

Guard House Museum Vote in July



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Anderson: CMA Hall of Honor Inductee, Submarine Captain, Congressman, Dies at 85

William R. Anderson, age 85, CMA Class of '38, who as a Naval officer captured the imagination of the world by sailing the Nautilus, the first nuclear submarine, beneath the North Pole and then served four terms in Congress, died of kidney failure Feb. 25, in Leesburg, VA, where he resided.

As a Democratic congressman from Tennessee during the Vietnam War, Capt. Anderson steered a course that many had not expected. This included visiting two noted antiwar protesters in prison and rising to their defense on the House floor.

The voyage of the Nautilus under the polar ice cap Aug. 3, 1958, seemed at the time to be a realization of the dreams of early science fiction.

At a time when the world was beginning to set its sights toward space, the undersea feat gave Capt. Anderson and his 115 crew members prominence in the long line of those who had achieved renown by venturing into the unexplored places of Earth.

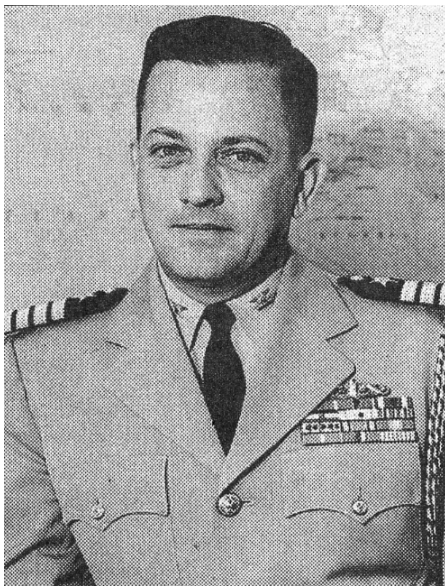
Capt. Anderson wrote about the trip in books and in the Saturday Evening Post. An account of the pioneering voyage appeared Sept. 1, 1958, in Life magazine, and the magazine's cover featured a photograph of Capt. Anderson. Yet he was a shy man, and if there was something he did not like about his achievement, his wife, Pat Ander-

son, said last night, it was "all the hoopla." When he was showered with praise, she said, "he would always give credit to his men." He was very modest, she said.

"He was the kind of guy you would follow anywhere," Al Charette, a Nautilus crew member, said on a Web site devoted to the submarine.

A U.S. Naval Academy graduate and a decorated World War II submarine combat veteran, Capt. Anderson was elected to Congress in 1964 in a district west of Nashville.

By 1970, he was becoming politically prominent, in part because of his expression of doubt about the conduct



Capt. William R. Anderson

of the Vietnam War. His wife said he perceived a lack of full national commitment to victory. "He hated to see us over there without an intense intent to win," she said.

Well before the Watergate break-in, he became critical of the Nixon administration.

"The war is only one issue," he told

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CMA Guard House Museum Project Update

As all alumni and friends of CMA should know from the letter they received in late February, the CMAAA Board of Directors is currently assessing the feasibility of leasing the old Guard House on the Columbia Academy Campus and converting it into a Museum for Columbia Military Academy.

A significant determination on the assessment will be the funds that are made available to support the project. The CMAAA Board agreed during its March 31st meeting to continue the fund raising efforts outlined in the February letter until 30 June and to then make a final decision on pursuing the project based on the status of the fund raising, the final determination of the structural soundness of the Guard House, and the agreement of terms of the lease between the CMAAA and the Columbia Academy.

As indicated in the letter, you can support this project financially by donating now or pledging to donate by the end of the year. If you would like to support this project, you can complete the donation/pledge form included on page 2 of the Bugle and mail it to the address provided.

If the CMAAA Board decides to terminate the project during final deliberations in July, all donations will be returned and all pledges will be voided.

Donations to date: 18 Foothills, 15 Ridgrunner, 5 Plateau and 3 Bronze.

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Association Treasurer To Head Corker's Office

U.S. Sen. Bob Corker announced in April that Becky Moon, former aide to U.S. Rep Ed Bryant (R-TN) and long time treasurer of CMAAA, will serve as his constituent services representative. Becky will be based in Nashville.

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The Washington Post. "This administration appears too willing to throw the Bill of Rights out the window."

After the trip, he became acquainted with antiwar Catholic priests Daniel and Philip Berrigan, who were imprisoned for

of the vote in November 1970, but after he took the House floor in December 1970 to defend the Berrigans and accused Hoover of "McCarthyism," he said at the time, his popularity in his district declined.

Despite obstacles, including redistricting, he was defeated narrowly in the 1972

development of nuclear power for the Navy.

Nuclear propulsion allowed submarines to remain underwater almost constantly, without the need to refuel diesel engines or recharge electrical batteries.

In 1957, Capt. Anderson took command of the Nautilus, which shared the name of the submarine in the celebrated Jules Verne novel "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea." Soon Capt. Anderson was probing under Arctic sea ice.

His wife said last night that the trip under the North Pole stemmed at least in part from a chance encounter in Washington with an acquaintance who was an aide to President Dwight D. Eisenhower. After meeting the aide on the steps of the Pentagon, Capt. Anderson was invited the next day to the White House, Pat Anderson said. The Soviets had launched a space satellite, Sputnik, in 1957. Eisenhower had been looking "for something spectacular," she said, and Capt. Anderson "knew when he had an opportunity."

In its journey beneath the North Pole, the Nautilus submerged in the Pacific Ocean, spent four days under the Arctic ice and surfaced in the North Atlantic.

Eisenhower awarded Capt. Anderson the Legion of Merit for "foresighted planning, skilled seamanship and thorough study of the Arctic area."

According to the (Nashville) Tennessean, in addition to his wife Pat, survivors include four children, Michael Anderson of Haymarket, Va., William Anderson Jr. of Orange County, Va., and Jane Anderson and Thomas Anderson of Leesburg.



CONNING TOWER VIEW...Capt. Anderson, right, on the conning tower of the submarine Nautilus in August, 1958. Several times during the Polar cruise, Anderson and members of the Nautilus crew searched for a spot of sufficient depth to submerge beneath the ice.

destroying draft files. Before they were indicted, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover accused them in Senate testimony of being ringleaders in an antiwar kidnap plot.

"Bill really got hot under the collar," his wife said.

He was reelected with 82 percent

congressional campaign, his wife said.

Capt. Anderson was born in Baker-ville, Tenn., on June 17, 1921, and, after his time at CMA, graduated from the Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1942. In the Navy, Capt. Anderson had been an assistant to Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, who led the de-

Guard House Museum Pledge Form

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CMA Memorial Wording Dedicated August 5, 2006

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An Honor Military School which had at its disposal appointments to The United States Military Academy, The United States Naval Academy, and the United States Air Force Academy.

HISTORY OF CMA

An Act of Congress in 1903 transferred, without cost, 67 acres at Columbia, Tennessee to a Board of Trustees mandated for educational purposes. Formerly a United States Arsenal, it had served as a recuperative barracks for soldiers of the Spanish-American War.

The members of the Board were educational leaders from Vanderbilt, the University of the South, Nashville and State Boards of Education. Included was the Adjutant General while the Secretary of War was appointed Visitor.

The 67 acres enclosed by an iron fence, included four buildings of Bowling Green stone and five others of brick.

In 1905 Columbia Military Academy began its first year of training cadets. During the next 75 years students from 37 states, the District of Columbia, and eleven foreign countries attended CMA.

The Great Depression brought bankruptcy to the Academy in 1931. With less than two hundred, the whole student body was taken by train to Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon, Tennessee. Regular Army Sergeant Aubrey B. Wright accompanied the cadets. Wright who would spend 18 ½ years at CMA, participated in the sale of stock to create a new Operating Board which re-opened the school in the fall of that year.

The new administrators, Vanderbilt graduates C. A. Ragsdale and William O. Batts, were alumni and educational executives of Branham and Hughes Military Academy in Spring Hill, TN. Their concepts formed the basis for the school, reaching a peak enrollment of over 500. Batts retired in 1954 and Ragsdale in 1962. The Academy became coeducational in 1969. Later with the disdain for the military, and the opening of many private day schools, CMA was forced to close in 1979.

A DAY AT CMA

At 6:30 AM First Call, then Reveille, then Mess Call are sounded by the bugler as the school day begins. In the assembly area the battalion of cadets form for First Mess. Rolls are called. This is repeated at 8:00 AM for school formation, at 1:00 PM for Second Mess, at 2:00 PM for one hour of drill, at 6:00 PM for Third Mess and the solemn ceremony of lowering the flag while "TO THE COLORS" is sounded. Call to quarters is heard at 7:00 PM and cadets study in their barracks unless failures for the week require supervised study under a faculty officer in the study hall. Confined to rooms with no loud talking, radio or TV, a cadet cannot sit or lie on the bed and must get permission to leave the room. Two ten minute breaks during the three hours. Taps sounds at 10:00 PM.

Each cadet takes four core subjects with no art, shop or music, but the Band consistently received highest honors at the State Contests while varsity sports teams competed in the Mid-South Conference. Classes are small. Weekly grades are sent home to parents on a post card, and posted on the bulletin board. They determine a cadet's personal privileges for that week. This was the incentive that produced academic excellence.

Naturally the younger cadets look up to the older ones who in this case are the cadet officers and non-commissioned officers who, along with the teachers, arduously enforce the rules of the school. Infractions bring demerits and for each one an hour of penalty tours must be walked off from 3:30 to 4:30 PM instead of recreation on campus.

DISCIPLINE IS INSTILLED. RESPONSIBILITY LEARNED.

"Whhhhhaazzuupppp Dudes" Odds and Ends from Here and There

Mary Emma Grimes, longtime secretary to Col. Ragsdale, fell and broke her hip in March. She underwent surgery and is doing well. She will probably be out of rehab in May, according to Mike Gilchrist, Class of '63 and CMAAA Secretary.

Bill Alexander, Class of '52, went in Centennial Hospital in April, diagnosed with 3 artery blockages. His health is too fragile for by-pass surgery, according to his wife Helen, so he had a stent placed. If he responds well additional stints will be placed.

SILVER TAPS

Col. John P. Howard, US Army Retired, Class of '36

John P. Howard, Col. US Army Retired of Wauwatosa, WI. Age 88 died October 31, 2006. He was the husband of Mary Jane Lewis Howard and father of James Howard, Judy Rogge, Steve Howard and Sandra Burghardt and step father of Raymond W. Lewis, who graduated CMA in the Class of '78, and was a member of the CMA Tennis Team.



John P. Howard

He also leaves sisters, Caroline Willis, and sister-in-law, Millie Butterfield as well as a brother, Sam Howard who graduated CMA in '38, and 10 grandchildren.

John retired from the US Army as a Colonel in 1978 and served as police chief in Wauwatosa from 1962 to 1974.

Ben F. Powel Jr., Class of '50

Ben Franklin Powel Jr., 75, died Saturday, March 3, 2007 at Hospice House of Cabarrus County, NC.

Born December 26, 1931 in Memphis, TN, Mr. Powel was the son of the late Ben Franklin and Mary Francis Young Powel.

After graduating CMA, Ben attended Vanderbilt University.

He retired as Lt. Col. from the US Army after 25 years of service, serving active tours in Korea and Vietnam. He was awarded Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Army Commendation Medal for his service. He also retired from the NC Employment Security Commission as a veteran representative and was of the Presbyterian faith.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Katherine A. Powel, in 2004.



Ben F. Powel

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SILVER TAPS

George M. Gottheimer Jr., Class of '50

George M. Gottheimer Jr., Ph.D., CPCU, CLU, Are, of Berkeley Heights, NJ, died Friday, March 2, 2007, at Overlook Hospital in Summit, NJ, at the age of 73 of cancer.

Dr. Gottheimer was born in East Orange and had resided in Berkeley Heights for the past 35 years. He roomed with CMAAA Board Member, Cecil Little, Class of '50.

Following graduation from CMA George received a B.S. in business administration from Thomas Edison College, an M.B.A. from the College of Insurance in New York City and a Ph.D. in management from California Coast University. He also held professional designations of chartered property casualty underwriter, chartered life underwriter and associate in reinsurance. Dr. Gottheimer was a 1982 Loman research fellow, and had written numerous articles on insurance and reinsurance.

He was the president of Kernan Associates, an insurance and reinsurance consulting firm in Berkeley Heights, which he founded in 1986. Prior to that, he served as senior executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Drake Insurance Company of New York; senior vice president-treaty, Crump Re; vice president of North Star Syndicate; and executive vice president of John D. Ryan & Co., Inc. He was also an associate professor at St. John's University (formerly the College of Insurance), where he taught insurance and reinsurance management.

Dr. Gottheimer was considered a leading authority on solvency matters and had testified before the U.S. House of Representative on the issues involved insurer and re-insurer solvency.

He was a member of the International Association of Insurance Receivers and had worked for state insurance departments, guaranty associates and agencies of the federal government. In addition, his testimony has been cited in decisions of the First, Fifth, Sixth and Tenth U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal on the subject of solvency, insurance agents and brokers responsibilities, fiduciary responsibilities and insurance policy coverage.

Dr. Gottheimer was the husband of Patricia (nee Savarese); the father of Nancy Gottheimer and her fiancé, Cory Bradburn, of McGaheysville, Va., and Kerry Wenberg and her husband, Kenneth, of Chatham; and the brother of David Gottheimer of Albuquerque, N.M.

Richard Zuck, Class of '64

Richard D. Zuck, age 60, of Fairfield, KY, died Dec. 13, 2006, at his residence. He was born Feb. 17, 1946, in Jacksonville, Fla. He was a business development manager with Hillyard Ink, an Army Veteran of the Vietnam conflict and an avid golfer.

On January 7th, Richard was recognized by The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky for his contributions to the state and his community.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Lorin Bulloch; and a brother, David Bulloch.

Survivors include his wife, Ginger Zuck; a daughter, Ricki Jill Treleaven, Birmingham, Ala.; three sisters, Sandra Preston, Orlando, Fla., Susan Morton, Ridgemont, N.C., and Linda Rhodes, Selma, Ala.; and two granddaughters.

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