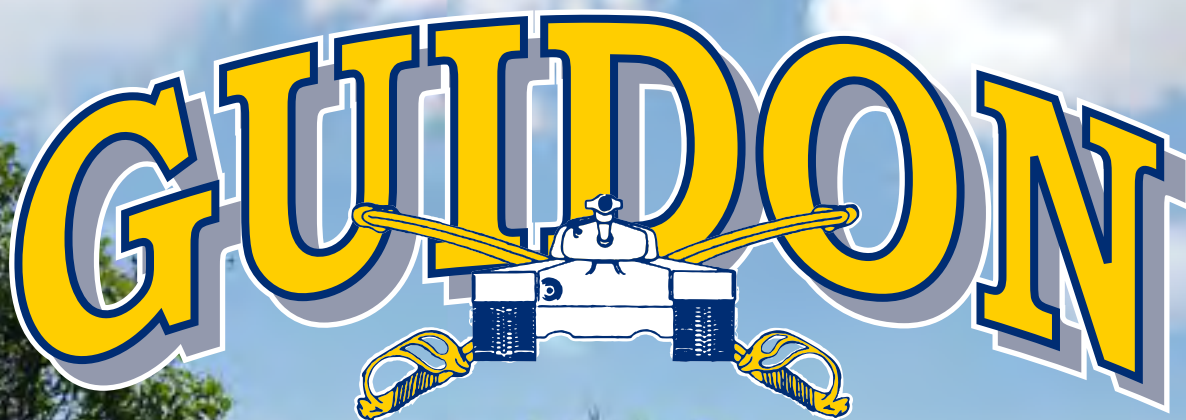


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mr. Randy Vierling

When I look back and reflect on the storied history of this remarkable institution and its graduates, I can see the lives of military leaders and heroes, successful corporate leaders, statesmen, actors, artists, innovators, and many who have enjoyed a much higher quality of life because of the discipline and leadership skills we learned while at OMA. All of us having passed through the hallowed halls of the Oklahoma Military Academy. The year is now 2019. It has taken one hundred years from the founding of OMA to get us where we are today. Along the way, we have lost many beloved friends, some to the call of war, others to time and years. But nevertheless the losses have always been profound and heart wrenching. I am sure that those who have gone on before us and those of us who remain would all agree that it is time to celebrate our century of history and achievement.

We now have the opportunity to leave an indelible mark on the RSU campus while also reminding future generations about the wonderful history of the Oklahoma Military Academy Corps of Cadets. In a relatively short period of time, the last OMA Cadet will have passed from this life and the only reminder of our great legacy is dependent on what we do now.

The OMA crest has three words we lived by as Cadets: Courage, Loyalty and Honor. What better way to demonstrate our loyalty to a school that has done so much for each of us than to purchase a granite stone to be placed in the OMA Legacy Plaza for ourselves, or in the name of a deceased friend or a fellow Cadet who gave all for his country. This loving act makes our purchase of a single stone seem very small in comparison.

The only way the OMA Legacy Plaza can look like the picture in the architectural rendering you received is for every OMA Alumnus to participate by purchasing one or more granite stones, otherwise this memorial will be partial and incomplete. The question we must ask is how do we want to be remembered? Don't forget that the proceeds from the sale of these stones provide scholarships for deserving young National Guard Soldiers who are providing for the future security of this great nation through the Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program.

At the Centennial Reunion on June 8th, we will be renaming and dedicating the entire complex as the "OMA Legacy Plaza" including the KIA Memorial. Assisting in the dedication of this great complex will be the 19-member U.S. Army Drill Team attached to the 4th Battalion, 3rd U. S. Infantry Regiment. Their appearance is the result of a great deal of hard work by your Alumni leadership and OMA Alumni Executive Director Dr. Danette Boyle.

I urge you to register for this once in a lifetime event. This is one Reunion you can't miss. Also, please don't delay in ordering your personal legacy granite stone and one for a friend or loved one so we can go to work and have it ready for you at the dedication and 100-year celebration of our great school.

On behalf of Centennial Reunion Chairman Major General Michael A. Kuehr, the OMA Alumni Association Board of Directors and myself, we are looking forward with great excitement to seeing you at this very special reunion in June 2019.

Your OMA Brother,


Randy Vierling '63
President, OMA Alumni Association

P. S. Remember it's up to each one of us to "Fill In The Squares." We can't do it without you!



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THE UNITED STATES ARMY DRILL TEAM

The United States Army Drill Team will make its first ever performance on "The Hill" at Rogers State University on Saturday morning, June 8, to honor and celebrate 100 years since the founding of the Oklahoma Military Academy. This performance will be a special part of the 2019 Oklahoma Military Academy Centennial Reunion.

The United States Army Drill Team is a 19-member precision drill platoon that represents the United States Army

worldwide at official occasions. The Drill Team is officially part of the Headquarters Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard).

The team participates in more than 100 ceremonies a year, including professional and collegiate sporting events, parades and community outreach events. The U.S. Army Drill team was created to focus on precision marching and crisp rifle drill. It has supported the Old Guard's ceremonial missions and public duties for more than 50 years.

This is an exciting opportunity to see the U.S. Army Drill Team perform at the 2019 OMA Alumni Centennial Reunion on June 8. Bring your families and friends to see this extraordinary performance.

For more information and to register for the Reunion, call Danette Boyle at 918-343-6888 or email dboyle@rsu.edu.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dr. Danette Boyle

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Executive Director OMA Alumni Association

Report to the Hill to see The United States Army Drill Team!

In less than three months at the upcoming Reunion, we will celebrate the 100 years since the founding of the Oklahoma Military Academy. This extraordinary celebration is scheduled for June 7 and 8.

THIS WILL BE A REUNION LIKE NEVER BEFORE: We will dedicate the OMA Legacy Plaza located just north of Meyer Barracks and adjacent to the OMA KIA Memorial. You can honor your cadet years at OMA with the purchase of a personalized granite stone in the OMA Legacy Plaza. Or you can honor your parents or other family member. You can honor a special friend or faculty member. Details on page 4 of this Guidon.

Please send in your registration and your order for a granite stone to be placed in the OMA Legacy Plaza. Call me at 918-343-6888 or email me at dboyle@rsu.edu for additional information.

Report to the Hill!

OMA CENTENNIAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

The highlight at the recent February Board of Directors' meeting was the OMA Centennial Flag Raising Ceremony. In addition to board members at the flagpole, also present were local Claremore dignitaries and businessmen along with some OMA alumni who were also able to attend. Though a brief ceremony, it clearly marked the beginning of this year's reunion activities. RSU is honoring the OMA legacy by flying the OMA Centennial Flag over campus on special occasions throughout the year in celebration and remembrance of our legacy and lustrous history.

The Centennial flag represents not just the 100th anniversary of OMA's founding, but is also symbolic of the resilience, benevolence, and dedication of OMA alumni who have given and continue to give so much to future generations of students. Even as we grow smaller in

number, we grow evermore steadfast in continuing our mission of instilling the OMA motto of "Courage, Loyalty, Honor" in the RSU GOLD program students who follow.

As you will see at this year's reunion, the area around the flagpole and the OMA KIA Memorial is taking on a new and enduring presence in the form of the OMA Legacy Plaza, which will serve as a meeting place, an assembly area, focal point, as well as a place of remembrance. Make plans now to attend this year's Reunion. When you are contacted about

the upcoming Legacy Stone opportunity please consider memorializing your OMA experience and that of others by adding your granite stone to that of your classmates.



LETTER FROM THE 2019 ADJUTANT



Major General, USA (RET) Mike Kuehr

I am again honored to serve as Adjutant for this year's OMA Alumni Association's Centennial Reunion. Though we grow older with each passing year, our Association continues to achieve amazing successes. We have attained many goals toward the Army's Guard Officer Leader Development (GOLD) program, enabling young prospective Army officers to continue the traditions of the Oklahoma Military Academy. We've also continued to provide a forum for our Alumni to gather and celebrate our common experiences and lives; our legacy remains strong, productive, and relevant.

This year's reunion marks the 100th anniversary of OMA's founding --- a very special event. In June, we will dedicate the new OMA Legacy Plaza in memory of our alumni killed in action. This Plaza gives you an ongoing opportunity to memorialize your support by purchasing a commemorative stone inscribed with a tribute or other special memory. For those of you purchasing stones soon, you will be able to see your completed stone in the beautiful setting of the OMA Legacy Plaza, which will forever honor our alumni, their families, and our special supporters.

An additional highlight at this year's reunion will be a performance by The United States Army Drill Team. The drill team appears annually at numerous national and worldwide venues and routinely represents the US Army and our Nation before heads of state and at commemorative events. We are honored to have them support us this year.

I urge each of you to continue your support of the OMA Alumni Association's efforts, whether by giving your time, money, or ideas to continue our proud traditions. Do your best to attend this year's reunion to enjoy the camaraderie and gratification in making your legacy one of great significance and pride.

I look forward to seeing you at this year's reunion in Claremore, June 7 and 8.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike A. Kuehr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Kuehr
OMA Centennial Reunion Adjutant

THE FABULOUS MID LIFE CRISIS BAND

A 100th anniversary only comes once in a lifetime and your OMA Alumni Association will be "pulling out all of the stops" this year in every activity that we do including the Saturday night Dinner/Grand March/Dance. We have contracted with the Fabulous Mid Life Crisis Band, which has been recognized as the absolute best rock and roll band in Oklahoma!

The Fabulous Mid Life Crisis Band began in 1995 with musicians who played in various bands during their high school and college days. They mainly play private

parties and benefits from Dallas, Texas to Tarrytown, NY and have played up to 100 "gigs" a year, even while the band members were employed full time at their "real" jobs.

They have been voted the "Best of the Best" in both Tulsa People and the Oklahoma Today magazines numerous times, as well as opening for several national acts including Eddie Money and Gary Busey. They have been featured three times at the large Oklahoma Stage at the Tulsa State Fair.

The Fabulous Mid Life Crisis Band has played in front of crowds up to 5,000 at the Utica Square Fifth Night music series for the past 20 years. In addition, they have played for 15 years at Wild Brew, which benefits the Sutton Avian Centers injured birds of prey rehab programs (bald eagles, etc.).

This seven-piece band plays classic rock music that promises to be the greatest that you have ever heard and danced to on The Hill!

OMA LEGACY PLAZA



In a few short months, we will celebrate our Centennial of the founding of the Oklahoma Military Academy. This year's reunion builds upon past reunions to make the OMA legacy and the Alumni Association among the very best. One of the highlights will be the dedication of the Oklahoma Military Academy Legacy Plaza. The OMA Legacy Plaza will be located just north of Meyer Barracks and adjacent to the OMA KIA Memorial. Consider memorializing your own personal OMA legacy by purchasing a granite Legacy Stone for yourself or in memory or honor of a loved one. Engravings on the granite stones can include names, class years, military ranks, the OMA Centennial logo, military logos, and a photo. Your Legacy Stone will help highlight the magnificent OMA Centennial Bronze Medallion logo for the next hundred years. Please don't miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to commemorate the 100th Birthday of the Oklahoma Military Academy.

If you want to see your Legacy Stone(s) on display at our next reunion, your order form must be returned by May 15, 2019. Your stone(s) will be placed in the Plaza in order of purchase.

Please complete this form to order your laser engraved granite stone(s) and return in the enclosed envelope. For more information or to place your order by phone, please contact Danette Boyle at 918-343-6888 or Tammy Ryan at 918-343-6889.

LEGACY STONES

Laser Engraved Granite | Stone Size: 4" X 8" | 4 Lines for Text
Samples Below

PERSONALIZED ENGRAVING with OMA CENTENNIAL LOGO or SERVICE LOGO



- **15 characters per line** (including spaces and punctuation).
- Service logo selection includes: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine, Navy or Purple Heart.

\$100

PERSONALIZED ENGRAVING



- **20 characters per line** (including spaces and punctuation).

\$100

PERSONALIZED ENGRAVING AND PHOTO



- **15 characters per line** (including spaces and punctuation).
- Provide photo with order form or email to dboyle@rsu.edu. (Must be high resolution)

\$115

Choose either

PERSONALIZED ENGRAVING WITH TWO LOGOS

PERSONALIZED ENGRAVING WITH ONE LOGO AND ONE PHOTO



- **10 characters per line** (including spaces and punctuation).
- Logo selection includes: OMA Centennial, Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine, Navy or Purple Heart.
- Provide photo with order form or email to dboyle@rsu.edu. (Must be high resolution)

2 Logos 1 Logo & 1 Photo
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OMA ALUMNI CENTENNIAL REUNION JUNE 7-8, 2019

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

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

Shotgun Start Begins

11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Golf Lunch

Lunch is also available for alumni and guests not participating in golf.

11:30 a.m.

LADIES' LUNCHEON

Hosted by RSU First Lady Peggy Rice
President's Residence, RSU Campus
Reservation required with maximum 40

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

REUNION OPENING RECEPTION AND BUFFET

Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center Ballroom

• 6:30 p.m. OMA Trivia

Winners will receive prizes

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

8:00 a.m.

REUNION REGISTRATION

Meyer Hall, OMA Alumni Office and OMA Museum

Coffee and pastries

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

DEDICATION OF THE OMA LEGACY PLAZA

THE UNITED STATES ARMY DRILL TEAM PERFORMANCE

MUSIC BY MEMBERS OF THE 145TH ARMY BAND

10:30 a.m.

ALUMNI CEREMONIES

Will Rogers Auditorium

Patriotic music by the 145th Army Band

- Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame Ceremony
- Honoring OMA's Recently Deceased Alumni
- Color Guard presented by the RSU Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program Military Students

11:45 a.m.

ALUMNI LUNCHEON AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center Ballroom

- OMA Honorary Cadets
- President's Awards
- Lt. General William E. Potts Awards of Excellence
- OMA Alumni Founders Award

Special Guests: RSU Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program Military Students

5:30 p.m.

RECEPTION, DINNER, GRAND MARCH AND DANCE

7:30 p.m.

THE FABULOUS MIDLIFE CRISIS BAND

Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center Ballroom

Golf carts available to assist Alumni

OMA ALUMNI 2019 HALL OF FAME AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREES

HALL OF FAME



KEN COLLEY '69

Ken Colley arrived at OMA in January 1966, as a second semester Rabbit. His welcoming committee, consisting of eight NCOs, led Colley to give 110% effort and receive early recognition from Rabbit period. In high school, Colley lettered in baseball, drill team and the rifle team. He received awards for best drilled squad and best drilled platoon.

In junior college, Colley received the Meyers' 1968 Academic Achievement Wreath and was named to the Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. He was also class president for his graduating class in 1969 and graduated at LTC as the Battalion Executive Officer.

Since graduating, Colley has been active in more than 20 class reunions, including serving as Adjutant in 1994 and 2012. He was the Chairman for bringing The Wall that Heals to the OMA Reunion in 2018. He currently serves on the OMA Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Ken has been married to Lynn Colley for 47 years. They have two children, KC Colley, a general contractor living in Greenwood, Arkansas, and Courtney Fulton, who currently resides in Budd Lake, New Jersey. Ken has one grandson, Archer Colley.

Colley served in the 188th Air National Guard from 1971-1976. In 1971, Ken was hired to work for Basin Appraisal Company and after two years at the company, Ken decided to start his own appraisal company. After 40 years,

Ken is still operating his own company. He currently appraises residential and commercial properties in both Arkansas and Oklahoma. Colley graduated from John Brown University with a degree in business.

Colley's service to the community begins with his church. He and his family have been members of Eastside Baptist Church for the past 45 years. He has served as Sunday school teacher, deacon, department director and numerous other positions over the years. In 1976, Colley was elected to be a delegate for the National Republican Convention for then-Governor Ronald Reagan

In 1990, Colley joined Rotary International and has served in many positions, including Club President twice (1998-1999 and 2015-2016) and Youth Exchange Officer for 21 years during which time Ken and Lynn hosted students from Brazil, Germany, South Africa, Taiwan, Hungary and Columbia. Four of these students lived with the Colleys for an entire school year. In 2013-14, Ken was elected to be Rotary District Governor for District 6110, which covers parts of Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. At that time, Ken was one of 529 District Governors around the world. Ken served at a children's hospital in the Ukraine in 1999 and also helped supply medical equipment to this hospital. In 2014, Ken and other Rotarians raised \$30,000 to buy wheelchairs to be shipped to Mexico. This was the first of five trips Ken would make to South America to distribute wheelchairs to needy families. These experiences have enriched Ken's life, and it has been a blessing for him to be a part of something so humbling.

Ken has served on the Salvation Army Board of Directors since 2000. In 2012-13, Colley served as president. He recently received a certificate of Life Membership in the Salvation Army. Over the years, Ken has helped raise money, plan meals and serve more than 5,000 needy families in and around Fort Smith, Arkansas.



DAVID RAPER '65

David Raper arrived at OMA during the second semester of 1959. He was able to stay through Junior College in 1965, from a Rabbit to Corps Commander.

Oklahoma Gov. Henry Bellmon was the speaker at the 1965 graduation, and this OMA introduction allowed Raper to resign his regular Army commission and accept a regular commission as a 2nd Lieutenant USMC following his graduation from OU in 1967.

At OU, because of the training at OMA in voice projections, Raper spent two years as a varsity cheerleader. He served four years and 17 days in the Marine Corps and continues to serve his Marines and other veterans because of the Loyalty banner established at OMA. Following the Marine Corps, he went to the FBI for six and a half years, which flowed into a career in private industry focusing on training, management and small businesses.

After a major PTSD incident, which an OMA day student pre-warned Raper during an OMA golf outing that he did in fact have PTSD, Raper became involved with the Military Order of Purple Heart. He completed six years serving as the Adjutant for the Department (State) of Georgia. His Chapter and the Department

have honored him with the Patriot of the Year award.

OMA continues to be a major influence in his life, as he notes he still rolls his socks, folds his t-shirts and underwear, and hangs his shirts the correct way.

On May 31, 2019, Raper and his wife Lana will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They are the proud parents of Jennifer Smith and John David Raper and are the proud grandparents of Carolyn, Lillian and Bradley. They are honored to have as a son-in-law, Clay Smith, Class of 1977 USMA.

Raper states, "Each of us as members of the Corps of Cadets, when we lay the words Courage-Loyalty-Honor against our lives, see the impact those words have had on events in our lives even though we did not recognize it at the time. Today we are carrying on the legacy of the Corps with the Gold Program. New leaders developed by Old Men of OMA. The GOLD Program is our legacy. Years will pass; your great grandchildren will tour the halls of the OMA Museum and find your picture. They will see your name and understand your part in preparing the leaders of tomorrow. The choice is ours, yours and mine. Someone invested in you and me. We need to invest in the men and woman of the GOLD Program. Humbly, Lana and I thank you for this honor."

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



DAVE BLANKENSHIP '52

Dave Blankenship graduated from Webster High School in Tulsa and attended junior college at the Oklahoma Military Academy in 1952. He lettered in football, basketball and baseball and also served on the Drill Team. Making lifelong friendships remains one of his fondest memories while at

OMA. He attended the University of Tulsa and joined the Air Force ROTC graduating in 1955. He received his wings at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma and was sworn into duty as a Second Lieutenant. He served three years on active duty, and as a Captain he finished his commitment to the Air Force by serving in an Air Force Reserve Unit as a pilot at Davis Field in Muskogee, Oklahoma. During the Cuban crisis, he was recalled to active duty until the crisis ended.

In 1962, Blankenship began working with an aerospace industry (North American Aviation) when the company was moving to Tulsa. He was tapped to set up the office and hire personnel. He continued in executive positions as the company transitioned to Rockwell International and ultimately Boeing. He provided leadership in a variety of areas from hiring to training to public and government relations in the US and overseas.

In retirement, he continues his past connections to Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology, where he currently serves as consultant to the CEO. He also serves on the board of Central Bank of Oklahoma.

Blankenship joined the Air Force Association and attended his first annual convention in 1967. The Air Force Association is a national organization promoting the U.S. Air Force and honoring Airman and Air Force heritage. He never missed the spring or fall meetings until 2017. He was elected to the board, elected President from 1982-83, and served as Chairman of the Board in 1984. He led the research and construction of the AFA Building in Virginia while President and dedicated it as Chairman.

He received the National Defense Service Medal in 1962, the National Management Association Leadership Award in 1967 and the Exceptional Service Medal, an honor by the Air Force for "inspirational

leadership and dedicated support of strong defense through airpower." He also is a member of the Webster High School Hall of Fame.



GARY GOOD '68

Prior to OMA, Gary Good's life was all about music and sports. So when he enrolled as a Freshman in 1964, he was thrilled to win starting spots on the wrestling and baseball team and join the award winning marching band.

Admittedly, Good was much more interested in his trumpet, drum sticks and sports than the rifle range, which his top rank of Sergeant First Class reflects - but he embraced OMA completely and marched proudly as a Cadet.

Favorite memories at OMA were the two trips to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans where the OMA Marching Band got 3rd place, and performing at the Opening of the Hemisfair in San Antonio, along with the many wrestling and baseball trips. Mostly he remembers the fellowship, of not only classmates, but the instructors, coaches and administrators.

After graduating from OMA in the spring of 1968, Good returned to Oklahoma City and in the fall enrolled in Central State College, now UCO in Edmond. Majoring in Business with a minor in Music, Good soon started an entertainment agency while attending college and the same year began a professional music career as a bandleader and singer.

Booking shows and concerts for corporate and private events, Good booked and produced shows with artists such as Natalie Cole, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, Toby Keith, Lee Greenwood, Herman's Hermits, The Gatlin Brothers, The Doobie Brothers, Three Dog Night, Paul Williams, K.C. & The Sunshine Band,

The Temptations, Four Tops, Vince Gill, Sheryl Crow, Don Henley and a host of others.

In the mid 80s, Good added a speakers bureau to his company renaming it Gary Good Entertainment & Speakers Bureau, and began booking lectures for notables such as Bart Starr, Art Linkletter, Steve Allen, Joan Rivers, Debbie Reynolds, Robert Goulet, Barry Switzer, Olympia Dukakis, as well as many notable authors and business leaders. Most recently he secured an appearance in Dallas for Academy Award-winning actress, Diane Keaton.

After being in business in Oklahoma City for over 35 years, in 2008 Good fell in love with Oklahoma's original state capital, Guthrie, and has since moved his entire operation there. Always enjoying people and activity, Good began adding new ventures, which includes an eclectic art gallery called Gallery Grazioso, Suite Bettie Jean Bed & Breakfast (named after his Mom), Magnolia Manor Boutique Hotel and Magnolia Moon – a wedding and music event venue (as well as his home).

Community involvement has always been important to Good. He served on the boards of The Oklahoma Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and was the longest serving Commissioner on The Oklahoma City Arts Commission serving for 34 years. He's most active today in a project he began when his father passed away in 2003. He named it "The Al Good Instruments for Kids Project" and it's designed to collect donated instruments - clarinets, trumpets, trombones, guitars, pianos etc. and place them in homes with kids that cannot afford to buy instruments. So far they have placed dozens of these instruments and over 20 pianos.

Good's wife Cristina has her PhD from OSU and is currently an adjunct professor there. She has two children who are also attending OSU. His brother, Ron, is editor and long-time sports writer for Amateur Wrestling News Magazine and was recently inducted into The National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Sister, Pattie, an entrepreneur lives in Phoenix. Good has two grown daughters; Margo, who lives in Wagoner and works in Pryor, and Andrea, who is living in Edmond, Oklahoma as well as two grandkids, Cass and Haleigh and four great grandkids, all living in Oklahoma within driving distance.



TOM HARGIS '67

Tom Hargis from Huntsville, Arkansas, graduated from OMA high school in 1965 and OMA Junior College in 1967.

During the summer after his high school graduation, his father Earl Hargis, who also attended OMA, passed away. Hargis was part of the Outstanding Company, Best Drilled Company, Best Drilled Platoon, Chevron Society, Order of the DeMolay, and Saber Society. He earned the Dean's Honor Roll, Military Proficiency Ribbon, Merit Ribbon, Academic Achievement Wreath, Outstanding Cadet Identification Disc, an Athletic Ribbon in Baseball, and the 1964-1965 High School Business Award.

After his time at OMA, Hargis attended the University of Arkansas and graduated in 1970 from Ouachita Baptist University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Hargis, a Distinguished Military Graduate in ROTC, was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Finance Corps. Hargis retired in 1995 as a Lieutenant Colonel

with more than 24 years of active duty service with assignments in Indiana, Pennsylvania, Texas, Kentucky, Virginia, Korea, Japan, and Turkey. Hargis served in positions including Finance and Accounting Officer at installation and Major Command level, installation Comptroller and Budget Officer, Budget Officer at HQs Department of the Army in the Pentagon, and as Executive Officer to the Comptroller of the Army. In addition to the Finance Officer Basic and Advance Courses, while on active duty, Hargis also completed the Command and General Staff College, Defense Resource Management Course, and obtained his MBA at Marymount College in Arlington, Virginia. He was a member of the Association of Government Accountants and the American Society of Military Comptrollers.

Upon retirement from military service, Hargis was a Senior Financial Analyst contractor working on the Army Human Resources Centralization and the Defense Travel System. In 2000 Hargis was selected as the Secretary of the Armed Forces Mutual Aid Association and took a second retirement in 2013.

Hargis has been happily married for 46 years to Sharon McCanna Hargis and currently resides in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. They have two daughters and six grandchildren. Hargis has stated that his OMA education and military training provided him with advantages that served him well during his career in the military and civilian service. He has served on the OMA Alumni Association Board of Directors.

LT. GEN. WILLIAM E. POTTS AWARD HONOREES



BRUCE DOUGHERTY '67 (Posthumous)

Bruce Dougherty was born on March 5, 1947. He was from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he attended Nathan Hale High School and transferred to OMA in 1963. He then graduated from Junior College at OMA in 1967. While at OMA, Bruce held the rank of Captain and also was part of the Chevron Society, Merit Ribbon, Cadet Capers, and Saber Society. Bruce eventually moved to Dallas where he passed away on November 30, 1987.

Supreme Court, U.S. District Court for the Northern and Eastern Districts of Oklahoma, the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Supreme Court. His tenure as an OMA cadet resulted in a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Upon graduation from law school, he fulfilled his active duty obligation and returned to the U.S. Army Reserves until 1979, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of Captain.

assignments included Cavalry Platoon Leader, Squadron Adjutant, Troop Commander and Squadron S-3.

Upon returning to the States, he completed the Armor Officer Advanced Course, Army Reserve Recruiting School as well as the Command and General Staff College. He has held numerous Command positions including Assistant Commandant 4th Army NCO Academy; Commander 215th Supply Company, Battalion Commander 1st Bn, 89th Regt, 402 Bde; Battalion Commander 2nd Bn, 379th Regt. 1st Bde, 95th Division.



JAMES R. ELDER '67

James R. Elder retired from active law practice in 2017 after 45 years of trials all over northeastern Oklahoma. He worked in the areas of civil liability, business and corporate law, personal injury, and workers' compensation. He received a law degree from the University of Tulsa and bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah and was admitted to practice law before the Oklahoma Court of Appeals, Oklahoma



BARRY GRABEL '64

While at OMA, Barry Grabel was awarded the Outstanding Cadet ID Disc, was Assistant Band Commander, Doogie and Pep Band Commander, top 10% military, Honor Committee, Saber Society, and was a Cadet 1LT. After OMA, he graduated Northeastern State University with a bachelor's degree in May 1966 and received his commission as a 2LT on May 27, 1966. After attending Armor Officer Basic Course at Ft. Knox, he was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, 3rd Recon Squadron, 7th U.S. Cavalry in Schweinfurt, Germany where his

In his civilian position, he was a Recruiting Specialist, U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion. In May 1990, he was promoted to a full Colonel and assigned to the Tulsa Area Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as Director of Military Operation and retired from the military in May 1996 after a 30-year career. A car and racing enthusiast, Barry has collected and built classic cars for more than 50 years. In 2002, he was the General Manager of the Tulsa Speedway and has owned and promoted the Oil Capital Racing series from 2004-2018.

CLAREMORE HOTEL INFORMATION

(Please make your reservations for the OMA Centennial Reunion early to ensure availability)

Hampton Inn & Suites
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PRESIDENT'S AWARD HONOREES



JACK GRAVES

Jack W. Graves is an Executive Director, Financial Advisor, and Senior Portfolio Management Director with Morgan Stanley in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He

has been in the Investment and Securities Industry for 33 years, the last 12 years with Morgan Stanley and its predecessor firms.

He is the Senior Partner of the Graves Spaeth Group at Morgan Stanley which is made up of seven investments professionals. The team focuses on custom personal portfolio management with an emphasis on assisting clients with obtaining and maintaining their retirement goals and objectives.

Mr. Graves graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1983 with a BBA in Finance. He was appointed by Governor Keating to serve on the Oklahoma Housing Finance Authority, has served as Chairman of the GRDA Lakes Advisor Commission, Trustee for Northeast Rural Electric Cooperative, South Grand Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Board for Wright Christian Academy, plus local Rotary and Lions Club.

His hobbies include farming, blue water sailing, scuba diving, private aviation, skeet and sporting clays, as well as classic auto restoration.

He and his wife, Denda, have been married 30 years and have three children. Their son is a first-year Tulsa Police Officer. Their older daughter will be a junior here at RSU, and their youngest will be a senior at Wright Christian Academy. They live on their family farm near Inola, Oklahoma.



ALBERT ELTINGE STREETER '20

(Posthumous)

Eltinge Streeter was born in Okay, Indian Territory on January 23, 1902. His family

moved to Claremore in 1912. Streeter is one of the few men who can say that he attended three Claremore High Schools. He attended the last year of Eastern University Preparatory School on The Hill from 1916-1917, two years at Claremore High School 1917-1919 before completing his Senior Year at OMA from 1919-1920 in its first class.

While at OMA, Streeter was a Cadet 1st Lt and the school's first Corps Commander, Senior Class President, President of the Glee Club, Debating Club, Editor in Chief of the first Vedette, while also playing football as the left tackle (undefeated season), on the track team and a member of the boxing club.

Streeter was one of 60 cadets who lived in tents while Meyer Barracks was being built when the school first opened in

August 1919. He also has the distinction of being the first cadet to sleep in Meyer before it was officially opened.

He was one of the organizers of the initial OMA Alumni Association and served as its first president. In 1959 when the first OMA Hall of Fame was established, Streeter was the first person elected.

During the depression years, he worked at the Bank of Claremore and attended the Oklahoma School of Law and Accountancy in Tulsa where he graduated in 1933. In 1934 his father had a heart attack and he quit the bank to work full time in the family business.

The Streeter family owned Streeter Dry Cleaning from 1927 until 1963. He was very active in the City of Claremore as a councilman and Mayor (1956-1958). He was a member of the Rotary Club and served as President, 34th degree Mason, tax consultant and auditor for the Claremore Public Schools (completing his last audit one month before he died), as well as being on the Board of Directors for the American Red Cross.

He was included in Marquis Who's Who of the South and Southwest (1976-1977) and had a Claremore Park named after him in 1972. Albert Eltinge Streeter died on April 11, 1978 and is buried in the Woodlawn cemetery in Claremore.

OMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2019 OMA HONORARY CADETS

Linda Corlett
Vickie Fisher

Wanda Kuehr
Shari Plumlee

Lana Raper
Dee Simpson

Terry Webb
Carolyn Wright

MOSIER TO RECEIVE OMA FOUNDERS AWARD



Dr. Richard Mosier

Richard Mosier was born and raised on his parent's wheat and cattle ranch in Sheridan County in far Northwest Kansas. The initial purchase of the headquarters of his birthplace was made by his

great grandparents in 1884. He is the representative of the fourth generation of his family to be entrusted with the management of the ranch.

In 1972, Mosier came to Claremore from the founding presidency of Colby Community College to assume the responsibility for affecting the change of the Oklahoma Military Academy to a comprehensive, state assisted community college, Claremore Junior College. He served in that capacity until his retirement in 1996 having served as a vocational agriculture instructor, science and mathematics instructor, Assistant Principal, Principal/Superintendent of Sheridan County Community High School, Assistant Superintendent of the Dodge City Public Schools and President at Colby Community College and Claremore Junior College during his career in education.

He and his wife Mary are the parents of five children and grandparents to eight. They live in Claremore where they maintain a small herd of purebred Angus cattle in cooperation with three of their sons and their wives. Mosier is a three-time past club president and longtime member of Rotary. He and Mary along with two of their sons are Paul Harris Fellows.

Mosier maintains his more than 50-year membership in the Hoxie Masonic Lodge and his membership in the Scottish Rite of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mosier was inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame in 1996. He was also inducted as an Honorary OMA Hall of Fame member in 1997 and awarded the Lt. General William E. Potts Award of Excellence in 2012. He later was inducted into the Claremore Hall of Fame in 2017.

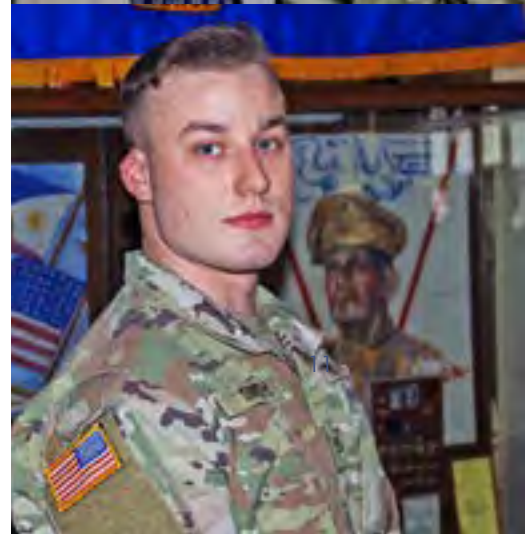


Thank you to all the OMA Alumni, family members, and friends that provide the tremendous financial support for the RSU GOLD Program and it's deserving students.

Photo 1: Left to right: GOLD Program student, Jacalyn Honeywell; OMA Board of Director member, Jim Morrison '52; Bill Harris '54; GOLD Program student, Jerrod Quindt; OMA Board of Director member, Harry Simpson '65; and GOLD Program student, Joshua Eldridge.

Photo 2: OMA Board of Director member, Darrell Wooster '62 and GOLD Program student, Joshua Eldridge.

Photo 3: GOLD Program student and recipient of the Col. Ed Ramsey Scholarship Endowment, Raymond Smith.

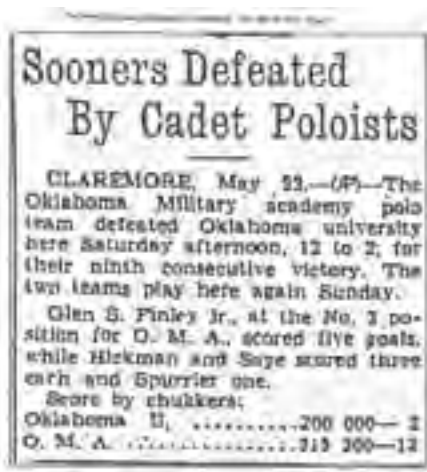


OMA CENTENNIAL CHRONICLES NUMBER 3

Oklahoma Military Academy was well off to a great start as the "West Point of the South West" in its early years. The OMA Board of Regents throughout the first three decades was headed by the Governor of Oklahoma serving as its Chairman. In addition, the State Adjutant General and Commanding General of the 45th Division Major General Baird H. Markham served on the Board from 1923 until 1933. By 1923 the school was now charging to attend, especially since the Academy had added the Junior College curriculum that year. Cadets at that time were appointed by their State Senator who could appoint two cadets while one cadet was appointed by each State Representative. Room, Board, uniforms, books, laundry, and spending money was estimated at \$440.00 for the nine months. While some in the state legislature beginning in 1924 wanted to abolish the Academy, supporters including the Governors always said no until the pressure got too much in 1971. A new Mess Hall was built in 1927 and with the new Meyer Barracks quickly filling up, the need for an additional barracks became a critical need. Markham Barracks was built in 1928 with the OMA "rabbits" helping to save money by digging the foundation for the building! The cost for the new barracks was \$124,254.

In 1929, a request for an ROTC flying unit was presented to officials at the War Department. It took until the 1931-1932 school year when the first four cadets began flying in conjunction with the Spartan School of Aeronautics of Tulsa using a single engine bi-plane. By 1933 the "Flying Cadets" were operating out of the Will Rogers Airport in Claremore. OMA had an aviation department until 1947.

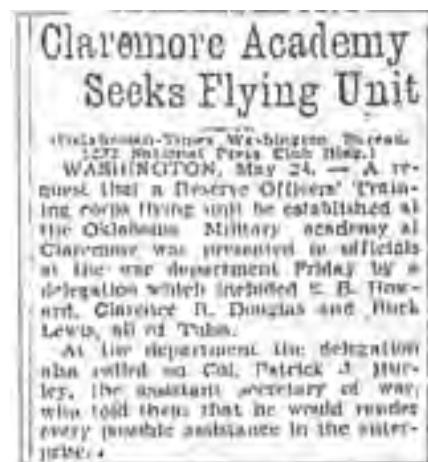
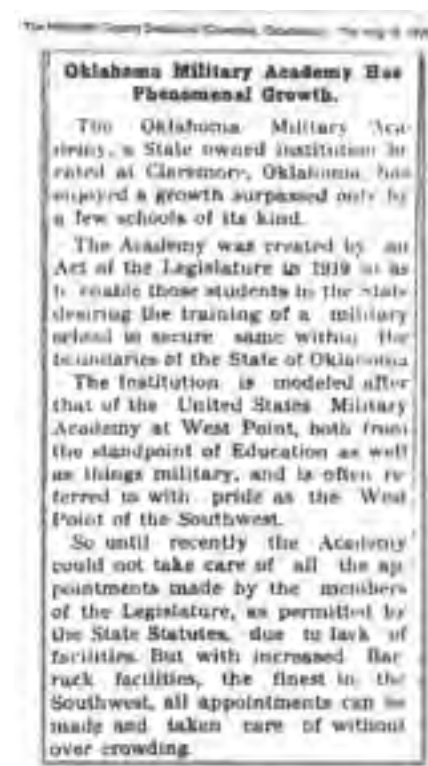
In 1930, OMA welcomed a new instructor by the name of Sam Houston III, the grandson of Sam Houston who had served as a former President of the Republic of Texas, one of the first two U.S. Senators representing Texas and later served as Governor of Texas. Lt. Houston taught engineering, mechanical drawing and geology at OMA, and he also felt that a new sport should be added...Polo. When the invitation went out for potential players, 105 cadets answered the call to try out. Lt. Houston built one of the best Polo Teams in the country and the reputation of OMA's athletics soared. He coached the Polo Team from 1930 until 1936.



A major military milestone happened in 1933 when OMA became an ROTC Honor School. OMA was only one of three Junior College Honor Schools in the nation with this designation and kept it until the school closed in 1971. The wearing of the coveted white star on the uniform and preparing for "War Board" each year gave OMA credibility as a superior, first-class military academy and allowed the Academy to nominate students to the Service Academies. There were 55 OMA cadets who went to the Service Academies and graduated.

Truly, Oklahoma Military Academy was not only an Oklahoma treasure but a National one as well.

– OMA Centennial Chronicles are a series of articles written by past OMA Alumni President Phil Goldfarb '67 & '69 leading up to the Centennial Reunion on June 7-8, 2019.



OMA FIRST GRADUATING CLASS 1919-1920

With this year being the Centennial Year of OMA, a closer look at the very first graduating class is in order. These high school seniors spent only one year at OMA, but they were the leaders in every sense of the word.

These special cadets will be recognized at the Centennial Reunion on June 7-8, 2019

GEORGE WILLIAM BARRETT

(1902-1966)

OMA Class Secretary-Treasurer. Son of OMA President Col. Stephen Barrett. Died in Kansas City, Missouri.

LEO HARRY BARNETT

(1902-1974)

Died in Fresno, California.

FRANCIS M. COURTNEY

(1900-1997)

Died in Wagoner, Oklahoma.

WALLACE RAYMOND GLASSCOCK

(1896-1969)

Died in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

ALGER W. HANES

(1901-1969)

Cadet 1st Sgt. Died in Claremore.

CARL HRDY

(1901-1956)

Died in Yakima, Washington.

THOMAS JEFFERSON HUNT

(1902- 1991)

Died in Brownsville, Texas.

WAYNE H. REDDING

(1901-1959)

OMA Class Vice President, Cadet 2nd LT. Became the Assistant Postmaster for Claremore, and his Grandson Ron Redding (OMA Class of '68), has the distinction of being the only grandfather-grandson combination. Died in Claremore.

ALBERT ELTINGE STREETER

(1902-1978)

1st OMA Corps Commander as a 1st LT, first Class President, First OMA Alumni Association President, Mayor of Claremore 1956-1958. First recipient of the original OMA Hall of Fame Award. Honored posthumously for the 2019 OMA Alumni Association's President's Award. Died in Claremore.

HUBERT SPENCER ROBINSON

(1903-1967)

Died in Shawnee, Oklahoma

ROBERT (BOB) SUTTON

(1901-1981)

Died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

ERVIN T. WORTMAN

(1902-1994)

OMA Class Editor. Died in Albuquerque, NM.

Cadets Courtney, Hanes, Redding, Streeter, Robinson, Sutton and Wortman also had the uniqueness of attending the predecessor of OMA, the Eastern University Preparatory School (EUPS), for one year (its last year 1916-1917) as a freshman, and then Claremore High School for two years as a Sophomore and Junior (1917-1918 and 1918-1919) before finishing their Senior year at OMA 1919-1920.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE 2019 OMA ALUMNI REUNION

The United States Army Drill Team performance.

Tulsa Model A Ford Club will have some of their cars on display on Saturday, June 8.

Visit the J.M. Davis Arms and Historical Museum in Claremore for their 50th year anniversary.

Admission is free for all OMA Alumni.

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

OMA GOLDEN (50 YEAR) ANNIVERSARY CLASS OF 1969

While the entire OMA Alumni Association will be celebrating the 100th year Centennial during the June 7 & 8 Reunion, it will also be a special year for those cadets who graduated Junior College and High School 50 years ago in 1969. We urge everyone on this list to attend this very special "Golden" Reunion and ask that you call, e-mail or text your fellow classmates requesting them to "Report To The Hill." The following alumni will be recognized during the Saturday morning ceremony:

JUNIOR COLLEGE

Dan Bentley
Keith Black: UK
Dan Bolt
Walter Boyd
Pat Bryan
Peter Carman
Ken Colley
Class President
Steve Collier
Dean Cousparis
John Dalgarn
William Dalton: UK
Joe Daniel
Michael Downing: UK
Robert Finnigan
Joe Fish*
Rob Frank
Greg Golden
Phil Goldfarb
Class Secretary-Treasurer

Pete Goltra
Jon Harmon*
Michael Harris*
Walter Hillhouse*
Gary Holmstead
Brack Jackson
Billy Johnston
Richard Kauffman
Ronald King: UK
Brad Klar
William Knox
Tom Lilly*
Jeff McClure
Ron Madera
Class Vice President
C.J. Masters
Bill Nipper
Ronald Patterson: UK
Michael Ralko*
Mike Ray
Alan Rosenbaum

James Thibodaux
Lawrence Wagner: UK
Charles Watkins*
Bobby Whitekeller
Richard Williams
J.J. Wilson*
Vance Wyrick

HIGH SCHOOL

Mike Abramson
Duane Adler*
Thomas Avery*
Jim Bledsoe
Damon Boyd
Tom Brainard
Thomas Carmichael
Duane Chartier: UK
William Celcer
David Cooley*
Ron Cosgrove

Stanley Cox
Dave Earnhart
David Ellenburg
Andy Floyd
Gregory Garrett*
William Glass*
John Grafton
John Grantham
Kirk Halsey*
James Harris
Steve Harris*
Larry Hill*
Scott Holmes: UK
Bill Houliston
Don Howell*
Anthony Igwe: UK
Russell Jacobson
Edwardo Jay*
Phil King

Mel Knight
Barry Larkin
Class Secretary
Mark Lawrence
Francisco Leon
Ron Lewis
Daniel Logue: UK
John Malone
Bob McCrackin*
Jim McGinnis
Mike McLaughlin
Burns Miller
Horace Mize
Cecil Mouser
David Nicholson: UK
Fletcher Ownbey: UK
John Penny
Class Vice President
Owen Pierce

Fred Powell
Michael Ppool
Andrew Riddle*
Donald Roberts: UK
Scott Roberts
Vernon Sharp
Scott Singer
Gary Smith: Class
Treasurer
Thomas Smith*
Bill Smoller
Lonnie Stevens
Danny Turrel
Richard Weems*
Leron West
Class President
Robert Wissman
Ray Yagher

NOTE: * Indicates Cadet is Deceased

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