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CA President, Dr. James Thomas Addresses August Board Meeting

Following the invocation by Randy Howell and Pledge by John Bass, we were addressed by Dr. James Thomas, new President of Columbia Academy. He informed us that enrollment of 576 was off from the previous year, but CA was rising to the occasion by utilizing dual enrollment where a student could earn 6 hours of college credit with classes in English, being taught by a Masters graduate from Auburn University.

The Academy is running two busses daily to Springhill to transport students and has relatively low tuition (\$5,500) for a private school. He related that he has two current opportunities facing him; one is a challenge he made to students to "love God with all your heart" by reading the entire new testament before December 13 (holidays) and he would take them out for lunch. Thinking that three or four would sign up, he was surprised when 160 students took the challenge.

Academy Hall Restoration

The other is the simple fact that Academy Hall's ten-year roof has failed and the second and third floor are in peril from numerous leaks, due to the inadequate workmanship done by the last roofing company. His plan of action is to ask

the people of Maury County to help restore this historic building, apply for a State Of Tennessee Preservation Grant and ask the CMA alumni to assist in saving this precious artifact. He assured us that even though it was not paramount to school operation, the school would "do what it takes" to keep Academy intact, even if it meant utilizing their "line of credit" as a last resort.

After Dr. Thomas thanked us for the wonderful work we have done with the Guard House and we dispensed with the minutes and Treasurers report, the board voted to donate \$2,500 from the CMAAA General Fund and \$2,500 from the Museum Fund to help with the expected \$63,000 expense for roof and dormer repair.

Drill Team/Band to be Honored

Honoring the all Drill Team and Band members as our reunion theme was moved and passed and discussion about the possibility of not being able to secure the former

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A History of CMA Part 4

by Woody Pettigrew, Class of '73

The movement to reorganize CMA began immediately after the bankruptcy of the Cunningham and Tarpley administration in April 1930. In May 1930, W.A. Howard, George E. Sloan and Hugh T. Shelton led the reorganization effort.

A stockholders meeting on May 22nd, 1930 resulted in the establishment of a new Board of Directors that elected D.M. Myers as the Superintendent of CMA and R. J. Harlan as the Business Manager. Mr. Myers and Mr. Harlan, along with Majors S.F. Howard, Thomas Fishburne, and J.B. Gracy, and Captains John A. Harris, H.C. Warren, and M. S. Cannon, were members of the previous adminis-

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50th Year Reunion Contacts for 2010

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tration that had expressed a desire to continue with the school with its reorganization. More positions were filled in July 1930 to include the hiring of E. M. Ragsdale as the School Physician, Mrs. M. S. Cannon as the Dietician, and Cecil Eskew as the Quartermaster. The school reopened with a new operating body and with the financial support of local businessmen in September 1930.

Tragedy Strikes

It did not take long for tragedy to once again strike CMA. Cadet Robert Black was fatally injured in a football game at TMI in Sweetwater Tennessee on September 26th, 1930 and died on the 28th of September.

On Thanksgiving day of that year the football field was formally dedicated as the Robert Black Memorial Field. The dedication was simple, consisting of dropping a wreath on the field from an airplane just prior to a game against the Morgan Prep School. Black Hall, one of the original buildings of Columbia Arsenal, was later named for him.

On November 24th, 1931, the school's youngest cadet John Henry Pisano, 11, died from injuries sustained from a passing automobile on November 20th when he had left campus to go to the movie theater. He was the youngest CMA cadet to die during the entire existence of the school.

Ragsdale and Batts Join CMA

In 1931 Colonels W.O. Batts and C.A. Ragsdale of Branham and Hughes Military School in Spring Hill Tennessee applied to join the faculty at CMA. Colonel Batts joined CMA as Co-Superintendent with D.M. Myers and Colonel Ragsdale joined the CMA faculty as the Principal.

Other Branham and Hughes personnel to join the CMA faculty were



W.O. Batts



C.A. Ragsdale

Captains C.N. Martin, J. D. Kimery, and C.C. Wilhoite. L.U. Ragsdale, brother of C.A. Ragsdale, also joined the faculty in 1931, coming from Tennessee Military Institute.

The administration of W.O. Batts and C.A. Ragsdale is credited with leading CMA to and through its most prosperous years, those being from the early 1930s to the early 1960s. While Colonel Batts initially led the effort as Superintendent, Colonel C.A. Ragsdale was able to stay with the school significantly longer and is generally referred to as the leader of the CMA effort during those years. He served as teacher, Principal, and President of the school until his retirement in 1962.

162 Cadets in '31-'32

There were 162 cadets at CMA for the 1931-32 school year. This number, while small, was still a solid foundation to build on for the new administration. The charge for tuition, board and uniforms for 1931 was \$850 for a full academic year. That fee would actually drop during the next few years as more cadets began coming to the school and the school was able to reduce per student costs and use the lowered cost to attract more students.

Extra Curricular Excellence

The decade of the 30s marked the beginning of many great accomplishments for the CMA Corps of Cadets. The 1931 Football team was the state champion and the

1932 team was the Southern Prep Champion. The 1932 team held every opponent scoreless except for one team that scored 7 points.

The CMA Band, by special invitation, participated in a reception for President-Elect Franklin D. Roosevelt on his visit to Muscle Shoals, Alabama on January 21, 1933. The band met him at the Sheffield Station, furnished music for the crowd, and united with the American Legion drum and bugle corps of Birmingham to lead the President-Elect's parade through the business districts.

Acclaimed Honor School

June 8th, 1935 is a significant date in the CMA history. This is the date that CMA was notified that it had been selected as an Honor Military School for the first time. The school had been striving to attain this designation for a number of years and the success of 1935 was repeated annually until the military program was dropped in 1978.

Enrollment Increases

The 1930s was also a period of significant growth and improvement for CMA. The enrollment increased each year, even during the worst years of the depression, and the number of cadets enrolled for the 1938-39 school year was more than double the amount in the 1931-32 school year.

The increase in enrollment resulted in many additions and improvements to the physical plant.

Whitthorne and Black

The old stable, one of the original 9 buildings on Columbia Arsenal, was converted to a barracks in 1931 by raising the roof and adding a second story. The barracks was named Whitthorne Hall in honor of W.C. Whitthorne whose influence was instrumental in getting the Co-

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Saturn Union Hall next year brought about suggestions of the new Community Center in Mt. Pleasant, The Nashville Embassy Suites, and the Agricultural Center. Local members will investigate these ideas further.

Woody Pettigrew brought forward a motion to transfer a old CMA band album of marches into the CD format for sale at the reunion and it was passed. The project would be undertaken by Larry Simon at a cost of up to \$1,500 and the CD's would be marketed at \$10 - \$15.

It was also decided that the current winner of the CMA / Castle Heights golf tournament would retain possession of the plaque until the following year.

Woody has arranged for the Canon and Caisson to be attached to a permanent concrete pad and he opened the museum for an hour after the meeting. The lunch was blessed and we all enjoyed chicken casserole, sliced pork, green beans and lemon cake before heading our separate ways.

Tom Hayward
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Board Members in Attendance:

Don Kimbrell '53, President
Mike Gilchrist '63, Vice-President
Robin Salze '66, Secretary
Skip Snow '55, Treasurer

Robert Anderson '44, Jack Walker '45, Bill Shaw '51, John Bass '53, Marshall Cranford '54, Randall Henderson '55, Tom Hayward '56, Tom Walbert '58, John Hubbard '59, Ron Nall '61, Wally Couch '62, Tom Colvert '65, Walker McGinnis '65, James Borum '66, Ed Tuggle '67, Ron Zimmerman '67, Bill Wade '68, Rodney Bruce Wilcox '68, Bobby Bain, '72 Randy Howell '72, Woody Pettigrew '73, Winston Elston '74, Jay Robbins '76

Band and Drill Team Members To Be Honored at August Reunion

This year's Reunion will honor those cadets that served in the CMA Band and Gold Star Drill Platoon. The theme was set by the CMAAA Board of Directors at its Fall 2009 meeting.

The Band performed not only at Sunday parades and formal occasions but was well known throughout the South traveling to New Orleans for Mardi Gras and to Memphis for Cotton Carnival parades. The Band was also featured in annual Mule Day Celebration parades in Columbia.

As with most marching bands Sousa marches dominated the programs while shouted commands coordinated synchronized movements of men and rifles at drill competitions.

The Gold Star Drill Platoon garnered first place honors in competitions with the best high school and college ROTC teams throughout the U.S. earning respect and adding luster to the school's military program.

Many band members attended college on band scholarships and drill team members formed the nucleus of a number of college ROTC drill programs.

Five to ten member "Swing Bands" contributed to YMCA gatherings at "The Hut" just down the hill from South Jackson. Several of these guitar, drum and mandolin players later made their mark with big name Rock and Roll bands.

Special recognition of cadets participating in these two activities will be made at the General Membership Meeting, Saturday, August 7 on the Columbia Academy campus.

Be sure to check the designated box on the Reunion Registration form if you participated in either of these activities.

Saturn Plant Closing Forces Reunion Move

The location of certain 2010 CMA Reunion activities this August has been moved to Cool Springs Mall just up the road in Franklin. The move was necessitated by the closing of the Saturn Plant which will no longer be available to the association.

Columbia Academy will host the Saturday morning general membership meeting on campus in Main as usual.

The Embassy Suites in Franklin has been designated "Reunion Headquarters". A single or double rate (normally \$120 to \$140) has been reduced to \$89 a night. The "cut off" date for room registration is Aug. 1. A special registration code given at a later date will allow the reduced rate.

You can call or phone Embassy Suites at: Tel: 1-615-515-5151 Fax: 1-615-515-5152

Embassy registrants will receive a free continental breakfast cooked to order.

Registration check-in will be next to the Embassy Banquet Hall and a Hospitality Suite will be designated at a later date. Look for details concerning the Reunion Golf Tournament in the Spring Bugle.

Friday evening will kick off activities with an "Attitude Adjustment Hour" beginning at 5:30 p.m. Heavy d'oeuvres will be furnished. This will take the place of the cocktail party formerly held at Graymere Country Club in Columbia.

The Embassy Grand Ball Room will host the Saturday night banquet and dance.

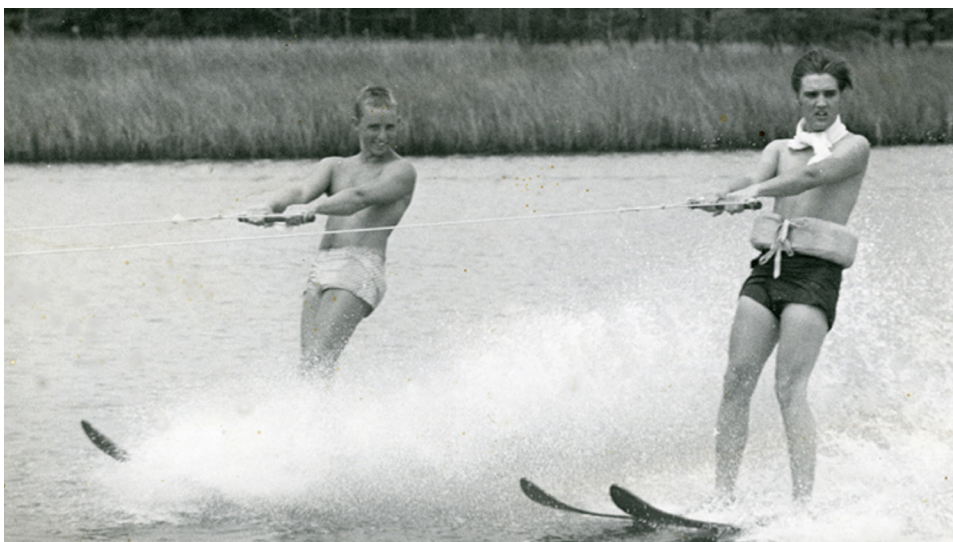
“Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes”
Odds and Ends from Here and There

Harry Balke, Class of 49 collects visored dress uniform caps from a variety of professions and was disappointed that he had not kept up with his CMA cap. Woody Pettigrew, our CMAAA Museum Chairman, after being informed, checked his inventory of uniforms and realized he had a couple of extra caps available. Harry was very appreciative and has added the CMA parade dress cap to his collection.

 John H. Bishop, Class of '52, has a new e-mail address it is: jhbishop1@gmail.com

 Courtney Wilhoite's wife, Alice, died Oct. 7th of pneumonia coupled with a couple of other complications plus advanced Alzheimer's. Courtney was in the Class of '53

 The Bugle editor, Bill Raiford, Class of '55, retired at the end of 2009 and is positioning himself to enter a career in intellectual properties. His first endeavor will be an Internet "Joke Book" (He has published four hard copy joke books to



Richard Waters, Class of '54 and the King. .Richard was working at the Gulf Hills Dude Ranch in 1957 when assigned to teach Elvis water skiing. He relates that "The King" was a fast learner and wore a tee shirt around his neck to avoid sun burn.

photo by Wally Hill



Annual Dove Hunt . . . Cadets of the 1970s gather at the Mississippi home of Jones Barksdale each year for four days of dove hunting and ??????????. Pictured (left to right) are Tex Tucker, '71; Kent Simkins, '71; Jim Ford, '71 (out of uniform); host Jones Barksdale, '71; doctor on call Dr. Bob Bain, '72; and Jim Law, '72. Not pictured but somewhere on the property is Larry Simons, '71.

date). Bill has obtained jokes from questionable venues for a number of years and hopes to sell them to finance further studies on the subject.

 The John Locke Foundation has recognized Baker A. Mitchell, Class of '58, founder of the Charter Day School of Lealand, NC, and the Columbus Charter School in Whiteville, NC for his efforts in promoting the "advancement of freedom". Mitchell accepted the "John Wil-

liam Pope Sr. Award" in early 2009 for organizing the two schools for disadvantaged students.

 Tom Fairies, Class of '57 tells us Ray Garrison, Class of '57, is still receiving his mail in Bentonville, AR. According to Tom, Ray is caring for his mother who lives in the area.

 Tom Wamsley, Class of '64 has a new e-mail address. It is: tw.wammer@gmail.com

Correction, Fall Bugle

A grave journalistic error occurred in the Fall *Bugle* due to the editor's failure to "Check Sources".

An article on Judge Tim Dwyer from Memphis misidentified the Judge as being in the CMA Class of '71. The original article appeared in a Memphis News outlet and was picked up by the Editor for reprint.

Judge Dwyer did not attend CMA. His cousin, Jack Dwyer, graduated CMA in '71. Judge Dwyer attended and graduated from Christian Brothers High School in Memphis. We apologize.

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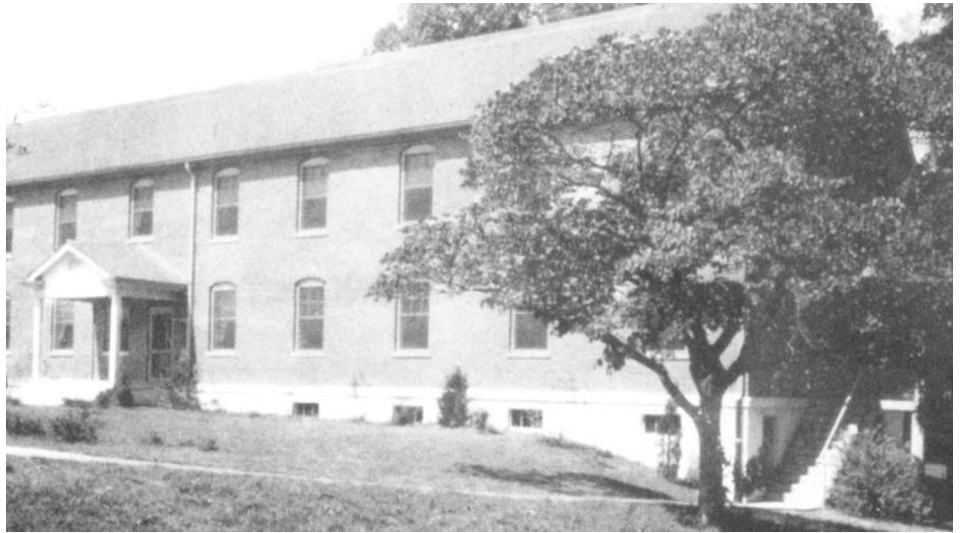
lumbia Arsenal established. Black Hall was completely remodeled and a new dormitory, Andrew Jackson Hall, was built in 1937-38.

A new dining room and kitchen were added and the kitchen was completely electrified. The library was moved to a larger quarters and new books were added yearly and a full time librarian was added to the staff. Laboratory facilities and equipment doubled to facilitate the teaching of Chemistry, Biology, Physics and General Science. A new hospital was established with a full time nurse. The driveways on the campus were hard surfaced and a new road was built. Academic standards were raised and the school’s rating in the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges was at the top.

Cadets Go to War

The success of the 1930s carried over into the 1940s. The 1941 graduating class included 82 seniors and 22 post graduates, the largest graduation class to date. CMA produced many young men that would serve their country in World War II and other conflicts. In 1942, five CMA Cadets, Bill Hartley, Richard Gaulding, Ted Thistle, David Russell and Richard Freeling, were directly commissioned as Second Lieutenants upon Graduation from CMA. Nathan Green Gordon, CMA Class of 1933, received the Medal of Honor, the Nation’s highest award, while serving in the South Pacific Theater in World War II. A total of 35 known CMA graduates gave their lives in World War II.

The decade of the 1940s resulted in additional physical plant improvements as well. The remodeling of the interiors of all the nine original buildings that was begun in the 1930s continued. The buildings



Jackson Hall

were reworked and modernized to conform to the latest methods in educational requirements and the highest standards of comfort and convenience. The new gym was built in 1941 and Andrew Johnson Hall was completed in 1947. The gym and swimming pool were the most up to date to be found anywhere; the old gym (Greers Gym) had a second floor added and became Lee Hall.

CMA continued to make itself known across the country during the decade through scholastics, sports and other activities. The CMA Rifle team of 1943 won the William Randolph Hearst Trophy – first place among all ROTC schools in the nation – during the National ROTC Rifle Match, the school’s first competition in the event. Robert Lucy (’43) was the high scorer in the na-

tion. The team won first place again in 1944.

The YMCA had its beginning in 1944 under the leadership of Major J. Keylon Moore with a membership of 35 cadets. (By 1954 that number had grown to over 250.)

Columbia Military Academy Company was changed to the Columbia Military Academy School when it was reorganized and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1949. While this change impacted the way the school was governed, there was really no impact on the Corps of Cadets and the school environment and the decade of the 1950s was a continuation of the successes of the school.

The Gold Star Drill Platoon was organized in October 1951 under the

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1943 Rifle Team Wins William Randolph Hearst Trophy

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 supervision of Major Charles T. Broyle. The Platoon won the Tennessee Championship in 1952 and was the Mid South Champion from 1954 to 1956. In 1953 the platoon went to New Orleans and participated in the Mardi Gras Festival and in 1955 the Drill Platoon performed in Tennessee Governor Clement's inaugural parade. The Gold Star Drill Platoon won the Tennessee Drill Trophy for military preparatory schools for 7 of the 9 years between 1952 and 1961.

Band Successes

The band for the 1952-53 school year, under the direction of Major L.E. Dillon, participated in two parades at the Mardi Gras Festival, one of which they had the honor of leading. They also received the title of "Outstanding Military Band of the South" during performances in Blytheville, Arkansas. The band continued its success throughout the 1950s and the 1956-57 band was asked to play for Vice-President Nixon on his campaign trip to Nashville in October 1956. The 1959 band played in inauguration ceremonies of Governor Ellington in Nashville.

Annual Publication Resumes

The spring of 1953 brought a renewed spirit to CMA with the publication of the first CMA annual since 1929. The school had gone without an annual for 24 years, relying on the School Year Catalogs and the Bugle Call publications to capture the school's activities. The name of the annual in 1929 was the Recall and the cadets decided to continue with that name for all future publications. It did not take long for the Recall to gain support and in December 1954 Cecil B. de Mille of Paramount Pictures selected Miss Betty Dixon as the CMA Senior Queen, as sponsored by the Recall.

Sports were a big part of CMA



Gold Star Drill Platoon Wins State Championship in 1952

and the success of the teams in the 1950s was impressive. The 1955-56 football team was the Mid South Conference Champion and the 1956 basketball team won the Mid South Championship as well, making that a great year for the school. The 1957 and 1958 baseball teams won the Mid South Championship. In the 1958/59 school year the football team went undefeated (9-0) averaging 33 points per game while only being scored on 4 times all season. Although there was no actual Mid South Championship in football during the year, the CMA Bulldogs were named as the "Mythical Champions". The basketball team won the Mid South Championship in Basketball in the 1958-59 and 1959-60 school years.

The decade of the 1960s began with more success for the school. The CMA Band in 1960 included over 40 members and played for

a political rally for Vice President Nixon in Nashville prior to the 1960 elections. The Rifle Team for the 1961-62 school year won First Place in the National William Randolph Hearst Match, First Place in the Unclassified National Rifle Association Match for Essentially Military Schools, won the Mid South Championship, the Twelfth Army Corps Championship and the Texas A&I Match.

Citizenship Award

The Citizenship Plaque awarded to CMA by the Columbia Civitan Club was first presented in 1961. The first awardee was Richard Oats (Class of 1961); an award was made each following year. (The original plaque with all the awardees' names included is on display in the CMA Museum.)

November 1961 was an important month for the CMA Junior

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1961-62 Rifle Team Captures Another National Championship

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 School. The Junior School vacated its quarters in the basement of Jackson Hall and the part of the gym that they had occupied for several years and moved into the new Junior School building. This was another milestone in the progressive development of CMA. The new building, erected on the south part of the campus, was modern in every respect.

The 1961-62 school year was the last for Colonel C.A. Ragsdale as President. During the Homecoming activities in October 1961, the Headquarters building was named Ragsdale Hall and dedicated to him. A portrait of Colonel Ragsdale was

presented and hung in the building during the ceremony. Col. Ragsdale officially retired on June 1st, 1962 and served as President Emeritus for the 1962-63 school year and as a member of the Board of Directors until his death in 1966. Under his leadership the cadet corps grew from 162 to over 500.

Colonel Malcolm Gilchrist became President for the 1962-63 school year. At the time of this transition the CMA enrollment exceeded 500 and the total tuition, board and uniform costs for a full school year was \$1,680.

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Col. Ragsdale and Wife Admire Portrait at 1961 Dedication

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Please forward your new address to:

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804 Athenaeum Place
Columbia, TN 38401-3156

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E-MAIL: _____

Col. Reuben C. Algood, CMA PMS & T, 1952 to 1955

Reuben Clark Algood, Lt. Colonel, ret., United States Army, aged 94, died Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at his home on Athenaeum Street in Columbia.

He was born January 15, 1915 in Winston County, Mississippi. He is survived by his wife of over fifty-five years, Alice Wright Algood; two daughters, Patricia Grace (Bruce) Junkin, of Culleoka, TN, Rebecca Clark Moon, of Columbia, three grandchildren, Jefferson (Gabriela) Junkin, of Seattle, Washington, William Clark Moon and Bennett Rebecca Moon and their father, Lawrence William Moon, of Columbia. His only brother, Harold Algood, died in 1976.

He was a 1936 graduate of Mississippi State University, where his grandson, William Moon, graduated 73 years later in 2009. His career in the military spanned from the old coast artillery to the guided missile programs of modern days. He served in the 202nd Anti-Aircraft Battalion in the South Pacific during World War II, in combat from New Guinea to the Philippines.

After WWII, he graduated from Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He served in I Corps headquarters in Korea. Other assignments included Alaska; Japan, where he commanded the 37th AAA battalion; Ft. Totten, New York, North American Air Defense Command, Missile System; and in headquarters of the Joint United States Mission for Aid to Turkey in Ankara. After retirement from the military he



Reuben Algood

served as a Veteran's Employment Representative until he retired from that office.

Col. Algood was responsible for the gift of the Athenaeum to APTA (Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities). After his retirement took great interest in the restoration, and in the actual physical labor at the site. He oversaw the whole project of restoration. Like Winston Churchill he took up brick laying and built the brick posts, designed and erected the iron fence around the property and the wall to the north, designed and restored the fountain and basin and at one time served as Chairman of the Board.

He was a member of the American Legion for over sixty years.

He was buried in Friendship Cemetery, adjacent to Friendship Baptist Church in the Culleoka, Community where he was a member for a number of years. Military honors at grave side were provided by Herbert Griffin American Legion Post #19.

Active pallbearers are his grandsons, Jefferson Junkin and William Moon, his nephews, Terrell Algood, Jackson Mississippi; Tonny Algood, Mobile, Alabama; Richard Algood, Paducah, Kentucky; David Algood, of Franklin, Parker Smith Wright of Peachtree City, Georgia; and cousin, James Algood of Columbia.

Honorary Pallbearers include John Edward Hilboldt of Washington D.C., James Borum of Columbia, Richard Quin of Nashville, Dennis Beavers of Blountsville, Alabama, Jack Craig of Columbia, and Goodman Craig of Mobile, Alabama.

Memorials may be made to Zion Christian Academy, 6901 Zion Road, Columbia 38401, French Camp, One Fine Place, French Camp MS 39745, or Chamberlain-Hunt Military Academy, 124 McComb Avenue, Port Gibson, Mississippi 39150.

Malcolm Glenn West, Former CMA Trustee

Malcolm Glenn West, Sr., age 71, well-known Columbia, TN businessman, died Sunday, November 29, 2009 at his residence on Dark's Mill Road.

Born in Maury County, he was a graduate of West End High School in Nashville and attended David Lipscomb College and Middle Tennessee State University.

As a young man, he began work with his father's company, M.C. West Construction Company. In the early 1980s he assumed ownership of the company.

Actively involved in the construction and allied industries, he served as President of the Crushed Stone Assn., President of Tennessee Road Builders Assn., President of Tennessee Asphalt Pavement Assn., and was a member of the American Road Builders Assn. Local civic activities included membership in the Noon Rotary Club and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Columbia Military Academy.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Lightfoot West; daughters, Elizabeth (Ken) Crouch and Joanna (Kevin) Dransfield; son, Malcolm G. "Butch" (Julia) West; grandchildren, Evin Dransfield, Sarah Crouch, Carter West, Campbell West, Katie Dransfield, and Lawson Crouch, all of Columbia; a sister, Lou Etta West Toler of San Jose, CA; and a niece, Jennifer Taillie Alvarez of San Jose, CA.



Malcolm West

Willis Burton Daimwood, Former CMA Instructor

Willis Burton Daimwood, 80, gospel minister, farmer, retired educator, and resident of Hilltop Drive, died May 23 at Maury Regional Medical Center.

Born Sept. 7, 1928, in Maury County, he was the son of the late Henry and Sara Hardison Daimwood.



Willis Daimwood

A 1946 graduate of Columbia Central High School, he earned a B.A. Degree from David Lipscomb College and an M.S. Degree from Vanderbilt University.

During the Korean War, he served in the U. S. Air Force as a Ground Control Approach Operator. His working career included a wide-range of experiences and fields, beginning as a radio announcer in Nashville. He later pursued a path in the field of education. This journey began as a speech pathologist for the Maury County School System, later spending a number of years as an instructor at Columbia Military Academy. His education career culminated after serving as guidance counselor at Culleoka, Mt. Pleasant, Whitthorne, and Central.

Besides education, he had a life-long passion for both farming and preaching, continuing with both specialties until his last days. For 60 years, he was a devoted gospel preacher, serving the past 40 of those years as minister for the Ephesus Church of Christ. Mr. Daimwood also served as a deacon of Graymere Church of Christ for a number of years.

Active in civic and community affairs, he was a former member of the Columbia Civitan Club, serving as President and Valley District Lt. Governor; the original Maury County Horsemen's Association, serving as Show Chairman and President; Sons of Confederate Veterans; and the Civil Air Patrol.

Mr. Daimwood was a Boy Scout Master and received the Long Rifle Award from the Middle Tennessee Council.

He was awarded the George Washington Honor Medal from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, given to individuals who have made an impact with a dynamic address that promotes engaged citizenship and the "American Way of Life."

Besides love of his family, a few of his many other interests included aviation, livestock, collector cars and tractors, genealogy, photography, history, and agriculture. While physical limitations made his life a little bumpier than others, his ability to never complain or even vent about life's frustrations coupled with his "can do" spirit will forever serve as an inspiration to his family.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Rebecca Gregory Daimwood of Columbia; daughter, Dawn (Kenneth) Stewart of Columbia; son, Gregory Daimwood of Columbia; grandchildren, Laura (Josh) Watson of Murfreesboro and Burton Stewart of Columbia; great-grandchildren, Baker Watson and Caleb Burton Watson of Murfreesboro; sister, Fay Daimwood Stokes of Dickson; sisters-in-law, Betty Turner and Sadie Billingsly, both of Nashville, and Will Neil (Exum) Watts of Murfreesboro; and many nieces and nephews.

SILVER TAPS

Winston G. Walker, Class of '45

Winston Guerd Walker, age 84 of Fort Walton Beach, passed away at his home on Oct. 29, 2009 after a brief illness.

He attended Columbia Military Academy and graduated with top honors from West Point, class of 1949.

Winston served in the Korean War, was Billy Bowlegs 1965-66, served as Fort Walton Beach City Council Member 1957-1958, and was Fort Walton Beach City Manager. He was 32nd Degree Mason, and retired as CEO of Ready Bank (currently Vanguard Bank). He was a lifelong member of St. Simons-on-the-Sound Episcopal Church and active member of numerous other Fort Walton Beach charitable activities.

Survivors include Edith Ann Walker Press and her husband, Michael C. Press.

The family would like to extend an extra special thanks to all of Winston's friends for their continual support and many kindnesses.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that charitable contributions be made in Memory of Winston G. Walker to St. Simons-on-the-Sound Episcopal Church, 28 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach or a charity of your choice.

John S. Cannon, Class of '52

John S. Cannon, Class of '52 John S. "Jack" Cannon was born on April 18, 1933 to Watkins Cannon and Emily Peete, and passed away on December 26, 2009. Mr. Cannon worked for Sears in trucking for 40 years. He attended Christian Brothers High School and graduated from Columbia Military Academy in Co-

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SILVER TAPS

lumbia, TN. He attended Memphis State University and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity.

He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. Mr. Cannon was a member of the White Station Optimist Club, holding several offices in both the local and state organization, and he was also an active member of Mullins United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Jane E. Cannon; two daughters, Beth Babb (Greg) of Bartlett and Amy Wickley of Kansas; his brother, Deveraux Cannon of Bartlett; two grandchildren, Britt Clowdus (John) and Michael Wickley; one great granddaughter, Scout Clowdus; 25 loving and caring nieces and nephews; and his caring Mother-in-law, Mary Jane Melton.

R.V. "Butch" Gilmer Jr., Class of '65

Reginald V. (Butch) Gilmer, Jr. died November 15.

He served in the USAF in Viet Nam and Korea and later his son Andy served with CMA graduate, Jim Borum Jr., Class of '66 in Iraq.

Butch always wanted to be remembered as a loving and caring father to his three children and a good provider for his beautiful wife. We will always remember Butch for his quick wit, warm smile and his love for life and the Lord.

He leaves behind his wife, Jane; sons, Andy and Chad; daughter, Kelly; a beautiful granddaughter, Taylor; and his sister, Sharon. He will be missed but never forgotten. It would be remiss not to let him have one more "Go Vols" for this favorite team, the University of Tennessee. Funeral Services were held at Valley of the Sun Mortuary, Chandler, AZ.

Phillip Terry Thomas, Class of '66

Phillip Terry "PT" Thomas, Class of '66, passed away Saturday, December 12, at his home in Glen Saint Mary, FL with his loving wife, Alicia, by his side.

He was born June 20, 1948 in Humphries Memorial Hospital in Fernandina, FL, the son of James Madison Thomas and the late Ann Walters Thomas. He grew up in Callahan and attended Callahan High School. After graduating CMA he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during the Vietnam War. Upon his discharge, he returned home to Fernandina Beach.

He worked for a time as an Air Traffic Controller at the FAA Center in Hilliard, Fl. and later moved to Baldwin Park, CA. to work for the Baldwin Park Police Department. He became a Police Training Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department and trained many of their finest officers. He retired as a Detective Supervisor after over 25 years of service.

Upon his retirement, he and his wife returned to Florida and were surrounded by a family of sisters and brothers-in-law, nephews and nieces and cousins and a Mother and Father whose love for him brought him such happiness and joy. He was blessed to be showered with such love. All of the family had a hand in building his new life as well as his new home in Glen Saint Mary.

He was so proud to be able to build his house under the supervision of his father, veteran contractor Jim Thomas, with the help of cousin John



Phillip Thomas

Wayne Thomas, friend Bernard Head, nephew Jeff Hartman and his best friend Dorian Jones. His mother, sisters and wife were all recruited to help build his home with hard work, determination but most importantly love and a sense of family that Terry appreciated so much.

He was the Code Enforcement Officer for Baker County Florida. "PT's" dedication to his job never wavered. He always looked forward to returning to work when he was able, and truly appreciated the concern shown to him by his co-workers and many Baker County friends.

His love of gardening and animals are evident, and his dream to have acres of land, peace and quiet, and a simple life after retiring from LAPD became a reality for both Terry and his wife. He was an angel that will be missed by every one whose life he touched.

He leaves behind his wife, Alicia Cabrera-Thomas, his beloved father, James M. "Jim" Thomas, his three wonderful sisters and their husbands, Linda and Fred Armstrong; Brenda and James Wall; Beth and Larry McDonald; his sons, Chris, Paul, Jason, Corey, Mark and Geoff; and his daughters Krystal and Cassandra.

Robin A. Zimmerman, Class of '67

Robin Austin Zimmerman of Huntsville died September 26.

He graduated from Columbia Military Academy in 1967. He then went into the U.S. Air Force. He served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1972. He attended college at Peabody College and graduated with an A.A. degree from Motlow State Community College, and a B.S.

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degree from Oakwood University in Huntsville.

He began his career as a radio sales account representative and eventually became an account executive manager with numerous large radio companies in the Southeast. Towards the end of his career he took a job with the state of Alabama.

For the past few years he had not been in good health and was believed to have been heavily affected by Agent Orange exposure while in Vietnam.

He was a member of the Elks Club and the American Legion. He sat on the board of directors of Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association.

He loved music and played the trumpet while at CMA. He was also the school's drum major. He loved reading and discussing history and political issues. He loved to fish and had a special place, Byrd Springs, where he enjoyed fishing with friends. He was a very social person and enjoyed doing things and considered many friends family valuing their friendship.

Robin was a wonderful and caring father and grandfather. He tried to make sure his daughter never wanted for anything and cared deeply for his new granddaughter.

Survivors include one daughter, Estacy Zimmerman Robinson of North Carolina; granddaughter, River Isabella Robinson of North Carolina; sister and brother-in-law, Rachel and Buddy Carson of Winchester, TN.; three nephews and their wives, David and Linda Carson, Wade and Emily Carson, all of Winchester, and Steve and Jessica Carson of Murfreesboro.

Rob shared a particular viewpoint on the world and a set of

values instilled in only the very finest people. He loved CMA and the Alumni Association and was a very active board member, always willing to help where he could. He was the type of guy that fellow 'bellhops' wanted to be around at reunions, always pleasant and fun.

I will never forget his smiling face as he worked the sign in room at our reunions and as he drank a cool draught at Legends after his duties were done. Rob loved beautiful women and enjoyed life and his friends (including his dog "Harley" and my dog "Sugar"). What else is there? "

I both miss and loved Rob as only a good friend could. I can only hope that when my time comes there will be someone to say as much about me, B. F. Gay, CMA Class of '64.

C. Nicks Williams, Class of '70

C. Nicks "Nicky" Williams, 57, of Charlotte, NC, beloved husband, father, brother, son, and friend died unexpectedly November 3.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Davis Williams and his three adored sons, Walker, Ross and Davis of Charlotte; four brothers, John O. Williams, III and his wife KayKay, Lee Williams and his wife, Pam, David Williams and his wife, Theresa, and Tommy Williams and his wife, Kim, all of Tennessee; in-laws, Claude and Bobbie Davis; brothers-in-law, Claude Davis Jr. and his wife, Kathie and John Davis; sisters-in-law, Catherine Williams and her husband, Keith, and Rebecca Pressly and her husband, George. He was also the 'best uncle' to twenty-one nieces and nephews and nine great nieces

and nephews'

Continuing his education after CMA, he graduated Vanderbilt University, Harvard University and the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University in Birmingham, AL. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity at Vanderbilt University and very active in alumni relations of his chapter. He recently helped organize the 150th celebration of the Vanderbilt chapter of the fraternity.

Mr. Williams was currently serving as an Assistant US Attorney in the Western District of North Carolina. This was a job he loved dearly and he leaves behind many cherished friendships..

James William Foster, Class of '74

James William "JW" Foster, 53, pilot for Paragon Air Freight, died Sunday, November 8, at his residence on Kippford Pond Road, Columbia, TN.

Burial was at McCains Cemetery with military honors provided by Herbert Griffin American Legion Post 19.

The family requests memorials be made to Columbia Academy, 1101 West 7th St., Columbia, Tennessee 38401.

A Charleston, WV native, he was the son of Mary Margaret Erwin Lovell and Monroe Lovell of Columbia..

Following graduation from CMA he entered the United States Navy and served until 1979. Mr.

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Foster was a commercial air pilot, flight engineer and flight instructor.

Survivors in addition to his parents are one brother, Alan (Marylee) Erwin Foster of Brentwood; niece, Marsha Foster; and nephew, Michael Foster.

Tracy Shawn Landry, Class of '79

Tracy Shawn Landry, 48, former employee of Cytec Corporation and resident of North Bigby Drive, died October 1 at Alvin C. York Medical Center in Murfreesboro.



Tracy Landry

Grave side services were at Rose Hill Cemetery with Wade Turner officiating. Military honors were provided by the U. S. Navy Honor Guard.

Notes of sympathy may be sent to: www.oakesandnichols.com.

The Maury County native was a 1979 graduate of Columbia Military Academy where he excelled in sports. He was quarterback for the CMA Bulldogs football team

and member of the baseball team and an inductee in the Pop Warner Football Hall of Fame.

Following graduation from CMA, he attended Middle Tennessee State University. After enlisting in the U. S. Navy he was assigned to submarine duty during the Persian Gulf War.

He was baptized into the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his daughter, Kacey Landry; his mother, Nancy Pruitt Landry; sister, Shannon (Bill) Doelle, all of Columbia; niece and nephews, Delaney Allen, Dustin Harrington, and Cory Harrington; aunts, June King, Mary Runions of Columbia and Mildred "Midget" Turner of Harrogate; several other aunts and uncles in Louisiana; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, William Paul "Bill" Landry.

Active pallbearers are Dustin Harrington, Brandon Sprouse, Jason Sprouse, Jackie Sprouse, Mark Runions, and Bill Doelle. Honorary pallbearers include employees of Cytec Corporation, Billy Pruitt, Clint Watkins, and Raymond Senat.

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