

### Volume 30, Number 3

# **From the President**



Bellhops, Faculty & Friends:

I hope this finds all our CMA Families safe and doing well during this crazy time. This is the time of year we would be going back to the campus to start our school year. With the school situation so different around the country, I am happy to report that CA has begun classes on campus with, I believe, only one case of the virus so far. I have been in discussions with Dr Thomas as to CMA Day this year. We have decided to not have CMA Day with the usual interaction between our Alumni and the students. With so many of our group in the At Risk category we feel it is safer not to mix the old folks with the young folks. CA will have a home football game October 16th, which would have been CMA Day, and we are welcome to attend. We have a Board of Directors meeting scheduled Saturday October 17th, depending on the social distancing and group gathering guidelines at that time. I will be in touch with the Board Members as we get closer to the meeting date for feedback. Having to reschedule the 2020 Reunion and move it to 2021 was one of the effects of COVID-19 that had a major impact on our Association. The Marriott was extremely helpful in rescheduling our event. The 2021 Reunion information will be in the Winter Edition of the Bugle. The 2021 Reunion schedule of events will remain the same as 2020. We will celebrate the 50th Reunion for the 1970 & 1971 Classes. The Honor Group will be the Valedictorians & Salutatorians as planned for 2020. As we move forward, the Reunion will be held on odd years (2023, 2025, etc.). The Board of Directors will finalize the 2021 Reunion plans during our meeting in October. Please remember, the CMA Alumni Association is for anyone who attended CMA for one year, several years, graduate or non-graduate. We all shared the same experience and have many of the same stories. Please contact your classmates and Friends and encourage them to attend our 2021 Reunion and renew old friendships and share those stories.

Cordially,

Robin

Robin Salze Class of 1966 **CMAAA** President



# Help Keep the Bugle **Interesting and Fresh**

The next edition of the Bugle, the Winter 2020 edition, will mark 30 years of publication. During that time the Bugle has gone through numerous changes and three "editors". Through it all, the intent has been to help keep the CMA spirit alive and active among the CMA Family- its alumni, faculty and Spreading news about the friends. alumni association, sharing stories and memories, publishing minutes from CMAAA Board Meetings, advertising CMAAA Grand Reunions, helping preserve the CMA history, publishing Then and Now articles on alumni, and sharing the sad loss of friends in the Silver Taps section of the Bugle have all been part of the Bulge narrative.

As we approach the end of that first 30 years of publication and get ready for year 31 and a much needed CMA Grand Reunion in 2021, a special request is going out to the CMA Family asking you to help keep the Bugle relevant and entertaining. Our Bulge publications can help us keep connections in an isolating environment.

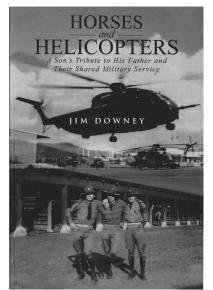
You can help the Bulge maintain its value by providing your stories, pictures, news updates, Then and Now write-ups, and information on CMA Family losses so it can be shared with the association members through the *Bugle*. Please provide anything that you think would be good for inclusion in the Bugle to the below address and help keep the Bugle moving forward:

> Woody Pettigrew 101 Sansberry Lane Madison, AL 35756

# **Author Profile: Jim Downey**

# Taken from the Cenla Focus, January 2020

Family history-type books can take on many forms. Most of these books, though, tend to be strictly for genealogists, but a few—just a few—can become fascinating and intriguing historical accounts that everyone can read and enjoy. Jim Downey's book, "Horses and Helicopters: A Son's Tribute to His Father and Their Shared Military Service", is an extraordinary book, telling in personal terms a son's journey through his father's military career and his own. This book is also a model for any potential author who wants to write about the heroes in their own family.



Jim Downey was born at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the son of James Downey, a First Sergeant in an all black Artillery Battalion. James's military service would probably rival any of the many well-known heroes of World War II. James joined the military in 1927 at age 16 and was one of the very last horse soldiers. In 1932, James was stationed in China, but during World War II, James fought in the Pacific and European theatres-just about everywhere-including at the D-Day Invasion. After the war, James participated in the occupation of Germany and was later assigned to Raritan Arsenal in New Jersey. He eventually retired from service and has since passed away.

Son Jim's memory and story began in occupied Germany, where he lived from 1948 to 1951 with his parents. As a young boy, he picked up the German language quickly and actually acted as a translator for his parents. After graduating from Columbia Military Academy in Tennessee in 1958, he immediately

Enlisted in the Air Force. As physics was his best course at the academy, Jim became an aircraft hydraulics technician. In 1966, Jim made his first of three tours to Vietnam, reminiscent of his father's three tours overseas. Eventually, Jim was stationed at our former England Air Force Base in 1972. Sadly, Jim later learned that he was severely affected by the defoliant chemical Agent Orange, a herbicide used tactically during the war. He was exposed from his work on the planes used to spray it in Vietnam. When asked about his thoughts on the Vietnam War, Jim responded, "I was mad that we didn't win. We drew a line in the sand and wouldn't cross it."

Upon settling in Alexandria in the early 1970s, Jim helped bring a million dollars to our community by arranging for a national jamboree here for the citizen band radio enthusiasts, a first for our area. Jim later worked at Pinecrest and set up their safety program. In 1985, Jim became a state inspector of Medicaid facilities in our area. He said of the job, "I stirred up the nursing home industry by doing what I was supposed to do." in 1986, using the GI Bill, Jim graduated from Northwestern, later earning a Masters in Management in 1992. Later, he started "Rapides Island" water services in Western Rapids Parish. His last job was working for CASA for four years until ill health finally caught up with him.

Jim is proud of his book highlighting his father's military career and his own career, both very similar. Jim was inspired to write the book when he was sent a questionnaire to fill out by a military group that required Jim to do some research on his father. Pouring through his father's papers was like reconstructing his father's life and subsequently his own. Jim is very satisfied with the book, but more can be added to his story. "I wish more members of the military would write about their service," says Jim.

His remarkable book is available from iUniverse Publishing.

By Michael Wynne Cenla Focus Magazine Alexandria, Louisiana January 2020

Editor's Note: Jim Downey attended CMA for two years graduating with the Class of 1958.



### **CMAAA Scholarship**



Randy Howell, CMAAA Vice President, attended this year's Columbia Academy Graduation Exercises and presented the annual CMAAA Scholarship.

The 2020 CMAAA Scholarship was awarded to Juliana Marie Ranes. Jules is the daughter of Jim and Jennifer Ranes. Her impressive scholastic record; excellent GPA; array of extracurricular activities; and American patriotism make her an outstanding recipient. In her tenure at Columbia Academy, she has played for the Lady Bulldogs Varsity Basketball and Soccer Teams, participated with the Best Buddies Club, and is noted for being the CA Bulldog mascot. In the fall, she will embark upon her military career by attending Middle Tennessee State University, entering the Honors Aerospace Air Force ROTC program, and majoring in Professional Piloting.



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# CMAAA Reunion 2021 Make Plans Now to Attend

There was certainly a void in many alumni calendars this year when it came to the first weekend in August. What had become a routine bi-annual event for so many fell victim to the impacts of COVID-19. As many have said, 2020 will be a year to remember (or forget depending on your perspective). But, the CMA Alumni Association made the best decision for its members and made it in a timely manner. So now we begin planning for the 2021 Reunion. It will be a great event with even more of a reason for alumni to get together and celebrate CMA and the friendships that were established there and afterwards through the Alumni Association. Go ahead and mark you calendars for Thursday, August 5th through Sunday, August 8th 2021 for the CMAAA Grand Reunion. We will continue our bi-annual scheduling of the reunions from that date.

# Special Request on Dues Payment to the Alumni Association

The postponement of this year's Grand Reunion caused some real adjustments for the Alumni Association and one of the most impacted areas is in dues payment. 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. Since we postponed the reunion this year, the convenience of paying dues when registering was not available. However, the Association has to keep on with its financial obligations and in order to meet those it depends on member dues. The Association is asking that you pay one year's dues (\$25) now to help the Association during this next year and then resume making two-year dues payments next Spring/Summer in conjunction with registering for the 2021 Grand Reunion. Dues are critical to keeping the association going, especially this year when we lost out on revenue generated from the reunion (auction, raffle, memorabilia sales, donations). Please



# SILVER TAPS

### **Shannon Gilchrist**

Shannon Sloan Gilchrist, 73, resident of Columbia, died July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Wil-

liamson Medical Center. Born September 2, 1946, in Maury County, she was the daughter of the late Jack Farrington Sloan and the late Virginia Bills Shannon Sloan. She was a graduate of Columbia Central High



Columbia Central High School's Class of 1964. Gilchrist She went on to attend the

University of Kentucky before transferring to Memphis State University, where she received her B.S. in Elementary Education. She taught at Pikes Peak Christian School in Colorado Springs, CO, was a substitute teacher and volunteer for Columbia Academy, and worked 10 years as the school director at Graymere Church of Christ Tuesday/ Thursday School. Shannon was married to Mike Gilchrist, CMA Class of 1963. She was a devoted military wife and mother, supporting Mike and their older son well during their Air Force careers. After Mike's retirement, the two enjoyed traveling together. She and Mike were active in the CMA Alumni Association and Shannon devoted much time and energy to the Association, especially when Mike was serving as the ČMAAA President from 2012-2016. Her dedication to the Association was evident as she was instrumental to the execution of the bi-annual CMAAA Reunions. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Michael Lane Gilchrist Sr., whom she married June 22, 1968; sons, Michael Lane (Wendi) Gilchrist Jr. and Jack Sloan (Katie) Gilchrist; and grandchildren, Hannah Gilchrist, Sarah Gilchrist, and Andrew Gilchrist.

# Ralph Jones, Class of '42

William Ralph Jones, Jr. died on June 4, 2020, at age 95. Mr. Jones was born in

Selma, Alabama, to William Ralph Jones, Sr., and Josie Bell Wallis Jones on November 2, 1924. He attended Humboldt, Tennessee City Schools through the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and then attended CMA for



one year, graduating with Ralph Jones

the Class of 1942. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in December 1942. WWII he served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army, 94<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, 376<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, in the European Thea-

tre. While in service to his country, he earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, European Theatre Ribbon with 4 Battle Stars, and the Presidential Unit Citation. His unit experienced 236 consecutive days of continuous engagement with the enemy before and during the Battle of the Bulge as well as the days in the breakout afterwards. In November of 1945 he was Honorably Discharged from the U.S. Army and returned to Humboldt. Beginning in 1946 he enrolled in the Textile Engineering program at North Carolina State University and obtained his engineering degree in 1949. After graduation he entered the family business of Jones Manufacturing Company becoming the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation of his family in textiles. He retired after over 50 years of service and while having had served as President, CEO, and Chairman of the company. In 1947 he married the love of his life, Bettie Jean "BJ" Graves from Humboldt. She preceded him in death in 2016 after 69 years of marriage.

# Al White, Class of '46

Alfred Popkess "Al" White, 92, passed away on July 20, 2020, at his home in

Hot Springs, Arkansas. Al was born on February 12, 1928 in Little Rock, Arkansas to the late Alfred Popkess White, Sr. and Mary Nell White. He spent his early years in Russellville and Pine Bluff, Arkansas and



Al White

graduated from CMA in the Class of 1946. He then attended the University of Arkansas and received a BBA in 1951. While serving in the United States Army, Al attained the rank of 1st Lieutenant acting as a cryptographic officer in Washington D.C. during the Korean War. In 1954, he returned to Pine Bluff and began his over 50-year career in the cotton buying business alongside his father. Al's lifelong passion was classic Jazz music. He traveled the world listening to and promoting Jazz, including an annual trip to Odessa, Texas to attend the West Texas Jazz Party for over 50 years. In 2000, Al published his book, Jazz Party, a tribute to all the men and women who brought him endless joy through music. He was later inducted into the Arkansas Jazz Hall of Fame in 2002 for his dedication and efforts in promoting Jazz music. Al was highly active in his

Church and community, serving twice as Senior Warden at Trinity Episcopal Church, President of the Pine Bluff Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He also served as President of the Arkansas -Missouri Cotton Trade Association and as a board member of the American Cotton Shippers Association. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister-in-law, Rita Rowell Hale; his niece, Kristin Thomas; and cousins, Lyn Drake and Jay Dickey. He is survived by his wife, Ann Rowell White; his son, Alfred Popkess White, III; daughter, Allyson White Lewis; four grandchildren; and a niece, a grand-nephew, grandnieces, and cousins.

# **Robert Drewry, PG Class of '51**

Robert Grooms Drewry of Memphis, TN passed on June 19, 2020, at the age

of 88. He was born March 4, 1932, in Memphis, to Pauline Grooms Drewry and Willard John Drewry. Bob graduated from Memphis Tech High School in 1950. After a Post Graduate year at CMA graduating with the Class of 1951, Bob went

on to earn his Bachelor of



Robert Drewry

Business Administration degree at the University of Mississippi while becoming a 4-year football letterman on some of legendary Coach Johnny Vaught's winningest teams. Bob entered Law Practice in 1958, and his wide-ranging career spanned over 50 years. Bob worked as an independent practicing attorney for 5 decades. Concurrent with his law practice, he did a lot more. In 1959 he was appointed as an Assistant Shelby County District Attorney. In 1966 he was appointed a United States Commissioner prosecuting federal crimes. Years later, he served as a Shelby County Juvenile Court Judge focused on helping troubled youth. Bob was elected President of Memphis Jaycees in 1965. He was preceded in death by his parents. Bob is survived by his Brother "Bill" William P. Drewry (Ruth), his Sister Betty Jo Macyauski (Tony (d.), and his Sister Beverly Ann Arwood (Chuck (d.).

# Nevin R. Williams, Class of '52

Nevin (Pete) Roger Williams passed away at his home in Cary North Carolina on Sunday, August 2, 2020. Nevin

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attended CMA for two years graduating with the Class of 1952. He was a dedi-

cated infantry soldier for the United States Army, retiring as a Colonel after a career that saw him stationed in Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and Thailand as well as the United States. He was a devoted and loving husband to his wife of 55

years, Alicia Menendez-



Nevin Williams

Williams, a devoted father to his daughter Celina M. Williams and son Nevin R. Williams II (Erika), and loving grandfather to his two granddaughters, Caroline Elizabeth Williams and Chelsea Margaret Williams.

### **Donald Kimbrell, Class of '53**

Mr. Don Kimbrell, age 85 of Fayette, passed away June 6, 2020 at his resi-

dence in Fayette, Alabama. Don attended CMA for 5 years, graduating with the Class of 1953. He was a longtime member of the CMA Alumni Association and served on the Board for a number of years, serving as President of the CMAAA Board of Directors from



Don Kimbrell

2008 to 2012. He continued to serve the Board as a Past President and he and his wife Libby remained active in all Association activities. Survivors include his wife of 65 years Libby Kimbrell of Fayette; daughters Lorayne Vague (Casey), Loretta Williams (Cary), Daphne McCabe (Rick); grandchildren Braden Vague (Allison), Chesley Vague (Dana), Amie Vague, Lillie Mundie (Brandon), Elizabeth Johnson (David), Griffin Williams (Laura), Austin Williams, Fuller McCabe (Amy), Conner McCabe (Hannah), Cole McCabe; and twelve great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Fuller and Reba Kimbrell, and one sister, Cynthia K. Willingham.

### Ernest C. Henegar, Class of '59

Ernest C. Henegar, 79, of Bartlett, Tenn., departed this life suddenly and unexpectedly on June 3, 2020. Born September 19, 1940, in Nashville, to Ernest C. Henegar Sr. and Margaret Wheeler Henegar, he grew up in Lewisburg, Tennessee. He attended

CMA for 5 years, graduating with the Class of 1959. He then earned a bachelor's degree in economics at Vanderbilt University where he met Nancy Peddicord; they married in 1962. He returned to Lewisburg to help run his

father's businesses, the

Ernest Henegar

Marshall County Creamery and Marshall County Feed Store, with partner I.R. Jones. He also owned and operated Southland Hardware with his brother Joe. After the sale of the creamery, he established and operated the Mouse Trap Cheese Shop in partnership with his brother and Jones. In 1979 he became vice president of First National Bank of Lewisburg. In 1984 he received a post-baccalaureate degree from Louisiana State University School of Banking of the South and was named president of First National. He saw the bank through mergers with Sovran and NationsBank. After his retirement from NationsBank, he helped open the Lewisburg branch of First Farmers & Merchants Bank in 1991. He retired (again) from banking in 1996. Preceded in death by his parents and his daughters Karen Amber Henegar and Mary Henegar, he is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 58 years, Nancy Henegar; devoted daughters and sons-in -law Lydia and Greg Spencer, and Rachel and Nathan Hasty; granddaughters Lily and Annie Spencer and Caroline Hasty; and brother Joe Wheeler Henegar and Marsha Sharp.

### Hollis B. Faucett, Class of '60

Hollis Black Faucett of Northport, Alabama passed away June 21, 2020. Hol-

lis was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on April 18, 1942. He attended CMA for two years, graduating with the Class of 1960. After graduation, he attended the University of Alabama where he met his first



where he met his first Hollis Faucett wife, Dorothy Dees.

Together, they had two children, Hollis Jr. (Bud) and Dee. Hollis worked at the family store until he was 32 years old. Afterwards, he held several jobs, primarily in sales. The majority of his career was in real estate. For the last 25 years or so, Hollis lived in the same house in Bellwood Lane that he grew up in. For the last seven years, Hollis enjoyed life with his sweet and precious wife, Jane. Aside from his wife and two children, some of the most important things in life to Hollis were Alabama Football, Alabama Softball, Atlanta Braves Baseball and Northport history. He is survived by his wife, Jane Howard Faucett; daughter, Dee Faucett Vallee (Jason); son, Hollis Black Faucett, Jr. (Mary); stepdaughter, Jann B. Holden (Chris); stepson, John D. Burks (Margiean); and brother, James Richard Faucett; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; five step- grandchildren; and two step-great grandchildren. Preceding him in death are his parents, William Lewis Faucett and Mildred Elizabeth Black Faucett; brother, William Lewis Faucett, Jr.; sister- in-law, Nancy Faucett; and stepson, Jimmy Burks.

### Charles Patton, Class of '63 PG

Charles William (Charlie Bill) Patton, Jr. passed away August 20, 2020 at the

age of 76. Charlie attended OLS Church and school before graduating from CBHS (then CBC) in 1962. While at CBHS Charlie Bill played football and was selected "All Memphis" and voted CBHS best lineman. He then attended CMA on a football scholarship as a Post Graduate with the



Charles Patton

Class of 1963, and later played football for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Charlie Bill was in the Army Reserve and retired from International Harvester after many years. He was a jovial, wonderful, friendly man and he was a Christian. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles William Patton and Josephine Pendergrast Patton, and a nephew, Christian Charles Patton. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Evelyn Holloway Patton, and loving daughters Heather Patton and Robin Patton. Other surviving family members include, one sister, Josephine Patton Follin (Wick), three brothers, Ernest Patton (Madelaine), Steve Patton (Fran), and Reverend Tom Patton (Cindy). He also leaves many nieces, nephews great nephews and great nieces.

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### **Timothy J. Filbin, Class of '66** Timothy J. Filbin, 72, of Marco Island,

Florida passed away at home on July 8<sup>th</sup> after a valiant battle from

under a valuation battle from quadruple bypass surgery. He was born in Grosse Pointe, MI on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1948, a son of the late William R. Filbin and Patricia (Breen) Filbin. He attended CMA for 4 years, graduating with the Class of 1966. After

graduation, Tim went on



Timothy Filbin

to Middle Tennessee State University and Macomb Community College obtaining a degree in business. He was proud to have served in the Army National Guard, reaching the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in Logistics. His career was spent working as a U.S. Customs House Broker, first for William R. Filbin & Company and then as the CEO for T.J. Filbin & Associates Division of Central Inc. Tim was highly respected in his profession. Upon retirement, at age 43, Tim moved to Marco Island where he met and married the love of his life and partner in crime, Pam. You rarely saw one without the other - they were a team. He also became, or played at, a paint contractor to fill in his spare time. He and his partner, Jay, had too much fun to call it work. Above all, Tim was so full of life and wanted nothing more than to bring smiles and laughter to everyone he met. He was a special man. Tim is survived by his beloved wife, Pam (Beard) Filbin; Brother-in-Law Dana Beard (Donna); Brother-in-Law Burl Beard (Rosa); two nieces and a nephew; several great nieces and nephew; and a Brother, Bill

Filbin. Tim was preceded in death by his parents and his special niece, Brandi Beard.

### **Glyn Proctor, Class of '69**

Glyn Proctor passed away July 14th in Nashville, Tennessee after a short ill-

ness. He was born in Columbia, Tennessee on October  $6^{th}$ , 1949. Glyn attended CMA graduating with the Class of 1969. He then attended Belmont University. He never met a stranger and was loved



by his many friends. His family knew that birthdays would never pass without a visit and fun gifts. One of his greatest pleasures was golf ball retrieving with his dogs, Boozer and Jack. His wonderful sense of humor and joyous demeanor will be missed. Glyn is predeceased by his parents, Jeanette and David Proctor, Jr. He is survived by his brother, David (wife Mary) Proctor, III; sister, Merrill (husband Thorpe) Weber; two nephews; two nieces; and many great nieces and nephews.

### Norman McCoy, Class of '70

Norman McCoy passed away July 6th, 2020. Born March 23rd, 1952, Norman attended CMA for 3 years graduating with the Class on 1970.



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