

Death takes Adrian Howard, '56

Adrian (Abeie) Howard, '56, First Captain and Battalion Commander in 1955-56, died peacefully at his home in Richmond on 3 November 1998. A retired general contractor, he is survived by his wife, Rose Marie, who he met at Stuart Hall, 3 sons, 2 daughters, his mother, 2 sisters, and 8 grandchildren.

Howard was elected to *Ad Astra* and commanded the Roller Rifles. He was a student body officer, member of the Honor Committee, and editor of both *The Bayonet* and *The Recall*. He played football, basketball and baseball at Augusta. After graduation, Howard attended North Carolina State University where he majored in civil engineering.

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**First Captain
Adrian Howard, '56**

Reunion plans progress

Time marches on, and the 1999 AMA Alumni Association Reunion grows ever closer. This year's get together will be held on the last day of April and the first day of May at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center at the Woodrow Wilson Turnpike exit just off Interstate 81 in Staunton. A record turnout is anticipated.

The planned highlight of the weekend will be the dedication of the Roller-Robinson House in the center of the campus as the AMA Alumni House and Museum. A contingent of cadets from Fishburne Military School will take part in the dedication ceremonies and alumni will have Saturday lunch in the AMA gymnasium, the first official AMA function on the campus since the school closed 15 years ago in January of 1984.

Events scheduled

In addition to the dedication of the Alumni House, Founders Day will be celebrated in the Old Stone Church Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening will see a grand display of food and refreshments, plus dancing in the AMA tent at the Holiday Inn, the first year that the hospitality room will be a spacious and gracious tent.

The annual Awards Dinner will be held on Friday night at the Holiday Inn. Here, the honored classes will be presented and the AMA Legacy Scholarship winners will be announced.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL for the 1999 REUNION

**Holiday Inn Golf &
Conference Center**

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by calling, toll free,
1/800/932-9061**

Registration in March

The March *Bayonet* will contain a blue registration form which should be returned to the alumni association so that you will be able to attend meal functions and so that we can determine how big the crowd will be. AMA Alumni President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, said that "a record turnout is expected for the 1999 reunion, eclipsing even last year's record attendance." Saunders also reminded alumni that they must make

"separate reservations for hotel space. When you register with AMA, this is only for the functions held that weekend, and you must make your own reservations with the hotel..."

A list of area hotels, in addition to the Holiday Inn, will be found on page 23.

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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

1999 - it's going to take me a while to get used to that. I'll probably keep dating my checks 1998 for a while! But we've been looking forward to 1999 for a long time. Now, we can say that **this year**, we will finally dedicate the AMA Alumni House and Museum. What a great feeling it is to know that we'll have a focal point for alumni activities right in the middle of the AMA campus! Our friendly rivals from Fishburne have promised a detachment of cadets to help with the dedication. We expect to have some AMA musicians back so bugle calls can resound over Fort Defiance for the first time in more than 15 years. And we'll have a luncheon served in the gym where each of us played sports, danced with our favorite girl, and walked across the stage to get our diplomas. This will be the first AMA event there since December of 1983.

We have plenty to be excited about! In 1998, we had the biggest turnout ever at our reunion and this year promises to be even more successful. Hotel rooms will be at a premium, so you should make your reservation as soon as possible. The number for the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center - the headquarters hotel - is 1/800/932-9061, toll free. Better call today and get your reservation. *This* reunion is going to be a barn burner!

Goodloe Saunders, '57

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Was Professor Roller in the Battle of Gettysburg? Records of Stuart's Cavalry say he was

Did **Charles S. Roller, Sr.**, participate in the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War? **Duke Fancher, '58**, thinks that he did.

Fancher has researched the early days of AMA (see *In the Beginning*, page 13) including many details about the life of AMA's founder who served in the 1st Virginia Cavalry under General J.E.B. Stuart. The U.S. National Archives provided Duke with some 20 "muster cards" for the period from July 1861 through June of 1864.

Duke says that The Professor "was present for the muster roll of his unit during the time of

the Gettysburg campaign. We know that Stuart's Cavalry went head-to-head with Custer on July 3, 1863, just east of Gettysburg... and there is every reason to believe that Professor Roller was with his unit during this battle."

The cards also showed that Professor Roller was "paroled at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865," the day that General Lee had surrendered in the small central Virginia town. Roller had been taken prisoner the day before after he had been injured in a fall from his horse.

Roller enlisted on 24 July 1861, 3 days after the First Battle of Bull Run (Manassas).

1934

Lee Walker had open heart surgery at the Lancaster, PA General Hospital in early November. He's recovering nicely at home.

1935

Julian Quarles is enjoying life at the Presbyterian Retirement Home in Harrisonburg after a long and distinguished career as an attorney in Miami. Julian has a new e-mail address: JMQJR@aol.com

1939

Jim "Buddy" McCausland has been named the Outstanding Volunteer Fund Raiser by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, Virginia Piedmont chapter. Jim was honored at a dinner on the campus of Lynchburg College. Congratulations, Buddy!

1942

Ott Heilman has had hip replacement surgery after a fall he took in 1996. After therapy, he's now able to walk with a cane, drive his car, and, to quote him, "eat with gusto!" Ott is proud of the fact that he roomed with **Rutland Beard** during his first year at Augusta and with **Mike Suttle** his second. Ott lives in Kittanning, PA.

1943

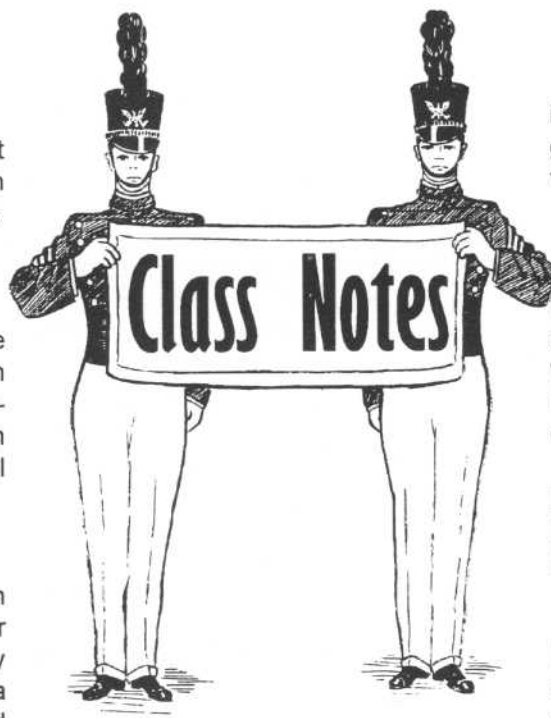
John Jansing has some hot political news! His wife, Flora Bush Jansing, is a first cousin to George Bush "and he now has 2 sons who are governors!"

1945

Bob Caudill says he and his wife Betty "enjoy living and working in North Carolina." They have 3 grown children and 3 grandchildren. Bob and Betty will be at the 1999 reunion.

1949

Jim Sylvanus is back in touch with the alumni association because **Jim Starnes, '50**, has a sharp eye. Jim Starnes was on a bus on the way to see the new Baltimore Ravens play in their new stadium. He recognized Jim Sylvanus, and in the process got him back on the AMA mailing list. Hopes to come back for his 50th reunion.



Frank Spencer has a new granddaughter, Paige Atwood Spencer, born 8 October 1998. Her father is **David Spencer, '76**.

Doug Nemier already has reservations at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center for this year's reunion. After retiring as a professor at Montgomery College in Rockville, MD, the Nemiers have lived in Lancaster, PA. He has had 4 surgeries for cancer and on his last exam, the doctors could find nothing! Good news, Doug!

Chuck Pine says that he is still in the real estate business in Winchester, "but I have slowed down." Both his daughter and son-in-law are in the business with Chuck. He says that he already has made his reservation at the Holiday Inn for the 1999 reunion 30 April and 1 May.

Gray Kinnie has built a new home in a retirement community in Hilton Head. He's very active with rollerblading, aerobics, crabbing and wood-working. Gray had carotid artery surgery in September and he has been slow in getting his voice back.

1959

Dave Conrad has convinced his wife, Lynda, to help find AMA alumni who are lost to the alumni association. She has found several people by using the

internet. Thanks so much, Lynda, for getting these guys back in touch with their AMA classmates and friends.

Rodger Morris is the unfranchise owner for Market American. "It's the damdest thing I have ever seen," says Roger. But he doesn't tell us what Market American is. Whatever it is, you should be so happy with your career!

Harry Wainwright says he'll definitely be at his 40th anniversary AMA reunion on 30 April and 1 May.

1960

Bernie McAleese has been "uncovered" by **Frank Williamson**. He's back on the AMA mailing list. Welcome home! Bernie lives in Townsend, DE.

Byrd Newton and Ron Reigleman, '61, and their wives, recently gathered at "the CW Barracks remote location overlooking the Atlantic at the Outer Banks of North Carolina... **Frank Williamson, '60** was AWOL... and missed a good time."

Fred Evans retired from the FBI in 1994, but went back to work for Uncle Sam soon thereafter. He is now Manager of the Oak Ridge unit of the Department of Energy Office of Counterintelligence. He still lives in a log cabin on a Tennessee mountain, "and have more fun than I should while raising a 9 year old son."

Bill McVey and wife Millie spent 3 months this past summer at Bald Head Island, NC. In the autumn, they spent several weeks in Europe, visiting their younger daughter who is in the Peace Corps and who teaches English in the Slovak Republic. This spring, the McVeys plan a 5 week excursion to Australia and New Zealand. Then, they'll be back in time to attend the AMA 1999 reunion on 30 April and 1 May.

1961

Harold "Bud" Allison has been found by **Frank Williamson**. Bud lives out west in Casper, WY.



Randy Osman, '58, with a sturgeon caught near his home in Astoria, Oregon. Randy is a fine arts appraiser and operates a number of tours in Western Oregon.

1962

Rod Rodriguez checks in from Sweden to report that they had their first big snowstorm on the first day of November. Rod and Mollie live in a small village on the Baltic Sea where he teaches English and Spanish to adults. Sweden is Mollie's native land.

1963

Ray Sanchez reports he travelled all over Florida last October visiting relatives in Tallahassee, Miami, Ocala, Daytona and Naples. Ray lives in Pflugerville, TX.

1964

Bob Ash is an international business consultant and has worked in 86 countries. 1998 had him in Jordan, Thailand and Papua, New Guinea. After graduating from West Virginia and the University of California, Santa Barbara, he got an MBA at the University of Charleston, then served with the 7th Special Forces Group out of Fort Bragg, NC. He spent 20 years

with AT&T, C&P and Bell Atlantic before starting his own business. Bob and family live on a 112 acre working farm near Bluefield, WV.

1965

Pete Lampman lives near Roanoke and is President of Virginia Amateur Sports, organizer and founder of the Commonwealth Games of Virginia. In 1998, on the third weekend in July, Pete hosted nearly 10,000 athletes. Pete has his bid in to host the 2000, 2001 and 2002 Womens ACC Basketball Championships.

1966

Ernie Greene and his wife had 2 great trips in 1998. For Valentine's Day, she arranged a week in Paris (France, not Virginia, Ernie assures us!). They completed that trip in May, then they spent a week in New Orleans in October.

1967

Mickey Toms is very proud of his new daughter Francesca, born last July. "*She's a doll!*," the proud papa exclaims. Mickey is in commercial real estate in Charlottesville. In addition to Francesca, he has 4 other children: Chuck, 29; Brandon, 24; Ashleigh, 19; and a stepson, Peter, 16. "*Keeps you young!*" says Mickey.

1969

Dr. Larry Reed is now Professor of Surgery and Division Chief for Trauma in the Surgical Care and Burn Unit at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago. For the 7 preceding years, he was a professor at Duke. His family is still in Durham, NC while his son finishes his senior year in high school there. Larry expects to be at The Greenbrier for a speaking engagement on the 30 April-1 May weekend and plans to attend the AMA reunion that weekend.

1970

Gary Nicholson had a great time in late October salmon fishing at Pulaski, NY, east of Lake Ontario. Brought back to Dunkirk, MD more than 400 pounds of fish steaks and fillets - and some great "you should-a seen the ones that got away" stories. For more

great fish stories, read about **Shawn Ogimachi, '77**.

1971

Steve Morisey lives in Wilmington, NC with his wife, Anna, who he met at Fairfax Hall. They have 2 boys: Kenan is a sophomore in high school, and Caison is a freshman at the University of South Carolina. Steve said he ran into his former roommate **Tim Cooper** a while back, but has lost track of him again.

Layton Brown Carr was born in Kentucky and has never really left. He is Manager for Southland Technology in Valley Station, KY. Married for 25 years, he has 2 children in college.

1974

Dwight Van Nitz is doing well with his Civil War shop at Gettysburg. He plans to be at the 1999 reunion for the 25th anniversary of his class.

1975

Luis Iglesias majored in criminal justice at St. John's University in New York and has been a police officer in Miami since 1980. He and his wife Nelly have 2 sons: Luis, III attends Florida International, and Anthony is 10 years old. Nelly's son Darrel is 16, and Luis says,



Luis Iglesias, '75

"I am very proud of my family...all the boys have done well academically..."

1976

David Spencer has a new daughter, Paige Atwood Spencer, born 8 October 1998. **Frank Spencer, '49**, is the proud grandpa.

1977

Shawn "Ogi" Ogimachi is a career advisor at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He not only made it cross country for last year's reunion, he is
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