



May 1-2 reunion will honor AMA's teachers

Search continues for "lost" faculty members

The 1998 AMA Alumni Reunion will salute Augusta's teachers, that dedicated group of men and women who gave AMA its vaunted position in each alumni heart.

Planned for the first 2 days in May at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton, the annual reunion will bring together cadets and faculty in a weekend devoted to renewing old friendships and fomenting new ones. **Hap Starr, '51**, is organizing the faculty tribute and will lead the Saturday night banquet program recognizing AMA faculty and staff members from past generations of Augusta men. In the meantime, the search continues for former AMA teachers whose addresses are no longer known. (see **SEARCHING** on page 14)

Reunion schedule announced

Tommy Simmons, '53, Chairman of the Reunion, announced that there will be an informal dinner on Friday evening, May 1 and the banquet and dance on Saturday night, May 2. The Classes of 1938, 1948, 1958, 1968, 1973 and 1978 will be recognized at the banquet. The AMA Legacy Scholarship winners also will be announced on Saturday night. "The hospitality suite will be open Thursday evening for the early birds and will be open through the day and evenings on Friday and Saturday." The annual Founder's Day ceremonies will take place Saturday at 3 PM at the Old Stone Church Cemetery. A tour of the campus will follow if that can be arranged with the owners of the school.

AMA Alumni President **Goodloe Saunders** announced that the board and annual membership meetings will begin at 9 AM Saturday, an hour earlier than is customary. "We have several matters of importance to discuss, including our major gifts and investment programs, and we don't want to cut anyone short." Ad Astra members will have breakfast at 7:30 AM on Saturday. All functions, except Founder's Day and the campus tour, will be held at the Holiday Inn.

Separate reservations required

Enclosed with this issue of *The Bayonet* is a registration form which should be returned to the AMA Alumni Association, Inc., P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101.

Hotel reservations must be made separately. Call the Holiday Inn at 1/800/932-9061. Mention AMA to get the special rate of \$69 per night, plus 8.5% tax.

To guarantee a room, make your reservation with the hotel before April 16. After that date, rooms will be reserved on a space available basis only. Golf and tennis are available Thursday through Sunday at the Holiday Inn. Breakfast is offered each morning in the hotel dining room.

SCHEDULE OF REUNION EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Hospitality suite open at 5 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Social and dinner Friday evening

Hospitality suite open all day

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Ad Astra breakfast

Annual membership meeting at 9 AM
(AMA Alumni Board meets immediately after)

Founder's Day, Stone Church, 3 PM

Campus tour, 4 PM (not confirmed)

Social and banquet Saturday night

Hospitality suite open all day

Golf and tennis available at the
Holiday Inn and Conference Center



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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

Happy New Year! 1998 promises to be a very productive year for your AMA Alumni Association.

This coming May, we will salute those wonderful faculty members who contributed so very much to our lives. In this issue, there are more tributes to **Colonel Hoover**. He would have been 93 this month and we were hoping to get him to our gathering in the Spring. The **SPOTLIGHT** section of *The Bayonet* salutes another wonderful faculty member who left us before his time. **Colonel Savedge** is warmly remembered in an article from *Reader's Digest*, reprinted here with their permission. At the bottom of this page is a letter from **Colonel Koogler** who still lives in Mount Sidney and who looks forward to attending this year's faculty salute.

You will not want to miss *this* reunion! A chance to thank and remember our teachers. Think about it. Whatever you have made of yourself, you owe an unpayable debt to your AMA teachers who prepared you for life. If you know of a former faculty member who might not be on our mailing list, please let us know. We want to be sure that every single living faculty member is invited to be with us for our Saturday night banquet and for all the other wonderful activities planned for the reunion. This is our chance to say "thank you" to the people who put us on the right road.

Send your registration form in *today*, and make your room reservation at the hotel. We'll all have a spectacular time on May 1-2 at the 1998 Augusta Military Academy Annual Alumni Reunion!

Goodloe Saunders, '57

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Faculty Facts

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops." - Henry Brooks Adams

Colonel Glenn Koogler writes:

"I shall never forget my teaching and coaching experience at AMA. It was the greatest pleasure of my life... My health has been a little blinky, but I am feeling much better and hope to be at the 1998 reunion in May."

Colonel Koogler farmed for a while after his retirement. He now spends lots of time in his workshop making furniture for his family which includes 7 grandchildren. And he still likes to fish and hunt!

Elsie McKinney is 97 now, and recalls her 7 teaching years at AMA *"as the happiest time in my life."* She's in a nursing home and regrets most *"that I am losing my eyesight."* She sent the photo at right. Who is the cadet? It's **Lew Mundin, '53**, and he thinks the

picture was taken in 1947 as they were on their way to church.



**SIGN UP NOW FOR
THE AMA REUNION!
MAY 1-2 IN
STAUNTON**

1926

M. H. Bowen lives in Bland, VA. He retired from farming in 1985 and is the oldest living *Ab Astra*, having been elected in just the second year of the society's existence. He has 5 children, 14 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren!

1930

Jack Woods and wife Vivian are still enjoying Las Vegas where they moved 50 years ago. Jack has done a number of things in his life including being a money lender in Vegas and most recently the countersigning agent for USAA Insurance for the State of Nevada.

1935

Julian Quarles visited Virginia "when the leaves were most beautiful this past October..." Julian has retired from the practice of law and lives in Coral Gables, FL.

1938

Bob Reisacher reports that he stays in touch with his AMA roommate **George Neal**, '38. They hope to get back for their 60th reunion May 1-2.

1940

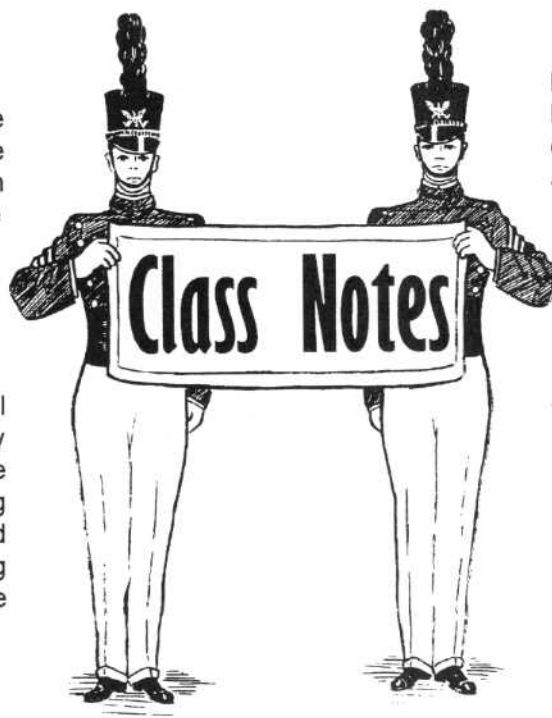
Herb Richey and Martha live in Hot Springs, VA near The Homestead. Herb is former owner and president of Richey Coal Company and a former president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

1942

John Minor says, "Life is great at 74! Marie and I had a great year in 1996 visiting graduations all over. Had nice trips to St. Lucia and San Francisco. Best business year yet which I attribute to AMA and to God."

1943

Bill Stuart marked his 50th Anniversary in metropolitan Washington, DC real estate in 1997. "My smallest sale (\$2,000) was for a sliver of ground which is now under the Watergate. My biggest was a \$30 million office building on K Street in downtown Washington." Bill and Patricia live in Silver Spring, MD.



Earl Cabaniss is a retired banker, living in Pulaski, VA. He's looking forward to the 1998 AMA Reunion where he hopes that **Colonel Deane** will be remembered.

Judge B. A. "Monk" Davis retired 1 January after a 24 year career as judge of Virginia's 22nd Judicial District. Judge Davis and his wife Elizabeth live in Rocky Mount, VA.

Chris Harrison is a volunteer administrative assistant at the Queen Anne's County High School in Maryland. Wife Barbara also volunteers at the school.

1944

Walter Holt is a retired stockbroker who moved to Ivy, VA from North Carolina 5 years ago. He's now in the telephone rate reduction business. Three grandsons still live in North Carolina. Walter hopes to attend the 1998 reunion to see his AMA friends from 1942-44.

1945

Ray Long and Nancy took a leisurely trip this past summer visiting family and friends in Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana and Canada. They also visited their daughter in Minneapolis. The Longs live in Peoria, AZ.

Don Browne is pleased to report that his son, Don, Jr., was promoted to full colonel of artillery on 2 January. Don, Jr. is stationed at the Pentagon as Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of Defense. Don, Sr. has lived in Maryville, TN since he retired from PPG Industries.

1946

Jimmy Pigg and Nell spend lots of their travel time visiting their daughter and her husband, an Air Force pilot, in Goldsboro, NC, and their oldest son in Atlanta. Jimmy retired from the Air Force as a full colonel in 1982 and later ran a construction company and managed a condo development. The Piggs live in Shalimar, FL.

George Snarr has retired in 1996 as a lawyer and lives in Winchester with his wife, Margaret. George served as a substitute judge in Virginia's 26th Judicial Circuit 1972-96 and was Commissioner in Chancery for the Frederick County, VA Circuit Court from 1961 until he retired last year.

1946

David Brewer says "all is well with us. We are enjoying retirement very much." Dave and Barbara live in Pawleys Island, SC.

Dr. Edward Leventen in an orthopaedic surgeon practicing in Los Angeles. A year ago, he took 6 weeks off and went to Uganda teaching orthopaedics to students and performing surgeries in Kampala. "Many of the patients I saw had acute fractures and some had land mine injuries with the lower extremities blown off... I also saw children with diseases we don't see anymore in the U.S.... polio in children and spinal tuberculosis in adults..."

1947

Monroe Nash, Jr., a stock broker in the Norfolk office of A. G. Edwards and Sons, was quoted in the Norfolk *Virginian-Pilot*, on the day the market dropped more than 500 points in a single day, as saying: "They say the time to buy in the market is when you

