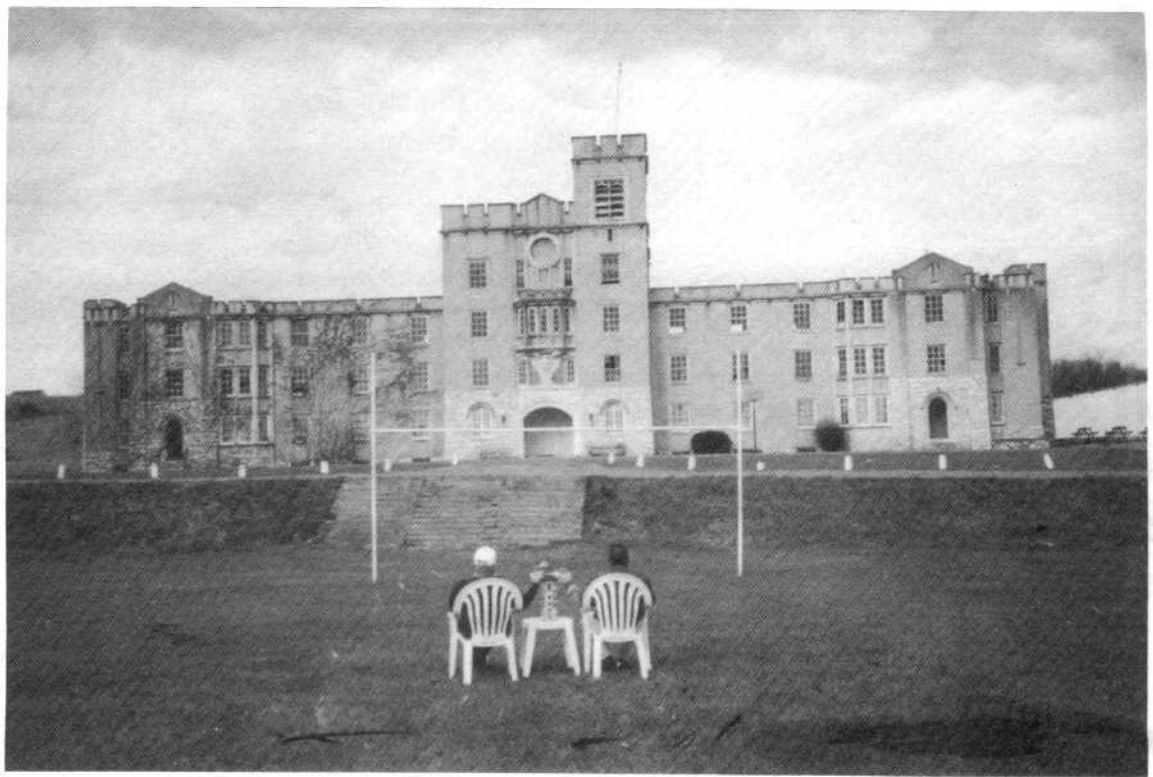


**Help!**

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## 'Til there are only two of us...

One of these days, there will be only two alumni of Augusta Military Academy to share the memories we all had as AMA cadets. There will be no more names added to our alumni list, a list which will grow smaller with the passage of time. In the meantime, we need to see each other as often as we can to share those memories, to make new friends, to preserve the great legacy that our little school has. Then, on some distant day, the last two alumni may sit on the Parade Ground facing Big Barracks on a spring afternoon to drink from the bottle of Virginia Gentleman ensconced in the "Tower of Power."

The theme of Reunion 2005 is *'Til there are only two*. Make your plans to come back to Fort Defiance on 28-29-30 April for this year's reunion. You'll be part of AMA's history! Details inside.



New at the AMA Museum  
See page 44

### **Alumni can support our troops**

There are three specific ways that AMA alumni can lend support to our troops who have been deployed.

On page 23, **Colonel Larry Nicholson, '75**, returns to Iraq after having recovered from critical wounds he received there last September. He tells us what we can do for his Marines who are in harm's way in Iraq.

On page 31, **Lieutenant Colonel Todd Livick, '81**, describes a letter writing campaign for Army personnel.

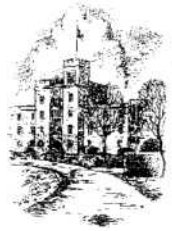
On pages 35 and 65, **Pete Schissel, '75**, has a way to raise the morale of service guys and gals who are in the States being deployed or redeployed.

**The Roller Rifles  
at the reunion?**

That's up to YOU!  
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Augusta Military Academy  
Alumni Association, Inc.



Winter 2005

Dear Fellow Alumnus,

The rough winter is yielding to a spectacular spring and Reunion 2005 is in the air. The reunion committee and all the volunteers have planned some terrific events again this year.

We are fortunate to have such an active alumni association and the workload continues to be spread among volunteers and committees which we hope will make the reunions less burdensome for a few and more enjoyable for all. We do still need your assistance and ask that you volunteer too. Just ask what you can do when you check in at the registration desk.

And remember: there is a 10% savings if you register before April 16, so please REGISTER EARLY!

This year's theme is 'Til there are only two and honors our founding fathers while recognizing that we are not creating any more alumni. The 119-year history of Augusta will be told in song and story. We'll also pay a final tribute to the 53 AMA alumni who were killed in World War II on this 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that war's merciful end. All the freedoms we enjoy today were paid for in blood by many of our alumni.

Friday's events include golf and maybe tennis plus a unique tour of Appomattox where the Civil War came to an end. This tour will be guided by Dr. Mary DeCredico, Head of the History Department and Assistant Dean at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis and an expert in Civil War history.

Rumor has it that we may see the Roller Rifles in action again on Saturday, and the Roller Riders may take their bikes on a sweep around the bowl. Wouldn't that be a treat?

As you are aware, we are two organizations. The AMA Alumni Association is responsible for planning and executing the reunion and running the PX. The AMA Alumni Foundation is responsible for maintaining and managing the museum, managing the contributions, managing the finances including the investments, funding and administering the AMA Legacy and VMI Scholarships, and publishing and distributing *The Bayonet*.

This structure enables us to remain an active association as we work to assure our legacy and heritage through our wonderful museum and our scholarships. Your contributions – large and small – make a difference. We can't do it without you and we thank you so much for all you give to AMA. As you can see on the opposite page, we have fallen behind considerably in contributions and we need everyone to dig deep to get us back on track.

I am humbled at the love, respect and admiration shown to our cause by so many people. God bless you and keep you safe. And may God lend a secure and watchful eye over our men and women in uniform who are serving our country in the cause of freedom.

See you in April!

*Garry Granger, '71*

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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# We don't ask for help unless we need it... and we do need your help, and we need it **NOW**

At the end of every year, AMA receives a "bump" in our contributions. We always have been able to count on donations coming in at year's end as our friends' hearts are warmed by the Season and the reality dawns that another tax year is ending...

...until the end of last year.

Whether the money we normally receive at year's end went to the relief of the tsunami victims, or our people decided we didn't need the money, the fact remains that suddenly we are very far behind in contributions.

Every month, we have obligations that have to be met just as any business or family has. It costs us some \$75,000 a year for The Bayonet, our museum and our scholarships. (Most of the money that has been left to AMA in wills and bequests is for the scholarship program and only the interest earned on those funds can be used to fund our scholarships)

Maybe you thought about helping us but just never got around to writing a check. Well, we really need your help and we need it now. Bills are waiting to be paid and we need to hear from you.

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AMERICAN EXPRESS - We need your account number, expiration date and your  
signature. PLEASE - ACT NOW WHILE YOU ARE HOLDING THIS IN YOUR HAND!

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1932  
(NONE)

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

**Dr Arthur Glasser** and his wife, Alice, live in Seattle. A Marine chaplain in World War II, Dr. Glasser has devoted his life to bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Jews. He has published a number of books, one of which, *And Some Believed*, is on display at the AMA Museum.

1935  
(JULIAN QUARLES)

**Colonel Will Parkins**, AMA's long time adjutant, underwent surgery at the University of Virginia Hospital this past fall for a subdural hematoma. His son, **Bill**, '70, says his dad had "a little setback but is doing better now." The new address for Bill and Colonel Parkins is: 210 Virginia Avenue, #305, Bridgewater, VA 22812. Phone: 540/828-2534.

**Herb Jacob** retired in 1984 from Hercules, Inc. and lives in Kansas City, KS. He is a 1939 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute.

**Julian Quarles** was in Florida for Christmas and came back home to Harrisonburg after his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday in January. [JMQR@aol.com]

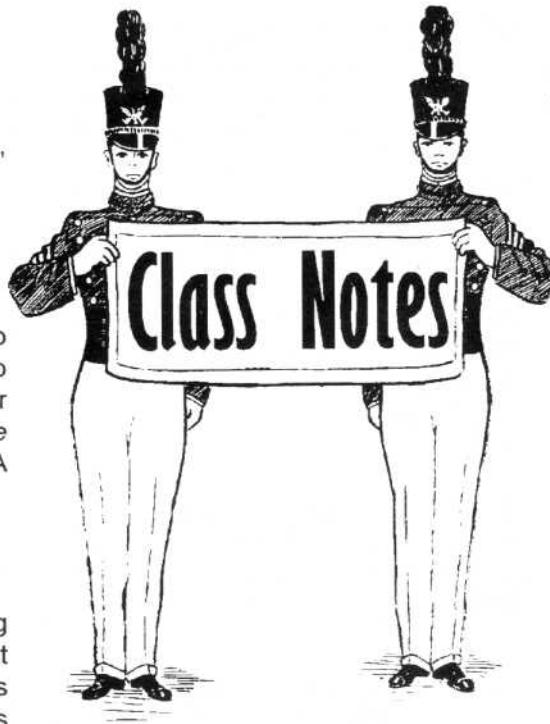
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**Dr. Joseph Shomo** lives in Aledo, TX. He took pre-med at VMI and studied dentistry at Georgetown University. Dr. Shomo had a distinguished career in the Army Dental Corps, retiring in 1964 as a lieutenant colonel. He was in private dental practice until 1986.

**Tom Roller** and Dina are settled in Mesa, AZ, and they have a new phone number: 480/649-6010. [taroller@earthlink.com]

1938  
(LARRY KURTZ)

**Major General Charles W. Ryder** lives



in San Antonio. He served in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. For his service, he received the Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star with three oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Purple Heart. He retired in 1977 as Director J/4/7 EUCOM at Stuttgart, Germany.

**Captain Larry Kurtz, USN**, says that things are nearly normal around Punta Gorda, FL in the wake of three hurricanes last August and September. "It was a war by nature on sunny Florida," he said. Larry and Jill lost many roof tiles from their home but consider themselves fortunate.

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1939  
(NONE)

**Jim McCausland** is a retired real estate broker. He lives in Lynchburg and is a faithful reporter of AMA news to *The Bayonet*. Thanks, Jim!

1943  
(CHRIS HARRISON)

**Judge B. A. "Monk" Davis** says that all

is well in Rocky Mount, Virginia and that he is "too young to be 80 years old." Judge Davis retired from the bench in 1998.

**Jack Jansing** is "happy to report that after intensive treatment, I am clear of cancer!" Great news, Jack. We have been sending lots of prayers your way.

**Bill Bowers** had both heart and back surgery this past November. He is recovering well at home. His son, **Harvey**, '69, traveled from Alaska to be with him.

**Chris Harrison** and Barbara have a new granddaughter, Katherine "Kay" Garvey Harrison, born 1 July 2004 to their son, Alan, and his wife Lisa. Al is continuing to teach at the U.S. Navy Submarine School at least until May of next year. [cristl@dmv.com]

1946  
(NONE)

**Bill Aldrich** serves as trustee for a grantor trust which holds the royalty rights for his company which has developed a new type of railroad tie. (*Bayonet*, Summer 2004, p. 51) The *Wall Street Journal* did an article last October on the new composite ties. Bill lives in Houston.

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**Dr. Ed Leventen** went to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion of his class at the University of Virginia Medical School and met with 40 of his fellow graduates. In past years, Ed has volunteered his services as an orthopedic surgeon in many places around the world.

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**Dr. Bob Lappin** has been a trustee at Norwich University for 30 years and their spring meeting always conflicts with the AMA Reunion. Still, he hopes to get back to Fort Defiance this year or next. He says that he was not too far away when **Fred Hays**, '46, was killed in action in Korea.

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