



Fishburne to honor AMA at review "Relationship renewal" planned on 24 April

Fishburne Military School has invited AMA alumni and friends to be honored at a Corps of Cadets Review in Waynesboro Saturday 24 April as the first step in renewing the relationship between the 2 former friendly rivals. **Read all the details inside on page 7!**

Work to commence 1 April

Alumni House ceremonies to highlight 1999 AMA reunion

For years, the alumni and friends of Augusta Military Academy have dreamed about a museum and an alumni headquarters. 1999 is the year that dream comes true!

The highlight of the 1999 AMA Alumni Reunion weekend will be the dedication of the 130 year old Roller-Robinson House to be AMA's new Alumni Center and Museum. The Fishburne Military School Color Guard and Band will be drawn up in front of Big Barracks in a salute to AMA's legacy as Virginia's first military preparatory school.

The house will be in transition when it is dedicated as the restorers will have begun their work on 1 April. Jon Cesafsky, who recently led the team that renovated Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest, will perform a similar function overseeing the work to be done at AMA. The entire restoration project will take from 8 to 12 months and involves replacing the roof, the heating system, plumbing and wiring, and removing additions to the original house.



There will be many firsts at this year's reunion. The first AMA group to be fed on the campus since the school closed will lunch on Saturday in the AMA Gymnasium. Food

will be prepared and served by volunteers in the United Pentecostal Church, the new owners of AMA. The first bugle calls on campus since 1983 will summon alumni and friends to the programs scheduled on school grounds. Because of the

expected record turnout, a spacious and gracious Hospitality Tent will replace the often crowded and smoky Hospitality Suites of bygone years.

The headquarters hotel for the reunion is again the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center just off I-81 in Staunton. Area hotels are filling up fast and reservations should be made without delay to assure a place to stay. (see list of hotels and phone numbers on page 22)

This issue of *The Bayonet* has details of the AMA Golf Tournament and the AMA Sport Clay shoot as well as all the "official" activities.

See you at the reunion 30 April and 1 May!

Deadline nears for scholarship applications

Any direct descendant of an alumnus - child, grandchild, great grandchild, *et al*, who is enrolled in an educational institution past high school is eligible to receive one of 6 AMA Legacy Scholarships to be awarded at the 1999 reunion. But the deadline is 23 March to submit a completed application to the judge. Details on page 21.

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Dear Fellow Alumnus:

Well, here we are again on the eve of an AMA alumni reunion. But many things are different this time around. The AMA Alumni House and Museum now seem to be assured. We'll be giving out 6 AMA Legacy Scholarships for the first time. Also for the first time, we will award the AMA Alumni Medal for unique contributions to the alumni association. The number of alumni and friends who have joined the Roller Society continues to grow. It seems a certainty that the State of Virginia will be putting up an historical marker near the front gate. We'll have our first AMA meal on campus in 15 years and we'll be called to "Soupie" by a former AMA bugler!

All that is enough to celebrate at one time in life, but the excitement is nevertheless enhanced by reports of a record turnout for the reunion. This means more fellows will rekindle connections with other fellows from their era at AMA and in that there is a synergy that keeps us moving ever forward. It's going to be a very exciting weekend. Anyone who has ever thought about coming back to a reunion "one of these days" really should plan to get to *this* one. There may well never be another like it. See you April 30 in Fort Defiance!

Goodloe Saunders, '57

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**A new
eagle is
born!**

So much is going on at AMA these days. The renovation of the old Roller Home will see Augusta's legacy protected within the very walls that sheltered AMA's founder, **Professor Charles Roller, Sr.**, and his 4 children, **Colonel Tom, General Charles, Jr., Dr. W. C. Roller** and **Maggie Belle Roller Robinson**, who lived in the house until her death.

At the same time we look back with loving eyes on what has gone before, we look ahead to new and better things for all who are associated with AMA.



In that spirit, our good friend **Bob Harris, '54**, has given us a new eagle to look after our safety. He is looking *right* just as the eagle over the front arch looks right. Our fine feathered friend has been worked into the AMA Alumni Association seal on page 1 and elsewhere. Maybe we should name him. Any ideas? And thanks, Bob.

1935

Colonel Bob Byers and Pearle live in McDonough, GA where Pearle is recovering from a minor stroke she had last March. Bob says he's gotten to be "a pretty good nursemaid..."

1937

Bill Gray was hospitalized in late January and early February, and is continuing treatments. Hang in there, Bill! Bill is the official AMA Chaplain.

1939

60th ANNIVERSARY

V. P. Leavel spent Christmas with his family in Nagshead, NC.

Mickey Gordon has been taking care of Libby since she had cataract surgery in January. Get well soon, Libby. We can't have a reunion without Libby!

1941

Walt Dyer spent the last 20 years of his professional life in public relations with the US Postal Service. A 1948 graduate of the University of Missouri School of Journalism (after 3 years active duty during World War II), he spent the first part of his career as a newspaper and trade magazine editor and reporter.

Michael Elliott attended the Naval Academy, then spent 28 years in the U.S. Air Force. He then went to work for Hughes Aircraft in Fullerton, CA, retiring from there as an engineering manager after 18 years. Michael lives in Goodyear, AZ.

1942

Colonel Rutland Beard was one of many who identified **Worthington "Tex" Mahone, '42**, as the cadet in the AMA T-shirt in January's *From Colonel Hoover's attic* (see page 19). We were delighted to hear that Rut will attend this year's reunion on 30 April and 1 May.

1943

Earl Cabaniss reports that he got WebTV for Christmas and is trying to learn how to use it. Earl's new e-mail address: ECabaniss@webtv.net



1945

Vince Barber is recovering from hip replacement surgery and will have the second such operation when he is well enough. Vince lives in Cocoa, FL.

1947

Dr. Emanuel Michaels was recently chosen President-elect of the US Section of the International College of Dentists. Manny is a past president of the Virginia Dental Association, a past trustee of the American Dental Association Endowment and Assistance Fund, and a past member of the Virginia Board of Health. He lives in Norfolk.



55 years later - Don Browne, '45, says he has changed a little since the photo of him with a fencing foil was taken in 1944 (See *Colonel Hoover's attic*, page 19). 13 March is the 50th wedding anniversary for Don and Carolyn. Congratulations!

Wilson Harrell has had an interesting career: first, the US Navy, then the DuPont Company, followed by a booking agent for the entertainment industry for 20 years, and a decade at a handicapped center in Norfolk.

Living in Newport News, Wilson is retired and makes coal loads for HO and other gauge model railroads. Thanks for your generous contribution, Wilson. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion!

1948

Bill Harris has struck oil! Really! He has a 3% interest in a well adjacent to his property that is producing 10 million cubic feet of gas a day and 1,000 barrels of sweet crude. Sweet, indeed! Bill and Francis own and operate Heart of My Heart Bed and Breakfast in Round Hill, TX.

Alan Diamonstein is now in his 32nd year as the Delegate from the 94th District (Newport News) in the Virginia General Assembly. He also continues as the senior law partner in Diamonstein, Becker and Staley. Alan and his wife Beverly have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. New e-mail address: aad002@aol.com

Francis Fields remembered a photo of **Chuck Pennock** on crutches standing by a damaged aircraft. **Doug Pennock, '72**, Chuck's son, says that while his Dad took flying lessons while at Augusta, "he never had an aviation fender bender while a cadet. He broke his leg sliding into 3rd base at an SMA game..." Doug says that Chuck did manage to wreck his brand new Beechcraft Musketeer in the '60's "when the nose wheel caught in a goat hole while he was taking off from a dirt strip at Anegada, British Virgin Islands."

Richard McLaughlin had a scare in late January when his heart began beating erratically. After a few days at the University of Virginia Hospital, all is well. Richard recently moved back home to Staunton from Long Island.

1949

50th ANNIVERSARY

Milt Gallier looks forward to seeing

his classmates at the reunion. He says, "I've been travelling quite a bit to Australia, Europe and Russia, and I still haven't found a place that I would trade for Virginia."

1951

Bud Hargrave says we shouldn't list him as Charles Hargrave anymore. "Only the IRS knows me as Charles," says Bud. He has a new e-mail address: betthar@InfoAve.net

1952

Dr. Ernesto Calvo has been in the practice of dentistry in Miami since he graduated from Loyola University in New Orleans in 1958. Recently, a new patient came to see Ernesto. As they talked, they soon realized they had both attended Augusta. And that is how Ernesto and **Adolfo Anguizola**, '83, became the best of friends.

1953

Harold Chow retired from his second airline job this past summer and is enjoying life in Hawaii. He has 4 daughters, including twins, and 3 grandchildren. He says for sure he'll come back for his 50th anniversary in 2003, and we hope before that.

Al Wattay and Diane live at Hilton Head Island, SC where the ex-Navy pilot is flying for the Civil Air Patrol. He has the rank of lieutenant colonel which corresponds to his Navy rank of commander. Di says, "Al has a uniform and a flying mission... what more could a retired pilot want?" Al also is Vice Commander of his American Legion post. The Wattays will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in Europe this May.

1954

Bob Harris, who has donated so much time, effort and superior quality printing plans to attend the reunion. "I've had my hotel reservation for a long time..."

1959

40th ANNIVERSARY

Lloyd Eastlack owns 2 saltwater tackle shops, a wholesale tackle company, and a charter boat service in Wilmington, NC. Lloyd and his wife Kit



Pictured above at right is Matt Bradbury, '66, with his son, Troy. Matt is an official for youth and adult hockey. Troy plays for the Northern Virginia Ice Dogs hockey team. (see story, next page)

have 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren with another on the way. He happily purchased 10 of the AMA miniature cadets just before Christmas!

John Steciw hoped to come to the reunion, but finds that he'll be in Europe at that time.

1960

George Holt and his wife Cheryl will travel through the West in late April - Denver, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, and the Grand Canyon.

Rich Newman has lived in Georgia since 1966 where he is a sales rep for a corrugated container plant. He's been married for 31 years, and has 2 daughters and a son. **Frank Williamson**, '60, called Rich "out of the blue... and got me on the Bayonet mailing list. I really look forward to the stories and news as well as the old photos."

1961

Ron Frees lives in Oakdale, PA near Pittsburgh where he is Senior Mechanical Engineer at ChemTech Consultants. He has lived at the same address for the past 32 years with his

wife, Sandy. They have 3 grown children - 2 daughters and a son, plus 4 grandchildren.

1962

Al Escoda received a very nice present from Santa: a little velvet box with an AMA class ring for 1962! "It goes without saying that I was totally elated!"

Bill Keller lives in Cypress, TX and is Director of Market Planning and Development for the Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company. He has 3 children: Janine, Kevin and Kimberly, and 4 grandchildren.

1963

Larry Markley was born less than 10 miles from Staunton, but has spent the last 30 years in his adopted State of Alaska. He heads his own lobbying firm (Markley and Company) with offices in Anchorage, Juneau, and Washington, DC. He and wife Katelyn, a 3rd generation Alaskan, live in Anchorage but visit their Shenandoah Valley farm as often as they can.

Larry Staples has been promoted to senior vice president of operations for Planters Bank. Staples graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Bank Administration. He and his wife, Mary Jane, live in Waynesboro.

1965

Rex Miller is an import contractor. He has 2 new addresses. He and his wife Elaine live at 13963 Plains Mill Road, Timberville, VA 22853, and his e-mail address is: rexmil5750@aol.com

Ben Beard, Polly and family live in Pensacola, FL where Ben is a prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's office. Polly and daughter Suzanne visited relatives in Virginia last summer and says that their favorite stop was at Augusta. Polly says they were "thrilled with the miniature cadets we were able to purchase." (see page 8)

Tom Phillips went to the Naval Academy via an honor military appointment from AMA. He served in

