

Augusta Military Academy

Oral History

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I don't really have any great "stories" to tell from my days at AMA (69-70 and 70-71, and summer school 69 and 70). What I can tell you are some of my memories of people/friends that will always be with me.

Looking back now I recall all the many ways these people have influenced my life by the example set or things I learned while growing up at AMA those years.

For example, "**Doc**" **Savedge**; I guess living in the barracks and being accessible made him a perfect advisor/friend to many.....he was to me. Besides being a great instructor this man was also a decent person. I vividly remember his '68 Charger and Mercury Marquis.

I also wonder if anyone else remembers his "secret" additive to make excellent iced tea. He did not tell at first ... and I could not figure it out. Later he confided in meIt was a small amount of orange juice! I have my iced tea like this to this day and suspect I always will.

Other faculty that I remember and have a great deal of respect for: **Col. Livick**, **Maj. Dekle**, **Col. Rapp**, and **Capt. Dillow**; society could use more people of the quality of these individuals.

My circle of friends that I will never forget: **Craig Snellings**, **Curt Selby**, **Harry Baldwin**, **Mark Silverberg**, **Jim Clark**, **Mark "spray-on" Kalkhof** and of course my buddy **Steve Gruhn**, (and his "babe" sister Barb), and **Greg Bartlett**, my second year roommate, **Al Zayas**, a great guy and friend, **Irby Bell**, **Murray Mitchell**, **Al Moorefield**, and **Brad Myers**.

All these guys were just decent people and fond memories will always be there. I would wish all of them the best.

As a sidebar, however, in 1976 after graduation from college I began my career as a Police Officer. In late 76 I encountered Irby Bell in Henrico County, VA General District court. He had been arrested (not by me) for something I cannot remember, not that I was surprised, as anyone who remembers Irby will attest to. I also stopped **Jessy Utt** once on Rt. 60 in Chesterfield County, VA ... I did not give him a ticket being that he was a brother from AMA.

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<https://galleries.amaalumni.org/Recalls/Recall-1971/>