

Augusta Military Academy

Oral History

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Thanks to Doc Savedge

When I arrived at AMA back in August 1979, I was a chubby, 8th grade, wise-assed New Yorker. When I left AMA in December 1983 (before I knew the school was closing) I was a lean, level-headed Virginia Gentleman – thanks to **Doc Savedge!** The great change that Doc and the school worked on me and the memory of this truly wonderful man are things that I still hold in high regard, although there is still a lot of that New Yorker in me.

I moved down to Wilmington, North Carolina, in January 2001 and I began teaching Social Studies here, and – wouldn't you know it – Savedgisms are sprouting out everywhere! However, it's the "Wilmington Star-News" we read instead of the "Richmond Times Dispatch".

After 14 years of marriage, two kids and an additional 200 pounds added to my physique since I left AMA, I had Gastric Bypass surgery and since then, I have lost 90 pounds and still am losing. I finally am able to wear my Class Ring which I did for the first time in 12 years. Man, I can tell you that it felt really GOOD!

I have recently had some problems with my heart; however, it seems that with the right medication and supervision, it'll be fine. I told the doc, "I'm not giving up refereeing basketball or volleyball, nor will I give up umpiring softball." He concurred, thank God!

I know there are some Alumni who are local and I would really love to get together with some and possibly start meeting down here on a regular basis, aside from the scheduled AMA meetings up in Staunton and Fort Defiance. That being said, if anyone is interested in a South Eastern North Carolina or North Eastern South Carolina meeting, let me know. I'll see what I can do to organize something centrally located.