

Augusta Military Academy

Oral History

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AMA Taught Me To Always Go Forward

I learned a great many things at AMA and one of the most important was to always go forward and never look back or even stop to rest. You had to think positive and be positive!

I am in touch with an old classmate of mine, **Gabriel Lluch** and that brings back many memories for me. Gabriel taught me how to smoke while I was at AMA, but I have long ago stopped doing that. He plays the Flamenco guitar very well and back in those days we downed many beers while he played “Malaguena”.

I remember another fellow cadet, **Fred Mather-Smith**, '50, and the visits by his grandmother, who was a grand lady. When she came to see Fred at AMA, she arrived in her grey Cadillac, with her uniformed black chauffeur and always very elegant.

And **Roger Messik**'s 1948 blue Lincoln Continental was something else. I later got one just like it, but a convertible model, which is now sadly gone. I lost everything when they confiscated my house in Cuba, including my library and my much cherished “Ad Astra” pin. **Bob Bradford** has given me a new one, God bless him!

There is something that Castro wasn't able to take away from me:

My Wonderful Memories From AMA!

You can view the 1952 RECALL here:

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