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COURAGE LOYALTY HONOR + YESTERDAY TODAY TOMORROW

2013 REUNION HONORING ALL OMA ALUMNI WHO SERVED AND PROTECTED THEIR COUNTRY IN TIMES OF WAR AND PEACE

The Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni have been returning to "College Hill" for nearly 40 years to reunite with fellow alumni. Mark your calendars for this year's reunion, set for June 7 and 8, 2013, on the beautiful Rogers State University campus.

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Carlos Galvez, the 1960s Decade Commander, salutes the American flag during the 2012 OMA Alumni Morning Formation and Memorial Ceremony. Pictured with Galvez are Decade Commanders David Oldaker, '70 (left) and Norman Shaw, '53 (right).



MICHAEL CASEY'S LEGACY



In 1962, Michael Casey told his older sister Bivra that he wanted to attend the Oklahoma Military Academy. Bivra was 17 years older than Michael and had been a key force in Michael's life. She adored her younger siblings but took special interest in her youngest brother. According to their sister Bonnie, Bivra took Michael's

request seriously: "She did some research about the academy and learned that it was rated as an outstanding military school. She came to the conclusion that since Michael had no father figure at home that this could be a godsend for him. She decided he would benefit from the classes, the on campus organizations, and the expectations for the cadets." Bivra made sure that Michael understood the strict requirements for the OMA cadets, and after a series of discussions the decision was made: Michael

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Bill Ramsay

Happy New Year! I hope you had a great holiday season and that your New Year is off to a good start!

As I look back over the last year, I am proud and thankful for all that has been accomplished by the Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Association. We have an outstanding Museum that reflects and displays our great heritage. The OMA KIA Memorial stands as a beautiful

monument to those who gave all. We have the strongest Alumni Association ever in our history and we continue to have the great support of Rogers State University President Dr. Larry Rice and all of the RSU staff.

Due to the tireless efforts of Alumni Vice President Phil Goldfarb and Secretary Gene Little, many more "lost

alumni" have been found. Our alumni master list has increased by 467 to 1,856 in the last two years. Also thanks to many of you, we have gifts and pledges totalling more than seventy-five percent of our goal to raise \$150,000 in funds for the new RSU Student Dining Center including the OMA Honors Mess.

Looking forward to the year ahead, plans are underway for an extremely special OMA Alumni Reunion--honoring all that served in the military. I urge you to make plans now to be on College Hill June 7th and 8th to pay tribute to all from our ranks who served their country during times of war as well as peace.

Join us as we thank these men for their courage, loyalty and honor.



Bill Ramsay, '61
OMA Alumni Association President

DUGGAN ('53) INDUCTED INTO WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE HALL OF FAME



Dan Duggan, COL, USA, Ret., was inducted into the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Hall of Fame on November 6, 2012, for his role in the facility's legacy as a leading test facility.

Duggan is one of 46 White Sands Missile Range Hall of Fame honorees. A 1953 junior college graduate of OMA, he began his career at WSMR as Captain in 1961 and

ended his military career there in 1985. He played a key role as a liaison officer and a chief briefer for the command Group. With his successful ability to tell the White Sands Missile Range story, he briefed President Kennedy during his visit to the facility in southern New Mexico.

From 1961 through 1963, Duggan served as a liaison officer between WSMR and Bell Laboratories. In 1980, he became deputy WSMR commander and two years later was charged with planning the landing and public viewing of the space shuttle Columbia. More than 1,000 WSMR personnel were involved in the shuttle preparation and execution. He became director of National Range Operations from 1984 until his retirement from the Army in 1985.

He was awarded a second Legion of Merit at his retirement in 1985.

Duggan was recognized in 2000 as an Oklahoma Military Academy Distinguished Alumnus and was honored at the Annual Reunion in June. He and his wife Wilba reside in Las Cruces, NM.

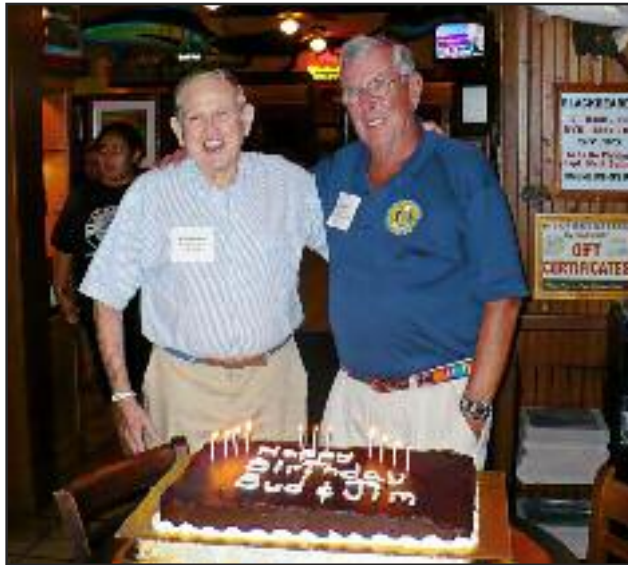
2012 SOUTH PADRE MINI REUNION: FUN IN THE SUN

The annual mini-reunion in South Padre, hosted by Bud and Margaret Inhofe, Jim Knight, and Karen Moore was a time to remember!



◀ Peggy Rice, Bud Inhofe, Dr. Larry Rice and Margret Inhofe.

▼ Carlene Webber, Mary Lee Spinks and Norma Morrison



▲ Jim Morrison and Bud Inhofe celebrate their birthdays.



▲ Harry Poarch and Mac Palmer



▲ Bill and Sue Harris



▲ Karen Moore and Jim Knight

OMA ALUMNI SELECTS 2013 HALL OF FAME AND DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREES



**Mr. George D. Hudman, LTC,
USA, Ret., '53**

Hall of Fame

A 1991 OMA Distinguished Alumnus, Lt. Col. George Hudman could trace his successful military and business careers to his time spent on "The Hill." Hudman, who passed away in June 2012, entered the Oklahoma Military Academy in 1949.

By the time he graduated from OMA in 1953, he left an indelible mark on the school and its football program, where he was recognized as a Junior College All-American fullback. Hudman is enshrined in the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame and is the only player in OMA's history to have been named an All-American. His senior year, the football team scored a total of 190 points, of which Hudman was responsible for 19 touchdowns and 19 extra points, accounting for 70 percent of the team's total offense that year. He also lettered in basketball, baseball and track.

Hudman served as president of his junior college sophomore class, was Corps Adjutant and designated a distinguished military graduate.

After graduating from OMA, he received a management degree from the University of Tulsa in 1955 and later earned a master's degree in economics from Louisiana State University in 1960.

Hudman was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1955 and was stationed in Korea. He was a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He also completed Airborne training, Ranger training and the defense attache' course. He later served in Italy before returning with the 1st Air Cavalry to duty in Vietnam, where he was a highly decorated officer. He retired from active duty in 1976 at the rank of lieutenant colonel. Among his honors, Hudman received the legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Air Medal with Two Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Joint Services Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

In the private sector, he opened a successful private investigation company and later served as president and CEO of Selected Financial Services, a full-service brokerage firm in Arizona. He also served as chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission for Paradise Valley, Ariz., and was past president of the Arizona Association of Mortgage Brokers.



**Mr. Ken Colley, '69
Distinguished Alumni**

Ken Colley has led by example, giving back to the community and organizations to make a difference in the lives of others.

A native of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Colley came to OMA for high school in 1966, graduated the following year and attended junior

college at OMA, graduating in 1969. He served as class president and vice-president of his OMA junior college class and was an officer in the Saber Society. He was the 1968 recipient of the U.S. Meyers Award for the "cadet with high morals and leadership."

From his first moments at OMA, he showed determination and excellence, as seen by his early recognition as a Rabbit in 1966 with Golf Company and in his service as a member of the best drill squad and best drill platoon, both in 1966. Active on campus, Colley earned an athletic ribbon in baseball, an academic achievement wreath and was a member of the Guidon staff, drill team and rifle team. He earned the rank of cadet lieutenant colonel and served as a battalion executive officer at OMA. He also attended Fort Benning Summer camp in 1967 and the Fort Sill summer camp in 1968.

A second-generation military man, Colley followed the path of his father Ralph, who retired as a major from the U.S. Army in 1964 after a 24-year military career serving in WWII, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. His older brother Chad also had a military career and was a commissioned first lieutenant serving in Vietnam.

After graduating from OMA, he earned a business degree from John Brown University. Colley continued serving his country as a member of the 188th Air National Guard in Fort Smith from 1971 through 1976.

Colley counts among his fondest OMA memories presenting Bob Hope with a saber during an appearance in Tulsa. When the comedian saw Colley and Cadet Col. Brack Jackson approaching with the sword, he joked, "I've been drafted," much to the crowd's amusement.

Colley owns and operates a successful real estate appraisal company in Fort Smith. He also is an active volunteer with the Rotary Club, where in 2013 he will begin serving a one-year term as the district governor for parts of

Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Colley has been actively involved with the Rotary's youth exchange program, hosting young people from Germany, Brazil, Columbia, Hungary, Taiwan and South Africa. He also led a group study exchange team for a one-month event in Brazil in 2008.

Colley has been married to his wife, Lynn, for 41 years and they have two children, KC Colley and Courtney Fulton, and one grandchild, Archer Colley. Colley also has been selected as the adjutant for the 2013 OMA Alumni Association reunion.



Mr. Carlos Galvez, '60
Distinguished Alumni

Born in Guatemala and raised in northeast Oklahoma, Carlos Galvez asserts his military service and education helped him make the most important decision in his life – to become a U.S. citizen.

“Changing one’s nationality is not an easy decision,” he says.

“However in my case, it became

evident that this is my home and this is where I wanted to raise my family.”

Galvez was sent to Oklahoma when he was seven. He attended St. Joseph Preparatory School in Muskogee, which had a school culture that made him feel very much at home when he transferred to a military academy. He attended high school at OMA for his senior year, graduating in 1958. He then went on to graduate from OMA junior college in 1960.

At OMA, he achieved the cadet rank of captain and served as a group adjutant during his time at OMA. He was a member of the Chevron Society and the Saber Society, and was recognized as best drilled cadet for 1958-59. Active on campus, he also was a member of the drill team, cadet capers, judge’s bench, Vedette staff, honor court and new cadet detail. He played basketball and was a member of the bowling team. He fondly recalls his memories of trips taken with the drill team and representing OMA in the public.

Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1962-1968. He went on to work in the hotel and construction industry while going to night school at the University of Tulsa, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1969.

He parlayed that experience into a nearly five decade career in the pipeline construction industry, where he

worked internationally in the Middle East, South America, the Far East and Africa. He has been involved with major pipeline projects, including the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, Trans-Ecuadorian Pipeline, IGAT Pipeline in Iran, and the Alto Magdalena in Colombia just to name a few.

Following his retirement, he has provided consulting services working in the pipeline industry to assist companies in maximizing their assets.

“The education received while attending OMA prepare many of us to pursue careers in various fields. Though our enrollment was never very large, I am still quite impressed by the number of successful individuals generated by this institution,” he says.



Mr. Curtis E. McMenemy, '64
Distinguished Alumni

Curtis E. McMenemy’s fondest and worst memory at OMA was leaving the Hill at graduation. Although he knew he was leaving to make his mark in the world, leaving the school after five years felt like moving away from family.

McMenemy graduated high school at OMA in 1962 and junior college at OMA in 1964. McMenemy also attended Edison High School in Tulsa and Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

During his time at the Hill, McMenemy played football, was on the golf and swim teams, and was high school basketball team captain. He was awarded the Athletic Ribbon, the Military Proficiency Ribbon, the Sharp Shooter Badge, the Merit Ribbon, and was on the Dean’s Honor Roll. He was awarded the Best Drill Company, Outstanding Company, the Best Drill Platoon, and was a Drill Team Commander. He was in Cadet Capers, the Chevron Society, DeMolay, the Drill Team, Elks Club, Judge’s Bench, New Cadet Detail, Officers Advisory Committee, and the Saber Society. He was also DeMolay Master Councilor, Rifle Expert M-1, a Saber Society Officer, a Chevron Society Officer, Junior College Class Vice President, a Distinguished Military Student, part of the Honor Court and attended the Fort Sill Summer Camp.

McMenemy served in the U.S. Army from 1967-69 and was in the reserves until 1978 as a Captain. He was president of the National Welding Supply from 1969-85, president of Comutel Inc from 1985 to 1989, and general manager of Omni Tech from 1989-1992. He worked at

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OMA alumni and family members pay tribute to the OMA Killed In Action Memorial.



Jace Wilkinson and his father, Binx Wilkinson, '71 visit with David Oldaker, '70 while visiting the OMA Museum during the reunion.



Claremore High School Navy Junior ROTC Cadets prepare to raise flags at the Morning Formation.

2013 REUNION

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We will welcome OMA Alumni who come from all over the United States to remember and share stories with other alumni about their years at the renowned Oklahoma Military Academy, once known as the "West Point of the Southwest."

This year will be different! This year will be special! This year will be extraordinary! This year all OMA Alumni who served and protected their country in times of war and peace will be recognized and honored in the most special way.

"College Hill" will be filled with OMA Alumni who served their country while in the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. The OMA Alumni Association and RSU will roll out the red carpet to honor OMA Alumni who served. Wives, family members, friends and the entire community will gather to pay tribute and salute these

FATHERS AND SONS THAT ATTENDED OKLAHOMA MILITARY ACADEMY

In addition to the list published in the Fall 2012 Guidon, we would like to add:

Marshall Crotts, '43
Son: Daryl A. Crotts, '68

ATTENTION OKLAHOMA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI

2013 Alumni Reunion Will Honor All OMA Alumni Who Served and Protected Their Country In Times Of War As Well As Peace.

- ⇒ Do you have a picture of yourself in your service uniform?
- ⇒ We are collecting photos to display at the 2013 Reunion.
- ⇒ Please mail to Danette Boyle at OMA Alumni
1701 West Will Rogers Blvd. Claremore, Oklahoma 74017



▲ *Jim Burt, class of '55 and his wife Judith travel annually from Black Mountain, North Carolina to attend the Reunion.*

◀ *Jack Harris, '55 at the 2012 OMA Alumni Reunion Luncheon.*



Tom Simpson, '66 (front) and Bob Hancock, '71 enjoy new items at the OMA Museum.



Dr. Raquel Ramsey, RSU President Dr. Larry Rice and Lt. Col. Edwin P. Ramsey (RET), '37.

unselfish men who made the commitment to our great country.

We will also salute the 101 former cadets who gave the last full measure of devotion for their country, as we gather to remember the Oklahoma Military Academy Alumni Killed In Action at the OMA KIA Memorial.

Ken Colley, class of 1969, will serve as the 2013 OMA Alumni Reunion Adjutant and will soon be calling on alumni to join him on "College Hill." Dr. Danette Boyle, executive director of the OMA Alumni, recently met with Colley; Bill Ramsay, class of 1961, president of the OMA Alumni Association; and RSU President Dr. Larry Rice to make plans for this extraordinary event.

"In all the years that we have been having OMA Alumni Reunions, 2013 may well be the best of the best," Dr. Rice said. "This will be an emotional time for all us as we recognize and honor all the OMA cadets, and our special alumni who served and protected their country."

During the last two years, many of our lost OMA Alumni have been found through the good work of Phil Goldfarb, class of 1969, and Gene Little, class of 1956. It is almost unbelievable how many OMA Alumni were unaware that there is a very active Alumni Association or that we have the world class OMA Museum located in historic Meyer Hall (Meyer Barracks). The OMA Alumni Board of Directors is issuing a special invitation to all OMA Alumni who have never attended a reunion since they left College Hill as a cadet. All Alumni who attend the 2013 Reunion for the first time will be special guests of the OMA Alumni Association for the Saturday Alumni Luncheon and Dinner, all at no charge!

We will be recognizing the OMA high school and Junior College graduates from the years 1943, 1953, and 1963.

This reunion will continue with the many of our annual activities, including golf, Ladies Luncheon hosted by First Lady Peggy Rice, Opening Reception, Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni Ceremony, Alumni Luncheon and Saturday evening dinner.

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Make your plans to attend the 2013 Reunion on "College Hill." Come home and help salute and celebrate all those alumni who **SERVED AND PROTECTED THEIR COUNTRY IN TIMES OF WAR AS WELL AS PEACE.**

A registration form is included in this issue. You can contact Dr. Danette Boyle at dboyle@rsu.edu or 918-343-6888 or 918-343-6889 to sign up now or for any questions about the OMA Alumni Reunion on June 7-8. Don't wait to register-----and for our lost alumni who have been found, please come home and be our guests for all events on Saturday.

OKLAHOMA MILITARY ACADEMY CADETS THAT GRADUATED FROM OUR NATION'S PRESTIGIOUS SERVICE ACADEMIES

OMA Cadet	Academy	Graduated	OMA Cadet	Academy	Graduated
<i>OMA Presidents</i>			Ronnie E. Madera, '69	West Point	1973
Richard E. Anderson	West Point	1912	Phil C. McMullen, '44	West Point	1949
John C. Hamilton	West Point	1918	Vincent P. Mocini, '69	Annapolis	1973
John F. Smoller	West Point	1934	Orlin L. Mullen, '61	West Point	1965
Benjamin F. Boyd, '43	West Point	1946	Thomas E. Murray, '58	West Point	1962
Robert E.G. Butler, '47	West Point	1953	Charles G. Olentine, '43	West Point	1949
William B. Castle, '40	West Point	1946	Frank T. Ostenberg, '22	West Point	1927
Johnny R. Castle, '42	West Point	1946	Joseph S. Peddie, '36	West Point	1941
Robert L. Dean, '49	West Point	1953	Joseph G. Perry, '32	West Point	1939
Roger L. Fife, '45	West Point	1949	David G. Presnell, '27	West Point	1935
Jerome T. Flammger, '55	Annapolis	1959	Walter E. Price, '44	West Point	1950
James K. Gatchell, '67	Annapolis	1971	David D. Ray, '44	West Point	1950
Frank G. Gibbs, '59	West Point	1963	Marvin C. Reed, '40	West Point	1946
Robert M. Gomez, '50	West Point	1954	Guy A. Rogers, '42	West Point	1946
David G. Hansard, '47	West Point	1952	George L. Rogers, '67	Annapolis	1971
Bruce L. Hamlin, '70	Annapolis	1974	David B. Samuel, '60	Air Force	1964
Randy W. Hetherington, '67	Air Force	1971	Christian M. Shore, '60	West Point	1964
Richard Lee Hunt, '46	West Point	1950	Frank L. Smith, '52	West Point	1956
Jerry S. Ingram, '47	West Point	1951	Jon K. Stallings, '62	West Point	1968
Paul M. Jones, '58	West Point	1962	Jeffrey W. Steelman, '67	Annapolis	1971
Harlan G. Koch, '43	West Point	1946	Keith D. Stidham, '43	West Point	1946
Harry R. Kramp, '53	West Point	1958	Richard L. Warren, '40	West Point	1948
David G. Leon, '70	Annapolis	1974	Ronald N. Williams, '61	West Point	1965
			Harold B. Wright, '31	West Point	1937
			Ray A. Yagher Jr., '69	Air Force	1973

WALTER PRICE SAYS ‘GREAT PEOPLE HELP MAKE A LIFE’



Walter Price, '44

Lt. Col. Walter Price (Ret.), class of 1944 and 2007 OMA Distinguished Alumnus, was featured in a Veteran's Day article in the [Stillwater NewsPress](#).

Price and John Rex Jennings, class of 1943, both attended West Point where the pair were honored as Mule Riders, which represents one of the academy's greatest honors and traditions. One Mule Rider is selected from each class and they represent West Point in parades, athletic events, and formal military ceremonies. The two OMA alumni both rode Hannibal, the famed Army Mule that is the subject of a bronze sculpture at West Point's entrance. The statue was created by Broken Arrow resident J. David Nunneley, who attended both the University of Oklahoma and the University of Tulsa.

This story is an excerpt of an article written by NewsPress staff writer, Elizabeth Keys. The full article and video can be found at: www.stwnewspress.com/multimedia/x1501155098/Walter-Price-says-great-people-help-make-a-life

STILLWATER, Okla. — Duty. Honor. Country.

The West Point motto to develop leaders of character embraced Walter Price throughout his military service and civilian career as a moral and ethical code for life.

Silver Star, Bronze Star, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge with star, Senior Parachutists Wings, Ranger Tab . . . yet his most cherished reward is serving with the greatest people in the world.

"People — the best people around — in the military and community are what make a life," Price said.

Price graduated from Oklahoma Military Academy, a cavalry ROTC secondary school and junior college in Claremore which is now the site of Rogers State University. Cadets were issued a horse and trained in cavalry tactics. Springfield rifles, the old bolt action models, were part of their gear, but once World War II started, the Springfields were picked up and delivered to the active forces. In

college at OMA, World War II transformed the country and the lives of its citizens so he felt it was his duty to volunteer.

"We never had a feeling of fear," Price said. "We knew we had a job to do, but I do not remember any concern over our ultimate victory."

After boot camp in Parris Island, S.C., and training at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and Fort Benning, Ga., during the last legs of the war, he earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. While young people were coming home from the war to end all wars, Price was off to become a career officer. During his senior year at West Point, he was selected to be one of three mule riders who represent USMA at athletic events, parades and ceremonies. Price was right in the thick of the action after watching football games from the stadium where there was once three Heisman trophy winners and seven All-Americans on the field at Yankee Stadium when Army faced Notre Dame, he said.



When musical legend Patti Page passed away in January, it prompted many alumni to recall her connection to OMA. In Fall 1969, Page was named an honorary cadet and presented with a traditional honorary officer's saber by Cadet Lt. Col. David Oldaker. Also pictured are Cadet Capt. Tom Fleming and Claremore Mayor Jack Marshall. Her publicist said last year that the saber held a position of prominence in her California home, hanging over her mantle place more than four decades later.



ALL GAVE SOME – SOME GAVE ALL

HONORING ALL OMA ALUMNI WHO SERVED AND PROTECTED THEIR COUNTRY IN TIMES OF WAR AS WELL AS PEACE

JUNE 7-8, 2013
ROGERS STATE UNIVERSITY | CLAREMORE, OK

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

- 8 a.m. **REUNION REGISTRATION**
Meyer Hall, OMA Museum
- ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC**
Heritage Hills Golf Course 18 Hole
Tournament
- 9 a.m. Shotgun Start Begins
- Noon Lunch
*Lunch is also available for alumni and
guests not participating in golf.*
- 11:30 a.m. **WOMEN'S LUNCH**
*Hosted by RSU First Lady Peggy Rice
President's Residence, RSU Campus
Reservation required with maximum
40*
- 3 - 4:30 p.m. **POOL AND PING PONG
TOURNAMENTS**
RSU Centennial Center
- 5:30 p.m. -
7:30 p.m. **REUNION OPENING RECEPTION**
RSU Centennial Center Ballroom

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

- 8 a.m. **REUNION REGISTRATION**
Meyer Hall, OMA Museum
Coffee and donuts
- 9:30 a.m. **MORNING FORMATION AND
CEREMONY HONORING THOSE
WHO SERVICED**
RSU Flagpole and Memorial Site
- 10:30 a.m. **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND
HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
CEREMONY**
Will Rogers Auditorium
- 11:45 a.m. **ALUMNI LUNCHEON**
RSU Centennial Center Ballroom
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL
AT OMA MUSEUM**
Meyer Hall, OMA Museum
- 5 p.m. **RECEPTION AND DINNER**
RSU Centennial Center Ballroom

Each Alumni that served will receive a special and unique OMA memento.

OMA REUNION 2013 REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Last date attended _____ High School Junior College

First-Time OMA Reunion Attendee I served in the _____ Branch of Service.

Name of spouse/guest(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2013

Number of Persons _____ Total \$ Amount _____

OKLAHOMA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC & REGISTRATION

Heritage Hills Golf Course • 9 a.m., Shotgun Start (*Guests and spouses welcome*)

18 holes - \$60 (includes lunch) Golf lunch only \$10

Please arrange my foursome for me.

My team members will be: _____

LADIES LUNCHEON HOSTED BY RSU FIRST LADY PEGGY RICE

11:30 a.m. • President's Residence, RSU Campus

\$15 per person (*Reservation required with maximum 40*)

PING-PONG/POOL TOURNAMENT

3-4:30 p.m. • RSU Centennial Center

Ping-Pong - \$10 per person Pool - \$10 per person

OKLAHOMA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI REUNION OPENING RECEPTION

5:30-7:30 p.m. • RSU Centennial Center

\$25 per person

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2013

MORNING AND AFTERNOON REUNION ACTIVITIES

Registration begins at 8 a.m. • OMA Museum in Meyer Hall

Includes coffee, donuts, lunch, packets, ice cream social

\$30 per person **NO CHARGE FOR FIRST-TIME OMA REUNION ATTENDEES**

RECEPTION AND DINNER

5 p.m. • RSU Centennial Center

\$40 per person **NO CHARGE FOR FIRST-TIME OMA REUNION ATTENDEES**

I would like to make a contribution to the OMA Alumni Association Fund.

Total Amount Enclosed

Return the registration form using the enclosed envelope or mail to: OMA Alumni Office, 1701 W. Will Rogers Blvd., Claremore, OK 74017.

Make checks payable to: RSUF/OMA Alumni Association.

Please charge my VISA MasterCard Discover American Express

Account number _____ Expiration date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

Refund policy: Reunion 2013 registration refunds will be made only if the OMA Alumni Office is notified no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2013.

For additional information, please call the OMA Alumni Office at 918-343-6888, 918-343-6889 or email dboyle@rsu.edu.

RSU UPDATE



RSU PLANS NEW DINING CENTER

Rogers State University is planning construction of a Student Dining Center featuring an exclusive area serving as a living legacy to the Oklahoma Military Academy.

The Student Dining Center will feature a 17,500-square-foot dining facility and a 6,000-square-foot basement/safe room with natural gas generator to provide a back-up power source. The facility is to be built on the Claremore campus adjacent to the two existing student apartment villages, as well as the planned site for a third set of campus apartments.

The university has identified the Student Dining Center as a “linchpin” project to future campus growth, especially for expanding the number of students who live on campus. The \$5 million facility would be able to meet the needs of the 500 students who live on campus, as well as the thousands of commuter students and community members who visit campus daily. Fundraising is well underway for the building, which is expected to be the next major campus construction project.

In honor of the university’s OMA history, the facility will include the “OMA Honors Mess,” which will be an exclusive area reserved for honor students, OMA mentors and other select groups. The OMA Honors Mess will be outfitted with tables and chairs that are reminiscent of the OMA Mess Hall, along with pictures and memorabilia from OMA. The university has already started collaborating with OMA alumni to help design and outfit this new facility.

The OMA Alumni Association has endorsed this project and issued a challenge to its members to raise \$150,000 to support construction. As of press time, nearly 85 percent of the OMA challenge has been pledged toward this goal. It is not too late to support this initiative, and you can contact

Danette Boyle at dboyle@rsu.edu or call 918-343-6888 for more information.

RSU thanks the OMA Alumni Association for its longstanding support of the university’s students and programs. The university leadership looks forward to carrying on OMA’s proud legacy for generations to come.

CAMPUS ENERGY PLAN SAVING MILLIONS

Rogers State University has succeeded in turning the Claremore campus “green” and the result is saving millions for taxpayers and students.

Six years ago RSU adopted a sweeping energy savings plan to make the campus more environmentally friendly, as well as to save the university money. The results have trimmed RSU’s gas and electric bill by about 5 percent, with more than \$2.27 million in gross energy savings during the past five years.

The innovative energy savings plan features installation of equipment to monitor energy usage; adoption of measures to save electricity, natural gas and water; and the conversion from outdated heating and air conditioning units to a geothermal energy system serving some of the largest campus buildings.

The buildings on the Claremore campus have seen many changes since the adoption of the energy savings plan. One of the largest changes is the update to the geothermal energy system, which is now standard for new construction.

The geothermal method derives heat by tapping into thermal energy contained in the rock and fluid of the earth’s crust, approximately 400 feet below ground. Approximately 200 wells were drilled on the Claremore campus to tap into the underground heat source and two small pump houses were constructed to channel the energy into the buildings. Since the original installation an additional 125 wells were added to the system when University Village B was constructed on campus.

The renewable geothermal energy system was first introduced to campus in 2005 with the construction of the Innovation Center. That system proved successful, and in 2006 the university implemented a more widespread installation that now provides heating and cooling for Preparatory, Meyer and Baird Halls, the Centennial Center, University Village B and the Hillcat Athletics Center at Soldier Field.

The system will be incorporated into new construction as well, university officials said. Additional wells can be added

as becomes necessary to increase the capacity of the system as new buildings are added on campus.

To further increase efficiency, all RSU campuses have introduced a number of other changes. In 2006, RSU upgraded heating and air conditioning systems in most campus buildings to include a set-back mode, which varies the temperature in the buildings based on usage. Most interior lights have been updated to energy efficient light bulbs and ballasts paired with motion sensors to conserve energy when the area is not in use.

All plumbing on campus has been converted to low-flow fixtures and faucets to conserve water use. Paper towel dispensers across campus have been updated to limited-use dispensers or electric dryers. Most recently, LED lighting has replaced incandescent light bulbs in the Health Sciences Building, increasing the light levels while reducing the amount of energy used.

All new buildings have been fitted with energy efficient windows, which keep the heat or cool from escaping the building. All nine floors of the Bartlesville campus have been upgraded with new windows, through a generous grant from the Lyon Foundation. Sealed vapor barriers have also been added.

An ongoing project on campus is the re-roofing of all buildings with reflective and non-absorbing materials that reflect the sun's heat.

The money saved in the energy savings plan help cover costs of replacing equipment and reduce the overall utility expenses of the university.



This story was written by RSU PR Intern Lindsay Bolt. An RSU senior from Claremore, Lindsay is the daughter of Dan Bolt, Class of 1969, pictured.

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Spray Tech/Sears Home Improvement from 1992-2003 where he was director of regional sales. McMenemy has worked at Home Depot since 2004.

McMenemy has been an active community volunteer, including with Shriners Hospitals for Children, as president of the National Welding Supply Association, sponsoring the Make-A-Wish-Foundation for six years and was a past chairman of the United Way. During a United Way fund drive while he was in active duty, McMenemy was number one in the Fourth Army in dollars collected and percentage of goal, for which he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

He and his wife Sandra have four children - two sons and two daughters. He also has five grandchildren and a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Ali -- but don't call her a dog, it hurts her feelings.

McMenemy says it is a great honor just to be nominated as a Distinguished Alumni and Hall of Fame nominee. "Living 1,300 miles away from OMA, [I] wish I could have done more to support the Alumni," he said. "When I look over the names of those honorees who came before, I see many military heroes, men who have performed exceptional public service and those who have supported OMA for years after they left the Hill. Again, it's a great honor just to be thought of with these great individuals."

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would enter OMA for his junior year in 1962. "She was convinced that under the influence of those military men that Michael would become a great American. Bivra helped him enroll and paid all fees for him. Her love for her siblings and mother were never ending," said Bonnie.

Michael started at OMA in fall 1962 and was immediately immersed in the campus and life at the Academy. He became involved in the chapel counsel, the drill team, the Saber Society and the marching band. Michael was a dedicated student who took his education seriously and was often rewarded for high marks while at OMA. He was also a member of both the outstanding company and best drill platoon. He graduated from OMA on May 4, 1964.

Major General Teddy Sanford of the U.S. Army had accepted an invitation from the OMA Board of Regents to address the Class of 1964 upon their graduation. The words that Sanford spoke that day would change the lives of the Casey family forever.

When Michael Casey and the rest of the OMA Class of 1964 were listening to General Sanford speak that day in May, the United States was less than three months away from becoming involved in Vietnam. General Sanford touched on the fact that many of

these young men would go on to a military life, and that they, like generations before them, were likely to see combat. As he spoke that day, many of the young men in the audience must have been seriously considering his words and wondering where their futures would take them. As high school graduates, they were now faced with many choices for their future. General Sanford encouraged them to take those choices seriously and to consider what it meant to be a man in the world. "You must be a man and face up to the reality of the world," Sanford said. "You and I were born males, but it takes a lot of work, and thought, and will, and determination



Lt. Michael "Blue" Casey and SSG RP Billman. Casey is holding a captured SKS rifle during his second tour of duty in Vietnam in 1969.



Michael Casey's four sisters: Bonnie Gooch, Bivra Mock, Joyce Moore and Doris Long pose with Major Marshall, former Troop A Commander of Casey's unit.

He was loading wounded troops into a helicopter when he was struck with a barrage of gunfire from an enemy soldier. He immediately placed himself between the wounded man and the enemy and fired accurately enough to wound the enemy. His wounds were fatal, but the soldier he protected would survive the day and return home. In addition to the Silver Star he earned in the incident in which he lost his life, Captain Casey was awarded the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal and the Vietnamese Cross with Palm, the highest award the Vietnamese government could give to an American soldier.

to be a man. Face life bravely, accept its responsibility."

Michael Casey was so moved by the General Sanford's words at the OMA commencement that he wrote a letter of appreciation to the general expressing the newfound desire to embark on a military career. The general, in turn, invited Michael to visit Fort Chaffee in Arkansas as his special guest for the day. Michael was able to spend part of the day with the general and received a tour of the facility. Michael also saw some of the activities of the 45th division that day, and his experience solidified his desire to enter the military.

Michael went back to OMA in the fall to continue his education at the junior college level. He completed a two-year degree in 1966 and headed to Oklahoma State University to study military science. Michael spent one year at OSU, where he was involved with the ROTC. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve in July of 1967. He was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant.

During his second tour of duty in Vietnam, he served as a platoon leader with the 7th Squadron of the 17th Cavalry.

EDITOR'S NOTE – The story of OMA alumnus Michael Casey is featured in "All They Left Behind: Legacies of the Men and Women on the Wall" by Lisa A. Lark. Published to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the book tells the stories of more than 50 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of country. The author provided this edited version for use in Guidon. The book, sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, is available from major booksellers or the publisher's web site at www.mtpublishing.com. Michael's sisters – Bonnie Gooch and Doris Long – and his sister-in-law Barbara Casey recently came to campus to visit the OMA KIA Memorial, which carries his name. To honor their brother's memory, the family established a scholarship for RSU military history majors.



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