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**ONCE A CADET,
ALWAYS A CADET**

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Mr. Phil Goldfarb

Do you still fold your socks and underwear a certain way? Do you keep your shoes clean (not necessarily spit shined, although I know some of you still do!) Are your clothes lined up in a somewhat orderly fashion in your closet (not necessarily two fingers apart)? Are there terms of endearment that you still remember such as: "brace rabbit," "The Hill," "War Board," "Pass in Review," "lyceum," "CQ," "The O-Club," "Chevron Society," "Crud," "Grand March," "Saber Society," "Neophyte," "whitewall haircut," "Porter Officer," "Meyer/Markham," or "Cadet Capers?"

Can you still remember your roommates or good friends on campus? Do you still communicate with them? Who was the cadet NCO or officer that you remember who had a profound effect on you? Do you recall walking, hitchhiking, or driving to Claremore or Tulsa for a good meal, to go bowling, to a movie or for those lucky ones to actually meet a species called a girl? Then the theme for the 2017 OMA Reunion of "Once a Cadet, Always a Cadet" should resonate with you!

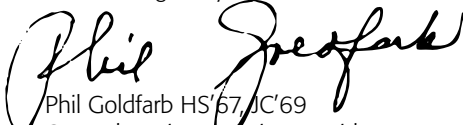
I can tell you that we will again have the popular Grand March which was instituted with great fanfare and enthusiasm at the 2016 Reunion after 45 years led by OIC B.G. Jones '64, a live band at the Saturday Dinner/Dance and at the Friday night opening reception, we will have another fun contest of Cadence/Jody Calling (with the only caveat is that the Cadence and Jody's are somewhat clean!)

If you are not too tired from playing golf in the Alumni Golf Classic, at 4:00 p.m. Friday we will have the Oklahoma premiere of the new, outstanding documentary titled "Never Surrender-The Ed Ramsey Story" in the Will Rogers Auditorium. Lt. Col. Ramsey, of course, was a 1937 OMA graduate and was the officer in charge of 40,000 guerrilla fighters in the Philippines. Leading the last Calvary Charge in the military, his efforts were responsible for allowing General Douglas MacArthur to return to the Philippines.

As always, this is a terrific way to spend a June weekend with some old friends or making new ones. With the new hotels in Claremore or even the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Catoosa a mere 15 minutes away, your accommodations will be much, much better than when your parents dropped you off at OMA those many years ago! Yes, Once a Cadet, Always a Cadet is back for 2017!

On behalf of the OMA Alumni Association Board of Directors, we look forward to seeing you there. Don't wait... sign up TODAY!

With Courage, Loyalty and Honor,


Phil Goldfarb HS'67, JC'69
OMA Alumni Association President



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GIVE THE GIFT OF GIVING

If you need a gift to give this holiday to a family member or friend, please consider a **"Gift In Memory or In Honor of Someone Special"** to help with the **RSU GOLD Program Student Scholarship Fund.**

You may call Danette Boyle at 918-343-6888 or email dboyle@rsu.edu to make a gift.



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Dr. Danette Boyle

In the past few weeks, I have been thinking a great deal about the history of OMA and the OMA Alumni Association that has developed over the years. There are just certain things in our world that are MEANT TO BE and I think the Oklahoma Military Academy built on this extraordinary beautiful natural setting called "The Hill" was MEANT TO BE. OMA lived up to its reputation of being "The West Point of the Southwest." OMA was responsible for thousands of men who came to "The Hill" as boys and left as men.

As you read my letter, take great pride that you and all your fellow alumni have been an important part of this fabulous Alumni Association that has partnered with Rogers State University to build a bond that has lasted for more than 43 years. Together we have developed an organization like no other alumni association anywhere. It was MEANT TO BE! You and your fellow alumni have contributed so much to this great country of ours and you have helped thousands of students to get their education.

As we get close to the end of another year, I hope you will take time to reflect on OMA and your great OMA Alumni Association. As you do this, please remember that it is so important to continue the "Legacy of OMA." You can do this in many ways, but perhaps the best is to attend our next reunion, June 9 and 10. The plans are being made and by all accounts, this may well be the best reunion we have ever had!

Your attendance at the 2017 Reunion keeps the spirit of OMA alive! And it will be so much fun to be with your fellow cadets and their families and friends. So mark your calendar now for June 9 and 10.

CALL ME AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION! And remember, Once a Cadet, Always a Cadet! IT WAS MEANT TO BE.

With Courage, Loyalty and Honor!

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OMA Cadet John Horne '39

OMA President Col. Horne
1968-1971

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OMA ALUMNI HONOREES FOR 2017

Recipients will be honored at the next OMA Alumni Reunion, June 9 and 10, 2017. See the next Guidon for their biographical information.

Hall of Fame

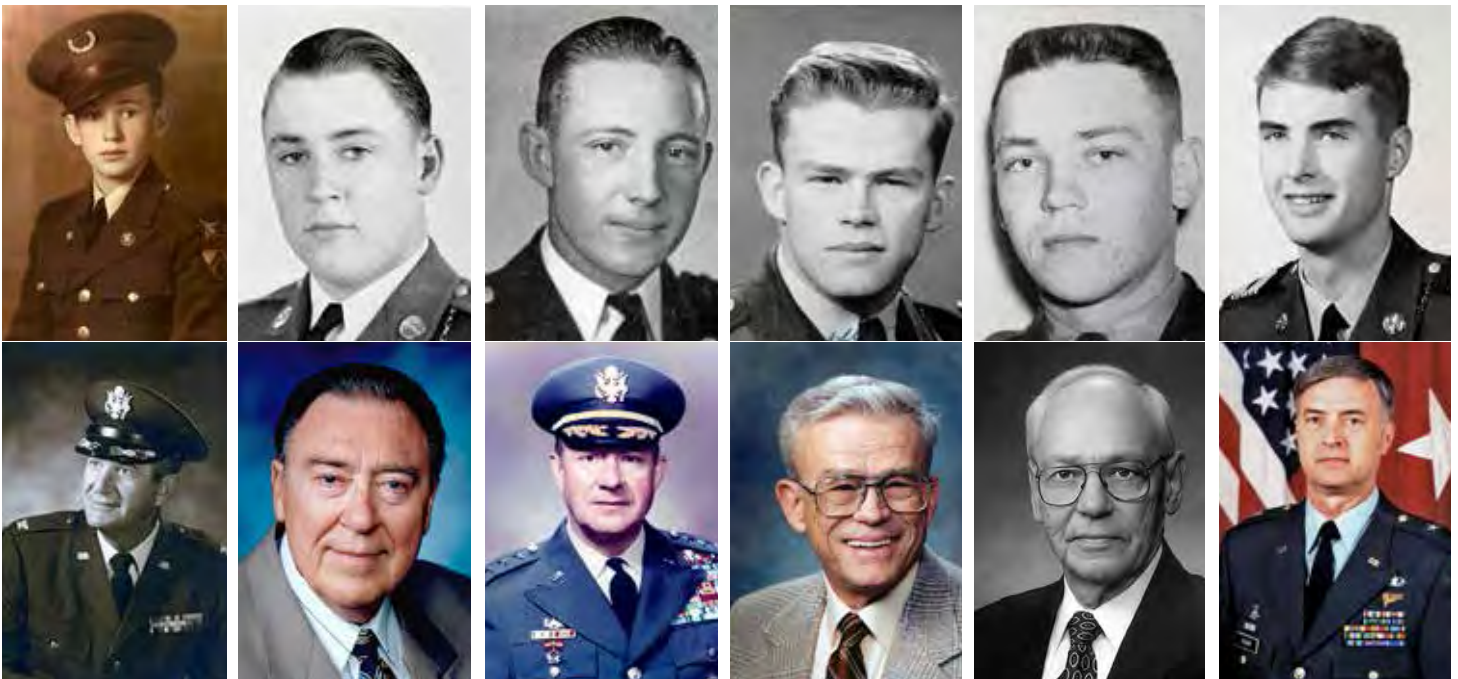
Bud Inhofe '50
Bob Wright '53

Distinguished Alumni

Jack A. Dolman, Jr. '65
Don Dowell '68
Rob Fisher '68
Charlie Hatfield '65
George "Bill" Shaffer '65

OMA Honorary Cadets

Ann Armbruster
Mary Faulkner
2 LT Logan Gear
Dr. Dean Loshbaugh
Mary Mosier
Joan Shaw
Suzanne Simpson



Once A Cadet Always A Cadet

MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR THE 2017 OMA ALUMNI REUNION

Can you remember how much fun you had the last few years at the annual OMA Alumni Reunion on "College Hill"? Maybe you were playing golf with your fellow cadets or getting ready for the opening reception and the anticipation of seeing some of your old friends that had not ever been back to the reunion? So go ahead and make your plans to attend the 2017 Reunion. Our theme, Once a Cadet, Always a Cadets honors our alumni in the best way possible.

"The plans for the June 9 and 10 OMA Alumni Reunion are coming along great and from the early phone calls and emails, it looks like we are going to have another huge crowd," said Danette Boyle, Executive Director of the OMA Alumni Association. "This reunion is shaping up to be one of the best we have ever had period and that is the final word, so make your reservations now."

The reunion begins on Friday, June, 9 with the annual golf tournament and lunch. For those who don't play golf, you can sign up for lunch only. If you want to make your wife or female friend happy, suggest she register for the annual ladies luncheon hosted by RSU First Lady Peggy Rice and held at the President's home. There is only

room for 40 so don't wait; sign up ASAP. It is without doubt one of the best activities at the reunion. The men have been trying to invite themselves, but it is only for the ladies!

One of the highlights of the reunion, will be the showing of the documentary, *"Never Surrender – The Ed Ramsey Story."* It premiered November 13 in Los Angeles and OMA Alumnus Randy Vierling '61 represented the OMA Alumni Association. Lt. Col. Ramsey was a 1937 graduate of OMA.

The Saturday events begin early with lots of Alumni visiting the OMA Museum and finding all their old pictures in the yearbooks. This will be a special day when RSU's own Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Military students will be on campus and participating in many reunion activities. The 2017 OMA Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame recipients will be honored in a special ceremony in the auditorium. The Alumni Luncheon is always one of the highlights of the reunion and you will be able to meet our GOLD Students and the 2017 OMA Honorary Cadets. The best part is being able to sit and visit with old and new friends and then attend the ice-cream social.

Saturday evening will be extraordinary when the dinner is the best ever, the band the best ever and the GRAND MARCH happens again!

Hotel accommodations for the weekend are fabulous! Claremore has three new hotels and they are all very nice and reasonably priced. So mark your calendar for Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10 and get registered ASAP! If you are an OMA Alumnus and never attended a reunion before, the Saturday registration charge of \$35.00 for lunch and the ice-cream social is free.

To register, you can mail in your registration form or call Danette Boyle at 918-343-6888 or email her at dboyle@rsu.edu. Time is of the essence! Don't put off making plans for the 2017 OMA Alumni Reunion. It will be extraordinary! Remember, ***Once a Cadet, Always a Cadet!!!***

GENE LITTLE RETIRING AS OMA MUSEUM CURATOR



Gene Little '56 and wife Charlotte

Gene Little, who attended Oklahoma Military Academy from 1951-1956 and who graduated high school in 1954 and junior college in 1956 as the Corps Commander, will be retiring as the OMA Museum Curator on December 31. Gene became the curator in 2003 shortly after he moved back to Oklahoma. Along with his wife Charlotte, they spent countless hours helping to renovate the Museum from top to bottom to best display OMA Memorabilia which included items donated from OMA Alumni. Gene was also instrumental in efforts to secure pictures and provide frames for photos of all OMA alumni who were KIA during WWII, Korea and Vietnam as well as the displays for Distinguished

Alumni and Hall of Fame honorees. Gene also has the honor, along with Jim Morrison '52, as being the recipient of the OMA Alumni Association's prestigious three awards: Distinguished Alumni in 2008, Hall of Fame in 2016, and the General Potts Award of Excellence in 2011.

Dewey Wilson '66, who currently serves as Assistant Curator, will be taking over as OMA Museum Curator on January 1. With the excellent training that Gene has provided to Dewey, we know that the Museum will be in great hands!

BLAST FROM THE PAST



This picture was taken at the Brady Theater in Tulsa, Oklahoma on December 16, 1959 when several band members drove to Tulsa along with the band director Captain Delmar Robinson '50, to hear Armstrong play. Cadets pictured are, from left: Ronald J McGee '60, Thomas Gilliam '60, William R. "Bill" Bernell '61, Armstrong, Barry Baker '60, Lonnie Eales '61, and Alan Romm '60.



HONORING MICHAEL CASEY '66 KIA IN VIETNAM, JANUARY 1, 1970



Captain Michael Dale Casey attended OMA from 1962-1966, which included two years of high school and two years of college. Under the guidance and leadership of OMA instructors, Mike became a man of faith, courage, loyalty, and honor. OMA enhanced Mike's sweet sense of humor, and he always had a funny cadet story to share. He enjoyed being a member of different campus organizations that gave him a sense of belonging and pride. He wrote in one of his letters to his mother, "The longer I stay in this place the better I like it." He grew to prefer the structured OMA lifestyle!

Mike joined the US Army in 1967 and was assigned to serve with the Aero-rifle Platoon

"Ruthless Riders" in Vietnam in 1968. The men who serve under Mike loved and respected him. They said, "He was one among us. He would never ask or command us to do anything he wasn't willing to do himself." While on a rescue mission, with a wounded soldier in his arms, Captain Casey was KIA on January 1, 1970.

Michael's family is deeply grateful and appreciative to the OMA Alumni Association for accepting and giving Mike's military legacy and memorabilia an impressive, patriotic home inside their Alumni Military Museum on the lovely campus of Rogers State University. It is a humbling honor to have his display alongside those of other distinguished servicemen who attended OMA! We can imagine him, wearing his cute smile, saying, "Thank you, thank you so much for your love and caring! God bless all of you." – *Bonnie Gooch, OMA Honorary Cadet, Sister of Michael Casey*





Dr. Worth Gross '35, Phil Goldfarb '69, and Charlotte Gross

OLDEST KNOWN ALUMNUS TURNS 100

Dr. Worth Gross of Tulsa, who was born September 9, 1916, turned 100 years old this fall and is the oldest known living cadet. In fact, Dr. Gross was born three years before OMA started as an institution in 1919! He was honored at the 2015 Reunion with the inaugural OMA Alumni Association's President Award as he was celebrating the 80th Anniversary of his Junior College Class.

Dr. Gross was born in Orr, Oklahoma and grew up in Lindsay, Oklahoma. He spent four years at OMA graduating high school in 1933 and Junior College in 1935. Dr. Gross was also the Cadet Senior Captain, as the Corps Commander was called during that time period.

Cadet Senior Captain Gross was also the Vice President of his JuCo Sophomore Class (called the First Class at the time), a member of the Saber Society, played football and baseball, and was on the Rifle Team as a Rifle Marksman as well as being a Pistol Marksman.

After medical school and Internship, he served two years in the Southwest Pacific with the first Marine Division during WWII as a Battalion Surgeon. Dr. Gross completed his orthopedic residency and eventually settled in Tulsa in 1953 working at St. John's and Hillcrest Hospitals where his primary focus was taking care of polio patients before the introduction of the Salk vaccine. Besides being President of the Tulsa County Medical



Dr. Rice and Larry Lantow '38

Society in 1962, he was also named the Doctor of the Year in 1984.

The next oldest OMA Alumnus is Larry Lantow, OMA class of 1938. Larry is a Lifetime Board Member of the OMA Alumni Association, a 2012 Distinguished Alumnus, who was born on February 17, 1917 and will turn 100 in 2017. Larry recently served as the Grand Marshall for the 2017 Veterans Day Parade in Claremore, Oklahoma.

Congratulations to these OMA Alumni Centurions!

YOU NEVER KNOW



You never know when a former OMA cadet might come to your aid one day. During the 2015 OMA Alumni Reunion, we recognized Dr. Worth Gross '35 with the inaugural OMA Alumni Association's Presidents Award at the anniversary of his 80th Junior College graduation as Cadet First Captain (Corps Commander) and the oldest living alumnus.

Shortly thereafter, the OMA Alumni Association office received the following letter from James C. "Jake" Hargis '57 who was "completely amazed" when he read the story. Here is his account verbatim:

"In September 1956, I was a senior at OMA. We were decorating the field house for an upcoming weekend dance. I was standing on an empty chair cart as other cadets pushed it wildly across the gym floor. I slipped through the cart, and the following cross rail hit the back of my ankle. The cross rail severed my Achilles tendon, the main artery to my foot, the main nerves to my foot, plus other damages. Another cadet, Bob Gatlin, placed a tourniquet around my lower leg and probably saved my life. I was med-evacuated to Hillcrest in Tulsa for surgery.

I'll never forget that there was some consideration of amputation but this one Surgeon looked me in the eye and said, 'You can play football next year.' He was right; I played football the next year for OMA J.C.

I've gone through Infantry O.C.S., Airborne School, Flight School, flown both multi-engine aircraft and helicopters in combat, was president of the Oklahoma Head Start Association numerous years, and retired from the Institute for Child and Family Studies at Texas Tech University. All of this was thanks to a man who I had no idea was a graduate of OMA.

Please pass on my sincere thanks to Dr. Gross and tell him that thanks to him, I just celebrated another birthday in September and I've had a very happy and productive life".

— James C. "Jake" Hargis '57, Sylva, North Carolina



RSU GOLD Office Candidates (OC's) conducted a Field Training Exercise on Saturday, November 12, 2016 in order to practice squad tactical exercises.

GOLD CONTINUES TO SHINE AT RSU

The GOLD Program is in its third year at Rogers State University. It is so exciting and meaningful that the Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program is continuing the proud legacy of the OMA Alumni.

RSU GOLD Program student, 2nd Lt. Logan Gear, is the first GOLD student to recently complete the U.S. Army National Guard's Accelerated Officer Candidate School (OCS) and be commissioned as a second Lieutenant.

After 43 years without a formal military training component on "The Hill," the GOLD Program now includes 15 young men

and women who carry on OMA's proud tradition and sense of military service. With OMA Alumni support and RSU's strategic planning, the GOLD program has the potential to be one of the top military programs in the nation. Thanks to the OMA Alumni, we have been able to provide some scholarship assistance for every student in the GOLD Program.

As we get close to the holiday season, remember a gift to help with the scholarship fund can be made in honor or in memory of a family member or someone special. This will mean that you will become an integral part in helping deserving students with their educational costs and you can help perpetuate the OMA legacy forever "On the Hill," where it all began many years ago.

You can select the amount you want to give. It can be a one-time gift or over several years. You may want to consider establishing a permanent scholarship endowment to carry on your legacy or in memory or in honor of someone special. An amount of \$25,000 or more is required and a portion of the earnings is used to help with the scholarships. This can also be a one-time gift or given over five years. Whatever you would like to do will be gratefully received and deeply appreciated.

For more information or to discuss the details, please call Danette Boyle at 918-343-6888 (office) or 918-381-8764 (cell) or email dboyle@rsu.edu.



OMA ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE RSU GUARD OFFICER LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (GOLD) PROGRAM

____ Yes, I would like to continue the OMA legacy and help with a scholarship for our RSU students in the GOLD Program.

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|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL | \$5,000 and Above | <input type="checkbox"/> MAJOR | \$1,000 to \$2,499 | <input type="checkbox"/> LIEUTENANT | \$1 to \$499 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COLONEL | \$2,500 to \$4,999 | <input type="checkbox"/> CAPTAIN | \$500 to \$999 | | |

Your gift of \$25,000 or more will establish a named endowment. This may be a one-time gift or paid over a period of five years.

- ☐ OMA BOOTS BACK ON THE HILL Scholarship Endowment - \$25,000

Name(s) as you would like it to appear in all recognition materials

My tax deductible contribution in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

PAYMENT METHOD:

- ☐ Check: Made payable to OMA Alumni Association
- ☐ Phone: Call Dr. Danette Boyle at 918-343-6888 to establish automatic credit card charges or bank drafts.
- ☐ Credit Card: (*Circle card type*) VISA MasterCard Discover Am Exp

Account Number: _____ Exp.: _____ Sec. Code: _____

Name: _____ Signature: _____

PLEDGE: Total Amount \$_____ payable in _____ payments of \$_____ each, to be paid in full by _____.

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OMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION | JUNE 9-10, 2017

FRIDAY JUNE 9

8:00 a.m.

REUNION REGISTRATION

Meyer Hall, OMA Alumni Office and OMA Museum

ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC

Heritage Hills Golf Course 18 Hole Tournament

9:00 a.m.

Shotgun Start Begins • \$65 (lunch included)

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

Golf Lunch • \$15

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

11:30 a.m.

LADIES' LUNCHEON • \$25

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

4:00 P.M.

SPECIAL DOCUMENTARY

Never Surrender – The Ed Ramsey Story
Auditorium on Campus

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

REUNION OPENING RECEPTION & BUFFET • \$30

RSU Centennial Center Ballroom

6:30 P.M.

CADENCE/JODY CALLING CONTEST

RSU Centennial Center Ballroom
Winners will receive prizes

Call Danette Boyle to register today!

918-343-6888

or email: dboyle@rsu.edu

Cash, check or credit card accepted.

SATURDAY JUNE 10

8:00 a.m.

REUNION REGISTRATION • \$35

(includes coffee, pastries, lunch, packets and ice cream social in the new Chapman Dining Hall)
Meyer Hall, OMA Alumni Office and OMA Museum

NO CHARGE FOR ANY ALUMNUS ATTENDING HIS FIRST REUNION.

9:15 a.m.

"DRILL & CEREMONY EXHIBITION"

RSU GOLD Military Students
Front of Campus between Flag Pole and
Will Rogers Auditorium

9:30 a.m.

ALUMNI CEREMONIES

Will Rogers Auditorium

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

11:30 a.m.

ALUMNI LUNCHEON

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

- Recognition of 2017 OMA Honorary Cadets and President's Awards
- "Boots Back on the Hill" Scholarships for GOLD Students

Immediately Following Luncheon

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Chapman Dining Hall

5:30 p.m.

RECEPTION, DINNER, GRAND MARCH & DANCE • \$40

Pin-on corsage: \$11 | Wrist corsage: \$15
RSU Centennial Center Ballroom
"Grand March" – Back by popular demand.

7:30 p.m.

Band: Rendevox

RSU Centennial Center Ballroom

2016 OMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REUNION



Ronald Sadler '62 and wife Char



Brenda and Jon Whattoff '60



Ron Redding '68 and Bill McMichael '68



Rob Fisher '68, Vickie Fisher, Rob Frank '69, Travis Frank, Jennifer Williams, Billie Williams '69



Gene Little '56, son Derrell Little, nephew Mark Little and son Mike Little



Aric Webb, Terry Webb, Clark Dean Webb '61, Sean Webb, and Crystal Webb



Seated: Al Lewis '61, Colleen Lewis, grandson Joseph Lewis Standing: sons, Allen Lewis II and Michael Lewis

CLAREMORE HOTEL INFORMATION

(Please make your reservations early to ensure availability)

Hampton Inn & Suites*

Special OMA rate - \$89.00 + tax
1811 S. Scissortail Ave – Claremore, OK
918-965-1360 800-426-7866 (toll free)
www.hamptoninn.com

Holiday Inn Express & Suites*

Special OMA rate - \$79.00 + tax
1400 W. Country Club – Claremore, OK
918-283-4877 800-465-4329 (toll free)
www.holidayinnexpress.com

La Quinta Inn & Suites*

Special OMA rate - \$82.00 + tax
774 S. Lynn Riggs Blvd – Claremore, OK
918-965-1877 800-753-3757 (toll free)
www.LQ.com

Microtel Inn & Suites

10600 E Mallard Lake Rd – Claremore, OK
918-343-2868
www.microtelinn.com

Super 8

1100 E. Will Rogers Blvd. – Claremore, OK
918-341-2323 866-302-6438 (toll free)
www.super8.com

Will Rogers Inn

940 S. Lynn Riggs Blvd. – Claremore, OK
918-341-4410 800-644-9455 (toll free)
www.willrogersinn.com

*New Hotels

RAMSEY FILM TO BE SHOWN AT REUNION



PREMIERE SCREENING OF **NEVER SURRENDER THE ED RAMSEY STORY**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2016
4:00 PM
WILL ROGERS AUDITORIUM
ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY**



Randy Vierling '63 and Raqui Ramsey at the World Premiere Screening of the Ed Ramsey documentary, "Never Surrender: The Ed Ramsey Story".

A documentary film of Lt. Col. Edwin Price Ramsey '37, an Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame member who led the last mounted horse cavalry charge in the U.S. Army, will make its Oklahoma debut during the OMA Reunion at 4 p.m., Friday afternoon in the Will Rogers Auditorium.

The film's premiere was Nov. 13, 2016, in the Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. OMA Alumnus Randy Vierling '63 officially represented the OMA Alumni at the event. The documentary is entitled "Never Surrender: The Ed Ramsey Story" with Academy Award-nominated actor Josh Brolin serving as the film narrator. Plans are to enter the film in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in three categories: Documentary, Original Score, and Original Song.

When American and Philippine soldiers surrendered to the Japanese, Ramsey went into the jungles by organizing and leading 40,000 guerrilla fighters in Central Luzon. Ramsey's historic cavalry charge against invading Japanese forces was on January 16, 1942, at Bataan where American and Philippine soldiers waged a desperate battle against invading Japanese. In the book, "Lieutenant Ramsey's War," Ramsey said most of the Japanese soldiers fled the cavalry charge in confusion. "To them we must have seemed a vision from another century, wild-eyed horses pounding headlong; cheering, whooping men firing from the saddles," Ramsey wrote.

Ramsey was awarded the Silver Star for leading the cavalry charge. In June 1945, he was presented the Distinguished Service Cross by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who praised Ramsey by saying that he was back "only by the grace of God and your good work."

Ramsey's roots are deep in Oklahoma. He attended OMA where he learned to ride horses, and he went on to graduate high school in 1935 and junior college in 1937. He was the OMA Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni in 1992 and Hall of Fame recipient in 1994. He attended the University of Oklahoma School of Law after World War II. Ramsey was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame in 2010 and died March 7, 2013 in Los Angeles. His wife Raqui Ramsey endowed the very first scholarship for the Guard Officer Leadership Development (GOLD) Program at RSU.

NEW EXPANDED OMA FLASH DRIVE TO INCLUDE CURRENT GUIDONS

For many years, 2008 Distinguished Alumni and 2016 OMA Alumni Association President's Award recipient Charles Emerson '56 has worked diligently on documenting OMA history with his efforts culminating with an OMA Flash Drive. The flash drive, which is informally titled "Everything you wanted to know about OMA but were afraid to ask," contains:

- Scanned Vedette yearbooks
- List of Faculty/Staff
- List of every student who attended OMA with links to pictures
- Deceased OMA Alumni with obituaries
- Reunion information/pictures from 2005 to present
- OMA Guidon/Dragoons/Telegram from 1920 to 1971
- OMA Aviation
- OMA Presidents
- All Hall of Fame, Distinguished Alumni and Potts Award of Excellence recipients
- Honorary cadets
- Cadets who attended Service academies
- Cadets who became Generals
- Cadets who were KIA in WWII, Korea and Vietnam
- Cadets who have been awarded a Purple Heart

This past year, Emerson has added:

- Corps Commanders
- Drill Team Commanders
- Band Commanders
- Father-Sons who attended OMA
- Brothers who attended OMA
- Cadets who became Mayor of Claremore
- OMA Alumni Association Presidents

His most recent additions have included all of the current era Guidons from 1991 to the present. In fact, we now have to put all of this on a 32 GB flash Drive because of all of the information.

You can order your flash drive for \$25 by calling the OMA Alumni Office at 918-343-6889.

2016 SOUTH PADRE MINI REUNION



Clark Dean Webb '61, Margaret Inhofe, Bud Inhofe '50 and Tom Anderson '55



Rob Routh '55 and son Clay Routh



Allen Lewis '61 and Colleen Lewis



Ann Armbruster



Danette Boyle, Jim Knight '67, Ron Boyle and Bill Harris '54



Back row: Colleen Lewis, Carlene Webber, Pat Elder, Jennifer Williams, Norma Morrison, Darla Young
Front row: Ann Armbruster, Terry Webb, Caroline Mayfield and Ida Ramsey



Ann Arrington and Harry Poarch '53



Darla and Dennis Young '71



Russell Pritchett '63 and Susan Preaus



John Ramsey '65, Peggy Rice, and Ida Ramsey



Norma and Jim Morrison '52



Jim Knight '67, Dr. Larry Rice, Peggy Rice and Bud Inhofe '50



Jim Elder '67, Pat Elder, John Ramsey '65 and Ida Ramsey



Art Couch '56, Sylvia Couch, Ann Armbruster, Carlene Webber, Margaret Inhofe, Danette Boyle, Bud Inhofe '50, Peggy Rice, Dr. Larry Rice, Burt Rosson '54 and Josee Gavin.



Danette Boyle, Jennifer Williams, Ann Armbruster, Norma Morrison, Ann Arrington, Margaret Inhofe and Caroline Mayfield



Sue Harris, Terry Webb, Carlene Webber and Peggy Rice



Sue and Bill Harris '54



Billie Williams '69 and Jim Morrison '52



Josee Gavin, Darla Young, Sylvia Couch, Pat Elder, Ida Ramsey and Colleen Lewis



Wade Medbery '53, Tom Anderson '55, Ann Arrington and Harry Poarch '53

OMA MINI REUNION IN DALLAS TEXAS



OMA Alumni, spouses and guests pose for the camera prior to having lunch at El Fenix Restaurant in Dallas, Texas.

Attendees for the 2016 Dallas luncheon included:

John Allspaugh '48
William Borden '60 and Janice Borden
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William (Bill) Fry '64 and Sherry Mowery
Phil Goldfarb '69, President OMA Alumni Association
Charles (Gus) Gustafson II '67 and Shellie Gustafson III

Alan Harper '65
Charlie Hatfield '65
Steve Hudson '68
Jim Lewis '68 and Diann Lewis
Guy Rogers '70 and Marilyn Rogers
James (Jim) Stanfield '57
John Walthour '61
Jon Whattoff '60 and Brenda Whattoff
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NEW HEARSE DONATED TO RSU

Cadet, male cheerleaders were on the Hill from 1962 until 1970. In 1963, a 1947 Pontiac Hearse was found by Barry Grabel '64 at a junk yard in downtown Claremore and purchased by B.G. Jones '64 for \$25. Repainted over the years along with new tires, an air-horn and smoke which came out of the exhaust, the Hearse was the pride and joy of the OMA Cheerleaders from 1963 until the fall of 1969.

Trying to instill esprit de corps with the RSU Hillcats, binding the traditions and

enhancing the partnership of OMA to RSU, another hearse was donated to Rogers State in September 2016 from the OMA Alumni Association. When it was found by Jim Elder '67, this 1996 Cadillac was owned by a funeral home in Durant, Oklahoma, and meticulously maintained with only 89,000 miles on it.

RSU President Dr. Larry Rice and his administrative team have enthusiastically approved this donation and have already thought of events where the hearse could

be used with the current RSU cheerleaders and students.

Thanks to a generous donation from OMA Cheerleader #1 B.G. Jones, who is maintaining his cheerleader legacy, the hearse was purchased and driven back to Claremore by Elder. RSU plans on wrapping the hearse with RSU and OMA Alumni Association insignias, emblems, and colors. A sight to see, it will be available to view (and take pictures with) at the 2017 OMA Reunion on June 9 and 10.