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## FIND YOUR OMA FRIEND



***Looking for an old roommate?***

***Looking for one of your best friends from  
The Hill that you haven't seen in decades?***

Let us help you find them. The best place to meet with them, catch up and play "remember when" is at the OMA Alumni Reunion next June 5th and 6th on The Hill! We will be providing a lot of extra time this year to interact with your friends? If you are seeking some contact information to connect with a lost friend, email Phil Goldfarb, President of the OMA Alumni Association and he will try to provide information for you. Simply email him at [phil.goldfarb@cox.net](mailto:phil.goldfarb@cox.net).

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## LOOKING FOR ALL PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE OMA ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

All past OMA Board Presidents will be recognized during the ceremony in the auditorium Saturday morning at the OMA Alumni Reunion. Please see list below and contact Danette Boyle at 918-343-6888 ASAP with any missing name(s).

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Colonel Jack Dempsey '33	Wade Medbery '53	Jarold Casey '62
Brigadier General Preston Wood '33	Robert Wallack '53	Randy Vierling '63
George Griffith '38	Ron Acree '54	Tom Simpson '66
Dick Sharp '39	Jim Burdick '54	James Elder '67
B.G. Bowman '41	Bill Harris '54	Phil Goldfarb '69



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Phil Goldfarb*

First of all, I would like to thank those of you who filled out and returned the 2014 Alumni questionnaire. You will see many of your suggestions implemented along with your ideas on improving future Reunions. One of the main requests is spending more time with your fellow alumni. Your Executive Committee has taken this to heart and at the 2015 reunion there will be additional

opportunities to visit with your friends. Examples are on Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. and at an expanded Ice Cream Social on Saturday, which will be held in the OMA Heritage Section located in the new Chapman Dining Hall. The OMA Documentary will also be shown on Friday at 3 p.m. on the big screen in the auditorium. You will even have the opportunity this year to visit a GOLD program cadet's room and compare it to how you lived as a cadet!

By being on the OMA Alumni Board of Directors for a number of years, it has made me realize what a treasure we have with many of our alumni. These men attended 5, 10, 20 and even 30 years before me and yet we still have many of the same feelings about our time on the Hill, how it developed each of us, and feelings for the institution that was called the "West Point of the Southwest." Knowing

them has made me appreciate the caliber of individuals who attended this school. Speaking of caliber of individuals... the 2015 Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni selections has to be one of the best that we have ever presented at a reunion!

I would also urge each of you to take some time to meet other alumni at the reunion. Sit with someone new at a function. Make it a point to meet and greet someone who you have never met before. You will love the exchange of stories! I promise you that you will be glad that you did.

Finally, I will continue to challenge each of you to bring up just one alumni friend of yours who has never been to a reunion before. Do you realize that these men have never seen the world class OMA Museum, the OMA KIA Memorial, the RSU campus, understand what an active Alumni Association that we have or appreciate what an OMA Alumni Reunion is all about!

If you would like to contact me personally, please feel free to e-mail me at: [phil.goldfarb@cox.net](mailto:phil.goldfarb@cox.net). Tell me what is on your mind and I promise you a prompt reply.

With Courage, Loyalty and Honor,

Phil Goldfarb '69  
OMA Alumni Association President



## RAISING FLAGS OVER COLLEGE HILL

RSU held a flag raising ceremony on November 11 to celebrate the addition of three new flagpoles in front of Preparatory Hall. Members of the RSU GOLD program raised the flags as students, faculty, staff and OMA alumni looked on. This is the first time the school has had three flag poles on campus in order to fly the U.S., Oklahoma and RSU/OMA flags. Veterans Day was selected for the event to honor the sacrifices made by veterans in service to our country, including the more than 100 OMA alumni who are listed on the OMA KIA memorial between Preparatory and Meyer Hall.

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



*Dr. Danette Boyle*

During the last few weeks, more of you than ever before have communicated with me, saying how much you enjoyed our last reunion and the OMA Documentary DVD; many also conveyed how excited you are already about the next OMA Alumni Reunion. I greatly appreciate your messages, as well as all of you who sent me your updated email and home addresses. Your concern and assistance for the OMA Alumni Office is valued greatly. You are all like family.

We have been together for so many years, and I cherish each and every day that I have the opportunity to work with you.

It is already time to start making your plans for the next OMA Alumni Reunion, June 5 and 6, 2015. It is only five months away, and this year's celebration is going to be like no other! This year's theme is more than a theme. It is also the wonderful presence of **BOOTS BACK ON THE HILL!**

I sometimes ask myself, "Can this really be true? Do we now have military students once again on campus?" and the answer is a resounding YES. I am so fortunate because one of them, Levi Mosier, works for us in the alumni office. He is a very sharp young man working hard to earn extra funds for his education. He is quickly learning about OMA and the OMA Alumni. Please make sure to read the article on page 12 about Levi and the OMA Boots Back on the Hill Scholarship Fund we are putting in place to help all of our Military Students. I can hardly wait for you to meet him and all our other

Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program students during the reunion. I have met them all, and I plan to know them much better by the June Reunion.

The Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program is a tremendous program at so many levels. Captain Michael Mitchell, the program officer in charge, is one sharp soldier himself. He and I are collaborating closely to make sure all the scholarship funding is used in the most supportive manner possible for the GOLD students. The cost of college is so much greater than the "few" short years ago when we all attended.

So, please start thinking about the Reunion now, and give me a call anytime to register. There will be so much more for you to experience this year. In addition to the fellowship and re-connection with your many friends from long ago, you will have the opportunity to meet (one-on-one) our GOLD program students and join them for lunch. Our students will present the Color Guard at the morning formation, and the ceremony honoring all the deceased from the past year. You also will get to meet Major General Myles Deering, the Oklahoma Secretary of Veteran Affairs. The 145th Army Band will support our ceremonies in providing live musical entertainment.

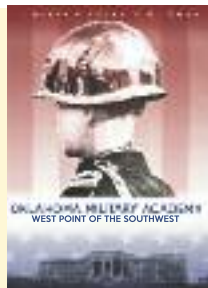
The 2015 OMA Alumni Reunion will make a strong statement about the dedication, support, citizenship, and patriotism of our members, unlike anything we have seen before.

Don't wait. Call me now at 918-343-6888 or email me at [dboyle@rsu.edu](mailto:dboyle@rsu.edu) so we can secure your rightful place at this year's homecoming for **BOOTS BACK ON THE HILL!**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danette Boyle".

Danette Boyle

Executive Director, OMA Alumni Association



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*Call Danette Boyle to order a copy today!*

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*The GOLD Program inaugural class marches in front of Meyer Hall on the RSU campus.*



*Dan Bernardy '71, Jon Carder '71 and Charles Laster '71 at the 2014 OMA Alumni Reunion.*

## BOOTS BACK ON THE HILL 2015 OMA ALUMNI REUNION

From its inception in 1919, the Oklahoma Military Academy steadily gained renown, developing a prestigious national reputation as the West Point of the Southwest. During its 52-year history, one key component of OMA's success was its role as Oklahoma's primary leadership training ground for the U.S. armed forces. Many OMA alumni went on to have successful and distinguished military or civilian careers; many had both. All benefited from the OMA experience.

OMA coupled its ROTC program with a total-military immersion environment, establishing a gold standard for military educational training programs in the nation. OMA produced thousands of officers and 10 general officers. Many others went on to make significant and lasting contributions as non-commissioned officers and enlisted personnel in all branches of service, and the OMA spirit and legacy continue to this day.

Though many were saddened in 1971 when the OMA flag was lowered for what was thought to be the last time, the OMA spirit was not lowered and has never wavered. In the past 43 years, what has happened "On the Hill" under the leadership of the OMA Alumni Association and Rogers State University has been nothing short of phenomenal. No other military school in the nation has ever developed a better alumni association than our OMA Alumni Association.

Building on OMA Alumni support, RSU has continued in the best tradition of the Oklahoma Military Academy. Not only has Rogers State quickly become one of the best four year universities in the southwest, it has now formally instituted the Oklahoma Army National Guard's Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) program. After more than four decades without a formal military training component on campus, RSU's GOLD Program students are a manifestation of OMA's proud tradition and sense of military service.

Alumni excitement is high with the intense pride and new opportunity to mentor RSU's eight inaugural GOLD program students when alumni return to the Hill next June 5 and 6 for the OMA Alumni Reunion. With OMA alumni support and RSU's outstanding planning and development strategy, the GOLD program is projected to grow to 30 or more within the next couple of years.

As has often been said, "The truly great things in life are worth waiting for." That is certainly true when it comes to waiting so long to get BOOTS BACK ON THE HILL. Dr. Danette Boyle, executive director of the OMA Alumni Association recently commented, "I can hardly wait until the 2015 OMA Alumni Reunion when our alumni come home and meet one-on-one with our military students during our reunion weekend. It will be an exciting and unique reunion for all when our Alumni have the opportunity to meet their OMA legacy GOLD Program students."

**DO NOT MISS OUR NEXT REUNION!** Please come and share your experience and wisdom with these young students!

Major General Michael A. Kuehr ('68), US Army (Retired), will serve as the 2015 OMA Alumni Reunion Adjutant. He will work very closely with Captain Michael Mitchell, the Officer in Charge of the RSU GOLD program in coordinating opportunities for alumni to interact with the military students.

Information on the 2015 OMA Alumni Reunion registration can be found on page 11 of this edition of the Guidon. Make plans now to attend. Don't wait or better yet, just call your executive director, Dr. Danette Boyle, at 918-343-6888 and let her take your registration by phone.

This reunion is promising to be the best reunion ever especially now with BOOTS BACK ON THE HILL!!



## MAJOR GENERAL KUEHR ANNOUNCED AS 2015 OMA ALUMNI REUNION ADJUTANT



The adjutant for this year's OMA Alumni Reunion is Major General Michael A. Kuehr, US Army (Retired). General Kuehr was born in Louisville, Kentucky and attended Oklahoma Military Academy Junior College from 1966 to 1968 on a basketball scholarship. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Air Defense Artillery upon graduation from the University of

Florida in 1970 where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and was a Distinguished Military Graduate. He holds a master's degree in education from the University of Southern California and a Juris Doctor degree from St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas. General Kuehr is a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College.

General Kuehr retired in 2009 after completing his last tour of active duty as Deputy Commanding General of Eighth United States Army. General Kuehr served in a wide variety of important command and staff positions both on active duty and as an Army Reserve soldier. On active duty, General Kuehr served as a platoon leader and battery executive officer, 7/60th Air Defense Artillery and 3/4th Air Defense Artillery Battalions of the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In Germany, he served as battery executive officer with 2/59th Air Defense Artillery Battalion, and as personnel staff officer, Division Support Command 1st Armored Division. Recalled several times to Active duty in support of Operation Joint Endeavor/Guard/Forge (Bosnia), General Kuehr served first as Crisis Response Center Director of Civil Military

Cooperation at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) and later as Deputy Commander of the Civil Military Task Force in Sarajevo. Other active duty assignments have included deployments to Afghanistan, sub-Saharan Africa, Philippine Islands, and Thailand.

Many of his reserve assignments were with the 90th Army Reserve Command, San Antonio, Texas and include Aide de Camp to the Commanding General; Chief of Individual Training Branch; Chief of Unit Training Branch; Chief of Internal Review, Assistant Chief of Staff, and assistant chief of staff, personnel. Command positions include Commander, 373d Supply and Service Battalion, Beaumont, Texas, Commandant, 4150th United States Army Reserve Forces School, Dallas, Texas, Commander, 321st Civil Affairs Brigade, San Antonio, Commanding General of the 351st Civil Affairs Command, Mountain View, California, and Wartime Deputy Commanding General of Eighth United States Army, Seoul, South Korea.

Among General Kuehr's numerous awards and decorations are the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Commendation Medal (four oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Senior Parachutist Badge and Pathfinder Badge. In addition, he was elected to the Oklahoma Military Academy Hall of Fame in 2006 and is one of 10 Generals who has attended OMA.

In civilian life, General Kuehr is a retired attorney who lives in San Antonio, Texas, with his wife, Dr. Wanda Kuehr, a psychologist for the U.S. Army at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

# OMA PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS

JANUARY 2015

NAME	CLASS YEAR	NAME	CLASS YEAR	NAME	CLASS YEAR
Albin L Adams	1940	Ralph G. Howard	1939	Edwin P Ramsey	1935
J. F. (Buddy) Albright	1938	Frank C Howk	1940	Charles D Raper	1965
Jack C Altman	1927	Harry H Hoyt	1967	Fred K Reinauer	1943
Randolph H. Ball	1937	Robert B. F. Hummer	1942	John T Resler	1940
Stephen C Beals	1964	Charles William Hunter	1940	William D Reynolds	1952
Timothy Warren Berryhill	1943	Michael D Hyatt	1966	Dale Robertson	1942
John E Black	1966	Arthur Blaine Imel	1941	Jeff Ray Ryker	1964
Jack E Bowen	1931	Jerry S Ingram	1947	Albert Tom Scanland	1939
Bradley D Bowers	1966	David Ray Jennings	1963	James D Scott Sr	1932
Beverly G Bowman	1941	Glen C Johnson	1931	Drew D Shipley	1964
Col. Benjamin F Boyd	1943	Robert B Jones	1953	Forrest Bowley Smith	1937
Paul M. Brewer	1937	Charles C Kegelman	1934	James Ray Spurrier	1938
Adelbert W Bruce	1942	George W. Kimbrell	1936	John B Stizza	1959
William A Burke	1941	William R Kroutil	1943	John R Stockdale	1966
Larry Burton	1963	Billy A Krowse	1941	Lester K. Sundstrom	1965
Nolan B Cargile	1939	David T Kyser	1939	John T Swais	1939
Michael D Casey	1966	Jess Larson	1921	Paul Ray Tatroe	1943
Drate H Cathey	1936	Stephen Lee	1937	Clarence L Tinker	1931
Lloyd F Cathey	1942	Larry Leibrock	1967	Richard O Trent	1938
John S Channell	1939	Robert B Lewis	1940	James S Trimble	1945
Wayne Wells Christian	1937	Howard F Liddell	1942	Sam R Trizza	1963
LaVerne William Collier	1965	Charles W Locke	1934	Bob F Unverferth	1943
Delbert Lloyd Crouch	1964	Oscar Logan	1943	John C Van Sickle	1935
Edward E. Davis	1967	Carmi David Long	1940	Richard E Vensel	1939
Dean Reade DeMerritt	1944	John E Lovell	1942	George R Walker	1939
Glenn E Dill	1938	John G Mathews	1966	Theodore D Ward	1967
Leslie Vincent Dixon	1943	George W McDonough	1967	Leonard E Warren	1935
Aubrey K Dodson	1922	Daniel McKinney	1947	Richard L Warren	1940
Walter E Downs Jr	1940	Charles J McPherran	1941	Elmer C Weinrich	1929
John C Egger Jr	1950	William Sidney Merliss	1941	Victor D Westphall III	1958
Robert W Ferguson	1965	Robert E Moore	1937	Harold E Williams	1930
Glen Edward Fields	1939	Leonard E Murray	1940	Lyndall C Williamson	1943
Roger L Fife	1945	Thomas E Murray	1958	Jimmy D Wilson	1967
Bob Jerald Fink	1959	Miles H Nabors	1939	Judson L Wilson	1931
Eugene B Fitch	1940	Roger M Nicholson	1946	William R Wilson	1967
Laddie Frazel	1941	Richard Burke Noonan	1951	Craig M Yancey	1968
William C Gates	1945	George Henry Orcutt	1942	Daniel W York	1965
John Archibald Getty	1936	Robert B Osborn	1947		
Perry L Ground	1949	William Pancoast	1965		
George M Hale	1937	Lionel E Parsons	1961		
Donald O Hartman	1968	Harry A Patterson	1936		
E Robert Heatley	1943	Joseph S Peddie	1936		
John M Higbee	1966	Jack C Perritt	1967		
Thomas H Hocker	1939	Harry Poarch	1953		
Jack D Hodgden	1943	William E Potts	1941		
Lee Roy Howard	1943	Jess H Powell	1940		

# OMA ALUMNI SELECTS 2015 HALL OF FAME AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREES



**William J.  
Daugherty, Ph.D., '65**  
**Hall of Fame**

Dr. William Daugherty retired in 2011 from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia, where he taught courses in American government, foreign policy, national security, and four areas of constitutional law. Dr. Daugherty joined the AASU faculty in September 1996, after serving for more than 17 years in the Central Intelligence Agency as an operations officer. During his CIA career, Dr. Daugherty served in operational assignments in the Middle East, the Caribbean, and Europe, specializing in counterterrorism. He subsequently served in staff and managerial assignments in Washington, D.C., as well as a tour as an instructor training junior officers in operational methods and techniques. His final assignment was in the area of covert action policy and included serving as a CIA liaison officer to the National Security Council staff. He was one of 53 American diplomats held hostage by Iranian militants while serving in the US Embassy in Tehran, Iran, 1979-81.

Dr. Daugherty received his high school diploma from the Oklahoma Military Academy in 1965 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps the following year. He served as an air traffic controller before acceptance to Officers Candidate School in 1969. Commissioned as a second lieutenant, he attended flight training and, after graduating with as a Naval Flight Officer, subsequently flew with several Marine Fighter-Attack squadrons as a weapons system officer in the F-4 Phantom II aircraft. His service included a tour in Vietnam, with 76 missions over North and South Vietnam and Laos while his squadron was deployed on the USS America. He left active duty in 1974, and completed his Reserve obligation in 1986 with the rank of Major.

Dr. Daugherty earned a bachelor's degree in social sciences from the University of California-Irvine and a doctorate in government from the Claremont Graduate School, with a specialization in the Constitutional Law of American Foreign Policy. His publications include "Executive Secrets: Covert Action and the Presidency" (University Press of Kentucky, 2004) and "In the Shadow of the Ayatollah: A CIA Hostage in Iran" (US Naval Institute Press, 2001).

His media work includes consultant for Warner Brothers Studio on the movie "Argo;" consultant to and participant in the documentary treatment of "Our Man in Tehran: The True

Story Behind the Secret Mission to Save Six Americans in the Iran Hostage Crisis and the Foreign Ambassador Who Worked with the CIA to Bring Them Home" and on-camera appearances for documentaries.

Dr. Daugherty's honors and awards include: Department of State Medal of Valor (State's highest), CIA Exceptional Service Medal, Foreign Service Association's W. Averell Harriman Award, CIA Exceptional Performance Award (2), Claremont Colleges Man of the Year 1981; charter inductee into the Claremont Graduate School Hall of Fame; Intercollegiate Studies Institute Paolucci/Bagehot Award for best book, 2004; Distinguished Alumni Award, Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Association 2009; Georgia State House of Representatives Resolution of Recognition and Commendation for 46 years of Public Service (HR 645-2013).



**Senator Gene Howard, '43**  
**Hall of Fame**

Senator Gene Howard attended OMA for three years before enlisting in the Army in 1944. He served at Leyte and Luzon and then Japan after the war ended.

Upon his discharge, he attended Muskogee Junior College for one year and then enrolled in the University of Oklahoma where he obtained his law degree in 1951. That same year, he set up a law partnership with his close friend, Lloyd Larkin, which continues today.

In 1953, the Tulsa County Bar Association named him the Outstanding Young Attorney for that year.

Howard was elected in 1958 to the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and in 1964 he was elected to the Oklahoma Senate, where he served six years as President Pro Tempore. During this time he continued his military service, being recalled to active duty for the Berlin Crisis (1961-62). He retired as a lieutenant colonel following 20 years of active and reserve service.

Howard then returned to public service in 1990 when he took over as chairman of the Oklahoma State and Education Group Insurance Board, leaving in 1998 to become a trustee of the Oklahoma College Savings and Loan.

Upon being informed of his being inducted into the OMA Alumni Hall of Fame, Howard said, "This is one of the



greatest honors of my life. It was OMA which framed my values and gave me what I needed to have a productive life."

Howard is in the process of retiring from his law firm and looking forward to spending full time with his wife and family.



**Mr. Patrick Jordan, '63**  
**Hall of Fame (Posthumous)**

Patrick Jordan grew up in small town Oklahoma helping his father with all farming chores, including driving tractors and wheat trucks when he could barely see above the steering wheel.

As he grew, his parents decided that he needed more life experiences than he would get on the family farm. So in 1959, Jordan began his education at the Oklahoma Military Academy where he completed his junior and senior years in high school and his first two years of college. While at OMA, he was a member of the Drill Team, Saber Society, and participated in the Cadet Capers and the Fort Sill Summer Camp. His honors included Merit Ribbon, Military Proficiency Ribbon, Best Drill Platoon and Outstanding Company.

Jordan often spoke of the outstanding education he received and the wonderful lifelong friends that he made. Following his graduation from OMA, he attended the University of Oklahoma and Southwestern Oklahoma State University where he received degrees in history and education.

Jordan served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1973, serving two tours of duty in Vietnam. The first was as an Armored Platoon Leader and his second as an Advisor to a South Vietnamese Armored Unit. He was awarded many medals including Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. After his second tour in Vietnam, he became a recruiter in the state of Washington. Although he enjoyed working with the high school students, in 1973 he made the decision to return to Oklahoma and his first love, farming and ranching. He continued this occupation until his death on August 17, 2014.

Jordan was very patriotic and loved hosting friends and family at his annual Independence Day celebration where his love for his country would shine through. He was proud to have been given the opportunity to serve his country during its time of need and would have returned to its defense again during these troubling times if age and health had allowed.



**Mr. Shawnee Brittan, '53**  
**Distinguished Alumni**

Shawnee Brittan came to OMA in the fall of 1950 and graduated from high school in 1953. He participated in many activities while at OMA but he feels his major contribution came much later. "I feel that my main contribution to the corps was

producing and directing the OMA documentary which premiered at the 2014 Reunion. Because of everyone's participation we were able to leave this documentary as part of the OMA legacy."

Brittan has received international acclaim in a career that has spanned many years in film and video production. His award-winning productions include "The Grand Ride of the Abernathy Boys," a hit of the Oklahoma Centennial; "En Pointe: The Lives and Legacies of Ballet's Native Americans," which premiered in New York City; "Sleep My Sons: The Story of the Arisan Maru," a World War II documentary; "God's Drum," featuring Oklahoma's Native American story-teller Te Ata, and "The American Indian Exposition," an Academy Award® documentary official selection. Current projects include "The Downwinders," a feature film; "Hellship," a feature film; and "Uncommon Valor: The Battle of Iwo Jima," a World War II documentary. He is a recipient of the Award for Distinguished Service to the Arts from the Royal Canadian Academy of Artists and Performers. He is a graduate of New York University and Oklahoma State University. He served eight years on the Oklahoma Film Commission, is a charter member of the American Film Institute, is listed in "Who's Who in Entertainment," is a past member of the Academy of Country & Western Music, and is a recipient of the Governor's Arts Award.

Brittan served as Filmmaker-in-Residence and Visiting Professor at the University of Oklahoma from 2001 to 2011. At OU he created the Independent Film Project (IFP/OU), an independent motion picture production program.

He worked in Hollywood throughout the 1960s where he was vice president of Celebrity News Service. In 1967, he co-founded Media Research Associates, which was Hollywood's first major outsourcing organization that created marketing, publicity and public relations campaigns for the major motion picture and television studios. In 1971, Media Research Associates was acquired by a major Asian entertainment conglomerate.

He currently serves as vice president of Hollymount Pictures, a start-up production/distribution company in Los

Angeles and is consultant to the History Media Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Brittan and his wife, Joanna Champlin, live in Oklahoma City where they are both active in the theater, motion picture and arts communities.



### **Colonel Alvin B. Cobb, USA Retired, '63**

#### **Distinguished Alumni**

Bruce Cobb attended junior college at Oklahoma Military Academy, where he graduated in 1963. While at OMA, he was awarded the Outstanding Cadet Identification Disk, was a top 10 percent student in Military Science,

was a member of the drill team, earned membership in Phi Theta Kappa, was Sergeant Major of the corps and left the college as a cadet 2nd Lieutenant.

Bruce continued studying toward a bachelor's degree at Oklahoma State University and continued participation in the Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate, was recognized upon graduation as the outstanding cadet and awarded the Colonel Sam Myers trophy. Upon graduation in 1965, he received a regular army commission as 2nd Lieutenant of infantry. His military career spanned almost 28 years and he retired in 1993 as a colonel in the aviation branch. During his years of service he has two combat tours in Vietnam, multiple tours in airborne assignments, served as aide-de-camp to the commanding general at the Army's Special Warfare Center, served as a member of the staff to the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and commanded at all levels from lieutenant through colonel.

After retiring, Bruce attended the University of Oklahoma to complete a graduate program earning a master's degree in public administration. Following that, he began work as a consultant in the aviation industry and continues that work to date.

He has been married to Patty for 51 years and they have two sons, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

In acknowledging the selection as a Distinguished Alumni, Bruce stated that he is humbled by the fact that someone thought enough of him to submit his name into the nomination and selection process.



### **Mr. Robert L. Dean, Jr., '49 Distinguished Alumni**

Robert Dean was born in the small town of Byars, Oklahoma, in McClain County. At an early age, with the help and encouragement of his father, he raised Hereford cattle.

At 15, he realized his ambition of going to Oklahoma Military

Academy. He was well suited to military life, and at the Academy he was a member of the Rifle Team and band. He gave piano concerts for visiting schools. After three years at OMA and a year at the University of Oklahoma, he won an appointment to West Point. There, his experience on the OMA Rifle Team served him well as he became a member of the West Point National Championship Team. While on the rifle team, he met his future wife, Helen Lothringer, the U.S. Women's Champion.

Following graduation, he entered the Air Force and became a pilot near the end of the Korean War. After four years, eye problems caused him to be grounded. Reluctantly, he left the Air Force and went to work on Wall Street. After two years, he moved to Mexico City and began work as a financial consultant. He became editor and publisher of "Mexletter", Mexico's prestigious financial publication. While in Mexico he gave numerous piano concerts and was selected the country's outstanding Jazz musician by Sucesos magazine.

A birthday gift of a few pounds of clay from his wife began what was to become a remarkable career in the arts. After winning national awards in sculpture, he realized that art was indeed his calling. He decided to leave the finance business and move to Florence, Italy, to continue to pursue his new dream of becoming an artist.

Shortly after arriving in Florence, he organized the American community and founded the American Society to foster cultural and educational interchange between Americans and their Italian hosts. He became the first president of the Society.

His principal work has been portrait sculptures, many of which are of illustrious military figures including Eisenhower, MacArthur, Patton, Bradley, Rickenbacker, de Gaulle, and The Night Sentry that memorializes the Revolutionary War patriots. There are five monumental statues of Eisenhower, two of which are in London and Normandy.

In recent years he began to work more in music and theater. His first play was produced in London, and he has also written two musicals. He continues to sculpt and to compose and write for the theater.



### **Mr. Frank Landrum, '60**

#### **Distinguished Alumni**

Frank Landrum attended the last two years of high school and then junior college at OMA. He graduated from OMA in 1960 and completed college at Northeastern State College in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration. While at

OMA, he participated in numerous activities that included being the drill team commander, college sophomore class president, president of the Chevron and Saber Society, and a corps commander. He received the Association of the Army Award, was designated the Outstanding Military Five student, and awarded the Outstanding Cadet Identification Disk.

Landrum entered the Army in 1962 as a field artillery officer. He attended numerous military schools to include the basic and advanced field artillery courses, parachute school, special warfare course, Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. In 1982, he received a master's degree in public administration from Shippensburg State College in Pennsylvania.

During his 28 years in the Army, Landrum had numerous state-side and overseas assignments. Highlights include being an infantry adviser in 1964 in Vietnam where he was awarded two Bronze Stars and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He served as an operations/plane officer in battalion, brigade and corps units, and he served two years on the Army staff at the Pentagon. Frank commanded a field artillery battalion in South Korea and a brigade at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. His last tour at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, was as the project officer responsible for the development and building of the first computer-supported simulation exercise. Upon his retirement, he received the Legion of Merit award for his service.

Following his Army career, he worked for various civilian defense contractors that conducted brigade and division simulation supported combat exercises. He is an active member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW). These two organizations award scholarships and leadership courses for our young people. He and his wife Beth reside in Lawton, Oklahoma.



### **Mr. Harry Simpson, '65**

#### **Distinguished Alumni**

Harry A. Simpson attended OMA from 1960 through his graduation in 1965. While on College Hill, he rose to the rank of captain while being active in athletics (football, wrestling, track, tennis and bowling), Sergeant-at-Arms for the Chevron Society, Drill Team, Honor

Court, Judge's Bench, Saber Society and more. He was in the best drilled company and platoon, and also was active in campus chapel. After graduation, Simpson attended Oklahoma City University where he majored in business administration before joining the Army and serving with the 11th Armored Cavalry Division. He served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967, after which he was stationed at Fort Hood Army Base in Texas.

Professionally, he worked for Burns Construction of Claremore and Oklahoma Testing Laboratories in Oklahoma City as a metallurgist inspecting bridges in Oklahoma, Texas and Missouri. Additionally, he performed structural inspection of high-rise buildings during construction.

For the past 40 years, Harry has served as a senior draftsman at Midwest Detailing, LLC, where he also serves as a primary structural steel detailer for high profile projects, nationally and internationally. He also has co-owned several companies, including McKim Solar Energy Systems, Simpson Cleaning Service, Aero-Sport Inc., Excel Telecommunications and Midwest Detailing Inc.

He has been active in the community as a member of the Catoosa Chamber of Commerce and the Stoma Club of Catoosa; past president of the Ultralight Aircraft Association of Tulsa; and past instructor with the Junior Achievement Program at the Catoosa Middle School.

In January 1966, Simpson married Deanna Burns (the 1965 Sweetheart of the Corps) and they had two children: daughter, Shannon (Simpson) Cline, and son, Matthew, who died of leukemia in 1995 at the age of 18. The couple has three grandchildren: Savannah Evans, Mike Bright and Samantha (Bright) Robinson. He serves as an elder at the Claremore Seventh Day Adventist Church and has preached several sermons throughout northeastern Oklahoma.

Simpson is honored by the Distinguished Alumni recognition, saying he has always been eager to do all he could to advance the OMA Alumni Association. He has been involved with the organization since being first selected as board member in 1971.



# OKLAHOMA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION

**JUNE 5-6, 2015**

**ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY | CLAREMORE, OK**

<b>FRIDAY   JUNE 05</b>		<b>SATURDAY   JUNE 06</b>	
■ 8:00 a.m.	<b>REUNION REGISTRATION</b> Meyer Hall, OMA Alumni Office and OMA Museum  <b>ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC</b> Heritage Hills Golf Course 18 Hole Tournament  ■ 9:00 a.m. <b>Shotgun Start Begins • \$65</b> (lunch included) ■ 11:45 a.m. <b>Golf Lunch • \$10</b> (lunch only) <i>Lunch is also available for alumni and guests not participating in golf.</i>  ■ 11:30 a.m. <b>LADIES' LUNCHEON • \$25</b> <i>Hosted by RSU First Lady Peggy Rice</i> President's Residence, RSU Campus <i>Reservation required with maximum 40</i>  ■ 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. <b>OMA DOCUMENTARY ON THE BIG SCREEN</b> <b>"Oklahoma Military Academy: West Point of the Southwest"</b> Will Rogers Auditorium  ■ 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. <b>TOUR NEW CADET DORM ROOMS</b> Meet at Centennial Center at 4:00 p.m.  ■ 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. <b>SOCIAL HOUR</b> <i>Visit with alumni</i> OMA Museum  ■ 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. <b>REUNION OPENING RECEPTION • \$27</b> RSU Centennial Center Ballroom	■ 8:00 a.m.	<b>REUNION REGISTRATION</b> Meyer Hall, OMA Alumni Office and OMA Museum <i>Coffee and donuts</i>  ■ 9:15 a.m. <b>MORNING FORMATION</b> OMA TO RSU GOLD GUIDON CEREMONY Flagpole at RSU entrance  <b>MORNING AND AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES • \$33</b> (No charge for any alumnus attending his first reunion)  ■ 9:30 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CEREMONY HONORING OMA'S RECENTLY DECEASED ALUMNI</li> <li>COLOR GUARD PRESENTED BY THE RSU GUARD OFFICER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (GOLD) PROGRAM</li> <li>DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND HALL OF FAME CEREMONY <i>Featuring: The 145th Army Band</i>  Will Rogers Auditorium</li> </ul> ■ 11:30 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ALUMNI LUNCHEON  <i>Special Guests:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major General Myles L. Deering, Oklahoma Secretary of Veteran Affairs</li> <li>RSU Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program military students</li> </ul> Centennial Center</li> <li>ICE CREAM SOCIAL  <i>Immediately following luncheon</i>  Chapman Dining Hall, OMA Heritage section</li> </ul> ■ 5:30 p.m. <b>RECEPTION, DINNER AND DANCE • \$40</b> Pin-on Corsage: \$15.50 • Wrist Corsage: \$21 RSU Centennial Center Ballroom

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*GOLD Program student Levi Mosier.*

## **GOLD PROGRAM CREATES OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENT**

Hunting and fishing in his spare time in high school, Levi Mosier never thought of attending basic training and Advanced Individual Training. As late as his junior year, Levi did not think the military life was for him. However, he soon found himself joining the Air Force Junior ROTC program at his high school. He grew up in Lexington, Oklahoma and later moved to Inola, Oklahoma, where he graduated with honors from Inola High School in 2013.

As his military training progressed, he learned about discipline and order and began to enjoy it. When he was put into a leadership position, he saw how he could motivate people to get a task accomplished. This led him to join the Oklahoma Army National Guard and pursue the Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) program.

When he first was interested in enrolling for college, the GOLD program had not yet started at RSU. But by luck and amazing timing, he was able to sign up for the classes he needed when the GOLD program at RSU started this past fall.

Levi received the Colonel Ed Ramsey Scholarship Endowment and OMA Boots Back on the Hill Scholarship last fall. He is very thankful for the scholarship and very glad he came to RSU. He says the staff is amazing and the timing worked out perfectly for him to attend RSU. He also works part-time in the OMA Alumni office. He plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration with an entrepreneurial option. With the degree, he hopes to

own his own business, a custom bike shop with his dad.

Levi is one of eight Oklahoma Army National Guard soldiers who make up the inaugural GOLD class at RSU. These soldiers range in experience from a private who has been in the OKARNG for four months to a sergeant with 12 years of guard experience, including two combat tours. 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.

While RSU GOLD program students receive tuition assistance from the Oklahoma National Guard and housing assistance from RSU, the majority of them have a substantial financial need. To help ease the financial burden, the OMA Alumni Office is working with OMA Alumni to establish scholarships for the GOLD Program students. It is an extraordinary way to help with the cost of their education and perpetuate and preserve the OMA legacy forever "On the Hill." One great example is the establishment of the Lieutenant Colonel Ed Ramsey Scholarship Endowment by Dr. Raquel Ramsey and family to support the GOLD Program students.

Please contact Executive Director of the OMA Alumni, Dr. Danette Boyle, to learn more about this exciting scholarship opportunity and how you can help make the difference in the life of a young soldier.



*Major General Baird H. Markham*



*120th Ordnance Maintenance Co. ONG. Federal Inspection, March 30, 1925.*

## OMA AND THE OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD

Oklahoma Military Academy has a long history with the Oklahoma National Guard going back to the first years as a school. Serving on the OMA Board of Directors was Major General Baird H. Markham (1889-1968) who served from 1923 to 1933. General Markham was the first Adjutant General of the State of Oklahoma and served in that capacity from 1923 to 1925. At the same time he was the first Commander of the Oklahoma National Guard's 45th Infantry Division from February 1923 to April 1931.

Markham Barracks (now Markham Hall), named after General Markham started construction in 1927 and completed in the spring of 1928. A little known fact is that the "rabbits" of 1927 helped the school save money by assisting with the digging of the foundation of the building! At the time it cost \$140,000 to build and boasted that it was lighted by electricity and heated by steam. The barracks contained quarters for 154 cadets as well as two faculty members. The school gymnasium and drill hall was located in the north wing of the building.

By 1931, OMA was the home of the 120th Ordnance Maintenance Company and the Headquarters Battery of

the 160th Field Artillery. In addition, in downtown Claremore, the 179th Motor Transport Company had personnel made up of cadets from the academy. The battery of the Field Artillery was under the command of OMA Instructor 1st Lieutenant Sam Houston III, (the grandson of Sam Houston of Texas fame) as well as 2nd Lieutenant H. Tom Knight, Jr. (son of the Claremore senator often called the "father of OMA") who was second in command. OMA cadets at the time who had two years of training in the ROTC program received nine dollars per month for their service with the Oklahoma National Guard.

While those in the Military Department were regular military personnel, the honorary ranks given to instructors on the Hill throughout the years came from the Oklahoma National Guard.

The Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) program established on the Hill in 2014 brings the legacy of OMA full-circle back to our "roots." As alumni we should welcome this opportunity to support and honor the memory of OMA as the institution that gave us all so much. We welcome your support in our endeavors.

### 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.

**✔ YES, I would like to "Seize the Day" and help with a scholarship for our RSU students in the GOLD Program.**  
Contact Dr. Danette Boyle at **918-343-6888** or **dboyle@rsu.edu**



# 2014 SOUTH PADRE MINI REUNION



1. Coleen Lewis, Clark Webb '61 and Terry Webb
2. Dr. Larry Rice and Peggy Rice
3. Jennifer Williams
4. Margret and Bud Inhofe '50, South Padre/OMA Alumni Mini Reunion hosts.
5. Phil Goldfarb '69 and Camile Iglehart
6. Sue and Glen Burke '53
7. Karen Moore and Jim Knight '67, South Padre/OMA Alumni Mini Reunion hosts.
8. Harry Poarch '53
9. Monica and Bill Casey '62
10. Dr. Danette Boyle
11. Ron Boyle and John Iglehart '64 standing at the mouth of the Rio Grande. This spot is as far south as one can go in Texas.
12. South Padre/OMA Mini Reunion attendees



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## RSU GOLD PROGRAM INCLUDES A BIT OF OMA HISTORY WITH ITS NEW PATCH



The RSU Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) program has included homage to their roots of Oklahoma Military Academy with their new patch. The students wear the subdued green version of the patch on their ACUs (Army Combat Uniform).

As a bit of history, the OMA Coat of Arms patch consisted of the Oklahoma flag in authentic colors, borne on a blue shield and surmounted by a crest. The crest comprises the Helmet of Pallas over a Greek sword symbolizing military and educational functions.

The state flag features a traditional Osage Nation buffalo-skin warrior's war shield with seven eagle feathers on a sky blue field. The blue field is inspired by the Choctaw flag adopted by the tribe in 1860 and carried through the American Civil War. The blue field also represents devotion.

The shield is covered by two symbols of peace: the calumet or peace pipe representing Native Americans, and the olive branch representing European Americans which lay across the shield.

The shield surmounted by the calumet and olive branch represents defensive or protective warfare, showing a love of peace by a united people. The design was officially adopted as Oklahoma's flag in 1925.

The scroll bears the motto: "Courage, Loyalty, and Honor." The OMA Coat of Arms was adopted in 1943, designed by 1918 West Point graduate and OMA President (1941-44), Captain John C. Hamilton and approved by the Oklahoma Historical Society and the OMA Board of Regents that same year.

While cadets wore the coat of arms on their uniform, the first OMA Vedette yearbook that had it on the cover was in 1945 and it was on every subsequent Vedette cover except 1946, 1949, 1970 and 1971.

We salute Captain Michael Mitchell, the Officer in Charge of the GOLD program, for instituting this patch for the GOLD Program cadets honoring the Oklahoma Military Academy.