

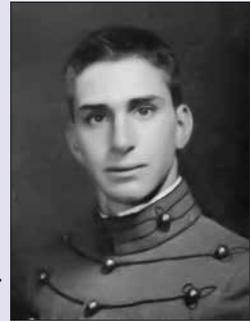
# Augusta Military Academy

## Oral History

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### I'll Never Forget AMA!!!

I started at AMA in 1942 when I was 14 years old and I worked four years in the CW Co. I graduated in 1946 as a Cadet Captain and on the Honor Committee. That year I became an *Ad Astra Per Aspera*. I also won a Major Monogram that year in Football.



Most of my memories concern the CW Co, working in the Mess Hall, and **Captain Fontaine** who ran the Mess Hall. They were all happy memories, except for mopping the Mess Hall floors – two nights a week – with hot water and lye.

I also have vivid memories of Sunday parades with the Pass in Review and everyone trying to win the honor of Best Company. My company always tried to “shine” as we made the Pass in Review and Eyes Right.

Playing football, I was left guard and my good friend **Nick Fotinos** was right guard. I can still remember how we used to set up a mouse trap on certain plays, how we tried to sneak cigarettes in Summer camp and just how well we got on together. I read where he died a few years ago and it didn't seem possible.

I also remember going to Penalty Call and facing Big Boy. I remember being a pall bearer at **Colonel Roller's** funeral with the other Cadet Captains. I remember dances where I had a date from Stuart Hall and, once and a while, Mary Baldwin.

I remember Close Order Drill and then Extended Order Drill. I remember Saturday afternoons when we all went to Staunton ... And Apple Blossom Festival ... And most of all I remember the call: “*All out for the Mess Hall, gentlemen, formation in 15 minutes*” – I'll never forget that!!!

I can remember lots of other things, but it would take a book to record all of them. However, most of all, I remember my good friends and the great times we had in class, in drill, on parade and working in the Mess Hall.

You can view the 1946 RECALL here:

<https://galleries.amaalumni.org/Recalls/Recall-1946/>