

Registration enclosed Reunion set May 17-19

The 1996 Augusta Military Academy Annual Alumni Reunion will take place the third weekend of May - May 17-19 - at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center on the outskirts of Staunton.

AMA Alumni Association President **Gary Nicholson**, '70, said that "the reunion will honor all AMA cadets who served in the military during the Korean and Vietnam Wars, Desert Storm, and other international crises. These fellows, unlike the veterans of World War II, did not come home to ticker tape parades and brass bands. It is high time these men are honored by Augusta, as they have honored her with their good and faithful service."

Classes also will be honored

The AMA Classes of 1936, 1946, 1956, 1966, and 1976 also will be honored. Cadets from those classes are particularly encouraged to attend the 1996 AMA alumni get-together.

A hospitality suite at the hotel will be open to all alumni Thursday and Friday evenings, and throughout the day and evening on Saturday. The Saturday night banquet will be the venue for the honors awarded to AMA's veterans, to the classes celebrating decennial anniversaries, and to alumni who have contributed to one of the Alumni Association funds in the past year. The Staunton Ovation will provide live musical entertainment at the Saturday banquet.

Big Barracks may be off limits

The new owners of AMA have invited alumni to visit the school grounds on Saturday, May 18. But new owner Kennard Campbell has expressed concern about anyone entering Big Barracks because of the building's fragile condition and insurance restrictions. A Founders' Day ceremony will be held in the Old Stone Church Cemetery on Saturday afternoon with **Mal** and **Linda Livick** attending.

The AMA Alumni Association, Inc. Annual Membership Meeting will be at 10 AM Saturday at the hotel, where board members for the coming year will be elected. This will be followed by an Alumni Board meeting where officers for the next year will be elected. All alumni are invited to attend both of these meetings.

Silent auction items sought

Alumni and friends are requested to donate valuable items for a silent auction to raise money for the Association. Items should be in good condition, and worth at least \$25 each.

Room reservations should be made with the Holiday Inn by calling, toll free, 1/800/ 932-9061. **Be sure to tell them that you are with AMA!** This will assure that you get the special \$65-a-night AMA rate.

"It's going to be an unforgettable reunion," said Nicholson. "No son of Augusta should miss this great weekend."



Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.



March 1996

Dear Fellow Alumnus:

In less than two months, our 1996 alumni reunion will be underway at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center on the outskirts of Staunton. Those who attended last year's salute to the AMA alumni who served in World War II tell me that they will never forget the experience

This year, we honor the men of Augusta who went off to fight in two unpopular conflicts - the Korean War and the Vietnam War. As I have said before, these fellows did not come home to brass bands and parades like the WW II vets did. And it's high time that we told them how grateful we are for their sacrifices. AMA alumni who served during those times will pay homage to their comrades in arms, living and dead, at our traditional Saturday night banquet. We also will honor veterans of Desert Storm, Panama, Granada, Bosnia, and other military operations where men were or are in harm's way.

It will also be the year to salute the classes with decennial anniversaries - the Classes of 1936, 1946, 1956, 1966, and 1976. We are looking for particularly good representation from these five classes. Of course, we will have our annual Founder's Day ceremonies Saturday at the Old Stone Church Cemetery.

With our school closed, probably forever, this annual pilgrimage to Fort Defiance has taken on a new meaning and significance to us all. I look forward to seeing you the weekend of May 17-19!

K. Gary Nicholson, '70

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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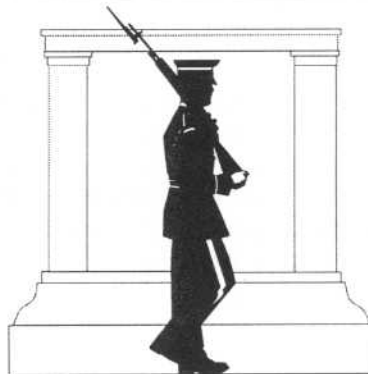
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The *Bayonet* welcomes information and articles for or about AMA alumni. Share the news of promotions, awards, retirement, births, marriages, deaths, etc. Please print or type your submission.

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Reverend Charles Carnan, '24
- 29 February 1996, at Martha Jefferson House, Charlottesville, after a long illness, 88. Retired Episcopal priest and pastoral counselor. Served in churches in Freeport, TX; Moundsville, WV; and Newport News, VA before World War II; USAF chaplain in WW II with 12th Bomber Command, Mediterranean Theater. After serving in Virginia Beach, was Chairman of Department of Promotion with the Diocese of California; priest, New York City, Manassas, Cismont, and Newport News, VA before retiring to Charlottesville in 1972. Baltimore native; BA, University of Virginia;

Master of Divinity, Virginia Theological Seminary. Survived by his wife, Emily; a daughter, Alice Winn of Vermont; and one son, Christopher of Richmond.

John Osler McMillan, '34 - early February 1996, at Canterbury Westminster Retirement Home, Charlottesville, VA.

Charles K. Payne, II, '35 - 3 February 1996, at Holy Cross Hospital, Fort Lauderdale. Formerly of Charleston, WV; former member of West Virginia House of Delegates; founder and past president, Engine Sales and Service, Charleston; resident of Pompano Beach, FL for more than 25 years. 32nd degree Mason, Elk, Rotarian, Presbyterian. Survived by his wife, Frances; a son, Charles K, III; brother, Bertram; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Please report deaths of AMA Alumni to
AMA Chaplain Bill Gray, '37, 5111 - 8th
Road, South, #107, Arlington, VA 22204.
Phone 703/820-4781.

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1930

Jack Woods will turn 85 in December, and actually is thinking about retiring! Since 1962, he has been the Nevada "countersigning agent" for USAA. Is there an AMA alumnus who is a licensed insurance agent in Nevada who might take Jack's place? Jack has talked with **Frank Hruza, '64**, who has just moved to Las Vegas.

1937

Bill Gray, AMA Chaplain, recently married, has a new address and phone number. When you know of the death or serious illness of an AMA alumnus, please call Bill at 703/820-4781. Or write to him at: 5111 - 8th Road, South, #107, Arlington, VA 22204-2817.

1940

Tom Behrendt submits this picture of himself on Leyte (The Philippines) in 1944. "I wanted to show up my friend **Mickey Gordon, '39**" whose picture on Guadalcanal in World War II was in the September 1995 *Bayonet*.



Tom Behrendt, '40

1941

Walt Dyer writes from Glen Ellyn, IL that, based on close observation by **Colonel Deane** and his suggestion to Walt's parents, he became a newspaper reporter and editor, magazine editor, and public relations executive. Details in *Augusta memories* in the next issue of *The Bayonet*.

1943

Charles West spends the winters in Fort Lauderdale and the rest of the year in Bethesda, MD. He found his classmates **Cass Leigh**, **Bill Stuart**, and **Jack Jansing** through *The Bayonet*, but he found **Jack Codling** for us. Charles and Christine just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! Congratulations! They have raised two daughters and have five grandkids.

1944

Harry Breitstein writes from Colorado Springs that his nickname was "Seabiscuit" when he attended AMA. Harry had a stroke two years ago, but is much recovered, and hopes to attend the May reunion. He would enjoy hearing from guys from the Classes of '43, '44, and '45. Address: 4405 Nonchalant Circle, N, Colorado Springs, CO 80917, or phone 719/597-3873.

Walter Holt is a semi-retired stockbroker, formerly from Raleigh, NC, and now living in Ivy, VA, just outside Charlottesville. He has "three great sons in Tarheelia, with five grandkids." Walt says he plans to get back into the business world.

1946

Carroll Knicely and his wife of 48 years, Evelyn, have moved into a new home in a residential subdivision being developed by Carroll and his son in Glasgow, KY. With the AMA school spirit, they have named their street Augusta Circle! Semi-retired from a career in the Kentucky State government and a career in newspaper publishing, the Knicelys spend summers in Kentucky, and winters in North Palm Beach.

1947

Harry May is planning an **Ad Astra** reunion in Lexington, VA October 4-6. He has made arrangements for those attending to have a banquet at Moody Hall on the VMI campus. "We will announce details of the reunion in the *Spring*", says Harry.

John J. Pappas retired from the Air Force, and then from Delta Air Lines. He gives us the good news that he has located both **Max Kuniansky, '47**, and **Francis X. Fields, '48**, both of them in Johnny's *Rhythm Makers* at Augusta. Max's address: 10200 SW 129th Street, Miami, FL 33176. Francis' address: 241 Golf Drive, Perryman, MD 21130. John also

wants **Harley Hope, '47**, to know that he has a 1947 *Recall* that he can borrow. And John is still searching for **Curtis M. Lowe, '47**.

1948

Thad Lora lives in Salem, OH with his wife of 40 years, Joan. He is a retired draftsman. Joan and Thad have one daughter, who lives in Discovery Bay, CA. He served in the Army during the Korean War.

Gardner Ramsey and his wife, Ruth, manage and own family properties in Martinsville, VA. They have two daughters and a son, plus three grandchildren. Gardner joined the Army in 1951 and served in Korea. He returned to Martinsville for a time, then went back into the Army, serving two tours in Vietnam. His last post was as the USAEUR Liaison Officer to the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. He left the service in 1988.

David Wallace has sent a generous contribution to the Alumni Association from his home in Charleston, WV. Thanks, David! David has retired as President and CEO of the Kanawha Valley Oil Company.



David Wallace, '48

Dick Wilding

also sent a very nice donation to the AMA Alumni Association from his home in Huntington, WV. Thanks very much, Dick!

1949

Winston "Windy" Lora lives in Palo Alto, CA. He is a retired school teacher, married with two sons and two daughters. Windy was in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Jim Bob Lane writes from Virginia Beach with a long, inclusive and helpful list of AMA alumni who served in

