



A grand event planned

The ribbon-cutting and opening of the AMA Alumni House and Museum. A reception at White Hall for early birds. Golf, tennis and sporting clay events. A Saturday night dance with an invitation to bring your musical instrument and "jam" with the band. Announcement of the AMA Alumni Medal winners. A Kentucky Derby party on Saturday afternoon. A tour of area attractions. The Silent Auction. Awarding the Year 2000 AMA Legacy Scholarship winners. And more!

That's what is planned for Reunion 2000, and the time to register is now. And you had better get your hotel room reserved since our reunion weekend is commencement weekend at James Madison. Space will be tight. Details inside!



Contributions drive continues

Good response to fund request

The response has been good from AMA alumni and friends who have been asked to step up their contributions in support of the new AMA Alumni House and Museum, according to **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, President of the AMA Alumni Association.

"We are very grateful to our loyal friends who answered the call," said Saunders. "We now have more than 40 members of the President's Council, composed of those who have donated or pledged at least \$1,000 to the renovation of the old Roller-Robinson house. We know that not everyone can give \$1,000, and we are quite pleased with the number of folks who have bought paver bricks or who have simply written checks for what they can afford."

Work on the house continues unabated. (story on page 17) There have been 2 unforeseen expenses: the county required installation of an expensive sprinkler system, and the owners of AMA required the house to be separated from the Mess Hall which gave us 2 more rooms than were in the original plans.

While work on the interior and exterior of the house should be completed in time for Reunion 2000, it will be some time after that before the museum will have its exhibits ready for viewing. "It will be a work in progress at the time of the reunion," says **Duke Fancher, '58**, new Chairman of the Museum Committee.

Saunders said he hopes that there will not be a slowdown in contributions. "We still need money and will until the house is completed and the offices and all the exhibits are complete. It's a new year and a new millennium, and we want to have the house all paid for when we get to the reunion in May."

A list of current President's Council members is on page 11. Those who have contributed or pledged at least \$1,000 will have a pre-ribbon-cutting tour of the AMA Alumni House and Museum at the reunion, will attend a special reception at White Hall, are receiving periodic reports on the renovation, and will have special ribbons on their reunion registration badges.

A second program which is raising money for the house is the brick paver project. Specially engraved bricks will be used in conjunction with the reconstruction of the walkway leading from the front of the Roller-Robinson House toward the front gate. AMA alumni and friends may purchase these bricks to honor a living person, to commemorate someone who has gone before, or to honor a team, teachers, roommates, and others important to their lives. An order form is on page 31 and samples of bricks already purchased are on pages 32 and 34.

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at Reunion 2000

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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

This is the first time that I have put the year 2000 on a letter. On behalf of your alumni association, let me welcome you to the 21st Century and to all the promise that the future holds for us.

I want to thank sincerely those who stepped up to the plate and helped us get the funds needed for our AMA Alumni House and Museum. I know that everyone could not contribute a thousand dollars, or even a hundred. But I do feel that every last one of us can contribute *something*. That's where each person has to decide what AMA has meant to him in his life.

The need is still there. Work is going forward on the Roller-Robinson House even as I write this letter, and I am still hoping that we can open our museum and headquarters for the alumni association without having a debt to service. If you haven't yet contributed, I hope you will do so soon. If you have already given, we can always use more, though I continue to hope that our success will not be dependent on the same good people who always respond.

I'm not much for New Year's resolutions, but I would like to propose one for all of us. Let's do all we can in the first 6 months of 2000 to see the AMA Alumni House and Museum open on time, *and in the black!*

Goodloe Saunders, '57

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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Reunion 2000 a time to find close friends

Pictured below are friends from adjacent classes. **Tex Wainwright, '59**, lives in Maryland, despite his nickname. **Jim McLelland, '60**, lives a state away in Statesville, NC.

The photo was taken at the 1999 AMA reunion. Which helps make our point. No matter how far from Fort Defiance your life may take you and no matter how long it has been since you visited the place, there's a magic that



happens when you set foot on the campus. The stories tucked away in the attic of your mind begin to tumble out. Stories that the dearest ones in your life have never heard will emerge. Of course, you'll try to convince everyone that you marched more penalty tours or shoveled more coal than any other cadet who ever wore AMA gray.

But whether you have come to every reunion or it is the first for you, you'll leave a little of your heart in Fort Defiance.

Get your hotel reservation made now and get yourself to Fort Defiance in May! What a way to start a new century!

1930

Jack Woods writes "that to shoot my age in golf, I'll have to reduce my score and live to be 100!" Jack and Vivian live in Las Vegas.

1935

Dick Wilson and Margaret are on a 38 day cruise around South America. They'll get back to Florida in early February and plan to be in Fort Defiance next May 5-6-7 for Dick's 65th reunion!

1938

Bob Reisacher lives a contented life in Santa Fe, NM. He says he keeps hoping to get back to a reunion, but hasn't yet. The Year 2000 would be a good time, Bob!

Jack Manch's wife, Lee, has moved to 130 Palm Lane, Las Vegas, NV 89101-1935. Jack was copilot on the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo during World War II. He lost his life in a plane crash near Las Vegas many years later.

1939

Jim McCausland is a retired real estate broker. He lives in Lynchburg.

1942

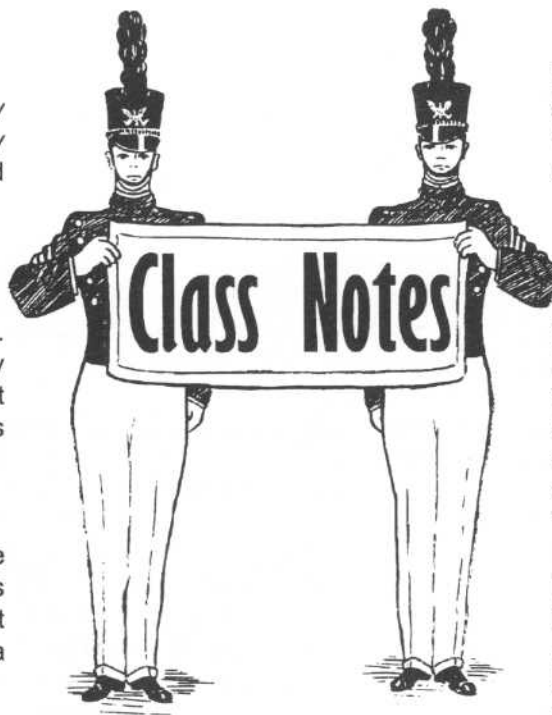
Augus Hines lives in Norfolk and says, "I'll see all you fellows at Reunion 2000." He recently visited Staunton, and drove down to AMA "where I just sat at the gate for about 15 minutes remembering..."

Ott Heilman is a retired county commissioner. He and Mary Louise live in Kittanning, PA.

1943

Leonard Salasky and Carol have 3 daughters, a son and 5 grandchildren. One daughter is in Alaska, one in Tel Aviv, and the third in Dallas. Their son has stayed close to home in Sacramento. Len's new mailing and e-mail addresses: 1069 Harrington Way, Carmichael, CA 95825. e-mail: Salasky@aol.com

Chris Harrison says that his youngest son graduated 19 June MSBE *magna cum laude* from the North-



eastern University College of Engineering, and is now a proud member of the United States Navy.

1945

Fred Thomas has visited with his son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren in Ogden, UT. Fred, III is with Iomega Technologies. If you use a ZIP drive, young Fred is the inventor of the media which it uses. Must make for a very proud daddy! Congratulations to you both.

Ray Long and Nancy live in Peoria, AZ. From 1979 until he retired in 1990, Ray was President and Owner of Saguard Acceptance Corporation, a deal finance company.

1946

Dr. Ed Leventen and his wife, Ruth, spent the month of May in St. Lucia, the West Indies, where both did volunteer work at St. Judes Hospital. She was an emergency room nurse and Ed did orthopaedic surgery. They are hoping to visit **Harvey Bowers, '69**, at Harvey's B&B in Alaska.

Bob Lappin retired from law practice in 1995. He lives in Mashpee, MA June to October and Palm Beach Gardens, FL November to May. A graduate of Norwich University, Bob played semipro basketball in Boston. He later received an MBA and a law degree from Boston University. e-mail: rslappin@worldnet.att.net

John English left AMA in 1946 and graduated from Martinsville, VA, High in 1948 after "I found out that girls were not just soft boys!" John remembers serving in the band under **Major Manch** and taking algebra from **Major Roller**. He lives in Kennesaw, GA and retired from the USAF after 20 years service as a meteorologist.

PAVE THE WAY!

IN MEMORY
OF TRIGGER,
WONDER DOG

BUY A BRICK TO REMEMBER A PET
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1947

Harry May says that he has now completed his many surgeries and "am 90 per cent back." In the meantime, Harry's wife, Jane, had to undergo surgery too. He says they both will be 100 per cent in 2000!

Jim Mackey was runner-up in the National Intersections Tennis Match at Isle of Palms, SC in December. Jim has been ranked in the top 10 nationally in doubles several times in the '90's and went unbeaten in doubles in the Florida Super Senior Circuit. Jim is captain of the alumni tennis team which beat FMS at the '99 reunion.

J. B. Simmons and his new wife, Linda, live in Tulsa. They were married in May 1998 and attended the May 1999 reunion. "It was a great surprise to meet so many of J.B.'s classmates," says Linda, "and we plan on being there for Reunion 2000!"

1948

Bill Aldrich continues to run his consulting company, WTA Enterprises, in Houston. Says he hopes to retire sometime in the not too distant future.

Francis X. Fields writes that he has purchased a paver for the AMA Alumni House and Museum in memory of his AMA room-mate **Pete Pandazides** "so Pete's wife and daughter will have it always as a remembrance."

Hal Walters now has 11 grandchildren. That should have kept him busy Christmas shopping!

1949

Richard McLaughlin thinks that as you get older, your mind will keep you young if you use it. So, he went off to Oxford University in England for a class on "New Perspectives on the

American Civil War." "Fascinating," says Richard. And he may soon be off to France since the University of Virginia will offer a course in 2000 on Thomas Jefferson in Paris.



PANAMA PARTY - Dr. Ernie Calvo, '52, left, above, sent us this picture from the wedding of Adolfo Anguizola, '82, this past October in Panama. Left to right, Ernie; Rosemary, Adolfo's bride; Adolfo; and Ernie's wife, Graciela.

Thorne McLoney retired after 40 years in the electrical wholesale business and is now an electrical inspector in a very busy economy in Cynthiana, KY. Thorne says that *The Bayonet* "stirs up all kinds of memories, all positive."

1950

The Reverend Jim Lupton, AMA's Chaplain, has returned from Canada where he underwent eye surgery. He now has 20/20 sight to his right eye which had been 20/200. Jim lives in Belhaven, NC.

1951

Frank Pilley is a mathematics lecturer at George Mason University and Adjunct Professor of Mathematics at Marymount University in Northern Virginia. Frank retired from the USAF

as a full colonel and has been involved in education since. Frank is recruiting an AMA tennis team to play Fishburne alumni at Reunion 2000.

Jack Hodge and Mary Scott hope to get back for Reunion 2000. We'll look for you!

1952

Roger Messick and his Jean spent Thanksgiving at Lee's Ferry on the Colorado River trout fishing. His theory was that if she caught enough fish, he could buy a new boat! The Messicks live in Prescott, AZ.

1953

Lew Mundin has sent a check to help with the AMA Alumni House and Museum and says, "We WILL get it done!"

1955

Jack Meier has been promoted to Director, Catalog and Magazine Group, U.S. Operations, at Quebecor World, an international printing house. He says we'll see him Reunion 2000. Great, Jack! He lives in Bowling Green, KY.

1958

Terry Snow suffered a severe stroke in late October, but says he will be at Reunion 2000! Get well fast, Terry. (Details on page 27.)

Slade Ballou is a safety officer for NASA. He and Reta live in Merritt Island, FL.

Duke Fancher is recovering from hip replacement surgery in September. He thanks all the people who have sent him good wishes.

1959

Bill Blakely is Safety Manager, Martin Army Community Hospital, at Fort Benning, GA. Bill served in the Army

