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## From the President



Cadets – Well Christmas is upon us again. It seems like only yesterday we were starting a new year. I guess as we get older time flies a little faster. It is so unlike the long days we endured between Thanksgiving and Christmas at CMA -- as the old cadence went -- “Hark the Herald Angels shout; 25 or 30 more days and we’ll be out”. As my home was in California at the time, I also remember the long rides to the Nashville Airport in the old station wagons hoping they wouldn’t break down on the way.

I want to mention that once again the Columbia Academy Football Team had another great year making it all the way to the Class 1A Semi-finals. Many of the student athletes garnered state recognition as well.

As Christmas is the time to give and remember I want to encourage that we remember our association and to pay our dues so that the benefits of the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association can be enjoyed by all. There is more on this subject later in this issue and in the minutes of our Fall Board Meeting.

Speaking of the Fall Board Meeting, I want to report that I have started to go through the pictures from Orman’s Photo Shop. I have found a couple of class composites, one being the Class of

1967. As this is one of the 50 year classes for the upcoming reunion, I will plan to have that composite at our Grand Reunion in August. I’m still looking for the 1966 Class Composite and will plan to have it at the Grand Reunion also. I will continue to go through the boxes of pictures. I hope to eventually have the pictures sorted by year and I will keep reporting on my progress in future editions of the Bugle.

I reported on our Grand Reunion at the Board Meeting and let everyone know that the Marriott is being totally redone. It will be completed early next year. This will definitely enhance our reunion. We should be able to make reservations now. If you can make your reservations early and be sure you identify that you will be attending the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association Reunion to get the special rate with breakfast included.

The CMA Memorial was also discussed at our board meeting. We decided to update the memorial using Hunt Memorial who did the original. I look forward to it being completed for our Grand Reunion and being able to continue to recognize many of our distinguish alumni and friends of Columbia Military Academy as we have done in the past.

As the year comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for your support to our association over the last year. I hope that you and your families have the best of holidays and a great new year. -- Mike

Mike Gilchrist  
Class of 1963  
CMAAA President

## CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting October 17th, 2015 Columbia Academy

### Attendees

Mike Gilchrist-President ‘63, Robin Salze-Vice President ‘66, Randy Howell-Secretary ‘72, Becky Moon-Treasurer ‘75, John Bass ‘53, Don Kimbrell ‘53, Courtney Wilhoite ‘53, Marshall Cranford ‘54, Tom Walbert ‘58, Ron Nall ‘61, Wally Couch ‘62, Jim Madison ‘62, Charles Field ‘63, Don Noffsinger ‘63, Harold Smith ‘63, Bill Wade ‘68, Howard Keltner ‘69, Bobby Bain ‘72, Jim Pennington ‘72, Woody Pettigrew ‘73, Winston Elston ‘74, Sandra Hasler ‘74, Van McMinn ‘76, Jay Robins ‘76, Allison Ward ‘78, Shayne Harris ‘78, and Greg Miller ‘80.

## Meeting Minutes

The fall meeting of the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association was called to order by President Mike Gilchrist (‘63). John Bass (‘53) led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation, given by Don Kimbrell (‘53).

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from the March 28, 2015 Board meeting, as published in the Summer 2015 *Bugle*.

The Treasurer’s report was presented by Becky Moon (‘75). The current balance in the general fund is \$27,820.82. Association expenses to date show a

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negative cash flow with expenses exceeding income. In regards to the *Bugle* cost, there are 2313 names on our current master list, which is the largest number ever on the database. Of those, 524 are listed as deceased and 425 are lost. Approximately half of the lost 425 could be assumed to be deceased. There are 8 foreign addresses. 121 people currently receive the *Bugle* through email, while 1,235 are receiving a hard copy. Of the current alumni, only 252 have paid their dues. Woody Pettigrew ('73) provided the financial statement for the museum. The current cash on hand for the museum fund is \$20,607. The museum has a budgeted income of \$11,394, which includes pledges and sales of items such as Christmas ornaments. Budgeted expenses through the end of the lease period are \$17,963. This would leave the Museum Account with a balance of approximately \$14,000 available for an extension of the lease at the conclusion of the current lease in 2022.

Woody pointed out that considerable funds were saved when Marshall Cranford ('54) did some restoration work on the cannon and caisson, including woodwork and repainting. This is the first work done on the cannon and caisson since they were recovered and restored in 2008.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept both financial statements.

### CA President Welcome

Dr. James Thomas welcomed the association to the campus and reported the following information:

(1) CA's enrollment for the 2015-16 school year is at a record high of 948 students for K-12, including 98 students at the Spring Hill campus.

(2) The Moore Hall project has been completed, including the demolition of the building and the paving of the new parking lot.

(3) Dr. Thomas encouraged participation in the CMA endowment. Those funds are entirely separate and would only be used for previously stated restorations and repairs of the original CMA buildings and CMAAA materials (CMA Memorial, Flag Pole).

(4) CA recently had to have \$10,000 of work done to the roof on Main

Building.

(5) There have been some paving enhancements on the campus, providing nicer looking, safer roads that will also handle the added traffic expectations.

(6) The old infirmary is now the CA band room.

(7) Dr. Thomas spoke about the All-In Campaign; a fundraiser involving CA staff and parents, with a goal of meeting additional financial needs for the school.

(8) The football team had a very good season and is currently going into the third week of the playoffs.

(9) The school is facing a need for changes in the available space for classrooms. Two options are currently being considered. One would be to renovate the armory area and put classrooms in. The other option is to build another facility on campus, which would include a cafeteria and a stage for performances, plays and other events. This would allow for renovation of the current cafeteria in Main as classrooms.

(10) Dr. Thomas stated that an armed security guard has been added to the campus this year.

A question was asked regarding students living on campus. The only students living on campus are the children of faculty that are in campus housing.

John Bass said that alumni can participate in the All-In Program. By registering at Publix or Kroger and obtaining a scan card, individual purchases will provide funds to CA.

### Old Business

Mike Gilchrist informed the Board there are 14 boxes of photos and negatives from Orman's. Mike has made it through two of the boxes so far and he would like to get all of the negatives sorted, by year, in time for the next reunion. He is focusing on the classes that will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> in 2016. Mike also pointed out that the association recouped approximately \$2,500 of the \$5,000 it paid for the negatives at the last reunion. David White will still be the likely resource for having photos printed. Mike will also ask David to do the photos for the 2016 reunion.

Woody Pettigrew reported that the association is currently spending \$1,644 per quarter (\$6,576 per year) for printing and distribution of the *Bugle*; that quarterly amount being doubled for one mailing in the reunion year. As per the

Board's agreement at the spring Board meeting, a decision on how to go forward with *Bugle* publication and distribution was to be made at the October meeting. Several options for reducing costs were discussed:

(1) Only do one hard copy mailing per year to everyone on the mailing list. This would reduce the annual costs to approximately \$1,645.

(2) Provide the *Bugle* only in an electronic format; this would result in no costs.

(3) Increase dues by \$5.00 a year to help offset the cost of the *Bugle*. This would not reduce cost but would increase Association revenue.

(4) Only provide the hard copy of the *Bugle* to those alumni that are paid up in their dues. That would reduce cost to approximately \$500 per quarter (\$2,000 a year).

The minimum order, per the printer, must be at least 100 copies. The current cost per copy is \$1.32. If the order is reduced to 100 copies, the per-copy price would increase to \$2.63. Any order number over 100 can be made, with the cost per copy adjusting accordingly.

After much discussion regarding each of these scenarios, the motion was made, seconded and passed that a hard copy be mailed only to those who (1) are current with their dues, and (2) desire to receive the hard copy. This process will begin with the first *Bugle* of 2017. The *Bugle* will continue to be provided to all alumni on the master mailing list through December 2016.

Robin Salze ('66) opened discussion regarding the Hall of Honor. Robin pointed out that there is no requirement to induct individuals into the Hall of Honor each reunion. He also pointed out that the members of the Hall of Honor selection committee are known only to the Association President. The Board discussed whether or not there is a need to continue pursuit of new Hall of Honor members. The consensus was that there are still graduates who are currently making their place in history and who at some point would be worthy of induction into the Hall of Honor. It was also pointed out there may be others whose full story is not known that may come to light at some point. The motion was made, seconded and passed to continue the current Hall of Honor

process.

Woody Pettigrew opened discussion regarding the CMA memorial and the need to add space to it if additional Hall of Honor inductees' names are to be added to the memorial. Woody presented a proposal submitted by Hunt Memorials, the developers of the CMA Memorial. This proposal, which has received tentative approval from CA President James Thomas, is to add two additional columns to the current memorial at a cost of \$2,750 per column. A drawing was presented to demonstrate how the new columns would appear and Woody pointed out that an additional 16 years of inductees (8 reunions) plus other items could be added to the memorial. Alternate bids for the work are possible but the current vendor provides assurance of the material and printing matching the current structure. Woody also recommended, after discussing the options to pay for the additions, that the additions be funded by the Museum account. As the General Fund begins to see a positive cash flow with the changes to the *Bugle* publication, the Board will address repaying the Museum Fund from the General Fund. After discussion, the motion was made, seconded and approved to go with the current vendor and add the two columns according to the Hunt Memorials proposal. (The CA Facilities Board subsequently approved the proposal on 12 November.) Woody expressed his thanks for the passion and level of discussion that took place in the e-mails when he sent the Hunt Memorials proposal to the board members in advance of the meeting.

Woody Pettigrew asked that we recognize Greg Thompson ('72) for his work in making ink pens from the wood reclaimed from Moore Hall. The profit for the association from this effort was approximately \$1,600. The board thanked Greg for the time he spent, the money he invested and the beautiful work he did on these ink pens. Greg also displayed two pens to be given to Sandra Hart and A.C. Howell using wood from the baseboards of their apartments in Moore Hall. Bill Wade ('68) purchased one of the pens to present to CA President James Thomas for his continued support of the CMA Alumni Association.

Mike Gilchrist stated the planning for next year's reunion is going very well. Mike recently went to the Marriott and met with the event planner. The Marriott is being completely remodeled and the convention area where our reunion will be held looks really good. All of the rooms in the hotel are also being remodeled with a completion target date of December 1, 2015. Mike asked the Board to approve having the heavy hors d'oeuvres which were served at the previous Friday night gathering of the reunion. Motion was made, seconded and approved to have the hors d'oeuvres again in 2016. The Marriott is also checking into the possibility of adding a bar to our gathering room.

#### New Business

Mike Gilchrist was approached by CA staff regarding a set of Christmas ornaments that CA had produced with Academy Hall and wanted to make sure the CMAAA was aware those ornaments are available if any CMA alumni are interested. These new ornaments have Columbia Academy on them rather than CMA. Alumni can contact Christy in the CA front office if interested.

The Board discussed which groups had been previously recognized during the CMA Reunions and which group it would like to recognize at the 2016 reunion. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to recognize the Battalion Commanders and Battalion Executive Officers.

Woody Pettigrew gave a report on the annual Castle Heights golf tournament. Unfortunately, after seven holes of magnificent play by the CMA team, the tournament was cancelled due to heavy rains. CMA definitely would have won the tournament if not for the rain.

Bill Wade mentioned that there may need to be changes to the CMAAA Golf tournament. The Board will address at the Spring 2016 meeting.

Becky Moon asked that we remember, in our prayers, those who are no longer with us, especially board member Ed Tuggle and his many contributions to our association.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.



#### Cannon and Caisson Work

Marshall Cranford ('54, PG '55) spent two days in October repairing and painting the CMA Cannon and Caisson. This is the first work done on them since our initial restoration in 2008. Great work by him.

#### Submit Your Story for Inclusion in a Future Edition of the *Bugle*

This is the fourth edition of the *Bugle* that incorporates a suggestion that was made during the last reunion to make a collection of our alumni's favorite stories from when they were at CMA. The stories that are told during the CMA Reunions are priceless and should be shared throughout the Alumni Association. There are great stories that are the kind of things that alumni enjoy reading in the *Bugle*. These stories will be run in the *Bugle* and, depending on the number of stories received, may be consolidated and bound as a "Collection of CMA Memories". All alumni are encouraged to provide their favorite memory/story from CMA to be included in this collection. The memory/story can be whatever length is necessary. This section is another way for CMA alumni to share experiences through the *Bugle*. If you have a memory/story you would like to share with other alumni please submit it to Woody Pettigrew at the below snail mail address or you can e-mail it to [wpettigrew@knology.net](mailto:wpettigrew@knology.net).

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#### 2016 CMAAA Grand Reunion

**If you have not already made plans for the 2016 Grand Reunion, do so now. We will be gathering at the Marriot—Cool Springs near Franklin, Tennessee the weekend of 4-7 August 2016. Ink it in your calendar and make time to visit with your fellow CMA alumni.**

## Update to CMA Memorial

The CMAAA Board of Directors voted during the October 2015 board meeting to present a proposal to Columbia Academy to add two additional pillars to the CMA Memorial. This addition to the memorial will allow for the inclusion of additional information on CMA on the front of the memorial and the inclusion of additional inductees to the CMA Hall of Honor on the back of the memorial. The proposed update, shown on this page, was developed by the original developers of the memorial and will be made of the same material and with the same look as the existing memorial. This rendering shows the additional Hall of Honor names on the front of the memorial...those names will actually be included on the back of the pillars with the additional information on CMA included on the front.



## Sterling Seabrook Trophy



As you may recall, this picture of the Sterling Seabrook Trophy, recently presented to the CMA Museum, was included in the Spring 2015 edition of the *Bugle* along with a short write-up that identified the winners of the trophy. The article noted that D Company was the Best Drilled Company in the 1950-51 school year. Eugene C. (Bucky) Bloom, Class of 1951, was the A Company Commander during the 1950-51 school year and he recalls that A Company was the Best Drilled Company that year, even recalling the final parade of the year when the winner was announced and the Best Company ribbon was placed on the A Company guidon during the parade. He does not know how the trophy got engraved the way it did but he is sure that it is incorrect. Bucky says that after 63 years it probably doesn't make a whole lot of difference but he does want to set the record straight for all those fine young men he had the honor of leading in 1950-51.

## Army Museum and Registry

The Army Historical Foundation is going to build the U.S. Army Museum at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Although there are several Army museums at various locations, there is not one museum that covers the Army's history and mission since its founding in 1775. The Army Museum will change that. The Foundation is currently recruiting sponsors and it is happy to accept donations from any source. If you wish to support this effort with a donation, go to [armyhitory.org](http://armyhitory.org). However, one does not have to donate one penny to be recognized by the Army Museum. If you ever served in the Army you are welcome to make an entry in the on-line Soldiers Registry. Once the Museum is open to visitors, the Registry will be available to visitors by means of kiosks throughout the museum. Visitors will be able to look up their friends and relatives and see what they did while in the Army. What a great opportunity for our children and grandchildren to visually see that their kinfolk were a part of the Army's past operations. Each reader of the *Bugle* that served in the Army should make an entry in the Registry. Just go to [armyhitory.org](http://armyhitory.org), select Soldiers Registry, and then select Search the Registry. Then enter the name of someone you are searching for and see if it comes up. While there, you can read the instructions for making your own entry. Entries need not be long.

If you have an award with a citation, you can enter that. Or you can enter your dates of service, dates of combat service, primary military duties, military schooling and awards. You can also enter major battles and/or campaign credits. You can also upload a photograph. Make sure you select a patch (either your combat patch if a combat veteran; otherwise the patch you wore during your service). Insignia of your grade will automatically be added, assuming you enter that information on the form. The form calls for an entry "submitted by" and "Relationship to Honoree." You can enter "self" and nothing will show in the Registry. If you are entering a friend or relative, you can show your name and relationship or just about any non-identifying phrase such as "comrade-in-arms" or "A Grateful American." Let's see if we can get all Army veterans who read the *Bugle* to enter the Registry. Remember, there is no cost involved. Anybody can make an entry for another person, so if you have information on any deceased Army veterans, you can also make entries for them. Also, don't forget to support the Army Museum Fund. (I have no official association with either the Army Historical Foundation or the Army Museum Project.) If anybody needs help, just ask. I can be reached at [phanrang3@gmail.com](mailto:phanrang3@gmail.com).

Nevin R. Williams  
CMA Class of 1952

## CMA Memories

### Great Stories from the History of CMA

My best memory of CMA and Lee Hall (my barracks) was the night before Christmas leave in December 1964. I was told that the Joneses put on a special dinner for the Lee Hall boys. Russell High and Randy Threet, fellow residents of Lee Hall, asked the Lee Hall residents to chip in for a Christmas gift, and as a matter of fact ask our parents for additional help. They told us that the Joneses had lost an infant girl and wanted a nice monument for their baby girl's grave. Russell and Randy's parents donated 48 steaks. The activities started around 5:00 PM. Mr. High and Mr. Threet were grilling steaks and the mothers were helping Mrs. Jones prepare the side dishes and desserts. The cadets were setting up the tables – their study desks – in the hallway. Dinner started at 5:30 with a prayer given by Randy. It was a great meal for 27 cadets, 6 adults and 2 of the Jones children. Mr. High asked if anybody wanted another steak. There ended up being no leftovers and I remember the adults just laughing at the huge appetites we boys had. After dinner, Russell stood up and thanked us and Randy's parents for their support and the Joneses for helping make the dinner run smoothly. He presented Mrs. Jones with a gift certificate for a monument for their deceased daughter. Coach could barely say "Thank You", he was so moved. At that same time, Bill Steele started playing Christmas music on Mrs. Jones' piano. Henry Hoss and Steve Ish had printed the words for three songs and passed out the sheets so we could sing along with Bill. It seemed like everyone sang off-tune but nobody cared. When we concluded with singing, Coach stood up and said "Thank you boys; no, I mean thank you men." He and Mrs. Jones went to their quarters. Within 10 minutes we had put back the desks and cleaned up the mess. I didn't see him again until after Christmas leave, when he again became Coach Jones that we knew and respected.

Gregory Barker, PG '65

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When I first entered Columbia Military Academy, I was a fat, lazy, observer/spectator of life. When I left, two years later, I WAS A PARTICIPANT.

I was no longer fat, lazy, but a hard, strong boy of 16. I realized right on (I was never dumb) that I HAD TO DO IT, OR PERISH. The penalties for screwing up in anything were harsh... extra detail (walking the bullring on your precious days or hours off was not fun). Always the class clown, that was quickly eliminated. Whining and sniveling was not tolerated. We had THREE THINGS TO DO: (1) STUDY HARD AND GO TO SCHOOL; (2) DRILL AND MILITARY MANEUVERS; (3) ORGANIZED OR INTRAMURAL SPORTS. No girls...only grades; no momma to tuck you in or hold your hand (only faculty or cadet officers yelling at you); and the code... no cheating, no stealing, no running away, no sluffing off, no backing down. I LOVED IT. Sure, I did my hours on the bullring with Sergeant Eschew, the blond, handsome sadist who ran us up the athletic field hills. Captain Luckett, who hated me but knew I could throw a baseball through a pine board even though I didn't know where the pine board was. "No control, Reiss. HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET ANYONE OUT? YOU THROW LIKE YOU ARE BLIND. WALK TWO, AND YOU ARE OUT OF HERE. WALK THREE, TURN IN YOUR SUIT." Pressure, I loved it. CLOSE ORDER DRILL. COMPANY FORMATIONS. MANEUVERS. School? I had a 93% grading. That gave me "room privileges" so I did not have to study in night study hall. I could relax in my room and study. I was called on to tutor in Math and Algebra. And my Latin teacher, Major Gracy, made me Room Captain (which gave me an extra day off per month). It was wonderful. I learned how to gripe, not snivel. I learned how to be aggressive, but not a bully. My only regret? I learned how to blow 4 different types of smoke rings.

James Reiss, '44

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I was a freshman at CMA in the Fall of 1962 and was a member of the band with Roy Mallady as my Company Commander and Captain Parker as the Band Director. I was quite excited to learn that we had been invited to march

in the Mardi Gras parade in February 1963. I was looking forward to my first visit to the "Big Easy" as I had been told that part of my heritage was Cajun. I do remember a very long bus ride, but once in our quaint French Quarter hotel the next order of business was to hit Bourbon Street and seek vast quantities of alcohol. I do not recall that actually being listed as things to do on our official itinerary from CMA, but some of us (and I can't recall who or how many) took off down Bourbon Street. We were in uniform and did get some strange looks from both locals and other tourists. We also got turned down at three or four places for trying to order drinks. We finally decided that if we were going to be kicked out of wherever we went that we might as well head to Pat O'Briens and get booted from the most famous of them all. As it turned out, I had to stand on a bar stool in order to be noticed by the barkeep. When he asked what he could do for me I said I would like a round of Hurricanes for me and my friends. To my surprise, he turned away and returned with our drinks. Here I am, 15 years old, standing on a barstool and getting served at Pat O'Briens. As I paid the man I recall him saying "You look mighty young but anyone who comes in here that is in the military and serves our country will always get served." Needless to say, we found our watering hole and after maybe one or two more, things got very fuzzy and hard to recall. I do not remember being caught by any authority figures or any repercussions and we all made the parade very early the next morning. But, the noise from the band was not good for the mother of all hangovers. To my knowledge, that was the last time we were invited to the Marti Gras parade. I suppose the uniforms may have been the reason we were served, but I wonder if somehow a few extra paying customers was motivation enough.

If anyone can recall more details or another version I would welcome them as my memory is like a roll of toilet paper...the closer to the end it gets, the faster it goes.

John D'Armond, '66

## “Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes” Odds and Ends

Another September means another trip to Greyton Beach, Florida for a bunch of CMA Alums. Tex Tucker ('71) once again provided accommodations, this year for 35 CMA alums, spouses, and friends, for a week of fun in the sun and good old fellowship amongst Cadets. Trips to the Red Bar, fun on the beach, a boat trip in the Gulf (with a little fishing), breakfast at Tuckered Out, a group dinner at the Purple House, and a bonfire on the beach. A fun time was had by all.



The Early Arrivers... Left to Right: Tex Tucker ('71), Jim Law ('72), Kent Simpkins ('71), Jim Ford ('71), Bill Patrick ('73) and Phil Langsdon ('71).



“And I’m wasted and I can’t find my way home.”

From the song *Can't Find My Way Home*; Blind Faith, 1969.



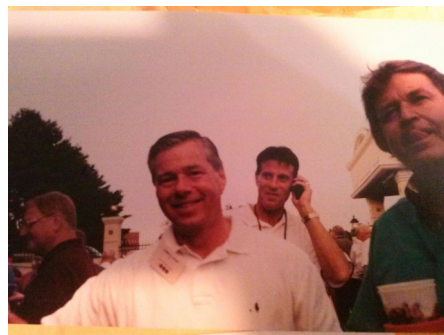
### CMA Waiter Training

Mike Glover, Class of '74, proves that time served as a CMA waiter provides a skill that can last a lifetime.

### Questions that Need Answers

Since the statute of limitations has most likely run out, here are some questions that need answers:

1. How did the culprits manage to paint the tank Gulf Oil orange the night before graduation in 1971?
2. Who broke into the Bugle Room and put "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida" on at max volume and broke a pencil off in the lock at 2:00 AM during homecoming weekend?
3. Who loaded the cannon with golf balls which knocked out all the second story windows in the Admin Building with the remainder traveling over the roof to clean out the windows of the Piggly Wiggly south of Trotwood?
4. How many rifle team members shot at least one hole in the flagpole ball?
5. And the best question so far...from the early years, which cadets took the Headmaster's buggy apart and reassembled it straddling the peak of the Administration Building roof?



### CMAAA Grand Reunion—1992

Left to Right—Mike Gilchrist ('63), the Real Jim Ford ('71), Bill Minkus ('69), Tex Tucker ('71).

Photo courtesy of Irby “Skeeter” Atkinson, Class of 1972.

## Please submit your input for Inclusion in the *Bugle*

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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## One More Year of Hard Copy Mailings of the *Bugle* to the Full CMAAA Mailing List

As mentioned in the minutes from the October Board meeting, a decision was made to continue with hard copy mailings of the *Bugle* to only the members that are paid up with their dues. The *Bugle* will continue to be available on line at the CMA Alumni Association website ([cmaaa.com](http://cmaaa.com)) and will continue to be e-mailed to those individuals on the editor's e-mail mailing list. This change will go into effect at the end of 2016. The best way to ensure you continue receiving the hard copy of the *Bugle* is to stay current in your dues payment. If you do not currently receive the e-mail version, send your e-mail address to Woody Pettigrew and he will add you to his address group for the *Bugle* and other CMA news.

## 50 Year Reunion for the Class of 1966

Robin Salze would like to ask all members of the CMA Class of 1966 to attend their 50 Year Reunion as part of the CMAAA Grand Reunion in August 2016 at the Marriott in Cool Springs, TN. He asks all members, whether you attended nine years as did his friend Jim Borum, or one year, or anything in between to feel welcome. In researching his class, there were over 200 cadets that were part of the '66 class through the years. The Reunion information will be in future editions of the *Bugle*. Mark your calendars now for August 4-7, 2016. If you were a part of the '66 class at any time, please email Robin @ [frsalze66@gmail.com](mailto:frsalze66@gmail.com). Class activities will be finalized as we move along toward the reunion.

# Then and Now

## James Reiss, Class of '44

James Reiss was having a great deal of trouble adjusting to post elementary school and his father had a co-worker whose nephew, Jeff Terrill, was at CMA and was making progress in his growing up. His mother then called CMA and the school sent the smooth-talking Captain Cannon, with his southern accent and uniform, to Detroit to overwhelm her. She was so enamored that she promised Jim's father extra rations to commit her beloved son to leave her nest. So, Jim began CMA when he was fourteen and found himself enjoying the school and the environment it provided. He enjoyed playing baseball while at CMA and was successful in the classroom. Jim only stayed at CMA for two years, leaving when he was 16 because his Dad prevailed with the war on that "no son of mine is going to end up cannon fodder." Jim credits his time at CMA as being a turning point in his life where he "grew up", both physically and mentally. Jim returned home to finish high school, graduating in January 1944. He was drafted immediately upon graduation. He was inducted in the Army, did his training and was assigned to the 106<sup>th</sup> Division. The Division deployed overseas and ended up in the Belgium Ardennes Forest on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1944. The Battle of the Bulge began on December 15<sup>th</sup> and by the 17<sup>th</sup> the entire Division was surrounded and attacked with tanks, men, lots of artillery, and a few planes. Jim suffered back, leg and foot wounds and he did not think that he could run so he, and most of his Division, became a Prisoner of War. He spent time in a POW hospital and remained a POW until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1945 (Easter Sunday) when General Patton's troops crashed through the prison gates and he was liberated with his fellow POWs. After the war, Jim returned home and began his education at the University of Michigan...a magical experience. Due to his wounds, he spent the first half year using two canes to walk to classes. By his sophomore year he was down to one, and his junior year none. He enjoyed the college experience and became an entertainer...radio, theater acting and production. He graduated in 1949 with

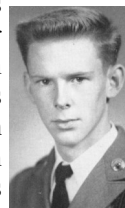


a B.A. in Speech, after attending school year-round. After college he took a job with General Motors Public Relations. He enjoyed the public relations work, and the freedoms it allowed, but with all of the fun he still realized something was missing. A changed life began for him on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1953 when he realized that what was missing in his life was God...he quit drinking, changed his lifestyle, and lost most of his friends (they did not want to hear about Christ). With his life turned around, he met and fell in love with his wife of 62 years. The "work life" for Jim was always a disappointment. He was in many types of industries and was successful at work but none of the jobs inspired him. He was not married to the job. Jim received the Chevalier dans l'ordre National De la Legion of d'Honneur (National Legion of Honor) for his distinguished service in France during World War II on February 27<sup>th</sup> 2014. Jim (now retired) and his wife Jeanne have four children and nine grandchildren.



## Wesley H. Cowley, Class of '59

Wesley (Wes) Cowley was born in Louisville, Kentucky and grew up in Vine Grove. Due to a less than illustrious first two years of high school, it was decided that Wes should enroll at CMA for the last two years of high school. His roommate his first semester was Juan Mestas Y. Alvarez from Cuba. Wes says he has often wondered what happened to Juan after the communist takeover of Cuba. His senior year he roomed in Academy Hall with Mike Tolson and Wally Banas. He played basketball on the JV team his junior year and ran cross country track both years. He also spent many happy hours walking off demerits on the quadrangle. He was on track to be an officer his senior year, but got busted early on for breaking into the old abandoned girl's school located not too far outside the main gates. Four cadets got caught by the local police and were dragged off to the hoosegow. Wes says he thinks he had more fun at CMA than he was sup-



posed to somehow. But he got a good education and foundation for college. He graduated third in the class behind Jack Yusk and Daniel Webster. Wesley attended Vanderbilt University, graduating with a degree in Philosophy and did graduate work in Sociology at Duke University. While at Vandy, he married the former Patty Neblett from Tampa, Florida. Patty and Wes had two sons, Wes Jr. and Matt, both of whom live within an hour of him in Florida now. While in school at Vandy and Duke, Wes discovered his real interests lay in the developing field of computer science. He spent the next thirty years or so designing and developing computer software. He designed and/or worked on seminal versions of software systems still in use today, such as airline reservation systems (the first reservation system for Pan American World Airways), hotel reservation systems, online banking systems and the first database software for Sperry Univac computers. The last 14 years of his career were spent consulting with airline companies, hotel companies and travel agencies, primarily developing yield management algorithms for predicting sales volumes and inventory requirements. Wes moved to Florida in 1972 with Patty and the boys. He and Patty divorced a few years later and a couple of years afterwards, he married the former Virginia Hurley of Plainfield, New Jersey. Gina and Wes have two daughters; Caroline of Austin, Texas and Jessica, who lives across the street from them in Florida. They have four grandchildren. After having grandchildren, Wes now understands why you have children. After retiring from the computer industry, Wes began selling real estate with Gina, and indulged his love of photography and art. He sold his work at art shows for several years, and has works hanging in homes and offices across the United States. Gina and Wes are members of All Saints' Church where he serves as a member of a healing prayer team and a member of the vestry, the governing board of the church. Wes says he remembers the two years at CMA fondly, the fun and fellowship with roommates and fellow cadets. The



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discipline and study habits he was forced to learn served him well in later years.

**James C. Roth, Class of '64**

James Charles (J.C.) Roth attended CMA for three years, graduating with the Class of 1964. He was on the Armory Staff all three years and was the Battalion S-4 his senior year. After he graduated from CMA, he killed the summer and on Friday the 13th of November 1964 he joined the Navy. He became an Electronics Technician (ET) and while in ET school was on a weekend pass and had an auto accident that almost killed him. He was able to stay in the Navy and was stationed on the USS Randolph CVS-15 anti-submarine aircraft carrier.



He was assigned to the SPN crew that took care of the radar associated with the landing of prop planes and some jet aircraft when the SPN radar was assigned to help them in their training of night landings. Jim says he never realized the responsibility of that job while he was in the Navy; it was thirty or forty years later that he realized how confident the pilots had to be in his ability to keep the radar working and accurate to support a landing. Jim spent four years and one month in the Navy and truly did get to see the world. He traveled with the Navy in the North Atlantic, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and the South Atlantic to Rio de Janeiro. When Jim got out of the Navy he started his career working on aircraft radios and transponders for General Aviation in Indianapolis, Indiana. He spent nine years in Indianapolis and then moved to New Mexico to become a two-way radio technician. With this job he drove all over the southeast corner of New Mexico working until the Oil Cartel adjusted the market and he had to find another job. He moved to Evansville, Indiana and spent five more years as a radio-technician. He then moved to Henderson, Kentucky working for a power generating company where he was a Senior Communications Technician. In this job he worked on everything that used electricity from 12 volts to 345 Kilo-volts...from two-way radios to microwave communications. He repaired equipment from Lou-



isville to the Mississippi river. Jim retired from that job and now lives in Bloomington, Indiana with his wife of 39 years. Jim believes that his Mother sending him to CMA was what gave him the advantage over people equally qualified with him later in life. He has had a wonderful life and CMA was his stepping off point.

**Candice (Huffstetler) Straughn, Class of '75**

Candice (Candi) Huffstetler Straughn attended CMA for six years, starting in the fall of 1969 in the seventh grade. She was a part of the first group of females that entered CMA with the 1969-1970 school year being the first year girls were admitted. She was in the Top 5 in her class for three years and was a cheerleader for two years while at CMA. She says that her time at CMA provided her with many wonderful memories that she certainly treasures. Upon graduation, she attended the University of Mississippi and received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Disorders. She got married and went to work in Winter Haven, Florida with the public school system as a Speech/Language Pathologist. She maintained that position for over 20 years. As time passed, she realized that she wanted a little change in her career, so she became certified in Special Education. She continues to hold that fulfilling position today. Over the course of the years, her life continued to change. She had two sons, Ellis, now 34 and Tyler, 30; got divorced; and now enjoys her two precious grandsons, ages 7 and 8. Candice says that as she approaches retirement, she has no intention of slowing down. She looks forward to spending her time serving her church and church school, spending valuable time with her sons, grandsons and family, and hopefully earning her certification to become an educational consultant. As she looks forward to the future, she will never forget what a tremendous effect CMA had on her life!



Thanks to everyone that has participated in the Then and Now section of the *Bugle* over the past few years. This section, along with the CMA Memories, has become a favorite part of the *Bugle*.

**23rd Psalm**

It seems that the 23rd Psalm was, on occasion, modified by CMA cadets to reflect life at CMA. Below are two renditions that were published in editions of the *Bugle Call*.

Chemistry Students' Version from the October 1941 Edition:

I have a chemistry teacher,  
I shall not pass.  
He maketh me to show my ignorance  
Before the whole class.  
He giveth me more that I can learn,  
He lowereth my grades.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of knowledge,  
I do not learn.

He fireth questions at me  
In the presence of my classmates,  
He annointeth my head with problems;  
My eye runneth over.  
Surely atoms and molecules  
Shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And I shall dwell in the Chemistry Lab  
forever.

Cadet Wiley White's Version from the May 30th, 1970 Edition:

CMA is my master, I fear to disobey;  
It maketh me walk bullring,  
It anointest my food with grease,  
It burdenth me with demerits for discipline's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the rain and snow,  
I feel no dampness;  
For my regulation raincoat and combat boots protect me.  
My commode runneth over.  
Surely bullring and Sarge will follow me all the days of my life,  
And I will dwell at CMA forever.

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## Cecil Little, Class of '50

Cecil Bruce Little passed away at home Sept. 13, 2015 at the age of 82. Cecil was raised in Hot Springs, Arkansas and finished high school at Columbia Military Academy. He attended CMAA for two years, graduating with the Class of 1950. He joined the Army in 1951 and trained as a High Speed Radio Operator before serving in the Korean War. Upon returning home from the war, he attended the University of Arkansas to study Geology. In 1955 he married Kathleen Kimbrell whom he loved and cherished for over 60 years. He worked for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Co., retiring in 1988 as Chief Geologist for Underground Storage. He was active in the Episcopal Church and the Cursillo community for 37 years as well as the local Korean War Veterans Association. Cecil spent many years on the CMAAA Board of Directors and was a faithful supporter of the association. He loved spending time with his family, playing golf, fishing, gardening and just being outdoors. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Carrie Little, and sister Dolores Powell. Surviving him is his wife, Kathleen Little; sons, Russel Scott and Terrence Bruce; daughter Pamela Munyon; and close family friend (daughter) Kim Thein; grandchild Sheila Huseman (Trevor); and two great-grandchildren, Aubrey and Greyson.



Cecil Little

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## Joe Sanderson, Class of '52

The Rev. Joe W. Sanderson, affectionately known as "Father Joe" died Monday Nov 9, 2015 at his home in Guntersville, AL. Educated at Columbia Military Academy, The University of the South, Sewanee, and Seabury Western Theological Seminary in Evanston Illinois, he was ordained to the Episcopal Priesthood in 1963. He served parishes in Minnesota, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Alabama. In Alabama, he was Rector of Trinity, Wetumpka, St. Luke's, Jacksonville, before becoming Rector of Epiphany, Guntersville where he served for 16 years. He retired in 1999 and then served as Priest in charge



Joe Sanderson

at St. Barnabas, Hartselle. He was especially involved in the healing ministry of those suffering from addiction and served as the Diocesan Recovery Commission for many years. One of most outstanding qualities, according to his former Senior Warden, was "to share with the parish Family his own spiritual growth with such good humor and honesty that we are able to be honest with ourselves." He loved life and was an avid fisherman and hunter, He tied his own flies with great skill. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Etta Agee Sanderson. He is survived by his wife Jan Sanderson, his son Marc (Amy) Sanderson, daughter Missy Sanderson, and five grandchildren.

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## Edward King Davis, Class of '58

Edward King Davis, Jr., 76, of Collier-ville, Tennessee died October 3rd, at his home. Edward was born on November 18, 1938 in Memphis, to the late Edward King Davis, Sr. and Nina Jackson Davis. He attended Columbia Military Academy for two years as a Freshman and Sophomore as part of the Class of 1958, and then attended Collier-ville schools. He served in the Army Reserve for eight years. He attended Freed-Hardeman University and graduated from the University of Memphis with his Associate and Bachelor's degrees and his Master's Degree in Health Administration. Following graduation, he was a pharmaceutical representative for many years with Ciba, Pfizer, and Abbott Laboratories. After receiving his nursing degree, he worked as Head Nurse on the psychiatric floor at Baptist Hospital, which began a long career with Baptist. He had a long career as Administrative Supervisor in the nursing office. When Baptist East Hospital was opened, he transferred there and was instrumental in that transition. He was always a "people person" and never failed to learn and remember the names of everyone he met. He was unique in every way, and his personality of love and compassion influenced many. He was a conservative Republican, a long-time member of Germantown Church of Christ, and he was an avid Bible schol-



Edward Davis

ar. He was a member of the Creation Research Society and was a sustaining member until his death. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Susan Mougey Davis; three devoted and loving daughters, Anne Elizabeth Davis Dacus, Lisa Elaine Davis Bishop (Paul), and Amber Leigh Davis Murphy (Chris); seven precious grandchildren; and his sister, Nina Davis Wright (Joe).

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## Karl Edwin Rapp, Class of '58

Karl Edwin Rapp, III of Knoxville, Tennessee passed away on Wednesday March 14th, 2012. Karl was born May 14, 1941 in Lexington, Kentucky. He attended Columbia Military Academy and graduated from Oak Ridge High School. He graduated from the University of Miami in 1964 with a degree in Public Administration and earned his MBA in Finance from Rutgers University in 1975. Karl served in the U.S. Marine Corps as Captain and F-4 Pilot from 1958-1967. Serving the United States of America throughout his life was one of Karl's proudest accomplishments. Karl had been the Acting Treasurer for Lockheed Martin Energy Systems, Inc. since 1992. Prior to, he was the Manager of Banking and Cash Management for Lockheed from 1985 to 1992. He served as the Cash Manager for Union Carbide's Nuclear Division from 1980-1985 and Branch Manager of United American Bank of Knoxville from 1967-1980. Karl has been recognized for authoring over 20 published articles for the Treasury Management Association of the South and served as a panelist and guest speaker at TMA and NACHA conferences over the years. He was recognized for his civic contributions consistently throughout his life and received several awards including the Martin Marietta Corporate Honors Award, the Union Carbide Community Service Award and the Jaycees' Distinguished Service Award. Karl was preceded in death by his parents, his step-mother, Helen Stone Rapp, and his brother, Lane Jameson Rapp. He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Jean Schiffman Rapp, and their family:



Karl Rapp

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James W. Rapp (Margaret) and their children James and Taylor; Karl E. Rapp IV; Jennifer Norris (William) and their children Afan and Walt; and Callie Pfeifer (Andrew) and their children Lucy and Macy.

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## Bill Minkus, Class of '69

Bill Minkus, Germantown, Tennessee, ageless and forever young, passed away September 25, 2015. He was born and raised in Memphis, and attended East High School through his junior high years. After that he enrolled in CMA as a Freshman in 1965 and attended for four years and graduated as a 1st Lieutenant on the Battalion Staff Bill Minkus as part of the Class of 1969. During his senior year he was honored by the Rotary Club of Columbia, Tennessee with their award to the outstanding senior who best exemplifies the spirit of Rotary "Service Above Self". Upon graduation from CMA, he attended Memphis State University where he majored in Advertising and Marketing. He was a longtime advertising executive and former Motion Picture Executive. He was approached by a Florida motion picture distribution company to serve as branch manager for the Memphis and Mid-South region. His first big breakout release was the now classic horror cult film "Halloween". With a limited amount of theatrical prints, it opened in the Mid-South region and grossed \$250,000 during its



first week of release. After that he released the first "Nightmare on Elm Street" to stellar grosses. Other films continued to follow including "Prom Night", "Teen Wolf", "Valley Girl" and many more. It was not uncommon for him to have 20-25 films playing in the Mid-South during a given year. Upon his departure from film distribution, he joined the Joe Padawer Company in Memphis working in the promotional products industry. Bill remained there as a Senior Account Manager until his untimely passing. Bill was a member of Temple Israel, Ridgeway Country Club, The Variety Club of Memphis and a past member of the Racquet Club of Memphis. He was predeceased by his father, William L. Minkus, and his mother, Virginia Minkus.

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The Silver Taps section of the *Bugle* is the hardest part of publishing the *Bugle*. However, it is important that we honor our lost alumni in this section of the *Bugle*. If you know when we lose an alumnus, please let Woody Pettigrew know so he can include the obituary in the next edition of the *Bugle*.

### *Vincit Qui Se Vincit*

We all lose friends.. we lose them in death, to distance, and over time. But even though they may be lost, hope is not. The key is to keep them in your heart, and when the time is right, you can pick up the friendship right where you left off. Even the lost find their way home, when you leave the light on. --  
*Amy Marie Walz .*

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