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## Board Meeting Highlights Reflect Somber Mood

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

DATE: October 27, 2001

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Academy Hall, Columbia Academy Campus, Columbia, Tennessee

#### AGENDA ITEMS/REPORTS

Robin Layton (74), President of the Association, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. with an opening prayer.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved with several corrections.

Becky Moon ('75) presented the Treasurer's Report which was seconded and passed without exception.

Mr. Rob Zimmerman ('67) notified the Board members that Ms. Brenda Muth asked him to pass on her appreciation to the members of the association for their thoughtfulness at the time of Jack Muth's ('67) death.

Mr. Layton reviewed correspondence received since the last meeting. Captain Anderson ('39) sent a note of congratulations on the excellent edition of the Bugle; Bill Hachtel, from the Society of Industrial Archeology, sent a letter concerning care for the restored cannon; Mr. J. Stephen Vagnier ('66) sent a letter requesting an application for nomination of an alumni into the Hall of Honor.

Mr. Pettigrew informed the Board of two resignations he received prior to the meeting. Mr. Bethell Edrington ('39) asked

to be removed from the board and Mr. Barthell Joseph ('45) asked to be removed as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The board accepted both resignations.

Rob Zimmerman ('67) was asked to join the Hall of Honor Nominating Committee and Cecil Little ('50) was asked to assume the role of Committee Chairman. Both individuals accepted.

A recommendation was made to include the names of the Hall of Honor members in each edition of the Bugle, just as the names of the Board Members are included. All agreed that it was a good idea and Mr. Raiford agreed to include the names in the Bugle (see page 4 for Honor Listings).

#### OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Moon reviewed the By Laws during the meeting and read the portion of the By Laws that addresses the expenditure of association funds to the Board members. The Board Members agreed that the By Laws supported the method that the Board and Association President are using to expend funds and agreed that this issue of old business is resolved.

The Secretary notified the Board of an open item of Old Business from the 4 August 2000 meeting in which Mr. Ed Hessel was to report back to the next meeting of the board (the current meeting - 27 October 2001) on his review and recommended changes to the Hall of Honor procedures. The earlier action taken by the Board will satisfy this item of Old Business for this meeting but will make this an item for the Spring 2002 meeting of the Board.

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## Army Emergency Relief Responds to Donation

National Headquarters of Army Emergency Relief acknowledged receipt of CMA's \$500.00 donation for those adversely affected by terrorist attacks initiated September 11.

In a letter to CMA Board President, Robin Layton III (Class of '74) the letter stated the relief agency's appreciation for aiding "...soldiers and their families in time of need. Your generous donation ensures that this program will continue."

The letter was signed, Gregory W. Mason, Colonel, U.S. Army Retired, Deputy director for Finance/Treasurer.

## CMA Class of '41 Fields Candidate for Gov.

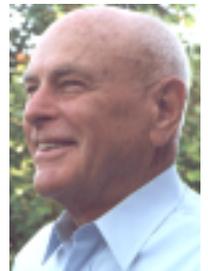
Capt. Charles V. Wilhoit, Jr., USN (Ret.) and graduate of CMA's Class of '41, announced his candidacy for Tennessee governor as an Independent.

Capt. Wilhoit said he believes elections can be

won without spending millions of dollars and that he is willing to work hard to secure votes.

"I'm very, very sincere about it," Wilhoit said. "I've never undertaken anything in my whole life that I wasn't serious about. This campaign is not going to be based on money. It's going to be based on people."

A native of Blount County, he graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1945 and retired from the Navy in 1974 returning to Blount County in 1988.



Capt. Wilhoit

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Mr. Pettigrew asked about the status of the mail-out from Columbia Academy requesting donations for the proposed CMA memorial as was agreed to at the last General Membership meeting. He asked the question because he had not received such a request from Columbia Academy and he did not know if the requests were mailed or not. The answer from Board members was that they had received the requests and that the mail-out had been conducted. Mike Gilchrist ('63) provided an informal update on the status of the fund raising. The main thrust of the effort was delayed due to a medical condition for Dr. Thrasher, Columbia Academy President, but the effort is still active. While donations to date are not enough to support the project, Dr. Thrasher is going to begin a strong campaign to solicit funds for the project. Mr. Gilchrist noted that Columbia Academy owes the CMAAA an update on the status of the project at each meeting of the Board.

Fricke ('39) asked about the status of the remaining student files and if the association was still paying to store the files. He was informed that the files are being kept by the Columbia Academy and there is no cost to the association.

Layton noted that while there are over 1900 names on the list, there are less than 250 members who are current in paying dues. There was much discussion on how the Board can attempt to improve the status of dues payment. At the end of the discussion a motion was made and seconded that an annual statement be sent out billing members who are delinquent in their dues. The motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Cecil Little ('50) noted that the Web Site indicates the past presidents of the CMAAA but does not include Mr. John Thornton who was the first Chairman of the Board for the association. Mr. Little stated that he would like to ask Mr. Thornton to provide a brief write-up for the Web Site addressing how the association was formed. The board members agreed that this would be a good thing to do. Mr. Little recommended that the Board provide an honorary membership to Mr. Thornton to honor him for his work to start the association and give him some type of award/certificate to recognize his efforts. Since there are not procedures in the By Laws to award Honorary Membership and the By Laws will have to be modified before that can be done the recommendation became to provide an award/certificate to recognize his efforts. A motion was made and seconded. The

motion passed. The Association Secretary will have the certificate made and available for presentation at the 2002 Grand Reunion.

Mr. Pettigrew asked if the Board thought the Association should provide a donation to a relief effort associated with the 11 September 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States. After discussion on the appropriateness, amount and available relief agencies a motion was made and seconded to provide a \$1000.00 donation in the name of the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association to a relief effort associated with aiding military related relief efforts. The motion passed a voice vote. Mr. Pettigrew agreed to determine an appropriate relief agency to make the donation to. The donation will be announced in the next issue of the Bugle so the General Membership will be aware (see page 1).

Mr. Pettigrew asked if the Board or the Association should take an active role in the fund raising efforts for the CMA Memorial. After discussion it was agreed that the fund raising effort should be led by Columbia Academy and that support of that effort should be on an individual basis. The position was that the Board should not take action in any way in regard to the effort.

There was short discussion on changing the dates for future reunions with the intent being to move them to later in the year to allow for cooler weather. There was a mention of concern for having the reunion before school started, although most alumni no longer have school age children. There was no final decision made.

#### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Mr. Dolinger ('73) asked if there was a way to include biographical information on alumni in the Alumni Directory or on the Web Site as a way to help business networking. It was noted that previous attempts to get that type of information had not been very successful. Mr. Raiford explained that the data could be included in the Web Site but that it would require a significant amount of effort. Mr. Dolinger agreed to work with Mr. Raiford to see if the information can be obtained and then included on the Web Site.

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING

Mr. Layton informed the members that the Spring Meeting of the Board will be conducted on Saturday, 20 April at 10:00 at Academy Hall. The 2002 Grand Reunion will be during the period 1-4 August 2002.

Mr. Layton adjourned the meeting at 1:30 and thanked the members for their attendance and support.

#### **“Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes” Odds and Ends from Here and There**

Harold Armstrong ('41) wants to know if any former bellhops served in the 99th infantry Division during WWII. He can be reached at e-mail address: HJArmstrong@webtv.net

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#### **Another Confession**

##### **This one from the Class of '45**

Joe Henry, (Class of '45) sent us the following letter pertaining to an incident that went down in CMA folk lore.

To: Editor - Bugle Quarterly

I was amused by your comment on the guy that plunged out of the second story window at Black Hall.

Well, that was me! I dreamed the place was on fire and jumped through the screen window. Luckily, I was unhurt, but I was so embarrassed that I serenely walked in the door and up the stairs and went to bed.

This is it for me on such events in my life. I went on to law school at LSU and am active now in the stock market, banking and real estate with a mailing address of 1041 Parkway Drive, Natchitoches, LA 71457.

CMA put me on the right track and I sent my son and daughter to Culver.

I made the 1991 reunion and maybe can make another, but I would enjoy hearing from old cadets.

Sincerely,

Joseph Henry, '45

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Jim and Gladys Lisanby ('46) wound up a great summer last year on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. They went back to their home in Arlington, VA to see the Fall colors, deciding to return to the Gulf Coast just prior to Christmas.

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Cecil Little ('50) is offering free video tapes of the past two reunions. Send him the price of a quality blank tape for your copy. His address is: 9544 Haskins, Lenexa, KS 66215

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Bill Alexander ('52) is expecting his 11th grandchild in June. He exhorts fellow classmates Buz Dooley, Pete Williams and “Duck” Bryant to get busy.

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Skip Snow ('55) tells us he has reached the age where the government is willing to send him a monthly check. He and wife Audrey got a package from International Paper so they retired at the end of last year.

Tom Faires ('57) got to spend about 4 hours with Charlie Gardner ('57) when he Charlie dropped by for a visit last August.

Tom Walbert ('58) reports that the Class of '58 has contributed \$10,000 to the CMA Memorial, claiming one of the ten monuments surrounding the area. He wants to know if anyone else has matched that.

Murray Warmath ('59) is a Doctor of Radiology in Southern California according to Gray Morrison ('59).

Joe L. Bailey ('61) wants to hear from anyone from his era. He's been in touch with Gene Smith ('61).

James Martin ('66) retired from TVA last year. He's now riding his Harley and smiling.

Terry O'Donnell ('67) tells us that after a year of headaches, aggravation, feet dragging and Coast Guard bureaucracy, he is now a certified, authorized, notarized, official boat captain. He recently received his 50 ton near coastal and 6 pac license, which is good for five years. He sends his best to all supporters including past pres. Jim Bledsoe ('50).

Noel Phillips ('75) reports he has been in the medical profession since '84 and is an LPN. He has a 16 year old daughter.

## A. W. O. L.

*This is a listing of cadets we have addresses on but do not know their graduating class. Please help us by e-mailing their name and class designation to: memnet@memphisnet.net*

### Class Unknown

- Dabney Pickard
- Richard Price
- William Donald Prier
- Robert Radabaugh
- Thomas Robinson
- Oliver Ross
- George Shaddock
- Louis Sipes
- Thomas Mack Snipes\*
- Russell Snyder
- Van Spaulding
- James David Stephens
- Alexander Stephens III
- Ron Stone
- Steven G. Templeman
- Dale R. Thompson
- James I. Thorn

# SILVER TAPS

## William J. Nunnery, Jr. Class of '39

William J. Nunnery, Jr., 80, of Olive Branch, MS, died December 10, 2001 at Memphis VA Hospital in Memphis, TN.

The former owner of Nunnery Exclusive Dry Cleaning in Memphis, William was a World War II Army veteran.

He leaves a daughter, Justine Nunnery of Olive Branch; a son, Robert William Nunnery of Greensboro, N.C.; a sister, Margie Warde of Tucson, AZ and four grandchildren. The family requests that memorials be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis.

## Fred S. Lack Class of '39

Fred Sevier Lack, 76, world renown attorney specializing in aviation disasters, died June 18, from complications resulting from a heart attack.

A long time member of the International College of Trial Lawyers and until retirement, a partner in the legal firm of Overton, Lyman and Prince. He also represented Lloyds of London in the United States.

Born in Paducah, Kentucky on August 21, 1921, he was educated at Columbia Military Academy and graduated from Georgia Tech University. Already a seasoned pilot when World War II was declared, he volunteered for the Army Air Corps. He rose in rank to a Captain and

was decorated with the Air Medal for distinguished flying.

When the war ended, he moved to California and married Ruth Reynolds, a native of Beverly Hills. He also enrolled and graduated from USC Law School. A distinguished member of the legal profession, he was also a member of the Los Angeles Country Club and a dedicated citizen of Beverly Hills.

Fred is survived by his widow, Louise and three sons born to him and his late wife, Ruth. They are Fred Lack III, Thomas Lack and Steven Lack. There are five grandchildren, Kelly, Dominique, Amanda, Jessica and Thomas Lack Jr. His sister, Beverly Latimer lives on Amelia Island, Florida with her husband Carroll and daughter Gena.

Funeral services were held at Forest Lawn, Glendale, on June 20 in the Church of the Flowers. The family requests any memorials sent in Fred's memory be directed to the Presbyterian Church of Beverly Hills, 505 North Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills.

## Dr. James S. Anderson Jr. Class of '46

Dr. James Sumpter Anderson, Jr., 72, died December 11, 2001, in Nashville, TN.

He left his wife, Jean Derryberry Anderson, daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Charles Pittenger and Lisa and Edward Longinotti; grand children, Emma Cull,

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## CMAAA Treasurer's Report

As of February 6, 2002

FIRSTAR BANK Balances

Certificate of Deposit: \$30,950.83

Checking Account: \$21,366.93

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The 2000 Grand Reunion cost the association approximately \$16,181.89. Almost all of the manpower is provided by local alums. The 2000 Grand Reunion brought in approximately \$27,933.75. So we were pleased to have raised sufficient funds to keep publishing (and mailing first class) the BUGLE and provide for the 2002 Grand Reunion.

Please contact me at 931-388-9128 if you would like more detailed information regarding the association's finances.

Becky Moon

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Sumpter Pittenger, victor and Tucker Longinotti; great-grandchild Isaiah Scott.

After graduating from Vanderbilt Medical School, Dr. Anderson did his internship and residency at Stanford University. He served 2 years in the U.S. Air Force. He returned to Nashville and practiced as an Anesthesiologist from 1956 to 1978. He was Assistant Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology at Vanderbilt University until his retirement.



**Dr. James S. Anderson**

## **Michael S. Rosenblum Class of '49**

Michael Stanley Rosenblum passed away March 1, 2001, at age 69.

Michael Was residing in Cummins, Ga. at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Vicky, son Charles, daughters Kim, Stacie and Rachael, his brother Sam Rosenblum of Memphis, TN and his sister, Rolarind King of Memphis.

Mr. Rosenblum attended CMA's last Grand Reunion in August, 2000.

## **Robert M. Speer Class of '59**

Robert Michael "Mike" Speer died Nov. 5, 2001 in New York City.

He was Chief of Computer Operations for the New York City Records Management Division.

Mike attended The Univ. of Tennessee and Middle Tennessee State University.

He moved to New York in 1963, accepting a position with the New York City Archives Department. He was instrumental in the department's conversion from a manual system of record keeping to an efficient and effective computerized system.

Funeral services were held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pulaski, TN with burial in Maple wood Cemetery.

He is survived by three brothers, John (Class of '55) of Bowie, MD, Dan (Class of '67) of Pulaski, TN and Frank (Class of '70) of Smyrna, TN and a sister, Mary Toby Perkins of Arlington, TX.

## **Robert F. Allen CMA Faculty Member**

Robert F. Allen, 79, died October 23, 2001 in Brentwood, TN. A retired CMA faculty member he was preceded in death by his wife of 17 years, Deborah L. Grisham Allen. He is survived by his mother-in-law, Dorothy S. Griggs; father-in-law, Amon W. (Sherry) Grisham; sister-in-law, Robin Little; nephews, Christopher and Matthew Little; friends, James L. (Glenda) Simmons, Bobby Simmons, David Simmons, Donna, Jerry and Pat Binkley, the Nurses at N.H.C.

Mr. Allen was retired as a MSG E8 from the U.S. Army with Army Commendation medal, Certificate of Appreciation, two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star.

Services were conducted by Rev. Jerry Smith and Rev. Carol Cavin. Interment followed in Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery.

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