



August Reunion Planned, CA Scholarship Increased

MINUTES OF THE COLUMBIA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

DATE: October 27, 2002

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Academy
Hall, Columbia Academy
Campus, Columbia, TN

Board Members in Attendance

Bill Fricke '39	Robert C. Smith '44
Steve Harper '45	Jack Walker '45
Jim Bledsoe '50	James Haynes '50
Cecil Little '50	Don Bryan '52
Don Kimbrell '53	Marshall Cranford '54
W.H. Raiford '55	Carter Witt '55
Tom Walbert '58	Ron Nall '61
Bill Hart '62	Mike Gilchrist '63
Doug Pyron '68	Tom Dolan '71
Steve McCool '71	Bobby Bain '72
Dudley Dolinger '73	Woody Pettigrew '73
Winston Elston '74	Robin Layton '74
Becky Moon '75	Vince Vinson '78

Agenda and Reports

Mr. Layton ('74), President of the Association, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. The number in attendance met the requirement for a quorum and Mr. Layton welcomed the attendees to the Spring meeting of the Board. Mr. Layton opened the meeting by asking Mr. Bobbie Bain ('72) to lead the attendees in a prayer. It was noted that Mr. R.C. Smith ('44) had traveled the farthest distance to attend the meeting, coming from Maryland. Mr. Layton reported that correspondence received since the last meeting included thank you letters from the Army and Navy relief associations that the Alumni Association provided financial donations to as a result of the attacks on the United States on 11 September 2001.

Mr. Bryant (Columbia Academy Busi-

ness Manager) provided an update on the CMA Memorial, speaking on behalf of Academy President Dr. Thrasher who could not attend the meeting as planned. A total of \$45,000 has been donated to the CMA Memorial Fund, with 80 people providing the donations. Dr. Thrasher and Mr. Bryant recently met with the architect and contractor to determine the best way to accomplish the project with quality for a realistic, affordable price. The academy is planning to go ahead a start preparing the area by moving dirt and power lines as necessary to begin the project. Mr. Bryant indicated that it is time to set a deadline to determine if the project should move forward as a CMA memorial or as a Columbia Academy project. He believes that the project can be done in phases with the Clock Tower, the

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Reunion Golf Tournament "Best Ever" After Revamp

Bill Fricke, Class of '39, has restructured the Grand Reunion Golf Tournament beginning with the last Reunion in 2000 and now offers graduates "the best tournament ever" attests those that played in August of 2000.

Golfers will assemble at the Saddle Creek golf course in Lewisberg, at 8 a.m. Friday morning. Prior to 8 a.m. there will be free range balls available on the club's driving range.

In addition to a great playing course golfer's will be awarded prize money. Send your entry fee in with your application.

Making Reservations For The 2002 Grand Reunion

Make your reservations in advance in one of the many motels in Columbia.

Registration and the Friday afternoon cocktail hour will be at the Honors Restaurant and Convention Center (formerly Holiday Inn and the The Ramada Inn). They have set aside 128 rooms for \$42.00 per night. Call 931-388-2720.

Holiday Inn Express has two locations, one in nearby Spring Hill and the other on I-65 East of Columbia. The Holiday Inn Express in Spring Hill has set aside 30 rooms for graduates at \$60.00 per night. Their number is 931-486-1234. The Holiday Inn Express East of town can be reached at 931-380-1227.

The Richland Motel, a long time favorite for overnight stays, has 20 rooms available for \$42.00 per night. Call 931-381-4500.

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most expensive portion, being the last part of the project. His estimate is that the park area, perimeter sidewalk, stage area and attribute monuments can be completed for about \$250,000. The two statue monuments representing the Cadet era and the Columbia Academy era will be an additional cost and the Clock Tower will be another estimated \$300,000. There was much discussion by board members concerning cost, project viability, alternative ways to establish a memorial, and ways to try to raise the funds to support the project.

The board established in the October 2001 meeting that Columbia Academy should lead the fund raising effort and that support of that effort should be on an individual basis. The position at that meeting was that the board should not take action in any way in regard to the effort. That remains the board position. Mr. Bryant closed the discussion by welcoming the Board Members to the school and encouraging them to proceed with the memorial project with the desire being to begin work on the project as soon as possible.

Mr. Pettigrew ('73) read the minutes from the 27 October 2001 Board meeting and requested that the minutes be accepted as presented. Separate motions to accept the minutes were made and seconded. The motions passed.

It was noted that Mr. Barthell Joseph's name had been removed from the Bugle as a member of the Advisory Board since the last meeting. While Mr. Joseph resigned from the Nominating Committee, he did not resign from the Advisory Board. The mistake in the Bugle was noted and will be corrected with the next edition.

Ms. Moon ('75) presented the Treasurer's Report. A Certificate of Deposit valued at \$30,950.83 is at the FIRSTAR Bank and the current checking account balance is \$21,334.87. A copy of the Bank Statement for the period ending 3/6/02 is attached to the minutes. Ms. Moon informed the members that the Association purchased a \$42.70 clock that was presented to Mrs. Grimes by the Association as part of a recognition ceremony for her by Columbia Academy. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed.

Mr. Bill Raiford ('55) provided an update on the Bugle and the Web Site. He noted that the mailout for reservations to the reunion could include additional requests for occupation information that can

be included on the Web Site. He also addressed the possibility of establishing a PX portion on the Web Site where CMAAA memorabilia and gifts can be sold. He noted that some publications allow for advertisements and asked the board to discuss its desire to allow advertisements in the Bugle. After discussion, it was decided that the practice of providing informal advertisements could continue but that formal advertising should not be done. The plan is to prepare two Bugle issues for distribution prior to the Reunion, the first going out within the next month and the second one being distributed about a month before the reunion. It was noted that the next Bugle should contain the reunion reservation forms. Additionally, the Bugle will include a Biographical Information request form to help get occupational information for the Web Site.

Mr. Layton informed the Board that he appointed Mr. Winston Elston ('74) to chair the Hall of Honor Committee. Mr. Elston informed the board that he was reviewing and revising the procedures for nomination and selection to the Hall of Honor and that he is looking for individuals to put on the committee.

Old Business

The Secretary asked about the status of the billing statement that was agreed to for mailout at the October 2001 meeting of the board. The decision was made to allow for the Reunion Reservation form to be utilized as this year's mailout. As part of the discussion, Mr. Hart ('62) asked if we should send a separate invoice if a good response is not received this year. Based on the response to the mailout, a decision will be made as to whether or not a formal mailout should be conducted. The idea of informing members of their dues status with each Bugle mailout was discussed with no final decision being made. The concern was noted that a mailout could cost approximately \$700 with the potential of only as much as \$150 being collected.

Certificates of Merit

The Secretary reminded the Board of a previous decision to present Mr. John Thornton a Certificate at the 2002 reunion and asked if there were any other certificates that should be presented. Jack Walker ('45) suggested Louis Ellis ('44) for a certificate.

The Board agreed to present a certificate (posthumously) to Ed Hessel for his work with the CMAAA. Mr. Layton will

invite a family member of Mr. Hessel's to attend the General Membership meeting to accept the certificate. The Secretary will have the certificates made and ready for presentation at the 2002 Grand Reunion.

General Otis C. Lynn were mentioned as a possible candidate for induction in the Hall of Honor. Mr. Elston will work the issue as the Hall of Honor Committee Chairman.

Dues Are Paid in Advance

Mr. Fricke ('39) asked about the procedure for paying dues seeking clarification on dues payment with reunion registration being payment in advance or payment to cover the previous two years. The answer was that the dues paid with reunion registration are paying in advance.

Mr. Little ('50) informed the Board about a thank you letter he received from Mrs. Muth for a picture he provided her from the last reunion. Mr. Layton noted the work that Mr. Little has done over the years capturing the reunions and board meetings in pictures and thanked him for the efforts he has expended.

Nonprofit Still Under Investigation

Mr. Smith ('44) asked about the status of the association's nonprofit status. Mr. Layton stated that we are chartered as nonprofit but we do not yet have the IRS exempt status. That is an open item that Mr. Layton will continue to work.

Mr. Gilchrist noted that it is time for the association to provide its annual scholarship to a Columbia Academy graduate. This action is handled locally with the school providing a couple of names to the local board representatives for a determination on the scholarship. This has worked very well with truly worthy individuals receiving the scholarships.

New Business

The board decided that it should make a decision, along with the general membership, on if the board wants to formally get behind the CMA Memorial project. The board decided to make the memorial a point of discussion with the general membership at the 2002 grand reunion since there will have to be a decision made at that time by Columbia Academy if it is to proceed with the project as a CMA Memorial.

Memorial Alternative Proposed

Mr. Layton asked if the association wanted to donate its money to restore Academy Hall so we would have a facility for a Board Room. The idea is that a donation from the association to the restoration of

the building would result in Columbia Academy providing a dedicated room to the CMAAA in the building. Mr. Gilchrist will talk with the CA Board and get an understanding of the CA Board's intention for the building and their feeling toward such an activity.

Scholarship Increased

A motion was made and seconded to raise the annual scholarship provided to a Columbia Academy graduate to \$1000. It was noted that the original scholarship amount was \$500 and that it has been \$750 for the past two years. The board voted to approve the increase to \$1000, beginning with this year's scholarship.

Flag Ceremony

Mr. Little noted that the Flag Ceremony will be conducted again this year at the closing of the General Membership meeting. He asked that representatives from the Classes of 51, 52, and 53 work to develop the list of deceased graduates from those years. The same flag from the 2000 reunion will be used for this year's ceremony. Mr. Cecil asked that the board provide some type of compensation to the Bugler who will play taps as part of the ceremony. Mr. Layton, as Association President, agreed that compensation would be provided.

Mr. Layton informed the board that a group will meet immediately after the Board meeting to work on the 2002 Grand Reunion. The concern is that someone has to take charge of this year's reunion. The local graduates who have provided the bulk of the work in the past will not be available to provide as much support this year. Mr. Layton asked for, and received, the Board's permission to hire one person to help with local coordination as was done for the 2000 reunion. The board agreed to a salary of \$200 a month of three months for this effort. The board members discussed the base location for this year's reunion and agreed that the only local establishment that has the facilities to support the administration operations as well as the Friday night social is the Honors Restaurant and Convention Center (former Holiday Inn and Ramada Inn). The board agreed to that location.

Mr. Layton informed the members that the Fall Meeting of the Board will be conducted on Friday of the reunion weekend, at 3:00 at the Honor's Restaurant and Convention Center.

Mr. Layton adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m. and thanked the members for their attendance and support.

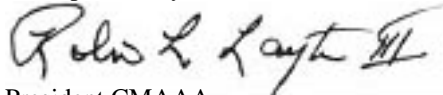
A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello my friends, it is that time again for everyone affiliated with CMA to surface out the wood work and make plans to be in Columbia, Tennessee for our upcoming Grand Reunion 2002. Mark your calendar off for the first weekend in August (1st - 4th) and get your bags packed and by the front door.

Honors Inn (formerly known as the Ramada Inn) will be our registration headquarters. Bill Fricke's golf game is up and he's shooting straight so be prepared for the best tournament to date. It will be held on Friday morning at Saddle Creek Golf Course.

We desperately need people to step forward and help with all the preparation and at registration desk. So, please call Becky Moon at 931-388-9128 and volunteer an hour or so of your time.

Hope to see you at the reunion!



President CMAAA

“Rattle and Snap” To Host Class of 1952 Luncheon

Celebrating their 50th year after graduation, the class of 1952 is holding an Aug. 2nd (Friday) afternoon luncheon at Rattle and Snap (on Mt. Pleasant Pike) with wives. For reservations, contact C.A. and Jewel Wilkins at (731) 660-7038 or e-mail: caw92334@charter.net.

Flag Ceremony Dedication

The Flag Ceremony, dedicated to all graduates that have passed away, will be conducted again this year at the close of the reunion's General Membership meeting. Listed below are deceased graduates from the 50 year Class of 1952.

- Frank Blackwell
- Ronald Branyan
- Evert M. Carter
- Jas. P. Colvin
- Thomas F. Devereaux
- Jas. R. Hendrick
- Robert C. Harris
- Marshall C. Hicks
- Frank B. Hooper
- William Carter Jolly
- Thomas B. Matthews
- John D. Parks Jr.
- Chas. Joseph Upton Jr.
- Flippen Whitner
- Wm. Hank Wiley

Vietnam “Advisor” Looks for Other Grads that Served

Clint Houston, Class of '64, is searching for CMA grads that served in Vietnam.

He says he could swear he saw Sgt. Barnes at a Ft. Benning Jump School but confesses he saw him a lot in his dreams, mostly dealing with the Bull Ring.

“I thought it would be interesting to see how many CMA military cadets actually served in the armed forces,” he says. He had a lot of fun talking with vets that went to Castle Heights, The Citadel and Virginia Military Institute about military school experiences.

Metal CMA License Plate Holders Now Available

Make an all metal license plate holder is available from John Redmond, Class of '71. Graduates have their choice between a red or black background.

Frames are \$15.00 each plus shipping or you may purchase one at the August Reunion and save shipping.

You can write John at 403 So. Mary Street, Eustis, FL 32726 or you may call him at 352-483-1314. He can also be e-mailed at: jsexpress2@comcast.net.



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SILVER TAPS

Theodore M. "Ted" Davis Class of '47

Mr. Ted Davis, 70, well know Columbia. TN businessman and sportsman, died Saturday, Oct. 7, 2000 at his residence on the Carter's Creek Pike.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday at Oakes and Nichols with Terty Peery and Bobby Holloway officiating. Burial was in the Santa Fe Cemetery with military honors provided by Herbert Griffin American Legion Post #19. Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, American Cancer Society or Highland Rim Hospice.

The Nashville native was the son of the late Sol and Sadie Schlanger Davis, long-time residents and merchants in Mt. Pleasant. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict. After completing military service, he

"Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes"

Odds and Ends from Here and There

Robert DePriest, Class of '74, has retired through disability and lives in Wadley, AL.

Clint Houston, Class of '64, is a member of the Enron Task Force for NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw. He also covered the Andrea Yates murder trial in Houston for NBC News.

Henry Bennett, Class of '58, and his wife, Joyce, helped provide federal tax assistance for the elderly and indigent during the last tax year under an AARP program and are involved in renovating liveable structures for Habitat for Hunanity two days a week. He and his wife visited Hawaii in April and she is headed for Honduras as an RN on a medical mission in June.

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came to Columbia and founded Ted's Sporting Goods which he operated until his death.

He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Masonic Lodge, was a 32nd. degree Mason, member of the Columbia Shrine Club and Herbert Griffin American Legion Post #19.

Survivors in clude his wife, Faye Brady Davis of Columbia, daughter, Heather Duff of Nashville; son, Jeff Davis of Columbia; a brother, Bernard Davis of Columbia and several nieces and nephews.

Active pallbearers were Joe Jackson, Pete Barrett, Ed Penro, Don bailey, George Kittrell, Glen West, Charles Fowler, Dr. Canbell Sowell Jr. and Billy Cook. Honorary pall bearers included past and present employees.of Ted's Sporting Goods and fellow sportsmen.

Joseph Gray Morrison, Class of '59, is living in London and working for the US firm Cardiovascular Science, Inc. He'll be at the August Reunion and can be e-mailed at: jgraymorrison@aol.com

Tom Kinard, Class of '66, announces the December birth of granddaughter, Linsey Elaine Crick. Tom and wife Tilly built a new home in Florence, SC.

Douglas Townes, Class of '67, works for the Florida Dept. of Transportation as the State Construction Training Engineer. He designs training programs for the transportation and construction industries as well as overseeing the usual asphalt, concrete, and bridge work done in FL. He and wife, Elaine, plan on being in Columbia in August.

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