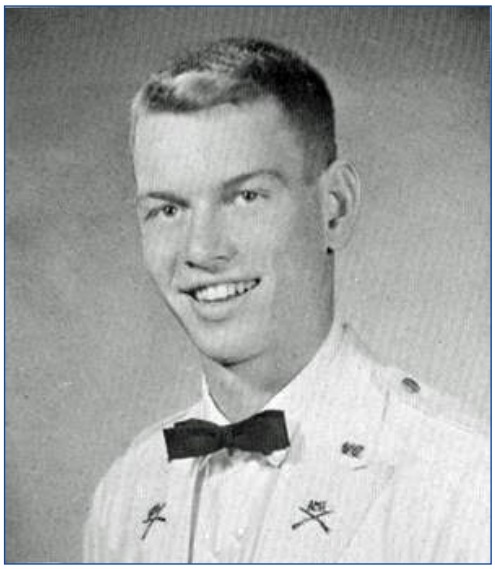
Hill Ellett, ‘63

Inducted into the 2023 AMA Sports Hall of Fame

Football, Basketball and Baseball

Hillsman Ellett only attended AMA for one year, but what a year it was! He played three sports.



For Varsity Football, he was the starting quarterback, leading the team to the best record (6-2-1) in many years. He was elected to First Team All Military League.

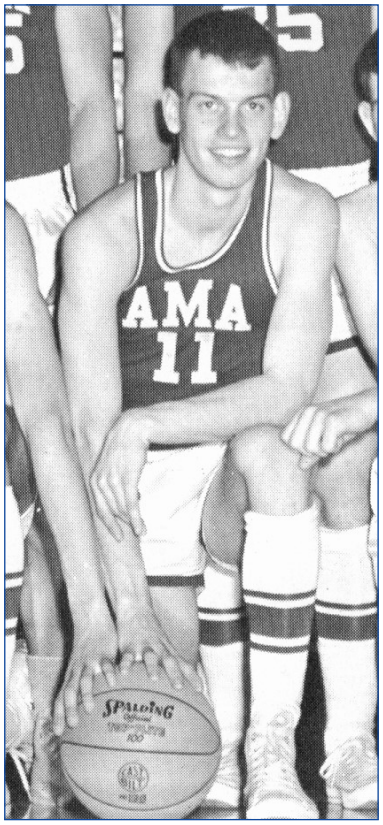
For Varsity Basketball, he was a starting guard and was 2nd leading scorer. As team co-captain, he helped lead the team to their best record in eight years.

He was starting First Baseman in Baseball.

He was voted Best AMA Athlete in 1963, and was on the honor roll for his academics

After AMA, he played four years on the VMI football team, as quarterback on a full-ride scholarship.

Upon graduating from VMI and commissioned in the U. S. Air Force. He flew C-141’s for four years, then a Cessna OV-2 Skymaster one year in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia, flying special operations mission support and search and recovery. He received a Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals!



From 1971-74, he worked for Wheat First Securities as a stock broker in Roanoke. He also took up football officiating at that time.

In 1975, he went back to flying with Norfolk and Western (now Norfolk Southern) as a company pilot. He flew for them for 30+ years, retiring as the Chief Pilot and Detachment Commander, Ocean Pacific. He amassed over 15,000+ flying hours during his career!!

Hill is retired and lives in Virginia Beach, VA.