

Classmates and Friends of AMA,

My name is Gary D. Cripps, and I am standing for election to the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation Board. I have completed one term on the Board and currently serve as the Treasurer. I have been asked to provide a picture and bio. Okay...

I am retired from the electricity utility industry where most of my career was in Accounting and Finance, and ultimately served as CFO/ Chief Operating Officer. It was a nice career, but I don't plan on giving up this retirement gig anytime soon. I have an MBA from Delaware State



University. I have a wife (47 years of pure tolerance for her), two kids, four grandchildren, and a dog named Daisy. Technically, my wife has a dog named Daisy; I have the vet bills.

I spend most of the fall and winter in Florida and the spring and summer in Delaware. I am working hard on my golf handicap, safely operating my little boat (I am a landlubber) and trying to catch fish. I enjoy a good cigar and Manhattan wherever I am.

Enough about me.

I know the past year has been difficult and day to day life does not usually include an overriding concern or interest in the AMA Alumni Foundation. In fact, the only reason I ran for the Board was in honor of a dear friend and AMA mate that passed away; he was passionate about everything AMA! While I may still lack his passion, working with my fellow director's has brought me back to those wonder experiences so many years ago. I urge and encourage you to actively participate and you may find AMA is as robust as ever in your heart.

I am disappointed that only the incumbent directors are running in this election. We need your voice, your guidance, and your fellowship. Yeah, fellowship; makes it all worthwhile. Please consider a run for the Board, it's as easy as dropping your name in the hat!

I hope to see you at the Reunion!!

You and your family stay safe,

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