



# AMA Alumni House moves ahead

## Church will lease Roller house to association

A lease to be drawn between the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association and the consortium of Pentecostal churches that now owns Augusta will establish the AMA Alumni House, to include an AMA Museum, in the old Roller House in the center of the school campus. Alumni House will be headquarters for the alumni association and will contain the alumni offices, space for storage of alumni records and memorabilia, and will feature the long sought AMA Museum on the first floor. "The AMA Alumni House will be the focus of all alumni activities and the center point of our efforts to perpetuate the name and legacy of Augusta," said AMA Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**.

The historic Roller House was built sometime after the Civil War by **Professor Charles S. Roller**, founder of the school. In the house were born **Colonel Thomas Roller, Major/Colonel/General Charles Roller, Jr.**, their brother **Dr. W. C. Roller** and **Maggie Belle** who in later years married **Colonel Warren Robinson**. She lived in the house until her death in 1956. The building later housed the Band, then became the school library.

Much of the restoration work will be done by  
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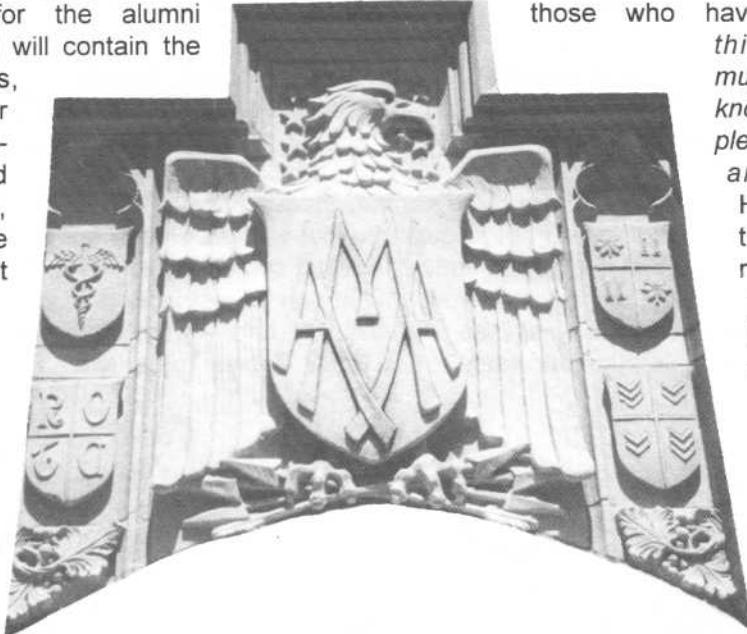
## Help sought in getting items for AMA Museum

AMA alumni, faculty and friends are being asked to consider donations of items and memorabilia that will help tell the Augusta Military Academy story in the planned AMA Museum on the campus. **John Hash, '75**, Chairman of the Museum Committee, requests those who have "appropriate things for the museum to let us know. But please, please, don't send anything yet!" Hash explained that there is much to be done before any items are accepted for display or as archival material.

"We have nowhere to store things at this point," he said. "But we are

eager to hear what you have that will help us tell the AMA story in the best way possible." There is a particular interest in obtaining items from the early days of the Augusta Male Academy and Augusta Military Academy. The Museum Committee, in addition to Hash, consists of **Paul Bratton, '48, Steve Trent, '70, Duke Fancher, '58, Frank Spencer, '49, Struges Bryan, '58** and **Tommy Mitchell, '52**.

If you have something you want to donate or lend to the museum, please send a note to John Hash, c/o AMA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 101, Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0101. Just a note! Not the items you'd like to donate!



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1935

**Julian Quarles** and **George Adam** got together in George's hometown,



**Quarles and Adam**

League City, TX, just before the 1999 reunion. Julian says it was the first time they had been together in

more than 30 years. Julian lives in Coral Gables, FL. (see page 14)

1939

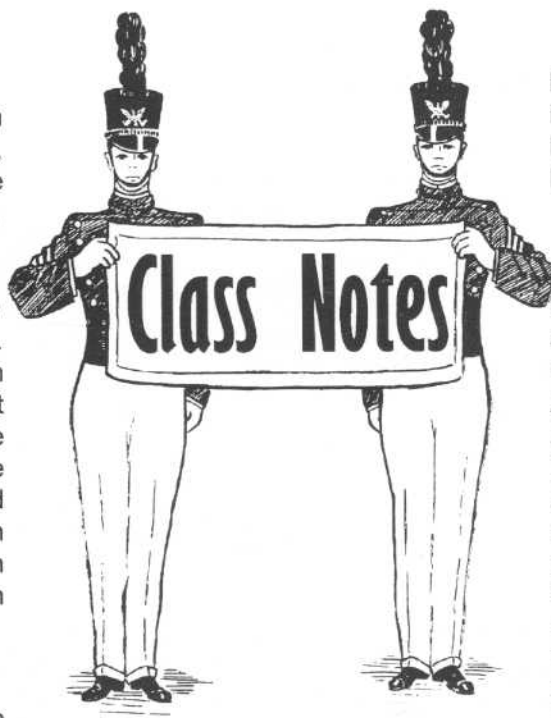
**V.P. Leavel** says that the 1998 reunion "was the best AMA event I ever attended." After the reunion, V.P. and his family vacationed in Nags Head, NC. Contact V.P. at the Chippendale Retirement Community, 4931 Ridgedale Parkway, Richmond, VA 23234.

**Luke Stephenson** has sent a generous contribution to the AMA Alumni Association in memory of **Charles S. Roller, III**, the Big Boy's son, "who was my first cousin and a good friend." Charlie died in an automobile accident in 1938 near Verona.

**Mickey Gordon** has been named to the All-American Team of the All-American Funds group of mutual funds. Mickey has been in the financial services field for 51 years and with Advest since 1970.

1943

**Colonel Fred Haden**, USMC, retired, is general counsel to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, and **Mickey Gordon**, '39, is a director of the Foundation. Until the Foundation met in Quantico in June, neither realized that the other had attended AMA. Colonel Haden lives in Oakton, VA.



1947

**J. B. Simmons** writes with the good news that he has just gotten married, "and we are very happy indeed!" Congratulations to the Simmons'. They'll live in Tulsa, OK.



**THAT'S ME** in 1942! So says **Thomas Warner**, '44. "Soon after this picture was taken, all ordnance was returned to the government for use in the war. We drilled thereafter with broom sticks... Marine boot camp was no problem for me after the tough discipline we had at Augusta." The photo first appeared in the June issue of *The Bayonet*.

1948

**Richard McLaughlin** has sold his business and his house on Long Island and finally has moved back home to Staunton.

**Ernest Click** suffered a heart attack in July and has been recovering at home in Umatilla, FL. Ernest and Marge drove up for the May reunion.

We all wish Ernie a speedy and full recovery.

**Bob Buckmaster** lives in Arizona and a few years back he found **Sam Conley**, '47, at a political meeting in Arizona. They were together at Augusta for 3 years, worked together in the military, but had not made the AMA connection though they were and are good friends. Sam was a colonel who served many years with the US Army Strategic Communications Command. Bob moved from the Office of the Chief of Staff to STRATCOM and he and Sam worked together closely. Bob graduated from North Carolina, George Washington and American Universities, married his Marion in 1951, and they have 2 "wonderful daughters..."

1949

**Jim Welch** writes that he and his brothers **Mason**, '45 and **Mike**, '47, all plan to attend the 1999 reunion. Mason lives in Hallendale, FL; Mike in Gettysburg, PA; and Jim in Selbyville, DE. "We are all into golf and fishing with various degrees of skill!" Jim and his wife Lee have done lots of travelling since he retired from law practice in 1991.

**Bill Dickinson** vows that he will be at the 1999 reunion - his 50th class year. Bill lives in Carlisle, PA.

**Jim Council** thankfully was spared when the terribly devastating Florida fires swept through Ormond Beach in July. "The fires stayed to the west of us, but there were businesses 5 miles away that were burned out. We had lots

of smoke and road closures... but we are fine..."

1951

**Paul Sposito** retired from the Army in

1983 after 27 years on active duty. He saw service in Vietnam, Germany and Italy. He served with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and was a faculty member at the U.S. Army War College. "My thanks to **Bob Bradford, Ed Click, Hap Starr, Alex Wattay and Goodloe Saunders** for the time they give to keep the AMA spirit alive."

#### 1953

**Dr. Sam Martin** is retiring after 35 years as a professor at Georgia Tech. He plans to attend his 50th class reunion in 2003. Thanks to **Lewis Mundin, '53** for this information.

#### 1957

**Goodloe Saunders** and Brenda are still house building on Afton Mountain between Waynesboro and Charlottesville. They are in a mobile home until their new house has been completed.

#### 1958

**Alfred Coleman, Jr.** has retired as head of Coleman-Adams Construction Company in Lynchburg. Buzzy lives in Big Island and his son Cliff now runs the company.

#### 1959

**Rodger Morris** recently lost his mother. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Rodger.

**John Steciw** and his wife of 38 years live in Punta Gorda Isles, FL. After AMA, John went to Kent State and then took a job with Ford Motors which entailed 14 moves before he retired to do woodworking and boating full time. e-mail: wicets@sunline.net

**Terry Snow** is the guy who found **John Steciw** (above) with a computer search. Terry also located **Phil Anthony** in Bedford, MA, **Ed Blankenship** in Poquoson, VA, **John**



**4 MORE FROM '58** - These guys were AWOL when the Class of '58 had its "official" photo taken at the Stone Church during the 1998 reunion. Duke Fancher, '58, corralled the quartet and made this photo of the miscreants. L. to r., Bill Yates, Don Huber, Larry Smoot and Lynch Ward.

**Calandros** in Bartow, FL, **Maurice Coulon** in Hingham, MA, **Martin Kruppenbacher** in Delray Beach, FL, **Ralph Lampie** in Mechanicsville, VA and **John Ulrich** in Pittsburgh. Thanks to Terry, all these guys are reconnected to AMA.

#### 1960

**Frank Williamson** has written an article about the world-famous Tides Inn for the April/May issue of *Pleasant Living*, a magazine published for the Chesapeake Bay region. Frank and Bev honeymooned at the inn on Carter's Creek 35 years ago. They returned to revisit those memories and Frank did a picture feature on their return trip for the magazine.

#### 1961

**Ralph Karr** operates a contracting firm in Scottsdale, AZ after many years in airline management with several carriers.

**Cam Lewis** has been Director of the Enforcement Division of the West Virginia Department of Transportation for the last 17 years. He and Susan

have been married 32 years. Cam, III is a graduate of Bluefield College and daughter Rachel is a junior at Marshall College. Cam's father graduated from Augusta in 1907.

#### 1962

**Aquiles "Rod" Rodriguez** has sold his Loxahatchee, FL horse farm and has moved to Sweden, his wife Mollie's native land. He's teaching English and Spanish to adults in high school. Rod and Mollie live in a small village on the Baltic Sea 180 kilometers north of Stockholm. Address: Harnasgatan 20 A, 814 92 Skutskar, Sweden. e-mail: rod-mollie@usa.net

#### 1963

**John Wright** suggests a scenic route for anyone going from the Midwest to the East Coast. "From Indianapolis, I came back east on old Route 60 across West Virginia and into Virginia, turning north on Route 11 to AMA. Then, I went north to Route 33 at Harrisonburg and took that east to Richmond and back home to Fort Eustis. What a beautiful and totally fun drive!"

1964

**Dorsey Pleasants** lives in Norfolk and didn't know the alumni association was alive and well until he met **Angus Hines, '42**. Now, thanks to Angus, Dorsey is back on the mailing list.

1966

**Tom Haley** lives in the Detroit area and reports that "I have been in the Navy (6 years), including Vietnam service, a salesman, a fireman, a deputy sheriff and a good golfer..."

**David Beatty** retired as a sergeant in the Charlotte-Mecklenberg County Police Department on 1 August after 30 years of service. He and his wife have moved to Blowing Rock, NC.

**Gavin Murdoch** teaches high school English in Toronto. "I try to pass on many of the values I learned at AMA... I was inspired by every English teacher I had or knew outside of class as they made their rounds each evening during study period. I wish that all I had to do now was to throw a towel over the door whenever I have a problem..." Gavin says that thanks to **Doc Savedge**, he won two Amie Awards for excellence in educational journalism.

1968

**William "Bronco" Lane** is Chief of the Signal Branch in the Combat Support Division, Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate at the Pentagon. Bill is a lieutenant colonel who was profiled in **SPOTLIGHT** in the June 1995 *Bayonet*. Bronco served in the 82nd Airborne, 1st Special Forces, 1st Ranger Battalion, VII Corps, 25th and 2nd Infantry Divisions, Special Operations Command (Pacific), the UN Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission, and the *Operation Uphold Democracy* mission in Haiti.



**PULL!** - One of the activities at the 1998 reunion was skeet shooting. Waiting for their birds to fly are, l. to r., **Blaine Clarke, '72**; **Mike Payne, '76**; **Mark Femrite, '71**, and **Scotch Melcher, '71**.

**Mark Aronson** had a better excuse than, "The dog ate my exam paper, sir!" He missed the 1998 reunion because he was busy proposing marriage - and she said yes! Congratulations, Marc! We'll look forward to seeing you *both* at the '99 reunion.

**Russ Amidon** didn't make this year's reunion either because his son came home from Japan, it was the weekend of his stepdaughter's prom, and he had to teach at the Delaware State Fire School. OK, Cadet Amidon, you're excused - this year! But we'll be looking for you next 30 April-1 May for the 1999 reunion.

**Lieutenant Colonel Steve Passero** is in the U. S. Army in Stuttgart, Germany where he will be stationed for the next 4 years.

1969

**Victor Gomez** missed the reunion because he had to be in the Dominican Republic that weekend. He's in the midst of a career change.

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**Joe Wenzel** and his family visited with brother **Jeff, '70**, and his family over the 4th of July. The Joe Wenzels then went on to Walton Beach, FL for more vacation.

**Charles Pascale** is Operations Manager of RICA.NET, a division of Spectrum Communications. He was raised in Asia, later attended James Madison University, and currently lives in Harrisonburg.

1970

**Jeff Wenzel** is very proud of his wife Lyn and for good reason. She is Principal of J.C. Booth Middle School in Tyrone, GA and they won the National Scientific Olympiad for the 3rd straight year. "With all the

bad press about schools these days, we are very proud of this achievement," says Jeff.

1972

**Al Zayas'** father Francisco passed away in Florida in May after a long illness. We are all thinking about you, Al, and send our condolences.

**Rick Dixon** can't believe that his daughter has graduated from high school. We're all getting a just a little older, Rich! He lives in Arlington, VA.

**David McCulloch** helped serve as a host when the 69th Baseball All Star game was held in July in the Colorado Rockies stadium. He's a member of the Society of American Baseball Research in Denver. Dave lives in Longmont, CO.

**Blaine Clarke** is a clinical social worker providing psychotherapy to adults and specializing in adolescents and their families. Blaine lives in Darnestown, MD with his wife of 7 years and their 2 children.

