



Registration form inside

Sign up now for 1997 reunion!

It's time to register for the 1997 Augusta Military Academy Reunion scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 2-3 at the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center in Staunton. Enclosed with this copy of *The Bayonet* is the full schedule for the reunion (page 17) and your blue registration form.

This year's reunion will pay homage to the Roller family whose love and foresight created and crafted the AMA we hold in our hearts. **Colonel Tom Roller's** daughter, **Hilton Roller Grasty**, will attend as will **General Charles Roller's** granddaughter, **Linda Moorman Roller Livick** and her husband, **Colonel Malcolm Livick**. Tom and Charles Roller, Jr. ran AMA from 1907 until Colonel Tom's death in 1946. Charles - The Big Boy - operated the school until his death in 1963, with Colonel Livick taking over from that date until 1980, three years before AMA closed.

Reunion events.

"Early birds" can register Thursday evening, May 1. Beginning at 5:30 that day, the AMA Hospitality Suite will be open. Golf and tennis are available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A 7 PM social Friday night is the first official event, followed by dinner at 7:30 in the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn. Breakfast is available at the Inn on

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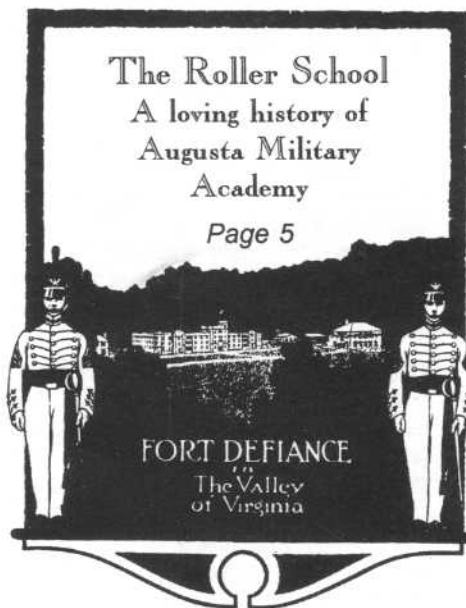
Saturday morning. The annual membership meeting will be at 10 AM where AMA Alumni Association directors are elected, and Alumni Association President **Gary Nicholson, '70**, will report. The AMA Alumni Board of Directors will meet immediately after the membership meeting, and officers of the association will be elected for the coming year.

Founder's Day at Old Stone Church

Founder's Day ceremonies will commence in the Stone Church cemetery on Saturday at 3 PM. Afterwards, alumni will be invited to visit the campus. At 6 PM Saturday, a social will precede the annual banquet at 7 PM. At the banquet, the Roller and Livick families will be honored as will the Classes of 1937, 1947, 1957, 1967, 1972, and 1977. Music will be provided by the Staunton Ovation. The winner of the AMA Legacy Scholarship will be announced at the banquet. The annual silent auction will take place before and during dinner.

Scholarship deadline

Completed applications for the annual AMA Legacy Scholarship must be received by 24 March, 1997. To receive an application, contact **Gary Nicholson, '70**, at 11971 Lexington Drive, Dunkirk, MD 20754-9263. Phone 301/855-2706.



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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

It's time for another reunion! Every year, there seem to be special new reasons to attend these wonderful get-togethers. Renewing old friendships; making new friends; visiting our school; participating in one more Founder's Day program at the Stone Church.

But I think the 1997 reunion is very special indeed. For we will salute those who made our days at Augusta possible - the Rollers and the Livicks. Starting on page 5 in this issue of *The Bayonet* is the most complete AMA history yet compiled. As you read this record of love and commitment, you must feel a strong debt of gratitude for the vision, the wisdom, the warmth, and the leadership the Roller family has exhibited since the first student sat at Professor Roller's feet in the days after the Civil War.

This is our opportunity to say thank you. **Colonel Tom Roller's** daughter, **Hilton Roller Grasty**, will attend the Saturday banquet as will **General Roller's** granddaughter, **Linda Moorman Roller Livick** and **Colonel Mal Livick**. Through them, we can express our thanks for all that AMA did for us and all that AMA means to us.

Use the enclosed registration form to sign up today. It will be a weekend to remember!

K. Gary Nicholson, '70

President, AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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Letters to the Editor

I was shuffling through my mail the other night when, lo and behold, I came across an AMA newsletter! I was not prepared to take a leap of nearly 40 years back into the archives of my mind. I was confronted with images of spit shined shoes, spotless brass, and "get that chin in." If I had Jane Austen's pen, perhaps I could have captured the moment.

I think "God Almighty" was my first exclamatory, followed by other expletives. My wife watched in stunned silence, convinced that I had hit the lottery.

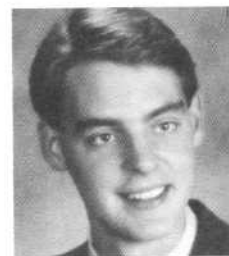
Receiving *The Bayonet* after all these years was akin to discovering a long-lost sibling after a lifetime of separation. I am indebted to **David Fechheimer** for taking the time to seek me out.

I enclose a donation to the AMA Alumni Association - a dollar for every year that I have been AWOL.

James S. Hunter, Jr., '59
Asheville, NC

Scholarship winner writes

As I journeyed through my first semester at Williams College, carrying the AMA Legacy Scholarship inspired me to pursue excellence through commitment. Lanky and completely inexperienced, I joined the novice crew team for fellowship and fitness. Crew has proven highly satisfying because it allows me to recreate productively, using my leisure time to improve myself. The elements of crew are so novel to me that I come away from each practice feeling I have surmounted some kind of completely new challenge. This confidence-building experience will help me tackle future goals optimistically. Thanks in
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Albert Leatherman

1935

George Adam ran a chemical plant in Mississippi until his retirement. *"Since then, I have played golf, haphazardly. We had 7 children who blessed us with 15 grandchildren... and we celebrated our 55th wedding anniversary here in League City, TX last November."*

Julian Quarles was treated to a surprise party on his 80th birthday 15 January. His children planned and executed the party in Coral Gables, FL. *"I walked in thinking we were having a quiet dinner with friends, and instead found a huge gathering of old friends and law clients."* Julian plans to attend the AMA Alumni Reunion in May.

1938

Larry Kurtz has a brand new e-mail address: NP2AO@juno.com

1939

V. P. Leavel is in the VA Hospital in Richmond. His message to all his friends: *"God bless us, everyone!"* Contact V.P. through his daughter Tighe Forbes at 110 Buckingham Drive, Yorktown, VA 23692. Phone 757/898-1300. God bless you, V.P.!

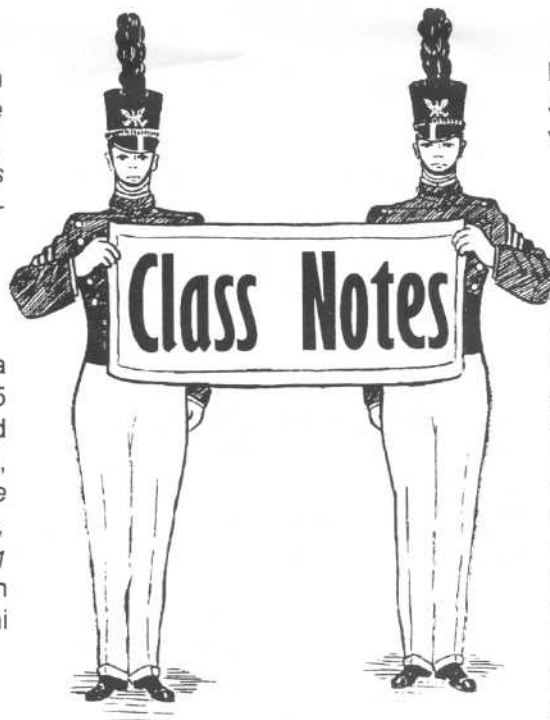
1943

John "Monk" Younger writes from East Point, GA that his daughter, Dr. Lucy Dirr, is a neurologist in Columbia, TN. Monk is a gun collector and has been in touch with **Bill Brooks**, '62, who has a militaria business in Montgomery, AL.

Bob Guggenheimer writes from his home in Madrid, Spain that *"my groups of Elderhostelers always ask me for my 'life story,' and I always tell them about the military school I attended near Staunton, Virginia. Imagine my surprise when a lady in the front row raised her hand and said, 'My Dad taught history at AMA and coached basketball there.' I believe his name was Joe Stone... who came to AMA in 1944."*

1946

Jimmy Dean sells real estate for Century 21 in Largo, FL. He also is a



1949

Bill Dickinson went on a cruise in January. His new e-mail address is wdickin@pa.net

John Marozza lives in Severna Park, MD and breeds thoroughbred horses on his farm in Pennsylvania. John has had several careers - worked in road construction, prospected for uranium, drove a bus, worked in an aircraft factory, and was a police officer in Baltimore. He worked for a detective agency and as head of security for a hotel before beginning to transport horses up and down the east coast. He coached semi-pro football, taught fencing at the local YMCA, and has been involved with Little League football. He and Mary have been married for 40 years and have three sons and two grandchildren.

1951

Ralph "Rip" Parker has retired from Union Oil, and has moved to Newport News from Knoxville, TN.

John Core and Ann visited **Hap Starr** and Mary Ann in the Virgin Islands in mid-February. Hap writes that his house, badly damaged in a 1995 hurricane, is nearing the completion of repairs. *"Time heals all wounds..."*

1957

Dave Merenick checks in from Pittsburgh where he is a manufacturer's representative for engineering, construction, chemical, steel and power industries around the country. Dave works for Rice-Pittsburgh. His e-mail address: DAMPR@aol.com

Lee Steeley is President of DALB, a commercial graphics company he founded in 1981 in Charles Town, WV. He has three children: Kevin has worked for his Dad since he graduated from college; Brian works for Lee's father; and Colleen is about to graduate from Shenandoah University with a degree in physical therapy. *"Best of all, Kevin's wife is about to make me a grandfather!"*

1958

Duke Fancher travelled to Indonesia

forest farmer, growing trees in Alabama for pulpwood and saw timber. His Mother just passed away last November at age 96½.

1947

Harry May and Jane recently spent a week in Scottsdale, AZ, playing golf and attending a classic car auction. He has fully recovered from knee replacement surgery. The Mays live in Reston, VA.

Edwin Childs retired in March of '94, and now consults with steel plant refractories. Ed, who lives in Lawton, OH, golfs and travels often.

1948

Paul Bratton's dear wife, Ruby, is undergoing chemotherapy treatments again. We're praying for you, Ruby.

Fourth Pulitzer nomination for Jerry Izenberg

Jerry Izenberg, '47, has just received his fourth nomination for a Pulitzer Prize in sports reporting. Details in the next Bayonet.

