

## 20 years late...

Two decades after AMA closed its doors, the Class of 1984 finally got to walk across the gym stage to receive a certificate at the hands of AMA's Superintendent that year.

**Colonel William Sedr**, now Headmaster at Fishburne, conferred the certificates on three members of the Class of '84 representing all of the AMA cadets who would have graduated that year had the school not closed.

Pictured at right, Sedr presents a certificate to **Chris Meek, '84**, of Wilmington, NC. Meek was from New York State when he attended Augusta.

The presentation was the capstone on Reunion 2004, the theme of which was *It's about time...*

More on this part of the 2004 reunion on page 7.



## Museum now open six days a week

THE AMA Alumni House/Museum is now open six days a week from 10 AM until 4 PM. The Museum will close only on Mondays. "We are thrilled that we are able to do this," says **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, Chairman of the AMA Alumni Foundation which has responsibility for the museum. The six hours six days a week schedule is the first step toward getting signs erected on Interstate 81 designating the turnoffs for Fort Defiance. **Norvell West, '83**, already has had the signs prepared for installation. AMA is working with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to arrange inspections of the museum and the erection of the signs. While AMA must pay to put the signs in place, VDOT will maintain them. Research shows that signs on the interstate will increase visitors dramatically and help to find lost alumni.

**AMA alumni win knockout drill with Massanutten MA**

**Three AMA Legacy Scholarships given during 2004 reunion**

**Jim Councill, '49, George Holt, '60, and Julian Quarles, '35 receive AMA Alumni Medals**

**Augusta Military Academy  
Alumni Association, Inc.**

June 2004



Dear AMA friends,

What a great reunion we had the last weekend in April! The turnout was spectacular, the weather was perfect, the participation was terrific, and the functions were meaningful and well presented. Most of all, we had many new faces, first timers that had never returned since they passed through the front gate as a cadet. After many, many years they experienced the camaraderie that awaits all Alumni. It was about time! Thanks for attending...our Reunions keep getting better and better.

Many projects drive our Association and they need your involvement:

- 1-Getting the signs installed on Interstate 81 to spread the story about the Augusta Military Academy Museum....(more visitors and more lost Alumni found)
- 2- Funding the extra employees needed to keep the Museum open the required hours per week to satisfy the Virginia Department of Transportation so the signs can be installed on I-81.
- 3- Participation in the Roller Society- A simple way to leave something behind for the AMA Scholarships and the preservation of the AMA Museum.
- 4- Assistance with expenses of our excellent newsletter, *The Bayonet*, the maintenance and administrative costs associated with the Museum and the funding of our Scholarships.

Remember your time at AMA....remember the people you met at AMA....remember the teachers and coaches at AMA that have helped mold who you are today..... remember the buildings, some of which still stand as historical icons to a wonderful learning institution. Most of all, remember the experience. As young boys, we grew up and became young men at an early age....the experience reflects on our lives each and every day....and as you utilize these experiences in your daily life...remember the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation with your contributions.

The 2005 reunion will be on 28, 29 & 30 April. It's never too early to make reservations or start planning. I encourage the Class Agents and each of you to spend the next ten months calling an old AMA friends and making arrangements to meet at Reunion 2005. Just think what the turn out would be if each of us located and brought just 2 lost alumni ...WOW....we'd be on a roll!! Don't squander the time! Go ahead, pick up the phone, make the call, extend your heart to an old friend and arrange to meet him at Reunion 2005. As time goes, next year is just around the corner.

I wish you good health and happiness and encourage you to keep AMA in your thoughts.

*Garry Granger*

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**MUSEUM HOURS**  
**10 AM - 4 PM**  
**Tuesday through Sunday**  
**(Closed Mondays)**  
**Tours at other times can be arranged**

1938

(LARRY KURTZ)

Captain Larry Kurtz, USN, Retd, said that he and Jill hated to miss the reunion this year, but his travels are now pretty much limited to the area around his hometown, Punta Gorda, Florida. We missed you folks too.

1943

(CHRIS HARRISON)

Bob Guggenheimer was but a block away from one of the terrorist blasts which rocked Madrid this past March. Mickey Toms, '67, and his family visited Bob when they were in Spain earlier this year.

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1944

(BILL McOWEN)

Earl Weed, First Captain his senior year, found the AMA website and after many years he is back in touch. Originally in the Class of 1945, he doubled up his work and graduated in December of 1944, then joined the Navy. He now lives in Dallas and would very much have liked to come back for his 60<sup>th</sup> reunion, but they had a better offer: a wedding in Paris. Earl hopes to get back for Reunion 2005.

1946

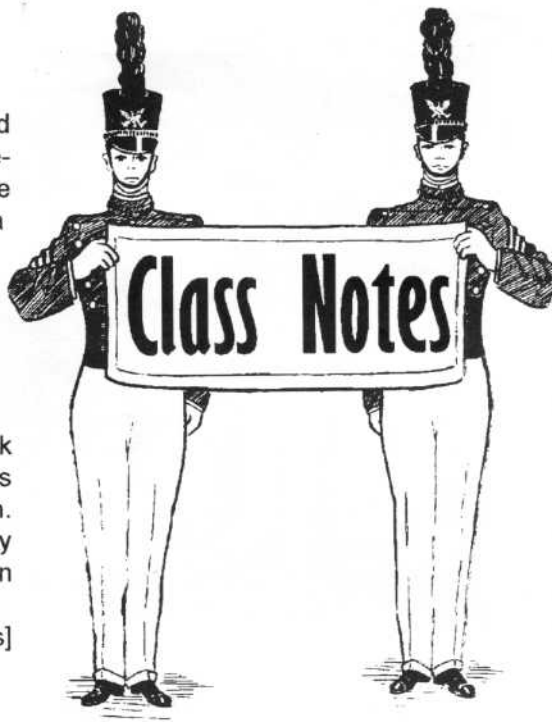
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Nae Hugh Pearson is a substitute pharmacist at a Kroger store in Lynchburg. He told Buddy McCausland, '39, that he would much rather read *The Bayonet* than the Lynchburg daily newspaper. Thanks so much! (See Alan Pearson, '48)

1948

(BILL HARRIS)

Bill Mangus says that he is alive and well in Bevil Oaks, TX. After being in the military, he settled in Texas and has "fond memories" of AMA.



Alan Pearson is a retired pharmacist who lives in Lynchburg where his family owned and operated three very successful drug stores for many years. (See Nae Hugh Pearson, '46)

Hal Walters had open heart surgery in March to repair a damaged mitral valve and to bypass a vessel into his heart. The doctors have told him to be careful for a while, and thus he and Nancy were unable to make it to the

reunion. Feel better fast, Hal!

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1949

(FRANK SPENCER)

Ed Chauncey recently had cataract surgery. After having had to look down for three full weeks, he's doing much better now. We all owe Ed and Bobby so much for all they do to make the annual Silent Auction such a success.

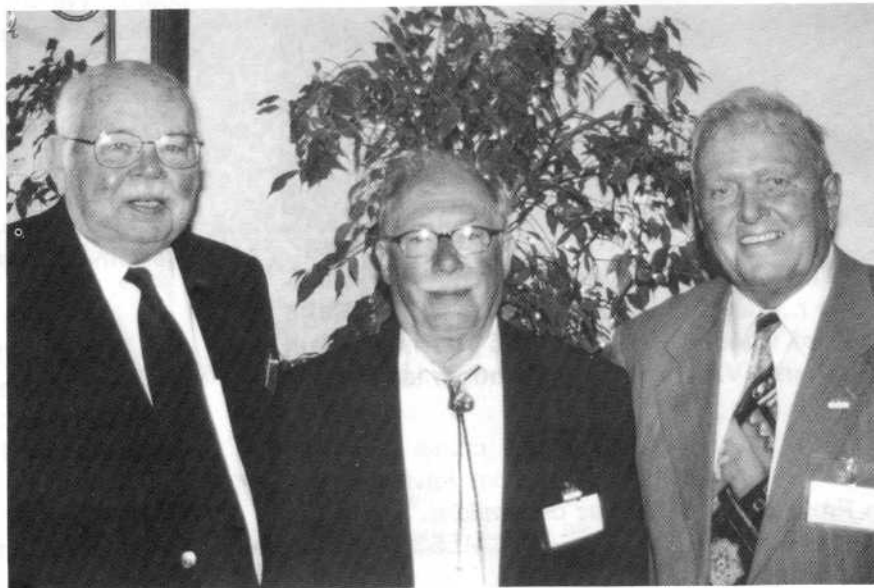
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Frank Spencer has been recovering from a heart attack he suffered last October. Then, in February, his blood pressure went sky high and he had a terrible nose bleed. After a trip to the hospital, Frank returned home much improved. [frank-cville@att.net]

1950

(JIM LUPTON)

Tommy Clements is justly proud of his daughter, Kathy. She graduated from Mississippi State and went to Dallas where she got a job with an ad agency. After a couple of years, she went to WFAA where she began in sales and progressed to the top job – station manager – the youngest woman to manage a major TV station in the country at that time. This past February, she was named President and General Manager of WFAA, the largest ABC affiliate west of the Mississippi. In March, the Dallas/Fort Worth chapter of American Women in Radio and Television, gave her their Silver Award for Excellence. Congratulations to Kathy and Tommy!



60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY - Guys from the Class of 1944 at the Friday Awards Banquet: Peter Lambert from Richmond, Dr. Don Elston from Flagstaff, AZ, and Bill McOwen from Cincinnati.

Ed Click and Sue left the snow behind in Staunton in February when they flew off to Buenos Aires where they boarded a ship to sail around the tip of South America, up the west coast of the

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continent, and back through the Panama Canal, a 35 day trip in all. In May, Ed, Sue and sons David and Bill, both AMA Legacy Scholarship recipients, traveled in Italy.

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**Jack McKenna** is back on our mailing list, thanks to **Jim Sylvanus, '49**. Jack is retired and lives in Salisbury, MD.

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1951

(FRANK PILLEY)

**Colonel Frank Pilley** is mathematics professor at George Mason University in Northern Virginia and adjunct professor of math at Marymount University. Frank says, "I play tennis three times a week and still mow my own yard which makes me a dying breed in my neighborhood."

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**55<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** - The Class of 1949 gathers in the gymnasium. L. to r., Frank Spencer of Charlottesville, Clyde Ramsey of Asheville, NC, Jim Council of San Antonio, TX, Ambassador John "Jock" Shirley of Stonington, CT, Doug Nemier of Milton, PA, Ed Chauncey of Culpeper, Chuck Pine of Winchester, and Bill Rubush of Seminole, FL.



**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY** - The Class of '54 celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Reunion 2004. L. to r., Ken Hoke from Micaville, NC, Ed Dulin from Utica, MI, Tom Lassell of Chester, VA, and Bob Harris of West Suffield, CT and soon of Amherst, VA when his new home is ready.

1952

(JIM WHITE)

**Roger Messick** writes from Prescott, AZ that he has just completed a hike into the Grand Canyon making the ten mile trip down into the abyss in three hours 12 minutes, and taking four hours ten minutes to climb out again. He and Jean are taking their children

on a Christmas cruise this year, "a way to keep from having to put up Christmas decorations."

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**Otto Cuervo** says that he and his dog, Poochie, are doing well in Pasadena, Texas.

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1954

(KEN HOKE)

**Gilberto Goldstein** is a Senator in the National Congress in Honduras and a prominent leader of the National Party. He is an advisor for Family Hospital Corporation de Honduras, President of Grupo Harinero Sula, and a member of more than 20 corporate boards. We are proud to count him as a fellow alumnus!

**Pete Stone** lives in Water Valley, Mississippi, and just got back on our mailing list a couple of months back. An *Ad Astra*, he was Captain of Headquarters Company his senior year. Welcome, home, Pete!

1956

(NONE)

**Dr. Jim Mahanes**, who is a physician in Greenville, SC, underwent knee surgery in March and is doing well. He is the brother of the late **Ronnie Mahanes, '53**. Their mother, Polly, lives in Charlottesville where she is recovering from a slight stroke. She used to furnish the flowers for all the AMA dances as Ronnie did later when he ran the florist shop.

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