

Hotel rooms going fast

Record Reunion Registration

The 1998 AMA Alumni Reunion is shaping up as the most successful reunion in the Association's history. By early January, most of the rooms available at the headquarters hotel had been reserved, and reservations were pouring into other nearby motels and hotels.

Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, said that the planned salute to Augusta's faculty "has AMA alumni coming out of the woodwork! It is a great tribute to our teachers and to the work of those who have been planning this very special reunion." **Hap Starr, '51**, and several alumni from other decades will lead a salute to AMA's teachers at a Saturday night banquet. (Story on page 7)

The reunion is scheduled for the first 2 days in May - Friday and Saturday, 1 and 2 May, at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton. "There are many matters of importance to discuss at this year's reunion," says Saunders, "including an AMA museum, hopefully on school grounds; a planned giving program; and the alumni association's investment policies."

Annual Founder's Day ceremonies will be conducted at the Old Stone Church on Saturday afternoon followed by a tour of the campus. (The school has just been purchased by the Virginia Conference of the Pentecostal Church, and the gymnasium is being rehabilitated as a church conference center. See page 13.)

Socials and dinners will be held both Friday and Saturday nights. The annual membership and board of directors' meetings begin at 9 AM Saturday. (See the complete schedule on page 6)

HOTELS FOR 1998 REUNION

Headquarters Hotel

Holiday Inn Golf & Conference Center
1/800/932-9061 - \$69 + tax

Other neighboring hotels and motels

Host Inn (across the road from Holiday Inn)
1/800/752-3301 - \$49 single/\$54 double + tax

Innkeeper (across I-81 from Holiday Inn)
540/248-5111 - \$69.99 + tax

Ingliside (Under new ownership)
540/248-1201 - \$55-65 + tax

Comfort Inn (Route 250 West of Staunton)
1/800/228-5150 - Call for rates & availabilities

Hampton Inn (Route 11 South in Staunton)
1/800/HAMPTON - \$69-95 + tax

Shoney's Inn (Route 250 East of I-81)
1/800/222-2222 - \$66 + tax

Super 8 Motel (Route 250 East of Staunton)
1/800/800-8000 - \$51-56 + tax

EconoLodge (Route 250 East of Staunton)
1/800/553-2666 - \$50 + tax

Scottish Inns (Verona, Exit 227, I-81)
1/800/251-1962 - \$45-55 + tax

When calling, be sure to mention AMA to get any special rates

Scholarship deadline

Completed applications for the 2 AMA Legacy Scholarships must be received by 31 March! There are now 2 scholarships available to the children or grandchildren of AMA alumni. Each is worth \$1,000 to the student who earns the award. How do you apply? Details on page 9.

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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

A very important meeting will take place during the 1998 AMA Reunion at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center the first weekend in May.

Your AMA Alumni Association Annual and Board of Directors meetings will begin at 9 AM on Saturday 2 May (an hour earlier than usual). We are starting the meetings early so that there will be plenty of time to discuss some important topics. Foremost among them is our planned giving program headed by **Jeff Wenzel, '70**. We expect Jeff to make a number of recommendations which can guarantee the future of the Association and preserve the legacy of Augusta. Planned giving can include such things as wills, bequests, trusts, life insurance and gift annuities. We will be announcing at least one major bequest at this meeting.

We also will want to discuss plans for an AMA Museum, hopefully on the campus. And finally, we want to discuss the investments made by the Association to assure that we are getting the maximum prudent returns.

Every AMA alumnus is invited to attend this important meeting. (For the definition of an alumnus, see page 4!) Plan to attend the reunion which promises to be the biggest and best ever.

And put aside time to be at the AMA Alumni Annual and Board meetings at 9 AM on Saturday 2 May. We need your ideas and we need your enthusiastic support for these brave new ideas.

Goodloe Saunders, '57

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

Letters to the Editor



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Remembering our teachers

With the passing of **Paul Hoover**, all of us should never forget the other men who were so important to our development - **Deane, Wales, Gardner, Kramer, Koogler, McCue, and Savedge** to name a few.

How important all of these men were to all of us!

Bill Jaeger, '58

Editor's note: We will be saluting all the great members of Augusta's faculty at the 1998 reunion.

A lesson in life

I was born a week after Pearl Harbor and my father shipped out 3 months after. He was gone until the end of 1945, and he came home a changed man. He only stayed home for about 18 months, then left and divorced my mother, so I never had much of a father image, much less the image of

a loving couple.

When I was 11, I was sent off to Augusta where something good caught my eye during my third year. I was in the 7th grade, a spunky little squad leader in the Band. 14 years old, I knew everything!

My teacher was new at AMA in 1956, and we thought we knew what to do with new teachers! Our teacher had been in the Air Force and wore an Air Force uniform...

We kids kept hearing about this beautiful girl who would sunbathe on the roof of a farm building near the tennis court. I never saw her, until one day she came into our classroom. We were a bunch of lovestruck teenyboppers! She was even prettier than we had heard, and our teacher was dating her!

The way our teacher acted was very cool indeed; I was impressed.

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1930

Stanley Bach is confined to the VA Hospital in Lexington, KY. He had left to spend the winter in Florida where he collapsed and was taken back home to Kentucky. Get well fast, Stanley.

1937

Bill Gray, AMA's Chaplain, is the Service Officer of Post 85, Department of Virginia, American Legion. His wife Betty is President of the American Legion Auxiliary of Post 85, President of the Cedarettes of Temple Forest #136-TCL, and La Presidente, LaFemes of the 40 and 8.

1944

Harry Hamilton lives in Atlanta and remembers quite well when there were quite a few Navy boys housed at CW barracks during World War II while they were taking flight training nearby. Harry's brother **Elbert, '42**, went from AMA to Fort Benning, was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant, and was killed in action in France in 1945.

1946

Goodrich White, Jr. lives in Webster Spring, WV. His nephew is **Mike Herold, '58**. (See Class of 1958, below)

1949

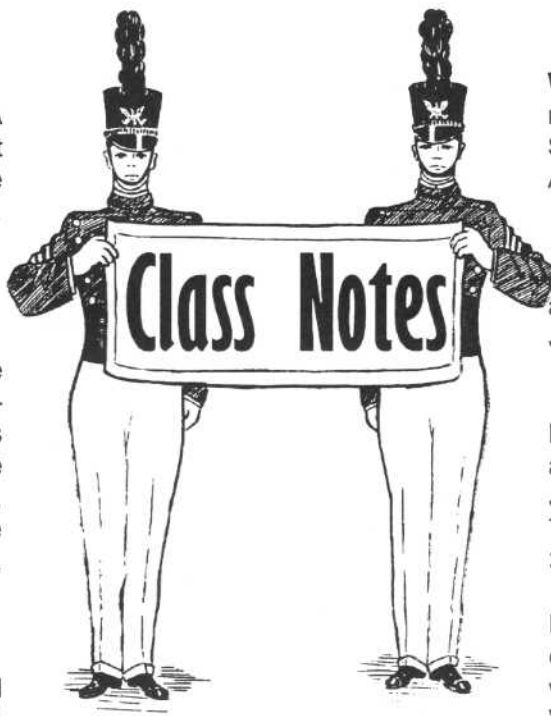
Louis Philhower writes from Macon, GA that he is *"taking more time to watch my grandchildren play soccer and baseball... and I am spending more time in the mountains... I hope I can attend the 1998 reunion..."* We hope so too, Louie! His senior year, Louis was captain of Headquarters Company.

1950

Bob Ayers has found the AMA Alumni Association after having concluded that it was no more! Bob spent 20 years in the Air Force and 25 years with the Postal Service, retiring in Tampa in 1996.

1952

Cole Sandridge underwent some extensive abdominal surgery this past August. Cole says he is *"doing great*



now. I was amazed at my speedy recovery." Good luck, Cole!

1953

Ted Basque is Quality Assurance Manager for OEA Aerospace in El Macero, CA. Ted's company makes ejection devices for all U.S. aircraft as well as explosive devices for an array of missiles, including Delta and Titan. He plans to attend the 1998 reunion in May.

1955

Jack Meier is director of customer service for the second largest printing company in the United States - Quebecor of Franklin, KY. They print catalogs, magazines and inserts. *"I invite any AMA alumni to drop by for a tour of our operations,"* says Jack.

Colonel Anthony Reed, retired, lives in Vienna, VA and says that *"AMA provided a home and guiding influence during a troubled period of my youth. The spirit of service I learned at AMA has stayed with me, and for that I thank AMA, its distinguished faculty, and the many friends I made in CW Company."*

1956

Adrian Howard, First Captain in 1955-56, Captain of the Roller Rifles, and valedictorian, is a retired general contractor. He lives in Crozier, VA..

Walter "Buzz" Withers is in the millwork business in Mount Pleasant, SC, 6 miles from Charleston. He and Ardra have been married since 1960.

1957

Jim Hume sends his new e-mail address from San Mateo, CA: JCDHume@aol.com

1958

Barton Weeks is married to Jeane and they have 2 grown sons, Barton, Jr. and Ted, plus 3 grandchildren. They have lived in Florida for the last 30 years.

Mike Herold has retired as a full colonel after 25 years in the Army. He was a company commander in Vietnam and a battalion commander in Germany. He now lives in Canvas, WV where he is in charge of the Nicholas County (WV) ROTC program. Mike plans to attend the AMA reunion May 1-2. *"I had lots of success in the Army and I attribute that to my time at AMA."*

Joe Radican lives in Cleveland where he runs a trucking company serving Ford, GM and other major manufacturing companies. After AMA, he attended Wittenburg University, then went into the Navy where he served on a destroyer for most of his tour.

Bob Seeberger works for a property management company in the South Hills area of Pittsburgh. *"I married the most wonderful girl in the world and we have 4 boys and 3 girls, plus 8 grandchildren and 2 more on the way..."* Bob plans to attend the reunion the first weekend in May.

1959

Carl Rodger Morris is an unfranchise owner of Market America in Sterling, VA and has owned the First Break Cafe in Sterling since 1991. He and Brenda have 5 children.

Robert Turner is a retired geologist who has just finished mapping all the oil and gas reserves in the world. He lives in Sterling, VA also. Listen for him on AM Radio 980.

