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## AUGUST 2024 NEWSLETTER

### *Alumni Association UPDATE*

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Dear Fellow Alumni:

**Homecoming for 2024 is scheduled for Saturday, October 12.** Again, we are hoping for a large turnout for this year's Homecoming with class reunions for the classes of **1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, and 1984.** Please make plans to contact your classmates and encourage them to attend this year. **Information on the class reunions is on page 3 and 4 of this newsletter.**

From May 2 to August 17, 2024 our fundraisers have brought in \$4,630 for the Library Fund, and \$13,000 for the General Fund. We have received donations from 158 alumni. **If you have not mailed in your contribution, please consider doing so. Contributions are IRS tax deductible.** All of us deeply appreciate the support shown by each contributing alumnus.

**Our Homecoming events for 2024,** include tours of Main Building (Lebanon City Hall), and the City of Lebanon Museum and History Center located in the basement of Lebanon City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mayor Rick Bell, and his staff are again graciously allowing us to visit both of these facilities, and we thank them for their assistance on Saturday, October 12. The Rutherford Parks Library will be open at 9:30 a.m. through 2:30 p.m. on Homecoming Day, October 12. **(See insert on Homecoming Activities.)**

We will start handing out the registration packets from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the smaller tent on Homecoming day, October 12. This tent is located next to the Rutherford Parks Library. Our picnic luncheon will be on the same site. Parking is available to the side of the of Library in the grassy area next to the large luncheon tent, and behind Main Building, and in

the parking lot across the street from the Alumni House. **The Alumni House will be open on Friday, October 11, beginning at 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** so that you may visit classmates and see the displays inside the house. **Rutherford Parks Library will open at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 11,** for the **BB&W event** and will close later that night after the event is over.

Our **Picnic Luncheon** will begin at 11:00 a.m. on **Saturday, October 12** with **Chester Jordan's Catering** serving us for the 34th year. All of you will want to take the opportunity to visit with former faculty and staff who are invited to the luncheon as

### **HOMECOMING 2024**

**Saturday**

**OCTOBER 12**

***Reservations Due  
By Friday, October 4***

our guests. The \$20 cost per person will cover your lunch as well as our guests. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** so that we may give the caterer a correct headcount, and have enough tables and chairs.

I am pleased to announce that our War Memorial as well as the City of Lebanon's 9/11 Memorial have been replaced. A formal rededication of both memorials was held several weeks ago.

Our **Alumni meeting** will follow the luncheon under the tent. With the conclusion of the Alumni meeting, we will then move to the site of our War Memorial in front of Main for our annual memorial

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service and wreath laying. We will then have class reunion pictures taken on the steps of the Rutherford Parks Library. Our morning and afternoon activities should be concluded around 2:30 p.m.

For the fourth year we will have our evening function of Homecoming at the MITCHELL HOUSE on campus, with a very nice selection of heavy Hors D'oeuvres. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** for this wonderful event so that we will know the number to give our caterer (The Big Adoo Catering by Christopher McAdoo, CHMA Class of 1985). We will also have a cash bar available. We will be renting tables and chairs to be placed in the Mitchell House and if weather permits we will place tables around the outside porch. The cost for “An Evening at the Mitchell House” is \$40 per person.

The repairs mentioned in the June newsletter on the Library and the Alumni House will be completed by Homecoming. Also, the 2nd marble bench donated by the 1959 class will have been pressure washed and sealed.

At Homecoming under the registration tent we will have the following items for sale: coffee cups for \$5, Heights sweatshirts for \$20, zip-up hoodies for \$35, t-shirts (short-sleeve and long-sleeve) for \$15, golf shirts for \$25, baseball caps for \$20, license plates for \$5, brass buttons for \$15, lapel pins for \$5, car windshield decals for \$4, CHMA “throw” blankets for \$40, maroon insulated tumblers for \$30. Also for sale will be the color print of the Heights campus, circa 1916, for \$35, a small panoramic print of the campus taken during the 30's for \$10, a printed picture of the tiger and cannon in front of the Alumni House for \$20 taken by Gary Moor '59, and an 11 X 14 print of the Auditorium for \$25. Phil Ponder's 16 X 20 print of the Library will be available for \$50 (we have 3 left). Additionally, we will have our book, Hail, Castle Heights! for \$20, and the J.B. Leftwich book, View From the Hill, for \$20.

We are looking forward to visiting with many of you in Lebanon for Homecoming 2024 on Saturday, October 12. Please remember that the Alumni House will be open on Friday, October 11, as well.

Sincerely,  
Rob Hosier '63

**PLEASE SEND CHANGES OF ADDRESS,  
PHONE NUMBERS, OR EMAIL TO:**

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**1045 Woodmont Drive**  
**Gallatin, TN 37066**  
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**LODGING INFORMATION**

**Please make your lodging reservations as soon as possible so you will not have a difficult time booking a room and that the discount will still be available.** Most of the hotels in Lebanon are located on Hwy 231/South Cumberland off of the Lebanon Exit 238 from I-40. The Avid Hotel, Candlewood Suites, and Hampton Inn & Suites are off of I-40/Exit 236 (Hartmann Dr.) Book ASAP or by the deadline listed to get the hotel you want!

**PLEASE BE SURE TO ASK FOR THE CASTLE HEIGHTS ALUMNI SPECIAL RATE**

**Please mention you are attending the CASTLE HEIGHTS ALUMNI REUNION or the CODE Listed**

**AVID HOTEL . . . . . 615-307-6200**  
 \$109 + tax - (discounted)  
 Use CODE “Castle Heights Alumni”  
 I-40 Exit 236 (Hartmann Dr. Exit)

**CANDLEWOOD SUITES . . . . . 615-795-0300**  
 \$107 + tax (discounted) Book by 9/15/2024  
 Use CODE CHA or Castle Heights Alumni  
 I-40 Exit (Hartmann Dr/at110 Willard Hagan Dr)

**CEDAR VALLEY INN . . . . . 615-444-0505**  
 \$55 + tax (discounted) next to Cracker Barrel  
 (\$4.50 meal voucher per day per room @ CB)

**COMFORT SUITES . . . . . 615-443-0027**  
 From \$94.95 to \$165.95 + tax  
 Use CODE “Castle Heights Alumni”  
 10/10/24—\$94.95, 10/11 and 10/12/24 —\$169.95  
 Reservation Deadline is 9/15/24 for discount

**FAIRFIELD INN . . . . . 615-470-2224**  
 \$145 + tax for 2 double queen beds (discounted)  
 I-40 Exit 236 Use CODE “ALUN”  
 Reservation Deadline is 9/27/24 for discount

**HAMPTON INN and SUITES . . . . . 615-444-3445**  
 \$109 + tax - (discount) CODE “Castle Heights Alumni”  
 I-40 Exit 236 (Hartmann Drive Exit)  
 Reservation Deadline is 9/15/24 for discount

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS . . . . . 615-994-3225**  
**No rooms available for October 10, 11, 12, 2024**

**LAQUINTA INN & SUITES . . . . . 615-470-1001**  
**No rooms available for October 10, 11, 12, 2024**

**QUALITY INN . . . . . 615/444-7020**  
 \$74.95 + tax (discounted price)

BELOW ARE SOME SITES TO VISIT ONLINE FOR DISCOUNT PRICES ON LODGING IN LEBANON, TN  
 (Some hotel prices per night listed above may or may not be less expensive by using the following online sites)

- www.booking.com
- www.expedia.com/hotels
- www.priceline.com
- www.travelocity.com/hotels
- www.trivago.com

# HOMECOMING 2024 REUNIONS & OTHER HC INFO

## **65 YEAR REUNION** **CLASS OF 1959**

Jerry Ream and Clay Woods and other classmates are planning a 65th reunion on **October 11 and 12** for the **Class of 1959**. A dinner is planned for **Friday night October 11** at **Lebanon Golf and Country Club**, 1300 Coles Ferry Pike, Lebanon. They will meet at 5:30 for cocktails (cash bar), and dinner at 6:30. The cost of the dinner is \$40 per person. **Please mail a check made out to Jerry Ream in the amount of \$40 per person.** This will cover the cost of the dinner. Jerry Ream's mailing address is: **Capt. Jerry Ream, 306 Seay St., Glasgow, KY 42141.** Jerry has put up a \$500 deposit, and since he is B Company Commander he can be trusted. They invite any of the other classes to join them for dinner, just send Jerry a check for \$40 per person. They will also meet on Saturday morning, October 12 on Homecoming day for the Luncheon. If questions, please contact **Jerry Ream at 270-651-8987 or [jerryream@glasgow-ky.com](mailto:jerryream@glasgow-ky.com), or Clay Woods at 731-694-2882 or [clay.woods@att.net](mailto:clay.woods@att.net).** Rooms are filling up due to a dog show in Lebanon that weekend. **So make your reservations NOW!**

## **55 YEAR REUNION** **CLASS OF 1964**

**Bill Goodner, Bob Bussey, and Bill Stewart** are organizing this reunion. A block of rooms have been reserved at **Candlewood Suites (at 110 Willard Hagan Drive, off of Hartmann Drive)** for \$107 + tax. Call **615-795-0300** by **Sept. 14** to get one of the rooms they have blocked out for this room price, the CODE to use is "CHA". They have also reserved a room at **Sammy B's** for **Friday evening, October 11, for 5:30 p.m.** Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. **Cost is \$30 per person with a cash bar.** Please call to RSVP to **Bill Goodner at 256-509-1676.** For the regular Homecoming on Saturday, October 12, for the Luncheon and the Evening at the Mitchell House, please reserve by using the Homecoming Reservation form enclosed in this newsletter, and mail it to the address on the form. **Bill Goodner, Bob Bussey, and Bill Stewart are looking forward to seeing all of you on October 11 and 12!**

## **55 YEAR REUNION** **CLASS OF 1969**

**Tony Polston** is coordinating the effort to **gather classmates from 1969.** **Friday, October 11, they will gather at 6 p.m. at Sammy B's.** Come by for a meal or apps from the menu or just raise a glass to our class. **Please let Tony know if you can attend, so he can give the restaurant the number for the seating!** Contact information for Tony is **615-633-7122** or email him at **[THPOLSTON@NCTC.COM](mailto:THPOLSTON@NCTC.COM).**

## **50 YEAR REUNION** **CLASS OF 1974**

The Class of 1974 will meet **Friday, October 11, in front of the Rutherford Parks Library for Wheeler's Beer, Beans and Weenies event (starts at 3 p.m.),** and then they will move to **Sammy B's** later. They have a room reserved at **Sammy B's on Saturday night, October 12,** and there will be an open bar (TBA). Any questions or suggestions should be directed to **Mitch Damsky at 205-516-3493 or [damsky5@aol.com](mailto:damsky5@aol.com), Chuck Lowe, 615-945-9409 or [ctloweiii@msn.com](mailto:ctloweiii@msn.com), or Dana (Arkie) Devine, 811-748-4115 or [devinebankcard@gmail.com](mailto:devinebankcard@gmail.com).** This 50-year class reunion for 1974 looks to be the largest turnout ever with classmates coming from all over the country.

## **45 YEAR REUNION** **CLASS OF 1979**

The great CHMA Class of 1979 will be celebrating their 45th anniversary this year. **Jeff Seely and Julee Carroll-Bate** are both working on contacting the last class of the 70's for a reunion on **Friday night October 11** at a location to be determined. Julee is also contacting all the lady cadets to get together as well. They would both love to have your RSVP as soon as possible. All cadets who were on the Hill when they were there are invited! **Jeff will be sending out another letter in the mail soon. "We are Heightsmen!"** Contact **Jeff Seely at 615-364-3561, or [jeff.seely2010@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.seely2010@gmail.com), and Julee Carroll-Bate at 720-849-1983 or [juliab8@msn.com](mailto:juliab8@msn.com).**

## **40 YEAR REUNION** **CLASS OF 1984**

The Class of 1984 will be having their 40 year reunion dinner on **Saturday evening, October 12, at Sammy B's.** **Leslie Lancaster Willis** is making the arrangements. The time and the cost has not been determined yet, however, **if you are planning to attend, you must contact Leslie** to make your reservation so she can have enough seating at the restaurant. **Please call or text Leslie Lancaster Willis at 615-481-0460 for further details about time, cost, and to pay for your dinner.** Leslie hopes that you will also be able to attend the Homecoming luncheon on the same day at 11 a.m. There is a reservation form for the Luncheon in this newsletter to complete and mail in to the Alumni Association to make your reservation and to pay for the Luncheon.

**INFO on "JIM BEAM EXPERIENCE AUCTION" and "WHEELER'S BEER, BEANS, and WEENIES" on PAGE 4**

## *OTHER HOMECOMING and SCHOLARSHIP INFO*

### **A JIM BEAM EXPERIENCE AUCTION TO BE HELD AT THE HOMECOMING LUNCHEON**

Our very own CHMA Class of 1975 graduate, Fred Noe, will be at Homecoming. Fred Noe is a Seventh Generation Master Distiller at James B. Beam Distilling Company in Clermont, Kentucky, and he is the great-grandson of bourbon pioneer Jim Beam. Fred will be auctioning off a 'Jim Beam Experience', and bringing some bottles of high-end bourbon to auction off at the Homecoming Luncheon on Saturday, October 12, as a fundraiser for the CHMA Alumni Association. Thank you to Fred Noe for this fundraiser and for donating the auction items.

### **WHEELER'S BEER, BEANS & WEENIES** **Friday, October 11, 3:00 p.m.** **Rutherford Parks Library**

Friday, October 12, will be the start of another exciting Homecoming weekend on the grounds of Rutherford Parks Library. For the tenth year, Wheeler's Beer, Beans, and Weenies' crew will be offering free cold beer, and hot dogs along with the fixings, to those of you who arrive early for the fun and friendship.

Happy Beer Hour starts at 3:00 p.m. Hot dogs start rolling off the grill at 5:00 and everyone will be served, rain or shine, until the last cadet leaves. As always, BB&W is absolutely free. If you feel the need to contribute, there will be a donation jar nearby. There will also be some BB&W t-shirts that will be available for \$15.

**If anyone wishes to sponsor and provide a SCHOLARSHIP in memory of or in honor of someone, please**

**contact:**  
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### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION Information for 2025**

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**  
**if anyone in your family will be**  
**applying for a scholarship!**

**On December 1, 2024**

Info on the following scholarships will be posted

on the alumni website

**www.castleheights.com**

We will enter into our **twenty-fifth (25th) year of awarding the following scholarships** in 2025. **PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION.**

Beginning on December 1, 2024, you may go to the Castle Heights Military Academy Alumni Association's website **www.castleheights.com** and print the instructions and application for the **three (3) scholarships (\$2,000 each)** that will be awarded in 2025 for the academic year 2025-2026. February 15, 2025 will be the deadline for the applications to reach the Alumni Association. April 15, 2025 will be the deadline for the Scholarship Selection Committee to have the names of the three students selected to receive the scholarships (\$2,000 each). The selected recipients will be notified after April 15, 2025.

**For the fourth (4th) and final year, The John L. Sweatt Jr. and Col John L. Sweatt Sr. Scholarship in the amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to one (1) first time freshman** for the academic year of 2025-2026. This scholarship is funded by the Sweatt Family and Friends through the Heights National Alumni Association. **All the information on this scholarship will be posted on the Alumni website [www.castleheights.com](http://www.castleheights.com) on December 1.** Deadline to submit the application is February 15, 2025. April 15, 2025 is the deadline for selection of the recipient of this scholarship. The recipient will be notified before or after April 15, 2025.

If you do not have access to the internet and/or you are unable to print the information/directions and application, contact us after December 1, 2024:

**Susan Hosier**  
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# Notice of Deaths and 2024 Alumni Update

## NOTICE OF RECENT DEATHS ALUMNI

**HARRY J. BURKE '62**  
**CHARLES D. CLEVELAND '45**  
**DAVID BODMAN COATES '55**  
**BRIAN ANTHONY DENNIS - JR. SCHOOL**  
**ROBERT W. DORRIS '48**  
**JOEL K. DRENNAN '81**  
**JAMES R. FREEDERS '56**  
**TERRY A. GRISWOLD '65**  
**JAMES R. GWYNN III '67**  
**DUANE WILLARD "DUB" HAILEY '63**  
**RALPH HAM '70**  
**PATRICK HICKEY '75**  
**H. RUSSELL "RUSS" JOHNSTON JR. '56**  
**HARRY LEGGETT JR. '52**  
**ROBERT B. MCCONNELL '55**  
**FERNANDO A. MONTILLA '54**  
**DONALD G. PRILLAMAN 'PG62**  
**GEORGE L. RICE '49**  
**DAVID F. RUSSELL '53**  
**WILLIAM B. SHAMBURGER '66**  
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**HOWARD C. TIBBALS '54**

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**DENNIS LAMPLEY**  
**JR. SCHOOL, 1966-1968**

## 2024 ALUMNI UPDATES

**APPLEGATE, COL R. DAVID R. '86** - Oxford, MS; David is currently the International Captain flying the Gulfstream 600 for Nicholas Air in Oxford. He and his wife, Heather, enjoy lots of time with their new grandbaby. [david.r.applegate@gmail.com](mailto:david.r.applegate@gmail.com)

**ASH, DON R. '73** - Murfreesboro, TN; Married to Rita Ash (Realtor) for 38 years. They have four children, and ten grandchildren. Recently, Don was reappointed to serve as a Senior Judge for the State of Tennessee. [drash1234@gmail.com](mailto:drash1234@gmail.com)

**BAILLIF, DAVID '66** - Dallas, TX; David is a retired architect. [baillifaia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:baillifaia@sbcglobal.net)

**BALLARD, REGGIE '63** - Forest, VA; Reggie said he is getting older like the rest of his classmates. He turned 80 on March 11, but still passed his 3rd class FAA medical! His grandson still lives in Lebanon and plays guitar in Nashville. Carson Kilpatrick is not a good musician but a great musician! He said "we are all blessed by God to still be here because a lot of them are gone". Stated, "Lord, just one more Homecoming, please?" [piperpilot12@yahoo.com](mailto:piperpilot12@yahoo.com)

**BARNETT, MRS. JOHN N. BARNETT (Dorothy Jean) '48** - Smyrna, TN; Mrs. Barnett thanks the Alumni Association for keeping her updated. She is 92 years old and still enjoys receiving the CHMA newsletters. Said that Johnny always looked forward to seeing his friends at the Homecomings.

**BATE, JULEE CARROLL '79** - Littleton, CO; Having served many years as an on-scene Victim Advocate with the Sheriff's Dept, Julee now works as an Internationally Certified Life Coach. She and her husband, Terry, both love their work and have no plans to retire. With the flexibility to work remotely, they spend much of their time adventuring through the mountains of Colorado. They are looking forward to touring New England in the Fall and visiting Julee's home of 9 years, Japan, during the Spring Cherry Blossom season. Julee is excited to be hosting a reunion of the CHMA Lady Cadets on Friday, October 11 at 6 p.m. All Lady Cadets are invited to join the fun! For more details contact her at: [juliab8@msn.com](mailto:juliab8@msn.com)

**BLAKE, DAN P. '63** - Nashville, TN; Dan is still in good health and enjoying retirement. He is looking forward to Homecoming, as he always does, and seeing old classmates and friends. If anyone is in this area, he would love to meet and have lunch, and to just let him know. [danpblake216@gmail.com](mailto:danpblake216@gmail.com)

**BLUNCK, CARL ERNST III, M.D. '68** - Grand Junction, CO; Still practicing medicine, now in Grand Junction. Moved from CA and Mobile, AL, to chase daughter and grandkids on the "western slope" of Colorado. Daughter and both sons are MD's as well, after prominent pro and semi-pro athletic careers. Grandkids still doing triathlons but no recent Ironman's. Married 42 years to Chris. He is cycling hard, working hard, playing hard. Gives his love to all his 1968 classmates. Go Tigers!! [tricyde01@aol.com](mailto:tricyde01@aol.com)

**BUNCH, SCOTT '74** - Owasso, OK; Scott retired as an aircraft mechanic after 40 years. He now volunteers some of his time to the Tulsa Air and Space Museum as a docent. He is also involved in a motorcycle rights organization. Scott is proudest of his involvement in the Patriot Guard Riders of Oklahoma. Plans on doing some traveling around the country in their RV. He is planning to attend his 50 year class reunion in October. [skydv2000@aol.com](mailto:skydv2000@aol.com)

**CARTWRIGHT, WILLIAM D. '59** - New Market, MD; He and his wife, Barbara, live in a condo near Frederick, MD. They have 3 daughters and 4 grandsons. Two work in the defense industry, and one just graduated from high school, and a member of the National Honor Society with High Honors, and will be attending West Virginia University this Fall. The two younger boys are avid mountain bike racers and work in a bike shop. He and his wife are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where Barb serves on the Council, and he is the treasurer of the church. Bill also

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**William D. Cartwright continued:**

serves as treasurer for their HOA, and a conservation hunt club. Each year he and his friend, take a group of disabled vets and friends on a week bird hunt to WV. Bill's career was spent in the computer industry after a stint in the USAF. He thanks Col. Harvey Brown for providing a solid math background which he used extensively in his career. [billc2689@gmail.com](mailto:billc2689@gmail.com)

**COLLINS, CHARLES D. III '55** - Lakeland, FL; Charles wrote: 1956, Sullivans Prep School, Washington DC; 1956-1960, USMA, West Point; 1960-1990, active Army, Artillery/Special Forces; 1990, Retired, Colonel; 1990 to present, disabled - multiple part time jobs. [cdciiwp60@gmail.com](mailto:cdciiwp60@gmail.com)

**DAVIS, J.T. '75** - Albany, OR; He said that he and his wife are still enjoying retired life in Oregon for three years now. Skied Mt. Bachelor in Oregon multiple times this winter. J.T. and Laurie went to Europe in July to hang with friends. Said to come visit them in Oregon anytime to his fellow Heightsmen! [jtdavis0202@gmail.com](mailto:jtdavis0202@gmail.com)

**DURANT, JAMES R. "BUD" '49** - Minneapolis, MN; Still active, engaged and kicking at 94! Bud sold his plane but still builds models. He said it is sad to find no 1949 classmates in the newsletters. His years at Heights with roommates Tito Skelton and Paul Nussbaum are permanently etched in his memory along with Headmaster Dan Kendall and Commandant Dan Ingram! [beckleybud@gmail.com](mailto:beckleybud@gmail.com)

**EVANS, VAN L. '73** - Greenbrier, TN; Van and his wife are going to Seattle this month to visit their son and to see how Delta pilots live compared to retired EAL-KIWI pilots. He said current state of affairs of the country is good for one thing because the Defensive Pistol class Van offers on their farm gun range is staying busy especially for women. One has to find a bright light when living in a political correctness disaster. [vanlevans@gmail.com](mailto:vanlevans@gmail.com)

**GANT, ROBERT "BOB" '70** - Owensboro, KY; Bob has been married to Nancy for over 46 years. He has 4 sons and 6 grandchildren (3 boys and 3 girls). Still going to work at 6 a.m. every weekday. Nancy and Bob recently returned from a trip to western Europe and the highlight of the trip was a visit to Normandy, France to see Point du Hoc, Omaha Beach, the American Cemetery and Leon. Glad to hear from any Heightsmen. [bobgant@bellsouth.net](mailto:bobgant@bellsouth.net)

**GRIFFIN, GAINES '63** - Tishomingo, MS; Granddaughter graduated from Ole Miss with honors in accounting and plans to get her Master's degree in accounting. Grandson is working for an accounting firm in Oxford. The other granddaughter works for Communities in Schools in Nashville. Gaines and his wife are doing fine, considering age. They will be married for 49 years in September. [lg320177@gmail.com](mailto:lg320177@gmail.com)

**HALBERT, TOMMY '70** - Lebanon, TN; Tommy is enjoying retirement with RVing and farming, and loving on his 2 great granddaughters. [tommyhalbert14@gmail.com](mailto:tommyhalbert14@gmail.com)

**HALL, KEN '71** - Monterey, TN; Ken continues as Team Leader/Founder of TN Disaster Response Team. They have responded to 140 disasters all over the U.S. during the past 17 years. Ken and his wife, Dianne, are celebrating 6 years of marriage. [kenevil@frontiernet.net](mailto:kenevil@frontiernet.net)

**HAMMER, JOSEPH ROSCOE '56** - Panama City Beach, FL; Joseph said he and his wife, Doris, are still kicking at age 87, but not very high! They still enjoy walking on the beach. [joe.doris.hammer@gmail.com](mailto:joe.doris.hammer@gmail.com)

**HARRIS, WILLIAM ROBEY "BILL" '61** - Franklin, KY; Bill and his wife, Ida, continue to enjoy retirement in good health. They will celebrate their 54th anniversary in December. Bill would like to participate in planning the Class of 1961 65th class reunion in 2026. He is asking his 1961 classmates to contact him. Bill still has some books available that he wrote, **SPIT AND POLISH. The book is \$24.95.** This is his memoir and is about a Kentucky boy's coming of age in a Tennessee Military School (CHMA). **If anyone is interested in purchasing the book, please get in touch by sending an email.** [harris570743@gmail.com](mailto:harris570743@gmail.com)

**HAYNES, GEORGE F. '58** - Knoxville, TN; George is still working in his Pest Control company with his 16 employees. He is celebrating 50 years in business in Knoxville. He travels some in his RV, and spends most of the winter in Naples, Florida at Silver Lake R.V. Resort. He has eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. [gfhaynes@bellsouth.net](mailto:gfhaynes@bellsouth.net)

**HEBERT, JAMES L. '68** - Gettysburg, PA; James and his wife, Pat, are enjoying retirement living in a golf community, The Links of Gettysburg, PA. And enjoying life! [jim.pat.hebert@gmail.com](mailto:jim.pat.hebert@gmail.com)

**HEYDEL, RICK '70** - Brentwood, TN; Rick said he has lived in the same house in Brentwood for 40 years. Has been married to very patient, Sally, for 43 years. They are reasonably healthy, active and love to travel overseas. Rick still does a couple of scuba diving trips per year. He has 4 grandkids, ages 32 down to 6, 2 greats and one on the way. He loves Bible study and history. Stated he is sad about classmates passing away. Is thankful for the grace and mercy of God and salvation of His Son. [rickheydel@comcast.net](mailto:rickheydel@comcast.net)

**JOHN, ROBERT J. (would have been '64)** - Gallatin, TN; Robert has been married to Ann Hogan since 1990. Has 2 daughters, Leslie and Jennifer. Moved to Kentucky, Birmingham, and Punta Gorda, FL. He got into RVing, traveled east coast to west central America from Florida to Montana. Moved back to Gallatin in 2022. Sailed their boat from Kentucky Lake to Florida Keys, returned in 1998. [pelicanpoop@earthlink.net](mailto:pelicanpoop@earthlink.net)

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**KEGERREIS, CRAIG '56** - Willis, TX; Craig moved into 55 plus gated community with bells and whistles; no yard to mow, plays pickleball, swims, soccer, and all day coffee bar, 7 minute drive to shopping center, and church is 10 minutes away. He said what more could an 87 year old want. He still cooks what he wants to eat. [kegsrus@icloud.com](mailto:kegsrus@icloud.com)

**MCCORMICK, JAMES D. '64** - Queensbury, NY; Jim is looking forward to attending the 60 year reunion for the class of 1964 in October, and catching up with everyone. [mccormickjamesd@gmail.com](mailto:mccormickjamesd@gmail.com)

**MILES, JOE '65** - Nashville, TN; Joe and his wife, Marcia, have recently moved into an independent living apartment at The Blakeford in Green Hills. [joehmilesjr@gmail.com](mailto:joehmilesjr@gmail.com)

**MONTI, STEWART T. SR. '70** - Sanford, NC; Steward said he was doing fine and taking it easy! He wishes everyone the best! [smonti9775@aol.com](mailto:smonti9775@aol.com)

**MORTON, GEORGE '64** - Naples, FL; George said he enjoys the newsletters and all the pictures of reunion classes. Still loves Florida eight months a year. Plays tennis 4-6 days per week and no pickleball. His 16 year old granddaughter won a national sailing championship in 2023. Hope to attend the 60th class reunion in October. Best wished to all! [eg10spro@aol.com](mailto:eg10spro@aol.com)

**NUNN, OLIVER J. JR. '59** - Johnson City, TN; Oliver "Josh", said he needs knee and hip surgery and doesn't know if he can make to his 65th class reunion, but he will try. Still married, and said his wife is in good shape. [frogjump537@gmail.com](mailto:frogjump537@gmail.com)

**REANEY, LISA AGEE '88** - Murfreesboro, TN; Lisa's oldest daughter finished her B.S. in Human Resources and is living her best life in California. Her first granddaughter turned 1 in July. There has been a lot of sweet "firsts" this year. She said there is nothing like being a "Glamma". She wouldn't trade it for the world! [LisaReaney1@comcast.net](mailto:LisaReaney1@comcast.net)

**RIDDLE, JAMES "TONY" '64** - Kenner, LA; Tony said he is basically retired, but managing private hedge fund. Has had the same house for 43 years. Same wife for 47 years. Never give up. Seven years 7th Special Forces Group/20th Special Forces Group. Prior president of Special Forces Association Chapter 30. [triddleco@gmail.com](mailto:triddleco@gmail.com)

**SIMPSON, GORDON T. '55** - Fair Oaks Ranch, TX; Celebrated his and Ruths 68th anniversary on May 25th. Gordon said no one thought it would last. They have 2 boys who both became doctors. One an orthopedic surgeon and the other an optometrist. He and his wife, Ruth, are enjoying their retirement in their garden home in their nice small town. [gtandruthsimpson@aol.com](mailto:gtandruthsimpson@aol.com)

**SMITH, GIL '63** - Lancaster, SC; Gil is still working because he still enjoys it. Their youngest granddaughter just graduated high school. Oldest granddaughter just became an RN, and graduated from Notre Dame. Two granddaughters graduated college this year. One at Duke, the other at University of South Carolina. They are very proud of them all. Gil enjoyed seeing everyone at Homecoming last year. [gsmith@essentialtel.com](mailto:gsmith@essentialtel.com)

**SMITH, IKE M. III '50** - Charleston, SC; Ike is still in good health. He turned 92 this year and is still active. He said he has 59 years of happy marriage to his wife, Betsy. [seabrookdiver@gmail.com](mailto:seabrookdiver@gmail.com)

**SNODDY, JAMES T. "JIM" '70** - Sandy Springs, GA; Jim said he plays pickleball all the time, and plays all over the Southeast. [jimsnoddy@gmail.com](mailto:jimsnoddy@gmail.com)

**STARR, CHARLES '50** - Niceville, FL; Charles has had 92 revolutions around the sun. Not moving as well as when he graduated in 1950. But he is still flying his little airplane, Charles hopes to make the 2024 Homecoming in October. [cws1932@cox.net](mailto:cws1932@cox.net)

**SUCIU, THOMAS '60** - Paradise Valley, AZ; Tom moved from Yuma to Paradise Valley this year. [tsuciu@aol.com](mailto:tsuciu@aol.com)

**TEED, TERRY '63** - Bellingham, WA; Terry and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary in May. Enjoying six grandchildren, and lots of mountain biking.

**WAGONER, JAMES '65** - Louisville, KY; James retired from the practice of law after 48 years. He is now watching granddaughter play volleyball, archery, and golf. Looks forward to seeing classmates at HC and to start planning on the 60th celebration of the Class of 1965. [major.wagoner@gmail.com](mailto:major.wagoner@gmail.com)

**WAIR, JON FRANK '57** - Hillsboro, OR; Jon turned 85 years old this past June 1st. He said he is still kicking, just not as high!

**WEILER, CHUCK '55** - Crystal River, FL; Chuck is 87 years old and still living the good life. He still works every day helping his daughter in the tanning salon business. Chuck found his roommate from Guatemala, **Cesar Elgueta**, on Facebook, and for the past 2 years he has been in contact with him. He and Cesar were roommates in Bullard in 1953. [cweilerch@aol.com](mailto:cweilerch@aol.com)

**WELTY, JAMES '56** - Fairborn, OH; Jim said he is 86 and slowing down some. He is still playing with old race cars and military vehicles. [jimwelty60@aol.com](mailto:jimwelty60@aol.com)

**WHITLOW, DOUG '65** - Georgetown, TX; Doug said he shared Alumni Newsletter showing John Thompson '62 BC, Louis Hopkins '63 who lived on 4th Main when Doug's brother, Steve, attended CH, 60-62, also lived on 4th Main. He said living on 4th Main was unique, and he always felt special when he went from 3rd Main to 4th Main to visit his brother. [daw212@msn.com](mailto:daw212@msn.com)

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WILLIS, CHARLES R. '55 - Yellville, AR; Charles had successful back surgery in 2022, successful hip replacement surgery in 2023 (walking and driving in 3 weeks). A category 3 tornado on 5-26-24 spared his house, but removed 14 metal roof panels and one garage door from his barn. Charles got all the roof panels back on and said it was not much fun when he was 25 feet up on the roof. He will be 87 on November 27. crw@southshore.com

WOODS, H. CLAY '59 - Tierra Verde, FL; Clay said he is enjoying living in Florida, and making all the doctor appointments for check-ups. He said his health is good! clay.woods@att.net

YOUNGER, PAT '61 - Cleveland, TN; Pat wrote about Jimmy Nunn CHMA '60, and that Jimmy was a US Naval Academy graduate in 1964. He said Jimmy's squadron of 12 pilots and Jimmy's time as a F-8 fighter pilot flew over North Vietnam and this is the primary focus in the book OVER THE BEACH by Zalin Grant. Pat highly recommends the book. Jimmy Nunn is originally from Halls, Tennessee. patkayak@yahoo.com

We are all looking forward to **AN EVENING AT THE MITCHELL HOUSE** during Homecoming on Saturday, October 12 beginning at 7:00 pm. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED** **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT RESERVATION FORM IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4** Hope to see many of you there! **THANK YOU TO LEBANON MAYOR RICK BELL** for again allowing the CHMA Alumni Association to use this historic building for our Homecoming evening event!



Mayor of Lebanon, Rick Bell (left), and John Bradley (right), CHMA Class of 1963 at the re-dedication of the War Memorial held on June 27, 2024. The previous CHMA War Memorial was blown over and destroyed in May of 2023 by a storm with straight line winds, as well as the City of Lebanon's 9/11 Memorial. We thank Mayor Bell and his administration for such a wonderful ceremony.



**RESERVATION FORM**  
**For Homecoming 2024**  
**Luncheon**  
**and**  
**An Evening at the Mitchell House**  
The **Reservation Form** for the Homecoming Luncheon and "An Evening at the Mitchell House", and the **Activities Schedule** for **Saturday, October 12**, are on separate printed sheets inserted in this newsletter. A self-addressed envelope is also included in the newsletter to mail your reservation form to us.  
**RESERVATION DEADLINE**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4**

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