



## 1969-70 basketball team the best ever to play in the VMSL

For the first time... a team is being inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame.



Colonel Livick says the 1969-70 basketball team was the best team to ever play in the Virginia Military Schools League (VMSL).



Coached by Jim Hogg with Sergeant Joe Josephson as assistant coach, they were number one in the regular VMSL season which earned them a bye in the league tournament.

The 1969-70 team went on to beat Fork Union 49-44, then Hargrave 78-77 in the final seconds with a shot by Roy Stauffer to give Augusta the championship.

In regular season play, our Blue Streaks had lost to SMA in a game played in Fort Defiance but when we went to SMA for a rematch Augusta prevailed 113 to 105. The entire Cadet Corps was outside the front gate to welcome the team bus back to campus that evening.

The members of the team were Roy Stauffer, Dan Caldarelli, Jerry Collincini, Jim Groate, Baxter Hayes, Fred Lapish, Ray Snapp, Wayne McGowan, Doug McMullan and Dan Rapp.

The managers were Scott Travers and Cesar Prieto.

How proud Sergeant Joe would have been to stand with these fellows as they were inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame!

