

Augusta Military Academy

Oral History

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I have many, many fond memories of Augusta.

These include such things as Roller Rifle trips to Alexandria and Winchester in 1964; **Colonel Hoover** calling me a “dumb shit” in Geometry class; “catching a tan” on the top of barracks during the Spring; sports in general; **John Hipp, Mike DeAyora, Ed Brown, and Rich Connelly**; Mary Baldwin College; 1964 graduation; the trips home; the impromptu “Beatles concert” in front of **Major Suarez’s** room; Saturday night movies in the Big Room!!!

Things I remember less fondly:

Sunday parades in snow up to your knees; any morning in the winter, especially with a “Valley Clipper” howling; the trips back; bracing; guard duty; Staunton anytime.

Probably the worst memory I have is **Major McCreary** stating in MS&T III class that the “Commander-in-Chief” had just been assassinated in Dallas in 1963.

I always regretted that AMA had to close its doors. It didn’t seem that was possible when I was there. The doors are still open through memories though.

You can view the 1964 RECALL here:
<https://galleries.amaalumni.org/Recalls/Recall-1964/>