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## 2011 OMA ALUMNI REUNION DESCRIBED AS 'BEST EVER'



The Oklahoma Military Academy closed in 1971, but you would have never known it, if you were in attendance at the 2011 OMA Annual Reunion on "College Hill." The former OMA cadets attending were a few years older, however some were in uniforms, the band was playing, several Generals were present, and there were ceremonies, dinner and dancing – much like the heydays of OMA.

The renowned Oklahoma Military Academy, once known as the West Point of the Southwest is now

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*Missing Man Formation Flyover, performed by the Tulsa Warbirds Squadron, gives special meaning to the OMA KIA Memorial Dedication.*

## LARRY LANTOW, A MAN OF 'UNAFFECTED GRACE'



Larry Lantow, OMA '38

On the days after Christmas in 1944 – after he successfully led an Army patrol through a dangerous mission in Belgium for which he received a Bronze Star – Larry Lantow was asked to report to Major General Rose.

"I thought, oh boy, what have I done?" recalls Lantow, a 1938

graduate of the Oklahoma Military Academy.

What the General told him still brings tears to his eyes to this day.

"He told me that 600 citizens of Claremore had signed a petition to bring me home," he said.

The petition was approved by the U.S. Congress, and the order was issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Lantow's parents had already lost two boys in the war – his brothers Robert Lantow, 23, and Norman Lantow, 20,

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Bill Ramsay

Dear OMA Alumni,

Let me start with a salute and a big thank you to all of the Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni and guests that came from both near and far to attend the 2011 Reunion. The dedication of the OMA Killed In Action Memorial was truly an inspiring event. We were especially honored to have General Dennis J. Reimer deliver an outstanding keynote address.


Once again the Rogers State University staff did a great job of organizing the many events and making everyone feel at home again on 'The Hill!' Special thanks once more to my predecessor Randy Vierling for his leadership and vision these past two years, and to David Raper who served us so well as our Reunion Adjutant.

As we look toward the future, your Alumni Association Board of Directors are engaged and at work. The mission and

goals of the Association are under review. We are looking forward to Dr. Danette Boyle's role as Executive Director of the OMA Alumni Association. Locating "lost" alumni continues to be a priority. Gene Little has been working to update the alumni list, which now contains about 1500 names. You will be hearing more about plans to increase the emphasis on this vital endeavor.

The 2012 reunion date has been set as June 8th and 9th, so mark your calendars accordingly, and plan to reach out to a buddy to join you. Newly elected board member, Timothy Malishenko, Maj. Gen., USAF (Ret.), class of '63, has agreed to serve as our Adjutant.

In closing, I would like to thank RSU President Dr. Larry Rice for his continuing support that we may, in his words--- "continue to preserve and share the spirit and legacy of OMA." I'm looking forward to doing that as I serve as your OMA Alumni Association President in the months ahead.



Bill Ramsay, '61  
OMA Association President

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## DR. DANETTE BOYLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*Left to right: Jim Elder, member of the OMA Board and RSU Foundation Board; Randy Vierling, past President of the OMA Board of Directors; Dr. Danette Boyle, new Executive Director for the OMA Alumni Association; Bill Ramsay, 2011-2012 President of the OMA Board of Directors; and Eddie Reynolds, Chairman of the RSU Foundation Board.*

After 38 years serving Rogers State University and its predecessor institutions, Dr. Danette Boyle retired in June from her position as RSU Vice President for Development. Presently, she begins a labor of love, serving as Executive Director of the Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Association. Recently, Boyle spoke about “retirement,” the rewards of working with OMA and her plans for the future.

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### **How did you reach the decision to remain involved with the OMA alumni after retiring from your position as Vice President for Development?**

I decided it was time to travel more and spend more time with my family. Dr. Rice and I discussed how I could continue to serve RSU and we agreed there would be benefit to RSU and the OMA Alumni Association if I would work with the OMA alumni. I thought it was a great idea.

I love Rogers State University and one of my true passions is working with the OMA alumni. I was here when we started the organization, worked with its members the entire 38 years and I sincerely enjoy the time I spend with this group of alumni.

### **What will your priorities be as Executive Director?**

I hope we’ll have more time to focus on the things that have always been priorities: finding OMA alumni; searching

out compelling stories from our history; recruiting more alumni to participate in the reunions; developing opportunities for scholarship endowments; and keeping alumni abreast of RSU news, activities, and student accomplishments.

### **Will there be new projects as well?**

One project that is being discussed is an initiative to establish a mentoring program for current RSU students. In reality, OMA alumni have been very successful. In addition to the 10 men that became general officers, there are countless alumni who went on to become highly successful in the business world, medical field, legal field, theatre, art and all disciplines. Their experiences will be a real benefit to today’s students.

Of course, the OMA alumni have been very supportive of the new Military History degree at RSU. It’s our goal to grow that program by establishing scholarship endowments to assist talented students in the program.

There also are plans to assist in reestablishing ROTC on campus. These initiatives will provide a direct benefit to current RSU students and demonstrate the commitment OMA alumni have made to support the university.

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## BOYLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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**Has it been rewarding for you to witness the OMA alumni's continued involvement with the university as it has evolved?**

It's been the most professionally rewarding thing I could have experienced. I have had the privilege of watching RSU evolve into an excellent regional university with tremendous students, while maintaining its focus on first-generation college students and students giving college a second chance. To see the OMA alumni adopt Rogers State with such enthusiasm has been more rewarding than I can describe. The OMA alumni have been very supportive of all the initiatives that have led to Rogers State becoming the excellent university it is.

**We recently celebrated the dedication of the OMA Killed In Action Memorial. Do you consider it the "crown jewel" of OMA efforts so far?**

I would have to put the OMA KIA memorial among our top accomplishments, along with the overall development of the association, the many years of annual reunions, the many alumni that have established scholarship endowments, and finding OMA alumni who were lost and bringing them back to campus.

**Along with its members, what factors have contributed to the success of the OMA Alumni Association?**

I think we need to give a lot of credit to the presidents of the institution. Colonel John Horne, who was the last president of OMA and the first president of Claremore Junior College during its first months, was active in the alumni association up until his death just a few years ago. Dr. Richard Mosier, who was hired to make the transition to Claremore Junior College, was very instrumental in maintaining the history and tradition of the OMA and was very supportive of establishing the OMA Alumni Association. President Roger Randall was very supportive as well. Dr. Joe Wiley who was

hired to develop the institution into a regional university worked a great deal to maintain the relationship with OMA alumni and seek out lost alumni. Dr. Larry Rice, who is our president now, wrote his dissertation on the Oklahoma Military Academy. OMA could not have a better friend than Dr. Rice. The presidents have all been very supportive of the OMA Alumni Association and it couldn't have happened without them.

**How important is the involvement of OMA alumni to the continued success of RSU and its students?**

That's very important. OMA alumni impact RSU students in a number of ways. One is just the fact that this institution is blessed with the history and tradition of having an excellent military school here for 52 years. That's been a vital ingredient of the university's reputation and confidence in our rich history.

Our OMA alumni have been very involved. They have served on our board of regents, on the RSU Foundation board, and of course they have their own board of directors. Many of them also have been involved in establishing scholarship endowments over the years. Many have established personal scholarship endowments, and groups of alumni - the 1940s, 50s, 60s and 70s - have established scholarship endowments, many alumni have together established an endowment for the OMA museum, and more and more are including RSU in their estate planning. All of those endowments benefit students who attend Rogers State today and will for generations to come.

The personal and professional accomplishments of the OMA alumni are incredible. I could give you name after name of men who have lived remarkable lives and established tremendous legacies. They have great ideas about the OMA Alumni Association and are very interested in the future of Rogers State University.



### OKLAHOMA MILITARY ACADEMY LAPEL PIN ORDER FORM

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To order, mail check or credit card information to: Dr. Danette Boyle,  
OMA Alumni Association, 1701 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore, OK 74017 or call 918-343-6888.





*OMA Alumni join together for a photo following the annual alumni luncheon at the 2011 OMA Reunion.*



*OMA Alumni almost ready for the golf tournament. Pictured left to right: Larry Burton and Tom Simpson.*



*OMA Alumni taking a break at the golf tournament. Pictured left to right: Wade Medberry, Jim Elder, and Bill Harris*

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Rogers State University, one of the fastest growing regional universities in Oklahoma. The campus is often described as having the most beautiful natural setting of any university in the state of Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni and Rogers State University (known as Claremore Junior College at the time) joined forces back in the early 70s to have OMA Alumni Annual reunions and have never missed a year.

This year may well be the best OMA Reunion ever held on College Hill. As Phil Goldfarb, OMA class of 1969, said, "This OMA Reunion, with the dedication of the Oklahoma Military Academy Killed in Action Memorial on Saturday, was the most outstanding, singular event ever to happen on College Hill."

Approximately 185 alumni were present and another 250 family and friends attended. This included many family mem-

bers of the 100 OMA Alumni that were Killed In Action during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Their names were inscribed on the OMA KIA Memorial.

The dedication was highlighted by Four-Star General Dennis Reimer, United States Army (Retired) and former Chief of Staff of the Army, who presented the keynote speech at the dedication. General Reimer is the highest ranking native Oklahoman that ever served in the military. In his remarks he said, "Today we are reminded of the proud history of OMA and the contributions of all the cadets, but most importantly we remember the 100 former graduates who gave the last full measure of devotion for their country. They exhibited undaunted courage, honor beyond reproach and loyalty to the institution that turned them from boys to men, as well as, loyalty to a nation that needed them to keep the dream alive."

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*Claremore High School ROTC Unit performs at the morning formation at the 2011 OMA Reunion just prior to the dedication of the OMA KIA Memorial.*



*The Governor's own 145th Army Band performs at the OMA KIA Memorial Dedication.*



*OMA KIA Memorial is Dedicated to the OMA Cadets Who Gave Their Lives in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.*



*Photo of the Oklahoma Military Academy Killed in Action Memorial with the names of 100 OMA Alumni that were killed in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam on three side panels. Photo taken immediately after the Memorial was dedicated at the 2011 OMA Reunion.*

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The President of the OMA Alumni Association, Randy Vierling, OMA class of 1963, conceived the idea of the OMA KIA Memorial in May of 2010 and presented the plan, including how to raise the funds, at the 2010 Reunion. No one could have dreamed that the fundraising would have concluded with \$150,000 raised to build the Memorial far above the actual cost. Nearly \$50,000 remains in a permanent endowment with proceeds to be used for the maintenance of the

Memorial, the OMA Museum and scholarships for RSU students majoring in Military History.

This reunion was a resounding success in everyone's mind and most importantly the hearts of those that attended. The OMA Alumni that attended for the first time were overwhelmed with the dedication of the Memorial and all the reunion events.

Some Alumni ask, "What do we do next year?" The OMA Alumni Board of Directors is already hard at work answering those questions. They are committed to finding more lost



*Following dedication of the OMA KIA Memorial, the keynote speaker, General Dennis Reimer, President Larry Rice, Jack Harris, OMA Alumnus who made comments at the dedication on behalf of the OMA Alumni, Danette Boyle, RSU; General Timothy Malishenko, OMA Alumnus that organized and planned the Memorial Dedication; Randy Vierling, OMA Alumni President; and David Raper, 2011 Reunion Adjutant join together for a photo.*



*RSU President, Dr. Larry Rice and OMA Alumni President, Randy Vierling join 2011 OMA Distinguished Alumni Warren Rodgers and Blaine Jones just prior to the Award Ceremony. Left to right: Warren Rodgers, Dr. Larry Rice, Randy Vierling and Blaine Jones*



*Pictured at the OMA Reunion Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony are Dr. Larry Rice and Randy Vierling immediately following their presentation of the Lt. General William E. Potts Award of Excellence to Gene Little, OMA Alumnus for his exemplary service to the OMA Alumni Association for his efforts as the OMA Museum Curator.*

alumni, developing a mentoring program for RSU students and making plans for the 2012 reunion.

Gene Little, OMA Class of 1956, who serves as the OMA Museum Curator, said, "I would never underestimate the possibilities for the next reunion. We are finding lost alumni every day and we want all the alumni that did not attend this reunion to come next year to see the breathtaking OMA KIA Memorial. I think 2012 will be another extraordinary reunion."

The new president of the OMA Board of Directors, Bill

Ramsay, OMA Class of 1961, recently met with RSU President Larry Rice and said, "With Dr. Danette Boyle, in her new position as the Executive Director of the OMA Alumni Association, the association will continue to improve and expand. Plans are being made now to develop an even stronger supportive relationship with RSU."

The 2012 OMA Reunion is scheduled for June 8 and 9. Register now by contacting Danette Boyle at [dboyle@rsu.edu](mailto:dboyle@rsu.edu) or 918-343-6888 or 918-381-8764.





Just following the presentation of a saber by BG Jones, OMA Alumnus, to President Rice to recognize all the past presidents of RSU for their strong and lasting support of the OMA Alumni Association. The saber will make its home in the President's office. Reunion Adjutant, Randy Vierling is seen in the background.



Josh Mulanax, RSU Endowed Scholarship student speaks to the OMA Alumni, families and friends at the annual reunion luncheon about the life-changing experience college at RSU has been to him as a result of having a full scholarship in the Honors Program. Josh graduated in May of this year.



RSU President Larry Rice and Danette Boyle recognize OMA Alumni and family members at the 2011 OMA Alumni Reunion luncheon for their generous support of the OMA KIA Memorial. Back row, left to right: Dr. Danette Boyle, Debbie Rodgers, Warren Rodgers, Dr. Larry Rice, David Raper, Bob Wright, Carolyn Wright, Randy Vierling, Tim Malishenko, Bill Harris, Sue Harris, Bert Rosson, Hugh Miller, Rosalie Beltran, and Angel Beltran

## LIST OF OMA REUNION FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

Don Arnold, '41	David Morrison, '53	John Starr, '64	Jon "King" Hooper, '66	Sara Masters, '70
Robert Heatley, '43	Robert Lee, '53	Ben Barker, '65	Richard LeMay, '66	Lee Ford, '70
Clarence "Chet" Munch, '44	Justin Van Wie, '59	Steve Chapman, '65	John Combs, '66	
Bill Mason, '45	Ray Shields, '59	Gerald Kimbley, '65	Joe Tyler, '66	
Walter McCabe, '46	Bob Chamber, Jr., '62	William "Bill" Poteet, '65	Joe Seabourn, '68	
Bill Thornton, '49	Michael Anderson, '64	Paul Dolman, '66	Larry Sunby, '69	



## OUR OMA KIA HONOREES

The majority of the Oklahoma Military Academy Killed In Action honorees called Oklahoma home. As noted below, other states represented include Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, and

Texas. Twenty of the KIA cadets were from Tulsa, 11 from Oklahoma City and seven from Claremore. One cadet listed Venezuela as his home country. The oldest honoree attended OMA in 1927, the youngest in 1969.

### World War II

J. F. Albright, '38, Alva, OK  
Jack C. Altman, '27, McAlester, OK  
John M. Baker, '38, Oklahoma City, OK  
Kyle E. Ball, '38, Tulsa, OK  
William A. Barrett, '38, Skiatook, OK  
Robert W. Bartlett, '40, Kansas City, MO  
Jackson G. Berryhill, '37, Claremore, OK  
Roy L. Booth, Jr., '41, Guymon, OK  
Marvin E. Bradley, '38, Pauls Valley, OK  
Claude A. Braiser, '37, Claremore, OK  
Nolan B. Cargile, '39, Hope, AR  
Joseph L. Carnell, '43, Pineville, MO  
Llyod F. Cathey, '42, Oklahoma City, OK  
John S. Channell, '39, Binger, OK  
Wayne W. Christian, '37, Oklahoma City, OK  
Dean H. Corbett, '37, Tulsa, OK  
Woodrow L. Dick, '37, Claremore, OK  
Vincent L. Dixon, '43, Cement, OK  
Paul H. Dolman, '30, Temple, OK  
Walter E. Downs, Jr., '40, Claremore, OK  
Fritz W. Eisenlohr, Jr., '40, Oklahoma City, OK  
Richard T. Ellison, '41, Tulsa, OK  
Enos R. Fenderson, '39, Chandler, OK  
Alvah L. Fisher, '38, Enid, OK  
Jay W. Gold, '42, Muskogee, OK  
McKendree J. Hacker, Weleetka, '42, OK  
George M. Hale, Jr., '38, Little Rock, AR  
Wolcott R. Hall, '42, Topeka, KS  
Gayle H. Harman, Guthrie, '32, OK  
John R. Harris, Jr., '39, Bartlesville, OK  
William K. Hester, '40, Dallas, TX  
Frank C. Howk, Jr., '40, Oklahoma City, OK  
Stuart M. Jenkins, '43, Oklahoma City, OK  
Edward L. Jilson, '36, Tulsa, OK

Glen C. Johnson, '32, Blackwell, OK  
Clark C. Kegelman, '34, El Reno, OK  
Billy A. Krowse, '41, Oklahoma City, OK  
LeRoy L. Lette, '42, Oklahoma City, OK  
Howard F. Liddell, '42, Wichita, KS  
Charles W. Locke, Sr., '34, Atoka, OK  
Clabe C. Mackey, '30, Tulsa, OK  
Thomas W. Mackey, '33, Wetumka, OK  
Jack C. Maxey, Jr., '37, Ada, OK  
Garrett H. McCallister, '39, Shawnee, OK  
William D. McLennan, '38, Oklahoma City, OK  
Eugene F. Moriarty, Jr., '36, Tulsa, OK  
Moran S. Morris, '36, Atoka, OK  
Harry A. Patterson, '36, Oklahoma City, OK  
Peter W. Perrier, '41, Disney, OK  
Marion P. Phifer, Jr., '39, Oklahoma City, OK  
John D. Pizarro, '43, Eufaula, OK  
Clyde A. Pulse, '41, Hutchinson, KS  
John T. Resler, '40, Claremore, OK  
William S. Richardson, '41, Geary, OK  
Edwin L. Ross, '38, Claremore, OK  
William E. Schlueter, '34, Tulsa, OK  
Walter J. Schmidt, '39, Goddard, KS  
James D. Scott, Sr., '32, Tulsa, OK  
William W. Smith, Jr., '39, Heavener, OK  
John T. Swais, '39, Sulphur Springs, TX  
Ralph M. Tidwell, '38, Durant, OK  
Wayne E. Turk, '33, Enid, OK  
Clark G. Turner, '37, Tulsa, OK  
Robert F. Unverferth, '43, Tulsa, OK  
Richard E. Vensel, '39, Gary, IN  
Foster L. Walker, '38, Stringtown, OK  
George R. Walker, '39, Claremore, OK  
Elmer C. Weinrich, '29, Pawhuska, OK  
Harold B. Wright, '31, Calvin, OK

### Korea

William R. Badgett, '40, Shreveport, LA  
Frank L. Brown, '45, Tulsa, OK  
William B. Castle, '40, Hanna, OK  
Carey S. Cowart, Jr., '43, Tulsa, OK  
Roger L. Fife, '45, Blackwell, OK  
William C. Gates, Jr., '44, Tulsa, OK  
Emery M. Hickman, '38, Burbank, OK  
Wilbert H. Hill, '41, Ardmore, OK  
Daniel W. McKinney, '47, Tulsa, OK  
James S. Trimble, Jr., '45, Muskogee, OK

### Vietnam

Stephen C. Beals, '64, Tulsa, OK  
Joe L. Biffle, Jr., '64, Tia Juana, Venezuela  
John E. Black, '66, Idabel, OK  
Bradley D. Bowers, '66, Oklahoma City, OK  
Michael D. Casey, '66, Sallisaw, OK  
John C. Egger, Jr., '60, Catoosa, OK  
James R. Fortenberry, '68, Friona, TX  
Donald O. Hartman, '68, Independence, MO  
Michael D. Hyatt, '66, Tulsa, OK  
Howard K. Kearney, '69, Inola, OK  
George W. McDonough, '67, Oklahoma City, OK  
Lionel E. Parsons, '61, Weleetka, OK  
William D. Reyonolds, '52, Ponca City, OK  
Drew D. Shipley, '64, Miami, OK  
John B. Stizza, '59, McAlester, OK  
John R. Stockdale, '66, Tulsa, OK  
Sam R. Trizza, Jr., '63, Tulsa, OK  
Theodore D. Ward, '67, Huron, OH  
Victor D. Westphall, III, '58, Albuquerque, NM  
William R. Wilson, '67, Alma, AR  
Craig M. Yancey, '68, Tulsa, OK  
Daniel W. York, '65, Tulsa, OK



## LARRY LANTOW

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were killed during the Allied invasion of Normandy just six months earlier. His parents, and the community, wanted him home.

"I didn't want to go, but he told me that I didn't have any choice."

Lantow was the oldest of seven children. Remaining in the home were three sisters and one brother, Bill Lantow, who went on to serve with distinction in the U.S. Marines during the Korean War.

Also at home was his high school sweetheart Lena Mae Ross. Her brother, Edwin Ross, who also attended OMA, was yet another casualty of the war. His name appears on the new OMA Killed in Action Memorial on the Rogers State University campus.

Larry and Lena Mae were married in August 1943, before he went overseas in 1944.

When he returned, he moved to Tulsa, where he earned a business degree at the University of Tulsa and embarked upon a long and successful career in the lumber industry.

It was lumber that gave Lantow his start. After graduating from Claremore High School, he and his parents didn't have

enough money to send him to college. So he worked for a year at King-Lawrence Lumber Company in Claremore and saved enough money to purchase a second-hand uniform to attend OMA. A scholarship helped pay for tuition and books.

"I was a day student and lived with my parents," he recalled. "At that time, day students took a lot of ribbing. We didn't have the traditional rabbit experience, but we were full-fledged cadets nonetheless."

He and Don Ruggles, OMA '39, drove Don's car to 'The Hill' every day to attend classes. At OMA, Lantow played the trombone in Captain P.H. (Power House) Kelly's band.

"Like most of my fellow cadets, it was a life-changing experience," Lantow said. "It helped to shape much of my character, and provided me with the educational background and skills to succeed, both in military and civilian life."

After graduating from OMA, he worked four more years at King-Lawrence Lumber before joining the Volunteer Officer Training Corps in 1942. He initially completed a two-week induction at Fort Sill, Okla., where the leader inside him emerged. He was placed in charge of 75 men who made



the journey from Fort Sill to Fort Knox, Kentucky, where they completed basic training.

He went on to complete Officer Candidate School at Fort Knox and joined the 7th Army Division in the summer of 1943. He continued his training at Fort Benning, Georgia, and he and Lena Mae were married in August 1943. They returned to Fort Knox, where he taught recruits how to drive armored vehicles.

Then, on June 7, 1944, the day following the Normandy invasion, he boarded the Queen Mary and headed for Glasgow, Scotland. He was quickly sent to France as a replacement officer and shared responsibility for a fleet of seven tanks during the battle of the Falaise Pocket, a decisive engagement.

**“Like most of my fellow cadets, [OMA] was a life-changing experience, it helped to shape much of my character, and provided me with the educational background and skills to succeed, both in military and civilian life.” – Larry Lantow**

“The 1st Lieutenant, who had only been there a few weeks, was serving as the company commander and he told me, ‘I’ll take four tanks and you take three.’”

His division was the first to cross the Maginot Line into Germany, where they fortified several villages. Upon returning to Belgium, he was assigned to a task force which would lead to the end of his tour in Europe.

“Shortly after Christmas, the Germans had stopped shelling us in the Ardennes. I took a patrol of 12 men to locate the German forces. We walked through the valley then jumped the outpost. The Germans began shelling in the valley, but we had already moved the patrol to the ridge of the hill. It was a difficult mission, but we didn’t lose a single man that day.”

For that, Lantow’s company commander recommended him for the Bronze Star. The next day, he received the call from General Rose which led to his homecoming.

As he began his new life in Tulsa, he continued to serve as a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserves for six and a half years. He attended TU on the GI Bill and worked part-time at Hope Lumber in Tulsa. His wife, Lena Mae, worked at the First National Bank in downtown Tulsa.

After college, Hope Lumber offered him a full-time job. He and Lena Mae lived in Tulsa until she passed away in 1964. He would remain with the company for 36 years until his retirement in 1982.

During retirement, he earned his real estate license and began practicing in Tulsa. He met his present wife, Ola Mae, in church, and they began a second life together. Between the two of them, they have two daughters, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They moved to Inverness Village in Tulsa in 2003, where they live today.

During the last several years, Lantow played a key role in recruiting alumni from the 1930s to attend the annual OMA reunions. He presently serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the OMA Alumni Association.

“He’s really one of our last remaining and strongest links to that generation,” said Dr. Danette Boyle, who recently began her role as the new Executive Director of the OMA Alumni Association. “Even at 94, he’s one of our most active and valuable volunteers.”

The 1938 Guidon yearbook described Lantow as having “unaffected grace.”

“I can’t think of a better way to describe Larry,” Boyle said. “Unaffected grace describes him perfectly. He hasn’t changed a bit!” – Brent Ortolani

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## ROLL CALL: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### 1940s

■ **Jess D. Green, Jr.** ('41), Eureka Springs, Ark., retired. Served in the U.S. Navy Amphibious Forces (1943-1946); M.D. degree, 1950, George Washington University; medical practice in Bartlesville, Okla. (1958-1978).

■ **Harvey B. Johns, Jr.** ('49), San Antonio, Texas, retired. Graduated from University of Oklahoma, 1951; commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, Armor, Regular Army; entered active duty November 1951; assignments as Tank Platoon Leader, Recon platoon Leader, Recon Troop Commander, Tank Battalion Commander, G-3 2nd Armored Division; staff assignments as Action Officer and Division Chief in two Pentagon assignments; advanced degree from University of South California; graduate of the Army War College; Advisor to Director of Manpower, Republic of Vietnam; Chief of Staff, Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID); Chief of Operations, Army Readiness Region, retired as Colonel (O-6) 1981, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

■ **Walter C. McCabe** ('46), Bethesda, Md. Active duty Special Agent, Army Counter Intelligence Corp, Berlin (1946-1949); Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service (1949-1952); U.S. Foreign Service in Berlin, Monrovia, Khartoum, New Delhi, Lahore, Teheran, Ottawa, Stockholm, London (1953-1978); Chairman, Inter-Departmental Committee on Foreign Crises (1978-1980); President/CEO Bon Witt Plaza (1979-1980); President/CEO Amer Intern Investments (1981-1988); Chairman/CEO MacSchell (Bahamas) Ltd, U.S. Russian inspection of former Soviet ICBM manufacturing facilities for conversion to peacetime use (1989-1996); Also served as President of Kappa Alpha Phi professional Foreign Service fraternity, Ruling Elder/

National Presbyterian Church (60s to date).

■ **Bob G. Pool** ('45), Bayview, Texas. Founded Thermal Windows, Inc., in Tulsa, Okla., in 1980 and visits Tulsa one week each month for business. Married to Carolyn Gardner in 1987.

### 1950s

■ **Col. Charles A. "Chuck" Bullock (Ret)** ('51) – Attended University of Oklahoma and served on active duty, Regular Army, from 1953-1980. Graduated University of Oklahoma and was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant. He earned a master's degree from the University of Tennessee in 1969 and retired to Grove, Okla., in June 1980. He went on to earn a master's degree in counseling psychology from Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, in 1988 and worked as a counselor and administrator for Delaware County Office of Grand Lake Mental Health Center (1988-1994); married Carolyn Hillough, Claremore, Okla., and they have five children, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

■ **Ken Franklin** ('53), Panama City Beach, Fla. After OMA, served one tour Air Force, finished University of Oklahoma as aerospace engineer and worked for Lockheed. Completed MBA at Georgia Tech taking night classes and became an aviation consultant. Worked out of the U.S. for other companies for 15 years (Italy, France, UK, Africa, Russia, Spain, and Portugal).

■ **Jack Harris** ('55) – Earned a degree from the University of Tulsa (Okla.). Spent seven years in military service, serving as a Captain in the U.S. Army. Assigned to the 14th Armored Cavalry in Germany, he served with three other OMA graduates – the decorated Lt. Gen. William Potts, Brig. Gen. Judson Miller (see TAPS this edition), and Col. Holley Dean Bradley. The four friends

were assigned to a special blocking position along the East and West Germany border during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Following his military career, Harris worked in the oil business for Texaco, served as vice president of the First National Bank of Marlow, Okla., and later became self-employed (acquiring 23 Sonic Drive-In restaurants in Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee). Currently resides with wife Allie on a cattle ranch near Kansas, Okla.

■ **Jim Keels** ('57), Oklahoma City, Okla., retired in 2004. Currently working part time doing computer input. Married to the same girl I dated when I was at OMA, Barbara.

■ **Robert C. Milam** ('55), Scottsdale, Ariz. Practicing medicine in Tempe, Ariz., for the past 40 years.

■ **Ed Tilford** ('55), Sioux Falls, S.D., retired in 2004. Spend most of my time making sculpture and hide paintings; do competitive rifle shooting with single shot rifles from the late 18th and early 19th century.

■ **Richard Trippet** ('54), Beaver, Okla. Practice law with Trippet, Kee, Trippet & Parsons in Beaver with a satellite office in Hooker, Okla.

■ **Bryant Williams** ('56), Ker-ville, Texas. Earned petroleum geology degree from Texas Tech University, 1961; Columbia University EPBA, 1981; Vice President Far East Business Unit, Exxon Exploration Company, 1994; Marcel Landing Partnership, to date; Williams, Kothmann & Chao, to date; enjoy golf, bird hunting and active in nonprofits; married to Brenda, two daughters and two grandchildren.

### 1960s

■ **Charles S. Boyd** ('64), Shreveport, La. Following OMA graduated Mississippi State University, 1967; attended U.S. Army Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga.; commanded A Company 2/13

Infantry 8th Infantry Division (Mech) in Germany; commanded A Company 2/12 Infantry 25th Division in Vietnam (1969). Married to same wife for 45 years, raised two daughters who are married, have three grandchildren. "I travel to Claremore on business three or four times a year and enjoy seeing the positive changes on the 'Hill.'"

■ **Tom Childers** ('61), Fort Worth-Dallas, Texas. After OMA, he worked as a printer, production manager of Graphic Arts, Inc., ranch hand, foreman at General Dynamics, Inc., shop foreman at Oklahoma City Freightliner, industrial engineer at General Dynamics, Inc., and contract IT professional until retirement at 2007. He and wife Jane are both retired, living with their Schnoodle dog, Frederick Hinson Childers, near children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His hobby is amateur radio.

■ **Jack A. Dolman** ('66), Jacksonville, Fla. He had served in the United States Marine Corps before coming to OMA and graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1969. He is currently a Senior Marketing Consultant, since 1966, with Spectrum Consultants, Inc., a provider of consultative services to the senior living industry; currently working with projects in Windsor Park in Carol Stream, Ill., and Abbey Del Ray in Del Ray Beach, Fla. He previously served as vice president for Independent Living Programs for Lutheran Homes of South Carolina and managed a major expansion at Franke Home in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. He and his wife, Marietta have been married for 22 years, have six children and eight grandchildren.

■ **Fred (Freddy) L. Friend** ('65), Lewisville (Dallas), Texas, retired. Last employed with JPMorgan Chase; have three daughters, 10 grandchildren.

■ **Michael (Mike) Kuehr** ('68), San Antonio, Texas. Six years on active duty in the Army, stayed in Army Reserve and had numerous deployments with Army Civil Affairs; graduated from law school,



retired from private civil trial practice in San Antonio after 25 years; retired 2009 as an Army Major General.

■ **John Penny** ('69), San Mateo, Calif., retired.

■ **Steven G. Smith** ('67), Vinita, Okla. (then and now). Following OMA, got married and went to work, had two children (boy and girl) and now has eight grandchildren. Self-employed, carrying on

a family tradition, muffler shop and radiator shop.

■ **Joe Strain** ('65), Lacey, Wash. Attended Oklahoma State University, played golf there, joined the Army in 1966 before finishing college. Later completed education and earned a master's degree in learning disabilities. Taught public education. Served multiple tours overseas in Viet-

nam and Korea. Served 26 years total in service, retiring as field grade officer. Lived and worked in Alaska for a long time. Raised four children. Married to Paula. Hobbies include car restoration and golf. Work with FEMA during disasters around the country.

■ **James D. Viefhaus** ('66), Fair Grove, Mo., retired. After OMA, served active duty for 24 years,

retired E-8; purchased Toto-Cat Lawn and Garden Equipment Co. in 1991; started another company in 2000, Supreme Mower Works specializing in "Simplicity" Lawn and Garden Equipment Sales and Service Combined both companies in Springfield, Mo.; two sons, celebrating 34 years in November with wife Coleen.

## TAPS

★ **BERRYHILL**, Timothy W. ('42), Ardmore, Okla., passed away June 30, 2011. While a student at OMA, Timothy was inducted into the U.S. Army. He served in World War II in the Cannon Company of the 116th Infantry of the U.S. Army. He served in the Battles of Normandy, the Rhineland and Northern France. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, three Bronze Service Stars, the Arrowhead and the World War II Victory Ribbon. He owned Berryhill Roofing and Sheet Metal Company.

★ **BRAINARD**, William M. ('68), Lawrence, Mass., passed away Sept. 2, 2009. Bill was an attorney with Neighborhood Legal Services in Massachusetts, and sang with the Boston Symphony Chorus, and the Tanglewood Festival Chorus. He served on the board of Rockport Music and the board of trustees of the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute in Boston.

★ **BRENEMAN**, Gary M. ('59), Jay, Okla., passed away June 22, 2010, at the age of 70.

★ **BURRUSS**, James Berkeley ('79), Bartlesville, Okla., passed away July 18, 2011. He began his career at OMA in 1959, teaching physics, physical science, and mathematics. In September 1972, he was named director and project coordinator, Oklahoma Regional Medical Program of Health Manpower Development in Wilburton, Okla. In 1974, he returned to teaching in the Okmulgee Public School System. After retirement he moved to Bartlesville to be near family. Burruss was originally from McAlester, Okla., and joined the U.S. Navy in 1951, serving in the Korean War as a radar navigator aboard minesweeping ships.

★ **CRINER**, Danny W. "Skip" ('69), Salt Lake City, Utah, passed away May 15, 2011. Skip entered basic training and worked hard putting himself through OMA and BYU then graduating. He then was a captain in the Army National Guard. He worked for Tulsa Juvenile Court, Sears, Midvale City and retired from Salt Lake City Juvenile Court in 2009.

★ **GODE**, Richard R. ('67), Stroud, Okla., passed away Aug. 28, 2009, at the age of 60.

★ **HINE**, Joseph T. ('56), Tustin, Calif., passed away April 20, 2011, at the age of 72.

★ **JOHNSON**, Paul E. ('54), Houston, passed away July 16, 2011. After OMA he graduated from Virginia Military Institute, 1958, and joined the Air Force, stationed at Glasgow AFB, Mont., and also worked as Squadron Commander of a SAC military police unit. He graduated from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in 1963 and completed a residency there in Otolaryngology. He was a faculty member at Baylor College of medicine for more than 25 years, serving as Professor of Surgery, Assistant Chief of Surgery and Chief of the Otolaryngology Service at the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center.

★ **KEITH**, George V. ('39), Sulphur, La., passed away August 16, 2010, at the age of 91.

★ **KILLION**, Robert E. ('47), Grove, Okla., passed away May 16, 2011. After OMA, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma, and served in the Korean conflict with the 45th division and the 1st Cavalry as a forward observer. After discharge, he joined Baroid Drilling Fluids in Houston, manager over Gulf Coast offices. His career included locations such as Calgary, Canada; Rome, Italy; London, England; New Orleans, La.; and then finally as Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing in Houston, TX. Bob retired in 1990 and moved to Grove, Okla.

★ **MEADERS**, Roland K. ('45), Okemah, Okla., passed away March 27, 2011. He was commissioned in 1945 as the 2 Lt. infantry serving during World War II and the Korean War. He was with the occupation forces in Japan in 1946 and was assigned mortar and later heavy weapons platoon leader in the 24th Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division. He saw Seoul fall and fought with distinction in the Pusan Perimeter. His unit participated in the push to the Chinese border and the later campaign to reestablish the 38th Parallel.

★ **MILLER**, Judson F. ('43), Lakewood, Wash., passed away Aug. 31, 2010.

★ **REITER**, Lawrence A., Jr. "Ted" ('57), Anchorage, Alaska, passed away May 19, 2011. He attended Cascia Hall Preparatory School and the OMA as well as Northeastern State University. He worked in the Petroleum industry his entire career with Sinclair Oil in the 60s which became a part of the Atlantic Richfield Co. He moved his family to Alaska with the discovery of oil at Prudhoe Bay. In 1985, he retired from ARCO with many years of dedicated service.

## NOTES FROM THE OMA ARCHIVES



Gene Little, '56

■ A recent find, a 1927 "Tulsa Daily World" editorial, calls for recognition of Oklahoma Military Academy as one of Oklahoma's three major educational institutions.

"... the legislature should now announce such a policy and begin without further delay the creation of an educational plant there (in Claremore) where military training may be had, proportionately as important and as

beautiful as the University at Norman or the A. & M. College at Stillwater." – *The Tulsa Daily World*

■ Recent research reveals that the gravestone for Maurice Meyer, the namesake for Meyer Hall (formerly the OMA barracks), is located in Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulsa, Okla. While there are two pictures of gravesites on the OMA historic DVD, one with a cross and one with a Jewish Star, it is surmised that Meyer was disinterred from his grave in Europe, brought back to the U.S. by family and buried according to Jewish customs at Rose Hill. According to the records at Rose Hill, he was buried in the family plot on May 3, 1922, a full four years after he died in War.

Phil Goldfarb ('69) noted in his findings that Maurice Meyer's father, Leo Meyer, was not only politically connected as a mayor of Sayre and the first Oklahoma Secretary of State (1907-1910), he was the person who actually carried the

Seal of Oklahoma from Guthrie to Oklahoma City when the Capitol was moved. He also served as State Auditor from 1911-1913 before moving to Tulsa to become the tax counsel to Mid Continent Oil. Meyer also founded the first professional baseball league in Oklahoma in 1912.

■ Updates to the extensive "Lost Cadets" records continue to arrive. Regrettably, often it is an update letting us know the cadet is no longer with us, as in the case of Brig. Gen. Judson F. Miller who we just learned passed away on Aug. 31 of last year. Miller was one of 10 OMA cadets to achieve the General Officer rank. He entered OMA in the 10th grade and two days after his 17th birthday, Pearl Harbor occurred and set in motion events that would govern his life for the next 33 years. He enlisted for service in the war and was selected for Officer Candidate School, commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. He served in the European Theater and earned the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat. He also saw combat duty in Korea as one of the youngest majors in the U.S. Army. In Vietnam, where he was a Colonel, he directed a 4,200 man brigade of the Fourth Infantry Division and led the brigade in combat against the communist forces.

He received the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Joint Service Commendation Medal. He also received the Distinguished Service Medal of Chung Moo and the Presidential Unit Citation, both from the Republic of Korea. He was promoted to Brigadier General at the age of 43.

He was inducted into the OMA Hall of Fame in 1988.

At age 51, Miller enrolled in law school, obtained a law



### ■ MISSING

The plaque on this tank, which once sat at the entrance to 'The Hill', was one of the first memorials to the OMA Killed In Action cadets. Museum Curator Gene Little ('56) said, "We want to find it and restore it to the Museum." If you have any information on this plaque, please email Little at [relittle@tds.net](mailto:relittle@tds.net) or call 918-343-6888.



degree and passed the Washington State Bar. He practiced law in Tacoma, Wash.

It has also been learned that James F. Yarbrough, another recently located 1943 cadet, died on July 21.



#### ■ **New 'Rabbits' studying Rabbit Manuals**

New OMA recruits (mannequins) bring a touch of authenticity to the Museum's restored Barracks room. Visitors enjoy this exhibit as the setting brings to life the cadet's way of life.

■ LeRoy L. Lette, one of OMA's World War II Killed In Action cadets, attended OMA five years, rose from Private to 1st Captain. He was editor of the first war time, cadet-produced yearbook, *The Vedette*, 1942.

#### ■ **SERVICE ACADEMY ADDITIONS:**

- Capt. William Burns Castle, ('40), has been added to the List of Cadets who went to Military Service Academies. He was a West Point graduate, 1946. At OMA, he was known as Billy B. Castle.

- Marvin Chapman Reed ('40), is another West Point graduate.

- Charles D. Hatfield, Jr. recalls Capt. James Burruss as an "inspiration" and "role model." Burruss taught physics, science and mathematics. Burruss died July 18 at 79.

A large photograph of a cadet statue in uniform, standing in front of several flags, including the American flag and the OMA flag. The background is a clear blue sky.

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Have you considered including a gift in your estate to establish a scholarship Endowment?

Many Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni are choosing to establish scholarships or add to those already established, to honor their lives and/or in memory of a family member, to further the traditions of the Oklahoma Military Academy. By doing so, you will ensure a legacy of learning for many generations to come.

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