



\$100,000 gift to scholarships

In the largest bequest to date, **Joseph Anthony Salicrup, '31**, who passed away in Sao Paulo, Brazil last January, has left \$100,000 to the AMA Alumni Association to support the AMA scholarship funds.

Salicrup lived in Sao Paulo most of his life and also had a home in Rio de Janeiro. Born in Lima, OH, he listed Rio as his home when he was a cadet at AMA. The income from this generous bequest will make it possible for the alumni association to provide more and larger scholarships in the years to come.



Joe Salicrup
Class of '31

Complete story on page 10

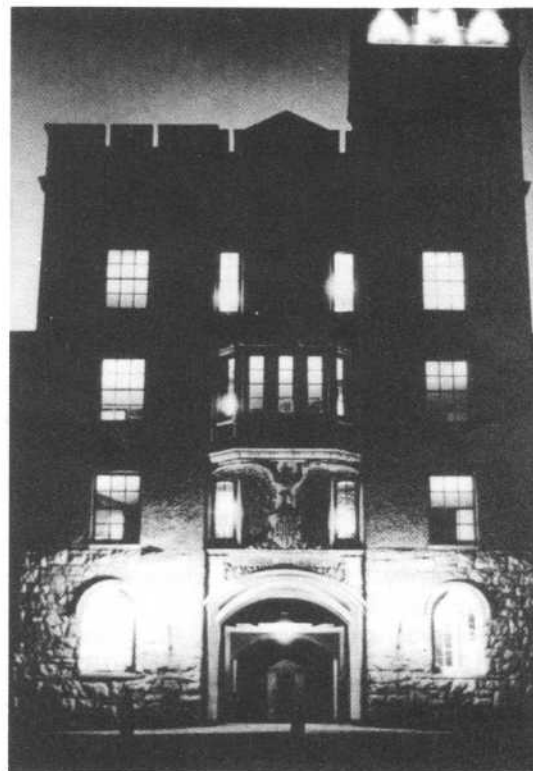
30 April - 1 May 1999 selected

'99 reunion plans center on Alumni House

The last day of April and the first day of May have been confirmed as the dates for the 1999 AMA Alumni Reunion. The reunion's theme will center on the dedication of the Roller-Robinson house on campus as the AMA Alumni House and Museum.

Fishburne Military School (FMS) will send a color guard to participate in the dedication. Alumni will lunch in the refurbished gym where they had walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. A new hospitality tent outside the headquarters hotel will accommodate the increased registration that is anticipated for the weekend. Reunion Chairman **Tommy Simmons, '53**, has reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center for the reunion weekend. The hotel is taking reservations now at an 800 (toll free) number (See '1999 AMA reunion' on page 22)

The hospitality tent will be ready for business Thursday afternoon 29 April for the "early birds," and will be open throughout the weekend. Simmons has asked that alumni make contributions of cash or food and drinks for the hospitality tent.



Fishburne challenges Augusta to tennis match

Get out the liniment, dust off the tennis shoes, and restring the racquet. Fishburne has challenged the AMA alumni to a tennis match in Waynesboro next April, the week before the AMA reunion. Interested? See *details on page 10*

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Historical marker for Augusta?
Page 11

1999 REUNION PLANS
Page 22

When Christmas came to Augusta
Page 21

Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.

November 1998



Dear Fellow Alumnus:

In the last issue of *The Bayonet*, you saw the initial list of charter members of the Roller Society. In this issue, we are announcing the largest gift to the AMA scholarship funds received to date.

Joe Salicrup, Class of 1931, passed away earlier this year. Because of his love for AMA and his acknowledgement of what AMA did for him, he has left the AMA scholarship funds \$100,000. This magnanimous and unselfish gift will provide scholarship monies for many years to come. The income from this bequest will be funding stipends for young men and women not yet born. Each will understand that their help came from a special man out of his love and affection for Augusta. Thus is our legacy preserved!

We all can't leave \$100,000 to AMA, but each of us can do *something*. Consider today how you might leave something behind for AMA after you are gone. You can put Augusta in your will, you can set up a trust, or you can put AMA on an insurance policy as a full or partial beneficiary. Each issue of *The Bayonet* will outline ways that you can perpetuate the name of Augusta Military Academy without imperiling yourself or your family. Will you please think about it? Thank you so much.

Goodloe Saunders, '57

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



Volume 98, Number 5

Newsletter of the AMA Alumni Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101

Editor: Bob Bradford, '50
Circulation Manager: Ed Click, '50

The *Bayonet* is distributed to alumni and friends of the Augusta Military Academy. Notice of changes of address should be sent to Alumni Records, c/o Edwin Click, Rt. 1, Box 12, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-9703. Please provide your 9-digit ZIP code! 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.

Mail, e-mail or FAX information to:

Bob Bradford
P. O. Box 187

Danville, CA 94526-0187

Phone 925/736-4961

FAX 925/736-2596

e-mail: AMABayonet@aol.com

Class agents are needed for 1974 and 1979 years

In anticipation of another record turnout for the 1999 AMA alumni reunion, the search is on for class agents from the years 1974 and 1979.

The Class of '74 will celebrate its 25th anniversary next year while the '79 class will have finished at Augusta 20 years before. The other honor classes for 1999 are 1939, 1949, 1959 and 1969. These classes already have class agents who are hoping to get big turnouts from their classmates.

Members of the Class of 1974 and 1979 are urged to contact **Ed Click, '50**, c/o AMA Alumni Association, P. O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101, or e-mail him at: gramps02@juno.com.

Ed will send you the mailing address labels for all the members of your class who are in the association's records so that you

can make contact with them. He also has a list of those cadets from '74 and '79 who have become "lost" to the alumni association. Perhaps you will know where some of these fellows can be located!

Class agents already named are:

1939

Mickey Gordon

1949

Bob Bradford

1959

**Dave Conrad
Lloyd Eastlack
Corky Ridge**

1969

**Bill Scarborough
Charlie Pascale**

The 1999 reunion will be held Friday 30 April and Saturday 1 May at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton.

1930

Jack Woods writes from Las Vegas that he and his Vivian have been married for 57 years. Wow! From 1962 until 1997, Jack was countersigning agent for USAA Insurance of Texas.

1935

Herb Jacob retired from Hercules, Inc. some time ago. A 1939 chemical engineering graduate of VMI, he lives in Bonner Springs, KS.

Dick Wilson had a bad experience last spring. Fire broke out in his Pisgah Forest, NC home. The smoke awakened Dick and Marg, and they had to feel their way out of the house through the dense cloud. Fortunately, neither of them was hurt and their house was reconstructed several months later. They plan to attend the 1999 reunion - the 64th anniversary of Dick's graduation from Augusta.

Julian Quarles, who practiced law for many years in the Miami area, has relocated to a Presbyterian Retirement Home in Harrisonburg.

1936

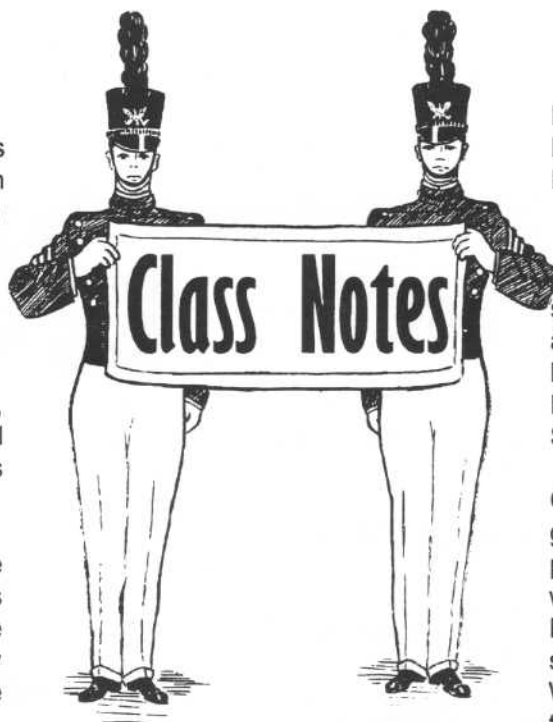
Winston Somerville retired from the Virginia Department of Transportation a few years ago. His new mailing address: 13496 Raccoon Ford Road, Culpeper, VA 22701.

1938

Charles Board lives in Wilmington, DE. He retired in 1986 as a patent attorney.

Colonel Bob Reisacher lives in Santa Fe, NM. After military service in World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam, he retired with the rank of full colonel in the Corps of Engineers. He says, "I still plan to get back to a reunion soon..."

Larry Kurtz spent part of the summer in North Carolina, but returned home to Punta Gorda, FL when the wild fires reached the west coast of Florida earlier this year. "Fortunately, we were spared," Larry writes. Larry is



coordinator of disaster services for the Red Cross in Charlotte County and makes a ringing endorsement of the good work done by the Red Cross in disaster relief of all kinds.

1939

Dr. Mel Alper has been Chairman of the Council of Advisors for Ophthalmic Surgery, but he is proudest of his 3 grandchildren: Lucy Ray, 12; David, 6; and Scott, 2 and a half.

1941

Clayton Rich lives in Atlanta where he retired after years of institutional fund raising for Emory University. He is a docent at Zoo Atlanta.

William Lane (see **Colonel Bill Lane, '68**)

1942

Colonel Rutland Beard attended the reunion of his World War II unit (Company E, 407th Infantry, 102nd Infantry Division) in San Antonio. While there, he visited **Major General Charles Ryder, '38**. General and Mrs. Ryder live in the Army Retirement Center in San Antonio and both are well.

1943

Norris Harrison still volunteers at Queen Anne's County High School in Chestertown, MD where he and Barbara enjoy life.

Bill Stuart is the principal in Stuart & Maury Realtors in Silver Spring, MD. He is past president of the National Association of Realtors.

Bill Bowers, Sr. visited with his son, **Bill, Jr., '69**, at young Bill's bed and breakfast in Wasilla, AK in the late summer. Bill, Senior runs Rainbow Farms, a trout hatchery in Sugar Grove, WV.

Charles Oakey and Hortense have a grandson of whom they are quite proud, O. Davis Oakey, V. Charlie was President of Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works before he retired. He served in the US Infantry in World War II and earned 2 Purple Hearts in the European Theater.

Dr. George Solan is justifiably proud of his son Dr. Stuart Solan who has been chosen as one of the top medical doctors in the Richmond, VA area. Richmond physicians and nurses named the specialists they'd go to, and Stuart was the top doctor in the family practice category. *Bayonet* congratulations to father and son!

1945

Don Browne and Carolyn will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in March of 1999. Congratulations! They are very proud of their son who is a full colonel, US Army, serving as Military Advisor to the Secretary of Defense. This summer, Don and his family went to Florida where he and his AMA roommate **Jimmy Pigg, '46**, got together for the first time in more than 53 years!

Jack Stanley and Susan have just returned from 3 weeks travelling through France. The Stanleys live in Roanoke.

Ray Long and Nancy just returned from a cruise that went from Los Angeles through the Panama Canal to Fort Lauderdale. They had an extended vacation in Idaho this summer near their daughter's home in Spokane, WA. They visited old friends in Virginia Beach earlier this year.

1946

Tom Cohoon has just purchased the house in Suffolk where he grew up. Tom's Dad built the place in 1925, "the first house I ever lived in and the Good Lord willing, the last!" Tom retired from the Army in 1972 at the rank of lieutenant colonel and worked in personnel relations for 20 years after that.

Dave Brewer and Barbara were recently in Menlo Park, CA visiting their daughter who lives there. The Brewers live in Pawleys Island, SC.

Dr. Edward Leventen now has a third granddaughter in addition to twin granddaughters and a grandson. Congratulations, Ed! Ed is an orthopedic surgeon in Los Angeles.

Jimmy Pigg retired from the Army in 1982 at the rank of full colonel. Since then, he was president of a construction company and general manager of a resort condo. Now retired, again, Jim and Nell live in Shalimar, FL.

1947

Dr. Tom Callahan checks in from Fresno, CA to say that he feels badly about missing his 50th reunion, but hopes to be there in '99.

Harry May says that "business is good" at his printing and graphics business in Northern Virginia. Harry and Jane went to London for 10 days in October.

1948

Francis X. Fields has lived in or near Baltimore most of his life and retired in Aberdeen, MD after 30 years with the Postal Service. AMA's bugler when he was a cadet, he played with Baltimore area dance bands for 30 years. Recently, he was in touch with **Johnny Pappas, '47**, one of the tenor sax players in AMA's dance orchestra. **Pete Pappas, '49** was a backup drummer for the late Gene Krupa.

Bill Aldrich and Natalie have just celebrated their 45th wedding anni-

versary. Congratulations! Son Jeff, a geologist, and his family were evacuated from Indonesia this past Spring during the rioting there.



FULLY LICENSED! - Frank Spencer, '49, wants the world to know that he is an AMA and a VMI man! His Virginia car tags do the job.

Bill Rand had a great family trip to Alaska in the summer. "All 12 of us," he says. Bill, who lives in Raleigh, NC, is "working a little, playing tennis a little, and traveling a little..."

Cookie Goffigon and his wife have a bed and breakfast at Cape Charles on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. He spent 34 years working for the State of Virginia. The Goffigons have 5 children and 5 grandchildren. "I'll be there at the next reunion," he says.

Al Tomlin and Lucy have decided that cruises are the way to travel. They took their first last year to South America. This summer, they took an 18 day cruise visiting London, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Estonia and Russia. "A great trip!"

Paul Bratton and Ruby are proud of son Michael Paul, a sergeant with the 82nd Airborne. Mike is on recruiting duty in Danville, VA for a 3 year hitch. And more good news: Ruby had her last chemo treatment in July!

1949

Win Lora taught for 37 years in the

Palo Alto, CA school system. Last year, he retired and he and Cynthia moved to Medford, OR. "We are so glad to read that AMA is being put to good use now..." e-mail address: wlora@aol.com

1950

Bill Grace lives in Fernandina Beach, FL where he is heavily involved in New Hope, Inc., a Christian non-denominational group which helps underprivileged people secure and maintain housing. After AMA, Bill went to West Point. He served with Special Forces in Vietnam and ended his duty at the Pentagon working for the Secretary of the Army. For 7 years, Bill worked with General Electric in Northern Virginia.

Jim Starnes and Mary spent a week in Michigan around Labor Day, then left for an extended visit to Florida just after the AMA alumni board meeting.

Ed Click submits the following tome: "I was born in Pine Top, just 3 miles east of AMA, and I now live less than half a mile from the school near the Willow Spout. 65 years and I am still on the same map sheet! I left for a few years at William and Mary and here and there in the Army, but came back from Florida to save Suzanne and the boys from the bugs and snakes. David is a Rodman Scholar in his second year at UVa, learning to make things even more complicated through engineering. Bill will enter college somewhere in the Fall of 1999, which is why I will continue to teach at the Staunton Correction Center, recalled by many of you as the old Western State Hospital. Some think that my being in prison is a sort of manifest destiny, but I owe it all to my years of preparation at AMA! Despite the distance barrier, I do try to make the annual reunion."

Reverend Jim Lupton had the honor of delivering the invocation to open a session of the United States Senate in Washington, DC this past July. Congratulations, Jim!

