



John Marshall High School

CADET ALUMNI GUIDON

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www.jmcadetalumni.com

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President's Message

Dear Alumni, Sponsors, and Friends of the John Marshall Corps of Cadets, welcome to the 2026 edition of the Cadet Alumni Guidon. I trust that you will find it



to be both enjoyable and informative. I am pleased to report that 2025 was another successful year for the Cadet Alumni Association. As always, we respectfully honored the memory of the seventy-six former JM Cadets who gave their all for our country. To read more about our Memorial Day and Wreaths Across America ceremonies please see the articles elsewhere in the Guidon.

It is also my pleasure to report that our 2025 Cadet Reunion was a tremendous success. Your presence, The Place at Innsbrook's hospitality, and the Richmond Cadet Alumni Band's program all combined to provide a memorable occasion. Surprisingly, 2025's attendance was slightly higher than that of the 2023 reunion. So, on behalf of the Board please accept our heartfelt thanks for attending.

Now for a personal announcement. After serving as President for the past 10 years, I have decided not to seek reelection. This decision was reached with mixed emotions as I have considered it a pleasure and honor to serve as President of an organization that means so very much to me. I greatly appreciate your support, encouragement, and especially the friendships formed over the years. I feel blessed to have been surrounded by so many dedicated and talented people. Going forward, it is my plan to continue serving as a Director on the Cadet Alumni Board.

While many Board Members and supporters have contributed much to the organization, there are certain individuals to whom I feel compelled to express my gratitude as I leave the presidency.

Allen Lane has been with me from day one, serving as Vice-President for the past 10 years. Allen also maintains our website, www.jmcadetalumni.com, is Editor of our outstanding newsletter, The Guidon, and has served on numerous committees.

Additionally, ten years ago, Rich Minter volunteered to update and maintain our rosters. Over the years, Rich has spent untold hours accomplishing this task. Both Allen and Rich have proven to be invaluable in the organization's ability to communicate efficiently with our members.

During the earlier years of my presidency, Norman Hancock as Treasurer and Jack de Treville as Secretary contributed to the organization operating successfully. Current Treasurer and Chaplin, Cecil Martin, and Secretary, Bert Butterfield, have proven to be excellent replacements and have contributed considerably to our continued success.

Gary Farrar, serving as Chairman of the Hollywood Cemetery Committee has prepared meaningful programs for our Hollywood Cemetery Ceremonies



J.M. Cadet War Memorial at Hollywood Cemetery

and as Chairman of the Audit Committee has brought years of financial experience to our annual audit.

For twenty-five years, Don and Barbara Joyner have faithfully placed flowers on each company's plaque during our ceremonies at The Cadet War Memorial in Hollywood Cemetery. Don also managed the Rifle Team for approximately twenty years and serves as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

One person who was not a cadet or sponsor (to the best of my recollection) is Floyd Harvey. Floyd, a great friend of the JMCAA, always includes the association's messages in his monthly calendars.

When ever asked, he emails the JM information regarding our activities and special events. I deeply appreciate his assistance and his continuing efforts to "Keep The JM Spirit Alive."

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Finally, I want to thank all of you who have supported the Cadet Alumni Association, attended our activities, sent email/letters of encouragement, and for your gracious assistance whenever needed. Also, your generous donations are extremely important since without them we would not be able to continue operating. In addition, I would be remiss not to mention that we received two anonymous gifts of \$2,000 from two of our alumni, one for the 2023 reunion and the other for the 2025 reunion. These thoughtful donors sought to lower the reservation price and thereby help boost attendance at the reunions. Thank you both for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

In closing, I know there are many of you, who for various reasons, can no longer attend our events. Please know that you are remembered and, in our prayers, whenever we meet or gather. Also, I wish you good health and happiness in 2026.

Warmest regards,

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

Always remember, "Duty, Honor, Country".

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 (804) 370-4585 or Email

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Cadet Alumni Website

Have you visited the JM Cadet Alumni Website? Please go to 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.



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

**In Memoriam**

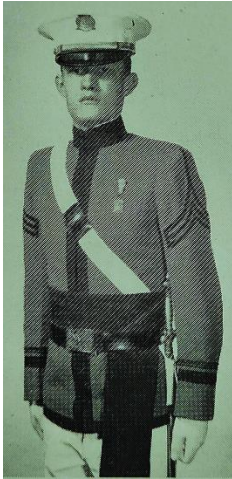
We remember those Cadets and Sponsors who left us in the past Year.

Name	Co	Year
Thomas G. Abernethy, Sr.	C	45
Irving F. (Boonie) Anderson, Jr.	B	60
Carl Mervin Arnold	Band	48
Aubrey C. Belcher, Jr.	D	43
Marion (Patty) Dingley Bell	Spons. F Co	51
Richard Kyle Bishop	F	44
# James Donald (Don) Bray	C	50
Lorraine Burton Brittle	Spons. E Co	48
John Alfred Cox	C	64
#John La Boulardrie (Jack) de Treville III	F	55
Russell Walter Eggleston	Band	59
Cyrus Walker Field, Jr.	E (Bn. Adj)	57
Claude Thomas (Tommy) Fifer	F/C	57
John Bowlin Forehand	Band	55
Leonard Wesley (Buddy) Fox	A , 1 st . Capt.	47
Robert Cecil Fulgham	E	48
Ellis Bearl Grady, Jr.	A	52
James R. Gregory	B	65
Ira Lionel Hancock III	F	53
Charles Christopher (Chris) Hodges III	A	68
Nancy Yates Knight	Spons. A Co	51/52
## W. Clyde Lindsay	D	53
Atwell Cornelius Lohr	C	47
Alfred Linwood Loth, Jr.	Band, 1 st Capt.	44
Joseph C (Chris) Lyne, Sr.	E/C	57
William E. Macmillan	C	47
Thomas B Mawyer	D/C	58
Bernard J. McRae Jr.	A	48
Jesse Alonso Morgan	B/Capt. 1 st Bn.	52
Macel Randolph (Buddy) Morris	B	60
James Brittingham Newcomb	Band	52
Richard Ludlum Nicholas	B	48
Gloria Smith Pace	Spons. 2 nd Bn.	50
Patricia Partin Hale	Spons. C/Band	52/54
Steven Wilkins Pugh	D/A	57
Frederick Allen Ryan	E	56
Lacy Willis Sale	F	55
Thomas Earl Sanne	Band	62
Robert B. Spiers	A/Capt. 1 st Bn.	46
Earl Wayne Terry	D	55
Jimmie Edward Warren	Band	57
John Lee Wells	Band	60
Franklin R. (Frank) Wiley	A	55
Jo Ann Gentry Witt	Spons. 2 nd Bn.	53

Member of Alumni Board of Directors

Former Member of Alumni Board of Directors

Congratulations to Gary Farrar New President of the JMCAA !



At the March 10, 2026, JMCAA Board Meeting, Gary Farrar, E/A Co. '57, was unanimously elected President. Gary has been a Board Member for eight years, serving as Chairperson of the Hollywood Cemetery Committee and Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

Gary is a member of St. Matthews Episcopal Church and Past Committee Chairperson for the Young Life Club of Western Henrico.

He has previously served as President of the Western Henrico Rotary Club and President of the Richmond Businessmen's Association. As an avid golfer, Gary has also been a member of the Hermitage Country Club for 48 years. The Board feels fortunate to have such a qualified alumni as President and we wish him well. Gary can be contacted by emailing Riverhokie@Gmail.com.

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

Gary Farrar, E/A Co. '57

JMCAA Board of Directors

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

Band

Donald Joyner '59
Taft Carter '60
Ray Snow '57

B Co.

Upton (Charlie) Martin '64
Tommy Hicks '70
Jim Hines '58
Allen Lane '61 Vice Pres.

D CO.

Elliot Shelton, Jr. '57

A Co.

Bert Butterfield '64 Secretary
Cecil Martin '58 Chaplain, Treas.
Richard Minter '53
Leonard (Butch) Picha '62

C Co.

Arthur (Bootsie) Howle '63

E Co.

Gary Farrar '57 President

F Co.

Donnie Trimyer '56



Memorial Day 2026



Our Memorial Day Ceremony for 2026 is scheduled for noon at Hollywood Cemetery on Monday, May 25 and will last about 30 minutes. Please bring a chair and gather at the bottom of the hill close to the Cadet War Memorial. Only a small sound system will be employed. As many attendees as possible will be allowed to park on the hill where the Alumni Band has assembled in the past.

The program will focus on honoring and showing respect to the seventy-six former JM Cadets who made the ultimate sacrifice, and to all the brave active duty military members and veterans who have served our great nation.

We hope to see you on Memorial Day as we continue our efforts to **“Preserve the Memory of the John Marshall Corps of Cadets.”**

VMI Cadet.... Emerson Conser

VMI Foundation Scholarship Banquet - March 22, 2025



Meade King (Class of '85) COO VMI Foundation, Charlotte Farrar, Cadet Emerson Conser and Gary Farrar (Representing the John Marshall Cadet Alumni Assoc.)

Scholarship donors including the John Marshall Cadet Alumni Association, gathered in Marshall Hall on campus in Lexington, Virginia with over 280 other donors and recipients of academic scholarships. The person selected by the Scholarship Committee to receive the John Marshall Cadet Alumni award was Cadet Emerson Conser.

This young lady is a freshman from Chesterfield County. She is on the Girl's Swim Team performing the 200 meter Butterfly and 500 meter Free Style. She is one of the 200 female cadets out of the 1,700 enrolled in 2025. Her brother graduated last year from VMI and her Dad is an active duty Army Master Sergeant. Her Mom is a secretary in the office of Governor Glenn Youngkin. All of which goes to create a strong patriotic family.

We were introduced to Meade King (Class of '85), who serves on the Foundation Committee and John Fick (Class of '72), member of the Board of Trustees, both seated at our table.

Charlotte and I enjoyed listening to John (a former cadet) and Emerson chat about the Rat Line and other Freshman Cadet duties including how she went about serving her Big Brother Cadet.

Emerson was engaging, smart, a delightful communicator, and will become a proud Army Lieutenant after graduation in 2028. Charlotte and I were pleased to have represented the JMCAA and we thank Jim Hines for the invitation.

Gary Farrar, E/A Co.'57

Establishment of the JM Corps of Cadets

In 1915, during World War I, the Richmond City School Board issued a resolution providing for the establishment of a course of military training at John Marshall High School. In part, the resolution read:

The end purpose of education is to fit the individual during the formative years to meet successfully the issues and problems of life and to enable him to support himself and those who may depend on him; also to instill in him the duties and principles of citizenship, and to make him realize that the incumbency rests upon him to support his city, state and nation.

Whereas, believing in the intrinsic value of a military training for youth, even apart from its utility to the public in times of stress, inasmuch "as it disciplines him in orderliness, punctuality, accuracy and alertness; it endows the senses and the intellect with quickness, precision and the habit of concentrated attention; it develops self-control as well as obedience to the proper authority and resistance to the improper; it accustoms the individual to co-operation and team work, while fostering comradeship, thus facilitating community life and social relations; and it prepares youth for better citizenship by constantly emphasizing conception of duty and service".

Whereas, the incidental exercises inures the youth to physical hardship, teaching him to stand and walk correctly, hardening the muscles and expanding the chest, producing a proper coordination of mind and body redounding to both mental and physical benefit.

It was with these words that the School Board resolved to inaugurate at the John Marshall High School a voluntary course of military training, and thus was born the John Marshall High School Corps of Cadets. The first commandant was a 1914 graduate of Virginia Military Institute, so it is little surprise that the uniforms, structure, ranks, discipline, honor code, etc. of the JM Corps was patterned after that of VMI. It was an all male organization, consisting of six companies, an award winning marching band and two battalion staffs and a regimental staff. The words in the resolution are strong and set high ideals for what was expected, but I can tell you that the Corps lived up to those words throughout its existence from 1915 to 1971.

During that time over 8000 boys grew into young men as members, producing many distinguished leaders of commerce, industry, military and government. Included are a US Senator and a member of the House of Representatives; four mayors of Richmond; members of the Virginia General Assembly and the city councils of Richmond and other jurisdictions; numerous military leaders including one vice admiral, two rear admirals, and several Army generals; men who distinguished themselves on the field of battle, earning one Congressional Medal of Honor, a Distinguished Service Cross, two Navy Crosses, and numerous lesser citations for valor; eminent judges and physicians; presidents and other executives of prestigious corporations and businesses; an Assistant Secretary of State; a widely read author; and a renowned motion picture producer. Almost unheard of is any former cadet that pursued a life outside the law. It would have been against all that was drilled into our heads about Duty, Honor, Country.

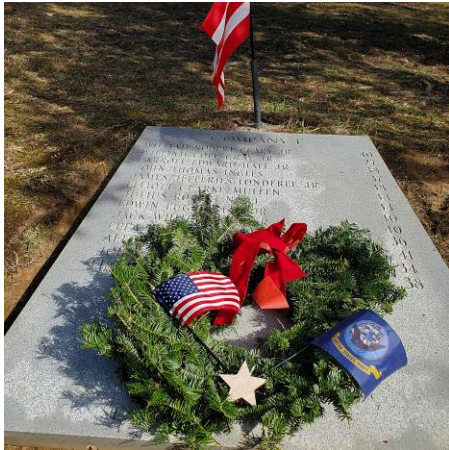
Prepared By Richard Minter, A Co. '53



JMCAA Participates In National Wreaths Across America Day

Jim Hines, F/B '58

At noon on Saturday, December 13, 2025, Christmas wreaths were placed on our Cadet Memorial Plaques at Hollywood Cemetery. As they have done in the past, one of our faithful cadet alumni and his wife made all the arrangements with Wreaths Across America so the Cadet Alumni Association could honor our seventy-six former cadets. On the same day, more than two million volunteers and supporters of Wreaths Across America gathered to place wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery and more than 4,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea, and abroad.



The Wreaths Across America Organization mission is “Remember Our Fallen U.S. Veterans,” “Honor Those Who Serve,” and “Teach Your Children The Value Of Freedom.” As President Reagan once said, “Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We did not pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like in the United States where men were free.”

This year (2026), National Wreaths Across America Day will be held at noon on Saturday, December 19, 2026. We invite you to join us at the Cadet War Memorial in Hollywood Cemetery for this brief, but meaningful ceremony.



Participants in the John Marshall Cadet Alumni Wreaths Across America Day. Most had no connection to the John Marshall Cadet Corps but were just visiting the cemetery that day.

JM Band on Monument Ave, 1960



1960 John Marshall Cadet Band

In the spring of 1960, the John Marshall Cadet Band was photographed after participating in a Confederate event on Monument Avenue with General Robert E. Lee's Statue in the background. In the bottom photo the Band is pictured marching past the Memorial to President Jefferson Davis.

The Captain that semester was John L. Wells and the Drum Major was Lieutenant Robert W. Fetterman.

Pictures Courtesy of M. Wayne Hines, B Co.



US Army Cpl. Peyton C. Fravel JMCC, A Co. & Band, Class of 1937

**Parents:**

Roy Clyde Fravel MD (1882–1951)

Cemetery:

Massanutten Cemetery

Burial or Cremation Place:

Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Virginia

2nd wife:

Adelaide Rebekah Fravel (1894-1961)

Burial in same cemetery above

1st wife: (Mother of Peyton)

Emma Peyton Fravel (1883-1954)

Divorce Date: Aug. 4, 1932

Burial:

Oakwood Cemetery

Pulaski, Pulaski County, Virginia,

Honors and Awards:

"Combat Infantry Badge"

"The Bronze Star" - in Normandy

"The Silver Star" - for military valor from Dec 22nd-29th during

The Battle of the Bulge (SILVER STAR Award

IS JUST BELOW MEDAL OF HONOR)

"The Purple Heart"

(Should have received MEDAL of HONOR)

US Army

Birth: Jan 29, 1920

Death: Dec. 29, 1944

Resided at 1112 West Ave, Richmond, VA

KIA 12/29/1944 during Battle of The Bulge in Butgenbach between Morsheck and Domain by enemy artillery. He was a mortar gunner. He was firing mortars on enemy units trying to keep them from breaking thru front lines when a return barrage of shells from the enemy hit his position killing him. He knew they would target him, but he kept firing anyway. The attack was repelled. This brave man's actions were witnessed by forward lookouts.

Freshman at UVA when drafted

Entered Army Nov 10, 1941 at Camp Lee VA (Ft Lee)

The above information on Peyton Charles Fravel is excerpted from what is shown in Kline Hill's book on the history of the 76 former JM Cadets who gave their all for our Country.

Peyton Charles Fravel

Peyton Charles Fravel, Band & A Co, 1937

January 29,1920-December 29,1944

Early in 2025, Allen Lane, B Co., '61, received an email from Mr. Dave Daniels of Sobieski, WI. Mr. Daniels told us that he had a good friend in Belgium who had adopted the grave of Peyton Fravel located in the Henri-Chapelle Cemetery. While researching Peyton Fravel, a connection was found to the John Marshall Cadet Corps which led to the JM Cadet website and Allen's email address. Since that time, we have been in communication with Dave and his Belgium friend many times.

The friend mentioned by Dave is Marcel Vaessen from Lanzerath, Belgium. Marcel is a member of the "Freunderkreis der Reservisten (Eupen, Malmedy, St. Vith)," a service organization of postwar Reserve Forces of the Belgian Army. Over the years they have researched Peyton's life and accumulated an incredible amount of information. In fact, we received twenty pages of information and pictures about Peyton's life from birth to his final mile on December 29, 1944, where he was killed in action at Butgenbach, Belguim. This is a quote from Marcel's service organization "Let us honor and respect this young man from the USA, who made the biggest personal sacrifice for the Freedom of Western Europe."

The John Marshall Cadet Alumni Association Board and all our members deeply appreciate everything Dave, Marcel and the Freundeskris der Reservisten Organization have done and continue to do in honor of Peyton Fravel, one of our seventy-six former JM Cadets who gave their all for freedom. May God bless you all.

Jim Hines, F/B Co. '58
President, JMCAA

Since the twenty page history of Peyton Fravel received from Marcel is too large to publish in the Guidon, please email me at rvahines111@gmail.com should you want a copy. Jim



2025 Cadet Alumni Reunion held on September 27, 2025

Our most recent JM Cadet Reunion was held on September 27, 2025. This provided a great opportunity for alumni to renew friendships, share stories, and enjoy the spirit of the Corps. A delicious luncheon was catered by The Place. Attendees enjoyed music played by the *Richmond Cadet Alumni Band (RCAB)*. All former cadets, sponsors, family, and friends are always welcome at our reunions!

