

# Augusta Military Academy

## Oral History

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I was originally brought down to VPI by an Assistant Coach and later sent to AMA to play football for **Jerry Clairborne**. Besides sports, I worked as a cadet waiter.

The three people at AMA who had the most influence on me while I was there were Jerry, **Chuck Savedge**, and **Colonel ("Big Boy") Roller**.

In the Spring of 1952, Chuck Savedge, as was his custom, took a number of cadets to W&M for the State Competitive Tests for scholarships in Physics, Biology and Chemistry. **Bill Ragland** won in Biology, **Eddy Ray** in Physics and I won in Chemistry. We all attended W&M and belonged to the same Fraternity.

I also received the Math Medal from Colonel Roller in 1952 and I was very proud of that achievement.

It's a shame that the climate in this country changed and drove most of the military prep schools out of business. The lack of discipline in the public schools sure decries the change to the "mommyism", which now controls our public school systems.

You can view the 1952 RECALL here:

<https://galleries.amaalumni.org/Recalls/Recall-1952/>