



# *John Marshall High School*

## CADET ALUMNI GUIDON

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April 2019



### President's Message

Dear Alumni and Friends, I want to extend you a warm welcome to the 2019 edition of the Cadet Alumni Guidon. As always, I hope the pictures and articles will increase your interest in our past, as well as, your enthusiasm for our future. I want to thank all of you who attended our 2018 Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies at Hollywood Cemetery. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please make plans to join us with your family and friends at the John Marshall Cadet War Memorial for our 2019 events. Complete information regarding both ceremonies are contained elsewhere in the Guidon.

I am certain you are all aware that time is passing at an alarming rate. Many of our cadet brothers and sponsors are no longer with us or are dealing with serious medical issues. It's no secret that even the youngest Cadet graduated 48 years ago and most of us can personally add many more years to that number. Since we are not getting any younger, I believe it is important that we "Seize the Day" and come together to enjoy our events and traditions whenever possible.

So, what if you were offered an opportunity to spend a beautiful Saturday afternoon on June 1st at the Acca Shrine Center, laughing and talking with old friends, browsing through tables of cadet and JM memorabilia, enjoying an excellent meal by Brock's Catering, hearing the drumbeat once more, and listening to our fantastic Alumni Band play all your school favorites? That would be priceless! Well, all you need to do is fill out the reservation form on the last page and place it in the mail. To make it more interesting there will be an attendance competition to determine the order in which companies go through the buffet line. Because the Corps was downsized in the Fall of 1956, the attendance of A Co., B Co., and C Co., will compete individually against a combined total of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Companies D Co., E Co., and F Co. Not exactly the Competitive Drill, but it is about all we have left. Please attend and bring a guest, you will be very glad you did.

In closing, I know there are many of you who for health, travel, or other reasons cannot attend our events.

Please know that you are remembered and prayed for whenever we meet or gather. Also, on behalf of the Association's Board, I thank you all for your continued support and encouragement!

Warmest regards,

*James (Jim) E. Hines III, F/B Co. '58*

**Always remember... "Duty, Honor, Country".**



### Memorial Day

Please be reminded of our Memorial Day Observance and Ceremony at Hollywood Cemetery on Monday, May 27, 2019 at noon, honoring the memory of 76 John Marshall High School Cadets who proudly served our country during WW1, WW2, Korea, and Vietnam; and as brave young men gave the ultimate sacrifice. We shall never forget them. We also remember and give thanks to all men and women who lost their lives in defense of our country. There were many from JM who were not in the Corps. The program will include music by the John Marshall Alumni Band, a wreath laying ceremony, a rifle salute, and taps. Our Guest Speaker this year is Donald Joyner, Band '59. Don served 7 years in the U.S. Navy Reserve and served on active duty aboard the U.S.S. Ault, DD698, as an Electricians Mate Petty Officer. He returned to Richmond and was hired by the Dictaphone Corporation as a field engineer and retired after 42 years as Regional Service Vice President. Don has been married to his high school sweetheart Barbara Terrell for 57 years, has 2 sons, 10 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren.

This outdoor event is open to the public with convenient and free parking. Look for signs posted on the entrance road. Remember, in case of bad weather, an abbreviated ceremony will still be held! Please arrive early!

### Revisions to the Roster

Please contact Rich Minter, A Co. '53, with roster changes of any nature. As well as additions and removals to the roster, please help by letting Rich know of any address or phone number changes for you or other cadet alumni, sponsors, or friends of the Corps. Rich can be contacted at [mintrg@aol.com](mailto:mintrg@aol.com) or at 804-675-0485.

## Board of Directors

The Cadet Alumni Association is governed by a Board of Directors. Current board members are:

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## Veterans Day 2019

Please save this issue of the Guidon as a reminder of our Veterans Day Ceremony to be held at Hollywood Cemetery on Monday, November 11 at 12 PM. **Mark your calendar!** Attendance at Hollywood on Veterans Day and Memorial Day is essential to our mission. All are invited, this event is open to the public!

## Cadet Alumni Website

Did you know there is a JM Cadet Alumni Website? Please visit [www.jmcadetalumni.com](http://www.jmcadetalumni.com). We hope you will enjoy it, as some of the information and pictures have never before been published! You will enjoy cadet history, photographs, audio and video interviews, video archives, and the Jim Walthall films! **Also, don't forget to visit [www.oldjayem.com](http://www.oldjayem.com).**

## Band Schedule



For up-to-date information on where and when the JM Alumni Band is scheduled to play, go to their website! [www.jmab.org](http://www.jmab.org)

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## In Memoriam

*We remember those Cadets and Sponsors who left us in 2018...*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Co.</u>	<u>Year</u>
John Alvis	A	'47
George Martin Bach	A	'66
Gerard W. (Brad) Bradley	F	'42
Wellington T. Brandis	F	'48
Barbara Binford Brown	Maintained Roster	'56
Calvin Woodrow Clark, Sr.	B	'42
Marion E. Dawson	D	'52
Roy Gilbert Dodd	B	'51
Ashton Elliott	E	'52
William M. Elliott	A	'43
Margaret Gibson Faison	A Sponsor	'48
Cary Wade Hairfield, Jr.	B Board Member	'53
Joseph William Hairfield	E	'42
David Marshall Harris	D	'54
Karl A. Harris Sr.	D	'48
William E. (Bill) Hasker	F	'50
Carl C. Hassel, Jr.	A	'43
Ivey Lester Hoyle	C	'55
Walter L. Jackson	F,B	'57
Warren Bruce Jones	A	'62
Dr. William W. Kelly	Commandant	'50-'52
Edward G. Landi	F	'46
William B. (Bill) Lucas	Band	'42
Roland Emmett Luffsey	Band	'41
William B. Marks	D	'49
Byron Walker Marshall, Jr.	B	'44
Dr. William Burkhardt May	F (1 <sup>st</sup> Capt.)	'45
Haywood Lafayette Moore	D	'42
Leslie E. Morgan	B	'70
Jesse M. Newton	C	'50
Ethelbert Vivian Philpotts	A	'45
Joseph Poleo	Band	'47
Kenneth Elliott Stagg	F	'45
George Stuart Switzer	E	'57
William Hugh Sylvia	A (1 <sup>st</sup> Capt.)	'56
Claude Parks Talley	C (1 <sup>st</sup> Capt.)	'48
Earl H. Talley	A	'54
Dr. John D. Talley	F,C (1 <sup>st</sup> Capt.)	'58
William Louis Tatum	E	'40
John M. (Jack) Townes	C	'49
John Edward Tye, Sr.	D	'46
Jack P. Wolfe	D	'57
Vincent Arthur Wood, Jr.	B	'46
William Robert Wray	A	'54
Jerry Lee Yates	A	'59



**OH, TO BE A BOY AGAIN  
JUST TO SEE MY FRIENDS AGAIN  
JUST TO HEAR THEM LAUGH AGAIN  
JUST TO SEE THEM MARCH AGAIN  
OH, TO BE A BOY AGAIN !**

### McKenna Dunn – Newest Recipient of The JM Cadet Scholarship to VMI !



McKenna is a 2018 Graduate of Midlothian High School, Chesterfield County. She is currently a “Rat” at VMI, in Hotel Company, and a member of their track team. She is VMI’s only female pole vaulter. McKenna started her athletic career playing soccer and competing in gymnastics. She chose to focus on gymnastics and rose to be a Level 9 gymnast. Her freshman year in high school she transitioned to pole vaulting after numerous injuries due to her gymnastic training. She became Chesterfield County’s first female vaulter, and the first student to pole vault for the county in the last 20 years after the sport had been banned by the county. In high school she won several regional pole vaulting championships and in her senior year was the State Indoor Pole Vaulting Champion!

McKenna participated in several organizations throughout her high school career. She was a member of the Trojan marching band, where she was the section leader her Junior and Senior years. She also participated in the Midlothian High School Concert Band where she played flute and piccolo. She was nominated and participated in All County Band during her freshman year and was the senior chosen to receive the Marine Semper Fidelis Music Award. McKenna was a member of both the National Honor Society, and the Tri-M Music Honor Society

In addition to her school activities, McKenna has been volunteering for Houlagans’ Rest, a last resort dog rescue, since she was 10 years old. She has built kennels, cleaned kennels, fed and watered dogs, comforted the dogs when they were sick, groomed, assisted with transport and anything else she was needed to do at the rescue. She has a passion for dogs, and a big heart to go along with it. The dogs that Houlagans’ rescues have all been scheduled for euthanasia, and some have been abused. McKenna has opened her heart to these dogs, and they always respond. She shows no fear, and a lot of compassion. That is why they always respond to her.

McKenna is doing well as a “Rat” at VMI. She has a great love of our country, and VMI. She hopes to be commissioned in the Navy when she completes her education. She would also like to honor her Papa T., Tom Wakefield (B Co. ’49), who she adores and respects. Thank you for blessing McKenna with the John Marshall Cadet Memorial Scholarship. She will make us all proud!

*Anne Marie Dunn (Mother of McKenna)*



**B Co. Football Team, Fall of '59. Sandra Carver, Sponsor; Tim Garrison, Captain.**



**John Frank Gibboney, Jr.  
JM Cadet Corps Co. D, 1915-1916  
(U.S. Army Bn. Sergeant Major at Age 22)**

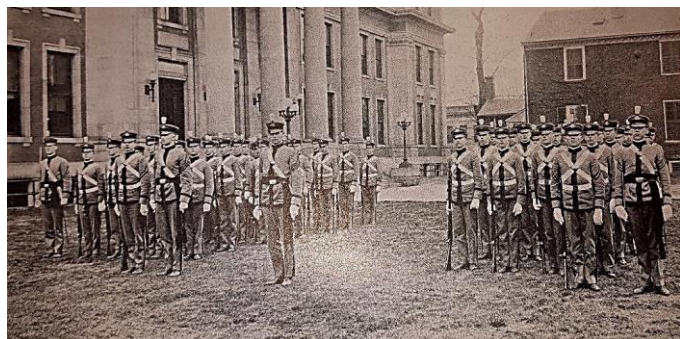
John F. Gibboney, Jr. was born on Sept. 5, 1896, grew up on Park Ave. in Richmond's Fan District, and attended Grove Avenue Baptist Church. Upon beginning his senior year at John Marshall in 1915 at the age of nineteen, he joined the newly formed JM Corps of Cadets and was assigned to D Co. as a private. At some point, he was promoted to corporal before graduating in 1916. After the United States declared war on the German Empire April 6, 1917, John immediately volunteered for the Army. On May 5, he was sent to Fort Thomas, Kentucky but because of his poor physical condition, he was discharged and returned home six days later on May 11, 1917.

John apparently went to work with his uncle farming, however his farming career was somewhat short lived. On June 5, 1918, while the country was at war, he registered for the draft, was subsequently drafted, and entered the service for a second time that August. John was sent to Camp A.A. Humphreys on the Belvoir Peninsula in northern Virginia where he was assigned to an Engineer training battalion.

*[America's entry into World War I in April 1917 led to the first wave of military construction at this Virginia training site. Construction of the semi-permanent cantonment, named Camp A.A. Humphreys in honor of Civil War commander and former Chief of Engineers (1866-79), Major General Andrew A. Humphreys, began in January 1918 under very difficult conditions. The winter of 1918 when John Gibboney was there, was remembered for its extremely cold temperatures and unusually heavy snowfall. Despite these severe conditions, some 5,000 soldiers and 6,000 civilians cleared, surveyed, and constructed camp facilities in only 11 months. According to the first issue of the camp newspaper, The Castle, Camp A.A. Humphreys was "the wonder city in the midst of an unbroken wilderness of forest and swamp" where "the Washingtons and the Fairfaxes hunted fox." Several schools operated at Camp A.A. Humphreys during World War I. One of the most vital components of the camp was the Engineer Replacement and Training Camp, where enlisted men were trained. The Engineer Officers' Training Center there was designed to select the most qualified enlisted men for training as junior officers. Another school located at Camp Humphreys was the Army Gas School, necessitated by the advent of chemical warfare. The School of Military Mining taught trench warfare and field fortification techniques. The schools conducted most of their training on the South Post although parts of the southwest peninsula were used for rifle ranges. By the end of the war, over 50,000 enlisted men and 4,900 officer candidates had been trained at Camp A.A. Humphreys!]*

**John Gibboney** was transferred to Headquarters Dept. where he excelled as an outstanding soldier. In the eight months after arriving at Camp A.A. Humphreys, he was promoted three times, to corporal, then sergeant, and finally to Battalion Sergeant Major, Engrs., being in charge of Camp A.A. Humphreys' Bureau of Records. There is no doubt that his time as a John Marshall Cadet under the exemplary leadership of Commandant Edwin P. Conquest, had given him the discipline needed to accomplish the broad duties and responsibilities thrust upon him.

Unfortunately, John's time in the military would again be cut short. Troops at Camp Humphreys suffered severely during the late summer and autumn of 1918 during the world-wide Spanish Influenza pandemic. Various infectious diseases were rampant. The number of troops treated at the camp were at least 4,000, with a mortality rate of 35%. John would not escape this scourge. He developed Pulmonary Tuberculosis, and was honorably discharged on April 5, 1919. His commanding officer presented him with a letter of appreciation for service to his Country and John returned home. He died 56 days later on May 31 at his home, 2202 Park Ave. in Richmond. John was buried the next day on June 1, 1919 in the Gibboney family plot in Hollywood Cemetery. It was noted by John's mother, Mrs. Sarah Louise Gibboney that "John was a devoted son, and faithful soldier". We now have another JM Cadet to be remembered as a result of the Great War.



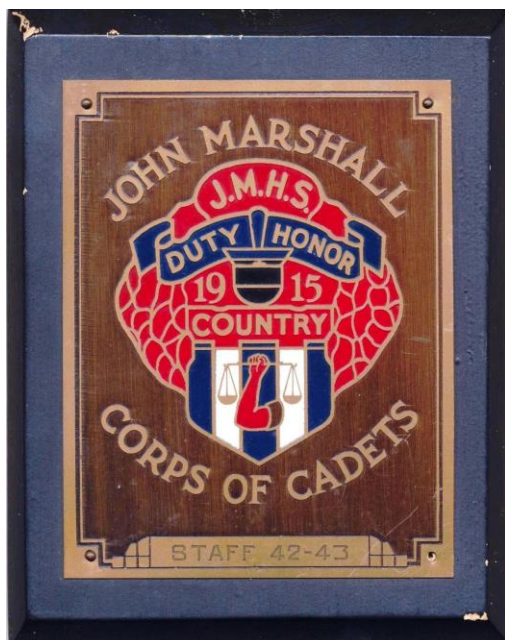
**Sgt. Mjr. J. F. Gibboney**  
**Born Sept. 5, 1896**  
**Died May 31, 1919**  
**"Obedient Unto Death"**

**"D" Company, 1915**



*Allen Lane, B Co. '61*





*This plaque measuring 5" x 6" was given to members of the Staff and to the Staff Sponsor in the Fall of '42. It is a wonderful example of the Corps Crest in use at that time. This plaque belonged to Beth Walker. Beth and members of the Staff are shown in the News Leader photo below.*

*(Both items courtesy of Linda Tuck Stansell JM '61, Beth Walker's niece.)*



**Staff Sponsor Beth Walker, First Captain Jimmy Rayhorn, Sponsors Day, Fall 1942. Others Lt. to Rt. are Ashton Walton, Henry Deaver, Moffett Haraway, Stanley Waranch, Sylvan Chasen, Gravel Huband, Carl Hassel, Harden Cross, Carlyle Tiller, and Henry Anthony, Jr.**

## The John Marshall Alumni Band



2018 was yet another fantastic year for the JMAB. A year of spreading great music and keeping the spirit of JM alive and well throughout the area. This marked our 11<sup>th</sup> year of upholding the tradition of those wonderful high school days that we all cherish.

We are happy to report that based on feedback from our audiences, our music brought fond memories, gave moments of joy, and a time to tap a toe to the beat of the drums. We were delighted to play for many of our retirement homes and veteran's organizations and in addition, we participated in several noted events.

We were honored to be invited to perform for the July 4<sup>th</sup> ceremony at the Virginia Historical Society, where approximately 100 new citizens took the oath of citizenship. This was truly a historic event with several hundred in attendance. The Historical Society's newsletter referred to us as the "Beloved" John Marshall Alumni Band.

In August, the band performed for the JM Mega Reunion IV where we reenacted the JM "PEP-RALLY" by playing our school songs, popular marches and ending with, of course, DIXIE AND JAZZ DIXIE. The crowd of over 800 was rocking with us.

September's special event was our annual "Patriot's Day Concert" to honor our military men and women and the victims of that tragic 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2001. We were joined by the American Legion Post 175 who proudly presented the colors and the individual military branch flags during the concert. We truly thank them for their participation. Also in September, we were invited to participate in the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Maymont Park, however, inclement weather denied us that opportunity as the event was cancelled.

We were blessed to have John McAlister join us as our new music director. John teaches music at the Stuart School and we feel, under his direction, our band will be even greater.

November gave us the honor, of again, performing for the United Daughters of the Confederacy Convention in the ballroom of the Omni Hotel. The convention is held in Richmond every 2 years and this was our fourth appearance. This event brings together ladies from all over the South and we were extremely honored to be invited back to perform.

The year ended with our annual Christmas Concert at Central Baptist Church. This event is given to thank the members for providing space for our rehearsals and storage of our equipment.

The JMAB would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your interest and your support of the band.

What a wonderful experience to be a part of the JMAB and we would invite any JM alumni or relatives of same, who would like to join our band and share the joy, to contact Chuck Hechler 804-730-7169 or Don Jinnette 804-739-2906 or any member for details.

*Chuck Hechler, Band '62*

### A Primer in Inflation

In the spring of 1945, Commandant Earl Brown accompanied a group of J. M. Cadets on a tour of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. In addition to the West Point visit, the itinerary included round trip rail transportation to New York City, five nights in a hotel, a tour of NYC and visits to the Hayden Planetarium, two museums and Radio City Music Hall. Included in the memorabilia of Carroll O. Alley, Jr., First Capt., 1945, there was listed the expense to each cadet:

Round trip rail tickets	\$15.04
Hotel Accommodations	\$7.50
New York Tour, special rate	\$4.45
Meals (approximately)	<u>\$12.00</u>
	<b>\$38.99</b>

That probably would not buy dinner in a decent restaurant in New York today.

*Richard Minter, A Co. '53*

### Cadet Reunion in 1960. Were You There?



**The Cadet Reunion on June 1** will be a great opportunity for alumni to renew old acquaintances, share stories, and enjoy the spirit of the Corps. Lunch will be catered by Brock's Barbeque. Enjoy music played by our famous JM Alumni Band. All former Cadets, Sponsors, and Friends of the Corps are welcome! We will be at the **Acca Shrine Center** on Bellevue Ave. directly across from Imperial Plaza. **A Registration Form is on the last page of this Guidon!** Fill it in and mail with payment today!



## Col. Howard T. Moss (USAF Ret.) 19th Commandant John Marshall Corps of Cadets



Howard T. Moss was born and raised in Richmond, Va. Upon graduation from Thomas Jefferson High School he was selected to the All City, District, State and Southern football teams. He also won the State High School and AAU 220 yard dash championships.

In 1960 he graduated from Virginia Military Institute and was a seven-time varsity letterman in football and track, played on the nationally ranked 1957 undefeated football team and was Virginia's Big Six 220 yard dash champion three times. He was also selected to "Who's Who among Students in American Colleges and Universities".

**In 1960, Lt. Moss was selected to be the John Marshall High School Commandant of Cadets, Head Track Coach, Asst. Football Coach, and Teacher for senior history.**

Upon leaving John Marshall in the Fall of 1961, he entered the United States Air Force and was assigned to Air Force Systems Command, Vibration and Impact Branch. He became the first human to test an instantaneous 20 G-force under controlled conditions in support of the Gemini Space Program. After flight school, he was sent to Southeast Asia for his first and later a second combat tour where he was selected as Chief of the Tiger, Fast Forward Air Controller Program (Tiger FAC) at Korat RTAFB, Thailand. **He ended his combat flying with 341 missions and 841 hours over North and South Vietnam and Laos.**

After Command and Staff College and a tour at Headquarters, Tactical Air Command, he was assigned to RAF Bentwaters, U.K., as Commander of the 510th Tactical Fighter (A-10) Squadron. In 1981, after the Arab/Israeli War, Col. Moss was selected to lead a team to Israel and de-brief the Arab/Israeli conflict. After a tour at the Pentagon, in 1984, he retired as a Colonel ending 23 years of active military service. His decorations include 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 24 Air Medals, 2 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and various other citations.

After Col. Moss retired from the Air Force in 1984, he was hired by The General Electric Company to build and supervise The Center for Advanced Airmanship, an F-5 fighter-training facility in Phoenix, AZ. He retired from the business world in 2018 and now lives with his wife Susan, and their dog Paces on the James River in Surry County, Virginia. Col. Moss is the author of a newly released book, **'Kiss the Talisman'**.

In the Fall of 1960 at the new school on Old Brook Rd, Lt. Howard Moss briefs the newly appointed officers of the Corps. These cadets had all attended the old school downtown.



**On June 20, 2019 at noon, Col. Moss will be the guest speaker for the Billy Wingfield Sportsman's Club Luncheon at the Westwood Club - 6200 W. Club Ln., - Richmond, VA. 23226. If you are interested in attending, make out your check for \$16.00 per person, payable to 'Billy Wingfield Sportsman Club' and mail to Bill Chambers - 10812 Stanton Way - Henrico, VA. 23238 - Tel. 804/908-1216**

## John Davis Wingfield First Sergeant, JM Cadet Corps Co. E, 1934

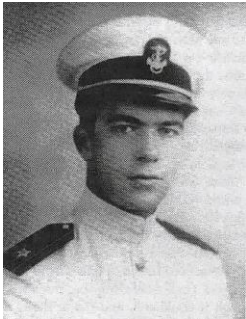


*"For extraordinary heroism in operations against the enemy while serving as Pilot of a carrier-based Navy Scouting Plane of Scouting Squadron Two (VS-2), attached to the U.S.S. Lexington (CV-2), in action against enemy Japanese forces during the Air Battle of the Coral Sea on 8 May 1942. With keen determination in pursuing his objective, Ensign Wingfield, when his bomb failed to release during his initial dive on an enemy Japanese aircraft carrier, gallantly returned to the scene of attack without protection or support to complete his assigned mission."*

For his "outstanding courage, daring airmanship, and devotion to duty", John Wingfield was awarded the **Navy Cross**. On May 8, John had taken off from the carrier Lexington piloting his Douglas SBD Dauntless scout bomber enroute to disable the Japanese carrier Shōkaku. He never returned. The USS Wingfield (DE-194) was named in his honor. It was laid down on

Oct. 7, 1943 at Newark, New Jersey, by the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Corporation; launched on Dec. 30, 1943; sponsored by John's mother Mrs. E. E. Wingfield; and commissioned on Jan. 28, 1944.

Born on November 4, 1916 in Richmond, "Johnny" had grown up on Rose Ave. in Barton Heights and of course, had attended John Marshall H.S. He was very active at J.M., being in the Cadet Corps, Junior French Society, Monogram Club, and the Harwood Literary Society. He was also on the Track Team and was the Senior Class Historian for the fall semester. Upon graduating in 1934, he attended and graduated from the University of Virginia. It was at age 24, that John registered for the Draft.



After President Roosevelt's declaration of a limited national emergency on September 8, 1939, John probably sensed that his country would eventually enter the war. He enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve at Washington, D.C., on November 15, 1940 and received Aviation Cadet status on February 5, 1941. Following flight training at Jacksonville and Miami, Fla., he was promoted to Naval Aviator on August 20, and was commissioned as an Ensign on September 5. After further training with the Advanced Carrier Training Group, Pacific Fleet, he reported for duty to Scouting Squadron Two on December 28, 1941, twenty days following the U.S. Declaration of War with Japan. (The Declaration of War took place on the day following Pearl Harbor).

John's ship, the aircraft carrier Lexington, had been refitted at Pearl Harbor and had rendezvoused with the Yorktown in the Coral Sea in early May, 1942. A few days later the Japanese began Operation Mo, the invasion of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, and the two American carriers attempted to stop the invasion forces. They sank the light aircraft carrier Shōhō on May 7 during the Battle of the Coral Sea, but did not encounter the main Japanese force of the carriers Shōkaku and Zuikaku until the following day. It was on this day, May 8 that John Wingfield went missing. Aircraft from the Lexington and Yorktown badly damaged the Shōkaku, but the Japanese aircraft crippled the Lexington. A mixture of air and aviation gasoline in her improperly drained aircraft fueling trunk lines ignited, causing a series of explosions and fires that could not be controlled. The Lexington was scuttled by an American destroyer during the evening of May 8 to prevent her capture. The wreck of the Lexington was located in March 2018 by an expedition led by Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft, who discovered the ship about 430 nautical miles off the northeastern coast of Australia in the Coral Sea.

The **Battle of the Coral Sea**, fought between May 4 and May 8, 1942, was a major naval battle between the Imperial Japanese Navy and naval and air forces from the United States and Australia, taking place in the Pacific Theatre off the coast of Australia. The battle is historically significant as the first action in which aircraft carriers engaged each other, as well as the first in which neither side's ships sighted nor fired directly upon the other. John Davis Wingfield and the many others who lost their lives during the Battle of the Coral Sea, are memorialized in the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, located in the Philippines.

"Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea."

Allen Lane, B Co. 1961



**Destroyer Escort USS  
Wingfield (DE-194),  
Named in Honor of John  
Davis Wingfield.**



### The J.M. Alumni Band.... Behind the Bandstand (What you don't see behind the performance)



Chuck Hechler and Ray Jenkins did a magnificent job in the last Guidon reviewing the history and the formation of the John Marshall Alumni Band. They explained how a group of former band members got together in January of 2007 and played the old school music. You have to remember that most of us had not touched our musical instruments in over fifty or sixty years!

Our Band director at that time was George Jacob, and he worked so very hard encouraging us to play together or in some cases, just learning to play! We started out having one practice a month, but George quickly determined that one practice a month probably was not going to get it done. The Band was put under some additional pressure to "improve" as Ray Snow had made arrangements for us to perform at the Classes of '56 - '57 combined reunion at the Scottish Rite Temple. We were still trying to re-learn "Dear Old John Marshall" and other high school songs so the decision was made to have two rehearsals a month, but this quickly became one rehearsal a week. These rehearsals were of two-hour duration from 7 pm to 9 pm but most ran until much later in the evening! New members continued to come onboard and in many cases some really good musicians joined our ranks on a short-term basis. They gave us a boost when we needed it, to improve and strive to play music like the good old days.....

#### ***With Real Spirit!***

It was not all work and no fun, the "Band Girls" started to set up a refreshment table for the short breaks that George let us have each week. It gave us a chance to bond! The Band Girls consisted of the wives of members, and in some cases, just supporters of the Band. We really enjoyed this break time as we needed it to rest up, refresh ourselves, just talk and remember the old days. I think we all got younger during this time, as we started to play better and actually sound like the old JM Band! Lance Strickland worked very hard to transpose the music that was available at the time so that all instruments had the appropriate music for their section. This made it possible for the Band to improve on the overall presentation and sound quality. These rehearsals were a real workout. It required a lot of dedication to hang in there and work so hard toward meeting this challenge.

Our goal was now clearer than ever as time started to run out and our performance at the Dual Class Reunion was getting close. The desire to do our very best was evident. This was the only concert date we had scheduled and we worked like it was a **Broadway Opening!** We had improved so much! Our confidence was up, and yes we did sound like the John Marshall Cadet Band of years ago!

George had decided that we should have a "Dress Rehearsal" on the Scottish Rite stage the night before our performance. We gathered at the rehearsal site to get a feel for being on stage and quickly realized this was a chance for us to shine! It was something like getting ready for a Spring Concert in High School. I'm sure most of us were not quite sure what to expect the next night. We just didn't know how we would be accepted and were a little apprehensive. Would the audience appreciate our hard work? The dress rehearsal went well and lasted over two hours. We were seated the whole time as we reviewed the music and covered all possible circumstances. The final thing we were to do the following night as the performance ended, was snap to attention and receive the applause of the crowd!

Our only audience on rehearsal night were our wives and various Band supporters. We were called to attention and all complied. Remember, we had been intently working on the music and sitting for quite some time. As we started to stand, we heard much cheering and hollering from our friendly audience. Some of us were having a heck of a time trying to come to attention and had to really work at it, but we all made it. We hoped tomorrow night would be better as it would be a shorter time sitting.

The night of the performance was upon us! This would be our first event where we would play our hard-learned music for real! We were back stage trying to get ourselves ready for what was to come, we were dressed somewhat alike, and George had bought Medallions for us to wear around our necks. We went on stage behind the curtain and took our seats. Yes, we were a bit nervous. The curtain opened slowly and the audience started to cheer! At this point we had not made a sound (other than the sound of our knees shaking). Well, we started to play and the audience started to sing and cheer! The more they expressed their enjoyment the better we played. They started a conga line and were dancing, singing and yelling. We felt great!

***At this moment the John Marshall Alumni Band became a reality!***

Wayne Jackson, Band '58

*Note: For another great article about the Alumni Band's formative years, go back and read George Jacob's article in the 2009 issue of the Guidon!*

## Tech For Troops (T4T)



**Mark Casper delivered an excellent, inspiring, and heartfelt speech at our 2018 Veterans Day Ceremony for which the JMCAA is sincerely grateful. Mark is a former Marine and current Executive Director of TECH For TROOPS. You are urged to consider supporting Mark in this most worthwhile mission. *Jim Hines, B Co. '58***

First and foremost, I want to thank the John Marshall Corps of Cadets Alumni for the opportunity to speak at the Veterans Day event on Nov 11, 2018. It was truly an honor to be able to recognize the sacrifices made by so many of the John Marshall Corps of Cadets, and to be able to thank the cadets and their families for their service.

Serving veterans is the heart of Tech For Troops. Tech For Troops is a non-partisan 501C3 nonprofit based in Richmond. Our mission is to eradicate veteran homelessness and poverty by bridging the digital divide. We do this by gifting refurbished computers to in need veterans and their families. Another program is the education of these same veterans in Basic Computer Literacy – literally teaching them how to use a computer. This has had a positive effect on the US economy and the veteran's families. Many veterans have been able to create resumes and find jobs through our efforts. In 2018, we gifted 650 laptops and provided training to 245 veterans across America!

Tech For Troops was started in Richmond by a mother and her son who wanted to make sure each returning veteran had access to a computer. T4TP started collecting used PCs, refurbishing them, and providing them to veterans and Veteran Service Organizations, like the American Legion and VFW at no charge. The need for used computers grew, so T4TP moved into a larger facility as necessary to meet the demand. New leadership in the organization followed.

In 2017, T4TP adopted a new name for the organization as Tech For Troops (T4T). The reasons why are simple. After having many opportunities to work side by side with veterans we were able to see veteran need was broader than the gift of a computer. We discovered that our current veterans have a higher rate of homelessness, poverty, and unemployment than any group of veterans in the last century. For most professionals using a computer, while a challenge at times, is easy. Veterans who are transitioning or struggling to lift themselves out of poverty or homelessness sometimes consider using a computer extremely daunting. Transitioning active duty military personnel may not have had the experiences nor developed the skill sets to use a computer to its fullest potential. Having a computer and knowledge on how to use it, is a great tool to these veterans. Soft Skills such as interviewing techniques, how to dress, and body language skills need to be nurtured. We listened to their needs, and we knew we had to serve these veterans as they so valiantly had served this great nation. Our plan of action was simple. We had to expand our opportunities to help veterans succeed, and that requires a multilayered approach to success.

Our Plan for Veteran Success includes:

- Providing on-the-job and classroom training for veterans, giving them job skills and connections.
- Hiring veterans to wipe the donated hard drives through a multistep process that will protect the integrity of the donor's equipment, facilitate training classes and work in the distribution center.
- Providing personal working computers, which can give new opportunities to struggling veterans.
- Saving the environment through recycling. Older computer equipment should be responsibly recycled.
- Helping veterans through the arts. Through our Veteran Community Support Program, we provide hands-on self-expression art experiences for disabled veterans to use dexterity and hand-eye coordination to create objects from recycled computer parts in social settings.
- Expanding offerings to serve more veterans throughout our country. We have partnered with the Department of Veteran's Affairs to offer training sessions for impoverished veterans in Wisconsin and West Virginia.

We are thrilled to report our expanded opportunities are already helping veterans. There are many success stories including one veteran who was a communications systems specialist in the Army and had multiple tours of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Following his move to Virginia from Florida, he was left homeless but then was hired by T4T. Through his work as a lead technician he was able to boost his resume and improve his skill set that ultimately helped him find a job. He now works as a contractor at Pfizer doing the same work he did at T4T.

Our goal is to continue our mission providing these services to veterans at no cost. Tech For Troops helps veterans totally through donor support. If you are interested, there are multiple ways that donors can have an impact and support our Mission. If you're interested in donating computers, helping financially, partnering with Tech for Troops in any way, or want to just learn more, please contact Mark Casper through email at [mcasper@techfortroops.org](mailto:mcasper@techfortroops.org) or call (804) 521-7979. If you would like to visit our facilities, please email Mark Casper to schedule a personal tour!

*Mark Casper, T4T*





## JOHN MARSHALL CADET REUNION

Saturday June 1, 2019

Noon - 4 p.m.

ACCA Shrine Center

1712 Bellevue Avenue

Richmond, VA 23227

(Directly Across From Imperial Plaza)

Our JM Cadet Reunion on June 1 will be a great opportunity for alumni to renew old acquaintances, share stories, and enjoy the spirit of the Corps. A luncheon buffet catered by Brock's Bar-B-Que is included. Enjoy music played by our famous JM Alumni Band. Browse cadet and school memorabilia. All former cadets, sponsors, and friends are welcome!

**Buffet:** Minced Pork Barbeque, Grilled Chicken, Baked Beans, Steamed Vegetable Medley, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Buns, Dinner Rolls, Assorted Fruit Cobbler, Iced Tea and Coffee, Cash Bar (Wine & Beer).

Please fill out the form below and mail with a check payable to:

JMCAA

P. O. Box 1044

Glen Allen, VA 23060

Please mail so it is received no later than May 24, 2019

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Cadet Reunion June 1, 2019

\$35 each person

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. Please mail so it is received no later than May 24, 2019.

\*Volunteers may be needed to transport alumni who are unable to drive. If you can help, please notify Jim Hines. (804)512-7775