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Largest Reunion Turnout Ever Celebrates Classes of '56 and '57

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The first weekend in August saw CMA Alumni turn out in record numbers to gather with fellow classmates and help celebrate the 50th year reunion for the Classes of '56 and '57.

Friday morning's golf tournament held at Saddle Creek Golf Club in Lewisburg kicked off weekend festivities. This year's prize money was supplemented by an additional \$300 tendered by the Alumni Board (See picture on page 2 with list of winners).

Graymere Gathering

Graymere Country Club was the site of Friday afternoon's "Attitude Adjustment Hour" hosted by '56 grads Jimmy Mays and Tony Scotto.

Columbia Academy hosted Saturday morning's breakfast in "Old Main" followed by the Reunion Bus tour of historic Maury County Civil War sites followed by lunch at the Anthaenaeum in downtown Columbia for the ladies. While the ladies were touring, the General Membership was welcomed by Dr. Bill Thrasher, headmaster of Columbia Academy in Main's Chapel.

Association Treasurer, Becky Moon, Class of '75 gave the treasurer's report followed by adoption of the slate of officers presented by the Board of Directors by the membership.

Highlights for the meeting included the induction of Col. J.B. Gracy into The Hall of Honor; the presentation of the CMA's "Torchbearer Award" to Alice Algood, instrumental in the founding of CMAAA; and the awarding of the Association's \$1,000 scholarship to CA's Beth Jackson. Additional recognition awards were given Bill Fricke, Class of '39, for his work in coordinating Reunion Golf Tournaments since their inception; Jack Walker Class of '45, for his work in on the CMAAA Memorial (see picture on page 3); and Marshall Cranford, Class of '54, for his underwriting the financing of the CMAAA Memorial.

Jack Walker introduced CMA faculty children invited to attend the meeting with a brief parent/personal biography for each.

Last CMA Flag Donated

Former Master Sergeant, Michael Sutton, on duty for the last lowering of the flag over the CMA campus in 1979, presented that flag in a handsome wood display case to the Alumni Association. The flag will be prominently displayed in the future CMA museum now under study by the Association's Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

Association Vice-President, Haywood
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Floyd Bowen



Gil Hatter



Gene Cox



Johnny Walker



Jerry Barrix



Jimmy Mays



Julian Wells



Kirk Patrick



Kenny Henderson



Jim Rusk

Col. Gracy Named to CMA "Hall of Honor"

J.B. Gracy graduated from Webb Preparatory School in 1913 and from the University of Tennessee in 1917. Upon his graduation from U.T., he joined the United States Marine Corps as a Second Lieutenant and served on active duty during WW I from 1917 to 1919.



Col. J.B. Gracy

Colonel Gracy joined the CMA faculty in 1928 and started his career at the academy teaching English and Latin. He immediately became an important faculty member and mentor of cadets. His standing with the academy was such that he became Headmaster in 1930 and was one of very few faculty members that remained with CMA when Col. Ragsdale assumed the position of President of the school in 1931. Col. Gracy remained as Headmaster until 1942 when he again went on active duty with the Marine Corps as a Major during WW II. When his tour was over in 1946, Col. Gracy returned to CMA and resumed his duties as Headmaster, a position



SCRATCH GOLFERS ALL. . . Assembled at the CMA Reunion Golf tournament are the best (and worst?) Cadet golfers from yesteryear. Winners in this year's tournament which featured a \$300 cash supplement contributed by the CMAAA were: First Place - Kathy Walker, Douglas White and Scott Ward; Second Place - Peter Thompson, Harry Walch, John Yusk and William Wade; Third Place - Floyd Bowen, Richard Hayes, Julian Wells and Thomas Bratten; Fourth Place - (Two teams tied) David Collins, Bill Fricke, J.R. Fricke and Mitchell Fricke and the team of Joe Sullivan, Leo Benson, Eugene Howard and Don Ershig.

he held until 1951. In 1952 he devoted his efforts to the teaching of Latin.

He endeavored to maintain high standards of scholarship, yet was always willing to assist and advise students with their problems, both academic and personal. He set an example for all cadets that experienced his teaching and lasting influence on the life of every cadet that was fortunate enough to have him as a teacher.

Col. Gracy's positions as Headmaster and as a teacher of Latin and his devotion to that language, matched perfectly with the CMA motto, "Vincit Que Se Vincit", which translates

"He Conquers Who Conquers Himself". Under Col. Gracy's stewardship, cadets learned that they could do much more than they ever thought they could.

Col. Gracy retired from CMA in 1972 and after 44 years of service to the academic and the country. His tenure with the school lasted longer than any other individual's signaling a devotion to the school, it's principals, and most importantly, the cadets that very few could match. His influence on cadets is remembered to this day; the impact he had on CMA and the legacy he left behind are a true credit to his character.

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"Woody" Pettigrew brought the membership up to date on creating a CMA Museum. Two bricks, carrying brass plates reading "A Barracks Brick, Columbia Military Academy, 1904 - 1979" were given Dr. Thrasher and Marshall Cranford, Class of '54, for their work in promoting the alumni association. Bricks taken from the old CMA campus will be given any contributor donating \$50 or more toward the proposed museum.

Adjourning to the site of the newly renovated flag pole, the membership saw the flag raised and then lowered to half mast by the Central High School NJROTC Honor Guard. Names of deceased members of the Classes of '56 and '57 were read and the flag again raised to full staff. CA's headmaster, Dr. Bill Thrasher dedicated the "Association Adopted" flag pole to all students

attending CMA between 1904 and 1979.

Moving to the cadet assembly area (Bull Ring), the general membership heard Haywood "Woody" Pettigrew, Association Vice President and Class of '73 graduate, make a moving dedication of the newly installed CMAAA Memorial (see page 3 for photo and dedication transcript).

Saturday evening's banquet at Spring Hill's Saturn Plant, featured a bevy of former CMA Homecoming Queens and their Royal Courts.

Next Reunion's Classes of '58 and '59 are well underway in planning their 2008 Reunion. Any former cadets interested in participating should contact either Tom Walbert, Class of '58 (e-mail: twalbert@gowalbert.com) or John Hubbard, Class of '59 (e-mail: hubbard7375@bellsouth.net).



Lucien Lee Royce



Mac Kerley



Tom Bratten



Roger Bishop



Stan Boyd



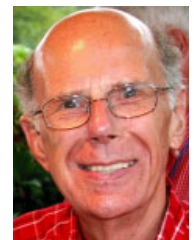
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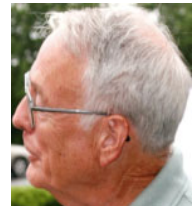
Tony Sciotto



William Alley Jr.



Jack Kennedy



Tom Faires



CMAAA MONUMENT DEDICATED. . . Association vice-president, Woody Pettigrew wrote and delivered a moving dedication to the CMAAA Monument (pictured here in the Northwest corner of the old Bull Ring assembly area) at the August Reunion. Inscribed granite slabs to appear on each of the side panels along with panels containing the names of everyone donating \$500 or more to appear on the back of the Monument were damaged in transit. Hunt Memorials, Nashville, will replace the broken panels and have promised a picture of the Monument complete with panels in place to appear in a future issue of the *Bugle*. In addition to the long grey line, the Monument was dedicated to Francis Cranford, wife of Marshall Cranford, CMA Class of '54.

Moving Monument Dedication Highlights August Reunion

By Haywood Pettigrew
CMAAA Vice President
August 5th, 2006

Today we stand on the ground that was the Quadrangle of Columbia Military Academy. The area where cadets stood formation every day for meals and for class. The area where the Corps of Cadets proudly stood for inspections and in preparation for parades. The area where cadets learned the meaning of walking tours to pay consequences for actions taken. This ground, as with all 67 acres of this campus, is special to all who spent time on it.

It has been 28 years since the last Battalion formation on this Quadrangle. And although we no longer see the Cadets of Columbia Military Academy, we do still see the honored tradition of CMA's long grey line and we do still feel the pride, honor, and privilege of having been part of Columbia Military Academy. As we take this time to try, in our meager way, to honor Columbia Military Academy and all who passed this way, our hope is that we do so in a manner that reflects the character that CMA worked to instill in every cadet.

The memorial that we dedicate today

is designed as a tribute to all who were associated with Columbia Military Academy. The front of this memorial will contain a description of the history of Columbia Military Academy as well as a recitation of the dedication of the historical marker that was installed in 1994. These words provide a clear definition of life at CMA as well as a reflection of the love that cadets had for the academy. While the back of the memorial will include the names of individuals that provided funding for the restoration of the Quadrangle and the development of the memorial, this memorial

is dedicated to the thousands of cadets, faculty members, military instructors and administrative staff personnel that walked these grounds. Those cadets we honor with this memorial include the first Columbia Military Academy graduate in 1906, Robert C. Clark; the first female graduate, Maria Lynch in 1971; the last Columbia Military Academy graduate in 1979, Ed Williamson; and all cadets in between. The faculty and staff include all members from the first Headmaster in 1904-1905, H. C. Weber, to the final Headmaster, Richard W. Fly, who spent 21 years at CMA.

Hall of Honor Inductees Included

Likewise, the back of this memorial presents the names of the Columbia Military Academy Hall of Honor Inductees. This is a fitting, living tribute to those individuals who made significant contributions to CMA, their communities and their country. But again, those names represent the full Corps of Cadets, as well as the faculty and staff that worked so hard to mold, nurture and prepare every cadet that walked these grounds. This includes all cadets from Hearn W. Tidwell, the First Captain of the 1905-1906 Corps of Cadets to H.P. Vinson III, the last Commander of the Corps of Cadets and all faculty and staff members from Colonel James Hardy, Principal and Teacher of Latin and Modern Languages in 1905 to Colonel E. Blythe Hatcher, who spent 27 years at CMA and ended his tenure with the academy as Head of the Math Department in 1979.

Columbia Military Academy was, and is, more than a place. Columbia Military Academy is a campus, a faculty, a military department, a staff, and, most importantly, a Corps of Cadets. While the academy may have closed its doors, CMA continues to exist through its legacy. That legacy has as its foundation a bond among the Corps of Cadets that cannot be broken; a bond built on tradition, honor, loyalty, discipline, duty, friendship, patriotism, and spirit; a spirit that is passed from generation to generation. Columbia Military Academy will exist as long as that spirit exists and there are those who pass that spirit on.

The cadets of the first class of Columbia Military Academy prepared an Annual which they characterized as their Adam's Diary, a modest little book that they hoped would bring pleasant recollections to those who faithfully and unselfishly did the pioneer work to establish CMA, and also hoped that those who came after them

see "Dedication" on page 4

“Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes”

Odds and Ends from Here and There

All classes of the 1960s were invited to a Beer and Wine/Cheese gathering at the Columbia residence of Greg Gray, Class of '67, the Saturday of Reunion week.

William O.H. Perry, wife Sue Ann, son Reagan and grandson Micah, attended the College World Series in Omaha. According to the Class of '49 graduate, the CWS is more exciting than the Big League World Series. CWS alumni include Dave Winfield (Minneapolis, 1973), Roger Clemens (Texas, 1982 - 83), Barry Bonds (Arizona State, 1983-83) and Nomar Garciaparra (Georgia Tech, 1994). They stayed at the Ameistar Casino Hotel in Council Bluffs and were provided with a free shuttle to the ballpark and downtown.

Marshall Cranford, Class of '54, after a little research, states that only CMA of all Military Academies in the Mid-South conference, had a winning record against Baylor Military Academy. According to Baylor statistics, Baylor won 7 games, lost 16 and tied 3.

Johnny B. Walker, Class of '56 (PG '57) attributes six years of dedicated teachers plus students and team mates whom he considers friends, went a long way to molding a successful life.

Audrey Snow, wife of Nelson “Skip” Snow, Class of '55, recently underwent a successful kidney transplant in Birmingham and is doing very well. Her son, Ben, who is

also doing well, donated her kidney.

CMAAA received a letter of “Thanks” from CA president, Bill Thrasher, for the Association’s sponsored work on the flag pole.

“Maj” Lyle E. Hampton, former CMA instructor, sends his best from La Jolla, CA. He reports he had a heart attack a few years back and then his wife, Pat, died. “World Cup soccer games brought back the memory of CMA showing up at Sewanee with only one substitute for a soccer game,” he relates. “Sewanee was decked out in purple but we won.” He enjoys seeing and talking to former students and their families such as Lt. Col. Mike Glover, Class of '74. Mike drops by when he is in the neighborhood visiting his daughter who is in the Navy. He still teaches Spanish and helps migrants with their English and citizenship studies. His advise is to hang on to all the Social Security and Medicare benefits you can. Retirement is very expensive.

Bill Raiford, Class of '55, went back to the University of Oklahoma in April to attend the 50th anniversary gathering of his Alpha Tau Omega pledge class and watch the annual Red and White Spring season football game. A number of CMA grads attending OU pledged ATO including Joe Luton, Class of '54 and Craig Bishop, Class of '54.

“Dedication” continued from page 3 would find to be a pleasant reminder of those who labored that they might enjoy.

We, those who came after them and reaped the benefits of that labor, dedicate this memorial with these words which were included in that first Columbia Military Academy Annual in 1906:

CMA my CMA.

“Where thy proud walls and towers rise,
reared against the western skies;
Where thy halls so fair and bright reflect
the radiant morning light, clad in thy
beauty and thy might;

CMA my CMA.

There we turn when morning calls, and
bids us gather in these halls;
There we spend our happy days;
There our hearts in songs we'll raise,
evermore to sing thy praise;

CMA my CMA.

Thou'lt be to us a trusted friend, and we
shall love thee to the end;
Then hail to thee, dear school of ours!
In mem'ry's wreath the brightest flowers
shall twine about thy pleasant hours;
CMA, my CMA.”

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Joel Albert Fulmer, Jr., Class of '38

Joel A. Fulmer Jr., passed away at his home in Memphis, June 6 after a long illness. In addition to CMA, Joel attended Central High School, Memphis, TN, and Memphis Normal School (subsequently Memphis State Univ. and the Univ. of Memphis) before entering the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII.



Joel Fulmer, Jr.

He was a Second Lieutenant serving as both squadron leader and navigator. His crew was awarded the Silver Star for “gallantry in action...”, the first to be so decorated and the first in the history of the 15th Air Force. He also received the Purple Heart.

Following his final mission, Joel volunteered as a replacement for an assignment over Romania where his plane was crippled by enemy fire forcing the crew to bail out over Albania where they were captured. He was liberated by Patton’s 3rd Army.

Returning to Memphis, he opened several stores, selling feed to local farmers, stores now run by his son.

He later joined Boyle Investment Company, serving for 40 years as a commercial real estate developer and retiring as Boyle’s Senior Vice-President of Commercial Sales and Leasing.

He attended Madison Heights United Methodist Church and was a charter member of Christ United Methodist Church, serving on the board for several years.

Joel is survived by his wife of 60 years, Alice Robinson Fulmer; two sons, Frank Robinson Fulmer and Joel Albert Fulmer IV; a daughter, Miriam Fulmer Handorf; a sister, Will Fulmer Vaughan; and six grandchildren.

Edward Arthur LaFoe, Class of '38

Funeral services for Edward Arthur “Eddie” LaFoe Jr., age 86 of Greenville, MS. A retired farmer, he was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Greenville.

He attended Mississippi State University following graduation from CMA. He entered WWII and upon discharge, made his home in Metcalfe, MS.

He married Martha Virginia Wilson of Lake Village, AR who preceded him in death. Eddie retired from farming in 1993.

He was active in church serving as an

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elder and deacon and was a member of the Greenville Rotary Club. He served as a long time member of the Washington County Drainage Commission where he was president. He was additionally a member of the Ashbrook Fraternal Hunting Club.

Survivors include; three sons, E.A. "Bud" LaFoe III of Leland MS., J. Wilson LaFoe of Jackson, MS and J. Macon LaFoe of Monroe, LA; three granddaughters and four grandsons.

William T. Robertson Sr., Class of '43

William Thomas Robertson Sr., age 85, died March 17 at his home in Holly Ridge, MS.

Born in Greenville, MS, he lived most of his life farming and banking in Holly Ridge.

Following graduation from CMA, he graduated Mississippi State University where he was president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was awarded the Bob Williams Memorial Award for Outstanding MSU Alumni in 1981.

Bill was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he was chairman of The Board of Stewards for 40 years. He was president of the Indianola Public School Board for seven years and a member of the School Board for 15 years. He was chairman of Cotton, Inc. for three years, past president of Delta Council, past chairman of the board of Planters Bank and past president of Valley Air Applicators, Inc. He was a life-long pilot.

A Rotarian for over 50 years, he was a supporter of the Christian Camp of North Mississippi.

He is survived by his wife, Frances Scott Bostick Robertson of Holly Ridge; sons, William Thomas Robertson Jr. of Indianola, Barnes Moore of Chattanooga, Alexander B. Robertson Jr. of Greenville, William Kirk Moore of San Francisco, Elliott B. Robertson of Jackson; daughters, Aletha Scott R. Poole of Lake Village, AR, and Currie Robertson Moore of Greenville, SC; seven grandchildren and a surviving brother, James C. Robertson Sr. of Indianola.

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Elmer S. "Hoots" Loyd, Class of '44

Elmer S. "Hoots" Loyd died Nov. 16.

Elmer, a native of Decatur, AL, was the owner of Loyd's Drug Store for a number of

years and a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where he had served as an Elder.

Following graduation at CMA, he graduated Samford University School of Pharmacy.

He was a member of the Board of Directors at AmSouth Bank, the Kiwanis Club, the Moulton Street Coffee Club and a long time member of The Decatur Country Club.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn J. Loyd; daughters Peggy Chenault, Liz Prater and Kay Blackwell; son Tommy Loyd; stepsons Ty Cobb, Mike Cobb and Tommy Cobb; eleven grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren and one great grandchild.

M. M. "Mack" Warren, Class of '51

Merle "Mack" McRee Warren, of Dallas, TX, formerly of Memphis, passed away June 27, 2006 in Dallas, TX.

Mack was raised in Memphis, TN and graduated from Columbia Military Academy in Columbia, TN in 1951 where he excelled in sports, especially football. Mack attended the University of Tulsa where he also played football and was a Southwest Conference All-American.

He served in the US Army in Europe and was fortunate to play on one of the US Army football teams while there. Later he played professional football for the Detroit Lions. He was married to Kay McNally in Las Vegas, NV and remained married for 44 years. Mack and his family have lived in Dallas since 1968.

Mack was always involved in sports and enjoyed years of coaching his son Kelly in boys soccer and football at the Town North YMCA and E.H. Cary Middle School in North Dallas. He coached over fourteen teams. Mack was a member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church for 30 years. He was preceded in death by his brother Jim Warren; and sister Louise Jobst. He is survived by his wife Kay and son Kelly John Warren, M.D. a Dallas dermatologist; one grandson; and one granddaughter; an Uncle Leslie Doyle, and Aunts Janie and Thelma Hall, of Memphis.

Frederick N. Patteson, Class of '52

Frederick Norton Patteson, age 72, died June 17 in Memphis.

He was a retired comptroller, real es-

tate broker and homebuilder.

While at CMA, he received the city of Columbia's Rotary Club Award for being the 1952 graduate who best exemplified the spirit of Rotary, "Service Above Self". After graduating CMA he earned a B.S. degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Norton was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and business manager of the UT yearbook.

He leaves his wife of 46 years, the former Laura Ann Hornsby; he also leaves two daughters, Laura Patteson Schaefer of Memphis and Alice Marie Patteson Ernst of Huntersville, NC; four brothers, James Sloane Patteson, III of Knoxville, Sidney Starke Patteson and David Elder Patteson, both of Memphis and Kerry Temple Patteson of Sarasota, FL; and three grandchildren.

A member of Germantown Presbyterian Church, he was a devoted husband and avid gardener with a large hosta collection. He enjoyed sailing and scuba diving for treasure.

Dr. James D. Harbison, Class of '54

Dr. James D. Harbison, age 68, of Booneville, AR, died March 2, 2005 in Paris, TX. He was a practicing physician for 27 years with the last 21 years as the medical director of the

Booneville Human Development Center. He was an avid hunter, shooter and outdoorsman.

He was a past member of the American Medical Association, Arkansas Medical Society, Alpha Omega Alpha, Medical Honorary Society, member of the American Association on mental retardation, life member of the National Rifle Association and a chapter member of the Golden Eagles of the NRA.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Harbison; five sons, James Harbison Jr., John Harbison, and Danny Robbins, all of Booneville, Tim Robbins of Ohio and Mike Robbins of Junction City; former wife, Jean Harbison, mother of James and John; and six grandchildren.

Samuel L. Citrano, Class of '54

Samuel L. "Sammy" Citrano, age 71, died in Huntsville, AL, June 4 following a

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Bill Robertson Sr.



"Mack" Warren



Dr. James D. Harbison

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lengthy illness.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda; brother, John Lewis Citrano; stepchildren, Wade Hughey and Jan Snyder; and one step-great-grandchild.

Sammy, an outstanding running back for the Bulldogs, owned and operated the American Army and Navy store in Huntsville until his retirement in 1998.

Following graduation from CMA, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He was a member of the Elks and Eagle lodges and a lifelong member of St. Mary of the Visitation Catholic Church.

He was an avid tennis player, daredevil high board diver and sportsman.

According to his cousin, Sam Tumminello, "He made us laugh, taught us not to take life too seriously and to love one another. He gave us some great gifts."

Joseph Gray Morrison, Class of '59

Joseph Gray Morrison Sr., passed away at the age of 64, August 12 at his home in Winder, GA. A longtime resident of Orlando, he was a member in good standing of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, B.P.O.E. Masonic Lodge #165 in Winter Garden, and the Elks Lodge #1830 in Winter Park. A businessman and entrepreneur, he had many colleagues and friends in the Central Florida area, as well as a history with the community. He is survived by his daughter, Laura Tyler and her

family, husband James; daughters Christina and Samantha Tyler. He is also survived by a son, Joseph Gray Morrison II, and his family, wife Kathleen and son Dylan. In Georgia, he also leaves a sister, Jeanette Sturgis.



Sammy Citrano



Gray Morrison

David M. Klapp, Class of '70

David M. Klapp of Panama City, Fla., died Friday (June 2, 2006). He was 54. A native of Shawnee, Okla., he attended school in Fayetteville, graduated from Columbia Military Academy and majored in electronics at the University of Texas. He served four years in the U.S. Navy, graduating from nuclear power school and serving aboard the USS Detroit and the USS Rhone during the Vietnam conflict. He was employed as a field service engineer, was partner in a lawn irrigation company, and builder and manager of a nightclub in Panama City.

Survivors include his parents, Jimmy and Dorothy Klapp of Ocean Springs, FL.; three children, Mardi Klapp Brown of Honolulu, Ha., Mark Klapp DeLong of Austin, Texas, and Michael Klapp DeLong of Houston, TX; one sister, Dora Lee Klapp McBay of Jasper; and half-brother and half-sister, Melinda and Chris Jones of Panama City; and one grandchild, David Brown IV of Honolulu.

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