

# Reunion Registration — See Page 3



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## From the President



Cadets – Well its graduation time and I once again had the pleasure of presenting the CMAAA Scholarship to a very deserving Columbia Academy student. This year's recipient was Christian Harris, the CA Valedictorian. Christian is the grandson of the late Kenneth Hayes Harris, CMA Class of 1946. Christian was active in both sports and extra-curricular activities. He plans to attend the University of Alabama and study actuarial and statistical math. This year's class had several legacies from CMA and the selection was very difficult as all were very deserving. As always, I received several comments from people on our association's generosity in providing this scholarship. We will probably see several students at CA in the future who are legacies to the original CMA Corps of Cadets.

Our Grand Reunion is right around the corner. I encourage you to make reservations as soon as possible. It is shaping up to be a really good time and it will be a great opportunity to renew old friendships. We will have a golf tournament, shooting clay event and welcome reception on Friday; a General Membership Meeting, Flag Ceremony

honoring our 50 year classes, and Dinner/Dance where we will recognize the Mr. and Miss CMAs on Saturday. A couple of other activities are still in the planning stages and will be discussed in future E-Mails. One other item we are planning is to try to do the class photos on Saturday at CA following the General Membership Meeting. Additionally, for those who desire, the Marriott will provide transportation to areas within a 5 mile radius of the hotel. So, as you can see this is all shaping up to be a good time.

We had a good spring meeting and discussed many different items of interest to our association. See the minutes in this *Bugle*. One item of note is the CMA Endowment. The endowment was started through the generosity of an anonymous CA donor and will ensure that the original CMA buildings along with our CMA Museum are maintained for the future. We also discussed the photos from Orman's Photo Shop and we are planning on having several of them on display during the reunion. Mr. David White of White's Photo Shop and the association will work with CMA graduates that are interested in obtaining any of the photos.

Once again I'd like to encourage those of you planning on attending the Grand Reunion to make your reservations soon and if you have not been back to the school in a while this will be a perfect opportunity for a visit. The campus is being beautifully maintained and as always you are welcome anytime.

Mike Gilchrist  
Class of 1963

## CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting March 10, 2014 Columbia Academy Campus

### Attendees

Mike Gilchrist-President '63, Randy Howell-Secretary '72, Becky Moon-Treasurer '75, Skip Snow-Asst Treasurer '55, Buz Dooley '52, John Bass '53, Don Kimbrell '53, Courtney Wilhoite '53, Marshall Cranford '54, Tom Walbert '58, John Hubbard '59, Wally Couch '62, Don Noffsinger '63, Bill Wade '68, Bobby Bain '72, Jim Pennington '72, Greg Thompson '72, Dudley Dolinger '73, Woody Pettigrew '73, Sandra Hasler '74, Winston Elston '74, Marshall Briggs '75, Vann McMinn '76, Jay Robins '76, Shayne Harris '78 and Allison Ward '78

## Meeting Minutes

The Spring 2014 meeting of the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association was called to order by associa-

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**50 Year  
Reunion  
Contacts  
For 2014**

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## Board Meeting Minutes

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tion President, Mike Gilchrist. There were 25 board members and officers present along with Columbia Academy Vice President Lisa Bennett. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Bass and the invocation was given by Don Kimbrell.

A motion was made and seconded that the minutes from the fall meeting be approved with slight corrections. The minutes were approved.

Becky Moon gave the Treasurer's report followed by the museum report by Woody Pettigrew. The museum report indicated a current available total of \$13,206.45. A motion was made and seconded to approve both reports. The reports were approved

### Welcome and CA Update

CA Vice President Lisa Bennet welcomed the association and guests to the campus. She expressed the school's excitement over the CA basketball team's success this past season as they made it to the state tournament this year. Although they came up a little short in the state tourney, the school was very proud of the season they had.

Lisa explained that the reason we were in Vest Hall was that the decision had been made to move the offices of the President and Vice President to Academy Hall, which while bringing about the need for a new meeting place for the association, it should be considered a very positive move as it would help ensure proper steps would be taken in the future to help with the upkeep of Academy Hall. She again stated the desire of the use of the CMA endowment fund to help in the preservation of all of the original CMA buildings.

Mike Gilchrist added that Daniel Smith, one of the recipients of the CMAAA scholarship, awarded annually by the association to a CA graduate, had excelled as a student at The Citadel and was currently serving as one of the four Battalion Commanders. He also announced that on this day he would be receiving the Palmetto award.

### Old Business

Woody gave a report on the progress of the development of the new CMA endowment. The endowment committee has taken the original endowment letter presented by Dr. Thomas and

made minor modifications to the wording. The letter will be forwarded to Dr. Thomas for his review and approval.

The desire is that all money donated to the endowment will be used to maintain and preserve the original CMA structures on campus. Woody will add an article to the June *Bugle* to include a full description and purpose of the endowment. This will highlight for the alumni's convenience some clarifications of what the endowment will, and will not, be used for.

Woody also referred to the museum funding and his desire to maintain the museum at least through the year 2029, which would take us through the 50th reunion of the CMA's last graduating class of 1979. It is the desire of CMAAA and CA that the endowment will help keep the museum available for many years after the association comes to an end. Mike Gilchrist expressed his appreciation for Woody's continued work on the museum.

Mike Gilchrist gave an update on the status of the negatives of CMA photos we agreed to purchase from Mrs. Ray Burt for \$5,000. These are currently being gone through by David White at White's camera shop. David said the task has been a large one since he is finding that the CMA photos were not separated from the others, therefore it's necessary to go through each packet in search of negatives from CMA. Mike suggested that the association should forward a payment of \$2,500 to Mrs. Burt as this point. A motion was made and seconded that we make the payment and that the funds come from the museum fund. Mike will speak with David White and see if we can possibly have some of the class composites available to be viewed at the reunion. The board discussed the possibility of some of the board members obtaining access to some of the boxes so we could help with the sorting. It was also agreed that David White should have the opportunity to do the printing of the photos when the time came due to his work on the project.

### Reunion Planning

The 2014 Grand Reunion will be held at the Marriott in Cool Springs, beginning with a reception in the Convention Center on Friday night, August 1st. A room will be available to set up CMA memorabilia. The items may be left in place at the end of the evening as

the room will be locked. An area of the lounge will be set up outside the bar area and the Marriott will provide finger food items such as pretzels and nuts. Mike suggested we approve using \$2,500 to purchase some better hors d'oeuvres. A motion was made and seconded to provide this amount and the board approved. Our D.J., Don Morrow, will provide some background music for the Friday night event.

Don Kimbrell pointed out that we will actually be hosting the reunion inside the Convention Center instead of just a large room. We will be able to hang banners and other items on the walls if we desire. Don expressed that 2014 reunion accommodations are better than previous reunions. Bill Wade pointed out that the former location, The Embassy Suites, has now added a \$10 charge just for parking.

Woody has placed the instructions for online registration at the Marriott in the *Bugle* but you can also register by phone if you desire. Mike said to be sure to let the Marriott know if there is a need for an ADA room.

For Saturday morning we will again meet in the auditorium of Main Building on the CA Campus. During the meeting we will recognize the classes having their 50th reunion this year. It was suggested and agreed that the reading of the names of those cadets who had passed away would be done in the auditorium prior to moving out to the flag pole for the flag ceremony and the remainder of the recognition service.

A lunch will once again be served in the Mess Hall following the morning meeting. Due to increases in cost it will be necessary to charge \$10 this year.

Becky told us that there will be no tours as in past years but that the Marriott will provide maps of the Franklin / Cool Springs area for those who would like to sight-see or shop.

The Saturday evening banquet will be held in a private room set up for dinner. Dinner will include a buffet with three types of meats along with vegetables and desserts. Don Morrow will once again provide the music after dinner.

Woody suggested we recognize our special guests this year, the Mr. or Miss CMAs, during our dinner time rather than at the Saturday morning meeting. This was approved by the board. Mike Gilchrist will develop a letter to go out to all of the Mr. and Miss CMAs invit-

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Reunion Registration Form
August 1st and 2nd, 2014
(Please Type or Print Clearly)

Please Respond by July 15th, 2014



110th Anniversary

NAME (Last, First Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_
HOME STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_
HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS / CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

- Count On Me to Attend the 2014 CMAAA Grand Reunion.
I Am Unable to Attend but have enclosed my \$50.00 for the next 2 Years Dues (\$25.00 per Year)
Names of Others Accompanying me to the Reunion \_\_\_\_\_

I Plan on Arriving at the Marriott, Franklin at Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM, on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

2014 CMAAA Grand Reunion Activity Check List

Please check those activities and functions of interest to your party. In so doing, indicate the number of participants and approximate fee per activity. Please mail this completed form with a check (payable to CMA Alumni Association) for the total amount in an envelope to arrive no later than July 15th, 2014.

2014 Reunion Honorees

Mr. and Miss CMAs from through the Years

Activities (Please Check All That Apply)

- Grand Reunion Registration Fee (Required).....(\$25.00 per Adult) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
The registration fee is required regardless of how many or few activities registrants attend. It covers the Association's costs of (1) Promoting and orchestrating the Reunion plus goods and services, (2) Entertainment, and (3) Bugle Newsletter expenses.
Golf Tourney, 8:00 AM, Friday—Complete Golf Registration Form on page 5 and submit to Walter Keith with Payment
Sporting Clay Shoot, 1:30 PM, Friday—Complete Registration Form on page 6 and submit to Dudley Dolinger with Payment
Welcome Reception at Marriott, 5:30—7:30 PM, Friday.....(No Additional Charge)
Coffee and Sweet Rolls in the Mess Hall (CA Cafeteria), 9:00 AM, Saturday .....(No Additional Charge)
CMAAA General Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM, Saturday on Campus in Columbia.....(No Additional Charge)
Deli Luncheon in CA Cafeteria, 12:00 PM, Saturday.....(\$10.00/Person) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Reunion Banquet/Dance, 6:00 PM, Saturday.....(\$45.00/Person) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Biennial Alumni Association Dues.....(\$25.00 per Year x 2 Years = \$50.00 per Alumni) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Check Payable to: CMA Alumni Association

Mail Registration Form and Check to: Becky Moon, 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401

# GRAND REUNION CMAAAA 2014



## Marriott

### Reservation Process

Please make Reservations by July 3rd

#### Via Phone (1-888-403-6772):

1. Ask for Reservations
2. Provide arrival/departure date
3. Reference the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association Reunion Group (Code REUREUA)

#### Via Internet:

1. Go to the Franklin Marriott Cool Springs website at: [www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnacs-franklin-cool-springs/](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnacs-franklin-cool-springs/)
2. Enter the dates that you want reservations on the left side of the page
3. Enter the number of rooms and number of guests per room
4. Click the "Special Rates and Awards" button
5. Click the "Group Code" button and enter REUREUA in the box
6. Click the "Find" button. This will take you to the CMAAA Reunion special rates page showing the room rate of \$119 per night. Click the "Continue" button to finalize your reservations.

### Make Plans to visit the CMA Museum during the Reunion



Open 9:00 to 2:00 Saturday

## Please Complete and Submit the Registration Form on Page 3

Now is the time to "ink in" the 2014 CMAAA Grand Reunion on your calendar. We will be gathering at the Cool Springs Marriott the weekend of 1-3 August to celebrate CMA and visit with old friends and make new ones. This reunion marks 36 years since the elimination of the "Military" in Columbia Military Academy and 35 years since the CMA transition to Columbia Academy. What a great tribute to the Alumni Association and its members that we continue to celebrate CMA even without the benefit of still having the school around. While the campus is certainly different now than it was when we were cadets, we are fortunate to be able to visit the campus and use the facilities there to support our Reunion activities. The General Membership meeting in Old Main, the Flagpole ceremony honoring lost cadets from each reunion's designated "50 Year Reunion" classes, and the opportunity to visit the CMA Museum in the old Guard House. Just walking around the campus brings back a flood of memories and makes the trip worthwhile. Be part of it in 2014.

## Former Mr./Miss CMAs to be Recognized at 2014 CMA Grand Reunion

The CMAAA Board of Directors selects a special group to recognize during the Grand Reunions. In previous reunions we have recognized former military service members from the various branches, members of the CMA Band, members of the CMA Drill Team, members of the CMA Color Guard, and military aviation veterans. For this year's Grand Reunion the Board decided to recognize former Mr. and Miss CMAs during the dinner Saturday evening. These individuals were selected by fellow cadets and faculty during each of the school years and are a select group of former CMA cadets that deserve recognition.

## Scramble Golf Tournament

As in years past, there will be a scramble golf tournament on Friday morning of the reunion weekend. This is open to alumni, family members and friends and is a great way to kick the weekend off. This year's event will be held at the Forrest Crossing Golf Course in Franklin which is convenient to the hotel. The Registration Form for the tournament is on Page 5. Please join in on the fun.

# GRAND REUNION CMAAAA 2014

## Schedule of Events

### Thursday, July 31

1:00 PM: Early sign-in and registration in Marriott Hotel lobby until 7:00 PM  
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

### Friday, August 1

8:00 AM: Registration in Marriott lobby until 5:30 PM  
8:00: Golf Tournament, Forrest Crossing Golf Course, 750 Riverview Drive, Franklin, TN  
1:30: Sporting Clays Shoot, Nashville Gun Club, 1100 County Hospital Road, Nashville, TN 37218  
3:00: Board Meeting, Marriott Meeting Room  
5:30 PM: Welcome Reception, Marriott Meeting Room  
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

### Saturday, August 2

8:00 AM: Registration in Marriott lobby until 6:00 PM  
9:00 AM: Complimentary coffee and sweet rolls at CA  
9:00 AM: CMA Museum open until 2:00 PM except during CMAAA General Membership meeting  
10:00 AM: CMAAA General Membership Meeting in CA Chapel  
- Election of Class Representatives  
- Election of Board Officers  
- Certificates of Recognition  
- Hall of Honor Inductions  
11:00 AM: Flag Ceremony for Departed Cadets in Classes of '64 and '65  
12:00: Deli Luncheon in CA Cafeteria  
6:00 PM: Reunion Banquet / Recognition Ceremony / Dance / Group Pictures at Marriott Ball Room

### Sunday, August 3

Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings, breakfast, worship, and departure as desired



# Grand Reunion Scramble Golf Tournament

Forrest Crossing Golf Course, 750 Riverview Drive  
Franklin, Tennessee 37064  
Friday, August 1st, 2014

Registration/Sign In: 7:30; Shotgun Start: 8:00  
Open to all Alumni, Family, and Guests



Please Type or Print Clearly

NAME (Last, First Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_ HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_  
 FROM WHAT  
 TEES \_\_\_\_\_

HOME STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS / CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Teammates \_\_\_\_\_

**Tournament Registration Fee—\$55.00  
Covers Green Fee, Cart, Lunch and Prizes**

### Notice to Golfers

Please respond with this completed form and your check payable to Walter Keith as soon as possible so we can make plans with the golf course. If you have any questions, call Walter at 615-406-9577 or e-mail him at: wk4@comcast.net  
NOTE: Proper Golf Attire is Required.

Make Check Payable to: Walter Keith

Mail Registration Form and Check to: Walter Keith, 110 Suffolk Crescent, Brentwood, TN 37027



## CMA Alumnus Inducted into High School Hall of Fame



Marty Klein as a Post Graduate at CMA  
in 1956-57

Marty Klein, CMA Post Graduate student for the 1956-57 school year, was inducted into the E. L. Meyers High School Hall of Fame on December 6, 2013.

Marty excelled in basketball, baseball, and JV/Varsity football at E.L. Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. In 1955, he was named

to the Wyoming Valley Coaches All-Scholastic First team by the Times Leader newspaper and played two UNICO games in 1955-56. His overall record in football at Meyers was 21-2 and his overall quarterbacking completion rate was 67%. After graduating from E.L. Meyers, Marty attended CMA as a Post Graduate where he played football and baseball and was First Team All Mid-South in baseball. Marty was also offered an opportunity to play semipro baseball in the Florida Pan Handle. He entered the US Marine Corps in 1958 and played football for three years before a permanent injury forced him to give up the sport.

Marty retired after 40 years with the United States Postal Service and is currently active in the community through the American Legion Post #395, the Wyoming Valley D.A.V., and is a charter member of the Wyoming Valley Marine Corps League. He has been a member of the Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA for several years, and is a sup-

porter of the YMCA Annual Fund Campaign which provides scholarships for children and families in need. Marty has truly been a leader in his community, embodying the spirit of the YMCA as a role model for healthy living, youth development, and social responsibility.



Marty at his Induction Ceremony on  
December 6th, 2013.

**Sporting Clays Shooting Event  
Set Up For Reunion**



We have a new event for this year's Grand Reunion for those interested in participating in some shooting. Dudley Dolinger ('73) has coordinated with the Nashville Gun Club to set up a Sporting Clays shooting event for any CMA alumni and friends interested in participating on Friday afternoon during the reunion. The event will start at 1:30 PM on Friday afternoon and will provide participants the opportunity to go to the gun club and go through the stations shooting at 100 sporting clays. The cost for the event is based on what

equipment you bring. If you provide your own gun, ammunition, ear protection and eye protection (all required to have), the cost will be \$59 plus tax. If you need to purchase/rent any of the mentioned items, the price will increase accordingly and could make the total cost be \$94 if you needed the gun club to provide everything. As per the registration form, all interested in registering for the shoot are asked to submit the registration form along with a \$25 deposit. Since total costs are dependent on individual needs, you should be prepared to make further payment at the gun club. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some shooting on Friday afternoon and start the reunion with a bang, so to speak. If you would like to participate please complete the registration form below and submit it to Dudley Dolinger at the address provided on the registration form. Feel free to contact Dudley Dolinger at 615-476-1820 or at [ddolinger@comcast.net](mailto:ddolinger@comcast.net) if you have any questions about the event.

**MOVING?**

**STAY IN TOUCH...**

Please forward your new address to:

**CMA Alumni Association  
804 Athenaeum Place  
Columbia, TN 38401-3156**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATING CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



**Grand Reunion  
Sporting Clays Shooting  
Event**

Nashville Gun Club  
1100 County Hospital Road  
Nashville, Tennessee 37218  
Friday, August 1st, 2014  
Registration/Sign In: 1:30



NAME (Last, First Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

HOME STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS / CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Registration Fee—\$25.00  
Total Cost Dependent of Supplies Required**

**Notice to Participants**

Please respond with this completed form and your check payable to Dudley Dolinger as soon as possible so we can make plans with the gun club. If you have any questions, call Dudley at 615-476-1820 or e-mail him at: [ddolinger@comcast.net](mailto:ddolinger@comcast.net)

**Make Check Payable to: Dudley Dolinger  
Mail Registration Form and Check to: Dudley Dolinger, 59 Vaughn's Gap Road, Nashville, TN 37205**

# Then and Now

## George Colburn, Class of '47

George was born in Gardner, MA in 1929 and attended public schools. In the summer of 1944 his father, who worked for a stove manufacturing company, was selected to go to middle Tennessee and find a site to build a new manufacturing plant. George remained in Gardner during the 1944-45 school year, completing the tenth grade. He was excited about living in Lewisburg, Tennessee and particularly about attending CMA for his last two years in high school. He was assigned to Black Hall, south end, first floor. He roomed with Frank Wright, also a first year student, and played clarinet in the band. He settled into school work, military training, played on the golf team, walked the "bull ring" a few times, made many new friends and was very happy to be at CMA. During his senior year he roomed with Tom Dupree, again in South Black, played on the golf team and studied every night from after evening meal till Taps. This habit certainly helped in later years in college. In 1947, after graduating from CMA, he enrolled at Vanderbilt in the School of Engineering. After two years he applied and was accepted at MIT in Cambridge, MA studying Mechanical Engineering. He also was accepted into an Air Force ROTC program. Because of transferring, he was somewhat off-schedule and graduated in January 1952. The Air Force did not wait too long; he was commissioned in April 1952 as a Second Lieutenant assigned to Sandia Base in Albuquerque, NM with a short TDY at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi attending electronics school. Upon arriving at Sandia he was assigned to the 1094<sup>th</sup> Special Weapons Group at Manzano Base as a Mechanical Officer. As expected, the work was very interesting, exciting, educational and rewarding. The call to active duty had been for two years plus six years in the Reserves. As the two years was drawing to a close, the Korean Conflict was over and the Air Force was discharging officers. George was approached about re-signing. The 1094<sup>th</sup> was being returned to Sandia Base to be split into two new groups and re-staffed for future assignment elsewhere. After



serious consideration, George decided to not re-up. He was married, had a son, and chose to go to school for an MBA, with the help of the GI Bill. He enrolled at the University of Colorado and graduated with an MBA in August 1955. His first job after graduating was with Marquardt Corp in southern California. Interesting work developing the Ram jet engine for the BO-MARK Missile. With the addition of a second son, George moved to Arizona and joined the Garrett Corporation as a development engineer in 1956. Assignments in several areas of the company included pricing manager of Pneumatic Systems and Product Line Manager resulted in a broad view of the company. In 1971 George married Phyllis Brown, combining his two sons with her two daughters and one son. What followed were the joyous years of rearing five teenagers with both parents working. It all turned out fine. The Garrett Corporation grew through mergers with the Signal Companies and Allied Signal. George was promoted to Vice President, Administration, Fluid Systems Company, a division of Allied Signal. George and Phyllis both retired from Allied Signal in 1991 allowing much more time for golf, travel and spending time at their second home in Flagstaff, Arizona where summers are much cooler. During a trip to Lewisburg in 1996, George met Ernest Henegar, CMA Class of 1959, and was made aware of the CMAAA. Attending the 1998 reunion, he became reacquainted with classmates from the 1947 class and other years. Bill Fricke, Class of 1939, recruited him for his reunion golf tourney team. They remained close until Bill's death several years later. He also became acquainted with B.B. Densford who also resided in the Phoenix area until his passing. George and John Ross, Class of 1940, have been close friends since meeting in Phoenix in 1958. John resides in Wickensburg, Arizona with his wife and is doing well.



## Morgan Lewis, Class of '64

In the Spring of 1961, Morgan made the most important decision of his young life; to attend Columbia Military Academy. For years he had driven past or

through the Academy grounds, seen the bellhops walking to town or marching to church. The family situation was depressing and the public high school was a joke. He says he cannot remember if he ever got below an A before attending CMA. Well, Col. Gracy and Latin II certainly showed him what a failing grade was FAST! And although he struggled with Latin, somehow by the grace of God and Caesar's pony, he managed to pass. Then Major Towles taught him the fear of an oral exam. Not even the Pharmacy Board Exams scared him this bad. Majors Sparkman and Prickett reinforced math to the point it was second nature and Col. Edson and Major Hart taught the cadets the love of good literature. After graduation, Morgan attended Tennessee Tech for three years majoring in Chemistry, Biology, English and History, although failing every foreign language offered. In the fall of 1967, he entered Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy and graduated in 1970. His first job was Director of Admissions of the same school, and he loved every minute of it until one day when his Uncle Sam said he needed him. So for the next three years he taught Pharmacy Techs for the Army at Fort Sam Houston Texas. Morgan married in 1971 and had one daughter in 1973 and another in 1976. He was divorced in 1978...being a workaholic is not a great idea in marriage. In 1980 he obtained a BBA in Finance from the University of Texas. He switched professions for more time with his daughter and never looked back. Morgan was then an agent with New York Life for 15 years; then owner of a large commercial printing company (gave that to third wife) and left Texas. He went home for his father's final years, and saw that he was well cared for. Morgan moved to Atlanta in 2001 and is the logistics manager for a large steel-aluminum wholesaler. Morgan was a Scout Master for 3 years, a soccer coach and referee for 10 years, President of Sertoma International for 2 years, is a Mason and a Shriner. He served as Chairman of fundraising for



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## Then and Now

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PBS for 5 years and was on the board of directors of MDA, San Antonio for 10 years. Last but not least, he served as President of Last Hope of Georgia (a German Shepherd Rescue Organization) that raises funds for rescue kennels, health treatment and home placement. Currently besides watching his 6 grandkids grow up, Morgan raises, breeds and shows German Shepherds. Although he has always loved the breed, this is his first endeavor in the show arena and he says that “at 68, I must be crazy”. Morgan says that life is good, health is good and that he and Andy Hyde are looking forward to their 100<sup>th</sup> reunion (in 2064)! He only wishes there were more teachers and schools today, like those that he had the benefit of learning from.

### Walter Keith, Class of '70

In the summer of 1968 Walter's father took him to visit Sewanee Military Academy (his father's alma mater), Castle Heights and CMA and said “pick one, you're going”. Fall semester 1968 started with his arrival at CMA's North Black Dormitory and a good-bye handshake from his father and tears from his mom. It was all so new, but in a short time he was able to get into the rhythm of cadet life and his studies. Walter was active in several campus organizations and served as Vice President of Hi Y. He was also co-founder of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Chapter and served as President his senior year. Walter was a member of the Color Guard and was also the D Company representative for Best Drilled Cadet. In his two years at CMA he rose to the rank of Master Sergeant, graduating in 1970. Walter attended Western Kentucky University and became a member of SAE Fraternity. It was soon apparent that his sights were set on something other than school. He left Western after two and half years and returned to Nashville to pursue his hobby of racing motorcycles and selling Yamahas at his uncle's shop. With backing from Yamaha, Walter tried his hand at road racing and found it to be exhilarating. He campaigned his bike for one season with some success. Then while riding in a race at Talladega, he took a nasty fall



and realized he could “get killed doing this”. His father had been telling him to get a “real job”. Walter went to work selling trucks for a Chevrolet dealer and learned about prospecting and building relationships. It was a great foundation on which to build and after four years he left to pursue a career in the petroleum equipment field. He started in pump and tank sales and in a few years was promoted to sales manager. Shortly after his company was bought out by a competitor, they asked Walter to stay on to assume responsibility for all the Nashville operations. He enjoyed this position for eight years. Just turning forty years old, Walter was looking in a different direction and became a stock broker with a large regional firm based in Nashville. His years in different types of sales helped him with the task of attracting clients. It has been a very rewarding career building relationships that are the backbone of his practice to this day. In 1999 he started Walter Keith & Co., a financial services firm where he manages money on a fee basis. In the last few years he has throttled back to spend more time with family, friends and playing golf. Walter is director and the coordinator for the Nashville Senior Invitational Golf Association and is currently President of the City Salesman Club. He is a long time member of Richland Country Club and First Presbyterian Church. He has a son, Walter V, and a daughter, Michele, from a previous marriage. Granddaughter Harper is now seventeen months old and has become a very special addition to the family. His close friends state he married well over his head two years ago to Bobbi Bracewell, also a native Nashvillian whom he knew casually in high school and became reacquainted with a little over four years ago through a friend. From this union he inherited two great step sons. Walter has always said that any success he has had he attributes to CMA for the quality of education, the faculty, the discipline, and the friendships that last to this day.

**CMA Alumni are fortunate to have the opportunity to attend reunions. Make this reunion the one that you will attend and spend time with your old classmates and share some memories.**

## CMA Alumni Association Scholarship Awarded



Christian Harris, Columbia Academy Class of 2014 Valedictorian, is the recipient of the annual CMAAA Scholarship. Christian attended Columbia Academy since preschool and has been a Top Scholar in grades 7 – 11. He was also a member of the National Honor Society for the last two years. He played basketball and soccer for the Bulldogs. He is active in serving his community through various organizations. He has participated in several mission trips through his church and school. He plans to major in mathematics and statistics at the University of Alabama. Christian is the son of Jeff and Kyla Harris, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Benderman and the late Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harris. The late Mr. Kenneth Harris was a '46 graduate of Columbia Military Academy.

### Decade of the 70's Friday Night Dinner During Reunion

The members of the Decade of the 70's will again be having dinner together on Friday night during this year's Grand Reunion. The location has not yet been determined but will either be at the Marriott in one of their banquet rooms or at a Nashville/Franklin restaurant close to the Marriott to minimize driving requirements. We would like to get as many folks from the Decade of the 70's together once again for an evening of fun as part of the reunion. If you would like to join the crew for this dinner, please let Woody Pettigrew know as soon as possible. Once we have a good idea about attendees we will do more finalizing and have updated information sent out via e-mail. We need to get an idea of how many want to participate so we can plan properly. Please let Woody know via e-mail at [wpettigrew@knology.net](mailto:wpettigrew@knology.net) or via phone at (256) 653-7303 or via snail mail at Woody Pettigrew, 101 Springton Drive, Madison, AL 35758.



## Another Flag Officer Found



**Air Force Brigadier General (Retired) Jeffrey Pilkington graduated from CMA as a member of the Class of 1964 and then attended the Air Force Academy, graduating in 1968. He worked his way through the ranks and was promoted to Brigadier General in July 1993. He retired from the Air Force in 1996. His story is below.**

My dad said "Get in the car, we're going for a ride." I didn't know that my suitcase was in the trunk. It was a surprise one way trip to CMA. It's one of the best things that ever happened to me. CMA was good for me and I'm grateful. I bunked in South Black Hall and my roommates were Johnny Wyker sophomore year, David Pobjecky junior year, and Stormy Weathers senior year. Johnny and Stormy have passed away, but David is alive and well as a successful lawyer in the Orlando area. Thanks to CMA, I went to the Air Force Academy and graduated in 1968. The hometown girl I was dating the last two years at CMA agreed to marry me during Flight School and she's still my bride and best friend. She is an Auburn Graduate and that's where we've made our home.

I was fighter pilot in F-4s and F-16s for most of my 28 years of active duty. Fifteen years were served overseas, and I was blessed to never serve at the Pentagon. There's an old joke that goes "Daddy I want to be a fighter pilot when I grow up." "Sorry son, you can't do both."

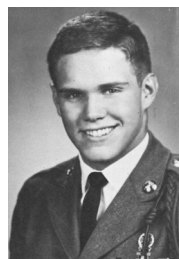
In 1994 while serving as commanding general of a four-nation Task Force running a no-fly zone and conducting post-war recovery operations in north-

ern Iraq, two USAF F-15s under my command shot down two U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopters also under my command. A year later five general officers were called to give congressional testimony regarding the incident. I was the only one who agreed to testify. My testimony contradicted the official USAF version of what happened. This displeased my superiors and it was time to start a new life. There have been several books written about the event. Wikipedia has an honest account.

I spent the next ten years working for the United Nations Development Program directing operations referred to as "Post Conflict Socioeconomic Recovery". The job was to organize, train, equip and manage demobilized soldiers for land mine clearance to humanitarian standards (meaning 100% clearance) for post war agricultural recovery - a year in Bosnia, three years in Yemen, a year back in northern Iraq, almost four years in Ethiopia, and a year in Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan). My wife was with me in all but Bosnia and Iraq. I got into this line of work due mainly to having a Masters degree in Rural Sociology from Auburn and a Masters in Refugee Studies from Oxford University. While at Oxford, a young lady in one of my courses told me her boyfriend (Editor of the Oxford International Review) needed one more article for the next magazine. I wrote an article that resulted in a job offer to prioritize areas for land mine clearance for refugee resettlement and agricultural recovery in Bosnia. One job led to another. I loved every minute of the ten years and made lots of friends from all over the world.

In 2009, an old friend became president of ITT Defense Corp, now Exelis Corp, and offered me a job in Montgomery, AL which allows me to live at home in Auburn. It's not as exciting as clearing land mines, but it lets me be close to our four children and five grandchildren. I'm hoping for another ten years in the job.

**"Scotty"  
Pilkington  
as pictured in  
1964 Recall**



## "Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes" Odds and Ends



**Girls Gone Wild...Mildred Graham Dolinger, Sharon Sims Hartnett, Judy Bone Pettigrew, Terri Glover, Donna Ryland Kelley, Sharon (Tammy) Norris and Kathy Bain enjoy a little dock time at Reelfoot Lake.**

Another Spring adventure at Reelfoot Lake for the Blue Wing crew. Hosted by Dudley ('73) and Mildred Graham ('76) Dolinger, the group of Lee Turnage ('71), Tex Tucker ('71), Bobby ('72) and Kathy Bain, Norm Anderson (73), Bill Patrick (73), Woody (73) and Judy Bone ('76) Pettigrew, Tom ('73) and Sharon Norris, Donna (Ryland) Kelley ('73), Sharon (Sims) Hartnett ('74), Mike ('74) and Terri Glover had a great weekend visit at Reelfoot catching fish, eating mud bugs (thanks Tom), telling tales around the bonfire, and simply enjoying each other's company. No serious injuries (Kathy might argue) and plenty of laughs.

## Reminders on How You Can Help Your Association

You can save the Alumni Association printing and postage costs by downloading the *Bugle* directly from the CMAAA Website at [www.cmaaa.com](http://www.cmaaa.com) instead of receiving a hard copy in the mail. If you can help us reduce costs by downloading the *Bugle*, please notify Becky Moon at: [athenae@bellsouth.net](mailto:athenae@bellsouth.net). Becky will keep your name on the mailing list to receive all mailings except the *Bugle*.

Thank you to all of the alumni that have provided pictures and articles for publication in the *Bugle*. As has been said before, everyone can help make the *Bugle* a better publication for all of us. If you have articles, pictures, Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes input, a CMA story, news, etc. that you would like to see in the next *Bugle* please provide input to Woody Pettigrew at [wpettigrew@knology.net](mailto:wpettigrew@knology.net) or via snail mail to:

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ing them to the event.

The class photos will once again be taken at the banquet on Saturday evening. The selection of the photographer is tentative at this time. Becky also has a backup photographer if needed.

Mike also stated that depending on the number of rooms reserved for the reunion, there would possibly be a couple of free rooms available. These would be awarded to the alumnus traveling the farthest distance and the alumnus from the oldest graduating class.

Dudley Dolinger asked that anyone interested in some clay shooting during the reunion let him know and he will schedule the time. Woody will also place the request in the next *Bugle*.

### Wrap Up

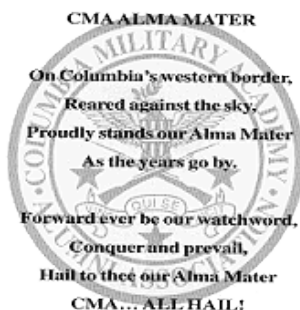
Becky Moon informed the members that the jackets shown to us at the fall meeting will be available for purchase at the reunion.

Woody told us that new CMA banners will be placed around the campus in a few weeks by Dr. Thomas. This set of banners was donated by Ed Tuggle, class of '67. We will consider at the August meeting how we will keep funding for new banners. This set of banners should withstand the weather better than the previous ones, but will still have to be replaced periodically. A letter of thanks and recognition was sent to Ed for the donation.

Van McMinn told us the Hall of Honor process is going well and we should have at least two new honorees this fall.

Skip Snow recommended that future board meetings be moved to 9:00 due to distance some of the board members have to travel. Some are traveling 4 to 6 hours to get home after the meetings. This was tabled until the August meeting and will be discussed at that time.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned.



## CMA Endowment Established



### Help Preserve CMA's Legacy

As was mentioned in a previous *Bugle*, the administration of Columbia Academy, in conjunction with its Board of Directors, has established a Columbia Military Academy Endowment. This endowment will be used exclusively to provide funds to preserve and protect the legacy of Columbia Military Academy. The goal is to (1) ensure the maintenance and upkeep of the CMA Museum for perpetuity, (2) preserve and protect the original buildings of the Columbia Arsenal and other buildings that were part of Columbia Military Academy, and (3) maintain the memorials and markers across campus that are dedicated to CMA and its alumni. This endowment will be accounted for separately from the other endowments at Columbia Academy and the CMA Alumni Association, or its designee, will receive an accounting of the funds each year. This endowment was established with an initial investment of \$10,000 that was provided by an anonymous Columbia Academy alumnus. That initial gift was made in honor of all CMA alumni, faculty and staff, especially those who served our country in the military, and most especially, those who gave their lives for our country. The hope is that this endowment can grow and provide a sound financial basis to preserve and protect the legacy of CMA. To make a donation to the endowment, please send a check made out to Columbia Academy and annotated as a donation for the CMA Endowment to Columbia Academy, 1101 West Seventh Street, Columbia, Tennessee 38401. All donations are tax deductible and will result in the donor receiving a receipt from Columbia Academy that can be used when filing tax returns.

## SILVER TAPS

### Billy Gunn, Faculty

Billy Clayton Gunn, age 90, entered Heaven on Monday, May 12, 2014. Mr. Gunn graduated Tullahoma High School, 1942 and entered the U. S. Navy and served in World War II. Upon honorable discharge from the Navy, Coach Gunn entered Middle Tennessee State



Coach Gunn

College where he graduated with a BS degree in Education and his BA from Peabody. Coach Gunn served at CMA for nine years, starting with the 1954-55 school year and remaining through the 1962-63 school year. He started out teaching and assistant coaching in football and head coaching in basketball. He coached five years as head basketball coach in which his teams won 112 games and lost 13 (7 in the first year). They won three mid-south basketball championships and were undefeated the last two years. He wrote several articles for Coach and Athlete magazine, a national publication, on defensive basketball. As an assistant football coach, he was with teams that won two mid-south football championships. He became head football coach and athletic director in 1959 until 1963. Coach Gunn moved to Florida in 1963 where he spent 4 years coaching and teaching. He moved to Nashville in 1967 working in administration in the Davidson County School system. Mr. Gunn is survived by his wife of 20 years, Sue Dunnebacke Gunn; children, Mike (Linda) Gunn, Diane (Jay) West, Gina (Bill) Knox, Kevin Dunnebacke; siblings, Frank (Jeanette) Gunn, Robbie (Philip) Swinford, and Frances (Tom) Shelton.

### Edwin Neil Norris, Class of '39

Edwin Neil Norris, 91, of Glasgow, Kentucky died Friday, May 9, 2014, in his home. He was born on September 6, 1922 in Glasgow, the son of Robert Harry Sr. and Caroline Compton Norris. He attended CMA two years graduating in the Class of 1939. Edwin Norris Serving as a Second Lieutenant in the



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Air Force during World War II, he piloted a B-17 based in England. Following his discharge, he graduated from Vanderbilt University. On June 15 1958 he married Jo Ann Landrum Norris, who preceded him in death in 2007. Mr. Norris was a partner in R.H. Norris and Sons Supply. He was also actively involved in beef and pork production and most recently owned and operated Trojan Trail Self-Storage. Mr. Norris was a founding member of the Glasgow Municipal Airport, serving on its board of directors from January 1958 to December 1987. He also served on the board of directors of Citizens Bank and Trust Company/Trans Financial Bank for 27 years from 1965-1992 and the T.J. Samson community Hospital board for directors for 33 years, retiring as its vice chairman in 1997. He is survived by his daughter, Yvonne Norris Bartley, of Glasgow; and his son, John Franklin Norris (Laura) of Englewood, Florida.

## **Rupert M. Crafton, Class of '52**

Rupert Martin "Buzz" Crafton died April 10, 2014 in Memphis, Tennessee. He was born January 1, 1934, to the late Rupert and Elizabeth Martin Crafton in Blytheville, Arkansas and resided there most of his life. Mr. Crafton attended Blytheville Public schools and then attended  Buzz Crafton as a member of the Class of 1952, and the University of Arkansas in 1956. While at the University, he was a Razorback cheerleader and a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Following military service, Mr. Crafton returned to Blytheville to work with his parents at the Rupert Crafton Commission Company, an agricultural supply company that he still managed until March of this year. Mr. Crafton married Barbara Dale Dunlap on November 28, 1959, and together they raised their two daughters, Dabney Waters (Steve), of Nashville, Tennessee and Dale Crafton of Memphis, Tennessee. Surviving him are his sisters, Sue Hines (G.A., Jr.) of Conway, Arkansas and Pam Blankenship (Koehler) of Blytheville, and his brother-in-law, Ron Dunlap of Hot Springs, Arkansas and Michael White of Manila,


Arkansas who worked with Mr. Crafton for twenty-five years and was a valued friend, not only to him but to his family as well. Over the years, he enjoyed hunting and fishing at the Blytheville Hunting Club at Mellwood, Arkansas where his father and uncles were original members. Watching the "ponies run" at Oaklawn in Hot Springs, Arkansas was another favorite pastime where the Craftons enjoyed a home on Lake Hamilton.

## **Mack Allen Carter, Class of '54**


Mack Allen Carter, Jr passed away on March 4 2014. Born August 15th 1936 in Nashville, Tennessee, he was raised in Old Hickory where he attended Dupont High School and then CMA for two years graduating with the Class of 1954. After joining the Navy, Mack traveled the world serving as a Radioman.  Mack Carter Returning to the United States, he attended the University of Wisconsin and then graduated from Lambuth College in Jackson, Tennessee in 1964. Upon graduation, he married and settled in Jackson where he raised his family. Mack had a long career with the State of Tennessee before retiring in 1998. He began a second career as a limousine driver for First Class Limousines, where he won Limousine Driver of the Year several times. One of his favorite pastimes was working in his yard but his two main loves, other than his children, were fishing and playing poker. Mack spent more than a quarter of a century as a member of two local bass clubs serving as President of one and Vice President of another. He imbued his knowledge of all things fishing to his fellow members through colorful anecdotes and stories for which he was well known. Playing poker was his other passion. He spent countless hours at local establishments, mainly the VFW, honing his card skills while enjoying the company of his many friends. Mack never met a stranger. It is legendary how he knew someone every place his daily travels took him, usually in the company of his dog, Rocky. Mack is survived by his three beloved daughters, Kristen McKenny (Mark) of Jackson, Erika Townsend (Doug)

of Nashville, and Mari Smoke of Jackson. He also leaves behind a brother, Wayne, of Florida. Mack's love of life, penchant for story-telling and generosity for others will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

## **Benjamin Reed Mabe, Class of '54**

Benjamin "Reed" Mabe Sr. passed away Wednesday, April 16 from a battle with cancer. Reed was born in Memphis, TN on November 5, 1935. He attended CMA for three years,  Reed Mabe graduating with the Class of 1954. After graduating CMA, Reed spent a year at The University Tennessee at Knoxville before transferring to Memphis State University, where he graduated in 1959. During his time at Memphis, he was President of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He received a commission as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force at Homestead Air Force Base, Florida, where he served 3½ years. After the Air Force, he returned to Memphis where he entered Insurance sales, then onto pre-need sales at Memorial Park in Memphis. He retired as sales Manager from Memphis Funeral Home. He loved and was devoted to his wife, children and family. His favorite activity was golf and he loved horse racing. He was a Christian and past member of Christ Methodist Church. He donated his body to the Genesis Donor Program. He is preceded in death by his mother Beulah, his father Oscar and a brother Michael. He leaves his wife of 55 years Colene, mother-in-law Charlene Easterling, son Reed Junior, daughter Paula Chisum, and son-in-law Cleve Joyner.

## **William A. Wilder, Class of '55**

William A. Wilder Jr., 77, passed away on May 20, 2014 in Columbus, GA. He was born October 23, 1936 in Memphis, TN to the late Cornelia and William Wilder. He attended CMA for three years graduating with the Class of 1954 and returning for a Post Graduate year with the Class of 1955. After graduating  William Wilder

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from CMA and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, he served in the US Air Force, stationed at Keesler Field, MS as well as serving during the Cuban Crisis. In 1969, he joined Dunavant Cotton Company as a manager of the Columbus, GA office for the following 33 years. Bill was an avid sportsman, keen on ducks, his bird dogs, and fishing, but his love was horseback quail shooting. He leaves his son, William A. Wilder III of Columbus, GA; his sister, Ann Boyd (Hal); his brother, John Cole Wilder, and his nephew, Hal Boyd III, all of Memphis.

## William M. Ealy, Class of '58

William Maxwell Ealy, age 73, of Nashville, formally of Pulaski, passed away at his home Sunday, January 12, 2014. William attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1958. He then attended and graduated from Middle Tennessee State University and was a partner in W.C. Ealy & Associates for many years before moving to Nashville. He is survived by his sister Dorothy Ealy McCord, niece Valerie Thomason and nephew Mike McCord.



William Ealy

## Douglas Mayes, Class of '61

Douglas Maynard Mayes, 70, of Castle Rock, Colorado passed away unexpectedly on Saturday February 15, 2014. Doug was born in El Dorado, Arkansas on July 15, 1943. He attended CMA for two years, graduating with the Class

of 1961. Doug was married to PJ Mayes on July 1, 1987; they were married 26 years. Doug was a devoted husband, son, father, brother and family man. He was tender hearted and compassionate to others. First and foremost his passion was to serve the Lord. There was never a question as to where his eternal home would be. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing. His ultimate dream was to compete in a bass fishing tournament. Doug is survived by his wife PJ, father George Mayes, son Brian (Jennifer) Mayes, sister Nancy (Willis) Walker, and many additional family and friends.



Doug Mayes

## Edward H. Sanders, Class of '64

Edward Harvey Sanders, Jr., died January 26, 2014. He was born July 1, 1944 in Memphis. He attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1964. He was an expert horseman and participated in many horse shows and steeplechases. He was a lifelong member of Longreen Foxhounds and treasured many close friendships in that group. He leaves a daughter, Barbara Sanders, and a grandson, Kyle Skaggs, of St. Louis. He is also survived by sisters, Jean Sanders Kirkpatrick of Russellville, KY, Normie Sanders Geske of St. Teresa, FL, Louise Roberts Tayloe of Memphis, and Mariann Roberts Harris of Dallas, TX, and brothers, Reid Sanders of Memphis and William Roberts of Oak Park, CA.



Edward Sanders

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