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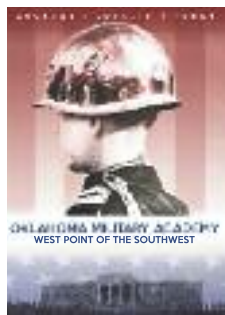
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“SOUND OFF” THE FIRST ANNUAL OMA ALUMNI COMMAND VOICE CONTEST



Do you still have your OMA Command Voice? How does your Command Voice compare to others? Can you still command troops? Can you still “bring it up” from “down below?” Is your voice still booming or is it now just a whisper?

We are pleased to announce the first annual OMA Alumni Command Voice Contest. The contest is open to any former cadet who wants to “compete” with others to see who still has their command voice. You could have been a squad leader or the Corps Commander...show us if you still have it!

Each participant will have six commands to verbalize including such favorites as: “Get out of Bed, A Company,” “Present Arms,” “Order Arms,” “Parade Rest,” “Company...Attention,” and “Dress Right, Dress.” “Hippity hop, Company stop” will not be one of them!

We will have two former Corps Commanders members to judge: Tom Anderson '55 and Gene Little '56 along with two former Corps of Cadets Adjutants: Carlos Galvez '60 and Phil Goldfarb '69. All of these men are also OMA Alumni Association Board Members. The voting will be based on Voice Control, Distinctiveness and Voice Inflection.

The contest will be held at 7p.m., Friday evening during the Reunion Opening Reception. If you are interested in competing and if you still have “the voice,” simply sign up with Danette Boyle when you register for the reunion.

Winners will receive a prize for sounding off! If you are not competing, please come on Friday to cheer on your friends. Let's start the reunion off with this fun event!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT “IT DOESN’T MATTER”



Phil Goldfarb

It doesn't matter if you attended OMA for one semester or for six years.

It doesn't matter if you were a cadet private or the Corps Commander.

It doesn't matter if you did not graduate high school or junior college from OMA.

It doesn't matter if you served in the military or not.

It doesn't matter if you lived on campus or were a day student in the ROTC program.

It doesn't matter if you were in the "old man's platoon" or wore the academic achievement wreath.

It doesn't matter if you wore the Outstanding Cadet Identification Disk or were under military arrest and wore a jump suit with no rank at all.

It doesn't matter if you were a Distinguished Military Student or a member of the "goon squad" or "goon platoon."

It doesn't matter if you were "busted" numerous times (Coors usually being the culprit) or never had a single demerit.

What does matter is that YOU are always welcomed back to the Hill and are a member of the OMA Alumni Association! If you have not seen the world class OMA

Museum located in Meyer Barracks (now Meyer Hall), the OMA Killed in Action Memorial honoring the 101 cadets who gave their all during WWII, Korea and Vietnam, the OMA Heritage section in the new Chapman Dining Hall, the outstanding RSU campus, or had the opportunity to visit with old friends who you have not seen for decades, you are missing out! Our numbers are getting thin. Don't wait until it is too late to reconnect with your buddies! ***The reunion is your chance to play the "Remember When" game!***

Finally, for those of you who have been back to a recent reunion, I continue to challenge each of you to bring up just ONE alumni friend of yours who has never been to a reunion before! Also the "SOUND OFF, the OMA Alumni Command Voice Contest" is going to be a lot of fun, and something that you should not miss on Friday night! I would also encourage you to enter!

If you would like to contact me with an idea, suggestion or an issue, please feel free to e-mail me at: phil.goldfarb@cox.net. Tell me what is on your mind and I promise you a prompt reply.

With Courage, Loyalty, and Honor

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Phil Goldfarb".

Phil Goldfarb '69
OMA Alumni Association President



ALUMNI PRESIDENT PENS SECOND BOOK

OMA Alumni Association President Phil Goldfarb '69 has written his second book, ***A Page of History: Passport Applications Vol. 2, 1915-1925***. This book contains the authentic, never before published documents of 75 select, famous individuals in the U.S. that have been digitally enhanced and meticulously restored. With assistance from Bill Ramsay '61 in developing the book, each form has a corresponding narrative, brief biography and contains interesting and unusual facts about the individual. Both Amazon and Barnes and Noble have rated the books as five-star, as it is of interest to anyone who enjoys history, biographies with a twist of genealogy included. Phil will be selling and autographing his book at the Reunion during the Ice Cream Social on Saturday with 50 percent of the profits benefitting the OMA Alumni Association general fund.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dr. Danette Boyle

I have always liked the words, "beyond describing." You likely remember I used those words at our 2011 reunion in reference to the OMA "Killed In Action Memorial" dedication, and also in reference to the premiere showing of the movie, "OKLAHOMA MILITARY ACADEMY: West Point of the Southwest" at last year's reunion.

At this year's reunion, we will have another "beyond describing" moment again at this year's reunion, which will include a celebration of **BOOTS BACK ON THE HILL**. Our 2015 reunion will

be one of the most important and memorable reunions we have had because this reunion is more about the OMA legacy and the importance of leaving behind a proud history and tradition that is able to live on, in part, through the Oklahoma Army National Guard's Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program at Rogers State University.

As we are all painfully aware, each year we lose some of our alumni who have made their last formation. Despite our losses, those who remain help keep the OMA Alumni Association strong and even growing as we are able to locate former students. Please

take a moment to reflect a bit as to what a strong and proud legacy of the OMA will mean to those who come after us. Our Alumni association is not insignificant; it has already made a great and lasting impact on RSU and more importantly, the many students who have been imbued with the OMA creed.

If we are to continue the proud tradition, we need you to come and be a part of it at this year's reunion. You will not be sorry that you returned to The Hill. You may also find a great satisfaction if you choose to participate, at any level, in continuing the proud traditions.

If you haven't registered yet, please do so soon. It can be as simple as just calling me; I can sign you up on the phone. As I think about what it will mean this year to have our own military students present our Color Guard, I try to imagine what it must have been like for all you OMA Alumni as students. This is going to be a reunion you will not want to miss for a myriad of reasons.

Please plan on coming home on June 5 and 6 to "College Hill," and witness **BOOTS BACK ON THE HILL** with old friends and new ones who will continue the legacy.

Danette Boyle

Executive Director, OMA Alumni Association

GUARD OFFICER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (GOLD) PROGRAM

We need your help with **BOOTS BACK ON THE HILL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** by supporting scholarships for the RSU students in the Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program. The GOLD program provides an opportunity for Soldiers to attend college full-time, attend Military Science classes, and prepare themselves for an exciting and challenging career as an Army National Guard officer. Your generous contribution today will not only have a positive lifetime impact on a young military student, but it will also help perpetuate the OMA legacy.

For more information and to contribute to the Boots Back on the Hill Scholarship Fund, contact Dr. Danette Boyle at 918-343-6888 or dboyle@rsu.edu

FIRST-YEAR LETTER SWEATER RETURNS TO THE HILL



Framed Letter Sweater.



Dr. Larry Rice, Phil Goldfarb '69 and Randy Vierling '63 with the OMA Letter Sweater originally owned by Wayne Redding.

Oklahoma Military Academy's first year in operation (1919-1920) witnessed 60 brave high school cadets living in tents but still enjoying the academic and athletic rituals of a school that was destined to have a storied history. One of these men was Wayne H. "Beef" Redding, a local young man from Claremore.

Cadet Redding attended Eastern University Preparatory School on the Hill, went to Claremore High School when EUPS closed and then finished his senior year at OMA. During this year at OMA, Redding was a cadet 2nd Lieutenant and Vice President of the Senior Class. He also was in the Glee Club, Debating Club, while serving as Athletic Editor for the very first OMA Guidon. He managed to have time to play football and baseball, earning his "O" Athletic Letter. Ironically, he met his future wife Treacil Beavis (Redding) while both were students at EUPS!

Wayne Redding continued to live in Claremore and worked for the Post Office, where he was the City's Assistant Postmaster for many



Wayne H. "Beef" Redding

years until he retired. Wayne Redding passed away on May 31, 1959 and he is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Claremore.

His grandson Ron Redding '68 graduated Junior College at OMA. While we have had numerous father/son attendees, the pair remains the only grandfather and grandson ever to attend OMA.

OMA Alumni President Phil Goldfarb '69 was a "rabbit" with Ron Redding, with the pair living next door to each other in Downs Barracks. In recent years, they discussed the possibility of donating his grandfather's letter sweater. Finally, in September 2014, Redding sent the 95-year-old sweater to Goldfarb for safe keeping with a request to display it with pride and dignity.

The OMA Alumni Association is going to keep that pledge and will exhibit the sweater with honor. The sweater is in great condition and marks an historic moment in our history as the first year of OMA's operation.

When you are back on the Hill for the Reunion, check out Wayne "Beef" Redding's letter sweater in the OMA Museum!

LETTER FROM MAJOR GENERAL KUEHR



I am very honored and proud to have been selected as the 2015 Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Association adjutant for this year's annual reunion. This year's reunion promises to be unique, memorable, and among the best in recent years.

Chief among this year's firsts for the reunion will be our recognition of "Boots Back On the Hill" in support of the Rogers State

University and the Oklahoma Army National Guard's inaugural Guard Officer Leader Development (GOLD) program as a continuation of the OMA spirit. The GOLD program established at RSU serves as a direct link to OMA's historic past and our perpetual legacy as OMA Alumni. I believe even the most stoic among us will be touched by the OMA to RSU GOLD Guidon flagpole ceremony signifying the transfer of the OMA spirit and legacy to the capable hands of the RSU GOLD program. The Guidon ceremony will represent more than an acknowledgement of the past and the transfer of the OMA legacy; it will also represent you and your fellow alumni's past contributions, achievements, and personal legacies as well. Do not miss this opportunity to participate in the accolades due you for a true lifetime achievement award. You will not regret it.

In keeping with the OMA military tradition, our own military students will provide the color guard for the Hall of Fame/Distinguished Alumni Ceremony and join us for

lunch. The Governor's Own 145th Army Band will provide inspiring and patriotic music for the ceremonies.

For those of you who have been longtime attendees and staunch supporters in the past, thank you for all your contributions and efforts in making the OMA Alumni Association among the best. For those of you who have been infrequent reunion attendees, or perhaps those of you who have never attended, this is not a reunion to miss! As we all know, OMA is not making any more graduates and as time takes its toll on us all, don't miss the opportunity to participate in such a meaningful event as this year's reunion.

Meeting to congratulate this year's distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame inductees alone is worth the trip to the reunion. Among the honorees are Dr. William Daugherty, Senator Gene Howard, Patrick Jordon (posthumously), Shawnee Brittan, Col. Alvin (Bruce) Cobb, Robert Dean, Frank Landrum, and Harry Simpson.

But wait, there is more!! As always, Saturday lunch and daytime activities are all free of charge to any OMA Alumnus attending for the first time. If all the above isn't enough to bring you back, consider that there is at least one brand new hotel awaiting you in Claremore, possibly two by the time of the reunion.

I am certain that there is someone coming to this year's reunion that you will want to see and there will also be someone attending who will want to see you as well. The only way you will be disappointed is if you don't come.

OMA, TULSA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PARTNER FOR EVENT

The Tulsa Historical Society will be highlighting Oklahoma Military Academy and its contributions starting in the month of May, which is Military Appreciation month. The event will include an exhibit with a grand opening and ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, at the Tulsa Historical Society located at 2445 S Peoria Avenue.

The OMA display of memorabilia and artifacts will last for a full 11 months. To complement the exhibit, the Tulsa Historical Society also will show the documentary *"Oklahoma Military Academy: West Point of the Southwest"* that same day at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with both showings open to the public.

The date for the opening is most appropriate as this is Armed Forces Day! Following the initial presentation, there will be a panel discussion from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

that includes John Wooley, who wrote the documentary script as well as the book *"Voices From the Hill,"* OMA Alumni Association Executive Director Danette Boyle, OMA Museum Curator Gene Little '56, Shawnee Brittan '53, Producer/Director of the documentary and OMA Alumni President Phil Goldfarb '69.

The thousands of young men from the Tulsa area who attended OMA and the OMA Alumni Association Executive Board believe that the interest, publicity and educational value of the presentation and exhibit will be enormous not only for OMA alumni and their family members, but also for the general public. We encourage our alumni and friends in the area to attend the opening or stop by and see the exhibit.

OMA AND THE FBI

The FBI originated from a force of special agents created in 1908 by Attorney General Charles Bonaparte during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt. Both Bonaparte and Roosevelt recommended that a force of 34 agents become a permanent part of the Department of Justice and Attorney General George Wickersham, Bonaparte's successor, named the force the Bureau of Investigation on March 16, 1909. On May 10, 1924 J. Edgar Hoover was selected to head the



Clark Webb '61

David Raper '65

David Stenhouse '67

Bureau of Investigation. When Hoover took over, the Bureau of Investigation had approximately 650 employees, including 441 special agents who worked in field offices in nine cities. By the end of the decade, there were approximately 30 field offices.

The Bureau of Investigation was renamed the United States Bureau of Investigation on July 1, 1932. Then, beginning July 1, 1933, the Department of Justice experimented for almost two years with a Division of Investigation that included the Bureau of Prohibition. Public confusion between Bureau of Investigation special agents and Prohibition agents led to a permanent name change in 1935 for the agency composed of Department of Justice's investigators: the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was thus born.

Many Oklahoma Military Academy cadets went into the military and law enforcement. With an elite group such as the FBI, what are the odds that an OMA Alumni would become an FBI agent and would be a member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI?

So far we have identified three OMA Alumni who became FBI Agents and are looking for any others to honor them. They are:

- Clark Webb OMA '61 FBI from 1971-1996
- David Raper OMA '65 FBI from 1971-1978
- David Stenhouse OMA '67 FBI from 1978-2003

We continue to search for any other OMA alumni who were FBI agents. If you know of anyone or were an agent yourself, please notify the OMA Alumni Office. Being an FBI agent is most impressive and a testament to the foundation that OMA gave to all of us.



RSU MILITARY HISTORY DAY

In March, the Rogers State University Department of History and Political Science held its 2nd Annual Military History Day. Dr. Paul Herbert, executive director of the First Division Museum at Cantigny, served as the guest speaker and took time to meet with OMA alumni during his daylong visit. Military History Day helps raise awareness about the

academic discipline of military history and honors the legacy of veterans by sharing stories of their extraordinary service and sacrifice. Pictured are, from left: Phil Goldfarb, Dr. Danette Boyle, Dr. Paul Herbert, Carlos Galvez, Gene Little and Bill Ramsay.

ADVERSITY STRENGTHENS CADET'S RESOLVE



Rob Frank '69

Not even a broken back could keep Rob Frank from his dream of being a cadet at the Oklahoma Military Academy.

As a young boy, Frank ('67, '69) had dreamed of following the footsteps of his father, Robert Henry Frank ('46), as a cadet on College Hill. In his youth, he listened to his father's stories and spent many hours poring over his father's old Vedette yearbooks enraptured by the OMA experience.

By fall 1966, Rob Frank had arrived at OMA from his native Wichita Falls, Texas, and he was working his way through the grueling Rabbit period with his eyes on joining the armed services after graduation. A freak accident just a few short weeks into his Rabbit period irrevocably altered his plans.

One day that fall, Frank and his fellow cadets were in the noon mail formation outside the campus post office when a car came speeding up the back entrance. The driver, who had been drinking, was being pursued by police at a high rate of speed on to the OMA property. The driver headed straight towards the formation, hitting several cadets with Frank suffering the worst injuries—a broken back and hip.

For Frank, it was a long recovery, but his determination to become an OMA cadet grew stronger. His barracks were moved temporarily to the campus infirmary while he recovered, and he participated in formation and drills at every chance he could – even while he was wearing a back brace.

Once he was cleared for regular training, he threw himself into the process with gusto.

"I enjoyed every part of the OMA experience," he said. "The best experience I had at OMA was the experience itself. It is amazing to be a part of this phenomenal institution and the brotherhood that formed during those years."

During his years on College Hill, he was active in the first Rabbit Drill Team, Honors Corps, Honor Society, Saber

Society, Chevron Society, O Club, Demolay and more.

The severity of his injuries prevented him from joining the military. After graduation, he returned to Texas to start an 11-year career in law enforcement. He first worked as a beat cop in his hometown and later as a tactical specialist who worked alongside local, state and federal authorities in Texas in the most dangerous of situations.

Towards the end of his law enforcement career, he applied for the federal law enforcement assistance program that helped pay for college expenses for police officers. He received the funding and later was accepted into the prestigious graduate business program at Southern Methodist University. He completed his MBA in Finance via classes on nights and weekends, all while still holding down his demanding day job in law enforcement.

Upon graduation, he started pursuing opportunities in the corporate world and discovered he would be starting

his career all over, oftentimes being the oldest candidate for potential internships. Through his determination, he was able to ultimately land a position as a plant engineer intern for the Lee Apparel company in 1980, despite knowing nothing about the industry or the technical components of the position. From that humble beginning, he rapidly worked his way through positions of increasing responsibility before being tapped as vice president of operations for Lee's Latin America Group.



Rob Frank '69 visiting the OMA Museum.

After a decade at Lee, he joined the sporting goods and equipment giant Rawlings, where he served as executive vice president and chief operating officer. He also helped start up Rawlings operations in Costa Rica and served as CEO for its operations there. In 1993, he was a senior member of the management IPO team that successfully took the company public, which is a notoriously nerve wracking process.

After six years with Rawlings, he joined Fruit of the Loom as executive vice president for global operations, the number three position for the \$2 billion apparel firm. He led a business unit responsible for its companies in more than 30 countries across the globe.

"The one thing that has been consistent in my business careers has been the lessons I learned while I was here at OMA," he said. "My OMA experience taught me to make decisions under pressure, lead people who may not

“Regardless of which class you were in, we all walked the same hill. It’s up to us to keep the legacy of OMA alive for future generations,” he said. “It’s a duty we owe to those who came before us, and especially for the more than 100 men who gave the ultimate sacrifice and whose names are listed on the OMA-KIA Memorial. We are all a part of something much larger than any one individual.”



All OMA Cadets from the implementation of the firing of the cannon to the end of September 1964 took for granted our position as The West Point of The Southwest with command dominance from this 75mm Pack Howitzer. This "Last Round" now has its place in the OMA Museum due to cadets Carmichael and Gish.

GOLD PROGRAM STUDENTS AT WORK



Students with the Oklahoma Army National Guard's Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program at RSU have been learning and drilling on campus and in the community since the program was established on campus in fall 2014.

1) GOLD students and instructors before a recent drill; 2) GOLD student Keaton Holland is promoted from Private First Class (E-3) to Specialist (E-4); 3) Major Michael Deneen providing classroom instruction; 4) SFC Wayne Guevara provides direction to GOLD student leaders during Wednesday afternoon laboratory; 5) GOLD students participate in a five-mile road march team building exercise near Claremore Lake during laboratory; 6) Charlie Company, 1-244th AVN provides rotary assets (UH-60 Blackhawk) on April 15th in support of GOLD student basic orienteering training from Claremore airport to Camp Gruber Training Site. This event coincided with Rogers State University Career Fair.

BOOTS BACK ON THE HILL

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Call Danette Boyle to register today!

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