipes toward us. He held the bag a long time, but we were never able to catch, or even see, one of the elusive little fowls. When we finally gave up and returned to the fire the other boys were already there. They told us we would surely have better luck tomorrow night. By 10:00 PM or so, we turned in. I was sleeping soundly on my air mattress when thunder woke me. I put out my hand only to find there was water running between me and my sleeping tent mate. I could hear thunder rolling and see lightning flashes through the tent. Storm! My tent mate was sleeping on the ground, so his blanket was soaked. In our haste to play, we had forgotten to ditch around the upland side of our tent. We thought we would be better off in the truck so we crawled out of our tent and waded off to the truck. Master Sergeant Gilbert was warm and dry in the cab, but he just laughed and shook his head when I stood on the running board and whined at the window. We tried seeking shelter under the truck, but there was a stream of water running down the roadbed. By this time we had been joined by a half dozen very wet boys all seeking shelter. Someone remembered passing a deserted tenant house back down the lane, so we all slogged off in that direction. It was deserted and unlocked and the roof did not leak too badly. I found a metal lawn chair with three legs and by propping my feet on the window sill was able to stay upright and doze while my cloths dried and the storm continued outside. At daylight we hiked back up the road to the truck. Sarge had a big fire going, my clothes were almost dry, the sun was out and we could smell coffee and bacon. We were happy scouts once again. After breakfast we made sure to dig a horse-shoe shaped trench around our tent and we played the rest of the day. The night before was pretty miserable, but sixty plus years later I remember it fondly. What good times! What fine boys!

Ernest Henegar, Class of 1959

**“Whhhhhaazzuuppp Dudes”  
Odds and Ends**

**SILVER TAPS**



Don Kimbrell (Duck) and Kirby Turnage (both from the Class of 1953), close friends since CMA, on a recent motorcycle trip in the North Carolina mountains. Duck had just surprised Kirby by leading him, without forewarning, through the Tail of the Dragon from Tennessee to North Carolina (318 curves in eleven miles). This photo was taken just as Kirby was on the way to consume an adult beverage to aid in recovering from rubber legs and elevated pulse from his treatment at the merciless hands on the Dragon. Kirby gave Duck a new nickname, “Top Gun”, for his riding prowess, and another one, which shall remain nameless, for scaring him to death. Kirby says next time he will choose to swim with bull sharks at night, as he did in the Navy.... a lot safer.

Thomas Wamsley, Class of 1964, recently published a book about his experiences as a police officer during the colorful, turbulent era of 1970s California. During the 1970s, being a cop in San Francisco and Santa Cruz, California meant dealing with hippies and drugs, prostitutes and pimps, psychopaths and terrorists. His book, *Code 33 - True California Cop Stories from the 1970s*, charts a path right through that scene through the eyes of a California cop with frankness and good humor. *Code 33* provides a glimpse that veteran cops will recognize and those unfamiliar with police work will find intriguing. The book is available through Semper Vigilo Publications, Amazon and in bookstores.



**Frank Earl Blazey, Class of ‘41**

Frank Earl Blazey, Jr. passed away on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Hendersonville, North Carolina. He was born on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1924 in Fairfield Illinois, the son of Frank and Ann Burgess Blazey. He attended CMA for three years, graduating with the Class of 1941.



While at the University of Illinois, the bombing in Pearl Harbor occurred, which greatly impacted his passion to defend this country. He was accepted into United States Military Academy at West Point in June of 1943 and commissioned a Second Lieutenant in June 1946. He had a sterling 29-year Army career, retiring as a Brigadier General in 1975. As a company commander during the Korean War, he received a battlefield promotion to major, the first in his West Point class to reach that grade. In 1968 during the Vietnam Tet Offensive, he served as a Brigade Commander in the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, was wounded and recovered at Walter Reed Hospital. Heroically, often under heavy fire, he earned three purple hearts, four bronze stars, and two silver stars during his military combat service. As a leader in the Army, at the Pentagon, he was an instrumental advisor to the Army’s Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Army. He concluded his Army career where he began, in Germany, as the Inspector General for the US European Command in 1975. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joy Drew, in 2013 and only daughter Gay Burgess Blazey, who passed away in 1993 from cancer. Frank is survived by his sons James Drew (Sean) Blazey of Medina, WA and Frank E. (Esther) Blazey III of Buford, GA; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

**Ramon Diaz, Class of ‘44**

Ramon Restituto Diaz, Jr., aged 91, passed away peacefully at home on July 24, 2017. He attended CMA and graduated with the Class of 1944. After CMA, Ramon was drafted into the Navy. He spent most of his time on a troop carrier in the Pacific, participating in am-



Ramon Diaz

phibious landings. Following his discharge from the Navy, he attended Ole Miss. After college, Ramon married his late wife of fifty years, Peggy Russell of Biloxi, MS. They had three children. Ramon began his lifelong career as a sales representative in the furniture industry working at Hungerford Furniture Manufacturers in Memphis. He later had successful careers with Lane Company, Bernhardt Hibriten Furniture Company, and Stanley Furniture Company. He was commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel by the governor for his significant community service. He moved back to Memphis and rejoined Lindenwood Christian Church where his parents, Charlotte and Ramon, had been members since 1952. Ramon served on the Board at Lindenwood and was a Life Elder, president of Friendship Class, and Elder Emeritus. He loved watching sports, especially Louisville Cardinal basketball and Ole Miss Rebels football. Ramon is survived by his wife of seventeen years, Arlene (nee Saum); his children, Alicia Padgett (Tom) of Springdale, AR; Linda Smith (Tom) of Louisville, KY; and Ramon Diaz, III, (Sherry) of Mobile, AL; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Ernesto F. Sariol, Class of ‘50**

Ernesto (Ernie) Sariol passed away on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Born in Camaguey, Cuba in 1932, Ernie attended CMA for three years, graduating with the Class of 1950. After CMA, he went to Tulane University for a year and then returned to Cuba where Ernie worked in his family’s International Harvester family dealership business. He then purchased a poultry farm which he expanded to a dairy farm. He and his family had to immigrate to the US in 1959 when Fidel Castro took over Cuba. There he worked for different companies until he landed a job with the International Harvester Company. He retired from International Harvester in 2001 and became a Flotilla Commander, ultimately joining the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.



Ernie Sariol

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## Ray Moss Tucker, Class of '50

Ray Moss Tucker, 82, died Friday, Aug. 1, 2014 at Baptist Health in Louisville. Ray attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1950. He then attended and graduated from the University of Kentucky. After serving in the US Army, he returned to Finchville where he operated Homestead Acres, the family farm with 5 generations of his family. He was a member of Finchville Baptist Church where he was a lifetime Deacon. He served his community in many capacities: he was president of Dairyman Inc.; served on Kyana Board and was named Dairyman Young Cooperator; a former member and Chairman of Shelby County Board of Education; member and former president of Shelby County A&M; former chairman of Federal Land Bank Board; served on Plum Creek Watershed Commission; former director of Shelby County Farm Bureau and Southern States Shelbyville; KY Holstein Cattle Club; and was named Master Conservationist. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sallye Williams Tucker and his parents, Ray P. and Annie Moss Tucker. He is survived by his sister, Jane P. Tucker; son, Gil Tucker (Marcia); daughter, Ann Tucker Doyle (Eddie); four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



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## R. Maynard Holt, Class of '57

Robert Maynard Holt, 77, passed away at his home in Nashville, Tennessee on May 17th, 2017. He was born July 6th, 1939 and would have been 78 years old this year. Maynard was born and raised in Memphis. He attended CMA for one year



Maynard Holt (his sophomore year in 1954-55) and was the right end on CMA's Mid South runner-up football team that year. He returned to Memphis and graduated from East High School where he was an All Memphis football and basketball player. He graduated from Vanderbilt in 1961 and then served in the Army. After the Army, Maynard attended the

University of Tennessee Law School and began practicing law in Nashville in the early 1970s. He was a great student of the markets and after his law career, he moved full time to establish his own market analysis software company, Relevance 3. He spent the rest of his professional years teaching, lecturing and holding seminars. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Vicki; son, Maynard (Kathleen) Holt; daughter, Ashley; stepson, Jimmy Taylor; and 5 grandchildren

## Samuel McLemore, Class of '62

Mr. Samuel Taylor McLemore age 73 of Jackson, passed away Saturday, July 8, 2017 at his home. He was born January 17, 1944 in Humboldt, Tennessee to the late Anne Wilkinson House and James Taylor McLemore. He was a retired contractor and proudly



Sam McLemore served in the United States Air Force Reserve. Sam attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1962. He was a member of the CMA Mid South Champion Color Guard in 1960 and 1961. After CMA he attended Union University. He worked for Conser and Townsend Engineering Company in Nashville. Later, he left to partner with his mother Ann Wilkinson House to manufacture children's clothes at Lil Filly Original's in Humboldt. While there, Mr. McLemore was a Scout Master for Troop 44 at First United Methodist Church in Humboldt. When they sold Lil Filly, he became a contractor building houses and commercial buildings. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Connie Barker. Mr. McLemore is survived by his wife Ann Pearson McLemore; two sons, Christopher Barton McLemore of Morgan City, Louisiana and Brent Taylor McLemore and wife Sara Beth of Brownsville, Tennessee; and five grandchildren.

## Elliott Montgomery, Class of '66, PG '67

Elliott Montgomery, 69, passed away from natural causes on August 8,

2017. He was born on March 21, 1948 in Athens, Alabama to Mays Elliott Montgomery and Ruby Braly Montgomery. Elliott attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1966 and remaining for his Post Graduate year in 1967. He is survived by his wife, Gloria Montgomery; son Elliott Montgomery III (Dawn); daughters Julie (Jerry) Thompson, Emmaleigh (Jeremy) Buck, and Kristy (Conrad) Brown; brothers Bob (Clarice) Montgomery and John (Lisa) Montgomery; seven grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.



Elliott Montgomery

## Robert Stack, Class of '66

Robert (Bob) Stack, 68, passed away on July 19, 2017. Bob was born in Memphis, Tennessee and grew up in Columbia. He attended CMA for his 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade years starting in the Fall of 1960. He would have been in the Class of 1966. He graduated from the



Robert Stack University of Tennessee. Following graduation he worked for radio stations in Knoxville, Tennessee and Louisville, Kentucky. Subsequently, he lived in Richmond, Virginia while working for Media General Broadcast Services. Bob returned to Memphis and later worked for Service Master before becoming an independent franchise broker in Collierville, Tennessee. Following his retirement Bob was a voluntary Management Counselor for SCORE and the Career Transition Groups of Memphis. He was an advocate for Alzheimer's research funding while attending Page Robbins Adult Day Care and The Village at Germantown. Bob was predeceased by his parents Earl Newman Stack, D.D.S. and Dorothea Harrod Stack and his nephew, Jon H. Pressnell, Jr., all from Columbia. He is survived by his wife, Paula, son, Tyson, and stepdaughter, Courtney Orians (Josh) and his beloved sister, Ruth Marie Stack of Light House Point, Florida.

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## Tommy Holland, Class of '69

Thomas (Tommy) Irvin Holland III, 67, passed away on August 24, 2017. Tommy was born on May 21, 1950 in Decatur. He attended CMA for two years, graduating with the Class of 1969. He later retired from Amoco Chemicals. Tommy loved being out on the water, whether it was water skiing or just on a boat. He was also a true Alabama fan. Tommy is preceded in death by his father, Thomas Irvin Holland Jr. and mother, Betty Yarbrough. He leaves to cherish his memories son, Jeremy Holland; daughter, Courtney Holland; grandchildren, Kaleb Holland, Cynthia Holland, Parker Curbow, and Emerson Curbow; brothers, Mark Holland (Tina), Bob Holland (MaryJo); and three nieces, Christi, Kellia, and Ashley Holland.



Tommy Holland

## Patricia Rasbury, Class of '73

Patricia Jane Rasbury, known to her friends as "Trish", died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Friday, June 23, 2017 at the age of 62. A native of Columbia, Trish grew up on the family farm. She attended CMA for three years, graduating with the Class of 1973 and was the first female Valedictorian for the school. Upon graduating from Vanderbilt University, she began her career



Patricia Rasbury

with the Tennessee State Museum and rose to the position of Director of Education. Trish was devoted to preserving and presenting history. She was instrumental in many landmark Nashville exhibitions including: the sculptures of Tennessee artist William Edmondson, Masterworks, Homecoming '86, Anne Frank, and the Magna Carta/Constitution. She also helped to bring the museum to every county in the state with the Traveling Trunk program and Tennessee Treasures. Patricia was one of the pioneers behind developing museum guidelines for the Americans with Disabilities Act and traveled to Washington DC to present her program there. She developed the Museum Educational Room gallery for children, as well as TSM's early Docent and Volunteer programs. She served as of Director of Special Projects where her most gratifying role was as the liaison to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee and the ongoing preservation of the Lorraine Motel. She was a member of the Inter-Museum Council of Nashville, the local and national American Association of Museums, and served on the AAM National Education Task Force. She had been working with her sister to develop a plan to turn her family's Century Farm into an educational and ecologically sustainable showplace. Trish is preceded in death by her parents Victor and Joy Rasbury; and her fiancé Charles "Chuck" Baker. She is survived by her sister Susan Rasbury (Craig) D'Apolito; and numerous cousins.

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