

AFTER 50 YEARS - Alumni from the Class of 1947 attended the 1997 AMA Alumni reunion. Left to right, Mike Welch, first captain his senior year; Bill Rand, Harry May, Jack Field, and J. B. Simmons.

27th AMA Alumni reunion

Rollers and Livicks honored

The largest class reunion in the 27 year history of the AMA Alumni Association paid tribute to Augusta's founders and their descendants who gave each AMA man the unique opportunity to attend America's premier military preparatory school.

Particular honors were paid to **Colonel Thomas J. Roller**, **General Charles S. Roller, Jr.**, and **Colonel Malcolm H. Livick** who together operated Augusta for 76 years. There to receive the tributes were **Virginia Hallock**, Colonel Tom's granddaughter, **Linda Roller Livick**, General Roller's granddaughter, and Mal Livick. **Hilton Roller Grasty**, Colonel Tom's daughter, had planned to attend but was taken ill on the eve of the reunion.

Former cadets offer salutes

Three former cadets led the tributes. **Mickey Gordon**, '39, offered the testament to Colonel Tom; **Ed Click**, '50 painted a word picture of the Big Boy; and **Jim Mitchell**, '76, lauded the service of Colonel Livick. The occasion was the annual Saturday night banquet.

Also at the banquet, it was announced that David Click, Ed's son, has earned the 1997 AMA Legacy Scholarship Award. A 27 year old omission was corrected when Livick and former AMA faculty member **Ed Clymore** presented an Augusta "A" to **Billy Parkins**, '70, who had assisted with the Augusta baseball team, but had never received his letter.

Founders Day

On Saturday afternoon, former cadets and AMA friends gathered at the Old Stone Church cemetery for ceremonies honoring those who went before. Chaplain **Bill Gray**, '37, read the honored names of those who had passed away

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Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc.

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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

This is my last letter to you as President of the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association, Inc. Since 1993, it has been my happy honor to serve in this capacity, and I leave office with high hopes for the future of the Association. I have been through the spurious Moore campaign to raise funds to reopen the school, my heart rose when it appeared that the Wilderness Academy might occupy the honored acres at Fort Defiance, and I still hope that in God's good time we can see Augusta revived and thriving.

I thank sincerely the board members and particularly the officers of the Association who are ever there to serve their fellow alumni. No one can do this job alone, and our AMA Alumni Board and officers are the best. I must take a personal privilege to express publicly my love and gratitude to my sweet wife, Susan, and to my two beautiful girls, Amanda and Meredith. I missed many meals and nights at home with my family when the duties of the office called.

I congratulate **Goodloe Saunders**, your new Alumni Association President. Goodloe always has the best interests of AMA and its heritage foremost in his mind. I wish him only the best as he leads the AMA Alumni Association which represents the unrivaled best people in all the world.

Finally, I am delighted that our 1997 reunion was the biggest and most successful in the 27 year history of the Association! Nothing could please me more than to make that final report to you.

K. Gary Nicholson, '70

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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Faculty Facts

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops
- Henry Adams

Colonel Paul Hoover recently celebrated his 92nd birthday at home in Lancaster, PA. Paul's nephew, Bill, says that Colonel Hoover "*really looks forward to seeing former AMA cadets when they come by.*" One recent visitor was **Colonel Rutland Beard, '42**, who took along his 1942 *Recall*. "*We enjoyed going through it and reliving all the memories,*" says Rutland. Colonel Hoover had lived with his sister, Ruth, until she passed away this past December. If you can visit Colonel Hoover, please call first at 717/397-2624. His address is: 346 W. Chestnut Street, Lancaster, PA 17603-3406.

Gordy Coleman taught English and grades 7-11 while serving as Lower School Housefather in 1974-

75. Today, he is Associate Professor and Assistant Dean of the School of Library and Information Services at the University of Alabama. After his AMA days, he earned a masters degree at Florida State and a doctorate at Virginia before teaching two years at Baylor. Gordy's e-mail address is: gcoleman@slism.slis.ua.edu

Elsie McKinney will be 97 on 27 June. She is living at home in spite of a fire that threatened her house and her life until her grandson came to the rescue. "*He saved my life and he saved my house,*" Elsie says. Elsie was AMA librarian and taught 5th grade and dramatics in the late '40's and '50's. Her late husband, **W.D. McKinney**, taught algebra and history, and coached junior teams.

Virginia Wales, wife of the late **Colonel Sam Wales, '38**, is back home at Pennygreen, next to the Stone Church, recovering from angioplasty surgery.

1932

Captain Ben Chiswell, US Coast Guard, retired and Dottie travelled all the way from Lake San Marcos, CA to attend their first reunion since Ben graduated 65 years ago. Ben said he had a "great time at the reunion" and he and Dottie look forward to coming back soon.

1935

Dick Wilson and Marg had hoped to attend the reunion, but she had to have minor eye surgery and was not able to travel. See you both next year!

Julian Quarles has retired from the full time practice of law in Miami. He thought the 1997 reunion was "truly wonderful!"

1939

V.P. Leavel, following a recent illness, has moved into the Chippendale Retirement Center in Richmond. His address: P. O. Box 13135, Richmond, VA 23225. Phone 804/714-0822. We were all **delighted** to see V.P. looking so good at the alumni reunion!

1945

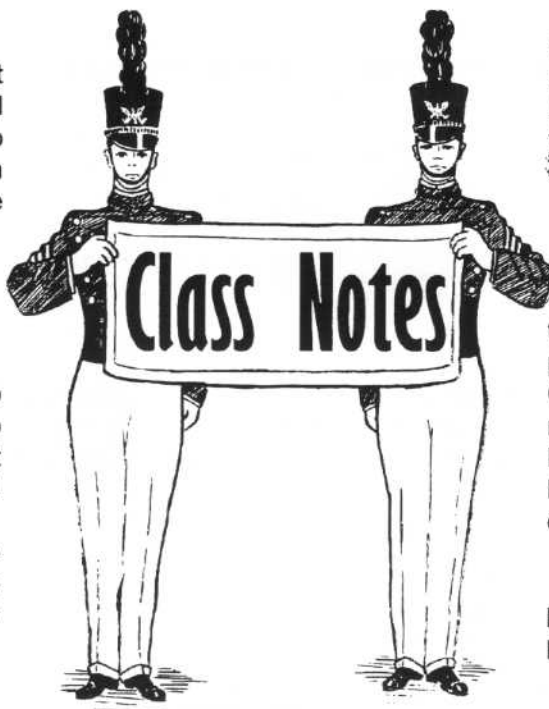
Frank Pursel has been out of touch with AMA for a while, not knowing that the alumni association is active. "It was great to learn on the internet that the AMA spirit is alive!" Frank's address: 182 Orchard Drive, Bloomsburg, PA 17815. e - mail address: pattypat@prolog.net

1947

Mike Welch, first captain his senior year, made his first trip back to Augusta since graduation for the 50th anniversary of his class. He worked with the District of Columbia courts system for 25 years and now is retired, living in Fairfield, PA.

1948

Bill Harris and his wife Frances had their bed and breakfast inn featured in the *May Country Living* magazine. (See picture on page 5)



children are in the U.S. to have heart surgery. The families stay at Richard's Babylon, NY home before and after the surgery. (See Richard's story in **SPOTLIGHT**, beginning on page 7)

1950

Dr. Larry Elliott took post grad work at Augusta before going to the University of Florida where he played football for the Gators. He is Chairman of the Radiology Department at the Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC. He just had a triple bypass, after having diagnosed himself!

1952

Brian "Corky" Gardner retired from Boeing in 1989 after 32 years of service. He has been married to **Colonel Gardner's** niece, Eleanor "Lee" Yeakley for 41 years. They have three children and two grandchildren. The Gardners are clock collectors. Corky would like to hear from his old classmates. Address: 14700 NE 4th Place, Bellevue, WA 98007-4915. Phone 206/746-3500.

1955

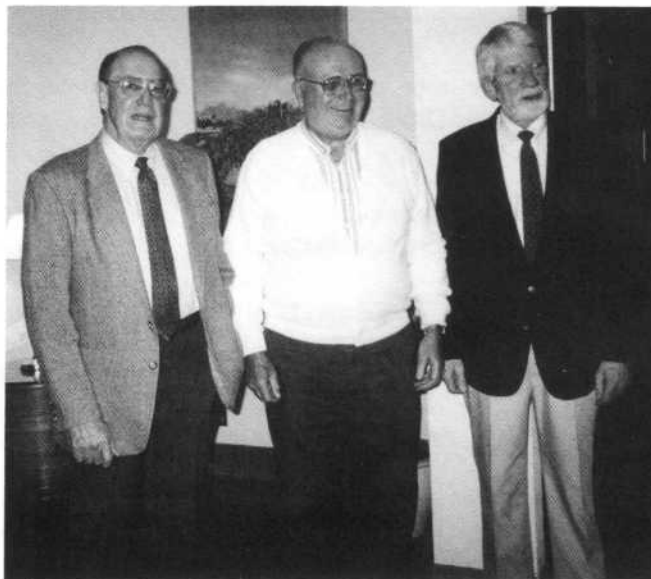
T. C. Lea, Jr. is an attorney in Culpeper and Virginia Beach. He previously served as a Judge in Rappahannock County, Virginia and was the Commonwealth Attorney in Fauquier County in 1966.

1957

Jordan "Jay" Pugh is in his second career as a real estate agent at Coldwell Banker Stevens in Alexandria. Jay attended UVa, Old Dominion and the University of Pennsylvania, went into the

Marine Corps, then spent 25 years as an Ops Research Analyst at NAVFAX.

E. C. Smith is a timber broker in Gulfport, MS. He is married for the second time; they have 6 living children and 4 grandchildren between them. He learned only the day before **Ed Daugherty's** death that Ed, '56,



When the Ad Astra reunion failed to materialize last fall, three members of the Class of '46 decided to have their own reunion in Virginia Beach. Dave Brewer, center, said that he had not seen George Snarr, left, or Tom Cohoon, right, since they all graduated in June of 1946. Dave was captain, George was 1st lieutenant, and Tom was 2nd lieutenant of A Company in 1945-46.

Alan Diamonstein, a partner in the Newport News law firm Diamonstein, Becker and Staley, has been named to the Mariner's Museum Board of Trustees. Al will serve on the board's trustee and governance committees.

Richard McLaughlin has hosted several Latin American families whose

had been living in Gulfport for many years without their ever having found each other.

1960

David Trimble is Chief of Security, Division of Safety and Security, at J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond. He is a line dance instructor and member of the Virginia State Callers Association. David now has five grandchildren.

Frank Williamson got his old gang together for the reunion. *"We finally located Rich Newman in Macon, GA. I had not talked to him in 37 years!"* Others in Frank's group at the reunion included **Bob White, Ed Trott, Bob Gevrekian, Bucky Barber, Byrd Newton, Bill Campbell** and **Jim McLelland.** (picture on page 18)

1961

Jack Steele, his wife Kathy, and his son Andy visited AMA last October, and hope they can come to a reunion in the next year or so.

1962

Ray Kerlin lives in Virginia Beach. His e-mail: Rkerlin@series2000.com

J. H. Woodson's new e-mail address is: woodson@cyberramp.net

Mike Stanton lives at 9287 W. Arizona Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80232. e-mail address: mstanton@ecentral.com

Bill Horan lives in Michigan with his wife of 25 years and two daughters, 19 and 21. He owns Michigan Aggregate Machinery, and buys and sells aggregate processing and mining equipment around the world. The Horans have a house on Grand Cayman where Bill loves to fish, trap shoot and write. e-mail Bill at: sales@michagg.com

Doug Blair has a new e-mail address: blair@JLAB.org

Charles Bowers did not know that the AMA Alumni Association existed until he talked with his old classmate **Peyton Lea, '65.** Thanks to Peyton,



Hal Walters, '49, right, receives the Flight A golf championship trophy from Don Armstrong, Chairman of the Lake Worth (FL) Golf League. Hal said he finally listened to the advice he has been giving his golf students over the years!

Charlie is on our mailing list at 7305 Villanow Drive, Sanford, NC 27330.

1963

Rick Cazenave has a new e-mail address: caz@series2000.com

George Tompkins is a pilot for a large tobacco company. He, his wife Suzanne, and their two daughters live in Hampton, VA. George's e-mail address: ocean46@erols.com

John Wright says he has had a slight change in his e-mail address to: WrightJ@emh20.eustis.army.mil

1964

Don Harris and Judy live in Menifee in Southern California, 30 minutes from Riverside and one hour from San Diego. Don says *"at AMA, I played baseball, football and night attack (trying to beat Colonel Livick in midnight mischief)." e-mail Don at: Judy_Don_Harris@msn.com*

1965

Bob Walton writes that he recently stopped at a restaurant in Buckroe Beach, near Hampton, VA, where he had not eaten for years. Inside, he encountered **George "Tex" Tompkins, '63,** who he had not seen since Tex graduated. Both live in the

Richmond area, and they plan to get together this summer.

1966

Ernie Greene coordinates vehicles for the Fairfax County Public Schools, the second largest publicly owned school bus fleet in the country. He is married and has a 19 year old daughter. After serving in Vietnam in the 101st Airborne, Ernie attended the University of Maryland where he was an industrial arts major. e-mail address: egreen@erols.com

Bob Cooper is a senior territory sales representative marketing diabetes and managed care products to hospitals, physicians and pharmacies. Bob lives in Fayetteville, OH, has been married to his Nancy for 26 years, and they have a daughter, Chelsea, who is a pharmacy major at Campbell University in North Carolina. Bob also owns a gym at his home with 50 members who specialize in power lifting. In the past four years, Bob's team has captured eight world titles and 17 national titles. *"No," he says, "I am not on the team!"*

Tom Haley lives in Trenton, MI, just outside Detroit where he is a Wayne County Sheriff and county parks commissioner. He was a Navy SEAL in Vietnam.

Bob Bristow lives at 804 Suffolk Lane, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-3922. Bob says he met his squad leader **Gary Coslop** a few years after graduation, but hasn't seen anyone from Augusta since 1974. Bob's e-mail address: rbristow@chm.net

1967

Ernie Bucklew lives at Route 3, Dover, PA 17315. e-mail address: ernie@bucklew.com

Alan Poole travelled from North Dakota for the reunion. He has a new address: 500 54th Avenue SW, Minot, ND 58701-7642.

1969

Nicky Syropoulos has his son following in his grease paint footsteps. Nick has been an extra in several top