

# Special Board Meeting June 30



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## MINUTES OF THE COLUMBIA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

DATE: March 31, 2007

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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

### Agenda and Reports

### Board Members in Attendance

Bill Fricke '39	George Thomas '42
Bill Fuqua '43	Steve Harper '45
Jack Walker '45	John Bass '53
Don Kimbrell '53	Marshall Cranford '54
W.H. Raiford '55	Nelson Snow '55
Hal Roe '57	Tom Walbert '58
John Hubbard '59	Wallace Couch '62
Tom Colvert '65	Robert Salze '66
Steve McCool '71	Bobby Bain '72
Randy Howell '72	Woody Pettigrew '73
Winston Elston '74	Robin Layton '74
Becky Moon '75	Jay Robins '76
Blair Binkley '77	

Mr. Bill Raiford ('55), 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. Raiford welcomed the attendees to the meeting of the Board. Mr. Don Kimbrell provided the invocation to start the meeting. Mr. John Bass led the board members in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mr. Raiford announced that the minutes from the August 4, 2006 Board Meeting and the minutes from the August 5, 2006 General Membership meeting were included in the 2006 *Winter Bugle*. A motion to approve the minutes as reported in the *Bugle* was made and seconded. The board voted and approved, the motion.

Ms. Becky Moon (Treasurer) provided the Treasurer's Report. As of 28 February, the Board had \$65,721.02 in its account. The most recent mail-out of the *Bugle* has not yet been paid for.

Mr. Raiford provided a special report concerning the CA Flag Pole and a plaque placed at the base of the flag pole

in memory of Marine Corporal David A. Bass, grandson of John Bass, CMA Class of 1953. John is furnishing flags donated in perpetuity to fly on this flag pole at CA in his grandson's honor.

### OLD BUSINESS

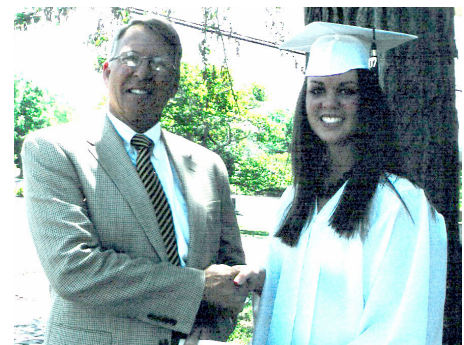
Mr. Don Kimbrell informed the Board that the tax exempt status paperwork is in final stages for submission. There is a requirement for a financial statement to complete the paperwork. Don noted that we do not have to state the amount of money that we provide for scholarships but that it might be helpful. Once the final packet is submitted, it will probably take up to a year for processing.

Mr. Bill Raiford provided a status report on the locating and cataloging of CMA Artifacts compiled by Buddy Fisher. Buddy, son of a former CMA faculty member, is helping the Association locate and catalog CMA artifacts. The current list includes items located in Johnson Hall, the Memorial Building in downtown Columbia, Mrs. Grimes' office at Columbia

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## CMAAA Board to Review, Vote Guard House Museum

A special board meeting has been called for June 30 to update members on fund raising for the project, present estimates on repair of the guard House, review a proposed lease with CA and discuss the financial plan for the project. Following the discussions, the CMAAA Board will conduct its final vote on proceeding with or terminating the Guard House Museum project.



**CMAAA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD...** Vice-President Haywood "Woody" Pettigrew, Class of '73, congratulates Susan Davis, the 2007 scholarship recipient at the Columbia Academy Graduation, 19 May 2007. Susan is the great niece of John Paul Gunnel, CMA Class of 1945. Susan had an outstanding academic and athletic career at Columbia Academy. She won honors as a cheerleader and in softball. Susan graduated Magna Cum Laude and plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga with a major in nursing.

<b>50th Year</b>	<b>1958</b>
<b>Reunion</b>	Tom Walbert
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Academy, Mrs. Grimes' home, and Mr. Fisher's home. Mr. Raiford asked for any other information on items that were available. Becky Moon ('75) and Woody Pettigrew ('73) indicated they have items for cataloging. The Association will also ensure the cannon and caisson currently located at the National Guard facility in Nashville are accounted for.

Mr. Bill Raiford reported that he has developed a "dues notice" postcard that will be mailed to all association members that have not paid their dues for the current period. A copy of the postcard layout was made available to all board members and is attached to the minutes. This notice will be mailed as soon as the typeset can be finalized. (NOTE that there are currently fewer than 160 members that have paid their dues, out of a total of over 1500 members in the Association).

Mr. Bill Raiford notified the Board members that Mr. Bobby Bain ('72) will report at the next meeting on realigning the Board Membership based on paid membership status.

Mr. Winston Elston reported that he has received one nomination for the Hall or Honor (for presentation at the next Grand Reunion). He will review the packet and provide it to the Hall of Honor Committee for consideration

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bill Raiford discussed the Black Hall "Barracks Brick" project and that he has numerous bricks ready for sale. The bricks have a bronze plate on them stating that they are a Barracks Brick from

Columbia Military Academy. The bricks are for sale for \$25 per brick. There were numerous bricks available and sold to the Board members. John Bass asked that the Association send a brick to Mrs. Nancy Prickett Whitley, daughter of Coach Prickett, who was the faculty member that lived in Black Hall for a number of years. The Board agreed to send the brick, as well as a certificate to Mrs. Whitley. Woody Pettigrew will develop a certificate and Bill Raiford will send the certificate and the brick to Mrs. Whitley.

Mr. Robin Layton ('75) provided a report on a potential CMA Alumni Cruise that he is sponsoring for the last week in November (Nov 25<sup>th</sup> -Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>), if enough participation is established. In order to secure the arrangements, there must be 16 participants (or 8 double occupancy cabins). This cruise will be for seven days, departing from New Orleans with accommodations running from \$563 to \$883 a cabin. The cruise would include ports of call in Costa Maya Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, and Cozumel Mexico.

Mr. Raiford led a brief discussion about the next reunion asking for suggestions on activities, asking the board to establish a date for the reunion. The Board agreed on the first weekend in August, 2008 (Thursday, 31 July through Sunday, 3 August) for the date also agreeing to reserve the Saturn Hall for the Saturday evening activities.

Mr. Woody Pettigrew provided a report on the activities of the Museum Committee which was established during the August 2006 meeting and asked to look

in to the feasibility of leasing the Guard House from Columbia Academy for the purpose of establishing a CMA Museum. Woody reported out on the activities of the committee since August and the results of the CMAAA Board vote in October 2006 concerning putting a proposal before the CA Board of Directors to lease the Guard House, the subsequent meetings with CA officials, the fundraising letter sent out to the full CMAAA membership in February, the draft lease developed by CA, and the results of the fundraising efforts to date (\$28,000 at the end of the board meeting). After the summation there was detailed discussion by the board members concerning the proposal. The majority of the discussion was focused on (1) the costs associated with the lease arrangement (\$5000 initial payment and \$1200 annual payments) as well as the total estimated cost of the project (\$175,000 over 25 years) and (2) an alternative approach to display the CMA artifacts in a potential Maury County Museum at no cost to the association. The time frame for establishing the museum and the amount of space available to CMA is not known at this time but this museum would be open much more than the Guard House and would be around longer than the 25 years planned in the Guard House lease. While this idea was primarily discussed as an either/or proposition, it was finally characterized as a "both" proposition. If the Maury County Museum is developed, CMA can have a display there even if it does have its own museum...having one does not mean the other cannot be used.

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***Guard House Museum Pledge Form***

I support the CMA Museum Project with a donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

I am including my check made out to CMAAA or pledging to make a payment by the end of 2007.

(Please specify which).  **Check Enclosed**  **Pledge Enclosed.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CMA Class of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

- **Foothills Club (Up to \$499)** • **Ridgerunner Club (\$500 to \$999)**
- **Plateau Club (\$1,000 to \$2,499)** • **Trailblazer Club (\$2,500 to \$4,999)**
- **Bronze (\$5,000 to \$9, 999)** • **Silver (\$10,000 to \$24,999)** • **Gold (\$25,000 and Up)**

**Please check this box  if you do not want your name included on donor's list.**

**Please detach Form and mail to: CMAAA, 804 Anthenaem Place, Columbia, TN 38401**

## 1976 Grad Holds Reigns Of Tourism in El Salvador

Ruben Rochi, Class of '76, Minister of Tourism for El Salvador, has targeted two million visitors by 2014 to share his country's hidden treasures. Equipped with the largest and most modern airport in Central America, the country has named tourism a priority sector in the 2007 budget.

"It is such a large bet that the president (Tony Saca) has declared it state policy as well as one of the four most dynamic engines of the national economy, along with agriculture, construction and industry," says Rochi.

The new tourism law, which establishes resources for the national tourism

body, Corsatur, to promote the country abroad, was passed last year. Also, the National Tourism Plan, which markets El Salvador as the meeting place for both business and leisure, was



**Ruben Rochi**

launched in early 2006. According to the World Tourism Organization (WTO), the plan is ambitious and already successful. Based on its findings for the first quarter, El Salvador's tourism sector has grown by 23 percent.

Rochi says El Salvador is still an unexploited destination at the beginning of its growth curve. "One has to ask what can be achieved once we are able to dedicate sufficient resources to the sector?"

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At the end of the discussion, Woody said he believed there were three options for the board at this time: (1) Sign the lease arrangement with CA and proceed with the project; (2) Cancel the project; or (3) Allow an additional 90 days for the fund raising effort and then vote to proceed or cancel. A motion was made to pursue the third option. The vote of the board (including 3 votes by proxy) was 22 in support of the motion and 6 abstentions. The motion carried. A notice will be put in the upcoming Bugle stating that the fundraising activity will continue with a deadline of 30 June for donations/pledges to be made to provide the Board with the latest financial data to support a decision on the project on 1 July.

Mr. Raiford adjourned the meeting at 11:30 and thanked the members for their attendance and support.

## SILVER TAPS

### Charlie S. Field Jr., Class of '38

Charles Stanton Field, Jr., a native of Calyx, Mississippi, died November 9, 2006 at The Specialty Hospital, Meridian, MS, at age 86.

A lifelong resident of Noxubee County, Charlie attended Shuqualak Elementary School followed by Columbia Military Academy. He attended Davidson College, North Carolina, and Mississippi State University.

He served in the 986th Signal Service Company, U.S. Army Signal Corps during WWII working with radio and radar in New Guinea in the South Pacific.

After the war, he returned to the family farm at Calyx and raised cattle and timber for many years. Charlie married Hazel Weir of Newton, MS and raised two sons, Charles S. Field, III and Robert W. Field.

Because of his great respect for CMA and for the dedication of its instructors---particularly C. A. Ragsdale, A. B. Wright and J. B. Gracy--- he sent his sons to CMA. Both sons graduated after four years of study: Charlie, III, in the Class of 1963 and Robert, in the Class of 1966. Charlie, Jr.'s CMA roommate of four years, Jesse Lee Carpenter, was killed while serving in the air force early in WWII. Because of Jesse Lee's untimely death and lack of family, Charlie, Jr. made sure that both Jesse Lee and he, along with Charlie, III and Robert, are represented in the CMA Memorial Wall at the old Quadrangle on the CA campus.

### William C. Duncan, Class of '43

William Collier Duncan, 84, of Gallatin, TN, died Feb. 23 at his residence.

Mr. Duncan was in the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII, later retiring from TVA after 30 years of service.

He was a member of the Hartsville Pike Church of Christ in Gallatin.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty Holt Duncan; a son, William Alan Duncan; a daughter, Debra Jane Woodward; two great grandchildren; a brother, Dr. J.E. Duncan of Morehead, KY; and a sister, Ann D. Howard of Alabama.

### W. Samuel Stewart, Class of '45

Walter Samuel "Sam" Stewart, died April 25, 2007 following a long illness. After graduating CMA, he attended Mississippi State University, playing football there from 1945 to 1947.

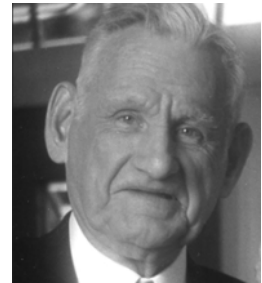
He was married to wife, Doy Stewart,

for 55 years until her death in 2005.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in '53.

He was the previous owner of Stewart Paint Company, where he retired as a manufacturer's representative.

He loved Mississippi State football, attending every Mississippi-Ole Miss football game from 1945 through 2006.



**Sam Stewart**

He leaves two children, Sherry Murphy and her husband, Clinton, and Sam Stewart and his wife, Melanie; and four grandchildren, Mike Murphy and his wife, Emily, Matt Murphy, Cade Stewart and Ellie Stewart. Visitation was held at Memphis Funeral Home's Poplar Chapel on Poplar Avenue. Funeral services were held at Idlewild Presbyterian Church, 1750 Union Avenue, Friday, April 27, with burial in Stephenson's Chapel Cemetery. The family requests memorials be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

### Charles Nicol Rose, Class of '46

Charles Nicol (Nick) Rose, 78, of Blytheville, AR, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, in Baptist East Hospital, Memphis.

He was a lifelong Mississippi County, AR, resident. He was a local farmer and businessman and a member of the First Christian Church.

Mr. Rose served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. After finishing at CMA, he attended the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville where he was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

He was a past president of the Blytheville Rotary Club and was a Paul Harris Fellow, president of Mississippi County Farm Bureau in 1970, president of Arkansas Agricultural Council 1964-65, president of the Arkansas Soybean Association 1970-71, president and chairman of the board of the American Soybean Association 1977-78, chairman of the Research Foundation Board of American Soybean Association, and has served on the Arkansas Soybean Promotion Board.

He was also 1978 Man of the Year in Agriculture for Arkansas by Progressive

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Farmer Magazine and was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel in 1977. In 1969-70 he served as a delegate to the 7th State Constitutional Convention. He served on the board of the Eastern Arkansas Area Boy Scout Council.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Rose of Blytheville; four sons, Thomas N. Rose and wife Cecile of Little Rock, James C. Rose of China, Charles S. Rose of West Memphis, and Stephen G. Rose and his wife Alicia of Blytheville; a brother, Richard T. Rose and his wife Mary of Blytheville; a sister, Mary Katherine Curtis of Leland, MS.; and six grandchildren.

## Allie E. Robards, Class of '50

Allie Eubanks Robards, 75, of Bartlett, TN, retired IBM executive, died April 24 at his home.

He is survived by his widow, Joy; sister, Flora (Paul) Searcy of Lake County, FL; three stepchildren, Stephanie (J.J.) Leatherwood, Mark (Robin) Trusty, and Chad (Leigh) Trusty all of Bartlett. "Allie Pops" leaves six grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. Allie attended Memphis Technical High School where he was class president. After graduating from CMA, he attended the University of Oklahoma on a football scholarship playing on two national championship teams. He received an electrical engineering degree from Christian Brothers College. Allie was a Korean War Army Veteran and received the National Defense Service Medal during his service to America.

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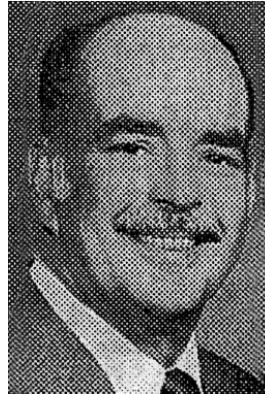
## Arthur L. Chitwood, Class of '59

Arthur "Art" Lowell Chitwood, 65, died May 27, 2006 at his home in Stillwater, OK.

Born to Quentin and Theresa (Baker) Chitwood in Isham, TN, he attended Murray State College in Murray, KY, after graduating CMA.

He enlisted in the Navy in '61 and was released from active duty in January of '65.

He married Marian Koch in December of '67 in Springfield, IL, starting a family in Pawnee, IL. He moved the family to Stillwater having accepted a position as control room operator at Oklahoma Gas & Electric in Red Rock, OK.



Art Chitwood

After retiring he worked part time for O'Reilly Auto Parts. He was a member of the Payne County Knights Car Club, where he served as treasurer and vice president.

He was a member of Sunnybrook Christian Church. He was proud of his family and the Smoky Mountains where he was reared.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Carey Chitwood of West Palm Beach, FL; a daughter, Melissa Nixon of Stillwater; one sister, Terrye Swinford of Louisville, KY; his parents, also of Louisville and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

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