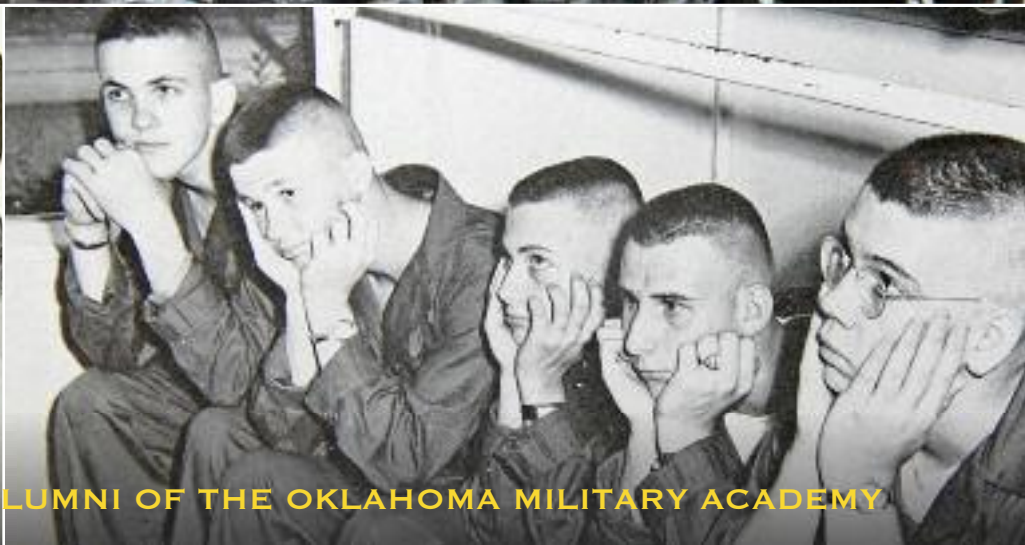


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## CORRECTIONS

There were several corrections to the Corps Commander list that we published in the last Guidon and which also are on the OMA Flash Drive. They are:

1947	1948	1951
Carl A. Bessier	DeAtley Hampton	George R Killiam
Jerry S. Ingram	Howard R Rockhold	Ira A. Eaker
		David L. McBride
		William F. Henry

There was one correction to the Band Commander list and that was:

**1951**  
Nelson V. Garner

## HONORARY CADETS SELECTED

The newest individuals selected to become OMA Honorary Cadets was approved unanimously by the OMA Alumni Association Board of Directors at their meeting on October 1. They are:

- **Ron Boyle**, husband of Danette Boyle, OMA Executive Director
- **Sue Harris**, wife of OMA KIA John Stizza '59 and Bill Harris '55
- **Michael Henry**, son of Gary Henry '50
- **Margaret Inhofe**, wife of Bud Inhofe '50
- **Charlotte Little**, wife of Gene Little '56 and OMA Museum Curator
- **Norma Morrison**, wife of Jim Morrison '52
- **Peggy Rice**, wife of Dr. Larry Rice, RSU President
- **Jennifer Williams**, wife of Billie G. Williams '69
- **John Wooley**, Author of "Voices From The Hill" and script writer for the OMA Documentary "Oklahoma Military Academy – West Point of the Southwest" and great friend of OMA

These recipients will be recognized June 11, 2016 at the Saturday luncheon. It was decided by the Board that they will not have to go through the rabbit period!

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Major General USA (RET) Michael Kuehr '68

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# STAND TO RABBITS!!!!



Phil Goldfarb

How many of you remember that call or "Get out of your holes, rabbits" or others that I cannot repeat or print here? The June 2016 Reunion's theme should resonate with every single individual as we all went through the Rabbit Period! From a historical reference, prior to 1945 the Rabbit Period was an entire year. After 1945 until 1971 it was "only" a semester. Do you remember your Rabbit team leader? Do you remember

your Rabbit squad leader? These were the men who helped mold and shape you into an OMA Cadet and instilled the military discipline that we all had. Were you ever on New Cadet Detail (NCD)? Did you train some new cadets yourself? Do you think that your Rabbits would remember you?

This is the year that we are going to reminisce this time as a cadet. In addition, we have several special events planned for the 2016 Reunion including: "Rabbit Tales" on Friday night, Military Memorabilia Display Saturday during the Ice Cream Social, the opportunity to learn about OMA in detail via the OMA Flash Drive, a live band with a Grand March set for the dinner dance on Saturday night, and other activities which we will tell you about in this Guidon.

Your Alumni Association would appreciate it if you would do three simple things for us:

1. Call or write your team leader or squad leader as a Rabbit if he is still around and invite him up to the 2016 Reunion and take a picture together. We will have a special picture section in a future Guidon. If you need to find someone...let us know!
2. If you were on NCD and were in charge of Rabbits that you particularly liked and were proud of...again call or write to them if they are still around to meet you at the 2016 Reunion and take a picture together. Again, we will have a special picture section in a future Guidon. If you need to find someone, let us know!
3. We are trying to communicate more by e-mail as we save money in postage and it is much more efficient for us and faster for you. If you have an e-mail address that is not listed in our Alumni Directory, please let us know. Your friends would like to have it as well!

See you in June for a Reunion we will all remember.

With Courage, Loyalty and Honor,

Phil Goldfarb HS '67, JC '69  
 President  
 OMA Alumni Association  
 E-Mail: Phil.goldfarb@cox.net

## OMA DRILL TEAM COMMANDERS 1946 - 1971

1946 William Riley Johnston	1954 Bill B. Harris	1960 Billy W. Bell	1965 Robert Shackelford
1947 William R. Johnston	1954 Rob R. Routh	1960 Stanley W. Pieper	1966 Chance F. Whiteman
1948 Joel W. Potts	1955 Rob R. Rough	1961 Ronald N. Williams	1967 Albert W. "Bill" Yenny
1949 Gene E. Marshall	1955 Jerry Flammenger	1962 William E. Drew	1968 R. Allen Benson
1950 Robert L. Mendenhall	1956 Willis C. Hardwick	1962 Gary W. Rastelli	1969 Daniel L. Bolt
1951 Charles R. Reichard	1956 Don T. Lemon	1963 Sidney L. Patterson	1969 David K. Oldaker
1951 Norman N. Jones	1957 Don T. Lemon	1963 Clarence Randy Vierling	1970 John M. Malone
1952 Robert C. Smith	1958 Robert F. Warren	1964 Curt McMenemy	1970 David S. Walton
1953 Lewis C. Beach	1958 Russell G. Beeman	1965 Johnnie L. Davis	1971 David S. Walton
1953 Lewis A. Rockwood	1959 John B. Stizza		

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



*Dr. Danette Boyle*

As all of you know, I have never been to an OMA Alumni Reunion that I didn't absolutely love! It is truly the highlight of the year for me.

As we get closer to the end of the year, my office is working at full speed to get ready for the 2016 Reunion. WE WERE ALL ONCE RABBITS is our theme and based on the plans being made now, I promise you will have the very best time at an OMA Alumni Reunion you have ever had!

I have heard a lot of Rabbit Tales over the years and our next reunion is the time and the place that all of you can step up and tell it all! There is a time in all of our lives when we need to just be upfront and share some of our inner secrets. You can do this at the Friday evening reception on June 10 when you can share your favorite Rabbit Tale.

As you review this edition of the GUIDON, you will see so many great OMA Alumni activities that are happening and all the

plans for our 2016 Reunion. If you can just imagine for a minute how wonderful it is to have **BOOTS BACK ON THE HILL**, then you will know how great it is for me to be here each and every day as we raise money for their scholarships and work to increase our enrollment in the Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) program. We now have 15 students and as many as possible will join us at our next reunion.

Please plan to attend the 2016 OMA Alumni Reunion June 10 and 11, 2016. We have three new hotels in Claremore that you will enjoy and appreciate.

The two most important things to remember are: If you prefer, just call me at 918-343-6888 to register for the reunion. And most importantly, **AT OUR NEXT REUNION, YOU WILL HAVE THE BEST TIME YOU HAVE EVER HAD.**

Call me soon to visit or register.



Danette Boyle

Executive Director, OMA Alumni Association

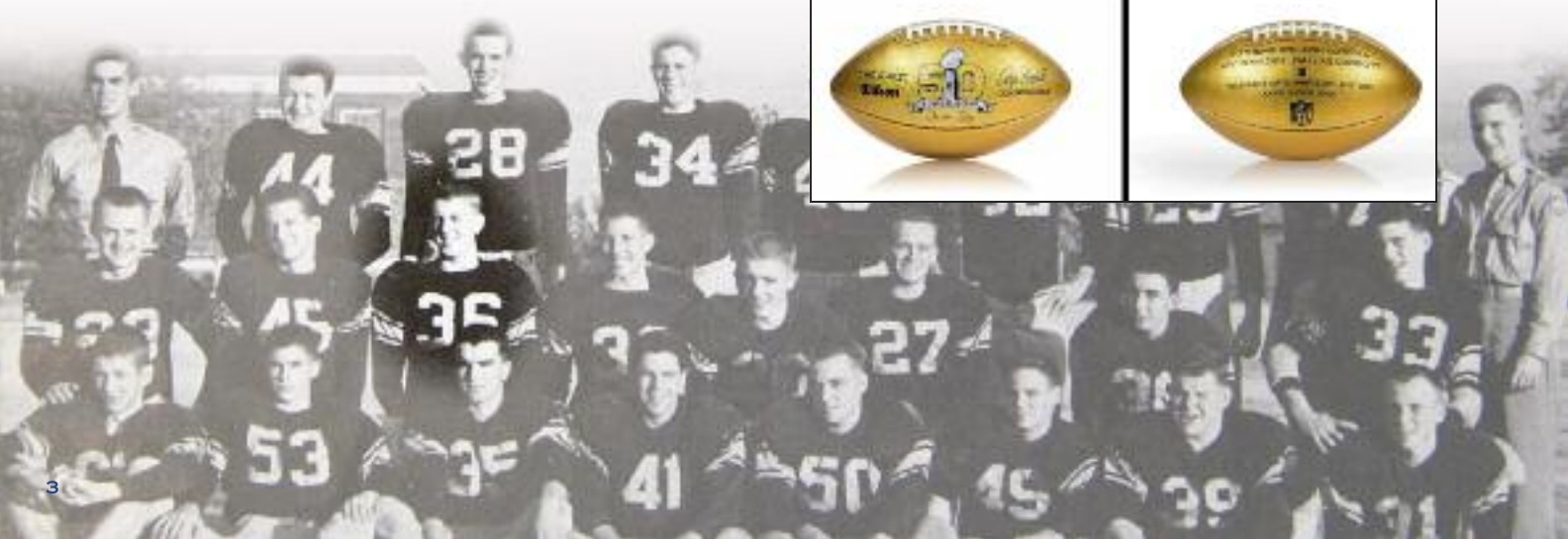
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## OMA MUSEUM TO RECEIVE GOLD FOOTBALL



Thanks to Stewart "Smokey" Stover '56, the Oklahoma Military Academy Museum will be receiving a gold football from the National Football League. Celebrating the 50th year of the Super Bowl, the NFL is sending a gold football to every high school in the world that has produced a player or coach who has appeared in a Super Bowl. The NFL

estimates that 3,000 men have played in a Super Bowl along with 52 coaches. Stover, a 2007 Distinguished Alumnus, played for the Kansas City Chiefs and appeared in the very first Super Bowl played on January 15, 1967 at the Los Angeles Coliseum versus the Green Bay Packers. Smokey will unveil the football at the 2016 reunion during the Saturday lunch and officially donate it to the Museum. It is an event that you do not want to miss!





## **WE WERE ALL ONCE RABBITS**

**MAJOR GENERAL USA (RET) MICHAEL KUEHR '68 - 2016 OMA ALUMNI  
REUNION ADJUTANT**



The theme for our Oklahoma Military Academy 2016 Reunion is, "We Were All Once Rabbits." Stating the obvious, no one who attended OMA requires an explanation of what that statement means. For each of us, the "Rabbit Period" events evoke all sorts of memories and emotions— some good, some funny, and some bad. With time and perspective, I hope the bad

memories have faded. I suspect that the Rabbit Period also has a deeper, abiding meaning at a personal level for many. Simply stated, the Rabbit Period was a rite of passage or bonding period as much as it was a mark of success for having "endured." No reunion passes without numerous Rabbit stories. This year's reunion will probably have more than most as a result of Alumni Association President Phil Goldfarb's special plans for reminiscences and entertainment at the Friday gathering.

However, as vivid and memorable as the Rabbit Period was for all of us, it was not the "be all and end all" of our educational and growing-up experience. Likely, an honest reflection will lead most of us to conclude that no matter how long we spent at OMA, most of us received much more than we gave at the time. Whether you attend the reunion every year, infrequently, or perhaps have never attended

one, I believe you will find that attending the 2016 reunion will be especially rewarding. Not only will you have the opportunity to visit with old friends, make new friends, walk the impressive and evolved campus of Rogers State University, you will also have the opportunity this year to meet and hear from RSU students who are participating in the Guard Officer Leader Development (GOLD) program through the Oklahoma Army National Guard.

The GOLD program at RSU has assumed the OMA mantle and perpetuates OMA's military traditions, spirit and values. The reunion attendees in June will hear from some of the GOLD program students and learn firsthand at the luncheon the impact that OMA alumni have had and continue to have on the "future of OMA" via the GOLD program at RSU. Sharing our experiences with these young leaders will be both inspiring to them, and gratifying to us. With great pride, we can reflect upon how we were as Rabbits, and share key experiences which launched us on various successful paths.

The reunion will also be a relaxing and enjoyable time to recharge our batteries. Doubtless, our time here changed us! Reflecting upon our OMA education and experience, we recognize that contacts are key. Without contact with both the old (as in our alumni) and the new (GOLD program members), the OMA legacy cannot be perpetuated. Please make plans to attend next year's reunion to recharge your batteries and help perpetuate the OMA legacy.

## OMA ALUMNI SELECTS 2016 HALL OF FAME AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREES



**Reciel Eugene Little, '56**  
**Hall of Fame**

Gene Little arrived at the OMA Campus in fall 1951 and he went on to complete three years in High School and two years at OMA Junior College before graduating in 1956. During his time on 'The Hill,' he received numerous honors including Best Drilled Platoon, Best Drilled Company and Best Drilled Cadet,

Distinguished Military Student, Outstanding Cadet Identification Disk and was OMA Marching Band Commander. He also was selected as Battalion Commander for War Board.

He went on to attend Oklahoma A&M College and the University of Tulsa, before enlisting in the U.S. Navy after he was offered a spot in its "A" School, where he earned a Special Electronics Technician rating. He said his five years at OMA made the Navy boot camp experience "a breeze" and he earned the American Spirit Honor Award at Final Parade.

His first duty station was at the Naval Air Station Alameda in California, where he was assigned to a P2V "sub hunter" squadron. The following year, he was assigned to a new AWACS squadron in Hawaii. These "Super Connies" would routinely fly from Midway Island to Alaska, which was a 15-hour flight. During these flights, they would serve as "the Pacific Barrier" for any aircraft coming from Russia. Two years later, he was assigned to the radar shop on Naval Air Station Whidbey Island in Washington state.

After his Navy service, he worked for Teledyne Semiconductor designing and building integrated circuits for 17 years, then joined Philips Semiconductor as a fabrication planning manager for the U.S. plant in Orem, Utah. He also served at fabrication facilities in Caen, France and the Netherlands. After 21 years with the company, he retired in 2001.

In 2003, he moved back to Oklahoma, and shortly afterwards was asked if he would like to take over as Curator of the OMA Museum at Rogers State University. His work with the museum has been transformative, as he has helped renovate the Museum from top to bottom to best display OMA memorabilia, including items donated by alumni. Little also has been instrumental in efforts to provide frames for photos of all OMA students who were killed during WWII, Korea and Vietnam, as well as the displays for Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame honorees.



**Walter Edwin Price, '44**  
**(Posthumously)**  
**Hall of Fame**

Walter Edwin Price passed away September 11, 2015 in his Stillwater home.

A descendent of two pioneer Tulsa families, the Prier Lee Prices and the Walter E. Broaches, he attended Tulsa Public Schools and

graduated from the Oklahoma Military Academy, a horse cavalry ROTC unit.

Upon turning 18 in 1944, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, but soon earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy. After graduation he completed Jump School before his combat deployment as a rifle company commander.

Upon his return from Korea, the Army sent Walter to Columbia University in New York City where he received a master's degree in psychology in preparation to teach Military Psychology and Leadership at the Academy. While at Columbia, Walter met his future wife, Jane Ezell, a fellow Oklahoman.

After Walter completed Army Ranger training, they were married in April 1955 and he began teaching at West Point. Jane and Walter welcomed their first two sons while stationed at the Academy - Stuart and Douglas.

After teaching, Walter completed the Infantry Advanced Course and he and Jane began a three-year assignment in Germany. While in Europe, they had their third son, Roger.

Returning from Europe, Walter attended the Command General Staff College followed by a Senior Staff position with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Walter later served as an active duty ROTC instructor at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. It was here that he and Jane realized they had finally found their home and Jane gave birth to their youngest son, John.

Walter's next assignment was a combat deployment in Vietnam as an Infantry Battalion Commander with the 101st Airborne. Walter considered this the height of his military career because of the brave soldiers under his command. Following one final assignment at Ft. Leonard Wood, the Price family returned to settle permanently in Stillwater.

Walter continued to work, serving in the administrations of two governors and later finishing his career in the banking industry. Walter participated in multiple civic and

service organizations. Walter was active in the OMA Alumni Association for more than 30 years and was named an OMA Distinguished Alumni in 2007. He was a cofounder of the Stillwater Humane Society, a city commissioner, and a proud supporter of a number of other organizations including St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Walter said, "When you're almost ninety, only four things matter: God, Country, Family and Friends." He claimed to have the best "roster of friends" a man could ask for.

Walter is survived by his wife of over sixty years, Jane, son Stuart, Stuart's wife Beverly, granddaughter, Kelsey Case, sons Douglas and Roger, son John and daughter-in-law Suzee, and their children Quentin, MacGregor, Payton and Ellery.



**Gary Easley, '59**  
**Distinguished Alumnus**

Gary Easley was born in the small town of Cassville, Missouri, the son of Henry and Marzell Easley. He grew up on a farm where his parents instilled the values of hard work and good moral character.

Upon graduation from Cassville High School in 1957, he was awarded an athletic scholarship to attend Oklahoma Military Academy. During his two years at OMA, he was on the Student Senate, was named Class Secretary, earned the Merit Ribbon, earned Military Proficiency Ribbon and was in the top 10 percent of his military classes. He also lettered in football, basketball and baseball. Attending OMA proved to be a major factor in his future life and career path.

After graduating from OMA in 1959, he continued his education at Southwest Missouri University in Springfield, Missouri, on a football scholarship. Following graduation, he taught social sciences and coached in Missouri for three years. In 1965, he was contacted by OMA for a teaching and coaching position in the high school division and decided to return to "The Hill." While teaching and coaching, he earned his master's degree in education from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. After he moved from the high school to the junior college division of OMA, he continued to teach in the social sciences department as well as coaching the college golf team.

When the decision was made to close OMA, he remained on faculty during the transition to Claremore Junior College, which is now Rogers State University. Until his retirement, he continued to teach, was Division Director of the Social Sciences Department and coached the college men's golf team. His teams qualified and placed in the national junior

college golf tournament several times.

Along with his career in teaching and coaching, he served as an official for the Oklahoma High School Officials Association in football and basketball for 45 years. In 2015, he was admitted to the Oklahoma Officials Association Hall of Fame.

He was instrumental in the formation of Heritage Hills Golf Course in Claremore. He also serves as Trustee on the Rogers County Public Facilities Authority for Heritage Hills Golf Course.

"My years as a student at OMA and the impression they made on me, a farm boy from Missouri, made an easy decision to return to teach and coach. I was a student, teacher and coach on The Hill for 30 years."

He resides in Claremore with his wife, Janice, and they have two daughters and four grandchildren.



**Robert Frank, '69**  
**Distinguished Alumnus**

Robert [Rob] Frank attended OMA from 1966 to 1969, graduating high school in 1967 and junior college in 1969. During his time at OMA he held the positions of Squad Leader, First Sergeant, Platoon Leader, Company Commander and S-2.

Frank was a member of the Chevron Society, Saber Society, Honor Court, Rabbit Drill Team, New Cadet Detail, and Dean's Honor Roll. In 1968 he received a Lifesaving Commendation from the American Red Cross and OMA for saving the life of a 7 year old boy.

During his Rabbit Period, Frank was involved in an accident involving an impaired driver resulting in injuries that would keep him from military service. He elected to remain at OMA knowing he would never receive a commission.

Upon graduation, Frank attended the Texas State Law Enforcement Academy graduating in 1970 and served as a police officer in his hometown of Wichita Falls, Texas. In 1973, he was selected to become a member of a newly formed state law enforcement agency specializing in fugitive apprehension and tactical operations [SWAT]. Frank attended U.S. Marine Corps Special Weapons School, Urban Warfare School, Sniper School, and Air Assault School. He was assigned to the Dallas Fort Worth Metro unit serving in a variety of assignments across north and west Texas until 1979. During his time of service, Frank was awarded Police Officers Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Award, Community Service Award and Lifesaving Award, achieving the rank of Tactical Sergeant [Staff Sergeant].

In 1977, he earned his MBA from Southern Methodist University and in 1979 elected to leave law enforcement to enter the corporate world, where he enjoyed a 30-year career holding positions from Manager Trainee to Global Operations Officer for Lee Apparel Company, Rawlings Sporting Goods and Superior Battery Inc.

In 2009, Frank made the move from the corporate world to the non-profit world, where he presently serves as Global Chief Executive Officer with Bible League International, a Chicago-based Christian service non-profit with 65 offices around the world.

Rob resides in St. John, Indiana with his wife Teresa. They have two children, Brandy Frank Lasiter, who resides in Bowling Green, Kentucky, with her husband Jason and son Henry; and Travis Frank, a senior at Anderson University, where he is majoring in criminal justice.

Frank currently serves as a member of the OMA Alumni Association Board of Directors and Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee.



**Allen Luther Lewis, '61**  
**Distinguished Alumnus**

Allen Luther Lewis graduated from OMA Junior College in 1961, received a bachelor's degree in physics from Indiana University in 1963, an MBA in Economics from The University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 1972, and completed the Program for Senior

Executives in National and International Security from Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1993.

While at OMA he achieved the rank of Cadet Second Lieutenant and received the Outstanding Cadet Identification Disk, Academic Achievement Wreath, Merit Ribbon, Military Proficiency Ribbon, Top Military Science Award, Top Science Award, DA Superior Military School Cadet Medal, and the Association of the US Army Medal. He was on the Dean's and President's Honor Roll, and the New Cadet Detail. He was a member of the Chevron and Saber Society and the Sports Editor of the '61 "Vedette."

He was commissioned a Lieutenant of Artillery and entered active duty at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in September 1963, and served on Active Army for 28 years and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1991. Assignments included Germany (1964-67), South Vietnam (1967-68), South Korea (1972-73), and at several Army installation and other locations in the U.S. He was assigned to the Army Staff at the Pentagon (1982-83), where he was the Army's focal point for Space Activities. He graduated from several Army

schools, including the Field Artillery Officers Advanced Course, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Army War College. His last assignment was as Chief of the Army Element, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Senior Army Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Space. Decorations received include the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters and was awarded the Army Staff Identification Badge and the Air Force Master Space Badge.

After retiring from the Army, Allen joined Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, in their Washington Operations Office in Washington, D.C. He retired in 2003, as Director, Advanced Space Programs, Space and Strategic Missiles Sector, Lockheed Martin Corporation Washington Operations.

Allen married Colleen Goepfner of Jasper, Indiana, on November 30, 1963. They have two sons: Allen II, born at Stuttgart, Germany in 1967, and Michael, born at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in 1969; and four grandchildren.



**Tom Murray, '57**  
**Distinguished Alumnus**

Tom Murray was born in Lubbock, Texas and raised in Hobbs, New Mexico, and Del City, Oklahoma. He entered OMA for his junior year in high school and left after his first year of junior college. As an OMA cadet, he was on the President's Honor Roll and received the Outstanding Cadet Identification Disc all three years. He won the Reserve Officers Association award and also was selected as the outstanding graduating cadet in the high school class of 1957. In junior college, he was the president of his freshman class, became a Distinguished Military Student (DMS) and was Commander of the Outstanding Company for the second semester. In his three years at OMA, he earned seven Athletic letters, was the Tri-Captain of the 1956 high school team and received a football scholarship for his freshman year in junior college.

In July 1958, Tom entered the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. Graduating in June 1962, he entered the Army as Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He served 20 years before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. During his Army service, he served in a wide variety of command and staff jobs. He was a paratrooper (30 jumps), a Ranger and an Army Aviator qualified in both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. As an aviator, he accumulated



more than 2,400 flying hours of which more than 1,300 were logged during two years in Vietnam. After acquiring a master's degree in management from the University of Arizona, Tom was designated as an Army Research and Development Coordinator. In this capacity, his concern was the establishment of Army materiel requirements and management functions related to the Army materiel acquisition process. Some results of his efforts are the AH-1Q Tow Cobra attack helicopter, the AH-64 Apache attack helicopter and the UH-60 Blackhawk utility helicopter. Among his Army decorations are three Distinguished Flying Crosses, a Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, a Navy Commendation Medal with "V" for valor, two Meritorious Service Medals and 28 Air Medals.

After retiring from the Army, he entered the aerospace industry as the Army Business Development Manager for Lear Siegler in Santa Monica, California. Later, he became Director of New Products, concerned with technology transfer and license agreements with foreign countries. Moving to Litton Data Systems in 1995, he became the Business Development Program Manager and later Director of the Rapid Deployment Systems Strategic Business Unit (SBU). Litton was purchased by Northrup Grumman in 2001. With Northrup, Tom became the Business Development lead for the improved glass cockpit for the USMC AH-1Z and UH-1Y helicopters. In a partnership with Bell Helicopter, he worked on the Japanese, Turkish and Korean Advance Attack helicopter programs. He retired from Northrup in late 2002 and moved to The Villages, Florida with his wife of 54 years, Rae Ann, whom he married on the day of his graduation from West Point. They have two children, Michelle and Tom III, and six grandchildren of whom they are very proud.

"I was just a boy when I entered OMA, but what I learned there, from the faculty and my fellow cadets, prepared me well for the rest of my life," he says.



### **Clark Dean Webb, '61 Distinguished Alumnus**

Clark Dean Webb was born in Oklahoma City in 1943. An "Army Brat," Webb had lived in 17 different locations prior to attending OMA in fall 1957. The only grade he started and finished in the same school was the 6th grade. Prior to starting high school,

Webb and his parents decided it might be best to attend OMA so he could get a consistent educational philosophy during high school.

During his four years at OMA high school, he was in

Headquarters Co. except for the first semester of his senior year when he was Battalion Sargent Major. He was a member of the band, football team and baseball team all four years and was on the wrestling team during his senior year. He also was part of the Best Drilled Company, Platoon and Squad, the Chapel Foundation, Chevron Society, Guidon Staff, Vedette Staff, Honor Court, O Club and New Cadet Detail. He received the Military Proficiency Ribbon and Outstanding Cadet Identification Disk, and he received the Outstanding High School Athlete Award upon his 1961 graduation.

His fondest memories of OMA are athletics; band trips to Oklahoma City, San Antonio and New Orleans; bivouac; and the train rides from Oklahoma City back to Claremore on Sunday evening.

Following graduation, he went to Washington, D.C. where he worked as a clerk for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) while attending George Washington University for a year and a half and then to El Paso for another year and a half while attending Texas Western College. In 1964, he attended McMurry College in Abilene, Texas, where he graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Army, Military Intelligence from 1967 to early 1971, after which he went directly into the FBI where he served as a Special Agent from 1971 until his retirement in 1996. While in the FBI, he was assigned to offices in Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Puerto Rico, New Orleans and Houston.

He married Terry A. Hewell in 1968 and they have two sons, Aric of New York City and Sean and wife Crystal of Evergreen, Colorado.

Throughout his life, he has been active in various church activities relating to youth, young adults and mission trips. From 1998 to 2003, he and his wife were Co-Youth Directors at their church in Seguin, Texas. From 1979-2001, he was active in officiating football, soccer and volleyball. He was a volunteer with the Salt Lake City Olympic Torch Relay from Atlanta to Salt Lake 2001-02. He serves on the Boards of the Guadalupe Valley Habitat for Humanity and the Texas Lutheran University Wesley Foundation. He serves as a member of the Seguin Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, Guadalupe County Emergency Response Team, Guadalupe County Master Gardener's and a volunteer with the Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center.

His recollections of OMA were somewhat of a blur, until he returned to his first reunion in the early 1990s. Since then, some memories have been refreshed, but he always seems to dwell most on his classmates who gave their lives in Vietnam. He is proud to have been able to attend OMA and is truly humbled by being recognized as a Distinguished Alumnus.

## OMA ALUMNUS SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC POSITION



**Dr. William Daugherty '65, a member of the OMA Alumni Association Hall of Fame, was recently selected as Dean for the Daniel Morgan Academy, a selective graduate school that serves the national security community, including government agencies, private contractors and scholars. Here are Dr. Daugherty's own words about his new appointment:**

The job offer came out of the blue while I was on my way back to Georgia from the Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Reunion. Daniel Morgan Academy is a graduate school dedicated to educating students in preparation for careers in national security matters. If you look at the membership of the board of advisors under the leadership tab of our website ([www.danielmorgan.academy](http://www.danielmorgan.academy)) you'll see that those closest to us in our endeavor were at the very top of their professions in the national security community, including intelligence and military organizations. I'm very fortunate that I have either worked with or worked for many of them, so joining the school was something of a homecoming. We are blessed with many highly accomplished faculty who also had exceptionally successful careers, reaching the senior levels of their agencies.

The school is located in downtown Washington, D.C. The first time I flew up to talk with the leadership, it was a Sunday and it felt very, very weird. I spent the entire day uncomfortably wandering around the district and more than once wondered what in the world was I doing there. (Being in a Hawaiian shirt, shorts, and sneakers probably had some influence on my self-questioning – Toto, I wasn't in Savannah anymore.) The next day, I put on a pinstripe suit, button-down oxford, paisley tie and Bostonians, and entered the nearest corner Starbucks. (All corners have a Starbucks.) I listened to the patrons' order their coffee in "Starbucks-ese" and the baristas responded kindly with no hesitation serving up the drinks with rapid-fire precision. I experienced the

surrealistic realization that it was like I had never left, despite the almost 20-year absence. D.C. does that to you. Work in that city long enough and you never completely leave it.

What did Daniel Morgan Academy see in me? I wondered, since the Dean position never left my mind. I learned they liked my unique resume. The Dean position performed required university-level teaching/administration credentials, including having a Ph.D., while the sole focus of providing graduate programs on the national security community demanded the credibility and insights that only come from long practical experience. My Vietnam service as a Marine was simply icing on the cake. The offer was more than a surprise; it was a shock. For three years, I had been happy playing a lot of tennis and traveling, with no desire to go back to work. But, it was a position I didn't believe I could reject.

I had one non-negotiable issue. I would not leave my home in Savannah, Georgia, and move back to D.C. School leadership immediately agreed and, frankly, I don't think they expected anything different. So much of my work is completed via email, conference calls, individual calling, Skype, etc. When necessary, I will fly up to D.C. and stay just as long as is necessary. Then it's back to Savannah where I work in attire so casual it's alien to my peers up in D.C.

It does feel good to be involved again in academia. Although I loved teaching at my university here, after I retired I found I missed interacting with the students but not the teaching. Now, as Dean, I'm running the academic side and yet still have contact with the students, including opportunities to mentor. I'm once again working or otherwise associating with a very diverse group of people I've known for several decades. These people have dedicated their lives to government service, some are true heroes (incredible acts of courage known only to the privileged few); people who I admire and greatly respect.

I think I'll stay with it awhile, at least until it stops being fun.

Dr. Daugherty was one of 53 American diplomats held hostage by Iranian militants while serving in the US Embassy in Tehran, Iran, 1979-81.

# GUARD OFFICER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (GOLD) PROGRAM 2015-2016



**SPC Michael San Pedro**  
(Infantryman)  
• Tecumseh, OK  
• Freshman majoring in Military History

- Plans to graduate Ranger School and make the military a full time career



**SPC Keaton Holland**  
(Married)  
(Infantryman)  
• Bluejacket, OK  
• Freshman majoring in

- Criminal Justice Administration
- Plans to become a pastor



**SPC Jaime Tavares**  
(Equipment Repairman)  
• Los Angeles, CA  
• Junior majoring in Biology

- Environmental Conservation
- Plans on working for the Environmental Protection Agency



**SPC Logan Gear**  
(Engineer)  
• Olive, OK  
• Senior majoring in Public Administration  
• Planning to

- attend law school and work for an NGO



**SPC Dometo Notarianni**  
(Transportation Specialist)  
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• Freshman

- majoring in Criminal Justice
- Plans to become a detective



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(Medical Specialist)  
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• Freshman majoring in

- Emergency Medical Science
- Plans on becoming a doctor specializing in oncology



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(Infantryman)  
• Cleora, OK  
• Freshman majoring in Biology

- Plans to become a veterinarian



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• Claremore, OK  
• Freshman majoring in Business

- Administration
- Plans to work for a Fortune 500 corporation



**SPC Denetra Manuel**  
(Transportation Specialist)  
• Columbus, GA  
• Freshman majoring in

- Criminal Justice
- Plans on graduating Ranger School and making the military a full time career



**SPC Darien Tilley**  
(Aviation)  
• Cleveland, OK  
• Freshman majoring in Justice Administration

- Plans to become a police officer



**SPC Dart Tilley**  
(Married)  
(Infantryman)  
• Cleveland, Oklahoma  
• Sophomore majoring in

- environmental conservation
- Plans to become a game warden



**SPC Levi Mosier**  
(Aviation)  
• Inola, OK  
• Junior majoring in Business Administration  
• Plans to become

- a helicopter pilot



**SSG Klinton Wheeler**  
(Infantryman)  
• Joliet, IL  
• Junior majoring in Organizational Leadership

- Plans on joining a consulting firm



**SPC Morgan Linduff**  
(Medical Specialist)  
• Gore, OK  
• Freshman majoring in Nursing  
• Plans to become a Physician's Assistant

- and open her own Urgent Care center



**SPC Sonia Ortiz-Sierra**  
(Food Service Specialist)  
• Tulsa, OK  
• Freshman majoring in Nursing

- Plans to become an Accountant

## OMA ALUMNI MEET GOLD STUDENTS

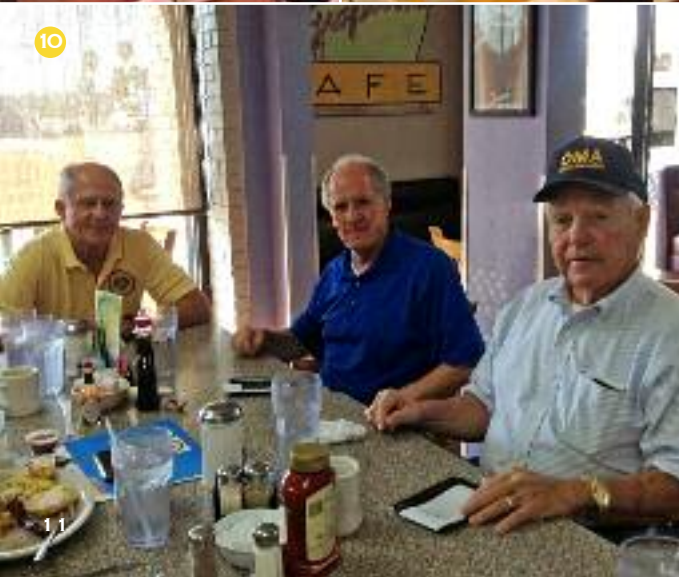


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1st row left to right: SPC Levi Mosier, Mike Kuehr '68, Phil Goldfarb '69, Harry Simpson '65, SPC Morgan Linduff.  
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2. Art Couch '56 and Sylvia Couch
3. Danette and Ron Boyle
4. Carlos Galvez '60, Dean Webb '61, Clay Routh and Rob Routh '55
5. Bert Rosson '54, Jim Knight '67 and Karen Moore
6. Clay Routh, Rob Routh '55 and Pat Routh
7. Allen Lewis '61 and Colleen Lewis
8. Mike Kuehr '68 and Wanda Kuehr
9. Sylvia Couch, Danette Boyle, Julie Galvez, Terry Webb, Norma Morrison, Colleen Lewis, Jennifer Williams, Dianne Smith, Margaret Inhofe and Peggy Rice
10. Dean Webb '61, Bert Rosson '54 and Bill Harris '54
11. Margaret and Bud Inhofe '50
12. Terry and Dean Webb '61

13. Buddy Smith '69 and Dianne Smith
14. Dora and Jerry Johnson '58
15. Nancy and Gerald Menees '64
16. Norma and Jim Morrison '52
17. RSU President Rice and First Lady Peggy Rice
18. Ann Arrington and Harry Poarch '53
19. Wade Medberry '53
20. Jennifer and Billie Williams '69
21. Julie and Carlos Galvez '60
22. Danette Boyle, Jennifer Williams, Sylvia Couch, Terry Webb and Dianne Smith
23. Karen Moore and Jim Knight '67



*Sue and Bill Harris '54 dress in 1930s period clothing.*



*Col. (RET) Barry Grabel '64 works on his 1957 Chevrolet 150.*

## OMA ALUMNI SHARE PASSION FOR AUTOMOBILES

For many people, automobiles are more than simply just modes of transportation; these cars are both timeless works of art and mechanical masterpieces. Two Oklahoma Military Academy alumni in particular have answered the siren's call of restoring automobiles back to life and showcasing both their cars' beauty and utility. Bill Harris '54 focuses on collecting and restoring 1928-1931 Ford Model A cars, while Barry Grabel '64 concentrates on Corvettes and sprint car racing.

### **BILL HARRIS**

Bill Harris' love for the Model A traces back to his first car, a 1929 Model A Roadster that his father helped him restore from the ground up in 1950. Today, Harris owns three 1931 Model A cars, including a roadster, a two-door and a four-door version. His cars are not just showroom cars that rarely see the light of day; Harris and his wife Sue regularly take their cars out for long, cross country trips.

A few years ago, they shipped their four-door Model A to Maine and then took a leisurely three-week trip back to their Oklahoma City home with a top speed around 45 to 50 mph. The couple logged more than 3,000 miles during the journey, while seeing friends and family along America's scenic backroads.

And that's not even the longest trip they've taken in their Model A cars. They once took their Model A on a roundtrip drive from Oklahoma City to Marquette, Michigan, during a Model A Ford Club of America (MAFCA) national tour. They've also taken their cars over 12,000-foot mountain ranges without any difficulty. "We never even had to add water," Bill said of their trip over the mountains. "No problems at all."

Both Bill and Sue say that touring in their classic cars is the best way to see the nation. "It's delightful to see the USA on the backroads," Sue said. "There are so many interesting activities and sights that you can see when you're off the interstates. It's a fantastic way to see this country."

Bill said their classic cars always turn heads whenever they stop. "It never fails that these cars really draw a crowd like flies to honey," Bill said. His cars also have been popular for use in weddings for friends and families, including recent weddings for their grandson and granddaughter in Texas and Georgia, respectively. During these special occasions, the couple enjoys dressing up in period clothing from the late 1920s and early 1930s to complete the nostalgic look.

Bill graduated from OMA in 1954 and then went on to earn his bachelor's degree from Oklahoma A&M. Following graduation, he worked for Cities Service for two years before starting a 37-year career with Schlumberger, first as a field engineer and later as a sales engineer.

He said the sense of camaraderie that he built during his OMA days really built lifelong friendships that were unique to the OMA experience. As a result, he has remained active in the OMA Alumni Association and currently is a member of the OMA Alumni Association Board of Directors. Bill has been a strong supporter for scholarships for RSU students and established the Bill B. and Dena D. Harris Scholarship Endowment in memory of his late wife. Sue has also been a longtime supporter for RSU, and she established the John B. and Sue Stizza Scholarship Endowment to honor her late husband, an OMA alumnus who was killed in Vietnam.

### **COL. (RET) BARRY GRABEL**

Barry Grabel can trace his passion for cars back to his 1939 two-door Ford sedan that he drove during his OMA days. Originally from New Jersey, Grabel said he ran with “a hot rod crowd” during those years before coming to OMA in 1959.

While cadets weren’t allowed to have vehicles on campus, Barry hid his car away in downtown Claremore, and he would drive fellow cadets back and forth to Tulsa. He also was an enthusiast in stock car racing at the Tulsa Speedway when he was introduced to the sport by his uncle.

Barry served as an influential player in one of the most legendary stories from OMA days during the 1960s when he discovered a 1947 Pontiac hearse at a local salvage yard. He and his fellow classmates purchased the vehicle and later repaired it so that the OMA cheerleaders could use it for memorable – and often intimidating – entrances to football games.

Following his OMA graduation in 1964, Barry went on to earn his bachelor’s degree from NSU and then served five years on active duty. While in the service, his passion for automobiles never abated. In 1966 while stationed in Germany, he bought a 1954 Mercedes and meticulously restored the car on base, including painting the car in a hangar. He counts as a major regret that he had to sell the car when he shipped out from Germany.

Following his active duty, Barry went on to serve as a recruiter for the U.S. Army Reserves. Throughout his career, he maintained an active interest in automobiles, especially classic Corvettes. One of the many cars he has owned was a 1964 bubble-top Corvette, named the “Cosma Ray,” that

was featured in the television special “Wonderful World of Wheels” with Lloyd Bridges. That car is now permanently enshrined in Darryl Starbird’s National Rod and Custom Car Hall of Fame museum in Afton, Oklahoma. Barry also owned a 1923 Ford Roadster, named “One Bad Apple,” that won a 1976 national championship with Starbird. Barry has worked with the custom car legend since 1977.

The core of Barry’s collection consists of eight Corvettes (from 1954 through 1984) and a 1933 Ford. He’s working on restoring a base model 1957 Chevrolet 150. For Barry’s restoration, the outside will be restored exactly like a stock model, but the car will be powered by a Corvette’s running gear and be completely tricked out inside.

He also has maintained his interest in car racing, including purchasing a racing series about 12 years ago. He currently serves as owner, president and series promoter for the Oil Capital Racing Series, which is a sprint car tour that last year held 25 events on 12 tracks in four states.

Since his OMA graduation, Barry has remained actively involved in preserving the school’s history and is a member of the OMA Alumni Association Board of Directors. Following the school’s 1971 closing, Barry and several other alumni approached Claremore Junior College President Dr. Richard Mosier about preserving and showcasing OMA artifacts to use for a museum. To their surprise, Mosier was not only willing to part with the artifacts but also helped pave the way for the museum to be housed upstairs in Meyer Hall, which today stands as RSU’s administration building. Barry also has been a strong supporter for major RSU initiatives to support students, including the establishment of the Oklahoma Army National Guard’s GOLD program on campus.

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## **MILITARY MEMORABILIA AND ARTIFACTS ON DISPLAY**



One of the events we will have this year at the Reunion will be a display of military memorabilia and artifacts from WWI through Vietnam. We will have tables set up in the Chapman Dining Hall for the exhibit. Alumni and guests will be able to visit this display during the ice cream social immediately after the lunch on Saturday, June 11. Military memorabilia collectors who will display include Dewey Wilson '66, Dean Williams III whose grandfather Dean Williams, Sr., attended OMA from 1927-1929 in Junior College, and Keith Myers, a collector from Tulsa. This exhibition will surely be a hit for our alumni!

## KNIGHT ESTATE GIFT WILL CHANGE LIVES



Al and Margaret Knight recognized the power of education to transform lives, which is why the Tulsa couple established a \$1 million gift from their estate to support scholarships at Rogers State University.

Margaret passed away in November 2014, and Al – a prominent Tulsa attorney – died just a few months later in March. Through the couple’s estate, they left their substantial legacy gift that will make a difference in the lives of students who need a helping hand to afford college.

The Knights first became familiar with RSU through their son, James Knight ‘67, who attended its predecessor institution, the Oklahoma Military Academy, in the late 1960s. They saw the positive difference OMA made for him and they hoped to provide that same opportunity to others.

The Knights legacy of giving stretches back to the late 1970s when they first started giving unrestricted gifts to the school. Several years later, Dr. Danette Boyle, V.P. for Development and today is Executive Director of the OMA Alumni Association, worked with the couple to establish their scholarship endowment. The endowment started anonymously, but was later named the Alyson Marie Knight Memorial Endowed Scholarship in memory of their granddaughter, a high school honor student in Texas who died in a 2002 automobile accident. The scholarship is designed to recruit and retain talented students to RSU, and the couple was especially interested in providing support for students who are working their way through school or who have faced adversity.

Following the couple’s death, their children this spring agreed to honor their parents by renaming the existing

scholarship endowment as the Alfred B. and Margaret F. Knight Scholarship Endowment. The couple’s most recent gift was given to be included in this endowment, which now totals more than \$1.5 million.

Their children – Grover, Alfred Jr. M.D., Mary, James Ph.D., Margo M.D. and Gwen M.D. -- said the Knights were role models in their service to community and the RSU scholarship endowment honors their legacy of giving back.

The Knights were strong advocates for education and they encouraged their children to earn advanced degrees, knowing the education would make a difference in their lives and the lives of those around them.

That same spirit can be seen in how the couple lived their lives. During World War II, he was a Navy Lieutenant, serving in naval communication intelligence in Washington, D.C. while he simultaneously attended George Washington University Law School at night and was a member of the Law Review.

Following the war, he practiced law for 15 years in Tulsa with his father, who was also an attorney. Al later established his own firm, Knight Wagner Stuart Wilkerson & Lieber, from which he retired in 2001 at the age of 80. Al contributed his time and expertise to many organizations over the years including the Executive Board of the National Cutting Horse Association, President of the Tulsa Junior Chamber of Commerce and so on.

The couple met during a trial in which he was representing an Okmulgee hospital where Margaret served as a board member. “He won the lawsuit and won my heart,” Margaret always said.

The emphasis the Knights placed on education was also amply evidenced by Margaret’s trailblazing path as one of the first female graduates from the University of Oklahoma Geology Department, where she was often the only woman in the class. Throughout her life, Margaret contributed to numerous organizations, including Gilcrease Museum where she was President of the Volunteer group and was responsible for bringing that organization into the computer age by placing all their information into a database. She started the Service League in Okmulgee, which contributed so much to the small town, such as creating a teen center.

The Knights were quiet benefactors to the university for years, and they credited OMA Alumni Association Executive Director Dr. Danette Boyle for her stewardship and showing how their gifts made a difference in students’ lives.

During their lifetime, Al and Margaret Knight made a difference in the lives of our students, Boyle said. Now, through their estate gift, the Knight legacy will continue to be felt as students who receive scholarships can pay it forward to their communities and future generations.



## DECORATED FORMER ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF HONORED WITH RSU CONSTITUTION AWARD FOR 2015



Former U.S. Army Chief of Staff General Dennis J. Reimer, United States Army (Retired), received the Rogers State University Constitution Award during a November 9 ceremony and luncheon on the Claremore campus.

Each fall since 1987, RSU has presented the Constitution Award to an Oklahoman who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the principles of the U.S. Constitution through his or her life's work. The RSU Constitution Award was established in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the adoption of the U.S. Constitution.

The highest ranking military officer born in Oklahoma, General Reimer grew up in Medford, Oklahoma. He graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1962 and was commissioned in the Field Artillery. He earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg State College and held numerous command and staff positions during his 37 years of active service culminating in his appointment as the 33rd chief of staff of the U.S. Army in 1995. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 1999.

In accepting the award, General Reimer discussed the importance of that governing document to the military services, where enlisted men and officers alike swear an oath to protect the Constitution. He noted that the military is governed by an important set of checks and balances as outlined in the Constitution, including a civilian commander in chief and Congressional power to declare war, raise and support an Army and establishing rules to regulate land and naval forces.

General Reimer participated in a question-and-answer session at the conclusion of the event, addressing issues of historical and current events.

Attending the ceremony were students from area high schools, RSU's Honors Program, President's Leadership Class and the Oklahoma Army National Guard's Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) program at RSU.

Following his military service, General Reimer was named the first Director of the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism based in Oklahoma City. In 2005, Reimer became the President of DFI Government Services in Washington, D.C. He retired from that position in 2009.

He also served as the keynote speaker in 2011 when the Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Association dedicated the OMA Killed in Action Memorial on the RSU campus.

General Reimer currently serves as President of the Army Emergency Relief, is a Trustee of the Association of the United States Army, a member of the Corporation of Draper Labs and a member of the Board of Directors of Mutual of America. General Reimer is also a member of the Oklahoma State Hall of Fame and a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Military Academy.

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## EMERSON TO DEMONSTRATE FLASH DRIVE



Charles Emerson '56, the man behind the original OMA DVD and now the OMA Flash Drive, has agreed to demonstrate the flash drive during a class for all interested alumni attending the Reunion. Set for 4 p.m., Friday, June 10, Emerson will take anyone who is interested through the flash drive, provide instructions on how to use it and give tips on utilization of the information. The OMA flash

drive has an enormous amount of information contained in it, or "everything that you want to know about OMA but were afraid to ask." The class will be in the Centennial Center, second floor conference room, which will make it very easy to attend the Reception immediately afterwards beginning at 5:30 p.m. Emerson is a 2008 Distinguished Alumni and lives in Oklahoma City where he is constantly updating the flash drive with new information almost on a weekly basis. Come early so that you will have a good seat, as this is one event you will not want to miss!

# OMA ALUMNI REUNION | JUNE 10-11, 2016

## FRIDAY | JUNE 10

- 8:00 a.m. **REUNION REGISTRATION**  
Meyer Hall, OMA Alumni Office and OMA Museum
- 9:00 a.m. **ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC**  
Heritage Hills Golf Course 18 Hole Tournament
- 9:00 a.m. **Shotgun Start Begins** • \$65 (lunch included)
- 11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. **Golf Lunch** • \$15 (lunch only)  
*Lunch is available for alumni and guests not participating in golf.*
- 11:30 a.m. **LADIES' LUNCHEON** • \$25  
*Hosted by RSU First Lady Peggy Rice President's Residence, RSU Campus Reservation required with maximum 40*
- 4:00 p.m. - **OVERVIEW OF THE OMA "FLASH DRIVE"**  
*Presented by Charles Emerson '56 Centennial Center Conference Room 2nd Floor*
- 5:30 p.m. **REUNION OPENING RECEPTION** • \$30 per person  
RSU Centennial Center Ballroom  
*Background music by OMA Alumni Lonnie Stevans '71 and Bill Ramsay '61*
- 6:30 p.m. **"RABBIT TALES"**  
RSU Centennial Center Ballroom  
*Alumni tell their best "Rabbit Stories" in 60 seconds*

Call Danette Boyle to register today!

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## SATURDAY JUNE 11

- 8:00 a.m. **REUNION REGISTRATION**  
Meyer Hall, OMA Alumni Office and OMA Museum  
*Coffee and pastries*
- 9:15 a.m. **"DRILL AND CEREMONY EXHIBITION"**  
RSU GOLD MILITARY STUDENTS  
Front of Campus between Flag Pole and Will Rogers Auditorium
- 9:30 a.m. **ALUMNI CEREMONIES**  
Will Rogers Auditorium
  - HONORING OMA'S RECENTLY DECEASED ALUMNI
  - COLOR GUARD PRESENTED BY THE RSU GUARD OFFICER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (GOLD) PROGRAM STUDENTS
  - DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND HALL OF FAME CEREMONY
- 11:30 a.m. **ALUMNI LUNCHEON** • \$35  
*No charge for any alumnus attending his first reunion*  
Centennial Center  
*Special Guests: RSU Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program military students*
  - Recognition of 2016 OMA Honorary Cadets
  - "Boots Back on the Hill" Scholarships for GOLD Students
  - Unveiling of NFL Super Bowl Football
- Immediately Following Luncheon **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
*No charge for any alumnus attending his first reunion*  
Chapman Dining Hall  
*Display of Military Artifacts by several individuals including Dean Williams III (grandson of Dean Williams I '29) and Dewey Wilson '66*
- 5:30 p.m. **RECEPTION, DINNER AND DANCE** • \$40  
Pin-on Corsage: \$11 • Wrist Corsage: \$15  
RSU Centennial Center Ballroom  
*"Grand March" First time since OMA Closed in 1971.*
- 7:30 p.m. **BAND: RENDEVOUX**  
RSU Centennial Center Ballroom

## “RABBIT TALES” SET FOR FRIDAY EVENING



One of the highlights of the 2016 OMA Alumni Association Reunion will be the telling of your favorite “Rabbit Tale.” On Friday evening beginning at 6:30 pm we will give anyone and everyone ONE MINUTE to tell their favorite story as a Rabbit. Can you think of a funny story or incident that happened to you as a Rabbit? Would you like to share it with everyone?

This event goes right along with our theme for 2016 of “We Were All Once Rabbits.” It will be interesting to hear some “Rabbit Tales” from the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s and 1970s to see how they compare. Who will have the most outrageous story to tell? This has the potential to be one of the highpoints of the weekend and you do NOT want to miss it!

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## THE GRAND MARCH RETURNS TO THE HILL



Do any of you remember the Grand March at the school dances? Did any of you “walk down the aisle” with your date at the Grand March? At the reunion dinner-dance on Saturday evening, June 11, we will have the first Grand March back on the Hill since OMA closed in 1971!

The Grand March is being directed by B.G. Jones '64, who will be the “Officer-In-Charge” of the 2016 Grand March and he promises that it will be a lot of fun. Anyone can participate, no matter what your rank was at OMA. Come and join us as we take a trip down memory lane!

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## LIVE BAND AT 2016 REUNION!

We will have a live band playing classics at the 2016 Reunion! On October 8, the “Band Inspection Committee” (Danette Boyle, Jim Elder, Bill Ramsay, Carlos Galvez, Phil Goldfarb and their spouses) checked out the band that was hired for the reunion called RendevouX.

Every person had a smile on their face, their hands were sore from clapping and everyone came away very pleased with the selection of this band. The band plays music from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. After eight years, it is time to once again have a live band!

Thanks goes to Bill Ramsay for finding and securing the band and to Angel Beltran, Jim Elder and B.G. Jones for sponsoring the band.





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