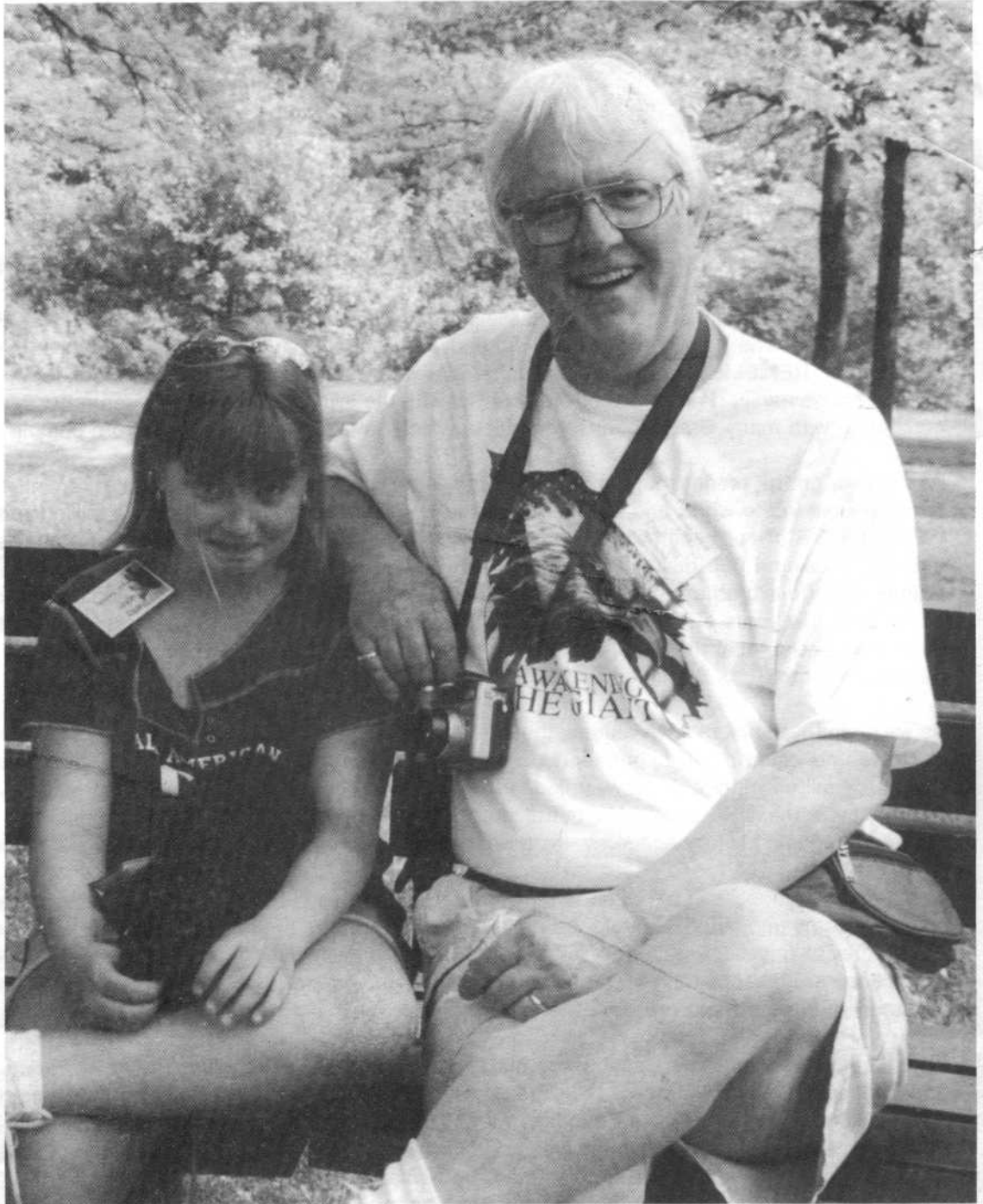




The BAYONET



GRANDDAUGHTER AND GRANDPA - Don Tucker, '63, back to the AMA 2003 Reunion for his 40th anniversary, brought Shelby with him to share the AMA experience. Reunion 2003 had as its theme the entrusting of Augusta's heritage to our bewildering offspring.

**Seven AMA Alumni
Medals awarded**

**Three receive AMA
Scholarships**



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**Death takes
Col. Christy,
Molly Canevet**

**Augusta Military Academy
Alumni Association, Inc.**



Summer 2003

Dear Fellow Alumnus:

The 2003 Reunion was absolutely incredible!!! Although attendance was down about 15% due to the economy and family conflicts, the memories, stories and friendships were in full swing. **Frank Williamson, '60**, and his reunion committee did a terrific job scheduling the events and planning the activities. Look inside *The Bayonet* for a list of the many folks who helped make the weekend a success. We've listed their names to say "Thank You" for their contribution. REMEMBER next years reunion is a week earlier...mark your calendar for **APRIL 22, 23 & 24, 2004**. Moving to this earlier date allows us less conflict with the Winchester Apple Blossom Festival...and removes us from competing with many Graduation Ceremonies, which have kept some alumni from coming to the reunion.

As I reflect on the recent reunion and write this letter on Memorial Day 2003, I'm reminded that there are about 6 billion people in the world and 281 million in the US. Of those in the US, only a million remain who participated in WWII (.0035% of our population). If a person was 22 when WWII ended in 1945, he or she is 80 years old today, and we're losing 1,000 daily. This makes those few remaining soldiers special and SPECIAL describes our AMA Alumni. 52 of our brothers paid the ultimate sacrifice during that war and we'll continue to remember them in each of the next few years. The remaining alumni who participated in WWII are very special... their stories, their pride. They are special, just the way AMA alumni stand when the flag passes by, or the way we put our hands over our hearts when the Stars Spangled Banner is played....it too is special !!!

As we scan the ranks of AMA alumni, the different ages are obvious. Each class projects a reflection of THEIR day. Here's some differences to ponder....WWII, Korea, Vietnam, classical music, eating goldfish, beatniks, hippies, rock-n-roll, all are different. All were judged through the eyes of the discriminating public, yet we've restored pride and honor in the USA today. No better group on the planet understands this pride and honor than those who attended Augusta Military Academy. It's a beautiful thing to see Americans of ALL ages embrace our country, again!

Some alumni (young and old), just as soldiers, are more proud than are others, some more supportive, some less involved, some undefined. Some set the example and light the path for us to follow. It's the latter of whom I'm most proud; they're unselfish, patient & forgiving and carry a distinction we can all be thankful to know. Some of these distinctions are disappearing and will soon be gone, leaving the Legacy & Legend to the next distinctive generation of alumni to carry on and preserve the memory.

It's kind of like our school.....most of the buildings are there...but the school no longer exists. We have the museum and it reflects the different ages, but it's a memory. A memory we hope to share with our children and a dream we want to keep alive through the Foundation and its scholarships and artifacts. The different ages look at our future differently, some with respect; some with pride and others haven't defined it yet. The AMA Alumni Association IS the former cadets who walked the stoops, used the sinks, ate in the mess hall, drilled on the fields and sat in the Big Room, and we're shrinking in numbers. We have approximately 2,400 former cadets and faculty on our mailing list of which some 300 are active (13%) and one day, all that will be left, is our memories. That's when the Foundation takes over.

Giving even a few hours of time, sending a few dollars, serving on a committee, making phone calls or helping lick stamps helps keep the memory alive. No contribution is too small nor too large...it's the participation that matters. Be more than just a part of the memory, come visit, help find old friends and come share with your AMA brothers. Be part of the legacy of which you represent, do what you can and experience the pleasure of being involved....you'll be glad you did.

A special thanks to the men and women of the Armed Forces. Thank you for defending our freedoms against terror and WMD. God Bless You !!

Garry Granger, '71
President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.

1932
(NONE)

Lieutenant General William Martin, USAF (Retd) is enjoying retirement in Park City, UT. (See letter and photo on page 34)

1935
(Julian Quarles)

George Adam was not able to attend Reunion 2003, but has told his classmate Julian Quarles, '35, that he hopes to make it back for their 70th anniversary in 2005.

1938
(Captain Larry Kurtz)

Homer Anderson enjoyed seeing the display in the AMA Museum which chronicled his actions on D-Day with Ernest Hemingway in his landing craft. (story on page 62) The Andersons attended Reunion 2003.

1942
(Colonel Rutland Beard)

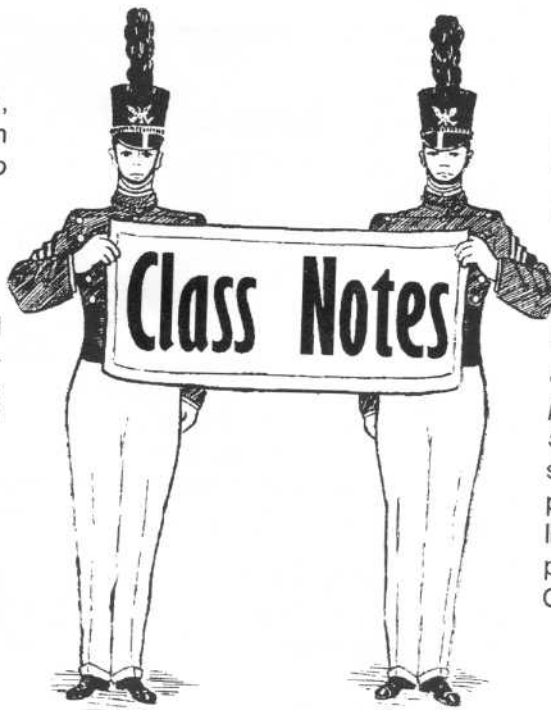
Angus Hines won a bottle of Virginia Gentleman from Frank Williamson's Tower of Power at Reunion 2003. "Since there is no one else here from my class," Angus told the Awards Banquet audience, "I suppose I'll just have to drink it myself!"

1944
(NONE)

Dr. Don Elston and Shirley came to Reunion 2003 from Flagstaff, AZ. They will be on the AMA WW II tour in September.

1946
(NONE)

Don Larrick lives in Winchester where he retired after his time in the service, at the University of Miami, and in resort real estate. When he was at AMA, he wrote a series for *The Bayonet* called "Stubbs



Parker," the ongoing antics of a foul-up cadet. Don says he remembers best John and Pete Pappas, Bob Huntsberry, Jim Bob Lane, John Jackson, Nat Grace, George Snarr and Ed Fast.



THE OLDEST CLASS - The oldest class represented at Reunion 2003 was the Class of 1935. Colonel Will Parkins and Julian Quarles, both veterans of World War II, participated in many reunion events. Photo by Ben Zinkhan, '60

1947

(Mike Welch)

Roberto Suero responded to Chris Harrison and Bob Guggenheimer, both from the Class of '43, who were looking for brothers Jorge and Enrique Aguilera. Roberto knew both well when he was Purchasing Manager for Gulf and Western Food Products. "The brothers owned a company that sold Allis Chalmers products and Jorge used to make sales calls on me twice a month," he says. Roberto reports that Jorge passed away in 1986, but Enrique lives in Key Biscayne, FL where he plays a lot of golf. Roberto lives in Coral Gables, FL.

1948

(Bill Harris)

Bill Rand recently underwent prostate cancer surgery. He was at Reunion 2003 looking very good.

Bill Harris is ill at home. We are wishing the very best to Big Red and to his sweet wife, Frances.

1949

(Frank Spencer)

Bill Rubush visited Ed Chauncey, '49, in Virginia in April and met Julian Quarles, '35, at the Confederate Museum in Richmond. Rubush's great-grandfather buried Julian's uncle after the Second Battle of Manassas in 1862, and was later himself killed in action at Cold Harbor in 1864.

Bill Dickinson has moved from Carlisle to Allentown, PA. Bill's e-mail address is unchanged at: wdickin@pa.net

Frank Spencer and Ida will celebrate their 50th anniversary on 11 July! Good going!!

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

1950

(Reverend Jim Lupton)

Dick Young came back for Reunion 2003, his first reunion since he graduated. He looked good out on the front field handling a lacrosse stick just as he did as a cadet. Dick, who was B Company Commander his senior year, lives in Bastian, VA. E-mail address: richnring@stargate.net

John Cole, Young's roommate in #5 in the Tower, wanted to come to the reunion, but his wife's illness prevented his attendance. The Coles plan to build a house 30 miles west of Richmond adjoining Betty's sister's 1820 farmhouse. You can e-mail John at: paisanoviejo@pdq.net

Bill Hill, C Company Commander his senior year, also was back for his first reunion. Bill is a former city planner and now lives in Greenville, NC.

Jim Starnes has had some health problems, but is doing better. Give him a call at 410/224-3424, or e-mail him at: jimstarnes3@comcast.net

Ed Click and Sue have moved from their Fort Defiance house to a new home near Fishersville, though it is a Staunton address. The e-mail address is unchanged: Gramps02@juno.com

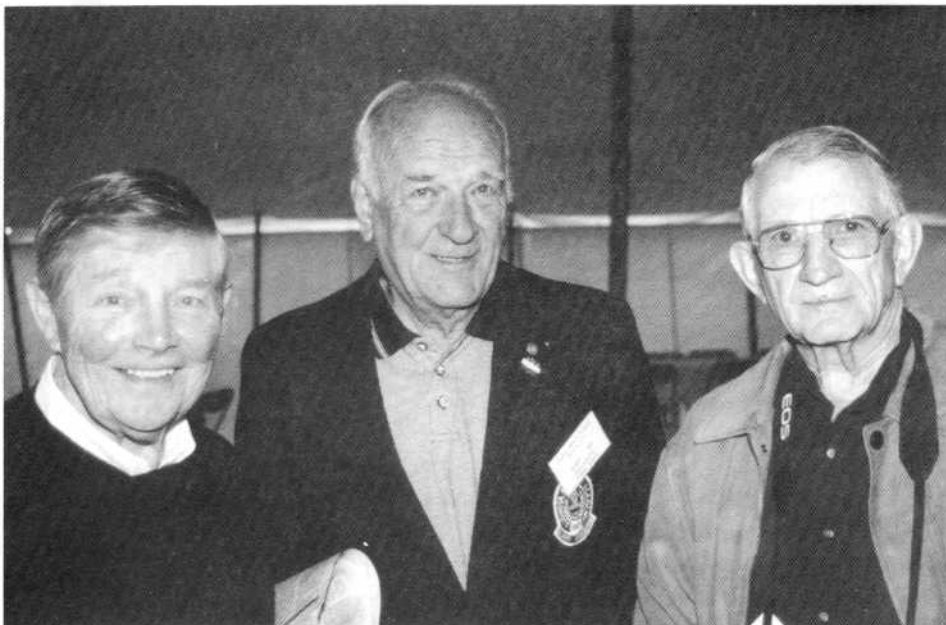
Reverend Jim Lupton was able to be at the reunion until Saturday afternoon, then returned to North Carolina where he had two sermons to preach on Sunday. We appreciated Jim's extra efforts to be with us and to bless the proceedings.

1952

(Jim "Shad" White)

Roger Messick spent a few days at Phantom Ranch in the Grand Canyon. He tried to make the 9.9 mile hike out in under four hours, "but the last mile and a half was a killer... I was spent." Roger plans to go again in November or December. He lives in Prescott, AZ. E-mail: TRMESSUP@aol.com

Ed Schonborn recently moved from Georgia to Matthews, NC. E-mail: eschonbornjr@carolina.rr.com



THREE FROM '43 - In the Hospitality Tent, Leonard Wilson, Earl Cabaniss and Dr. George "Boots" Solan.



TEN FROM '53 - On the steps of the AMA Alumni House/Museum, front row, l. to r., Jay Fox, Sam Martin, Tommy Simmons, "Coyote" Ferro, and Bill Thomas. Back row, Willie Saunders, Lew Mundin, Manuel Balbis, Al Wattay and Terry Duval.

1953

(Lewis Mundin)

Manuel Balbis and Lucretia attended Reunion 2003 where they enjoyed the company of old and new friends. Manuel retired as President of Firestone Argentina and now owns a tire import/export business in Miami.

1954

(Ken Hoke)

Bob Harris was missed at the reunion. He had signed up to attend, but a death in the family prevented him from coming. He did, once again, donate all the beautiful printed materials which were in evidence at the reunion.

