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## From the President



Cadets, Faculty & Friends:

What a wonderful time of the year. Thanksgiving brings an awareness of all the things we have to be thankful for. One of the many things I am thankful for is the opportunity our Association has given me to connect with my old CMA friends and develop new relationships with my older and younger CMA Brothers and Sisters. As it has been said many times, whether you were a Cadet in the 40's, 50's 60's or 70's, we all shared the same experience. Read Woody Pettigrew's list of 'Little Things I Remember'. I came to CMA in September '57 and Woody is the Class of '73, yet most of his list is exactly what would be on mine. As we approach Christmas, I think about the YMCA Candlelight Service we had before we went home for the Christmas Break. Hearing the Christmas Story and singing Christmas hymns were heartwarming and inspirational. It did not seem fair that some of the guys were not able to go home for the holidays.

On October 13<sup>th</sup> Columbia Academy held the first CMA Day. CMA Day is an idea Dr. James Thomas had to educate the CA Students about the history of CMA and allow our Association to interact with them. Please see page 10

for a summary of the day's events. Attending a football game on a Friday night on our old campus was something I thought I would never do again. Thanks to CMA Day, it happened. What an experience. Congratulations to the CA Football team. They ended the season with a 12-2 record, making it to the Class 2A State Semifinals.

At our October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board decided to honor Cadets who later became faculty members and our Valedictorians/Salutatorians. During the weeks following the meeting there was discussion as to the time required to honor both groups. There was a suggestion to honor only one group to allow more time Saturday night for fellowship & socializing. I contacted the Board of Directors and conducted an electronic meeting via email. After receiving a motion and second to honor only the Cadet/Faculty Group, I asked for a vote. The majority voted to pass the motion. If you or someone you know is part of this group, please contact Woody or me. We want to make sure we include all members of this group.

We are only months away from the 2018 Reunion. Now is the time to contact those old classmates and friends to invite them to join us in August 2018 to celebrate old friendships and old memories. Make that call now, or send that email or letter.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to One and All.

Robin

Robin Salze  
Class of 1966  
CMAAA President

## Class Get-togethers During the 2018 CMAAA Reunion

The CMAAA 2018 Reunion is quickly approaching and it is time to start making plans to spend a weekend with some old friends and share some special memories. This upcoming reunion will include a 50th Year recognition for the Classes of 1968 and 1969. We will conduct the traditional Flag Pole ceremony honoring our lost Alumni from those classes on the campus after our General Membership meeting on Saturday morning.

Additionally, there are opportunities for any and all Classes to have a special get-together during the reunion weekend...Friday afternoon before the social; Friday night after the social; Saturday afternoon after the General Membership meeting. If you would like to coordinate such an event and need to advertise in the Spring and Summer *Bugles*, let Woody Pettigrew know and it will be published in the *Bugle*.

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# CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 14 October 2017

## Attendees

Robin Salze-President (66), Randy Howell-Vice President (72), Sandra Hasler-Secretary (74), Becky Moon-Treasurer (75), Skip Snow-Assistant Treasurer (55), Don Kimbrell (53), Courtney Wilhoite (53), Marshall Cranford (54), Bill Raiford (55), Tom Walbert (58), Wally Couch (62) Bill Hart (62), Charles Field (63), Mike Gilchrist (63), Don Noffsinger (63), Harold Smith (63), Billy Akin (66), Bill Wade (68), Bobby Bain (72), Greg Thompson (72), Dudley Dolinger (73), Woody Pettigrew (73), Tricia Brown (74), Winston Elston (74), Tom Carr (75), Van McMinn (76), Jay Robins (76), Shayne Harris (78), Allison Ward (78)

## Meeting Minutes

The board meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM. Randy Howell presented the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 2017 board meeting; the motion was seconded and approved.

Becky Moon gave the financial report stating that the *Bugle* costs have significantly been reduced from \$1600 to \$330-\$340 per issue. She reported that the CMAAA had \$25,512.16 in its checking account as of 9/29/17.

Woody Pettigrew gave the CMA Museum financial report stating that the account has \$18,086.49 cash on hand. Budgeted income including pledges due, ornament sales, payback for memorial update bring the total budget to \$33,300.49. Budgeted expenses include \$6,000 for rent (Apr. 2017-Oct. 2021), Insurance, \$1,200 (Apr. 2017-Oct. 2021), and Miscellaneous, \$5,874.30; bringing the total expenses to \$13,074.30.

## Old Business

Robin Salze presented the newly revised By-Laws to the Board for any review and discussion. A motion was made to approve the revised By-Laws; the motion was seconded and approved.

Mike Gilchrist provided an update on the CMA photo /negatives report. He

stated that the boxes he found for storing the photos and negatives were 13x7x5 and we would need 100 or more of them. Mike has opted to pursue this further because the boxes were quite expensive and he wanted to bring down the cost of preserving the photos. He is talking with David White and asking for his input on boxes for safe storage of the photos and negatives and may be looking into having the photos/negatives digitalized. There was discussion of how digitalizing would actually be the best way of saving and organizing the photos we have. Charlie Field wanted to remind everyone that he has two CDs with video his father recorded between 1963-1966 of CMA and family events. He suggested that we could have the CMA footage from his two CD discs put onto a master CD. Mike said he could check with David to see if this is something he would be willing to do.

Woody stated that using photos or videos taken of CMA events would be a good way to commemorate the history of our campus by sharing this with the student body of CA during the ceremony on CMA Day either via video or slide show. A motion was made for Mike to pursue the cost of digitalizing the photos/negatives and then sending out the information to board members for approval before our next board meeting. This motion was seconded and approved.

The next topic of discussion was the Honor Flag Proposal update. This proposal was to present a honor flag specifically honoring deceased veterans and was to be sent to the state legislature for approval. It has been decided that CMAAA would not become involved but would share information that would allow the interested party to pursue this outside of the alumni association.

Robin presented suggestions for honorees at our 2018 Grand Reunion. Discussion included recognizing Valedictorians/Salutatorians and former cadets who later became instructors. A motion was made to recognize both groups. This motion was seconded and approved. *(During a subsequent polling of all Board members, it was decided to only recognize one group during the reunion for time considerations. The decision was to recognize those individuals that had been both cadets and faculty/staff members during the 2018 Reunion).*

## New Business

Woody Pettigrew expressed a need for purchasing a dehumidifier for the museum because there is mold that is becoming a persistent problem due to humidity in the building. The board agreed that he should pursue this in order to preserve memorabilia we have in the museum.

Registration for the 2018 Reunion will be in the next issue of the *Bugle*. The reunion will be August 2-5, 2018. Arrangements have been made and finalized with the Marriott for these dates.

Hiring a live band for Saturday night was presented and may be considered after details of band options and costs are disclosed. Mike Gilchrist stated that he knows of a military band which plays for free and may consider playing at our reunion, depending on their schedule. Woody Pettigrew suggested having the military/jazz band play during the reception Friday night and then having a band that would play a genre of music we could dance to Saturday night after the dinner. Everyone agreed this would be a great way to spark interest in participating in our next reunion and may possibly encourage folks to stick around after the banquet. Sandra Hasler and Tricia Brown know of two bands, one of which may be considered. A motion was made for anyone who has suggestions about bands, their cost, and when they could play, to pursue this and report back to the association by the end of November 2017 so we can make a decision prior to our next board meeting. This motion was seconded and approved.

Becky Moon presented a discussion on whether the price of registration should increase for the upcoming reunion. It was decided and a motion was made for the price of registration to remain the same. This motion was seconded and approved.

Dudley Dolinger is going to pursue information about the sporting clay shooting event for those interested in participating at our next reunion. He will relay this information to Woody when details are confirmed. Also, he would like to encourage more female participants.

Discussion concerning class group pictures was presented and a motion was made to have David White take

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group pictures Friday evening at the reception. It was noted that it worked out well last year when pictures were taken Friday night and given out Saturday at the banquet. This motion was seconded and approved.

Bill Wade made the suggestion to change the golf tournament to nine holes due to the heat, the length of time taken to fit in eighteen holes, and the decreasing numbers of participants. He stated that those who wished to continue playing eighteen holes could still have access to do so. Information will be disclosed on the upcoming registration form.

Randy Howell asked the board members about their thoughts on paying Lifetime dues (\$500) and a suggestion was made to pass on the life of the membership to a relative(s) after the death of the alumni. This would be a good way to extend the life of our association. This would involve editing the By-Laws to include a legacy membership when opting to pay Lifetime dues. A motion was made to change the wording in our By-Laws to include legacy membership and this information will be sent to Robin and the finalized addition will be approved at our next board meeting. This motion was seconded and approved.

Honorary membership to CMAAA was discussed and will be considered prior to our 2018 Reunion.

The final discussions centered around how grateful our association is to the administration of Columbia Academy for all they do to help preserve our CMA heritage. The development/dedication of the Moore Hall memorial and the success of the first CMA Day, as well as the interest shared by the students, give hope for keeping the history of our alma mater alive for years to come.

Randy Howell gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM.

### “Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes” Odds and Ends

Bill Payne, '71, (right in picture in next column) stands in front of a B-17 just prior to a flight he took on the aircraft. Bill took the flight on his 66th birthday to honor his father, First Lieutenant William A. Payne, US Army Air Corps stationed at McDill Air Field.



Bill's father first flew as a co-pilot and then as a pilot. He was only 20 years old at the time. He then served as a flight instructor for three years.



Another September, another trip to Greyton Beach. Tex Tucker, '71, once again hosted a number of CMA Alumni for a week of fun in the sun this year. A total of 25 alumni and friends made the trip this year and enjoyed the Tucker hospitality along with the Jim Law ('72) coordination. Many of the players are in the photo, along with John “Jabo” Starks, a favored Red Bar musician for the CMA crew.



Lyle Hampton enjoying his 88th birthday at Caesar's Restaurant in Tijuana, a favorite of his. Lyle was an instructor and soccer coach at CMA for eight years between 1967 and 1975. He still enjoys corresponding with CMA Cadets. Feel free to contact him at lyhamp5216@gmail.com.

## Annual Report on the CMA Endowment



As previously reported in the *Bugle*, Columbia Academy has an endowment program for the school and has set up a special endowment for CMA. This endowment will be used exclusively to provide funds to preserve and protect the legacy of Columbia Military Academy. The goal is to (1) ensure the maintenance and upkeep of the CMA Museum for perpetuity, (2) preserve and protect the original buildings of the Columbia Arsenal and other buildings that were part of Columbia Military Academy, and (3) maintain the memorials and markers across campus that are dedicated to CMA and its alumni. This endowment was established with an initial investment of \$10,000 from an anonymous Columbia Academy alumnus. That initial gift was made in honor of all CMA alumni, faculty and staff, especially those who served our country in the military, and most especially, those who gave their lives for our country.

Columbia Academy has provided the Alumni Association with the annual report for its fiscal year of June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017. Gifts totaling \$1,650 were made to the CMA Endowment during the year and \$363.63 was withdrawn for improvements and renovations on facilities original to the CMA campus. For the year, the fund had a return of 9.41% and had an ending value of \$15,511.18.

CMA Alumni and Friends are encouraged to donate to the endowment and to consider including the endowment in their estate planning. To make a donation, send a check made out to Columbia Academy and annotated as a donation for the CMA Endowment to Columbia Academy, 1101 West Seventh Street, Columbia, Tennessee 38401. All donations are tax deductible and will result in the donor receiving a receipt from Columbia Academy that can be used when filing tax returns.



**GRAND REUNION**  
**CMAAAA**  
**2018**



**Marriott**

**Reservation Process**

**Please make Reservations by 2 July**

**Via Phone (1-888-236-2427):**

1. Ask for Reservations
2. Provide arrival/departure date
3. Reference the CMAAAA to get the special rate of \$139.
4. If they ask for a code to receive the rate, it is CMA.

**Via Internet:**

1. Click this hyperlink: [Book your group rate for CMAAAA](#)
2. To get the hyperlink to work, left click on it and select Allow. This puts you at the CMA Reunion Room Registration page with the special \$139 per night rate.
4. Enter the check-in and check-out dates as well as the room information and click on Check Availability.
5. Verify the room information and rate on the next page and click Select.
6. Continue making reservations by following instructions on the next page.

**If Hyperlink does not work:**

1. Go to [www.marriott.com/bnacs](http://www.marriott.com/bnacs)
2. Fill in Stay Dates and Rooms and Guest information
3. In the Special Rates box click the down arrow and go to "Group Code" and enter CMACMAA and hit enter.
4. This will put you on the CMAAAA Page. Verify the room rate (\$139) and click Select.
5. Continue making reservations by following instructions on the next page.

**Make this Reunion the one that you will attend. Come spend time with your old classmates and share some memories.**

**Reunion Registration Form on Page 6**

Now is the time to make reservations for the 2018 CMAAAA Grand Reunion. We will be gathering at the Cool Springs Marriott the weekend of 2-5 August to celebrate CMA and visit with old friends and make new ones. This reunion marks 40 years since the elimination of the "Military" in Columbia Military Academy and 39 years since the CMA transition to Columbia Academy. What a great tribute to the Alumni Association and its members that we continue to celebrate CMA even without the benefit of still having the school around. While the campus is certainly different now than it was when we were cadets, we are fortunate to be able to visit the campus and use the facilities there to support our Reunion activities. The General Membership meeting in Old Main, the Flagpole ceremony honoring lost cadets from each reunion's designated "50 Year Reunion" classes, going to see the new Moore Hall Marker, and the opportunity to visit the CMA Museum in the old Guard House. Just walking around the campus brings back a flood of memories and makes the trip worthwhile. Be part of it in 2018.

**Former Cadets That Were Later Faculty Members to be Recognized**

This reunion's recognition group is those individuals that spent time at CMA as Cadets and then returned to CMA to serve as a member of the Faculty/Administration. This is a very small group but a very unique group that has a special perspective of the school. We know of 11 former Cadets that returned to CMA in some capacity as a member of the school faculty or administration but we need your help to identify more. If you can provide the names of individuals that were both Cadets and later members of the school faculty/administration, please let us know. We want to ensure that we recognize all of these individuals, both living and deceased.

Please send any information to Woody Pettigrew by any of the below methods:

Woody Pettigrew  
 101 Sansberry Lane  
 Madison, AL 35756

[wpettigrew@knology.net](mailto:wpettigrew@knology.net)  
 (256) 653-7303

**GRAND REUNION**  
**CMAAAA**  
**2018**

**Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, August 2**

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

**Friday, August 3**

8:00 AM: Registration in Marriott lobby until 5:30 PM  
 8:00: Golf Tournament details are being worked out. Full information in the Spring 2018 *Bugle*.  
 10:00: Sporting Clays Shooting Event, Nashville Gun Club, 1100 County Hospital Road, Nashville, TN  
 3:00: Board Meeting, Marriott Meeting Room  
 5:30 PM: Welcome Reception / Group Pictures, Marriott Meeting Room  
 Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

**Saturday, August 4**

8:00 AM: Registration in Marriott lobby until 6:00 PM  
 9:00 AM: Complimentary coffee and sweet rolls at Columbia Academy  
 9:00 AM: CMA Museum open until 2:00 PM except during CMAAAA General Membership meeting  
 10:00 AM: CMAAAA General Membership Meeting in CA Chapel  
 - Columbia Academy welcome and update  
 - Election of Board Officers  
 - Hall of Honor Inductions  
 11:00 AM: Flag Ceremony for Departed Cadets in Classes of '68 and '69  
 12:00: Deli Luncheon in CA Cafeteria  
 1:00: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings  
 6:00 PM: Reunion Banquet / Recognition Ceremony / Dance at Marriott Ball Room

**Sunday, August 5**

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

## Sporting Clays Shooting Event Set Up For Reunion



We have a returning event for this year's reunion for those interested in participating in some shooting. Dudley Dolinger ('73) has coordinated with the Nashville Gun Club to set up a Sporting Clays shooting event on Friday during the reunion for any CMA alumni and friends interested in participating. The event will start at 10:00 AM and will provide participants the opportunity to go to the gun club and go through the stations shooting at 50 sporting clays. The cost for the event is based on what equipment you bring. If you provide your own gun, ammunition, ear protection and eye protection (all required to have), the cost will be \$40 plus tax. If you need to purchase/rent any of the mentioned items, the price will increase accordingly and could make the total cost be \$75 if you needed the gun club to provide everything. All interested in registering for the shoot are asked to submit the registration form along with a \$25 deposit. Since total costs are dependent on individual needs, you should be prepared to make further payment at the gun club. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some shooting on Friday and start the reunion with a bang, so to speak. If you would like to participate please complete the registration form on page 7 and submit it to Dudley Dolinger at the address provided on the form. Feel free to contact Dudley Dolinger at 615-476-1820 or at [ddolinger@comcast.net](mailto:ddolinger@comcast.net) if you have any questions.



## Reminder to Pay your Dues to the Alumni Association

Since the Alumni Association does not send out notices telling its members to pay their dues at a specific time, the best thing to do to keep up with dues payments is to make your payment every two years in conjunction with the CMAAA Reunion. Many individuals do that and pay their dues as part of the registration for the reunion. However, even if you are not going to attend the reunion, you can use the registration form to pay your dues. With annual dues being \$25, if you set yourself up to pay in conjunction with the reunion you can pay \$50 every two years and always know when you need to pay your dues. The Reunion Registration form, page 6 of this publication, provides the opportunity to pay your dues even if you are not attending the reunion. Simple fill out the top portion of the registration form and check the box that says "I Am Unable to Attend but have enclosed my \$50.00 for the next 2 Years Dues (\$25.00 per Year)". Send in the form, along with a check for \$50 made out to CMAAA and your dues are good until the next reunion year in 2020. Dues are very important to keep the association going. Your dues support the publication of the *Bugle* Newsletter, the awarding of the CMAAA Scholarship each year, the execution of CMAAA Board of Directors meetings, Hall of Honor inscriptions on the CMA Memorial, and many other administrative costs for the association.

### Marion Wilhoite Passing

Marion Wilhoite, 76, passed away on November 15th, 2017. Marion was the son of Colonel Clyde C. and Josephine Wilhoite who were at CMA from the early 1930s until 1973. While Marion did not attend CMA, he lived on the campus with his parents for the first fourteen years of his life. His brother Courtney ('53) and his sister Susan attended CMA and many will remember Marion from his time on campus and later as the sports editor for the Columbia Daily Herald.

## Golf Scramble Again Set Up For Reunion



As in years past, there will be a scramble golf tournament on Friday morning of the reunion weekend. Bill Wade ('68) and Randy Howell ('72) are coordinating the activity this year and are currently working with a couple of courses to determine the best approach for our players. Details and registration information will be included in the Spring 2018 (March 2018) edition of the *Bugle*. For those that have played in the past, make plans to play again at this reunion. If you have not played before but enjoy playing golf, join the group at this reunion and start the weekend with a fun round of golf with your fellow CMA Alums. The scramble will be set up for Friday morning of the reunion weekend.



## MOVING?

### STAY IN TOUCH...

Please forward your new address to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



# Reunion Registration Form August 2nd - 5th, 2018 (Please Type or Print Clearly)

**Please Respond by July 15th, 2018**



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

- Count On Me to Attend the 2018 CMAAA Grand Reunion.
- I Am Unable to Attend but have enclosed my \$50.00 for the next 2 Years Dues (\$25.00 per Year)

Names of Others Accompanying me to the Reunion \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 2018 CMAAA Grand Reunion Activity Check List

Please check those activities and functions of interest to your party. In so doing, indicate the number of participants and approximate fee per activity. Please mail this completed form with a check (payable to CMA Alumni Association) for the total amount in an envelope to arrive no later than July 15th, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Moon at 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401-3156 or (931) 388-9128 or e-mail her at: [athenae@bellsouth.net](mailto:athenae@bellsouth.net)

### 2018 Reunion Honorees Former Cadets That Were Also Faculty/Staff Members

*Activities (Please Check All That Apply)*

- Grand Reunion Registration Fee **(Required)**.....(\$25.00 per Adult) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
The registration fee is required regardless of how many or few activities registrants attend. It covers the Association's costs of (1) Promoting / orchestrating the Reunion plus goods and services, (2) Entertainment, and (3) *Bugle* Newsletter expenses.
- Golf Tourney, 8:00 AM, Friday—Golf Registration Form will be provided in Spring 2018 Edition of the *Bugle*.
- Sporting Clays, 10:00 AM Friday—Complete Registration Form on page 7 and submit to Dudley Dolinger with Payment
- Welcome Reception at Marriott, 5:30—7:30 PM, Friday.....(No Additional Charge)
- Coffee and Sweet Rolls in the Mess Hall (CA Cafeteria), 9:00 AM, Saturday .....(No Additional Charge)
- CMAAA General Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM, Saturday on Campus in Columbia.....(No Additional Charge)
- Deli Luncheon in CA Cafeteria, 12:00 PM, Saturday.....(\$12.00/Person) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Reunion Banquet/Dance, 6:00 PM, Saturday.....(\$45.00/Person) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Biennial Alumni Association Dues.....(\$25.00 per Year x 2 Years = \$50.00 per Alumni) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Make Check Payable to: CMA Alumni Association**

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



## Special Note to the Classes of 1968 and 1969

For a lot of people going back to a High School reunion is something that is looked forward to and planned on. For others, reunions are something to be avoided since High School is in the past and there is no real desire to attempt to “re-live” those times. And then there is the added dimension for military schools like CMA. Some people have very good memories of their time at CMA and enjoy getting back on campus and telling tall tales with old friends while others have nothing but bad memories or thoughts about their time at CMA and do not intend to revisit the school, and all of those folks somewhere in between those two groups.

The CMA Alumni Association obviously works to keep the CMA experience alive for the alumni and to provide an environment for all CMA alumni to be able to come together and enjoy each others’ company. While the *Bugle* publication works to keep the alumni informed and in touch, the Main Event for the association is the CMA Reunion conducted every two years.

Having the reunion every two years allows those that want to get together

that often the opportunity to do so while at the same time allowing those that only want to come to one reunion or one reunion every so many years the opportunity to do that. There are a large number of alumni that do try to make it to every reunion and seem to enjoy themselves time after time. Others come every few years and still enjoy getting together with old friends and classmates. Some only make it to one reunion and let that be enough.

Every reunion includes a recognition of the two classes that are celebrating their 50th reunion during that year and the following year. Those alumni will be recognized during the banquet on Saturday night and will have the opportunity to get together as a Class during the weekend. There is also a recognition of the members of those classes that we have lost over the years during a Flag Pole Ceremony conducted on campus right after the General Membership meeting Saturday morning. The names of all of the lost members of the two classes are read out, taps is played, and an honor guard conducts a flag ceremony. This is a special part of the week-

end activities.

For the members of the Classes of 1968 and 1969, the 2018 CMA Reunion is your opportunity to celebrate your 50th Reunion with your classmates as well as other CMA alumni from the 1940s through the end of the school. Bill Wade is the coordinator for the Class of 1968 and Howard Keltner is the coordinator for the Class of 1969. Their contact information is on the first page of the *Bugle*. They are working hard to make this reunion a success for your classes; please contact them if you have any questions about the weekend’s activities and also contact them and let them know if you will be attending the reunion.

As you think about whether or not you want to attend your 50th Reunion or do something else that weekend, consider this...You can always have another weekend at the lake/river, conduct another business trip, play another round of golf, go on another fishing trip, take another vacation, or redo any other number of events BUT you will only ever have one chance to celebrate your 50th Reunion.



### Grand Reunion Sporting Clays Shooting Event

Nashville Gun Club  
1100 County Hospital Road  
Nashville, Tennessee 37218  
Friday, August 3rd, 2018  
Registration/Sign In: 10:00



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

#### Notice to Participants

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

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

# Then and Now

## Jack Burch, Class of '52

Jack Burch began CMA as a junior in the fall of 1950 and attended for two years, graduating with the Class of 1952. He was a member of A Company and lived in Jackson Hall. After graduating from CMA, he attended Auburn University (the Alabama Polytechnic Institute), graduating in 1956 with a degree in botany. While at Auburn, he earned a regular Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) scholarship and was commissioned into the regular Navy in 1956. He served three years of sea duty, primarily in the Mediterranean with the US sixth Fleet. While there, he participated in operations at Suez and later in Lebanon. He had two cruises of the Arctic Ocean in 1957 making it almost, but not quite, to the North Pole. The trips were part of an International Geophysical study as well as to resupply some far-northern Dew Line bases. Jack was asked to extend his service to teach at the US Naval Academy and did so for two years, teaching navigation and nautical astronomy. His claim to fame while at the Naval Academy was the in two years he taught two Heisman Trophy winners, Joe Bellino and Roger Staubach. Jack left active duty in 1961 and returned to Moulton, Alabama to operate the family farm. He was in the dairy and poultry business until 1987. After farming for several years, he took a job with the US Postal Service and remained until retirement in 1999. While with the Postal Service, Jack served for two years as president of the Alabama Rural Carriers. He still has friends in that organization and attends meetings when possible. Jack married Gayle Pettus in 1956, soon after both left Auburn. They recently celebrated their sixty-first wedding anniversary. They have three grown children, two boys and a girl, and six grandchildren. Needless to say, they are proud of all of them. Jack says that he remembers CMA with fondness. There were lots of friends and a lot of lessons learned. One of those lessons was how to study and it paid off in later years. He still remembers most of his CMA teachers and continues to appreciate what they did. One regret was los-



ing his room-mate, Jim Colvin from Centerville Tennessee, in a tragic accident several years ago. Jack says they had some real adventures together. Jack spends his time with several hobbies. He sees to the farm which is now an Alabama Treasure Forest, keeps up a rather large lawn, does a little gardening and some loafing. His primary pastime is making stained glass windows, which he has been doing for the last twenty five or thirty years. He looks forward to the *Bugle* and CMA news and expresses his gratitude to those that see that CMA is remembered. Jack says that it was an interesting and grand old school and that he wishes his children and grandchildren could have experienced it.



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## Tom Ballentine, Class of '67

Tom Ballentine was born in Pulaski, Tennessee, just 30 miles south of Columbia. Following in his father's footsteps, who was a 1932 CMA graduate, Tom attended CMA for 2 years, graduating with the Class of 1967 and served as squad leader attaining the rank of Sergeant. He was involved in several school activities including the tennis team, Recall Faculty Editor, Hi-Y, and Glee Club. He served as a member of the honor guard for the visit of President Lyndon Johnson to Maury County. After graduating from CMA, he attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and graduated in 1973 with a BA degree in Political Science and a second major in Psychology. After his freshman year at UT he joined the Tennessee Army National Guard and served in various capacities as a staff officer in the 30th Brigade and later on the State Headquarters Staff, S-1 Division in Nashville. He retired from the National Guard after 32 years with the rank of Major. After graduation from college, Tom took a position with the Comptroller of the Treasury for the State of Tennessee for ten years. He served as East Tennessee Regional Director of the Property Tax Relief Program in Knoxville, then was promoted to head the statewide program in Nashville. He then accepted a position with the Ten-



nessee Attorney General's office where he served as Director of Administration of the Nashville, Jackson and Knoxville offices. While working with the legislative budget committee he was approached by the Commissioner of Finance, who was a senior partner with the largest law firm in Tennessee and asked to interview for the firm's administrative manager position. Upon accepting this position, he managed the firm's main office in Memphis and opened a branch office in East Memphis. Since this firm represented First Tennessee bank among its large client base, he was asked to open a Knoxville office within 48 hours due to the pending FDIC shutdown of the Butcher Banking Empire and the acquisition of the bank's assets by First Tennessee Bank. He negotiated for space, hired support staff and identified 6 attorneys within that period. The office was fully functional within a week. Enjoying this work but longing to be back in East Tennessee, he was able to procure a position with a prestigious firm in Knoxville and has been with this same firm for over 20 years as Chief Financial Officer and Administrative Director. One year ago he cut back to a four day work schedule having Fridays off. He plans to fully retire (if the firm will let him) at the end of 2018. From a previous marriage, Tom has two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren. Tom remarried in 1999 to Susan Weaver, a native Knoxville, and inherited three step-cats, Socks, Domino, and McFluff. They built a home on the banks of the Tennessee River just outside Knoxville and have been seen on numerous occasions taking their boat to UT football games as part of the Vol Navy. They love to entertain family and friends in their home. Tom has been involved in many charitable, professional and social organizations throughout his career including President and Board Chairman for Knoxville's premier Dogwood Arts Festival. Next up for Tom and Susan will be travel. They are planning to book a two week cruise of the British Isles for next year which includes several stops in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the Isle of Mann. They are



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also considering an inter-coastal waterway cruise from Baltimore to Jacksonville, Florida for the following year with stops in 10 cities along the coast. Tom says there is absolutely no question that CMA came along at the right time in his life. It provided much needed structure, a great education, and friendships that have endured over the past fifty years.

### Wilson LaFoe, Class of '71

Wilson LaFoe attended CMA for 2 years and graduated in 1971. He was a member of Company 'B' and lived in South Johnson Hall his first year and North Johnson Hall his senior year. His favorite pastime at CMA was playing baseball, pickup softball and football games, antagonizing Bruno, Major Howell's pet bull dog, and squirting his Chemistry teacher, Captain Chambers with his bunsen burner without getting caught. His dorm officer, Captain and Mrs. Ron Ross, taught Wilson and his roommate how to play bridge and they enjoyed the rare privilege of staying up many nights after taps playing bridge in their apartment, eating and watching TV. Wilson enjoyed his time at CMA but ironically still wakes up with nightmares of parading around the quadrangle going to meals, Sunday Parades and walking the bull ring. Upon graduating from CMA, Wilson attended Millsaps College, graduated in 1975, and attended the University of Mississippi Law School from 1975 to 1977. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Order while in College and yes, he still thinks Robert E. Lee was a great man. His lottery draft number was 124 and the draft stopped at 122. Wilson used that situation to his advantage in asking many sympathetic women out on a date. While in Law School, Wilson met the love of his life, Marcella Dean, who was the most beautiful girl on the Ole Miss campus, and in 1978 married her. They have been married for over 39 fantastic years. Wilson and Marcella have been blessed with 3 incredible and blessed children, John, age 38, Greg, age 34 and Merritt, age 27. After he stayed in school as long as he could, in September 1977 Wilson was appointed special agent in



charge of advanced underwriting, estate and retirement planning, as well as the Assistant General Agent for Northwestern Mutual Life in Jackson, MS. In 1986 Wilson began his commercial real estate development, syndication and management company and, since that time, has developed over 45 commercial real estate projects in 12 states. He is still active in his business and is currently developing 3 new commercial projects. Wilson and Marcella live in Ridgeland, MS and his 3 children are in Seattle, Atlanta and Dallas. They have 2 grandchildren. Even with this distance between them they all remain a very close family. His pastimes are working out, playing golf, flying, spending time with Marcella, attending college sports, traveling, and being with his children and grandchildren. Wilson and Marcella are active members of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Mississippi.



### Little Things I Remember

I remember:

- My first M-1 Thumb.
- Sitting on the radiator in the bathroom/shower (you only do that once).
- Watching the Indianapolis 500 one year in the upstairs apartment in the center of Black Hall.
- Participating in the Pickett's Charge reenactment.
- Going to Mammoth Cave with the Boy Scouts.
- Being on the Freshman Football team and having Coach Jones make me be a lineman at 120 pounds. (That made up my two years of football...my first and my last.)
- Colonel Gracy's Latin Class.
- Arranging my locker per the specified diagram with items folded and arranged in specific order.
- Making the walk from Jackson Hall to the Quadrangle through the grass behind Academy and Ragsdale.
- Checking my mailbox on the second floor of Old Main (and Norman Andersen as the mailman).
- Dances in the gym.
- Being the Guidon Bearer for D Company my sophomore year (beat carrying a rifle, that's for sure).
- Playing pool in the Rec Room (under the watchful eye of Flo Hood).

- Stack Arms.
- Getting in a fight with Jim Morris in South Black my sophomore year. Not much of a fight; he hit me and I hit the floor.
- Colonel Wilhoite's funeral my senior year.
- FM 22-Sorrell.
- Annual Government Inspection.
- Calling my parents on the pay phones in the Guard House.
- The Green Station Wagons (Commie Wagons I believe).
- Learning Map Reading in the Military Science classes.
- "Piggy, piggy, piggy, come and get your slop".
- Sunday afternoon Letter Writing C.Q.
- Walking from Main to the Science Building between class and all the saluting that required.
- Burning shoe polish on my boots and shoes in search of that mirror effect.
- Mystery meat.
- Cadets stepping over the imaginary string going through the door into Major Chambers' chemistry room with enough drama for him to actually go over to the door to see if there was something there.
- Drill Competition during Military Weekend.
- The long haul to church on Sundays. (Why in the world was I a Methodist?)
- Saturday Morning Inspections.
- Diagraming the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution in Colonel Hart's English class.
- Sitting at attention in the Mess Hall.
- A Dust Cover over my pillow and a laundry bag tied to the foot of my bed.
- Putting my rifle card in the slot when I drew my weapon.
- Sitting in the barber shop, waiting for the CMA haircut.
- Guard Duty...from runner to Officer of the Day.
- The sound of the train going by Black Hall.
- The Quartermaster and Snack Bar in the basement of Old Main.
- Wearing pajamas under my wool pants.
- Morning formation before first mess...that could be a cold experience.
- The car ride back to school after a home weekend.
- Walking around the campus at night.
- Retreat Ceremony

Woody Pettigrew  
Class of '73

## Columbia Military Academy Day at Columbia Academy

Columbia Academy conducted a Columbia Military Academy Day October 13th of this year. Dr. James Thomas, Columbia Academy President, and Ms. Lisa Bennett, Vice President for Outreach, were the organizers for the event which included a full day of interaction between the Columbia Academy students and CMA alumni.



**Dr. Thomas, Randy Howell, Mike Gilchrist, Robin Salze and Lisa Bennett meeting with a class to tour Academy Hall.**

Robin Salze, CMA Alumni Association President, worked with Dr. Thomas and Ms. Bennett to coordinate the day's activities. It started with a class taking a tour of Academy Hall with a few alumni going with them to talk about the school and answer any questions the students had. That was followed by a Chapel session with all of the students from the 7th-12th grades. Robin, Mike Gilchrist, Gale (Courtney) Moore and Woody Pettigrew addressed the students and talked about their time at CMA and the history of the school. Other alumni present at the Chapel assembly included Marshall Cranford, Courtney Wilhoite, Jim Borum, Bill Akin, Bill Wade and



**Marshall Cranford, Jim Borum, Bill Wade and Gale Moore with the tour of Academy Hall.**

Randy Howell.

There were follow-on sessions in the Chapel where several of the alumni met with individual classes to answer questions about their time at CMA. The last



**Woody Pettigrew, Bill Wade, Randy Howell, Robin Salze and Mike Gilchrist during Question and Answer session in the Chapel.**

session, which was conducted during the last class period of the day, included well over 100 students. This was a great time for interaction and the students asked some really good questions.

Some of the alumni took time during the lunch period to go eat in the Mess Hall and visit with the students there. That was a great time for those who participated...the students were very engaging and wanted to hear even more stories about CMA.



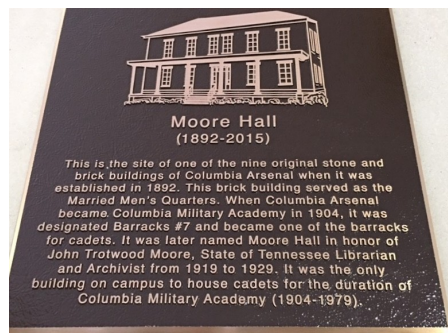
**The students were engaging and asked great questions.**

The highlight of the day was the dedication of the Moore Hall marker that was conducted just prior to the football game. Dr. Thomas initiated this project when Moore Hall was taken down a couple of years ago. He collected some of the bricks from the building and used them to have a pedestal built for the marker and then had a bronze plaque made to put on the pedestal. The marker is located on the ground where Moore



**Some of the alumni at the Moore Hall Memorial dedication and the ball-game. Naturally, there were several others that were late for the formation. Some things never change.**

Hall stood and is a fitting tribute. This project was funded by Columbia Academy and resulted in a fourth CMA marker on the campus to go along with the Flag Pole, CMA Memorial, and CMA Museum. Our presence is certainly shown on the campus and will remain there.



**Bronze Plaque atop the Moore Hall Marker.**

The final event of the day was the last home football game for the CA Bulldogs. A section was set aside for CMA Alumni to sit in, plus they were provided with a skybox in the Anderson Fieldhouse to sit in and watch the game. The members of the Columbia Academy football team had special shirts made for the day that had "Columbia Military Academy Football" stenciled on the front. They wore the shirts during the entire school day and also during warm-ups before the game. That was a nice tribute to our school. Sitting in the bleachers watching the game was a great experience, bringing back many memories. Seeing the campus at night from that perspective was special. It was a great ending for a fun day on campus.



# SILVER TAPS

## Ernest Wilson Allen, Faculty

Ernest Wilson Allen, Sr, 89, died November 1<sup>st</sup> at his home in Columbia. Born in Columbia, he graduated in 1946 from Columbia Central High School. He was at CMA as a teacher and coach for 11 years from the fall on 1956 through the 1967 school year. He remained in Columbia working for Monsanto, the Tennessee State Higher Education Commission, Consolidated Aluminum Corporation, Columbia State Community College, and the Maury County Public Schools system. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Virginia Wynn Allen; son, Ernest Wilson (Lynnette) Allen, daughters Mary Virginia (Carl) Campbell and Martha Ann Covington; and six grandchildren.



Ernest Allen

## Wilson Tate, Class of '52

Wilson Claude Tate, Jr. passed away peacefully on August 31, 2017 at the age of 83. He attended CMA for three years, graduating with the Class of 1952. He then attended and graduated from Vanderbilt University and held positions in chemical engineering, business management, and insurance sales. He was an active member of First Church of the Nazarene for more than 50 years, where he taught Sunday School, held leadership roles, and was involved in church athletics. A lifelong sports fan, Wilson played basketball and baseball at Vanderbilt and remained an avid supporter of Vanderbilt sports teams. He is survived by his devoted wife of 61 years, Connie Jarrett Tate; his children, Michael Tate (Janet), Patricia Wagner, Steven Tate (Wendy), and Brian Tate (Dina); his brother Kenneth Tate (Betty), sister Rita Tate, thirteen grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.



Wilson Tate

## Ronald J. Phillips, Class of '53

Ronald J. "Buddy" Phillips passed away on his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday, September 23, 2017. He was born in Blytheville, Arkansas, the son of the late Sybil MacIntosh Phillips and Lt Col Wendell

Phillips. Buddy attended CMA for two years, graduating with the Class of 1953. He received his journalism degree from the University of Arkansas. He served in the U.S. Army for six years. After his time in the Army, Buddy and his wife Sally lived in Memphis, Tennessee for 13 years. In December 1973 they moved to Fayetteville to establish Phillips Office Supplies which they owned for 22 years. Buddy was the editor and owner of "Real Estate Showcase of Lincoln County". He is survived by his wife, Sally; his son Ron Phillips (Laura); daughter Allison Thrower (Jeff); daughter Jean Phillips Netherland; and five grandchildren.



## Stewart Gammill, Class of '54

Stewart Gammill III, 81, of Hattiesburg Mississippi passed away October 5, 2017. A native of Jackson, MS, he attended CMA for three years and graduated with the Class of 1954. He graduated from Milsaps College. He received his Master's degree in Mathematics from the University of Mississippi. He served in the Mississippi Air National Guard. He was a former member and past president of Hattiesburg Rotary Club; Senior Warden of Trinity Episcopal Church; past president of Pine Burr Area Council Boy Scouts of America and founding member of the L.Q.C. Lamar Society. Stewart is survived by his wife, Lynn Crosby Gammill; three children, Stewart Gammill IV (Tish), L.O. Crosby Gammill and Jennifer Gammill McKay (Kennard); one brother, Sam Hooper Gammill and six grandchildren.



Stewart Gammill

## Phillip Morrison, Class of '61

Phillip C. Morrison, 74, husband of Linda Lindsey Morrison, died August 22, 2017. Born in Hartford, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Myrtle Carney and Arthur Morrison. Phillip attended CMA for four years and graduated as a member of the Class of 1961. Phillip attended Western Kentucky University

in Bowling Green, Kentucky for 1 year and then enrolled and graduated from Georgia Military Academy prior to joining the US Army. Phillip proudly served in the Army during the Vietnam War and was baptized in the Church of Christ. In addition to his loving wife of 47 years, he is survived by two daughters, Paige Garner (Bud) and Kelly Howard (Mike); five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Sparks.



Phillip Morrison

## George Baulch, Class of '63

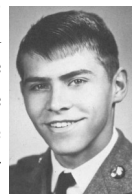
George Venable Baulch, age 72, formerly of Park City and Glasgow, Kentucky passed away September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Claiborne and Hughes Nursing Home in Franklin, Tennessee. George was born in Lewisburg, Tennessee and attended CMA for eight years, graduating with the Class of 1963. His parents, Ernest and Nelle Baulch, were teachers in the lower school. He enjoyed studying history, was an avid University of Kentucky basketball fan, and was a member of the Glasgow Cumberland Presbyterian Church and of the First United Methodist Church in Franklin. George maintained a lively interest in Civil War history and always kept up with what was going on in politics. His is survived by three cousins, Barbara Duvall (Floyd), Sarah McGinley (Jim) and Howard Baulch (Sally).



George Baulch

## Roger Crabtree, Class of '64

Roger Lee Crabtree passed away unexpectedly Thursday, August 10, 2017, at the age of 70. Roger was born October 27, 1946 in Stillwater, Oklahoma. He attended CMA for one year, graduating with the Class of 1964. After graduating from CMA, he attended Roger Crabtree and graduated from the University of Alabama. He spent his adult life in





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Birmingham where he raised a family and was a member of Briarwood Presbyterian Church. Roger enjoyed seeing the world during his frequent travels, Zydeco dancing, and spending time at his farm near Wetumpka. He was preceded in death by his father, Lee Ensley Crabtree. He is survived by his mother, Sara Nell Wright; his son Jeffrey Crabtree (Erin); his daughter Christina Sims (Hardie); and twin grandchildren Elliott and Ensley Crabtree.

## Mike Hardison, Class of '65

Mr. Willie Michael Hardison, age 70, a resident of Linden, Tennessee passed away November 4, 2017.

Mike was born in Maury County and was the son of the late James Allen Hardison and the late Marjorie Jones Hardison. He attended



Mike Hardison CMA for two years as part of the Class of 1965. He worked at Union Carbide as a supervisor for thirty five years. He loved fishing, camping, tinkering in his workshop, working in his garden, and making birdhouses. He is survived by his son: Michael Hardison; daughter: Brandy Hardison; brothers: David Hardison and Jimmy Hardison; a grandchild and two grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife Mary Ann Stewart Hardison.

## Robin Courtney, Jr., Class of '80

The Reverend Robin Courtney, Jr., pastor of St. James the Less Episcopal Church in Madison, Tennessee, passed away unexpectedly on October 25, 2017 at the age of 55. Raised in Columbia, Tennessee, Father Courtney attended CMA for six years from the fall of 1973 until the school transitioned to Columbia Academy in 1979 after his junior year. He remained at Columbia Academy for his senior year, graduating as Valedictorian in 1980. He then attended and graduated cum laude from Vanderbilt University in 1984. He was employed in several banking positions in Nashville during the early years of his professional life. He left banking in 1993 to enter Virginia Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 1996 with a Masters in Divinity degree. He was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons in the Episcopal Church in June, 1996 and was priested in April, 1997. He served congregations in Manchester, Spring Hill, Nashville and Madison, Tennessee and was also involved in Hospice ministry assisting families and patients dealing with terminal illnesses. The son of the late Robin and Lucille Courtney of Columbia, Tennessee, Father Courtney is survived by his brother Richard Gordon Courtney (Elizabeth); and sister Elizabeth Currey Courtney of Nashville, Tennessee and sister Gale Courtney Moore (Richard) of Columbia, Tennessee.



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