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OMA MUSEUM UPDATES KIA WALL



The OMA Museum's volunteer staff at work on the KIA Wall project include, from left, Curator Gene Little, and committee members Norm Shaw, Jim Ellison, and Bob Hancock.

At least 104 Oklahoma Military Academy cadets are known to have given their lives in military actions to defend the United States and for the cause of freedom around the world. OMA Museum Curator Gene Little ('56) believes there could be many more yet to be documented.

In the meantime, Little is moving ahead with an updated and expanded memorial display for cadets "Killed In Action" during 20th Century wars and other military-related service. Eventually, Little hopes every cadet who made the ultimate sacrifice will be honored.

Members of the OMA Alumni Association Board of Directors, along with the membership at large, support this priority Museum project. Since announcing a need for financial support to rescan, reframe and remount the existing display, 79 and one matching gift has raised \$7,335.

"This particular Museum project definitely strikes a common chord among the alumni," Little said. "The actual number of cadets who served in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam is not yet known. We find out about others on a regular basis. The cadets we do know about have been confirmed through OMA and War Department records."

"We have not had the resources necessary to cross-reference and document each and every one. That would be a monumental task. At this point, much of our documentation has been generated from someone telling us about a cadet they believe should be on the wall. We then begin by looking at our OMA registry and the War Department records to verify that we have the right person. Even then it's not always an exact science."

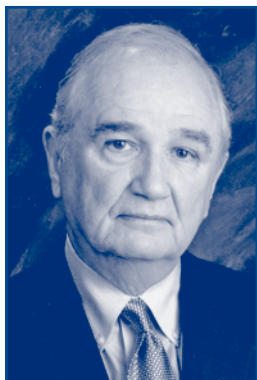
Little and his museum team have been busy rescanning the old photos, in some instances replacing the originals with new copies and retouching those showing signs of age. Each honoree is receiving a new matching frame and identification plaque before being remounted for viewing.

The current project will cost an estimated \$2,000. Little said additional funds raised have been placed in the museum operating account, at the direction of the Board of Directors, which will be used to document additional KIAs and enhance other museum displays.

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MEMBERS OF THE OMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2009-2010

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear OMA Alumni,

Let me start by expressing my thanks to all of the Oklahoma Military Academy alumni and guests who attended the 2009 Reunion this past June. In addition, I want to thank the OMA Alumni Board of Directors and the Rogers State University staff for their help. Reunion 2009 was a tremendous success. I want to thank every cadet who traveled far and wide

and those who came from just across town for attending.

The 2009-2010 Board of Directors is already at work. It's not too early to put the date for next year's reunion on your calendar - June 4 and 5, 2010. Charles "David" Raper will serve as our Adjutant. David is a 1965 graduate. We will again put a great deal of effort into locating "lost alumni." All those who participated in the 2009 reunion registration effort know it is only with the far-reaching contacts of our known alumni that we can locate those cadets who have yet to have the OMA Alumni Reunion experience. Simply put, our goal for next year's reunion is, you guessed it, RECORD ATTENDANCE!

As you will read in this issue, a Military Science degree is under consideration, talks about bringing ROTC back to The Hill are ongoing and the OMA Museum collection continues to expand and improve. In the past year, RSU President Larry Rice has made a concerted effort to recognize and promote the historical relevance of OMA throughout the University's Centennial Celebration. He has assured us the OMA legacy is an integral part of today's RSU experience. I believe this to be true, thanks to every one of you who have given generously to support the OMA Museum Endowment, endowed scholarships (both individual and group) and special projects such as the OMA Student Lounge and the redesign of the Killed In Action Wall.

I can say without reservation that I am proud to be an OMA alumnus and hope you are too. If you ever have any questions about the OMA Alumni program or reunion planning, don't hesitate to contact the RSU Alumni and Development Office staff. They are always friendly and willing to help any way they can.

Randy Vierling
OMA Association President
Class of 1963



Angel Beltran ('66)



Gerald Breeding ('55)



Arthur "Frank" Cochran ('46)



Bob Corlett ('62)



Judge James "Jim" Ellison ('46)



Phil Goldfarb ('69)



Robert "Bob" Hancock ('71)



Tom Hargis ('67)



Bill Harris ('54)



Jack Harris ('55)



Don Hill ('54)



Lawrence "Larry" Lantow ('38)



Bill Ramsay ('61)



Warren Rodgers, ('62)



Tom Simpson ('66)



Ray Weems ('38)



John Wickstrom ('70)

HIGHEST-RANKING OMA GRADUATE NAMED TO OKLAHOMA MILITARY HALL OF FAME



Lt. Gen. William E. Potts, the highest ranking graduate of the Oklahoma Military Academy, will be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame.

A ceremony inducting Lt. Gen. Potts and eight other distinguished Oklahoma veterans will be Nov. 11 at the Gaylord Center at Oklahoma Christian University.

Potts, who died in 2005, graduated from the OMA in 1941. He was named to the OMA Alumni Hall of Fame in 1984 and named an OMA Distinguished Alumnus in 1987.

Lt. Gen. Potts participated in 15 campaigns, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

He was a native of Heavener and attended OMA in Claremore from 1937 to 1941. He was named distinguished honor graduate by the school and the outstanding ROTC graduate in Oklahoma by the U.S. Reserve Officer's Association.

Potts attended OMA during his last two years of high school and his first two years of college. Although he was 19 when he completed his military training, he was commissioned as a U.S. Army Second Lieutenant within six weeks of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

After a promotion by Gen. George Patton, he became the youngest field grade officer to lead a battalion in Europe.

He commanded an armored cavalry unit responsible for the East-West German border, the Fulda Gap, and the Frankfurt-Berlin autobahn.

He also served on the Army General Staff, the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the office of the Secretary of Defense, in joint, combined and Allied staff positions and as the Army representative in the U.S. National Intelligence Community.

Seven countries, including France, the Republic of China, and the U. S. have honored him with a total of 51 decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star and Purple Heart. He is a member of the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame.

Potts held a bachelor of science degree in political science and international affairs from the University of Maryland. He also earned two master's degrees, one in international affairs and another in management public administration from George Washington University.

He also studied at Oxford University in England and at Harvard University. He was a graduate of nine military service schools, including the National War College, and did doctoral work in philosophy from American University in Washington, D.C.

He established the Lt. General William E. Potts Scholarship Endowment at RSU. In addition, he assisted in obtaining grant funds to build RSU Public Television and the station's first broadcast tower, said Dr. Danette Boyle, RSU vice president for development.

Other inductees into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame include Sgt. First Class D.C. Brewer, Gen. George M. Donovan, Col. Richard "Rick" Rescorla, Maj. Gen. Teddy Hollis Sanford, Commander Ernest Evans, Private First Class Albert Earnest Schwab, and Lt. Col. Leon R. "Bob" Vance.

KIA WALL

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The OMA Museum is a solely volunteer endeavor. The museum has no paid staff. Support services and the facility are made available to the OMA Museum and the OMA Alumni Association through the RSU Development Office.

Little serves as curator on a volunteer basis. The OMA Museum Committee, established at the May board meeting, includes Little, Jim Ellison ('46), Robert Hancock ('71) and Norm Shaw ('53).

The OMA Museum is located in Meyer Hall – the former Meyer Barracks, which opened in 1919 to house cadets. The museum is open to the public at no charge. However, donations are accepted. The museum is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on holidays and when the university is closed. Special tours are available upon request. To learn more about the museum, visit <http://www.rsu.edu/oma/museum.asp>.

RSU MILITARY HISTORY DEGREE AND ROTC PROGRAM IN DEVELOPMENT STAGES



Above, Company "A" ROTC in the field, 1959. At right, Company "A" ROTC, First Semester Staff, 1950.



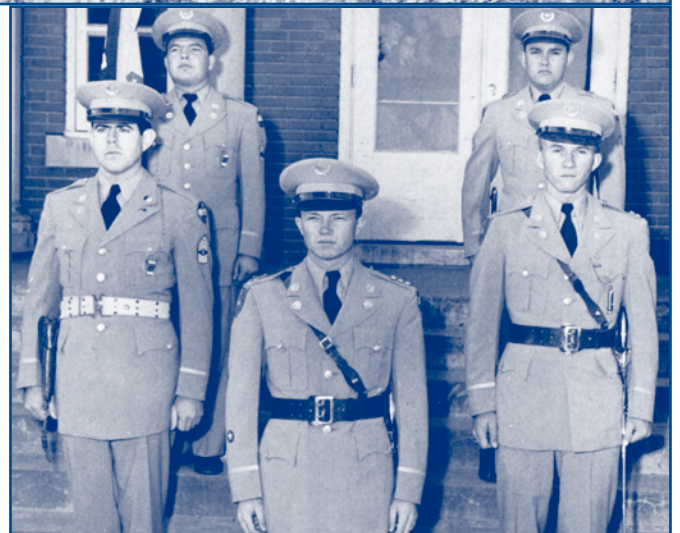
*Dr. Kenneth Hicks,
RSU Department Head and
Associate Professor*

Many Oklahoma Military Academy alumni are looking forward to the day when a new military history degree is available at Rogers State University and ROTC returns to The Hill.

A bachelor of arts (B.A.) in military history is in the development stages at RSU. Dr. Kenneth Hicks, associate professor of political science and Head of the RSU Department of History and Political Science, told members of the OMA Alumni Board of Directors at a recent meeting. The new degree program could be in place as early as the fall of 2010 with its first graduates in 2014-2015.

"This proposed degree program draws on our heritage as a military academy," Hicks said. "We are fortunate to have the approval and enthusiasm of our OMA alumni for the new degree.

"We also have qualified faculty members in place who have studied and researched military history," he added.



While the military history degree proposal must go through "several hoops," Hicks explained, "I am very confident that we can overcome any challenges."

The new degree must receive approval from the RSU Office of Academic Affairs, President's Office, the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma (the governing board for RSU) and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

This spring, RSU will offer two classes toward the new degree, including Introduction to Military History and a class

focusing on the Vietnam War. These classes are expected to be popular with current history and political science majors, as well as non-majors. The Introduction to Military History class would be a core requirement if the degree is approved. The class on the Vietnam War will be taught by Professor Phil Sample, a Vietnam veteran and military historian.

The degree proposal states that "the Bachelor of Arts in Military History program recaptures the OMA mission for a new day. This degree will contribute to the national defense by helping to rebuild a junior officer corps severely affected by war-related attrition and retirement."

ROTC Program Also Under Consideration

Re-establishing ROTC on The Hill may be a greater challenge, Hicks told OMA alumni.

"As you know, few plans survive first contact," Hicks said of the university's efforts to redevelop an ROTC program on campus. "It is highly unlikely we will get an ROTC program in less than two years."

Hicks, along with Dr. Frank Elwell, Dean of the RSU School of Liberal Arts, and Dr. Paul Hatley, an associate professor in the Department of History and Political Science, have been doing "reconnaissance" on behalf of the ROTC program. The nearest ROTC satellite program is located at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, and sponsored by the University of Arkansas.

The RSU academic team recently met with Lt. Col. Kendall Horn, commandant of the University of Oklahoma's ROTC program, and explored the possibility of setting up a satellite ROTC program at RSU, with OU's sponsorship. "There is considerable support for such a program," Hicks said.

The RSU Office of Development, under the direction of Dr. Danette Boyle, is providing supporting documentation for the effort, compiling lists of OMA alumni who have ROTC and upper-level military connections and successful military careers.

Newly seated OMA Alumni Association President Randy Vierling, '63, expressed appreciation for the university's ongoing efforts to put "a military face" on campus again.

Hicks will be providing future updates to the OMA Alumni Association on the status of the military history degree and the ROTC program.



At left, RSU history instructor Phil Sample. At right, Alumni Association Board members Phil Goldfarb, Jim Ellison, Bill Harris and Robert "Bob" Hancock were provided a history lesson when they embarked upon an impromptu tour of the Will Rogers Auditorium basement, where the RSU history faculty are being temporarily housed while Baird Hall undergoes extensive renovation and expansion.

BUNKER TOUR

There's nothing like a history lesson from someone who was there. Instructor Phil Sample shared details of his service as an Infantry and Counterintelligence advisor with South Vietnamese troops during the 1960s. Sample has been a member of the RSU faculty since 1982. He received a B.A.E. from Wichita State University and a M.S. from Northeastern State University, with additional graduate courses from Wichita State and the American Military University.

Sample is a former Army officer who also worked as a counterintelligence operative and member of the General Staff of the United States Army South in Latin America. His last active military duty was as the Deputy G-3 of the 193rd Infantry Brigade in Panama. After leaving the Army, he joined the International Division of the Coleman Company, where he was the sales administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean. He was a Civil War reenactor for 20 years.

TROOP 40: STILL KICKIN' AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!



Tony Massad, OMA '47

Tony Massad ('47) does not just remember the Oklahoma Military Academy, he is keeping the OMA legacy alive for future generations.

Massad and another Decade of the 40s classmate, the late Joe Hedrick ('48), were instrumental in the establishment of the Troop 40 OMA Cavalry Scholarship Endowment in 1994. Massad continues to be a leader in helping the endowment reach its \$250,000 goal. To date, more than

60 alumni from the 1940s have contributed and the endowment totals more than \$180,000.

Massad has stated numerous times in annual giving letters addressed to his OMA classmates, "Our gifts are making a difference." His statement is verified in the lives of the many students who have benefitted from the 1940s endowment. In the spring, Jill Street and Jennifer White became the most recent college graduates who can say, "Thanks, Troop 40." This fall, at least two more students will benefit from Troop 40s' efforts.

Known not only for his distinguished military and professional career as an attorney and prosecutor in Tillman County, Massad received the prestigious RSU Constitution Award in 2007.

MEET THE 2009-2010 TROOP 40 SCHOLARS

The Troop 40 scholarship endowment is making the dreams of a college education come true for two northeastern Oklahoma students.

STEVEN DECOSTER



Steven Decoster, Pryor, Okla., is a senior at RSU. He is a business administration/forensic accounting major. He works part time at Gatorade in Pryor as an accounts payable coordinator. He is a member of the Presidents Honor Roll.

Decoster chose RSU because it was his hometown college. As a Pryor High School graduate, Decoster was able to enroll in college while staying at home. Today, he is making plans for the future. Following graduation in spring 2010, he will apply to the FBI academy with hopes of becoming a fraud investigator. He also has plans to become a Certified Public Accountant.

On a personal note, Decoster likes to hang out with friends, play and watch sports, attend church and volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and the Red Cross. His future plans also include marriage following graduation.

MATTHEW WHEELER



RSU offered the two most important things Matthew Wheeler, of Inola, Okla., was looking for in a college education - the university is close to home and offers a degree in his area of interest. Like Decoster, Wheeler is a returning Troop 40 scholar. He is a junior nursing major. His plan after graduation is to receive a Nurses Practitioners License.

This Inola High School graduate likes to play and watch sports, hunt, fish and watch movies with his friends. He volunteers with the Inola High School and helps organize the Inola outdoor classroom program. He works part-time as a sales clerk at Longhorn Video.

A SALUTE TO THE OMA ALUMNI WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENTS AND THE OMA MUSEUM ENDOWMENT

The Alex and Teresa Adwan Scholarship Endowment
Established by Teresa and Alex Adwan

The Jim Barker Scholarship Endowment
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barker

Dorothy Carr Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Established by Hugh and Angela Miller

The Bob and Linda Corlett Scholarship Endowment
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Corlett

The Dr. Zorus and Judy Colglazier Scholarship Endowment
Established by Dr. Zorus and Judy Colglazier

The Forrest Cross Scholarship Endowment
Established by Forrest Cross

The Timothy Donovan Memorial Endowment
Established by Dr. Donald K. Routh and Mrs. Marion Routh

Taylor Erwin Faulkner Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Established by Dave and Mary Faulkner, Barry A. Farbro and other family and friends of Taylor Erwin Faulkner

The Foreman Faulkner Scholarship Endowment
Established by Mrs. Coolella Faulkner

Mel and Barbara Foster Scholarship Endowment
Established by Mel and Barbara Foster

The Bill B. and Dena D. Harris Scholarship Endowment
Established by Mr. Bill B. Harris

Warnock D. and Gloria Harwell Scholarship Endowment
Established by Warnock D. Harwell

The Lake Tunnell Henry/ Margie M. Tunnell Markart Scholarship Endowment
Established by the late Mr. Gary Henry

Gary W. and Carolyn D. Henry Scholarship Endowment
Established by the late Gary Henry

The Michael Lee and Carol Marie Henry/ Perry Family Scholarship Endowment
Established by the late Gary Henry

Col. John E. Horne Scholarship Endowment
Established by OMA Alumni Association and family and friends

The George Hudman Scholarship Endowment
Established by George Hudman

The P.H. Kelley Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Established by Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni and the family of P.H. Kelly

The Alyson Marie Knight Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Established by Mr. Alfred B. Knight and Mrs. Margaret Knight

Hoyt and Beulah Lessley Memorial Scholarship Endowment
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The Robert B. and Ursula Lewis Endowment
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The Leon and Nita Lloyd Scholarship Endowment
Established by Leon Lloyd

The Olen and Dora Lloyd Scholarship Endowment
Established by Leon Lloyd

Alva N. and Ethel M. Loshbaugh Scholarship Endowment
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Alva N. Loshbaugh

The E.W. and Marcelle Luker Scholarship Endowment
Established by Ted and Terry Wright and E.W. and Marcelle Luker

The J.C. Mitchell Scholarship Endowment
Established by the late J.C. Mitchell

Jim and Norma Morrison Scholarship Endowment
Established by Jim and Norma Morrison

The Everett E. Newell Scholarship Endowment
Established by Dr. Donald K. and Marion Routh

Patrick and Michael A. O'Bannon Scholarship Endowment
Established by the Estate of Michael A. O'Bannon and Mr. Patrick O'Bannon

The OMA Fifties Alumni Endowment
Established by the Oklahoma Military Academy Fifties Decade Alumni

The Oklahoma Military Academy 1960's and 1970's Decade Endowment In Memory of those Killed in Action
Established by Oklahoma Military Academy Sixties and Seventies Decade Alumni

The Lt. General William E. Potts Scholarship Endowment
Established by Lt. General William E. Potts

The Carroll Reddic/Coca-Cola Foundation Scholarship Endowment
Established by Mr. Carroll Reddic and the Coca-Cola Foundation

Matthew Casey Simpson Memorial Endowment
Established by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpson and Family and Friends of Matthew Casey Simpson

The John B. and Sue E. Stizza Scholarship Endowment
Established by Bill B. and Sue E. Harris

A. Eltinge Streeter Scholarship Endowment
Established by Richard H. Streeter

Troop 40, Oklahoma Military Academy Cavalry Endowment
Established by Tony and Mary Massad and the 1940's Decade Alumni

The Lew Ward Scholarship Endowment
Established by Mr. Lew Ward

The Verna J. Wright Scholarship Endowment
Established by Bob and Carolyn Wright

DEVELOPING ENDOWMENTS

Patrick Jordan Scholarship Endowment
Established by Patrick Jordan

R. Blaine Jones Scholarship Endowment
Established by Blaine and Margaret Jones

Marland McKinley Rogers Scholarship Endowment
Established by Ted and Terry Wright

OTHER ENDOWMENTS

The OMA Museum Endowment
Established by OMA Alumni

The Oklahoma Military Academy Endowment
Established by OMA Alumni

OMA ALUMNI RETURN TO THE HILL

More than 166 Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni – former cadets who attended classes and military training on The Hill from 1935 to 1971 – were on campus June 6-7 for their annual reunion. It was one of the largest gatherings of former students since the institution became a four-year university in 1999.

The event included a Memorial Ceremony, during which cadets who were lost in wars and died of natural causes were honored and remembered. A highlight of this year's ceremony was a drill presentation by Claremore High School Navy Junior ROTC cadets. They also raised the flag at the outset of the ceremony and fired three volleys in tribute to those who died this past year. The cadets were under the direction of Commander Murry Estabrook and Chief Petty Officer David Jasper.

Four outstanding alumni were honored during Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni ceremonies in the Will Rogers Auditorium. The traditional reunion event also recognized the 10 OMA alumni supporters who funded the naming of the OMA Student Lounge, located in the Centennial Center. The Lounge includes photos and memorabilia, along with background information regarding the more than five-decade history of OMA on The Hill.

OMA Alumni are significant supporters of RSU. They have established a series of decade scholarship endowments which benefit today's students, along with the Oklahoma Military Museum Endowment, designed to assist with the operation of the OMA Museum on the second floor of historic Meyer Hall (the first cadet barracks on campus, circa 1920).

To view more scenes from the 2009 Reunion visit www.rsu.edu or go to <http://www.flickr.com/photos/rogersstateuniversity/collections/72157619549328296/>



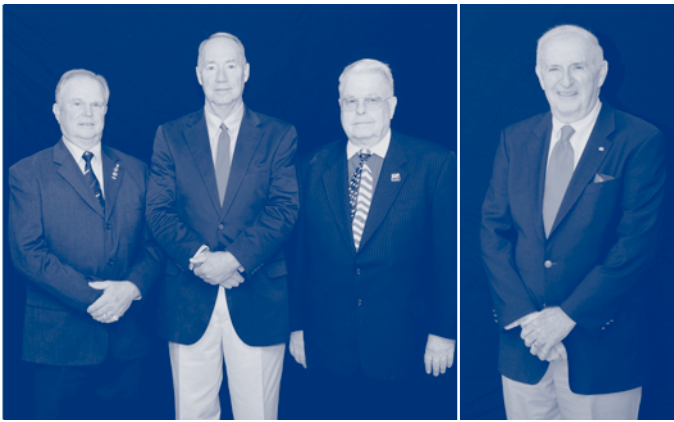
Lt. Col. Edwin Ramsey ('37) and wife, Raquel Ramsey, are familiar faces at the annual OMA Reunion events. The Ramseys travel from Los Angeles, Calif.



All seats were taken as Adjutant Tom Anderson recognized Decade Commanders during the annual Memorial Service during Opening Ceremonies at the Flag Pole Saturday morning, June 6. They were (seated from left): Larry Lantow (1930s), James "Jim" Ellison (1940s), Gerald L. Breeding (1950s), Phil Goldfarb (1960s) and John Wickstrom (1970s).



Claremore High School Navy Junior ROTC cadets, performing during Opening Ceremonies, brought back memories of drills and thrills on The Hill for the nearly 200 OMA alumni visiting campus for the 2009 Reunion.



Above at left, the 2009 OMA Distinguished Alumni recognized during ceremonies in the Will Rogers Auditorium were Dr. Ralph "Ken" Kennedy Johnston ('61), Belen, N.M.; Dr. William Daugherty ('65), Savannah, Ga.; and Tom Anderson ('55), Olympia, Wash. Johnston helped train the first moon landing crews to fly the Lunar Module spacecraft; Daugherty is a 17-year highly decorated veteran officer of the Central Intelligence Agency; and Anderson is a retired regular Army Lieutenant Colonel with more than 21 years of continuous active duty service. Anderson has served two years as reunion adjutant.

Above at right, Hugh Miller ('53), West Chester, Penn., was recognized as the 2009 OMA Reunion Hall of Fame honoree. Miller had a long and distinguished career in the global chemical and pharmaceutical industries.



The student lounge in the new Centennial Center at Rogers State University was dedicated at a ceremony on Saturday, June 6, during the annual Oklahoma Military Academy alumni reunion. The lounge was funded by 10 former cadets who attended the OMA in the 1950s and 1960s, including Thomas W. Anderson of Olympia, Wash., Gerald L. Breeding of Oklahoma City, Bob Corlett of Afton, Okla., Scott L. Graham of Broken Arrow, Jack E. Harris of Kansas, Okla., Harry H. Poarch of Tulsa, Bert J. Rosson of Jackson, Miss., Jack E. Short of Bixby, Okla., C.R. "Randy" Vierling of Edmond, Okla., and Ted Wright of Kerrville, Texas. (Not all pictured.)



Visitors got an upclose look at the new OMA Student Lounge, located in the Centennial Center, which features photos and memorabilia from the years when cadets lived and learned on The Hill.

Bill Harris ('54) walked away from the Ice Cream Social Hour with another find for his growing gun collection, an Italian-made Faust 20-gauge shotgun. The gun was donated by Paul Overton ('57), Jacksonville, Fla. Raffle proceeds provide valuable dollars for the OMA Museum operations fund.



SAVE
THE DATE
OMA REUNION
June 4-5, 2010



It was renew "auld acquaintance" time for 1960s OMA alumni at the Friday night reception on the veranda of the new Rogers State University Centennial Center. The new Center was built on the former site of Post Hall, the old OMA Mess Hall.



Time on the links at Heritage Hills Golf Course is standard fare for early Friday OMA Reunion arrivals.

REUNION HONOREES LAUD 'THE OMA EXPERIENCE'

The "OMA Experience" was a common theme in the remarks made by the recipients of the 2009 Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni awards during this year's OMA Reunion on The Hill at Rogers State University.

Hall of Fame



Hugh E. Miller

Hugh E. Miller ('53), the Hall of Fame honoree, referenced the OMA experience when he remarked on the documented successes of so many OMA cadets from a wide variety of fields who have found "it all comes back to their education."

Miller retired following a long and distinguished career in the global chemical and pharmaceutical industries. Following graduation from OMA High School in 1953, he attended Rice University in Houston, graduating in 1958 with a B.A. and a B.S. in chemical engineering. He later attended the Harvard International Senior Managers Business Program. He was commissioned in 1958 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers and served in the Army and Army Reserves for 10 years, completing his service as a Captain. His business career started in sales to the automotive industry and evolved to international sales. In 1966 he was transferred to Europe where he became a top executive with Europa Division of Imperial Chemical Industries, a United Kingdom based company and one of the largest chemical companies in the world during the 1970s and 80s. In 1979 he returned to the U.S. and became president of Stuart Pharmaceuticals, ICI's pharmaceutical operation in the U.S. and Canada. Miller retired from ICI as Vice Chairman of ICI Americas. He has most recently served as Chairman of the Board of MCI Pharma and as a Director of Wilmington Trust Company and Verizon-Delaware.



Thomas W. Anderson

Distinguished Alumni

Distinguished alumnus and 2009 Reunion Adjutant Thomas (Tom) W. Anderson ('55) noted how he, like others, arrived at OMA as a boy and departed a man. Referencing his successful 21-year military career, Anderson noted that OMA "put us ahead of our counterparts."

Anderson, of Olympia, Wash., spent

four years at OMA, graduating from junior college in 1955 as the Corps Commander and a Distinguished Military Graduate. Following graduation from OMA, he attended the University of Oklahoma and subsequently enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1958. He attended the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill, Okla., and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in October 1959.

He completed a B.S. degree from Cameron University in 1973; graduated from the Army's Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., in 1974; and completed an MBA from Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Mo., in 1976. His awards include three Army Commendation Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, Bronze Star Medal and the Legion of Merit. His military career included duty tours in Germany, Vietnam and Korea. After 21 years of continuous active duty, he retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel while stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco and later moved to Olympia, Wash. Since retiring from the Army he has traveled extensively to Europe, Russia, China, Australia and New Zealand. He served as the 2008 Reunion Adjutant and was asked to form a steering committee in conjunction with the 2009 Reunion, an organization-building role for which he was well suited, with the goal of maximizing attendance at the 2009 Centennial Reunion.



*Dr. William J.
Daugherty, PhD*

Distinguished alumnus Dr. William J. Daugherty, PhD ('65), offered this word of thanks to his former OMA instructors and leaders: "If you ever wondered if you made a difference in somebody's life - [you] did." Daugherty noted that character concepts taught at OMA such as "integrity and judgment under pressure" not only prepared him to be a Marine, but contributed to his survival and ability to endure imprisonment. Daugherty, a novice CIA agent in 1979, was captured and held hostage for 444 days during the Iranian Crisis.

Daugherty, a 17-year veteran Central Intelligence Agency operations officer, is an author and sought-after speaker. As an outstanding OMA cadet and honor student, he was the school's nominee to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis. He served eight years in the U.S. Marine Corps - with enlisted and commissioned service - completed flight school and flew combat missions in Vietnam.

He completed a B.A. in social science at the University of

California, and a Ph.D. in government from the Claremont Graduate School. Daugherty was subsequently recruited by the CIA. During his first CIA duty tour while stationed at the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran, he was taken hostage in 1979. He was among 52 hostages held prisoner for 444 days. His awards include the State Department's Medal of Valor, the CIA Exceptional Service Medal, the Foreign Service Association's W. Averill Harriman Award, and a two-time recipient of the CIA Exceptional Performance Award.

Dr. Daugherty is presently a professor of government at Armstrong Atlantic State University, in Savannah, Ga., and the author of two books, eight journal articles and book chapters on Iran and intelligence.



Dr. Ralph Kennedy Johnston, D.D.

Distinguished alumnus Dr. Ralph Kennedy (Ken) Johnston, D.D. ('61), found the strong male influence of his OMA experience to be just what a young farm boy from Texas needed. He said the only knowledge he had of his own father was that he had served in World War II. "At OMA, I had the opportunity to set goals and follow through," he said. Johnston left OMA to join the U.S.

Marine Corps, serving during the Vietnam War. His 17-year career as a NASA test pilot on the Apollo Program and later on the Space Shuttle earned him the unofficial title of "Earth-bound space pioneer." Johnston was described in a 1989 San Angelo, Texas, newspaper article with this apt description considering his resume, which includes groundbreaking training of the Apollo Astronauts in O-G (weightless environment) and vacuum chambers. He helped train the first crews to land on the moon how to fly the Lunar Module spacecraft. Johnston joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1962 and served during the Vietnam War. He began a 17-year career with NASA in 1966 as a test pilot with the Apollo Program and later on the Space Shuttle. Subsequently he worked at Boeing for 14 years on the Peace Keeper (MX Missile) launch systems and as a flight instructor on Boeing 737 aircraft. He received his Doctorate of Divinity in 1985, and became an ordained minister. Earlier he earned multiple undergraduate degrees including a B.S. in aerospace engineering. He is currently a NASA volunteer, promoting the accomplishments and missions of our Space Program as a Solar System Ambassador.

CHRISTMAS PAST



If you are having trouble getting excited about the upcoming holiday season, here's an inspirational piece that might help.

BG Jones ('64) offers this memory from a Christmas Past taken directly from the pages of the 1964 *Vedette* yearbook. Jones recalls the annual Christmas Party, complete with Santa and Ms. Claus, with the orphans from the Pryor Boy's Home.

"This was my sixth year at OMA and I had watched this wonderful event for five years and how pleasing it was for all these kids to get presents and be the center of attention for that night. Since I was one of the OMA officers and leaders, I suggested to Commandant Tice that we have a Ms. Claus to go with Santa and I would play the part of Ms. Claus and Joe Davenport would play

Santa. He agreed and with the help of Mrs. Thompson, the head of the Laundry and mother to all of us, the Ms. Claus suit was made and it was a hit and a surprise to not only Colonel Ledbetter (president of OMA) but to the Corp of Cadets and the kids from the Pryor Home.

"In the mid 1970s, I bought a Santa outfit in New Orleans and every Christmas since then I have played Santa for many kids. Every year it has gotten bigger and better, and now I have some mothers from my neighborhood with their daughters who take the roles of Ms. Claus and the elves. Since my kids and grandkids live outside of Arizona this is my Christmas to me. I assume all the costs for Santa's ride. We take three nights, with a limo to act as Santa's sleigh. Each time someone wants to know where the reindeer are, or where the sleigh is, they accept that it hardly ever snows in Phoenix and so they understand the Limo. Last year we saw over 300 kids during 30 stops.

"I still remember the glittering in the eyes of those kids from Pryor when I was at OMA. (It) made a lasting impression on me and I am still seeing it every year playing Santa."

OMA REUNION 2010 **JUNE 4-5, 2010**

REGISTRATION FORM

Class Information

Indicate year graduated or last semester attended _____ ☐ High School ☐ Junior College

Name _____

Name of spouse (or other guest(s) attending) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Friday – Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Golf Classic & Registration

Heritage Hills Golf Course

☐ 18 holes - \$60 (includes lunch) ☐ Golf lunch only \$10

☐ Please arrange my foursome for me.

My team members will be: _____

Number of Persons

Total \$ amount

Ping Pong/Pool Tournament

☐ \$10 each Friday, June 4, 3:00 p.m.

Women's Lunch at the Pink House

Friday, June 4, 11:30 a.m.

Please RSVP ☐ Yes ☐ No

Friday evening – Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Reunion Opening Reception

\$25 per person • 5:30-7:30 p.m. • RSU Centennial Center Terrace

Saturday Events on College Hill \$30 per person

Morning and afternoon activities: Alumni Luncheon, Ice Cream Social, & OMA Trivia Contest

Registration begins at 8 a.m. • OMA Museum in Meyer Hall

Please contact Brandi Sutherland at (918) 343-7773 for special luncheon guests.

Saturday Evening Activities \$35 per person

Reception, Dinner and Dancing at the RSU Centennial Center Ballroom,

Reception begins at 6 p.m.

Total Amount Enclosed

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TAPS

★ **BERNELL, William R. (1961)**, Fort Worth, TX; passed away July 21, 1998. He graduated from the University of Tennessee Medical School and completed neurosurgical training at Kansas University Medical School.

★ **BERRY, Denzel L. (1942)**, Nowata, OKla.; passed away Sept. 19, 2009. He served four years in the United States Army during WWII and continued until 1953. He was employed 20 Years at PSO, Bartlesville. He fondly remembered being a part of the Cavalry while at OMA.

★ **BRIGGS, Marvin E. (1948)**, 76, Savanna, Okla.; passed away May 8, 2009. He served in the Navy four years, was a police officer, worked for the United States Postal Service and retired as a corrections officer for the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1993.

★ **CHASE, James T. (1937)**, 88, Norman, Okla.; passed away April 16, 2009. He attended Oklahoma City University and worked for McDonnell-Douglas Aircraft, Sinclair Oil Company and Imperial Irrigation District in Brawley, Calif.

★ **CREIGHTON, Maurice E. (1945)**, Tulsa, Okla.; passed away April 3, 2009.

★ **DAVENPORT, Grover T. (1941)**, 84, Tulsa, Okla.; passed away May 26, 2009. He served in the Marine Corps, World War II, worked for Ingersol Rand Proto Tool Division and owned Grover's Gun and Pawn in Bixby, Okla.

★ **FELTON, Gwynne Edwin (1943)**, Tulsa, Okla., passed away Aug. 23, 2009. He joined the Navy at age 17, serving with the Amphibious Forces in the European Theatre. He participated in "Exercise Tiger," April 29, 1944, in preparation for D-Day. His LST (Landing Ship Tank) was attacked and 750 soldiers and sailors were killed or drowned -- the largest single U.S. casualty event in WWII. He completed high school, graduated from the University of Tulsa and had a 43-year career in natural gas industry.

★ **HENRY, Ronnie F. (1971)**, Claremore, Okla.; passed away Sept. 21, 2009. He worked for American Airlines, and subsequently began his career in golf course maintenance, ending at Scissortail Golf Course, Verdigris, Okla.

★ **HUNTER, Charles W. (1940)**, Fort Worth, Texas; passed away April 3, 2009. After OMA, he attended Army War College, and the Command and General Staff School. He was a company commander under General George Patton in World War II, and was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He served in the Korean War, and retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve.

★ **JENNINGS, George H. (1945)**, Oklahoma City; passed away Oct. 7, 2009. He attended the University of Oklahoma, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in zoology, and then with a bachelor of science in medicine in 1952. He served 38 years in obstetrics and gynecology and was a clinical professor for the University of Oklahoma.

★ **LAWHORN, Daniel B. (1959)**, 70, Sand Springs, Okla.; passed away June 17, 2009. He joined the National Guard, achieved the rank of 1st Lieutenant and remained active 10 years. He was employed with Bechtel Engineering Corporation for 17 years until he retired, finishing his career at Fabsco LLC in Sapulpa, Okla.

★ **MAHURIN, Marshall L. (1960)**, Kenai, Alaska.; passed away Jan. 21, 2009. He attended the University of Fairbanks, Alaska, later graduated from the National Federal Bureau of Investigation

Academy, and served as a police officer for the city of Kenai, Alaska.

★ **MCCRORY, J. (1928)**, Graham, Okla.; passed away in 1997.

★ **O'QUIN, Carl (1959)**, Tylertown, Miss.; passed away April 2008.

★ **POWELL, Charles J. (1942)**, Tulsa, Okla.; passed away Aug. 27, 2009. Served in the Army during World War II. He attended Oklahoma A&M, receiving his bachelor's degree in business administration. He joined Vinita Motor Company, his family business. He was an active Mason and elder in his local church.

★ **REED, Marvin C. (1940)**, Austin, Texas; passed away Jan. 7, 2009. He attended the University of Oklahoma, and enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a flying cadet. He entered the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., in 1942, and graduated in 1946 as a 2nd lieutenant. He retired from the Air Force in 1969, and worked for Texas Instruments, retiring in 1982.

★ **SCOTT, Roy L. (1940)**; passed away Nov. 11, 2008.

★ **SHAW, John L. (1942)**, Owasso, Okla.; passed away Oct. 1, 2009. He was a Navy veteran and retired owner of a machine and tool company.

★ **SNEDDEN, George William "Bubby", Jr. (1959)**, Tulsa, Okla.; passed away Aug. 2, 2009, in Muskogee at the Veterans Administration Hospital. He served in the Air Force and was stationed as a Lieutenant at a missile launching station in Minot, N.D., from 1966 to 1970. He graduated from the University of Tulsa and was a vice president at First National Bank of Tulsa.

★ **SMOCK, Robert E. (1941)**, San Antonio, Texas; passed away April 10, 2009; buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston.

★ **STODDARD, Jim F. (1953)**, 72, Muskogee, Okla.; passed away March 30, 2009. He operated Stoddard Wheel Service. He retired from Brockway Glass in 1993.

★ **TANGNER, Cecil (1945)**, Tulsa, Okla.; passed away Jan. 1, 2009.

★ **WALLIS, John L. (1950)**, Plano, Texas; passed away Sept. 23, 2009. After graduation, he attended Oklahoma State University. Early on he was a salesman for the Mennan Co. and Abbott Laboratories. In 1978 he co-owned the Miller Beer distributorship known as Southern Sales in Ardmore, Okla.

★ **WEBER, Walter W. (1940)**, Punta Gorda, Fla.; passed away Sept. 6, 2009. Before enlisting in the Navy, Walter attended the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University. He attended flight school in Texas, transferred to the Marine Corps, and became a fighter pilot. He retired from the Muskogee Daily Phoenix (advertising manager and later vice president).

★ **WEEKS, Noel D. (1964)**, 64, Bartlesville, Okla.; passed away May 13, 2009. He attended Oklahoma State University, graduated from Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Okla., and Golden Gate Theological Seminary.

★ **WYATT, Ellsworth M. (1946)**, Tulsa, Okla.; passed away Sept. 18, 2009. He attended the University of Tulsa and the University of Oklahoma, entered the Air Force during the Korean conflict, and established Bud Wyatt Security Company in 1967. He retired in 2008. He was a 32nd degree Mason, and a member of the Tulsa Sandblasters Golf Club.

ROLL CALL:

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

1930s

Mont Johnston ('35) – 23 years active military, Ret. '63 ('35 Private Fifth Class Spec in Oklahoma NG, Colonel RA 1961). Executive with Allied Chemical Corp, '63-'71; real estate, '71-'86; PhD, Business Administration, '65, American University. "Just taking it easy."

1940s

Wiley Wayne Bell ('45) – U. S. Navy, four years - two and a half in Tsingtao, China. Discharged 1948, Oklahoma A&M College; Cadet, Advanced ROTC Program, Business Administration degree. ... 31 and half years in military service around the world ... awards for outstanding performance of duty: Legion of Merit with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, The Bronze Star, and two Meritorious Service Medals... Retired military, 1979 as Colonel. Wife, Joanne, and I moved to Austin, Texas. Worked 10 years for the State of Texas. ... son, Jeffrey Wayne Bell who resides in Tyler, Texas with his wife, Kathy and grandson, Russel Wayne and a daughter, Debra Joanne Bays who resides in Oklahoma City, Okla., with husband, Mark. Now living in Lakeline Oaks, Cedar Park, Texas, retirement community.

Col. Rolla E. Griffith, USAF (Ret) ('42) – Flew P-38's in Italy, F-84's in Korea and a desk in Vietnam. Retired 1971, taught at Seminole Junior College 15 years and retired again. Married a Claremore girl, Johnnie Lou Crudup, had four children, celebrated our 62nd anniversary on Sept. 1. Like most 86 year olds, I spend most of my time resting.

DeAtley Hampton ('47) – graduated from the University of Tulsa with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. ... worked for an ESSO (now EXXON) affiliate in South America, worked and lived until retirement, 1980. Spent a year in Spain as a consultant to the government oil company (ENIEPSA). Bought and operated small ranch, northeast Oklahoma until 1994. Sold ranch and moved to Grove, Okla. One daughter, three sons, eight grandchildren, two great-grands (more on the way).

Dr. Ted Hine ('43) – graduated mid-term, the war was on ... attended Baylor University (Texas) two semesters, enlisted Navy, age 17. Signed up for Medical Corp for an extra strip (rank) and \$10 more per month and valuable medical training. ... attended OU, then U of Kansas City Dental College, returned to hometown, Muskogee, practiced 45 years. ... became long distance runner, retired, still run each morning. ... so few of my OMA buddies left who would remember me. ... worked in the mess hall and the canteen for my tuition ... played trumpet in Capt. P.H. Kelly's band, was the company bugler who woke everybody up with reveille and put them to sleep with taps. I was only at OMA for that one and a half years, but it was the best training I could have had for the life I have had.

Bob Pool ('45) – married Catherine Buergey 1947, three children. Catherine passed, 1973. Started Thermal Windows Inc., Tulsa, 1980; married Carolyn Gardner, 1987, five children, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren. In 1991, semi-retired, Carolyn and I moved to Bayview, Texas; learned to fly while at OMA and piloted my own airplane until 2005. I am now 80 years old and still enjoying life. I am in Tulsa one week each month.

1950s

Shawnee Brittan ('53) – 50 years as a Producer/Director, currently Filmmaker-in-Residence, Independent Film Project/OU, Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts, The University of Oklahoma.

Jack E. Harris ('55) – Moved from Franklin, Tenn., to Kansas, Okla., to retire, however, inherited a cattle ranch (1994) which I continued to operate until 2007, property for sale. Plan to purchase a home in Grove, Okla., retire again and go fishing. OMA Alumni Board of Directors for the last six years, enjoyed every minute, being around and involved with other former cadets is exciting and rewarding. Chairman of the Delaware County Conservation District, an appointed position by Governor Brad Henry. My wife Allie and myself, happy and content in senior years, give God the credit for that.

Bill Hayes ('59) – Enlisted U.S. Navy, attended aviation electronic communications and navigation schools. As an AT2, was electronic countermeasures air crewman aboard super connies flying the North Atlantic DEW line and ended my career flying off of aircraft carriers doing the same function in AD-5Q aircraft. After my discharge, I did similar work on a special aircraft around the world for the Advanced Research Programs Agency ... then Hughes Space and Communications Group ... on the ground floor for first commercial communications satellite (Early Bird), been in that discipline ever since. ... My wife Barbara (of 34 years) and I enjoy spoiling five grandkids and a round of golf when we can. ... lived in Japan and Southern France. Two daughters started school in Japan and still speak the language. Main thing OMA contributed to my life was the ability to recognize other peoples' talents/limitations and then motivate/execute teamwork

through OMA attained leadership skills.

Jerry R. Long ('59) – attended Southeastern Oklahoma State College in Durant, U.S. Army Reserve, 1963-1969, left the Army, moved to Dallas, Texas, April 1964; 30 years, banking. Real estate broker with Collin County Land Company. Lived in McKinney, Texas, since 1978. Wife, Sherri; one daughter, Tisha, three granddaughters. Still enjoy hunting, fishing and traveling.

David L. McBride, M.D. ('51) – attended OU's College of Medicine, practiced medicine for 44 years. Had two satisfying careers, first in general surgery and then in Pathology. Spent six years in the USAF as a Flight Surgeon, attained officer ranks the same as my Cadet ranks; Lt., Capt., Major, Lt. Col. Retired from practice with the start of the New Millennium. Spend the winters in Tucson, Ariz.; live on Fifth Avenue in New York City.

Robert Milam ('55) – Education and Military service: 11th Airborne Division/Augsburg, Germany, 1955-1958/University Of Oklahoma & Central State College 1958-1966/Post graduate training St Anthony, Oklahoma City, Okla. - Portland Oregon VA - SUNY Downstate Brooklyn, NY 1966 - 1970. Family practice, MD, Tempe, Ariz., 1970 to present, 23-year-old son, 21-year-old twin daughters graduating college this spring.

Pat Smith ('52) – Attended West Point 1952-1956, BS degree, married Patricia Annicharico. Chose Armor branch and after basic at Ft. Knox and jump school at Ft. Benning, deployed to 2nd Armored Division in Baumholder, Germany, Tank Platoon Leader. ... 1966-1967 Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth - MA degree in Military Arts and Science; 1967-1969 Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ - MSE degree in

Industrial Engineering (Operations Research/Systems Analysis); 1969-1971 HQ USA, Pentagon, ODCSPER; 1971-1976 CO 1st Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Bindlach, Germany; DCSOPS, HQ USAREUR Heidelberg, Germany; 1976-1978 US Army Concepts Analysis Agency, Bethesda MD, MPA Golden Gate University, retirement; 1978-1981 JAYCOR, analysis and studies, Alexandria, Va.; 1981-2005 Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, N.M., studies and analysis, group leader, project manager, program manager, guest scientist and consultant - nuclear weapons program, retired. Live in Santa Fe, N.M. and Charleston, S.C.

Charles Emerson ('55) – Computer work, 35 years; Army Security Agency, Germany and England; Tinker Airforce Base, University of Oklahoma graduate, General Electric, Western Electric, AT&T, retired Distinguished Member, Technical Staff, Lucent Technologies, 1996; Wife, Delores; three children, 12 grandchildren.

Justin Van Wie ('59) – Oklahoma City University, Diesel Engineering (Auto); International Harvester, Service Representative, Ford Motor Division, Atlanta, Ga.; 1975, moved back to Oklahoma City, worked for oil companies and rig repair companies; 1978, active duty, St Louis, Army Guard and Reserve Program (AGR), rank Major; 1983, transferred to Maryland, 8830th Military Police Brigade. ... 1989, retired to inactive reserve; 1991, called back, Gulf war. Retired reserve 1993, LTC, retired to Florida (Tampa, recently moved to Belleville Ill.... golf, bowling and working in the Shrine and Masonic Lodge). In 1983, married Valeria Dobbelaire from St Louis, Mo.

1960s

James C. Cooper, D.O., FACC, FACOI, ('67) – medical school,

Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery; resident internship, internal medicine, Tulsa, Okla.; moved to Ohio, training in cardiology and electrophysiology; private practice, joined the largest cardiology group in Oklahoma, third electrophysiologist in group and practiced at St. Francis, Tulsa. Left Tulsa 1997, established an electrophysiology program, Fayetteville, Ark. ... (now working) VA hospital in Fayetteville, Ark. Two daughters, 34 and 37, two grandchildren 12 and 14, wife Kathy, along with our schnauzer, Murphy. ... still play guitar and keyboards with some of my old OMA buddies (e.g., David Green, Bob Wiley, and Jim Elder). ... quite a trip since I was marching on the parade field at OMA!

Harry LS Halley ('61) – U.S. Navy, boot camp San Diego, four tours in Vietnam; stationed Long Beach, Calif., met and married my wife, Alana, on Jan. 8, 1966. ... 1970, University of Oklahoma, Norman, BS, Economics. Joined Navy Reserve, a 22-year stint. Moved to Hollywood, Fla., insurance adjuster, General Motors (five years), Allstate (17 years). During that time, had three children, two boys and a girl; Harry Lee, Nicholas and Melissa. ... In 2002, diagnosed with colorectal cancer ... thought all would be fine, almost a year to the day of my surgery, diagnosed with 4th stage liver cancer; have been on all kinds of chemo since 2003 and given an 18 months to five years survival time but ... what do the doctors know? ... One granddaughter, Shannon, 2, apple of my eye. ... Attended OMA Reunions in 2007 and 2008. ... plan to attend 2010 OMA Reunion and look forward to seeing all of my old buddies.

Timothy P. Malishenko ('62) – Ohio State University, 1968, Business degree; Commissioned as 2nd Lt., U.S. Air Force, 31

years, retired, Major General. Became Corporate Vice President, Contracts and Pricing, The Boeing Company, retired, 2008 (8 years). Married Jane Baxter, 1968, one son Andrew. Live in downtown Chicago, winters in Florida.

Michael (Mike) A. Kuehr ('68) – attended OMA, basketball scholarship, University of Florida, B.A. (Political Science), University of Southern California M.S. (Administration), St. Mary's University (Juris Doctor), Practiced law in San Antonio, Texas, since 1979, R.O.T.C. Commission as a 2nd Lieutenant, six years active duty as an Army Air Defense Artillery officer with the 82nd Airborne Division and 1st Armored Division. Joined Army Reserve; Multiple military active duty deployments around the world to Europe, Africa, Korea, China, Philippines, Thailand, Bosnia, Afghanistan; Retired from US Army Reserve as a Major General Oct. 1.

Craig P. Morgan ('67) – three days after graduation, living in a boarding home in Woodward, Okla., driving a truck for Halliburton, from there things just became better. Completed BBA Finance/Economics, Central State University, stockbroker in Oklahoma City, Okla. Thirty-six years later, married to Laura, six children and 11 grandchildren. Lived in Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Washington, Texas and Alaska. Nine years in Anchorage, moved to San Antonio, Texas, Wealth Management Advisor for USAA ... happiest memories are of my days at OMA ...

Ken Smith ('67) – attended Ohio Northern University, BS degree in Accounting. Married, two children, Robin and Jason. In 1985, Executive MBA degree from Baldwin-Wallace College. Served in accounting capacities throughout career and Chief Financial Officer for two national

companies. Reside in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., operate financial consulting practice. Hobbies: travel, target shooting, flying (private pilot), visiting with my children and four grandchildren.

James R. Steverson ('63) – completed my college degree (B.S. Mathematics), Colorado State University; commissioned 2nd Lt., U.S. Army, two years in Air Defense Artillery; 28 years, Quartermaster Corps. ... Retired Colonel in 1995, working for Computer Sciences Corporation, director of multi-year project supporting the Bureau of Land Management. Now Chief, IT Section, National Water Quality Laboratory, U.S. Geological Survey. In January 1965, married high school sweetheart, Esther, have one son, Joel. Live in Bailey, Col., southwest of Denver, Co.

Joe Tyler ('64) – Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Okla., 1968, BA, History; MA, History, University of Tulsa 1973; Retired educator, coach (29 years in Tulsa Public Schools); following retirement taught aboard the U.S.S. Rushmore and at Carlbrook School, a private boarding school in Virginia; retired permanently in 2005; Wife (Gertrud) and I live in Tulsa, daughter Sundi, New Mexico, Art Director of the Albuquerque State Fair.

Tom Wintle ('68) – Went to OSU for one semester, enlisted Army, married Gail December 1969 (still married); tour in Vietnam, 173rd Airborne, 1970; home 1971. Retired Tulsa Firefighter, (1976-2001) ... assisted San Louis Potosi, Mexico Fire Department (Tulsa's Sister City), interpretation, training and equipment for over 25 years. One son, also with the Tulsa Fire Department; daughter, who is a medical assistant and three granddaughters. Volunteer for Oklahoma Firefighters Burn Camp. Enjoy golfing, fishing and traveling.



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OMA TRIVIA

March 10, 1919: Oklahoma Governor Robinson signed a bill introduced by Rogers County Representative H. Tom Kight to establish a military academy on The Hill. There were 30 students in the first class. They lived in tents throughout the first fall and spring until the Meyer Barracks were completed.

1930: First Reserve Officers Training Corps (R.O.T.C.) came to The Hill. The federal government sent 60 horses and 11 enlisted men for the cavalry program.

1934: The OMA Flying Cadets, the OMA polo team sponsored by Will Rogers, beat the Stanford University squad twice in a row, following a train trip that carried the Claremore riders and their steeds to the West Coast.

1942: OMA went to a 12-month school year, the better to turn out young officers for service in World War II.

1947: After the war ended, tanks replaced horses on the Hill, as the R.O.T.C. cavalry unit became an armored cavalry unit.

1957: OMA began night school classes.

Source: "100 Years on the Hill," author John Wooley, Hawk Publishing, 2009, and Centennial Moments, compiled by Cathy Coomer, RSU Radio.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 4, 2009

OMA Alumni Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Rogers State University
Meyer Hall, OMA Museum

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earlier than usual)*

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