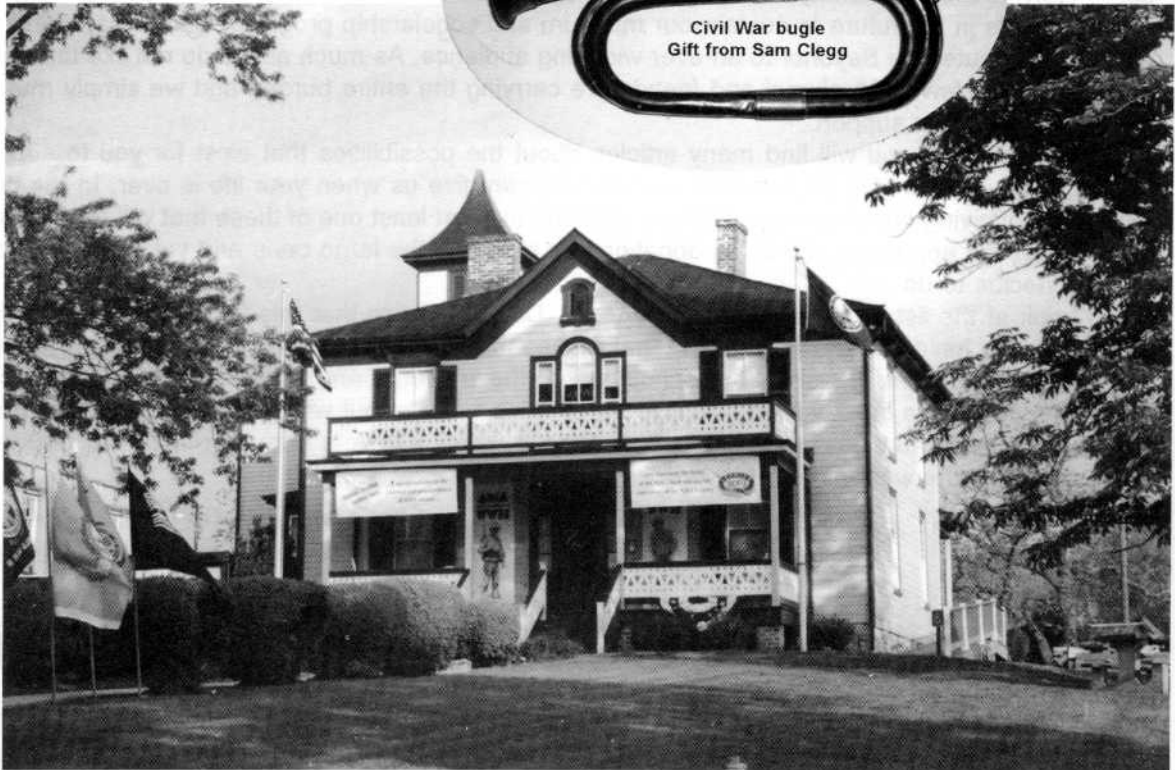


Museum marks its third year

The Augusta Military Academy Museum has just marked its third year of existence amid unsolicited plaudits from alumni and non-alumni visitors, surely a treasure to every soul who bleeds blue and white. With new additions like the Civil War era bugle, below, the museum is a living entity, as interesting to the tourist who is summoned to the museum by the sign on Route 11 as it is to the former cadet who marched across the blacktop in decades past. The story begins on page 9.



Helping yourself and helping AMA

You want to give something to AMA but you don't want your family to suffer. Read about how to help yourself and AMA at the same time. Turn to page 32.

Change in AMA Scholarship rules will be effective in 2004

Beginning in 2004, at least one of the AMA Legacy Scholarships will be awarded to a high school senior entering college for the first time. In 2005, two scholarships will go to high school seniors and so on until all the awards are made to young people just entering college. Why? See page 37.

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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

This issue of *The Bayonet* is filled with stories about and pictures of our fantastic AMA Museum. Those of us who have worked to make the museum a reality still remember a few years back when all we had was the shell of the old house and big dreams about how to resuscitate it. Now, it stands as a jewel among small museums with tributes and acclaim from every visitor. We were so pleased to award three AMA Legacy Scholarships at the most recent reunion. These deserving offspring of AMA alumni will carry the AMA legacy far into the future. We certainly have every reason to be proud of *The Bayonet*. Larger schools which are still in operation are envious of this quality publication.

Now, to the heart of my sermon! As everyone of you knows, each of these endeavors requires money. Funds now and funds in the future to sustain our museum and scholarship programs and to see them grow. Money to publish and distribute *The Bayonet* to an ever widening audience. As much as we do **not** like talking about money, we must do so. Too few AMA alumni and friends are carrying the entire burden and we simply must find a way to broaden and deepen our support.

In this issue, you will find many articles about the possibilities that exist for you to support what we are doing. Support you can give us now and support you can give us when your life is over. In the center fold is a complete matrix of giving opportunities and there is bound to be at least one of these that will fit your own personal wishes and budget. We appreciate the small donations as much as the large ones and your heart will be warmed by whatever you decide to do.

Look at the list of contributors on page 42. Do you realize that this list comprises less than five per cent of the people we have on our mailing list? That means that these five per cent are paying for everything the other 95 per cent enjoys – *The Bayonet*, our scholarships, the museum and much more. If you are like me, you don't want someone else to carry your burden. Read all the articles about what we are doing, then read all the articles about the giving opportunities that exist for you. Please – look into your heart and make a commitment, large or small, to assure that the work can go forward.

Goodloe Saunders, '57

Chairman, AMA Alumni Foundation, Inc.



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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. Clear, correctly exposed photos are welcome.

If you want to submit a digital photo, please be sure it is in TIFF format at 300 dpi, or higher. (See page 29).

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This issue reports on the first three years of our AMA Museum and a few of the wonderful things to be seen there, such as this invitation, right, to the 1881 Commencement at the Augusta Male Academy. The story begins on page 9.

1943

(Chris Harrison)

Bob Guggenheimer said that this past summer was the hottest on record for most of Spain. "The temperatures in Seville were the hottest on the planet one day in August," he says. One son, Richard, was in Finland "where they are used to 40 below zero, and it got to 100 one day... My son, Mike, was in London where the heat was unbelievable." Bob lives in Madrid. E-mail: guggenheimer@teleline.es

1944

(NONE)

2004 is the 60th anniversary of the Class of 1944. Will some member of that class volunteer to be Class Agent? We will equip you with all you need to get your classmates back for Reunion 2004.

Bill McOwen, who lives in Cincinnati, was passing through Staunton this past summer when he heard about the AMA Museum. He stopped by Fort Defiance and is now back on our mailing list. Welcome back, Bill!

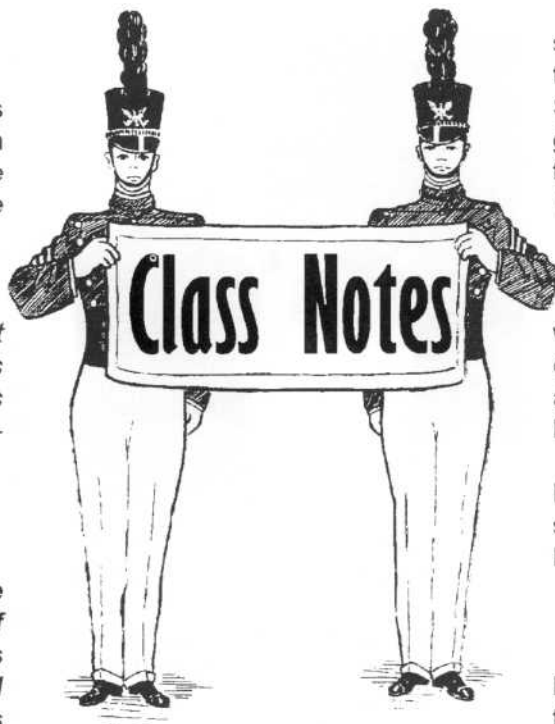
Tony Layng is back on our mailing list after his brother, **Geof Layng**, '47, found the AMA Website. Tony is a retired professor of anthropology at Elmira College in Elmira, NY. He now lives in Winston-Salem, NC where he and his wife are the North Carolina doubles tennis champions for players over 50 years of age.

1945

(NONE)

Jim Worth owns Minnehaha Springs Camp in West Virginia. He and **Bud LaFollette**, 50, of Charleston were together recently.

Jim Foreman spent



three years at Augusta before going on to Boston University. He later received an LLB at the University of Richmond and now lives in Virginia Beach.

1947

(Mike Welch)

Geof Layng, Captain Adjutant his

senior year, is a professional inspirational speaker. He and his wife live in San Clemente, CA. In 1983, Geof was given three months to live with terminal cancer and later, while in Hawaii, he suffered a heart attack.

Today, he's doing fine! Long lost to the alumni association, he found us through the AMA webpage. He would very much like to locate his classmate **Bobby Freshman**. Does anyone know Bobby's whereabouts? E-mail: Layngtalks@aol.com

Bob Edmunds' health is much better since he had surgery. He lives in Dundas, VA.

1948

(Bill Harris)

Bill Harris and Frances have sold their bed and breakfast business in Round Top, TX. They kept their house and 35 acres and will continue to live there for the time being. Bill's health is not so good, but he and Frances are hoping to make it back to Fort Defiance for Reunion 2004. E-mail: fbharris@cvtv.net

Jerry Izenberg helped **Jerry Wildman**, '57, determine what had happened to 1949-50 **First Captain Ott Cohen**. It turns out that Izenberg lived across the street from Cohen when they were at AMA, and was able to give Wildman the essential clue that he needed to determine that Ott had passed away some time ago. (Story on page 28)

Ernest Click was back in the Valley with his brother, **Ed**, '50, for a Stout family reunion in June. Ernest and Marge live in Umatilla, FL while Ed and Sue have moved from Fort Defiance to Staunton.



BACK TO VISIT - Virgil Ward Anderson, '28, recently came back to see the AMA Museum with his son, **Steve**.

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

1949

(Frank Spencer)

Jim Councill and Mary Ann have moved from Ormond Beach, FL to San Antonio. New e-mail address: Jwcouncill@cs.com

1950

(Reverend Jim Lupton)

Jim Starnes and Mary have moved from their home in Annapolis to Riderwood Village, a retirement community in Silver Spring. Their e-mail address: jimstarnes3@comcast.net

Bud LaFollette reports that he and his son, **Latelle**, '79, visited Costa Rica and had dinner with **Ricky Ricardo Nino**, '78, who was Latelle's roommate and Battalion Commander. In August, Alice and Bud toured Alaska on the Coral Princess. E-mail Bud at: Lafy@aol.com

1951

(Colonel Charles Pilley & Hap Starr)

W.A. Hill, who lives in Staunton, has been waging a battle against cancer. Let's send some prayers his way.

1953

(Lewis Munding)

Harold Chow checks in from Honolulu. New e-mail: hkychow@juno.com

1955

(NONE)

Galen Metro came through the Virgin Islands on a cruise ship and got in touch with **Hap Starr**, '51, who lives there on Water Island. Galen has retired from ownership of his Golden Greek Restaurants in Florida. He lives in Pembroke Pines, FL.

1959

(Dave Conrad, Lloyd Eastlack & Elliott Ridge)

Edwin Grandy lives in Savannah, GA. He was at AMA just one year in the Junior School.

1960

(Frank Williamson & Luke Snyder)

Jim Holtman is looking for his roommates during 1959-60. Anyone know where **Chuck Craft** or **Bill Woy** might be found?



WITH THE OLD BOSS - Lucy and Allen Tomlin, '48, pose under a picture of the school's founder, Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.

Sam Clegg has donated some wonderful items to the AMA Museum: a Civil War era bugle with AMA carved on it and an AMA officer's sword from 1890-95. (See story on page 17) Such donations as these keep our museum fresh and exciting. It means a lot to be trusted with such valuable artifacts. E-mail: Captsam03@aol.com

1964

(Phil Mattson)

Rick Beaver visited the AMA Museum in July on his way to a family reunion in Pennsylvania. He is a marine biologist with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission working on the Florida keys. Rick had a heart transplant in 2000 and is doing well. Rick's e-mail address: kq4az@earthlink.net

1965

(Mac McInnis)

Mike de Ayora lives and works in Merced, CA.

Leighton "Brad" Ross is back in touch after having found us on the AMA website: AMAAlumni.org. He is hoping to visit the campus soon from his home in Slidell, LA. E-mail address: RossL@NAVO.NAVY.MIL

Class of '54 to celebrate 50th anniversary

A message from
Class Agent **Ken Hoke**:

It's hard to believe that 50 years have passed since that glorious day in May 1954 when we set out to conquer the world! Mark the 2004 reunion dates on your calendar now and start making plans to attend: April 22, 23 and 24. (John, we are scheduling the reunion earlier next year so you can attend!)

We had one of the best classes in school history, and it will be great if we can get a large contingent of our classmates to return for this event and to renew old friendships. Our class leader, **Parker Ward**, is no longer with us, but I would like to invite his wife and children to be our special guests. If anyone knows how to get in touch with them, please let



**Ken Hoke,
1954 Recall**

me know. I'm sure his kids would love to hear stories about their Dad since he died when they were very young. As you know, Parker was elected as the first president of the AMA Alumni Association, and died soon after in a plane crash.

How can you help? Call your fellow classmates and start making plans. Bring your families. Make your reservations early at the Staunton Holiday Inn so we can all stay together. Give me any information you have on the location of any of our classmates – addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses. Above all, let me know that YOU plan to attend!

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