



From the President



Bellhops, Faculty & Friends:

Season's Greetings to All!

As we approach the Christmas Season, I again think back to the Christmas Holidays at CMA. As I reflect every year, those were Special times on the CMA Campus. The YMCA Candlelight Service, singing hymns and hearing the Christmas Story never got old, and helped us appreciate the true meaning of the season. Having two weeks at home with family and friends was a welcomed break from our daily routine, but there was always a sadness for those who were not able to go home and had to spend the holiday on campus. We recently celebrated Thanksgiving. I, as most, have so much to be thankful for, and our CMA Family is high on my list. I am especially thankful for the members of our Board of Directors, who are the driving force of our organization.

On October 26 we held the second annual CMA Day on the CA Campus. The CMA history video was shown to the CA students with an introduction by Woody Pettigrew. After the video, I was privileged to announce to the assembly that Dr. Thomas had been presented with an Honorary Membership in

the CMA Alumni Association at our 2018 Reunion. I also asked Lisa Bennett and Jamie Cook to come on stage and be recognized for their Certificates of Appreciation they received at our Reunion. In addition, I presented Michelle Shrader with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work preserving the history and memory of CMA through her history class. After the assembly, we held a Q&A Session with several classes. We joined the CA students for lunch and attended the football game Friday night. Our second CMA Day was everything we expected it to be and I am looking forward to next year and our third annual CMA Day.

During our Board of Directors meeting Saturday October 27, there was a lengthy discussion concerning the 2020 Reunion. There has been great interest in moving our Reunion back to the Columbia area since we had to relocate due to the lack of a venue to accommodate our group. Randy Howell '72 will head a Reunion Committee to research accommodations and venues for our 2020 Reunion. The minutes from the Board meeting are published in this edition of the *Bugle*. You can read the details of our Reunion discussion. It is never too early to contact those classmates and friends to invite them to the 2020 Reunion. At the Board of Directors Spring meeting we will review the findings of the Reunion Committee and decide on the location for 2020.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All! "God Bless Us Everyone"

Robin

CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 27 October 2018

Attendees

Robin Salze-President (66), Randy Howell-Vice President (72), Sandra Hasler-Secretary (74), Becky Moon-Treasurer (75), Don Kimbrell (53), Marshall Cranford (54), Ron Nall (61), Wally Couch (62), Charles Field (63), Mike Gilchrist (63), Don Noffsinger (63), Dan Duke (65), Bob Bain (72), Jim Pennington (72), Greg Thompson (72) Dudley Dolinger (73), Mike Glover (74), Jay Robins (76), Steve Watts (76), Shayne Harris (78), Buddy Fisher, James Thomas

Meeting Minutes

The CMAAA Board Meeting was called to order at 9:10 A.M. on Saturday, October 27, 2018. The meeting began with a moment of silence to remember board members who are deceased and those we've recently lost. Dr. Thomas gave the Invocation and Randy Howell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was to make a motion to approve the minutes from the August 3rd Board Meeting and the August 4th General Assembly as published in the *Bugle*. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by the Board.

Becky Moon gave the Treasurer's report and stated that after the expenses

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of the Marriott (totaling \$12,429.19), Columbia Central JROTC (\$100.00), Band (\$2,300.00; with the help of around \$1,500 in donations), Souvenirs (\$1,922.10), and the Dannie Holmes Catering service (breakfast and lunch-\$766.50), the 2018 CMA Reunion Income was \$21,011.00. This did not include the cost of lunches provided at Board Meetings twice a year (\$1,000); nor did it include the CMA scholarship fund (\$1,500). The balance of funds we have as of September 28, 2018 is \$26,142.69. Becky said that the income of \$21,011.00 was the least we've ever made at a reunion, thus far. She also stressed that we will not have enough to cover expenses over the next two years and that we will need to look at possible ways to adjust how we do our future reunions in order to make a sustaining amount of money. It could be this was just a bad year for attendance, but we are, also, dealing with dwindling numbers of our members. Robin Salze interjected that he had to give a projected number of attendees for the banquet by Friday night, based on previous turnouts and possible late arrivals, but the number of actual attendees was fewer than expected. So we actually paid more than what it would have cost us if we had had the exact number of those attending. In the past, we have had a fairly regular number of about 250 attendees, but this year we had only about 180 registered (this number is including spouses). Becky said we probably had less than 150 alumni attending. The Board will be looking at ways to help make our Grand Reunion more cost effective; ensuring that we can give a more accurate number for those planning to attend. The deli lunch that is provided on campus after the General Board Meeting will more than likely be discontinued due to the low numbers participating. Becky's projected amount needed to cover costs of the *Bugle*, lunches, scholarship fund, and the Board of Directors luncheons, is \$5,000 annually. Much discussion will be needed to plan for our next reunion in 2020.

Robin Salze gave the Museum Report. At this time there is \$17,616.46 cash on hand; with a budgeted income of \$14,535.00 and budgeted expenses of \$9,667.14. The expected available balance at the end of the current lease in

October 2021 is \$22,484.32. Woody Pettigrew is currently getting an estimate on the cost of updating the Memorial (adding names of those inducted).

Robin asked Dr. Thomas to discuss CMA Day and other points of interest. Dr. Thomas welcomed everyone and proceeded to tell the Board how pleased he was with the turnout at the CMA Day festivities. He stated there were 17 CMA alumni who participated. The students watched a 12 minute video about the history of CMA. There was a Q and A session following the video. The CMA alumni were invited to eat lunch with the students and to attend the Homecoming game that evening. There was a suite provided for the alumni to use, as well as food to enjoy while watching the game. It was a very enjoyable experience.

Dr. Thomas stated that CA has purchased the Spring Hill campus. The payments for the 15,000 square foot campus are about the same as the lease payments were. So this has been a positive move financially. He continued by telling the Board about the new Honor program for grades 7-12. The Reach (Reaching Excellence through Academic Challenges) Program currently has 30 students who will take four special field trips over the course of the school year. These honor students will then write reports about things related to each trip they take. They will present these reports in an open forum setting. The forum will include small groups and it will be open to the public. The students will be able to interact with the attendees and answer any questions about their experience and share what they have learned. Dr. Thomas was very excited about this new program, how it challenges the top students and helps them to become good thinkers. Dr. Thomas told the Board about one of the trips taken this year to Shiloh, TN. The Shiloh National Military Park provided a wide array of historic sites for the students to see and several interesting facts for them to learn and share. Dr. Thomas gave an athletic update stating that next year CA would be playing in Division 2 of TSSAA, which is the private schools division. CA would be able to play public schools during the regular season, but during post season would only be allowed to play against other private schools. He said that this would require more traveling. This would not allow for recruiting of players or offering of

scholarships to players. However, he did say that they could offer "need-based" financial aid when necessary. He said there are three divisions in football; small, middle, large, and CA falls within the smallest division, just shy of the middle division by about three students. But he clarified it may be a good thing they fell in the smallest division due to the fact there are fourteen seniors graduating this year. He named several schools in the same division that they may have to play: Nashville Christian, Ezell Harding, Franklin Grace Academy, Zion Christian, Jackson Christian, Trinity Christian, Tipton-Rosemark Academy, and Rossville Christian Academy. In other sports there are only two divisions so there will be less travel but will be playing other schools such as Battleground Academy, Christ Presbyterian Academy, Lipscomb, Friendship Christian Academy, and Clarksville Christian, in addition to the schools previously mentioned. Dr. Thomas stressed it will be a big change for them, but he is looking forward to the challenges ahead. He is hoping to retain many of their local rivalries and possibly renew previous rivalries including Mt. Pleasant (basketball) and Spring Hill (football), Marshall and Lewis counties. CA had a fall enrollment of 937 students and currently are at 944 students. The preschool is completely full and CA's preschool program is recognized as Preschool of the year every year. There are 77 seniors graduating this year (largest graduating class thus far) and Dr. Thomas said their ACT scores were looking good and he is expecting that several scholarships will be received. He said that this was one of the most diverse groups he had seen, based on where they wanted to attend college. One student, who was introduced at the Q & A session during the assembly on CMA Day, is planning to enlist following his graduation. His desire is to follow in his grandfather's footsteps and plans to become an Airborne Ranger.

Randy Howell asked Dr. Thomas about the condition of their buses. Dr. Thomas answered stating that the buses are in fair condition. They bought a brand new bus two years ago and they have two older buses. There are plans for them to add another bus this year; possibly a used one, to upgrade their buses. CA has actually added another

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bus route this year. Students are picked up at the Publix at Goose Creek exit and they are taken to the Spring Hill campus or to Columbia. There are over 100 students who ride a bus to CA every day. About 70 are from Spring Hill; students are picked up in Hickman and Giles counties, and Chapel Hill, as well.

Marshall Cranford shared his concern for the condition of the cannon and caisson that are displayed outside the museum. He said the spokes and other metal parts are good, however, the wooden parts are showing signs of deterioration and there is a need to discuss what can be done to restore them to improve the appearance. Becky said that an alumnus had restored the cannon and caisson in 2004. Randy was asking if the cost of restoration would be costly and Marshall said it would most likely be expensive. It was suggested to consult with Stones River Battlefield or Shiloh to see how they preserve or restore their cannons/caissons. Mike Glover volunteered to take on this project and to research what can be done to complete this task. The restoration would have to be done through the donations of alumni since there is not enough money in the budget.

Dudley Dolinger inquired about the banners that used to be around the quadrangle and if they were still on campus. Dr. Thomas was unsure of their location. Becky Moon said that the first set of banners had to be replaced (Bill Tuggle bought the second set). She said the second set had been purchased about five years ago and should still be around. Dr. Thomas said he would have to try and locate them. He said the banners had been displayed for a while, but because of the wear and tear due to weather conditions, they had been taken down to preserve them.

Greg Thompson shared that he had reached out to a former bellhop, Major General Bill Hickman. He was inquiring if he could speak at a conference in Orlando, but was unable to because he had a previous engagement speaking at a NATO conference. Randy stated that MG Hickman was the keynote speaker at CA's graduation last year. Greg also said that his mother had recently passed and that he was interested in finding a deserving veteran who may be in need of a car. He was inquiring if anyone had any contact with the American Le-

gion or VFW, he would appreciate suggestions of how to go about sourcing this car to someone. Becky suggested going to the VSO officers in Maury County or Marshall County. And she said there's another organization in Murfreesboro that works with homeless vets and they work to help them get back on their feet.

Old Business

Robin reviewed the topic discussed earlier about the 2018 Grand Reunion. He reiterated that 180 registered and about 150 paid for the banquet. The deli lunch will be discontinued at the next reunion because of the cost and lack of participation. The band was a big topic of discussion; costing about \$500, bottom line. Becky brought up the large number of alumni from the 70's that met on Friday night, but did not attend the reunion Saturday night. We, as an association, need to find a way to reunite our classes of the 70's, especially those classes between 1975-1979. We realize there are some alumni that are never going to participate, but would like to find a way to encourage those who would consider coming if certain criteria were met; such as keeping the reunion gatherings closer to Columbia or providing transportation to and from the banquet if it remains in Franklin. Becky also pointed out that some from the alumni classes 1978-1979 may not be sure where they fit, CMA or CA. Another point made by Robin was that there may have been a different "atmosphere" during the end of the '70's, than what earlier classes experienced. At that time there was the anti-war movement which stirred up controversy when it came to anything military. Randy pointed out that even the years 71-74 didn't have the same feeling on campus as 64-67 did for him. This was a time period of change. Routines that were done one way in the past were being done differently (the change of command normally done at the end of the year, for example). It may be that those who met separately Friday night did so because this was who they best related with. Steven Watts, one of newest Board members, who also attended the gathering Friday evening, was able to relay that the feelings of the group was the same as ours; that they would like to reunite our alumni classes of the 70's. He stated that they wanted to

know what we could do to make the reunion more of a Columbia-centered activity instead of Cool Springs. Randy Howell reiterated that there are plans for a 110-unit Marriott Courtyard being built off the Nashville Highway, but it may not be completed in time for the 2020 Reunion. This will definitely be an option of the 2022 reunion, however. He said that there are also three good sized hotels at the end of Bear Creek Pike. He mentioned he had researched possible local venues for the banquet and found four possibilities that could accommodate our numbers: Southern Tré, Puckett's, the UAW in Spring Hill and Westbury. The facility at the GM Plant (previously known as the Saturn Plant), where we had held our Banquets before, may be available once again. Southern Tré, however, did not have an elevator to the second floor where the banquet would have to be held. Mike Gilchrist pointed out that other classes from the 60's would love to see the Reunion back in Columbia, as well. This may be something that can become a reality since there are larger venues becoming available. Not only will moving the reunion back to Columbia be a good thing for sparking the involvement of more alumni, it may be a better move financially. Becky questioned if anything has been "set in stone" concerning the Marriott for the 2020 Reunion, and Robin answered that nothing has been signed. She feels that the numbers of our alumni who are participating at the reunions have more than likely peaked, and as the years go by, we will be seeing the numbers decreasing, unfortunately. She also suggested that in reality, if we plan on reaching that 2028 goal, which would be only three more reunions, we may consider planning to move the festivities for the 2020 gathering. Robin explained to the Board that he wouldn't have to sign a contract for the Marriott until next Spring, but a decision will have to be made by then. He will have to put a deposit down and commit to the Marriott at Cool Springs if a consensus is not made. We will have six months to investigate the possibility of moving the Reunion to Columbia by 2020 and come to an agreement. We are wanting to cut costs so this may be one way to do it. There are many options to discuss that could make this decision work. Parking may be a problem with the First

Friday activities that occur around the square since our reunion would fall on the first weekend in August. But a suggestion was made that we could park on CA campus and be shuttled to the square for the banquet. Or we could ride the Trolley or Uber from the campus. And we have had continued discussion of changing the date of the Reunion from August to another time. However, even though August is hot, it seems to be the best time because there is less conflict with holidays and other family activities. Another idea was to correlate the Friday of the reunion with the annual CMA Day. Dr. Thomas said that may be a possibility if he had adequate time to plan since it would be occurring at the beginning of the school year, which is a very busy time. Steve said he had given thought to an activity that had been done in past at the reunion and felt it would be good to do again; to hold a silent auction of donated memorabilia. He has offered to donate a rifle to the association, inscribed with CMA and dated. A drill team bayonet; commemorative football helmets, were other possible ideas for helping to raise money through a silent auction. Greg Thompson suggested making CMA pens to sell as a fund raiser, as well. Becky, at that time, offered the idea when considering booking rooms for the next reunion, we may consider clustering groups. She observed that was what happens at the Reception and at the Banquet most of the time; classes generally meet in clusters; usually their age groups. That may be a great way to resolve staying at different hotels. We will be one group at the Reception and the Banquet, but afterwards, groups can be placed in hotels based on their classes. It isn't important for the entire association to stay in the same location. Mike Gilchrist shared his concern about considering the move to hotels in Columbia unless negotiations are made. We have several amenities at Marriott that we may lose if we opt to stay elsewhere. One of the advantages is that we had a room to set up memorabilia and it didn't have to be moved and then set up again the next day. He endorses moving our reunion back to Columbia, but wanted us, as a Board, to consider all options. Robin said this is something we will continue to discuss; asking a group of locals to research new

venues, the costs, and checking all possibilities that will allow us to cut costs, but that would still allow for a good experience. We will be working on this over the next six months to see what will be feasible for our Association. If we can increase our numbers of attendance and do so at a lesser cost, then we can sacrifice the convenience of having everything at one place (Marriott). Becky stated that it IS vital to have a central place for the Reception/Registration, like we did at the Richland Hotel years ago. But we will need to begin the process now, because plans will need to be made prior to the spring 2019 deadline. Dr. Thomas has, once again, graciously offered to do anything he can to help our association have the best possible experience on Saturday morning as possible. A committee will be formed, headed by Randy Howell, to begin the process of researching options discussed. The Board was in agreement concerning proceeding with this. A motion was made to postpone the decision about the 2020 Reunion location until our April Board meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

Robin said he had spoken with Woody about repayment for the previous Memorial upgrade, but it was decided that this discussion would be tabled until a later date due to the fact our financial situation is a little tight. Becky also interjected that by only mailing hard copies of the *Bugle* to dues-paying members we are saving almost \$5,000, however, we haven't quite reached the amount needed to offset the cost of repaying the Museum account for the Memorial upgrade. Randy said we may could get the amount needed through donations.

Randy Howell gave the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 10:52

Decade of the 1970s Alumni—Mark Your Calendars

All alums from the Decade of the 70s need to mark your calendars for a Decade of the 70s Reunion the weekend of May 17-19 2019. Initial planning is underway to conduct this reunion in Columbia. You will be getting more information soon.

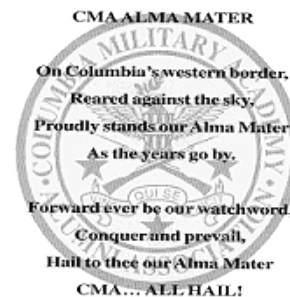
Stroll Down Memory Lane



Nevin Williams provided this picture of the North Black Hall 1st Floor Cadets and Coach Prickett, Resident Faculty member. Nevin says “We were a close knit group and had a lot of bull sessions which this Yankee found to be quite educational. Heck, I even learned what a ‘STOB’ was, even though the word was not in the dictionary.” See the below version to match names to faces.



1. John Phillips
2. O.H. McCullough
3. Jack Hart
4. Donald Bryan
5. Walter Jones
6. William Alexander
7. Randy Stinnette
8. J.R. “Sonny” Headrick
9. T.J. McCarthy
10. Thomas Mack Snipes
11. Wayne Wheeler-Gadstern
12. C.A. Wilkins
13. N.R. “Pete” Williams
14. Charles “Buzzy” Dooley
15. Captain W.D. Prickett



Then and Now

G. Marshall Cranford, Class of '54, PG 55

George Marshall Cranford entered CMA the first day of Coach John Bass's grueling two-a-day football camp. At the end of camp he was told that he was too small for varsity football and was relegated to Coach Prickett's B Team. He was heart-broken, knowing that if he had remained at Hay Long High in Mt. Pleasant he would have been on the varsity team for the Tigers. The "B's" won more than half their limited schedule for a successful and fun season. Marshall was impressed by the military atmosphere and loved the strict discipline required. He liked wearing the uniforms, drill, small classes with superior instructors, ROTC subject matter taught by some combat veterans with various decorations. He liked viewing the demerit roster and grades being displayed for all to view. The four years flew by with dress parades and all activities. He admits that he spent too much time involved with Central High School girls and football (not to mention the Sundown Theater). During his time as a cadet, he was promoted from private to First Lieutenant and back to Second Lieutenant (horsing around at drill cost him a button); he never received a demerit. He was Vice President of his Post Graduate Class, on the Dance Committee, Scholarship grades for two years and worked on the Recall Staff. He considered his greatest accomplishment at CMA was being named Honorable Mention All Mid-South Conference for the 1954 football season and getting a great education. While digging phosphate at Victor Chemical Company with a hand auger, Marshall's work partner talked him into attending Middle Tennessee State College as a walk-on football player. Marshall took the bait and was there for Coach Bubba Murphy's two-a-day camp. Marshall never played in a varsity game his freshman year but played in Freshman Scrimmage Games, in the inter-squad Blue and White game ending spring practice in 1956, playing three quarters for the white team making many tackles. He again never got to play a varsity



game during the school's 1956 season and a few days before the last game he got three ribs broken at practice, ending his college football career. He packed up his car, realizing he had wasted one and a half years of college, had lots of fun, had three broken ribs and a serious girlfriend who was the most popular female on campus. Then Marshall made what he says is the worst mistake of his life. A fellow CMA graduate talked Marshall into going to Vanderbilt. He went there for one semester beginning in the Winter of 1957 and soon found out that he did not belong there and was miserable. His friend took him to a classy restaurant and let Marshall drive his car. Marshall was asked to stop in front of the Economics building when they got to campus. His friend had given the spare tire from his car to the janitor in exchange for the key to the Economics building. Marshall was told to honk the horn three times if he saw anyone coming. Yes, they got caught and were kicked out of Vandy...one of the happiest days of Marshall's college career. Marshall's dad had grown up in Columbia with the man that was now the President of Tennessee Tech. He called President Derryberry and told him that he had a son that needed straightening out. Marshall got admitted on probation, crammed four years of college into two and graduated on time. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate from the ROTC program and accepted a Regular Army commission as a Second Lieutenant. Marshall arrived at Fort Campbell, Kentucky as part of the 101st Airborne Division the day after graduating. The following Monday he was in Jump School, followed by attending the Infantry Officer Basic Course and then Ranger School. Back to Fort Campbell where he served as a Platoon Leader and a Company Executive Officer. In February 1960 Marshall married Frances Jackson, the freshman girl he met in the Middle Tennessee State College post office in 1955. They had met and talked for about 15 minutes and then off to class; they both knew after that first encounter that they would marry someday. Marshall had planned



on a military career; however, a phone call from the Maury County hospital in 1961 changed that. His father had suffered a disabling stroke. After much praying and discussing with Frances, they decided to resign from the Army in order to remain home and support his parents. His second career began in October 1962 when Marshall entered the Life and Benefits Insurance business in Nashville. After serving as an agent for several years he became the manager of the Nashville office and later manager of the State of Tennessee offices for the company. After 21 years Marshall went back to his first love of being an agent with direct contact with the people who were his clients. He resigned and established G. Marshall Cranford, CLU and Associates and ran this until 2003 at which time he sold out due to severe hearing loss and poor health of his wife, Francis. Marshall and Frances had one daughter, Christy Frances Cranford, from whom they had two grandchildren. Frances passed away in 2006 and Marshall continues to live in the family home in Old Hickory, Tennessee. He has been a member of the CMAAA Board of Directors for numerous years and spends many hours working on the CMA Museum.

Ron Nall, Class of '61

From his early childhood in Columbia, Tennessee, Ron remembers the Columbia Military Academy Cadets in their gray uniforms in town or marching to church down West Main Street. Being totally impressed with what he had seen in his younger years, he had always expressed his wishes to attend the school and be a member of the Cadet Corps. His chance came in early 1959 when he attended summer school for Algebra II. He talked his mother and stepfather into allowing him to finish his education at CMA. Ron says that CMA provided him with a unique education, a respect for discipline and a desire for a military life. During his tenure there the fundamentals he would use later in life led him to a successful college education and a better understanding of what to expect in the outside world. During



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his first year at CMA, he was in the Second Platoon of Band Company and was appointed to the position of Bugler for all Military Parades. He rose to the rank of PFC that year (1959-1960). His second, and graduation year, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant in Band Company and had the second platoon acting once again as the Bugler. During this two



year period the band participated in two Cotton Carnival Parades in Memphis and several other parades in Columbia. After graduation, Ron initiated his college education at Middle Tennessee College (University) graduating in January 1965 with a degree in Secondary Education with a Major/Minor in History and Social Science. It was during this college period when he re-met and married his wife of 54 years (at the time of this publication), Elizabeth Anne Fisher. She has followed Ron with their family all over the world. They both went to CMA in June 1965 to teach History in Junior School and live in Whitthorne Hall with the junior school cadets. During this period Ron accepted the position as assistant Band Director. With the Vietnam War in progress, Ron felt the need to look at joining the military. In May 1966, he enlisted in the U.S. Army as a College Option to attend OCS. Anne finished out his year at CMA and also taught Summer School. Ron went to Ft. Knox, Kentucky for Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training, and from there to Armor OCS. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in March 1967. Thus began the Nall family's life in the military for 20 plus years and the additional arrival of two wonderful children, Beth in Germany and Christopher in Griffin, Ga. Ron's assignments were twice to Germany, Vietnam, 82nd Airborne Division, ROTC duty Gordon Military College, Ft Knox to teach Soviet Operations and Doctrine. Several of his students went on to become General Officers in Operation Desert Storm. He then served in the 5th Infantry Division with 3/77 Armor, and at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas as Chief of Combat Development for the Threats Directorate. While there Ron obtained a Master's Degree from Park University in Public Affairs.

Retiring in the fall of 1988, Ron started working for Science Applications International Corporations in the Soviet group in Denver Colorado. Following the demise of the Soviet Union the work on anything Soviet or Russian went away. Ron was also a member of the Council on European Problems whose membership consisted of numerous U.S. and European Ambassadors plus various Professors (U.S., European, and Ex-Soviet Block) of renowned college such as Nebraska, Oklahoma, Penn State, University of Oregon, University of Heidelberg, University of Munich and numerous others and at other times with the members of the then East German Government before its demise. From 1993 until his retirement 2016 Ron worked for several Cellular Communications Companies as a site acquisition specialist, director of paging and site development Manager in Colorado, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Anne and Ron returned to Murfreesboro in 2001 where they currently reside. Ron joined the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and is the current President of the Stones River Chapter. Ron says his life has been one of service and love of God, Family, and Nation, all of which were taught to him during his formative years at CMA.

Tim Locke, Class of '73

Small town Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee yielded quite a few CMA cadets during the Academy's existence and in 1967 Tim Locke joined their ranks when he enrolled as a 7th grade student. By his graduation six years later he was promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant on the Battalion Staff. He'd say there's truth to the adage that "80 percent of success is just showing up." CMA opened his eyes to many new people, things and experiences. Memories good and bad abound but some of the most minor have lasted. In the "goober school," he met his first Greek Orthodox (a kid from Chicago named J.D. Balaban), played soccer for the first time in intramurals, swam in the coolest indoor swimming pool ever seen, and with other Mt. Pleasant day-students, hitched rides home with passing motorists on highway 43-South after school



(although it was against CMA rules to actually stick one's thumb out like a, well, hitch-hiker). When he rose to be an upper school freshman, he also found himself to be one of the smallest boys in high school, save for classmate Gene Barr. B Company was where he began. He played on the basketball teams coached by Kim Barton, Jerry Link and Moore Landers; yet, was especially proud of his time on the very solid baseball squads Coach Richard Howell fielded and led. While CMA offered the opportunity to a diverse and challenging curriculum; his classroom recollections are a mixed bag. There were excellent teachers such as Graham Hann, John Trimmer, and Ernest Hart; and then there were "also rans" like Captain William E. Bowman who masqueraded as a Geometry instructor, in Tim's opinion. History and civics were his preferred courses; in the spring of '73 national news was riveting about a thing called Watergate. When his diploma was handed him by Col. Blythe Hatcher, he stood 25th in a class of 59. Maybe that adage was "50 percent of success is just showing up." His self-deprecation, humility, and never-met-a-stranger traits were inherent but his CMA surroundings fine-tuned them for life. Upon graduating from CMA he stayed in his home community to attend Columbia State Community College. In 1975 with an Associate's degree in hand and a beefed up GPA to go with it, he ventured out of his comfort zone and enrolled in the University of Mississippi. Ole Miss could not have been more welcoming. Their college of liberal arts had a strong political science and history faculty and the size of the school was not over-powering. He joined the Sigma Chi fraternity. His non-academic claim-to-fame is the Sigma Chi annual Groundhog's Day bash he started on a lark his senior year - it still goes on today. Out of college with a political science bachelor's degree, job prospects were few or mundane. That was, until fellow CMA alum Nicky Williams called. Nicky (CMA Class of 1970) was a staff aide to Tennessee's US Senator Howard Baker of Watergate fame and had just been notified he'd been accepted to law school for the fall term. Gracious to a fault, he offered a chance for Tim to interview to join the Senator's staff as his replacement. In August of '77, two CMA Mt. Pleasant boys

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were momentarily together in the US Capitol, overlapping as one was leaving for a legal education and one arriving for an education, and a first paycheck, in politics. Another old motto - *"what goes around, comes around"* - was newly embraced by Tim from then on per his interactions with others. That first job with Senator Baker sparked a career that now accounts for fourteen years in government and another 30 years in the federal level government relations/lobbying field. In 1982, he left Majority Leader Baker's employ to take a job in President Reagan's Administration in the Department of Transportation. He would witness history up close. He was in the DOT Secretary's office the day that Air Florida Flight 90 crashed tragically into the Potomac River. In June 1983, he was appointed a Special Assistant in the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, working as liaison between the President's staff and America's mayors, county elected officials and governors. This was an exhilarating time that traversed President Reagan's re-election landslide over Fritz Mondale. In the last of his political appointee jobs, Tim worked at the Department of the Interior as Director of the Office of External Affairs at the Bureau of Land Management. Lobbying or becoming a government relations advocate was never a career he aspired to, but it was a logical next step on the career ladder. He is currently working with The Smith-Free Group LLC., a bipartisan lobbying partnership where he's been a Senior Vice President since 1996. The issues and challenges dealing with the House of Representatives, the Senate and the Trump Administration regulators remain compelling. Tim is a strong supporter of his home state Tennessee federal delegation lawmakers and sits on a select number of political steering committees that help guide Republican lawmakers' campaigns. On St. Patrick's Day, 1984, he married the former Jacqueline Martine of Richmond, Virginia and their home has been in the Belle Haven neighborhood of Alexandria, Virginia, since 1992. Together they have raised two sons, both of whom played NCAA Division I & III lacrosse in college. The Locke's are



parishioners at history-laden St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Old Town Alexandria.

CMA Day at Columbia Academy

Columbia Academy conducted its second CMA Day on Friday, October 26th. Eighteen CMA Alumni participated in the event, spending a fun day on campus with the students. As part of the activities, the middle and upper school student bodies (7th-12th grades) were shown the "CMA—100 Years of Tradition" video during their Chapel Meeting to start the day. This video, first shown at the 2004 CMA Grand Reunion, provides a history of CMA along with some comments from alum-

ni. After the video, the CMA Alumni gathered on stage and answered various questions from the students. That was followed by lunch in the mess hall with the student body and further opportunities to interchange with the students. That evening several alumni met for dinner and then headed back to the campus to watch the CA Bulldogs put on a dominant performance for Senior Night winning 2-7. CMA Day is another example of the great relationship that has been developed between Columbia Academy and the CMA Alumni Association. Seventh grade students developed some CMA Posters that were on display in the entry hall to Old Main. Some of the posters are captured on the next page for your enjoyment. What a great way for the students to honor the CMA heritage for their school.

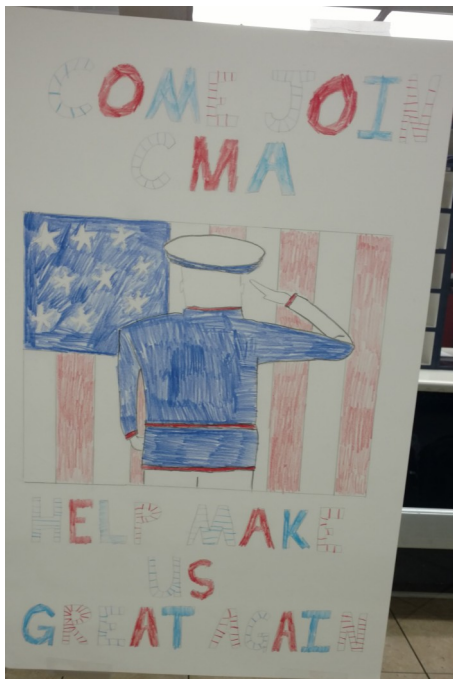


Some of the CMA Alumni answering questions from the Students.

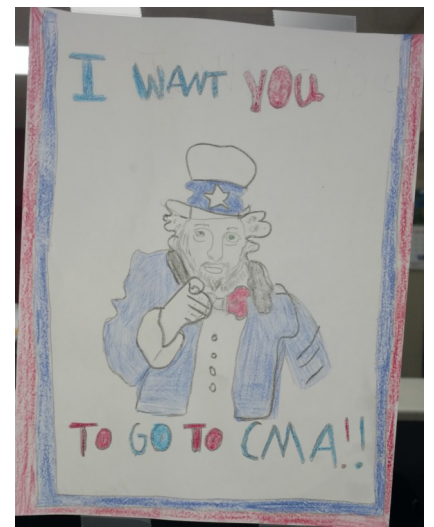
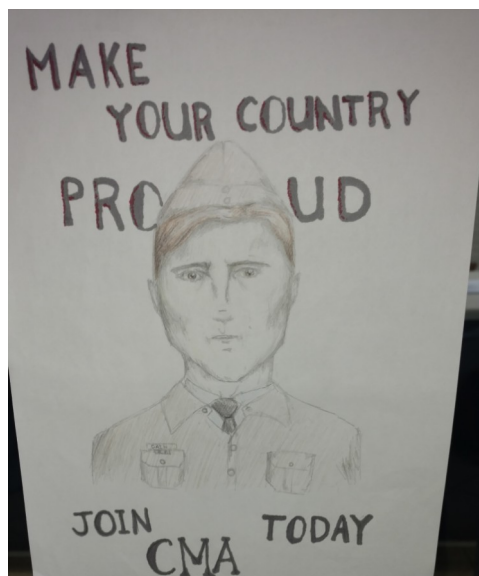
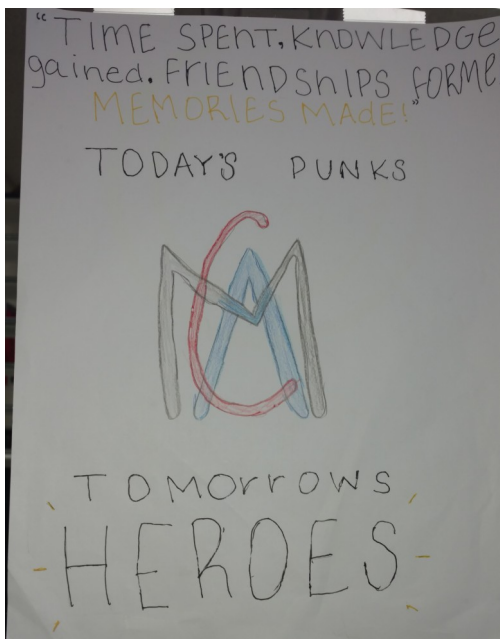
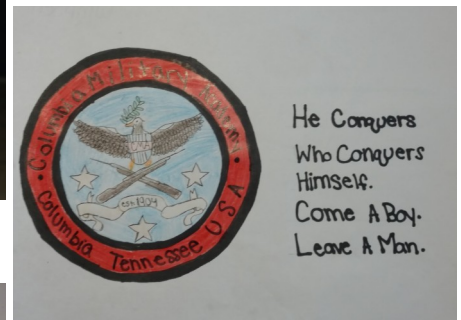


Alumni pose with two CA Students that participated in the CMA poster development program.

CMA Day at Columbia Academy



These posters are a sampling of what the students in the 7th Grade Class prepared to honor CMA during CMA Day on Columbia Academy. There were many more on display, making for a great welcome to the Alumni as they met with the students. The collection of posters showed an appreciation for CMA and their understanding of it. It was obvious that they had been taught some of the bedrock principles of the school. A possible new slogan...Today's Punks, Tomorrow's Heroes!



SILVER TAPS

David N. Morris, Class of '49

David N. Morris, 87, of Jonesboro passed away November 6, 2018 at St. Bernards Medical Center. He was born April 3, 1931 in Memphis to the late D.N. and Mildred Norman Morris. David attended lower grades in Wilson and Osceola Schools. He attended CMA for three



David Morris

years, graduating in with the Class of 1949. Through those years he earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout and was on the football and swim team. In the fall of 1949 David entered Arkansas State College now ASU, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and ROTC. He graduated in 1953 with a BS in Animal Science and earned his master's in Military Science in later years. Upon graduating in 1953, David was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army. He began active service in the fall with his wife Barbara. He was a veteran of both Korean and Vietnam wars as well as serving in Germany, Alaska and many other US states. He received many medals during his service including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, Joint Service Commendation and Army Commendation with bronze and silver oak leaf clusters. After retiring from military service, David worked in Jonesboro for E.C. Barton and Company, retiring after 15 years and substitute teaching at Jonesboro High School for several years. He also was an avid fan and supporter of ASU sports belonging to the Indian and Red Wolves club and officiating track meets. David served on the Salvation Army Board for many years and was in the United Way and Jonesboro Exchange Clubs. He was also an active member of Military Officers Association of America. David was a member of First Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, Trustee, a teacher and served on many committees. He loved his church, his family and friends, duck hunting, fishing, sports and history.

Marvin E. Bailey, Class of '53

Marvin Eugene Bailey, 82, passed away September 23, at his residence in An-

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“Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes” Odds and Ends



Bill Cantrell '57 served as a pilot (Naval Aviator) during the Vietnam War. Recently, an aviation artist asked permission to paint Bill's airplane. He entered the painting in a juried Art Show for Aviation Artists, held at the Military Air Museum at Palm Springs, CA. The painting won the big money prize along with 1st place for the Vietnam War era. It remained on display from April to August, and while there Bill took two of his 14 grandkids to see it. Bill says it was a priceless moment when they read the information placard, turning to him with dropping jaws. All they knew was Papa had been to Vietnam. The wording on the placard reads as follows:

DESCRIPTION: This painting depicts the C-117D “Bouncing Bertha” flown by distinguished Flying Cross winner LT William Allen Cantrell during actions in Vietnam. LT Cantrell performed a short field landing at Hue-Phu Bai Airport under intense enemy mortar attack to extract the 14 survivors of the NSA Da Nang Ramp detachment.

If it is September it is time for another CMA gathering at Grayton Beach, Florida as the guests of Tex Tucker ('71).

This year 25 alumni (pictured above) made the trip, along with another dozen significant others. Association President Robin Salze and his wife Suzanne joined the group for dinner one night and participated in the group picture. They send their thanks to the group for letting them join in the fun.

Straight from Facebook, or Snap Chat or whatever....



Graduation 1978

Screen shot of some of the girls celebrating right after graduation, right after throwing caps and turning in gowns. Top left, Lisa Pigg; top right; Shayne Trousdale Harris; bottom from left, Ellen Dunnebacke McCaleb, Courtney Hollins Eddington, Tina Sutton Finney, Jane Locke Anderson (78), Mary Wagster Lynn (77).

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chorage, Alaska. Marvin was born January 24, 1936 in Memphis, Tennessee. He attended CMA for two years graduating with the Class of 1953. Marvin furthered his education earning his B.A. in English from Rhodes College, Memphis and his PhD



Marvin Bailey

in English from the University of South Carolina. He began his professional career teaching English at the University of Tennessee and Memphis State University. Marvin later worked as a journalist with the Memphis Commercial Appeal and the Jackson Sun (Jackson, TN). In 1984, he moved to Anchorage with his life partner, Sue Anne Jenkerson and began work with the State of Alaska Division of Public Health as a Program Manager for AIDS Program. He later joined the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the national AIDS Program. Over the years his work with CDC later assigned Marvin as a Health Educator to the State of Alaska Division of Public Health where he worked in the Birth Defects Program studying Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and later in the Environmental Health Program, retiring in 2005. Marvin enjoyed reading, backpacking, handball, fishing, travel, and cooking. He enjoyed his friends and family. He hiked the Appalachian Trail and was a life member of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. In 1980, Marvin received the Conservation Communicator of the Year award given by

Tennessee Conservation League and the National Wildlife Federation. Marvin is survived by his life partner, Sue Anne Jenkerson; one brother, Stoy Bailey of Memphis, Tennessee; 3 nieces, 3 nephews and several grandnieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, John Milton and Ruth Bailey; and twin brothers, Milton and Hilton Bailey.

Thomas Gerdes, Class of '56

Thomas Wilmer Curry Gerdes, 80, of Olive Branch, MS, passed away on October 3, 2018. He was born in Memphis on February 3, 1938 to Robert and Laura Curry Gerdes. He attended CMA for two years, his freshman and sophomore years, as part of the Class of 1956, Memphis State University '61 and was a member of Kappa Alpha Order. Tom served as a Captain in the US Air Force, was a Vietnam veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star. Tom was preceded in death by his parents, step-brother, Robert Gerdes and stepsister, Priscilla Wilkinson. He is survived by his wife, Judy Salter Taylor Gerdes and children, Reed Gerdes (Jennifer), Andrea Georg (Markus), Paige Smith (Brad), and their mother, Janet Ferne Reed and nine grandchildren.



Thomas Gerdes

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