

"Forgotten heroes, forgotten wars" – the theme for Reunion 2006 in April

Reunion 2006 will honor all Augusta Military Academy alumni who were in the uniform of their country during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The Korean War, "sandwiched" between World War Two and Vietnam, is sadly forgotten by later generations, but never by those who served then. And the Vietnam veterans were never treated as the heroes they were when they came home from that controversial and divisive war.

In addition to saluting vets from these conflicts, the Honor Classes will be recognized: 1936, 1946, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976 and 1981. The social events are plentiful and well conceived: a Thursday night reception at the Staunton Country Club, the Friday night Awards Banquet, a special luncheon in the AMA Gymnasium where our veterans will be honored, and the Saturday night barbecue and dance. In addition, a luxury motor coach will take reunion goers to President Madison's country in Orange County. And there will be golf and tennis and a sporting clay shoot if enough people sign



Roger Messick, '52, First Captain his senior year at AMA and a helicopter pilot for two tours in Vietnam, will speak at the Saturday lunch in the AMA Gym.

up. A marching band from the Virginia Womens Leadership Corps from Mary Baldwin will provide music and the new Roller Rifles will march and compete against a drill team from Massanutten Military Academy. Founders Day ceremonies will be at the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery before lunch on Saturday with a firing squad and color guard. There will be plenty of time to socialize at receptions Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and the Silent Auction will offer valuable items for the highest bidder. The PX will offer AMA-specific items for sale and you'll have a chance to win from the Tower of Power. AMA Alumni Medals and AMA Legacy Scholarships will be awarded.

Most of all, we'll be together again! The old friends and the new, sharing stories and kindling memories of our days at Augusta. Hotel rooms are difficult to find at this time of year, so make your reservation soon.



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Korean and Vietnam Wars Honor Roll
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Bob Abrams, '48
Disney animator and great artist

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Three \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded ☆ Roller Rifles to march on campus ☆ Founder's Day Ceremonies before lunch on Saturday ☆ Roller Riders hit trail ☆ Details inside!

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Dear AMA Friends,

I want to offer a special "thank you" to the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors for their dedication, work and focused attention to AMA's business. The January Board Meeting was very productive and you have your elected board members and the committee volunteers to thank for our numerous accomplishments.

The World War II display has been dismantled and the new Korean and Vietnam War displays in the Museum are terrific. The staff at the AMA Museum did a superb job assembling artifacts and displaying them so they are interesting and unique. Much more from Vietnam is needed – especially stories and artifacts. Please send them to the AMA Museum so they'll be included in the five-year display timeline.

The number of visitors to the museum has increased by more than 500 in 2005 with help from the recently installed interstate highway signs. In the process, we have found a number of "lost" alumni with the assistance of our excellent museum staff and the interest being shown in our historical displays.

Expenses overshadowed contributions this past year and the AMA Alumni Foundation had to use some of its principal to pay our bills. This is NOT a procedure we want to repeat. We have formed a Grant Committee to help apply for available grants to assist with operating funds while hoping to increase our fund raising activities in 2006.

I ask that you assist whenever and wherever you can. You may know of companies that offer grants or make matching contributions to non-profit organizations like ours. If so, please let us know so we can follow up.

Reunion 2006 is almost upon us and your Reunion Committee has planned some very special presentations. A few changes of note – the Founders Day Ceremony will take place *before* lunch on Saturday in the Stone Church Cemetery. And the Silent Auction will end *precisely* at 8:30 PM Saturday with the final announcements being made in the Holiday Inn Banquet Hall.

The focus and coordination that has been applied to Reunion 2006 by this year's Reunion Committee is very well organized, energetic and compassionate. You'll want to be there, so make your plans ASAP!

We will recognize all classes in attendance but particularly encourage this year's Honor Classes ('36, '46, '56, '66, '71, '76, and '81) to find as many of your classmates as possible and come share the celebration.

Your contributions are very much appreciated. On behalf of all AMA alumni, the AMA Alumni Foundation and AMA's legacy – thank you!!!!

See you in Fort Defiance and Staunton the last weekend in April.

Garry Granger, '71

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1936

(TOM ROLLER)

Steve Anderson has dropped off our radar. The last address we have for him last November was in Roanoke. Anyone know anything about him? Write AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com

1938

(LARRY KURTZ)

Captain Larry Kurtz, USN, had, in his wife Jill's words, "a rough year in 2005... He had to have an emergency bypass operation which resulted in an infection. Just as he was doing much better, he fell in November and broke his hip... 2006 has to be better." We surely hope so. We are thinking about you both.

1939

(NONE)

Dr. Mel Alper is active in both the University of Virginia Jefferson Society and the George Washington University Heritage Society. Dr. Alper is a retired ophthalmologist, clinical professor of ophthalmology and neurosurgery at the GW Medical School, Chairman of the Ophthalmology Department at the Washington Hospital Center, and was a base flight surgeon in the Army Air Corps in World War II.

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Jim "Buddy" McCausland and Sallie live in Lynchburg where he retired after 30 years as a real estate broker. Buddy attended Washington and Lee.

1940

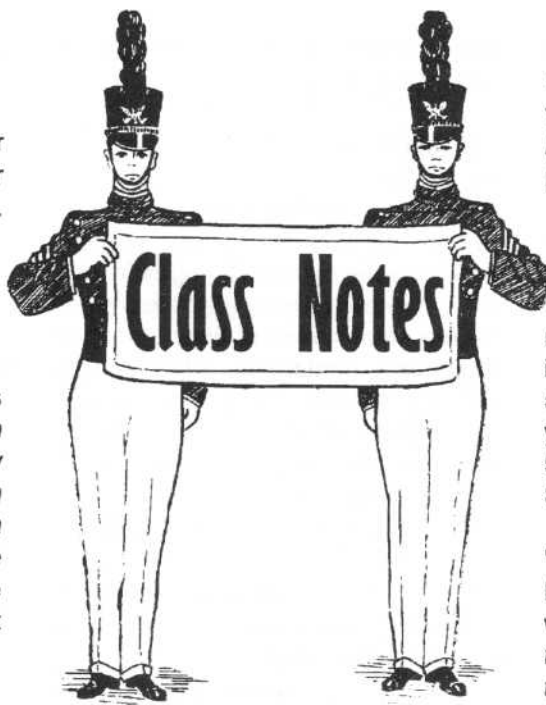
(GEORGE HAW)

C.J. Saunders writes from Duncan Falls in Ohio that he was married in 1949 "to a lovely lady... and we have two very successful sons plus four grandchildren." C.J. retired in 1978.

1942

(RUTLAND BEARD)

Angus Hines reportedly crash-landed his twin engine King Air at the Greensboro Airport last fall. Now, at age 82, has just bought



another plane – a Beech Baron 55. He says "a man needs the bare necessities of life."

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1943

(CHRIS HARRISON)

Joe Andicko e-mails from South



Dr. Ed Leventen and Ruth, who live in Encino, CA, will be taking their two children and their families on a two week Baltic Sea cruise with four days in London this summer. Ed still does orthopaedics four days a week but no longer does surgery. [lsawbonz@aol.com]

Florida - "Home of Hurricane Wilma" - to report that he is "still kicking, but not as high!" He wishes a happy and prosperous 2006 for all AMA alumni.

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Bill Stuart has had a satisfactory recovery following surgery for a malignant tumor. He continues to work in real estate in the Washington, DC area where he has been active for 58 years. Bill and Pat celebrated their 55th anniversary last June. They live in Silver Spring, MD.

"Smiley" Collingwood reports that his younger son lives in Bratislava which is near Vienna. "The whole town was decorated for Christmas at the end of November," Smiley says.

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Chris Harrison is back as a volunteer two days a week at Queen's County High School in Maryland. He and Barbara have four children: their oldest son, a chemist and quality adjuster for Philip Morris; their two daughters are married; and their youngest son is a lieutenant, USNR, teaching at the Submarine School in Groton, CN. He will leave the service in June and likely will work for Consumers Union. The Harrisons have six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

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1946

(NONE)

Colonel Jimmy Pigg is enjoying life with Nell in Shalimar, FL. A West Pointer, he retired in 1982 and thereafter was president of a construction company and general manager of a resort condo until 1993 when he fully retired.

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Dave Brewer is a retired agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and lives with his wife, Barbara, in Pawleys Island, SC. A graduate of the Wharton School at the University

