



In the last *Bayonet*, we asked for an Augusta snow scene to print in this winter issue. The picture above was provided by Linda Moorman Roller Livick. More winter scenes at AMA inside on page 14.

Applications now available

AMA Legacy Scholarship to be awarded

Children and grandchildren of AMA alumni who plan to enter a school beyond the high school level are eligible to apply for the 1997 \$1,000 AMA Legacy Scholarship.

AMA Alumni President **Gary Nicholson**, '70, has invited alumni to contact him for applications. "The winner of the 1997 scholarship will be announced before the May reunion, and the scholarship itself will be awarded at the reunion," said Nicholson.

The AMA Legacy Scholarship is granted annually to support directly the post secondary education for the children and grandchildren of former AMA cadets. One scholarship is awarded each year to a high school senior or high school graduate planning, for the first time, to enter college, or a recognized technical/vocational school beyond high school.

Child and grandchild include a natural, step, or legally adopted child or grandchild under the age of 25. The 1996 Scholarship winner was Albert Roy Leatherman, the grandson of **George Leatherman**, '39.

Applications may be obtained by writing to Gary Nicholson, 11971 Lexington Drive, Dunkirk, MD 20754-9263. Completed applications must be returned by March 24, 1997 to the return address on the application.

Roller-Livick salute at 1997 Reunion

Plans are moving ahead for the planned salute to the Roller and Livick families during the 1997 AMA Alumni Reunion scheduled for May 2-3 in Staunton.

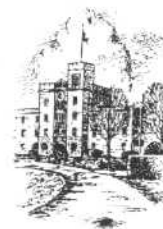
Alumni and friends of AMA are being asked to submit their favorite stories about **General Charles Roller**,

Colonel Tom Roller, and **Colonel Mal and Linda Roller Livick**. "We are also looking for photos that will help tell Augusta's history," says **Bob Bradford**, '50, editor of

The Bayonet. Pictures will be copied and returned. Send your photos and stories to Bob Bradford at 1325 Virginia Street, Danville, CA 94526-1241.

In the next issue
AMA'S HISTORY
as related by those
who know it best

Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.



January 1997

Dear Fellow Alumnus:

One of the best ways for AMA to be remembered always is through our two scholarship programs. What could be a more fitting tribute to Augusta and all that it stood for than the guarantee that other young people will have an opportunity to get a good education.

The AMA Legacy Scholarship for 1997 will be awarded at this year's annual reunion at the Saturday night banquet May 3. The front page story in this issue explains how one gets an application for the scholarship. If you have a child or a grandchild who will be entering college for the first time, please consider having him or her apply for the AMA Legacy Scholarship. This program was put into place as a means of carrying Augusta's name and reputation far into the fast-approaching 21st Century.

Our other stipends are in the VMI Scholarship Program. These four scholarships were created to honor AMA's close association with the Virginia Military Institute, and are given annually to four VMI cadets selected by the Institute. They honor **General Roller**, of course, but they also provide an ongoing echo for Augusta's prowess as a military school with high academic standards. The VMI Scholarship Fund does not at present have adequate principal to generate the income needed to pay for this quartet of scholarships. We will need several thousand dollars more in the VMI fund to have these grants paid from earnings. If you can help, please use the envelope enclosed to make your contribution to the VMI Scholarship Fund. And Happy New Year!

K. Gary Nicholson, '70

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Infinite in duration...

Albert Einstein wrote, *It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.*

The education we received at Augusta is a precious gift, and we owe much to those who made our education possible - our families and to our AMA teachers.

De Witt Clinton called knowledge *ecstatic in enjoyment, perennial in frame, unlimited in space and infinite in duration.*

On page 13, **Hap Starr, '51**, pays tribute to the faculty and staff at Augusta - those very dedicated people who gave their talents inside and outside the classroom to ready us for an uncertain world.



Want to buy a Luger?

Bill Brooks, '62, will sell you one. And he can tell you what it's like to be in the French Foreign Legion. See **Spotlight** on page 7.

Board meeting set

The AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors will have it's regular winter meeting on Saturday, February 15 at 10 AM at the Quality Inn in New Market.

Alumni Association President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, said "*all AMA alumni are invited to attend this and every meeting of your Board.*"

Corrections

In the November 1996 *Bayonet*:

✘ The picture of **Linda and Colonel Mal Livick** was made in 1975 at the dedication of the new infirmary, not in 1965.

✘ In *Augusta Memories* on page 11, it was **Charles Oakey, '43**, who received the Purple Heart during World War II while **Herb McCawley, '43**, was made a prisoner of war by the Germans.

✘ Also in *Memories*, it was **Ray Long, '45**, not the late **Paul Long, '51**, who reminisced about having met **Jack Manch, '38**.

1928

Joseph Alexander lives in Staunton, and closely followed the events which led to the closing and sale of Augusta. He collected all the newspaper articles he could locate pertaining to AMA, and has turned them over to the AMA Alumni Association for safekeeping and preservation. We sincerely thank Joe for his foresight and determination in providing this valuable service.

1935

Dick Wilson gives us the bad news that his wife, Marg, had a heart attack while on an extended cruise last year. She was taken from the ship in Puerto Vallarta and spent the next five days in a Mexican hospital. Their son-in-law, a doctor, and their daughter had Marg evacuated by plane to Tampa. There, she underwent surgery, had a second heart attack, and yet another operation. Thankfully, Marg is now doing so much better that they took another cruise to Hawaii, Tahiti, and beyond in December.

1939

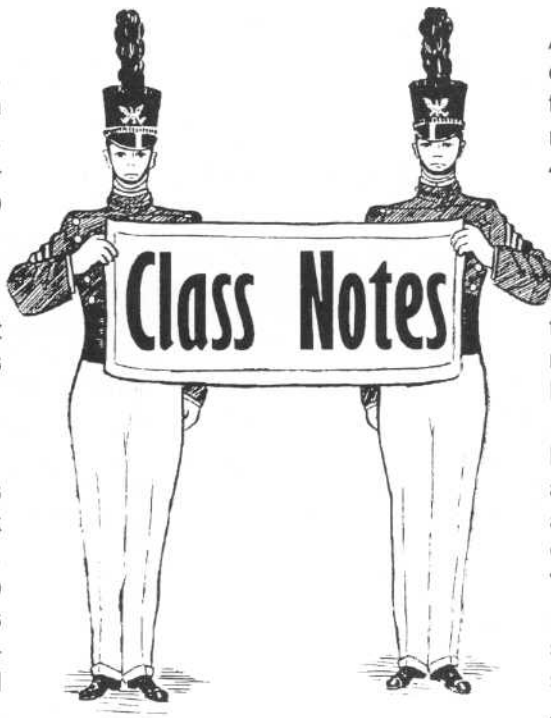
Dr. Mel Alper has retired after a long and distinguished career as an ophthalmologist. He has served as Chairman of the Council of Advisors for Ophthalmic Surgery to the American College of Surgery. He lives six months a year in Bermuda, and the other six months in Bethesda, MD, or travelling.

Mickey Gordon is a very active member of the Shenandoah Valley chapter of the Navy League. Mick was a Marine in World War II.

1943

Bob Guggenheimer writes *The Bayonet* from Madrid that he looks forward to the coming visit of **Hilton Roller Grasty**, Colonel **Tom Roller's** daughter, to Spain in 1997. (See page 8)

Dr. Robert Linstone lives in Punta Gorda, FL and stays in touch with **John Cort, '42**, who lives in New York City. (See box at right)



Judge B. A. "Monk" Davis has a new address: 215 Barfoot West, Rocky Mount, VA 24151.

Dr. George "Boots" Solan is winding down 40 years of the practice of medicine in Stowe, OH. He has toured Europe, North Africa, South America, the South Pacific, and Asia. *"I do some hunting in the virgin forests of West Virginia, play with my grandchildren, and with my grandchildren's grandmother!"*

1944

Turner Dozier has sent a column he wrote for the Norfolk *Ledger-Star* in

Earl Cabaniss "wiped up the ring" with classmate Bob Linstone in '43
Dr. Robert (Bob) Linstone remembers well when his friend **Earl Cabaniss** flattened him in a boxing match in 1943, their senior year at AMA. Bob tells the story: *"Earl was Captain of CW Company and I was Captain of A Company. It was custom to have the captains of each company square off against each other for a three-round boxing match. It was the longest nine minutes of my entire life!"* Earl was tall, lean, and knew how to box. I was short, and scared to death. **John Cort, '42**, was Captain of the Band and of the boxing team. He coached me, but it did not work. Earl was great, and he wiped up the ring with me!"

April of 1963 after the Big Boy's death. Excerpts will be reproduced in the next *Bayonet*. Turner was a newspaper sports and news editor for 43 years before he retired in 1992.

1945

Jimmy Pigg and Nell live in Shalimar, FL. After retiring from the Army in 1982 as a full colonel, Jim managed a resort condo until 1993. He attended West Point.

Don Browne has retired from PPG after 31 years, and as loan officer for a credit union after 35 years. He and Carolyn sold their home in West Virginia and moved to Maryville, TN last December. Their daughter is a school teacher in Maryville, and their son is a lieutenant colonel in the Army, currently attending the War College in Washington, DC. Don and Carolyn will celebrate their 48th anniversary in March.

Frank Hawkins, Jr. is still flying sailplanes at age seventy. Frank, who lives in Elkins, NC, has been a member of the Sierra Club for the last 18 years.

Dave Brewer had his old Louisville, KY golf group down to Pawleys Island, SC for a week of golf last September. He and Barbara recently went to Menlo Park, CA to visit their oldest daughter and her family.

1946

Paul Gerard Moerschell lives at 609 Meadows Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23462-4606.

1947

Dr. Tom Callaghan is a psychiatrist in private practice in Fresno, CA.

Harry May says he is "90 per cent recovered from knee replacement surgery, but still in rehab." He also reports that he and Jane have just become great-grandparents! Antonio was born 23 October. *"We are much too young to be great-grandparents, but what can you do about it, except enjoy?"*

