



The BAYONNET



Reunion 2002 paid homage to every World War II veteran who was in any way associated with AMA. A huge flag draped Big Barracks during the annual alumni

weekend, in front of which was displayed an array of military equipment. Above, left, Bill Kerr, '42, of Nampa, ID, talks over war times with fellow vet Pete Lambert, '44, of Richmond. At the Friday banquet and Saturday luncheon, praise was heaped on the veterans of WW II who saved Western Civilization 60 years ago.

Travel from Normandy to the Rhine with AMA friends in 2003

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1934  
(NONE)

**Bill Robinson** writes from Vero Beach, FL that he began his lifelong hobby of flying in 1936 and continues to this date. Bill is an **Ad Astra** and is trying to figure out how he got listed with the Class of 1928. We don't know either, but we'll correct it, Bill.

1935  
(JULIAN QUARLES)

**George Adam** was **Julian Quarles'** roommate for all four years they were at Augusta. Ed came back for Reunion 2002, his first time back to the campus since he graduated 67 years ago. And once again, he roomed with Julian!

1938  
(LARRY KURTZ)

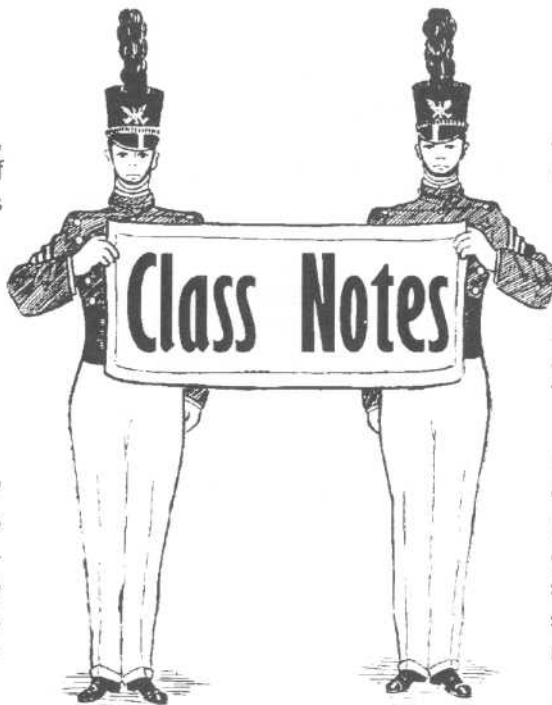
**Homer Anderson** was back for the reunion to be with his old friends from World War II days. The AMA Museum had a display including an article about Homer by Ernest Hemingway. Hemingway was in a landing craft commanded by Homer on D-Day.

1939  
(NONE)

**Mickey Gordon's** name was on the registration list for Reunion 2002 because, as always, he was the very first person to register for the reunion. Mickey passed away last January.

1942  
(RUTLAND BEARD)

**Colonel Beard** says that the 2002 reunion was "*Outstanding! The honors given the World War II vets, including a trip to the D-Day Memorial in Bedford, was touching and meaningful.*" He said it was a great treat to see **Worthington "Tex" Mahone, '42**, and **Mina**. Rut and Tex had not seen each other for 60 years. Tex, Rut and **Angus Hines** represented the Class of 1942 at Reunion 2002. See photo at right.



1945  
(NONE)

**Cheatham Stone, Jr.** has retired from the grocery business. He and his wife, **Eloise**, live in Midlothian, VA. They both have part time jobs just to keep busy. Cheatham has a daughter, a son who is deceased, two stepsons, two grandsons, a granddaughter and a great granddaughter.

1947  
(MIKE WELCH)

**Johnny Pappas** has a new e-mail address: [Johnnyjpap@aol.com](mailto:Johnnyjpap@aol.com)

1948  
(BILL HARRIS)

**Paul Bratton** and **Ruby** were at the reunion. A few days later, Paul returned to volunteer at the AMA Museum. Thanks, Paul!

**Francis X. Fields** wanted very much to come to the reunion, but his eye problem continues to vex him. His ophthalmologist had to sew the eyelid shut and F.X. didn't want to get stopped by an officer of the law. We missed you and your bugle, F.X.

**Bill Harris** came to the reunion with a supply of his book *Heart of my Heart* which he cheerfully signed for all comers. He and **Frances** had a grand time. Then, back home in Texas, they were in an auto accident on Mother's Day when their car was hit broadside by an unlicensed driver. Bill had a broken collar bone and he and **Frances** had numerous contusions. The car was totalled, but thank goodness, they are all right. (Notice: all right is two words just like **Colonel Roller** always said it was!)

1949  
(FRANK SPENCER)

**Ed Chauncey** sneaked in and out of Reunion 2002 before most old friends saw him. He brought some wonderful items for the Silent Auction, but back problems sent him quickly home to Remington. Hope all is well now, Ed, and thanks so much for your never diminishing support! Ed had knee surgery in late June. Hope you're doing well now, Ed.

**Milt Gallier** has had a slight heart attack and couldn't get back for the reunion. Hope you are doing well, Milt. The tennis players really missed you.



**CLASS OF '42 - Angus Hines, Rutland Beard and Tex Mahone at their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion.**

**Jak Miner** was wandering through the internet when he found us on the AMA webpage. Jak lives in Oxford, MA, near Worcester. After a 25 year career in print journalism, including the last ten as a correspondent for the *Christian Science Monitor*, he became manager of employee communications for a large industrial firm in Worcester. Then, he and his second wife built a steel, 32 foot ketch and went sailing for several years. He now produces a small boating publication in Rhode Island. E-mail Jak at: [JakROBoat@aol.com](mailto:JakROBoat@aol.com)



**Jak Miner,  
'49 Recall**

**1950  
(JIM LUPTON)**

**The Reverend Jim Lupton** had to cancel his reunion reservations at the last moment because of the death of a parishioner whose funeral he had to preach on reunion weekend. We missed you, Jim.

**1952  
(JIM "SHAD" WHITE)**

**Otto Cuervo** lives in Texas and would love to hear from his classmates. Otto's address: 6202 Spencer Highway, #103, Pasadena, TX 77505.

**1953  
(NONE)**

**Al Wattay** and Diane drove to Reunion 2002 from their home on Hilton Head Island, SC. The Wattays and the **Rutland Beards, '42**, were able to spend some quality time together at the reunion.

**Lew Mundin** couldn't get to this year's reunion, but wants to be there in 2003. The dates are 1-4 May, Lew!

**1954**

**(KEN HOKE)**

**Ricardo Alvarez San Pedro** writes from Toronto that he is eager to hook up with any Augusta alumni who live in Canada. You can e-mail Ricardo at: [r\\_san-pedro@hotmail.com](mailto:r_san-pedro@hotmail.com)

**1959**

**(LLOYD EASTLACK, DAVE CONRAD & ELLIOTT RIDGE)**

**Dave Conrad** earned an AMA Alumni Medal this year, and what he did not know was that his wife, Lynda, had sneaked into town Friday afternoon. When he was called up to get his medal, Dave was more than a little surprised to see Lynda coming across



**CLASS OF '52 - Roger Messick, Brian Gardner, Shad White and Tommy Mitchell.**

the room! Dave and Lynda's son, **Dave, Jr., '82**, was there also.

**Elliott Ridge** suffered a stroke earlier this year and is undergoing extensive rehabilitation. His wife, Hope, asks that his AMA friends remember him with cards and best wishes. Address: P. O. Box 803, Hillsville, VA 24343. Thinking about and praying for you, Corky.

**1961**

**(JACK STEELE)**

**Rich Newman** came to Reunion 2002, then went back home to Macon, GA to have surgery on an eyelid to remove a basal cell carcinoma followed

by plastic surgery. He's doing fine, thank goodness, but Paula says he is not a very patient patient!

**1962**

**(BOB GEBEAUX)**

**Greg Honeycutt** is a counselor at Valley Medical Center in Renton, WA. He is eager to hear from other AMA alumni in the Seattle area. E-mail: [Greg\\_Honeycutt@valleymed.org](mailto:Greg_Honeycutt@valleymed.org)

**Rod Rodriguez, '62**, who was pictured in the last issue with a bear, says that he plans to spend the coming months fishing near his home in Skutskar, Sweden. E-mail: [warlock@telia.com](mailto:warlock@telia.com)

**1963**

**(MIKE BASTO)**

**Ray Phillips** says that nothing could replace his four years at AMA. "I'm so very glad I had the chance to meet **General Roller** before he passed away... I still have my Eisenhower jacket." E-mail Ray at: [r1phillips@yahoo.com](mailto:r1phillips@yahoo.com)

**Colonel Dean Hanson** is retiring from the Army this summer. He says, "For the final time, duty called and kept me from coming to the reunion... but I plan to be there next year." Colonel Hanson lives in Houston.

**1964**

**(PHIL MATTSON, KEN EICHNER & DAVID HOLSINGER)**

**Ken Eichner** has a message for his classmates: "In 2004, we want to have the largest class representation on record at our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary." He says that everyone in the Class of '64 has plenty of time to make their plans. Call Ken at 931/788-1855, or contact David at 540/371-2431.

**Paul Nicks** went to Texas A&M after AMA, then into the Army with a tour in Vietnam in the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne. When he was discharged, he finished college, starting flying, and worked for

Continental Airlines until 2000. He is now on a second career as a police officer in Spring, TX.

**1965  
(NONE)**

**Chuck Baker** found the AMA website one evening and had a check on the way to the AMA Museum in the next day's mail! Thanks, Chuck. He lives in Jonesborough, TN and plans to be at Reunion 2003.



**CLASS OF '62 - Checking out the yearbook are Bob Gebeaux, Bill Horan and Rich May.**

another wonderful reunion. Thanks so much to both of you for all you do!

**1971  
(RICH MASCHAK & GARRY GRANGER)**

**Gary Understein**, who came to his first reunion last year for his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is a pilot for Continental Airlines. He has just moved from Denver to Houston.

**Ron Melcher** missed his first reunion in many years because of illness in his

**1966  
(NONE)**

**Barry Weeks** is a certified estate planning professional living in Gray, GA. He is a member of the National Association of Tax Professionals, the Association of Government Accountants, and the Institute of Management Accountants.

**Charles Baker** attended the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades at AMA in 1964-66. His e-mail address is: pacific@xtn.net



**THE GANG FROM '67 - Jackson Prentice, Jeff Schroeder, Mickey Toms, Mac McGinnis, Rich Small, Brock Wagner, John Botcheller, Gordon Metz, "Coyote" Ferro and Tom Pressly.**

**1967  
(MAC McINNIS)**

**John Botcheller** doesn't want to hear from anyone who says that it was too difficult to get to the reunion. John came all the way from Seoul, Korea, arriving Thursday night and returning to Korea on Sunday. Thanks, John! That's dedication. John has been with the Hanvit Bank in Seoul since 2000 after a career with Price Waterhouse, Citibank and Aetna International. E-mail address: botcheller@aol.com

**Mickey Toms** is in the commercial real estate business in Charlottesville. He retired from the Army three years ago

after 27 years of active and reserve time. E-mail: baxtom@aol.com

**1969  
(NICK SYROPOULOS, BILL SCARBOROUGH & C.A. PASCALE)**

**Ron Conrad** has been board selected for Captain, Supply Corps, USNR. He is moving to Seckenheim, Germany to serve as a procurement analyst, HQ, US Army Contracting Command, Europe.

**1970  
(JORGE ROVIROSA & BILL PARKINS)**

**Gary Nicholson** and Sue once again worked themselves to death giving us

family. In spite of this, he found time to make all the name badges for reunion attendees. Thanks, Ron! Hope everyone in the family is OK now.

**Mark Femrite** continues to reenact Civil War events and because of his style, looks and voice projection, likely will be seen in a movie called *Gods and Generals* to be released in theaters in November. In the scene, Mark followed several stunt men who get shot. Then, Mark starts to run at the enemy, rifle held high, screaming V-I-R-G-I-N-I-A! Hope he doesn't end up on the cutting room floor. We'll all be at the movies to see Henry!

Names in parentheses under each year indicate the Class Agent for that year

