



VMI Parade to Honor Augusta

1995 Augusta Alumni Reunion Set for First Weekend in May

The annual Augusta Military Academy Alumni Reunion will be kicked off on Friday, May 5 with a late afternoon parade at VMI in Lexington, *alma mater* of General Charles S. Roller, Jr. The buildings at VMI were the architectural models for AMA's Big Barracks, and the 20th Century ideals of AMA were formed and honed here.

On Saturday, May 6, the annual AMA Alumni Association membership meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton with a Board of Directors meeting to follow. Founder's Day ceremonies will be observed Saturday afternoon at the Old Stone Church cemetery followed by a tour of the AMA campus.

Saturday night banquet

The annual dinner/dance will be held Saturday night at the Holiday Inn where there will be individual introductions by class, awards and an auction. A hospitality room will be open on both Friday and Saturday nights as well as Thursday from 5:30 until 10 PM for "Early Birds".

Alumni Association President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, said that "a special effort is being made to get the fellows back for this reunion who are marking a special anniversary of their graduation from Augusta." The Classes of 1935, 1945, 1955, 1965 and 1975 will have special honors at the 1995 Reunion as will all Augusta World War II veterans.

Tommy Simmons, '53, who is making arrangements for the reunion, said that "there are many interesting things to see and do in Lexington. The Marshall Museum at VMI has one of the most interesting World War II exhibits in the country." Next to the VMI campus is Washington and Lee where the office of General Robert E. Lee is left as it was when he died in 1870. Stonewall Jackson's home and his tomb also are in the historic town.

Golf and tennis available

The Holiday Inn can arrange for rounds of golf at the Country Club of Staunton. Tennis facilities also are available. A ladies program on Saturday will feature shopping, lunch and possible tours.

Mal Livick and **Linda Roller Livick** are expected to address the Founder's Day ceremonies at the Old Stone Church. In spite of the uncertainty about the future of the AMA buildings and grounds, it's anticipated that alumni will be able to walk to stoops and visit their old rooms once more.

The specific schedule for the Reunion will be found on page 9. A registration form is on page 11. Registrations should be received no later than Thursday, April 22.

Special room rates

Mention AMA to get special room rates at the Holiday Inn - \$54 a night single, or \$60 a night double, plus 6½% Virginia tax.

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Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.



March 1995

Our Board meeting last month in Virginia Beach was a huge success. We got to see many Augusta alumni who we have not seen in a long time. Special thanks are due **Jim Bob Lane, '49** for extending personal invitations to the many Tidewater fellows who attended.

Now, we turn to our annual reunion - and what a treat we have in store. As you'll see in this issue's page one story, the Keydets at VMI will honor Augusta in a parade on Friday afternoon. Wouldn't General Roller be pleased! We'll have our annual Founder's Day Ceremonies at the Old Stone Church and gather for a banquet on Saturday night.

The reunion emphasizes an essential truth - with the school now closed, the ties that binds us together are the fellowship and memories that AMA alumni - and only AMA alumni - share. To keep the Augusta spirit alive requires constant mutual reinforcement. Our annual reunion is the best place to relive our days in Fort Defiance and to keep abreast of what old and new friends are doing.

The classes of '35, '45, '55, '65 and '75 have special reasons to attend this year. But then, so do we all. Sadly, there likely will never be another graduating class at AMA, and **TAPS** reminds us that time takes its toll relentlessly. We already know that we have alumni coming from as far away as North Dakota, California, and the Virgin Islands. I hope you'll make a special effort to attend the 1995 Augusta Military Academy Reunion May 5-7. See you there!

K. Gary Nicholson, '70

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Son, Son, Son! Why haven't you written?

Remember Tattoo on Sunday nights when you were supposed to mail a letter home? Well, we are looking for a letter from you now. Please tell us - and your classmates - what you're up to! Use extra paper if necessary. And please print or type!

Your Name and Class _____

Address _____

City, State and 9-Digit ZIP _____

Area code and phone _____

Class Notes \ Class Notes \ Class Notes

1914

Joseph Gunby of Salisbury, MD died in October of 1990. A family member writes that "he was 94-years-old and active until three days before his death." (See TAPS)

1930

Jack Woods says that he has looked back over his life and "nothing beats my four-and-a-half years at Augusta." Jack lives in Las Vegas and has worked for USAA, an insurance company, since 1962.

1931

O. B. McEwan celebrated his 81st birthday on New Year's Eve, 1994. He has practiced law in Orlando for 55 years with time out for service in World War II. He reports that his brother, **Robert H. McEwan, '34**, is deceased.

Harold Wescoat of Eastville, VA passed away 28 August 1980. (See TAPS)

1933

Newton "Newty" Brewer is a retired allied member of the New York Stock Exchange. He and Mary Ellen now live in Delray Beach, FL.

Charles A. Bell of Culpeper, VA died 4 January 1994. (See TAPS)

1934

Robert H. McEwan has passed away (See O.B. McEwan article under the Class of '31) (See TAPS)

1935

60th Anniversary Year!
Julian Quarles has sent us a

copy of his bill for tuition, uniform, room and board for 1932 which will be in the next *Bayonet*. What did it cost when you attended?

Les Higbee goes to his business every day, snow skis and plays championship tennis. Last May, Les played singles in the age 75 division of the World Cup Championship in San Jose, CA. Les' wife Irene is President of the National Senior Women's Tennis Association. They live in Linwood, NJ.

1936

Thomas B. Tighe passed away 11 October 1994 at Fleet Landing, FL. (See TAPS)

"I'm looking for Bob Chappell, Charlie Rockwell, and H. B. Stewart from 1945..."

1939

Ed Aldrich's widow, Marge (Mrs. Charles A.) Cullen lives in Ellettsville, IN.

Mickey Gordon and Libby spent Christmas in Bermuda and had dinner twice with **Mel Alper, '39**. In June, the Gordons will travel to Okinawa and China to mark the 50th Anniversary of the end of World War II. "The first time I was in these locales, the government paid my passage. This time, I pay the bills," Mickey writes from Fort Defiance.

1941

Alvaro Escallon is the Columbian Ambassador to China. Formerly, he served as Columbia's Ambass-

ador to Poland and as Columbia's Undersecretary at the United Nations. He had dinner in late January with **Clayton Rich, '41**, in Rich's hometown - Atlanta.

Len Coote is retired and living in San Francisco. He told *The Bayonet* that when he finished Augusta, he went to join his father who was stationed in the Philippines and ended up "a civilian POW when the war started."

1943

Billy Haycox is recovering from cancer surgery at home in Virginia Beach. He has gained 30 pounds since he got out of the hospital and hopes to see "the horses run in 1995."

Earl Cabaniss challenges everyone from the classes of '39, '40, '41, '42 and '43 to attend the 1995 Reunion May 5-7!

1945

50th Anniversary Year!

Fred Thomas, Jr. is a retired foreign service officer having spent 30 years in federal service as a Korean and Chinese language specialist/political officer. Fred is looking for some other guys from '45 for this year's 50th Anniversary of his graduation: **Bob Chappell** from Philadelphia; **Charlie Rockwell** from Savannah; and **H.B. Stewart** from Richmond. Does anyone have their addresses?

I. W. Phillips retired 31 December from Ace Hardware where he had worked for 44½ years in wholesale hardware distribution. He has joined his wife's travel agency in Brandon, FL.

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1947

Emmanuel "Manny" Michaels is the past president of the Virginia Dental Association and a past trustee of the American Dental Association (ADA) Relief Fund. Dr. Michaels is a member of the Virginia Board of Health and a Delegate to ADA. He has been in the private practice of dentistry in Norfolk since 1957.

Bob Huntsberry is a commercial realtor in Austin, TX. He plans to move back to Virginia sometime in the future. He and his wife lunched with **Bill Harris, '48**, recently.

1948

Les Zittrain practices law in Pittsburgh. After college, Les was a Supply Officer in the Navy aboard a radar picket destroyer. Wants to hear from people he knew at Augusta: 136 Thornberry Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-5061. Phone 412/243-0195.

Jim Chezem says he is "alive and well in Belleview, FL and will see you at the next Reunion." May 5-7, Jim in Lexington, Staunton and Fort Defiance!

Richard McLaughlin has written an article on his recent 6,000 mile rail trip through ten time zones across the former Soviet Union on the TransSiberian Express.

Jerry Izenberg is a syndicated sports columnist with the Newhouse Newspaper Group. His home paper is the Newark *Star-Ledger*. We located Jerry after **John Pappas, '47**, asked alumni in the last issue of the *Bayonet* for his address.

1949

Jim Bob Lane organized Tidewater alumni to attend the Feb-

ruary Alumni Association Board meeting is his home town - Virginia Beach. (See page 8)

1951

Clayt Santmyer is near retirement from the aircraft industry where he has worked since his discharge from the Army. Clayt lives in Chula Vista, CA and hopes to make a trip back East to coincide with the May 5-7 Reunion.

Hap Starr is looking for two of his classmates - **Bill Parnell**, who lived in Mayport, FL, and **Roger Brooke** who lived in Washington, DC when at AMA.. Please contact Hap at home: 3 Water Island, St. Thomas, VI 00802 if you know the whereabouts of Bill or Roger.

"...when I realized (my wife) had won the Texas lottery, I thought I was going to have a heart attack."

1952

Duncan Wong writes from Panama that he looks forward to every issue of *The Bayonet* and hopes to attend the 1995 Reunion.

1953

Alex Wattay retired as an American Airlines pilot March 1. He and Diane have visited **Hap Starr, '51**, in St. Thomas three times in the last few months. They plan to be at the Reunion in May.

Ron Mahanes will be attending the 1995 Reunion despite having been ill. He lives in Sunset, SC near his brother **Jim, '56**, who is a vascular surgeon in Easley, SC.

Ron says that he and Doe "have eight children between us... We do quite a bit of travelling by motorcycle."

Ted Basque is an aerospace engineer at Explosive Technology in Davis, CA. He promised to try to make the May 5-7 reunion and is suggesting a West Coast branch of the Alumni Association.

1955**40th Anniversary Year!****1957**

Jim Hume saw the California rains of January wash away the soccer season at Hillsdale High in San Mateo where he coaches. "The kids didn't mind playing in the rain, but the fields were totally unplayable."

Robert T. Price attended AMA in 1956-57 and would have been in the Class of '62 had he remained. He is in the family-owned coal business in Hazard, KY, and plans to retire to Florida, "or somewhere on the water", in a few years.

1958

Bill Jaeger and Kay make their home in Chesapeake, VA. He has spent 30 years in the banking industry, the last 20 managing BankCard operations. "When I retire, I hope I never see another credit card (except my own)." Bill says he "longs for the simple days 40 years ago at AMA..."

John Parsons Manor has been married for 36 years to his AMA girlfriend ("the one who baked cookies every week!"). John has been with ABC for 30 years and is the video engineer for ABC's *Night Line*. He stays in close touch with Colonel Hoover.

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