

Colonel Malcolm Livick is inducted into AMA Sports Hall of Fame at the 2016 AMA Reunion

Steve Trent said the honor was long overdue while Jim Mitchell said that his contribution to and his support of athletics at AMA was unparalleled. They were talking about Colonel Mal Livick, the lone 2016 inductee into the Augusta Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame.

Jim explained how Colonel Livick had seen an ad saying that a coach and teacher was needed at AMA. He called then Colonel Charles Roller and Mal Livick's long tenure at Augusta began. At first, he taught 7th grade and was made coach of JV basketball. His second year, he took over as head coach for varsity basketball which lasted for eight years. He became the assistant coach of the tennis team and revived and coached baseball.

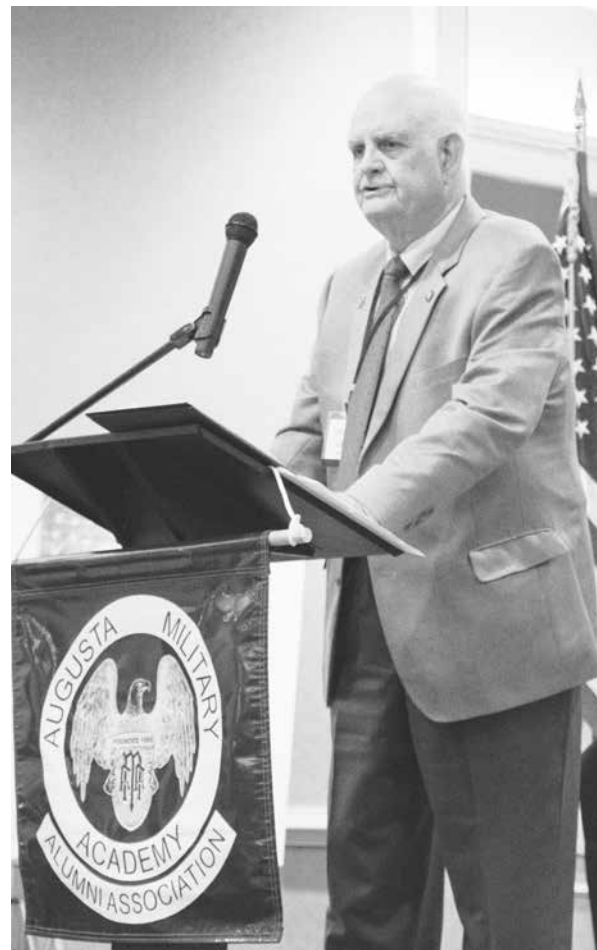
Livick had played basketball at Virginia before going into the Air Force. There he coached a military team that went 27-2 and won the US championship. Mitchell remembered that Colonel Livick played on the faculty team when they lined up against AMA's varsity. "He had some really good moves to the basket and a lot of elbows," he recalled.

Livick said before the Awards Banquet that Jim Mitchell sometimes exaggerates "but if he did I decided not to correct him tonight." He said that coaching so many teams at AMA was very satisfying adding that the young boys who came out for sports knowing that they would mostly be bench sitters deserve lots of admiration. "They were learning an important life lesson."

Mitchell said that Colonel Livick kept sports as an integral part of the AMA experience along with academics, discipline and spirituality. "We always played with the best equipment and I give the colonel credit for that."

Jim Mitchell did a fantastic job at the podium. Half way through his remarks, he took off his jacket and produced an Augusta baseball jersey which he had purloined from the Athletic Department when he graduated. Then, he opened his suit pants to reveal that he was wearing the baseball pants too!

Mitchell said that 40 years ago to the day he was pitching in a game against SMA being coached by Colonel Livick. Colonel Hoover told him if he pitched a no hitter he would buy him a steak dinner. Mitchell had a no hitter going with two outs in the ninth when the batter hit a ground ball to 3rd base which went through the 3rd baseman's legs. The officials scored it a hit and Jim lost his no hitter though he won the game. He thought Colonel Hoover might still come through with the steak dinner. Instead, Hoover gave him a box of doughnuts!



The 1974 Recall described Colonel Livick as "a hot man on the court." This is the annual faculty versus student game won by the cadets 32-21.



Jim Mitchell, '76, in his 1976 Augusta baseball jersey.

A highlight of the 2016 reunion - the presentation by Jim and the Man of the Hour - Colonel Malcolm Livick!