

Augusta Military Academy

Oral History

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I was the cadet that loved AMA after the Christmas break.

My old roommates were **Jim Grove** and **Harry Martin** my first year and **Jim Cheesum** and **Hal Wright** my second year. My third and fourth year my roommates were **John Pandazides** and **Bob Fusselbaugh**.

John Pandazides was without a doubt a person to be remembered. John ran for the head of the FINAL BALL and got shafted out of it because he was a noted hell raiser.

John could have gotten Harry James as the band for the dance, but instead we had the Steel Pier orchestra (**Alex Bartha**) and paid more than what Harry James was charging. John even found that the catering would have cost less than was charged with whoever was the one in charge.

John was no slouch when it came to saving bucks. His father owned a restaurant in Quantico so John knew how to be thrifty...

I eventually went into dance band work in Baltimore and played with some of the best bands in town. After playing for over 40 years I finally retired and am the official bugler for my American Legion post, No.128.

When my eyes are in prime shape again I'll make it to a Reunion.....

You can view the 1948 RECALL online here:
<https://galleries.amaalumni.org/Recalls/Recall-1948/>