

Augusta Military Academy

Oral History

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Soon after starting my first year as a Cadet Waiter in 1944, our company commander was caught stealing a bag of clean laundry which belonged to another cadet. He was immediately dismissed from the school.

I felt sorry for this individual, but, at the same time, I immediately had great respect for the action taken. **Major Roller** made it very clear to all of us that honesty, truth and integrity were very important factors at AMA as well as in each of our lives.

That is something that has stayed with me throughout all these years.

Here is another memory - it occurred on my senior year watch.

One of the freshmen in 1948 did not seem to be concerned with his personal hygiene. His body odor was so intense that the cadets at his table in the mess hall were asking me to do something to correct the situation.

After repeated warnings about showering and using deodorant with no success, someone suggested that he be put through a black belt line.

So, one day out between the HQS barracks and the dry cleaning building, about 30 of us set up the line and had him crawl through our legs. He got about half way through and was crying like a baby so we concluded the punishment. It was clear that he had learned his lesson and the proof was in the pudding as he became a model cadet after that.

My guess is that today he probably runs the sanitation department in some big city.

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