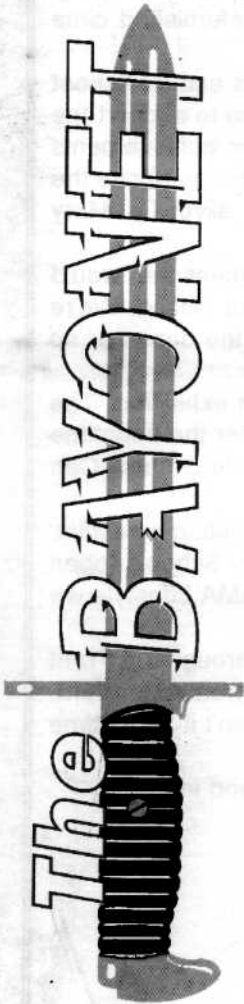


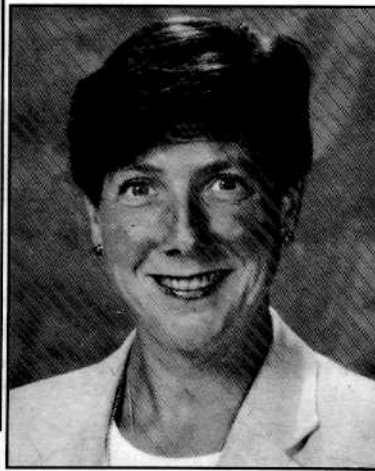


Cadets will march on the Parade Ground. Fellows from our last class will be honored. A US Naval Academy historian will talk to us about AMA's legacy. Golfers, tennis players and clay shooters will play, mostly for fun. The Silent Auction will offer great opportunities to get something you want while helping AMA. A former cadet will lead Founders Day ceremonies. Scholarships will be awarded and AMA Alumni Medals presented.

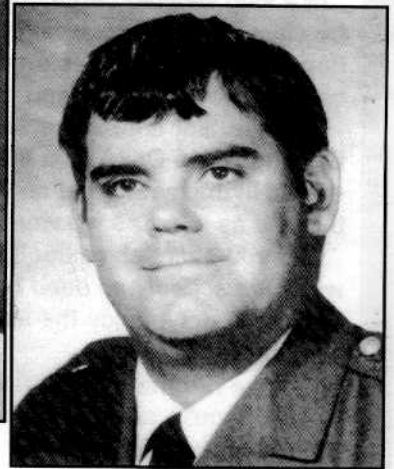
It's Reunion 2004 with the theme: *It's About Time!* It's about time we all got together again for a wonderful weekend in the Great Valley of the Shenandoah. It's about time we give something tangible to cadets from the Class of '84 who didn't get to graduate. It's about time we moved the reunion back to the last week in April to avoid all the commencement exercises with which we have had to compete in the past.



Joe McCue, '66
Founders Day



Dr. Mary DeCredico
AMA's legacy



Colonel William Sedr
Honoring Class of '84

If you haven't been to a reunion lately, it's about time you came to this one! Your old friends will be here as will friends you have yet to meet. Read all about the reunion inside and send in the blue registration form in the enclosed envelope. See you 22-23-24 April! Reunion details begin on page 13.



Virtual museum tour planned

You'll soon be able to tour our museum on your computer screen! **B. J. d'Orsay, '70**, tells you all about it on page 22.

AMA Paver Sale is on

Order an AMA Paver to honor someone you respect or love **NOW** to have the brick installed at the AMA Alumni House/Museum before the reunion! Two sizes available, and all proceeds go to the AMA Alumni Foundation. What would you like to say to someone, or how would you like to remember them? Details on pages 26-27.

Memoir of a museum volunteer

A week in Fort Defiance starts on page 47

The great fire raid on Tokyo

"Smiley" Collingwood, '43, tells his story starting on page 31

The Big Boy remembered

More from John Morris, '49 starts on page 29

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Dear AMA friends,

Reunion 2004 is approaching fast. Remember, the dates are *April 22-25, a week earlier than usual*. Take time today to send in your registration form and make hotel reservations....it'll be here in the blink of an eye. You'll see additional pavers as well as a beautiful new display of flags in front of the Museum this year. You'll also see new exhibits as well as the display in honor of our WWII vets inside the beautiful refurbished circa 1870's Roller home site.

The tour this year takes us to Walton's Mountain and to a Virginia Winery on Friday. The golf, tennis and clay shoot events are scheduled as usual and the Silent Auction will boast unique items whose proceeds will go to support the Museum. Expect previous scholarship recipients to return and give us an update on their academic achievements since receiving our help, and the AMA Alumni Medals will be presented on Friday night to those who go above the norm for the Alumni Association. Saturday's lunch guest speaker is sure to keep the AMA spirit alive: Dr. Mary DeCredico is Chair of the History Department at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis.

In a long awaited ceremony, similar to those seen on the last day of the AMA school year, you'll witness the "would be class of 1984" receiving certificates stating that they would have graduated from AMA had it not closed. We're hopeful for an acceptable attendance from this class and that this gesture helps bring closure to the dozen or so cadets who were mystified by this discouraging event.

For the first time since AMA closed its doors in 1984, the Parade Ground will host a drill team exhibition. The Gearing Rifles Drill Team from Massanutten Military Academy will march on Saturday afternoon after the noontime events in the gym. What an exciting time to have young men marching in formation on the AMA Parade Ground! Can they be as good as we were?

Did you ever ask yourself, "*Why is it that our reunions are so well attended and our Alumni Association so active, when the school has been closed for so long???*" We're of the impression that other Virginia Military Schools (open or closed) don't enjoy the success we've experienced. So, it can only be because of you and the AMA Lifestyle we experienced.

If you're returning to the AMA grounds for the first time, or it's been a while since you've passed through the Front Gate, or you're a frequent visitor to the AMA Reunions, you're sure to find friends and family who await your return. Stories will be told and retold, old friends will be reunited, and some tears of joy likely will be shed. Isn't it about time you got more involved?

God Bless you and your family, travel safely, and I look forward to seeing you on the last weekend in April.

Garry Granger

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



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MUSEUM HOURS
Through March 31 - 10 AM - 4 PM
Saturday and Sunday
April 1-October 31 - 10 AM - 4 PM
Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday

**1932
(NONE)**

Sinclair Adam is a retired architect. He lives in West Chester, PA.

Dr. Arthur Glasser is a missiologist communicating the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Jews. He and his wife, Alice, live in Seattle.

**HONOR CLASS 1934
(NONE)**

Bill Robinson lives in Vero Beach, FL. Until 2002, when he became 86, he piloted his own Lake Buccaneer amphibious four-seater plane.

Henry Watkins lives in Windsor, NC. He has retired as the Branch Manager of Monroe Calculator and Business Systems.

**1935
(JULIAN QUARLES)**

Herb Jacob has lived in Bonner Springs, KS since his retirement in 1984 from Hercules, Inc.

Julian Quarles is a very active AMA alumnus volunteering at the museum and helping in many other ways. After a career as an attorney in Miami, Julian has moved to Harrisonburg. He went to Dallas last August for a reunion of the 36th Division, his World War II unit, to Massachusetts to visit friends on Cape Cod, and spent a month in Florida over the Holidays.

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Colonel Will Parkins reports from Bridgewater that he and son, **Bill**, '70, are doing well and looking forward to Reunion 2004.

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Dick Wilson operated Wilson & Stokes in Trenton, NJ until the Wilson family closed the business in 1996 after 130 years. The company dealt in retail coal, lumber, fuel oil, masonry supplies, and acetylene supplies. He lives in Crystal Beach, FL in the winter and in Pisgah Forest, NC from May until October. Margaret, his wife of 60 years, is having shoulder surgery.



**1936
(TOM ROLLER)**

Dr. Joe Shomo lives in Aledo, TX where he practiced dentistry for many years. He served in Burma, Panama and Guatemala in World War II, and stayed on to retire as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Dental Corps.

Tom Roller, son of **Colonel Thomas J. Roller**, lives with his wife, Dina, in Placentia, CA. Tom is in the oil and gas business. Last year, he lent his World War II flying jacket to the AMA Museum, a major part of the World War II display there.

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**1937
(NONE)**

Charles Board is a retired patent lawyer. He lives in Wilmington, DE.

**1938
(LARRY KURTZ)**

Colonel Bob Reisacher lives in Santa Fe, NM after a long and distinguished military and civilian career as an engineer and architect. He attended Carnegie Institute of Technology, BA; the Princeton Graduate School, MFA; George Washington University, MS; and the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, on a Fullbright Scholarship.

Major General Charles Ryder retired to San Antonio, TX in 1977. A graduate of West Point, General Ryder was the commanding general of the 199th Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning and in Vietnam. He was PMS&T at The Citadel earlier in his career and was Director J/4/7 EUCOM in Stuttgart, Germany when he retired. The General received the Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with 16 oak leaf clusters, and the Purple Heart.

Captain Larry Kurtz, US Navy, retired, and Jill live in Punta Gorda, FL. He has served in the past as Chairman of Communications for the American Red Cross in Charlotte County, FL. Larry says that he is now "truly and finally retired!" [landjk@sunline.net]

**1939
(NONE)**

Dr. Melvin Alper spends the winters in Bermuda and summers in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Alper is a world renowned ophthalmologist and Chairman of the Washington Hospital Center Department of Ophthalmology. He founded the Washington Eye Physicians and Surgeons organization.

Jim McCausland and his wife, Sallie, live in Lynchburg where Jim was a real estate broker. A graduate of Washington and Lee, he had three years of active duty in the Navy in the Pacific in World War II.

**1940
(GEORGE HAW)**

Herb Richey is former President of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. For many years, he owned Richey Coal Company which was sold ten years ago. He and Martha live in Hot Springs, Va, near The Homestead. At age 81, he is still on the Board of Fairchild and on several board committees including the Chairmanship of the Audit Committee.

