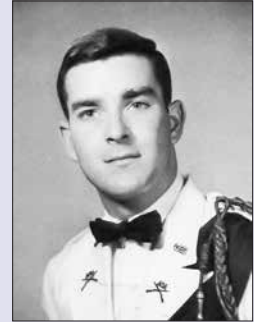


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The Night We Forgot to Pull The Plug

I spent five great years at AMA, graduating in 1965. I remember in my first year living on the first stoop in the back of the barracks. The flat bed truck with the slaughtered meat and flies flying around would come by on its way to the Mess Hall.

I remember **Colonel Hoover** at dinner time, as I sat at his table. When he would pass a platter around you had better be ready to take it or he would say 1, 2, 3 ... then just drop it on the table and all the food would go flying off it. I ended up living next door to him my Senior year on the third stoop, room 305 I think.

Forbes Breathwaite was my roommate and **Charlie Smith** and **Tom Matthews** roomed next door. Our rooms were next to the sinks. One Sunday we skipped church when one of us was O.D. and we hot wired our rooms from the sinks. After Taps we would go and flip the switch on in the sinks and have power to watch TV, listen to the radio, etc.

The Major would come next door sometimes. We could hear him coming and pull the plugs. He would say, "What's that TV sound?" We would say, "I don't know, Major, we didn't hear anything."

Well, one night we forgot to pull the plug and we had a Tadoo. All the lights in the barracks were off except for the sinks lights. Yep, our room lit up like a lamp.

However, the Major never said anything more and we took all the wires down.