

# Augusta Military Academy

## Oral History

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### I Am Proud to be a Graduate of AMA

I could probably write a book on my years at AMA, the experiences I had and the wonderful people I met and “grew” with; however, in respect of time and my friends, I won’t get into any details.

It was my choice to go away to school and I surprised my parents when I picked AMA. When they asked why I wanted to go to a military school, my reply was, “It’s advertised as *‘The Friendly School.’*”

At the end of my first year, I hated it and for me it was definitely not “friendly”. Only “**Doc**”, his guidance, advice and friendship kept me there. During that year I was subjected to numerous paddlings with paddles and sabers and yelled at by **Hoover** and other instructors. And then there was **Goodloe**: “*Suck it up, it’s only going to get worse!*”

With all that in mind, I entered my second year, then my third, then my fourth. As these years passed, I became more focused and settled, I knew what AMA was about. I made life-long friends such as **Conrad, Eastlack, Saunders, Snell, Harmon** ... even **Hoover** ... and the list goes on.

At the end of my senior year, I didn’t want to leave, I wanted a reason to return, so groups of us, along with Doc and **Livick**, met in Pinehurst and reformed the Alumni Association that has grown larger than any of us could ever imagine.

That gives me the reason to return to see all my old buddies and socialize with the younger guys and hear how AMA was in the last of its years.

My four years at AMA were the best and most demanding I have ever experienced in all my life. There are a lot of things I have done in my lifetime – some good, some bad – that I would like to change, but not one of them happened at AMA.

I wouldn’t change a minute of my experiences there – not even my “rat” year. I am proud to be a graduate of AMA and love all my friends who I made there and our times together both then and now.

I look forward to the 2003 Reunion and I am proud to serve as a Director on the Board of AMA.

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<https://galleries.amaalumni.org/Recalls/Recall-1960/>