

Balbis, Claiborne, Fleming and Ralph

# Four inducted into AMA Sports Hall of Fame

Two former AMA coaches, a football and basketball star and a wrestling champion were inducted into the fifth class of Augusta Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame at Reunion 2011.

**Manuel Balbis, '53**, starred as a wrestler in his six years at AMA and was captain of the team for two years.

**Jerry Claiborne**, who went on to be National College Coach of the Year, had his first coaching job at AMA.

**Warren Fleming, '72**, was a flashy running back and a team leader on both the football and basketball squads.

**Bill Ralph** coached basketball, football and baseball and taught history and civics at AMA for seven years.

They were inducted in the AMA Gymnasium where so many Augusta teams strove mightily against college freshman and prep school squads. Alumni Association President **Jorge Rovirosa, '70**, and Foundation Chairman **Frank Williamson, '60**, did the installations.

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**A QUARTET OF CHAMPIONS - Warren Fleming, '72, Manuel Balbis, '53, Coach Bill Ralph and Jonathan Claiborne, son of the late Jerry Claiborne.**



**Above, left, Balbis thanks Rovirosa for his induction into Hall of Fame. Above, right, Coach Claiborne's son, Johnathan, accepts on his late father's behalf. Below, left, Warren Fleming shows his Hall of Fame certificate. Below, right, Williamson who played for Coach Ralph, joins Rovirosa in welcoming him to the Hall of Fame.**

