



## Search for veterans continues

# Reunion plans progress

Plans are progressing for the 1996 AMA Reunion, scheduled for May 16-18 in Staunton, honoring cadets who wore our country's uniform during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, Desert Storm, and other actions where American armed forces were in harm's way.

Alumni Association President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, has announced that registration forms for the reunion will appear in the March issue of *The Bayonet*, together with information on

how to reserve sleeping rooms at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center.

### Still looking for veterans

The search continues for AMA alumni who served during our nation's conflicts since World War II. An Honor Roll of names appeared in the November 1995 *Bayonet*, and additions and corrections have been coming in since. "The fellows who served in these post World War II actions did not come home to brass bands and ticker tape parades," said Nicholson. "It is high time we gave them the honors they so richly deserve." An updated version of the Honor Roll will appear in the March issue of *The Bayonet*.

The Classes of 1936, 1946, 1956, 1966, and 1976 also will be honored at the May gathering, according to Nicholson.

### Honor Roll additions and corrections

The following names have been added to the Honor Roll, or corrections to the previous listing have been made:

**KOREAN WAR SERVICE:** Cohoon, Colonel Thomas, '46 - USA; Dutton, Dick, '47 - USAF; Moran, Kenneth, '50 - USA; Paxton, Bill, '50 - USAF; Riddle, Don Lloyd, '52 - USA; Trinkle, Lee, '53 - USA;

**VIETNAM WAR SERVICE:** Blake, Tom, '62 - USA; Canevet, John, '63 - USA; Creasy, Alan W., '64 - USA; DUTTON, Dick, '47 - USAF (POW); Kinnie, Irvin Gray, '49 - USA; O'Kernick, Bill, '67 - USA;

**DESERT STORM SERVICE:** Blake, Tom, '62 - USA; Livick, Todd, '81 - USA; Nicholson, Major Larry, '75 - USA; Pope, Kirk, '76 - USA

Cadets and friends are urged to send *The Bayonet* names of any AMA alumnus who should be on our Honor Roll. Submit information to **Bob Bradford, '50**, 1325 Virginia Street, Danville, CA 94526. FAX: 510/838-0928. e-mail: reb111270@aol.com. Next *Bayonet* goes to press March 10! In order to be listed in that issue and at the May Reunion, names must be received by the March 10 date.



The AMA Shield above the gymnasium entrance

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AMA Legacy  
Scholarship  
applications  
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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

On page 9 of this issue, you will find the announcement that applications are now being accepted for the 1996 AMA Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship is open to the children and grandchildren of AMA alumni. The details and qualifications are explained in the page 9 story.

When the AMA Alumni Association established this scholarship, it was with the idea that this was the best way to perpetuate Augusta's heritage and its academic prowess. By singling out the offspring or grand-offspring of a former cadet, we give both father and child the opportunity to appreciate what AMA stood for, and how it shaped the lives of us all.

We are hoping to receive many applications. If you don't have someone in your family who is eligible for the scholarship award, perhaps you know a former cadet who does. Please pass the word that it is time for us to receive applications for the 1996 AMA Legacy Scholarship grant.

If you are thinking of a way to honor someone in your life, living or dead, consider making a *tax deductible* contribution to the AMA Legacy Scholarship Fund, or to the VMI Scholarship Fund. In this way, you can assure that AMA will be remembered long after you are gone - remembered and honored by some bright boy or girl who was able to attend a post secondary school because of you.

*K. Gary Nicholson, '70*

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The *Bayonet* welcomes information and articles for or about AMA alumni. Share the news of promotions, awards, retirement, births, marriages, deaths, etc. Please print or type your submission.

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## Letters to the editor

### *Brightens my day*

The September and November issues of *The Bayonet* were terrific! Be assured that *The Bayonet* brightens my day when it arrives.

I read it from cover to cover... I'm sure it means as much to many others as it does to me.

**James "Buddy" McCausland, '39**, Lynchburg, VA

### *Lots of memories*

My Dad, **Charles Hull, Sr, '33**, passed on to me his most recent *Bayonet*. It brought back lots of memories...

I was very sorry to hear that the school was sold. I had hoped to send my son to AMA some day.

Please put me on the AMA mailing list for future issues of *The Bayonet*.

**Charles M. Hull, Jr., '67**, Simi Valley, CA

## Corrections

Maybe there was something in the water...

The last *Bayonet* had a few errors which need to be corrected. First, I know that **Clyde Ramsey, '49**, is the Alumni Association Secretary, not the Treasurer (pg. 14); that the AMA Reunion will be held May 16-18, not October 16-18 (pg. 9); and I really do know how to spell "kitchen" (pg. 3).

The mistake I most regret was in **Hap Starr's** nice article on **Colonel Deane**. The last sentence of the story contained the wrong word, changing the entire complexion of Hap's good work. That last sentence should have read, "*But to me, Herbert Dabney Deane was absolutely the best teacher I ever had, and was, in these days when it no longer seems fashionable, a man's man.*" (Emphasis added)

- The Editor

# Class Notes \ Class Notes \ Class Notes

1926

**M.H. Bowen** retired from farming ten years ago. M.H. is the oldest living *Ab Astra*, having been selected for the AMA honor society in the second year of its existence. He lives in Bland in Southwest Virginia, and has five children, fourteen grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

1930

**Rear Admiral Joe Yon** lives in Portsmouth, VA. After a year at VMI, Joe went to UVa where he received his MD degree in 1937. He entered the Medical Corps of the Navy the next year. Admiral Yon retired in 1972, and became involved in several medical and civic projects in Portsmouth. Joe recalls that he was "medical officer on the *USS Pecos* in Manila Bay on December 7, 1941... and was eventually sunk south of Java on 30 March 1942."

**Jack Woods** is still going strong at age 84. Since 1962, he has represented the USAA insurance company in Nevada. "It's a fine job!" says Jack.

1932

**Captain Ben Chiswell**, U.S. Coast Guard, retired, has a son who also is a captain in the Coast Guard, and who, like Ben, is retiring after 30 years of service. Ben lives in San Marcos, in Southern California.

1935

**Julian Quarles** has decided to retire after more than half a century of law practice in Miami. He plans to spend more time on his 20-foot sailboat, which he keeps anchored at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club. Julian spent two weeks last autumn in Augusta County "enjoying the nice, cool weather and all the beautiful fall leaves."

1938

**Captain Larry Kurtz**, U.S. Navy, retired, had a very busy hurricane season in Punta Gorda, FL. He worked with Emergency Management as a huge number of storms threatened the East coast. Larry is

also collaborating on a Korean War history for the U.S. Naval Institute.

1939

**Mickey Gordon** visited **Mel Alper**, '39, in Bermuda over the Holidays.

1940

**Herb Richey** and **Martha** live in Hot Springs, VA. Herb recently retired from the boards of Oglebay-Norton and Sifco Industries.



Admiral Joe Yon, '30

1942

**John Minor** and **Marie** were on St. Thomas just before the hurricane struck last Fall. That storm did lots of damage to the home of **Hap Starr**, '51, and **Mary Ann**.

1943

**John Jansing** continues to enjoy Hobe Sound, FL in the winter, and Northern Michigan in summer. Daughter **Caroline** gave John his first grandchild on 1 September. John says he sees **Tom Stanley**, '43 often.

**Charles Oakey** has retired and lives in Roanoke.

**Bill Stuart** and **Patricia** live in Silver Spring, MD, where they enjoy their eight grandchildren.

**Norris Harrison** has five grandkids. He lives in Chestertown, MD.

1945

**Ray Long** reports that his wife, **Nancy**, will have her 50th high school reunion in Norfolk this year, and he will have his 45th reunion at the University of Virginia.

**Donald Browne** and **Carolyn** expect to move into their new house in Maryville, TN in March. They have been living in Ridgeley, WV, and are moving to Tennessee to be closer to their daughter. Son **Don, Jr.**, now stationed at the Pentagon, will attend the War College in the fall.

**Jack Stanley** retired from Blue Ridge Transfer Company after 44 years. He and **Susan** live in Roanoke. He has three children - **Lee**, **Harriet**, and **John**, and four grandchildren.

1946

**Charles "Buck" Collinge** and **Lois** have been happily married for 49 years. Buck retired eight years ago from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, and lives in Bethesda, MD. They spend six months a year in Winter Haven, FL, where they play as much golf as possible.

**George Snarr**, a lawyer in Winchester, plans to retire this year. He has seven grandchildren, and plans to play "as much golf as possible after retiring."

**David Brewer** has relocated to Pawley's Island, SC. He says he is "enjoying semi-retirement and lots of golf. We've made lots of new friends... very refreshing!"

**Tom Cohoon** and his wife, **Bee**, now live in Suffolk, where they were childhood sweethearts. Tom reports that he had an appointment to West Point in 1946, but did not pass the required physical. His father wanted him to attend VMI, but Tom enlisted in the Army as an infantry private. After service in Korea and Vietnam, he re-

