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Urgent need for funds NOW to see AMA Alumni House/Museum project to successful conclusion

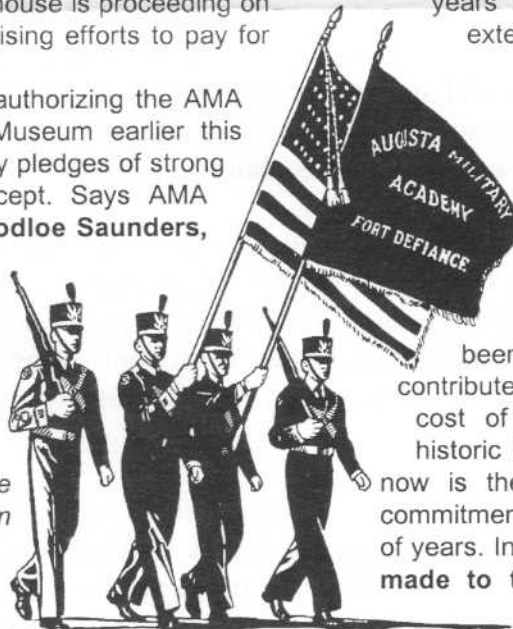
The bills are coming due and the money is not there. That is the blunt current assessment of the exciting project to remodel the Roller-Robinson House and create the AMA Alumni House and Museum.

While work on the house is proceeding on schedule, the fund raising efforts to pay for the project are not.

In enthusiastically authorizing the AMA Alumni House and Museum earlier this year, there were many pledges of strong support for the concept. Says AMA Alumni President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, "I have had AMA alumni and friends tell me for the last several years that there would be plenty of money for a museum and alumni house once we had a plan firmly in mind. Well, here we are in the midst of the work so fervently endorsed last May, and the promised funding simply has not materialized. The work is being done, the bills are coming due, and our friends and supporters don't seem to realize that we need their contributions NOW."

The remodel project will cost more than originally anticipated because the County has required the installation of a sprinkler system and the owners required separation of the house from the Mess Hall leaving the house with two more rooms than were planned for.

Project leader Jon Cesafsky, who was recently on the team restoring Thomas Jefferson's home at Poplar Forest, has taken the house back to its initial form, tearing out walls and additions made over 125 years to give the house its 1870 exterior and interior look. Fresh paint, a new roof, new plumbing and electric circuits are among improvements made. The subcontractors who do this work want their money when they have done their job.



A President's Council has been created to honor those who contribute at least \$1,000 toward the cost of renovating the circa 1870 historic house. While payment in full now is the most helpful, the \$1,000 commitment can be made over a period of years. In addition, **any contributions made to the Association since the 1999 reunion count toward your President's**

Council membership!

NOW is the time to make your contribution! Not next year - not next month - not next week - NOW! Now, when you can still get a tax deduction for 1999. Now, when the money is so badly needed. Now, so that the project can go forward uninterrupted. Now, so that the AMA Alumni House and Museum can open on time in May of 2000.

Help all you can, please. Encourage other AMA alumni and friends to help also - NOW!

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PAY FOR REMODEL**
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Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.
POST OFFICE BOX 101
FORT DEFIANCE, VA 24437

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Dear Alumnus or Friend of AMA,

I regret that we have found it necessary to make this special plea in order to assure that the AMA Alumni House and Museum can open on time during Reunion 2000.

At our May reunion this year, there was a torrent of enthusiasm for getting the remodel done. We had every reason to anticipate that our alumni and supporters would rally to support the alumni house project because so many had told us that there would be strong financial backing when we had a viable plan in place.

Well, here we are well into the renovation of the Roller-Robinson House. A new roof is on, the place has been painted for the first time in the last 20 years, the plumbing and electrical systems have been modernized, and the subcontractors expect to be paid. After a mild flurry of contributions at and immediately following the reunion, the money has simply quit coming in.

I know that many of you are thinking about a contribution, and perhaps you don't feel that you can be a member of the President's Council. **First, any contributions made to the AMA Alumni Association since the 1999 reunion count toward your membership in the President's Council, including the purchase of engraved pavers! (See page 4)** And, I want you to know that we need your help no matter how much you can give. We need it NOW! Right now. Not next month or next year - we must have the funding now to continue without interruption the marvelous restoration of the home of AMA's founder - the house in which Colonel Tom and General Charles Roller, Jr. were born.

Please send a check. Or buy a paver or pavers honoring AMA or someone important in your life. (see back page) Become a member of the President's Council. Whatever you do, don't put it off. Augusta was there for you when you needed her, and now it's payback time.

Sincerely,
Goodloe Saunders, -57
President, AMA Alumni Association

EVERYTHING POINTS TO THE...

We need to praise people like Livick, Lobb, Savedge, Hoover, Mannasmith, McDowell, Harbs, Josephson, Gardner, Kramer, both NOW is the time for us to commit to them.
Steve Trent, '70

There are no new classes to succeed us. It is up to us to preserve and perpetuate the history and traditions of AMA. Each of us can make some contribution within our own budget. NOW is the time to be counted!
Mickey Gordon, '39

I feel obligated and proud to help preserve a piece of the institution that shaped my life. AMA Alumni House needs the support of everyone who is part of Augusta - and it needs that support NOW!
Garry Granger, '71

I am pleased to support AMA Alumni House to preserve a permanent memorial to a school that gave us so much - each in our own way.
John Jansing, '43



Only at Augusta could this happen! I can't tell you how much it means to me to be able to give something back.
Tommy Clements, '50

AMA ALUMNI HOUSE AND MUSEUM

I'm from the '60's, and if it weren't for AMA, there is no telling where I would be today. It's time to give something back, even though we don't have the school any more.
Mac McInnis, '67

7,000 students attended Augusta. That's not a lot of people. We are among the small percentage who survive today. I was at AMA only one year, but it had a lasting impact on me. That's why I sent a check.
Mark Briggs, '68

To Augusta, I owe everything that I have accomplished in life. How could I not contribute to the one possibility that AMA's heritage will be perpetuated so that others in the future will know what AMA stood for?
Bob Bradford, '50

Because of the influence on my life by General Roller, Doc Savedge, Major Hoover and Colonel Gardner, I am now giving to their lasting memorial, AMA Alumni House.
Dave Conrad, '59

All of the alumni quoted on this page are members of the President's Council.

The need is urgent! The need is now!

If you have been considering a gift for the AMA Alumni House and Museum, please make that gift NOW. We hope you will become a President's Council member, but if you cannot, please send what you can. You may want to order a paver or pavers while honoring someone important in your life. (See below). **Paver purchases count toward President's Council membership!** Whatever you decide, please ACT NOW.

Your contributions to
AMA Alumni House
and Museum are
TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Contribute NOW to get a
deduction for 1999!

We are hoping that you will decide to donate at least \$1,000 which will entitle you to all the rights and privileges of membership in the President's Council. A pre-ribbon cutting tour of AMA Alumni House and Museum; invitation to a special social event during Reunion 2000;

regular reports on the remodel of the old house. Look into your heart and think about what AMA has meant to you in your life. If you just cannot join the President's Council at this time, please send what you can NOW. The AMA Alumni Center and Museum must open on time in May!

PAVE THE WAY

Support the AMA Alumni House and Museum by purchasing paver bricks!

You can remember a fellow cadet, a teacher, a friend, or a parent. You can honor a living person important in your life. Thank your parents for sending you to AMA. Tell your wife that you love her.

These special paver bricks will be used to rebuild the sidewalk that runs down the hill from the Roller-Robinson House. Purchase of pavers supports the renovation project.

You will literally be **PAVING THE WAY** for the AMA Alumni House and Museum. All friends of Augusta are invited to participate - alumni, families of alumni, faculty, children, and friends of AMA.

FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW AND SUBMIT WITH YOUR PAYMENT:

NAME _____ CLASS _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ PHONE (____) _____

Check your choice: **4" X 8" brick - \$50 each** **8" X 8" brick - \$100 each**

PLEASE PRINT WHAT YOU WANT ENGRAVED ON THE BRICK BELOW. MAXIMUM LETTERING:

4"x8" - 3 LINES, 12 CHARACTERS EACH -- 8"X8" - 5 LINES, 12 CHARACTERS EACH

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Make check to: AMA Alumni Association
Mail to: PAVERS, AMA Alumni Association
P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437

Complete form or photocopy. If you want to order more than one paver, use separate forms.

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