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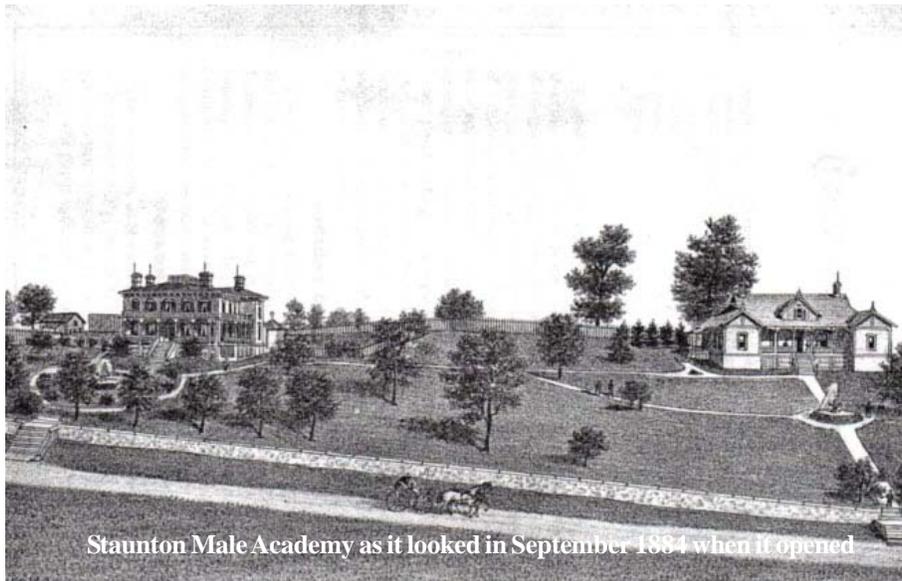
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## True History of SMA

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### Chapter 3 - The Early Years

*In this issue, the Kablegram continues the publishing of the recently researched and documented true history of the Stanton Military Academy with Chapter 3 (The Early Years) and Chapter 4 (Rebirth and Growth).*



Stanton Male Academy as it looked in September 1884 when it opened

On September 2, 1884, the Stanton Male Academy opened its doors with 50 students. The local newspapers reported on this opening and congratulated Capt. Kable on his success. The boarding students at that time lived in the upstairs of the Kable residence and the Kable family lived in the downstairs. A dining room had been added to the east end of the residence to accommodate the family and the boarders. Classes were held in the new classroom building, which was described by the local newspaper as a large frame building containing an assembly room 30X46 feet, two large recitation rooms, a reception room, laboratory, and cloak rooms. The building had cost \$3,000 to construct. This building, which was situated on the site of the future South Barracks, would be the classrooms of the Academy for the next 30 years.

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# REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILL

## Harry Bruckno President, SMA Alumni Association



In August, I had the pleasure of having lunch with General Mike Bissell in Staunton, Virginia. General Bissell is Commandant of the VWIL cadets. He has worked extremely hard to make VWIL a strong and well disciplined group of young ladies. His efforts are reflected by the fact that over 40% of the VWIL graduates are commissioned in the United States military services. Because of cuts in State funding, General Bissell has been forced to reduce his staff to himself and two others in order to stay within the reduced budget, while maintaining the high quality leadership training for the VWIL cadets.

From what I have witnessed, the training is pretty much the same as we received at SMA, but on a College level. (As an aside, the biggest difference between our "Old Boys" and the VWIL cadets is that these young ladies were not thrown out of four or five different schools before they got to the hill.)

Hard work and frustration are not new to Mike, aka General Bissell. He is the most highly decorated living graduate of Virginia Military Institute (VMI). He flew choppers in Viet Nam, and a lot of you know what that was like.

Today, Mike needs HELP from us, the ALUMNI of SMA. Simply put, we are needed to help keep VWIL growing. Helping means going into our pockets and sending contributions to the VWIL Initiative or the new LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND. I hope to live long enough to see one of these women take the oath of office for the United States Congress or Senate and maybe even sit on the Supreme Court. Gentleman, it is up to you and all SMA alumni to help make this happen. On the other hand, we can sit on are pockets and maybe bail out some more banks or car companies. Wake Up!

Bruckno, '62

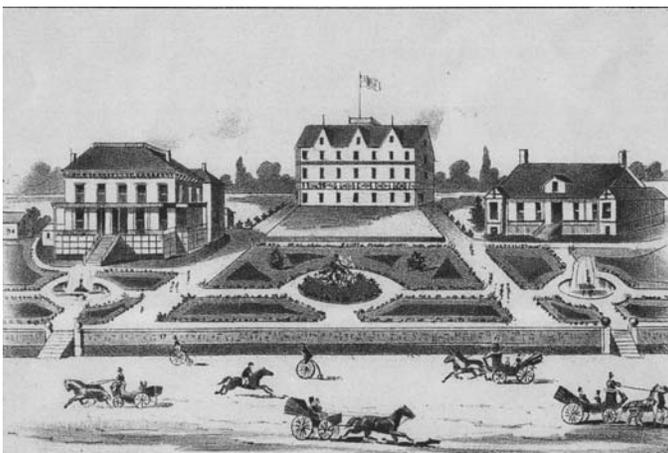
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**SMA Classroom Building built in 1884**

The academy slowly grew over the next several years. In 1888, a military format was adopted and the school name was changed to the **Staunton Military Academy**. Also in 1888, a wood frame cadet barracks was built between the Kable residence and the classroom building. That year also had the largest number of students, 101, for the 1800's. That figure would not be surpassed until the early 1900's. Part of this growth can be attributed to Capt. Kable's brother-in-law, W.W. Gibbs, the business manager in the early years. In the summer of 1888, William Gibbs went on a tour of the South to publicize the school. In early September, he returned by train to Staunton with 42 new students.



**Staunton Military Academy as it appeared in 1888**



**Cadets and Staff 1888 with William H. Kable standing far left**

In 1890, the Staunton Military Academy was incorporated by an Act of the Virginia General Assembly (Chap. 500 - approved March 4, 1890). The original stockholders were William H. Kable, W.W. Gibbs, W.P. Tams, John B. Hoge, and Keeves Cott. Thus the ownership of the school went from a private holding to a Corporation with Stockholders. As this happened, the country went into a depression and the school saw its numbers drop. In 1890 the school had 90 cadets with that number dropping to 30 in 1896 and then to 15 in 1900. It was during that year that Capt. Kable's son, William G. Kable, returned to teach at SMA, appointed Commandant, and took over the day to day operations from his father. Capt. Kable continued in the roles of Principal and Instructor.



**William G. Kable**

William G. Kable had been schooled under his father's tutelage first as a youth in Charlestown and then

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at SMA in Staunton. He graduated in 1890 as the honor man in his class and the Senior Captain of the Corps of Cadets. After graduation, W.G. Kable, then eighteen years of age, went to Cincinnati to begin a business career, but he had been there only one year when he decided to better equip himself for a business profession. Accordingly he left Cincinnati and went to Baltimore, where he entered the Business College of Bryant & Stratton. After graduation from this institution, he worked three years in the city, being associated with some of the most prominent business houses in the Metropolis of the South. From Baltimore, he came back to Staunton to become a member of the faculty in the Staunton Military Academy. Here he taught during the 1893-95 sessions and then again left Staunton, this time settling in New York City. His success in this great empire city is attested to by mentioning some of the large firms with whom he worked: The Caledonia Fire Insurance Company, Mills & Gibb, the largest importers in the United States; R.T. Wilson & Company, bankers and brokers of Wall Street; and he was at the Waldorf-Astoria in the capacity of chief stenographer.



**1903 SMA boarding cadets with  
Commandant William G. Kable standing far right.**

Additionally, another person important to the development of SMA came to work in the early 1900's, Thomas H. Russell. In 1904 Russell came to Staunton as Headmaster of Staunton Military Academy. He was a native of South Carolina, having spent his early years in Anderson. From the schools of his native town, Russell went to the Citadel, at Charleston, where his scholarship soon distinguished him among his fellows. In 1902, he graduated from that institution at the head of one of the largest classes in the history of the Citadel. He also distinguished himself in the military life of the school by winning the appointment as Senior Captain of the Corps of Cadets. Upon leaving the Citadel, Russell accepted the position of Commandant at

Horner Military Academy, Oxford, NC, before coming to Staunton. Thus, at the start of the 1904 session, the three men that would have the most influence in shaping the development of SMA were in place together at the Academy.

William G. Kable immediately began a program of expansion and recruitment. A Mess Hall, seating 400 was built in 1901. This building also contained cadet rooms on the second and third floors. In 1904, a five story barracks was also constructed. The Corps of Cadets grew quickly under William G. Kable's guidance with enrollment reaching 270 cadets at the start of the 1904 session. Then, on November 25, 1904, disaster struck. At three o'clock in the morning, the town of Staunton was awakened by the continuous tollings of the town fire bell and the prolonged shrieks of a railway locomotive. The barracks of SMA were on fire.

In the morning light, the level of destruction was plain for all to see. The classroom building was gone, the four story barracks built in 1888 was gone, and the new five story barracks was gone. The Kable residence, Mess Hall, and cadet rooms above were saved, as were a few minor storage buildings. And, miraculously, not a cadet had been seriously harmed, and most of the possessions and furniture had been thrown out of windows and doors and moved to safety. The local newspaper reported that Capt. Kable, in his anxiety to arouse sleeping students, had rushed barefooted to the rescue and his feet had been burned. Thomas Russell, who was living in one of the Barracks at the time, is also credited with sounding the alarm and helping to evacuate the buildings. To help keep the school in operation the townspeople of Staunton responded to the needs of the cadets and provided temporary housing. Additionally, the local YMCA was made available to the school for classrooms.

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## Chapter 4 - Rebirth And Growth

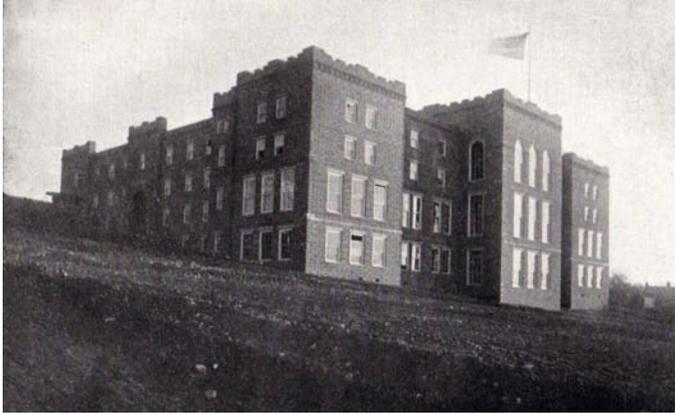
The Kables lost no time in rebuilding. On March 11, 1905, ground was broken for a new barracks and classroom building. The building was finished and ready for the opening of the 1905-06 session on September 20, 1905. The construction was of concrete and stone. With three exceptions, this was the basis of the construction of all new buildings at SMA from that time on. The exceptions were the Swimming Pool built in 1913; the cadet hospital (later

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the junior school) built in 1918 and added to in 1920; and a two story barracks constructed east of the relocated 1901 Mess Hall around 1920.



**South Barracks – Built 1905**

The new building, which would become to be known later as South Barracks, was in what was called “West Point” style; 170 feet by 145 feet, having a quadrangular court of 115 feet by 75 feet. There were 116 bedrooms, 12 class-rooms, chemical and physical laboratories, boiler-rooms, library, assembly-room of 2,000 square feet floor space, gymnasium of the same dimensions, numerous toilet-rooms. Bath-rooms containing thirty showers were located in the basement, with an adjoining swimming pool of 625 square feet.

The expansion plans started by W. G. Kable continued throughout his tenure as Commandant and then as President of the Academy after his father’s death in 1912. By 1909, an onsite laundry was constructed and the mess hall kitchen had been expanded. A new Mess Hall seating 500 with cadet rooms above was erected in 1913 along with a swimming pool that was located on the present site of Kable Hall. The old Mess Hall was dismantled and reconstructed east of the Plaza (The Asphalt) for use as the infirmary. Also in 1913, the property across the street from the Kable residence, known as “Commodore Skinner House” was acquired. A large wood frame structure would be added to the rear of this building in 1918 for use as the cadet hospital. A wing was added in 1920 to expand the hospital. In 1919 North Barracks was constructed. Along with the construction of this barracks, a new central plant and laundry was built just to the North of the Swimming pool. A wood frame barracks was built just east of the relocated old Mess Hall in the same time frame. 1919 also saw the largest cadet population to date with 650 cadets enrolled. That number would not be surpassed until the 1966-67 school term.



**Mess Hall – Built 1913**

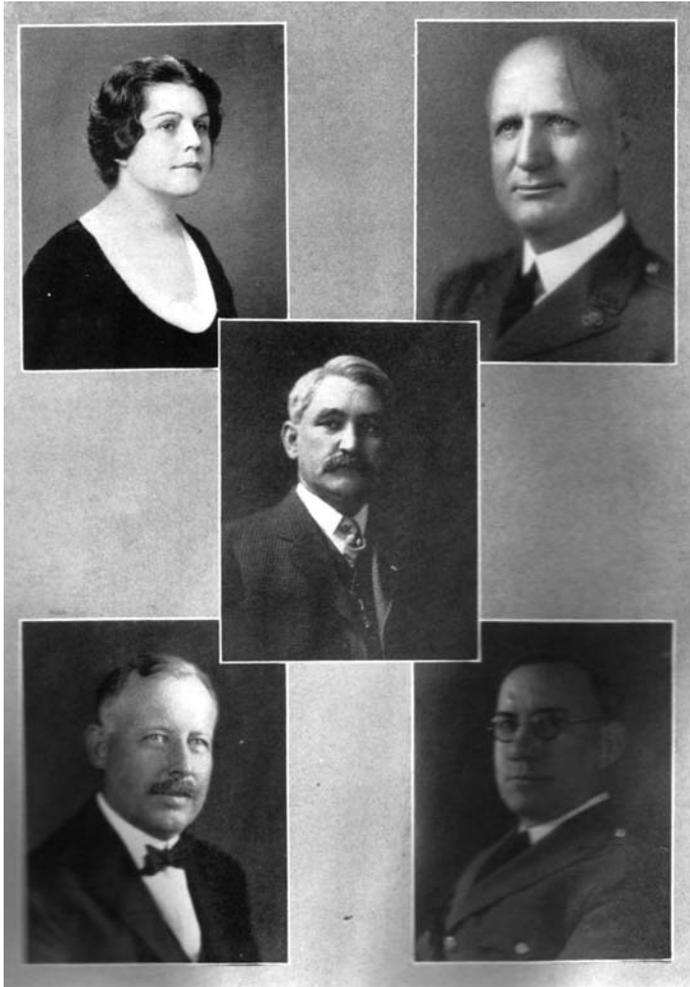


**North Barracks – Built 1919**

Sadly, William G. Kable died on July 5, 1920 before his entire expansion plan could be completed. At that time, W.G. Kable owned all of the shares of the Staunton Military Academy. His will specified that the shares shall be placed into a trust for the benefit of his wife and children. The will also specified that the shares could not be sold, except in the event of a catastrophe. Additionally, T.H. Russell was given the position as principal of the Academy for life and his brother, T.G. Russell was also given a position in “a proper capacity” for life. The trust was to be administered by five trustees; W.G. Kable’s widow Eleanor, T. H. Russell, W. H. Steele, Gilpin Willson, and W. C. Rowland. W.G. Kable’s widow had the responsibility of naming replacements for any Trustees that died or resigned. The school continued in operation under these trustees for the next 13 years. The SMA Corporation was reorganized in 1921 with the title of Principal being eliminated and President being instituted. T. H. Russell was named the President of the Corporation. (Note: There is no record of what happened to the other original stockholders of SMA. The ownership records have disappeared for that time and Capt. Kable’s will, if it existed, could not be located. The only thing that can be verified is that at the time of his death, William G. Kable controlled all shares of stock in the Academy.)

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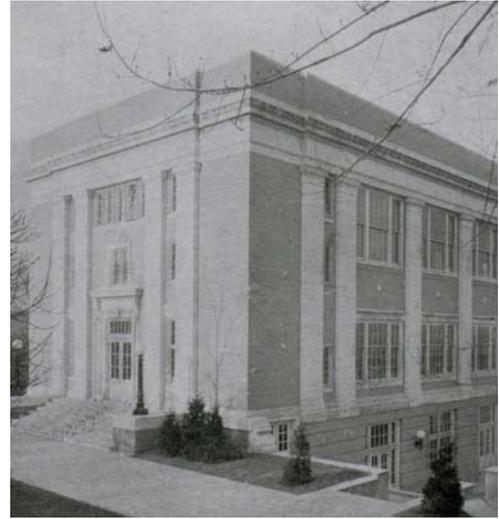
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**Trustees of SMA 1920 – 1933**

**Mrs. Eleanor Kable Whitehead      Colonel Thomas H. Russell**  
**Mr. Gilpin Willson**  
**Mr. William C. Rowland          Major William H. Steele**

The expansion of the Academy started by William G. Kable did continue under T.H. Russell's tenure as President. A new wall was built around Kable field in 1925. Also in 1925, the bathrooms in South Barracks were remodeled and the Quadrangle concrete was replaced. Memorial Hall was constructed in 1926 along with the Guard House in the middle of the Quadrangle of South Barracks. A rifle range was also constructed at this time northeast of North Barracks. Additional parcels of land were purchased with the final count showing 27 parcels of land made up the grounds. The completion of these last buildings ended the expansion programs instituted by W. G. Kable, but it did not end the expansion.



**Memorial Hall – Built 1926**

In 1927, the Board of Trustees petitioned the Circuit Court supervising the Trust for permission to further expand the school. The petition stated that the Trust would benefit from a larger Physical Plant that would allow for an increased enrollment. The Supervising Judge agreed and the School announced in 1929 that three new buildings would be built over the next several years. The first new building to be constructed was a three story block building known as the Work Shop built north of Memorial Hall and west of the Laundry. (This building later became known as West Barracks.) The second to be constructed was Kable Hall, in honor of William H. Kable and William G. Kable. It was constructed on the site of the 1913 swimming pool and included a new larger swimming pool and rooms for 108 cadets. Kable Hall was completed in 1932. The other building announced at that time was to be named East Barracks and it would replace the existing wood frame East Barracks on the east side of the Plaza. The new building was described as having rooms for 100 cadets, a study hall that would accommodate 275 cadets, and contain a bowling alley and rifle range. It would be positioned slightly further to the east than the existing wood frame barracks to allow for larger cadet formations on the Plaza. The wood frame buildings ended up burning to the ground in February 1933 before any construction began. The Great Depression had gripped the country and enrollment had fallen off with only 264 cadets attending during the 1932-33 session. Then, Thomas H. Russell died in May of 1933. Expansion of the Academy stopped.

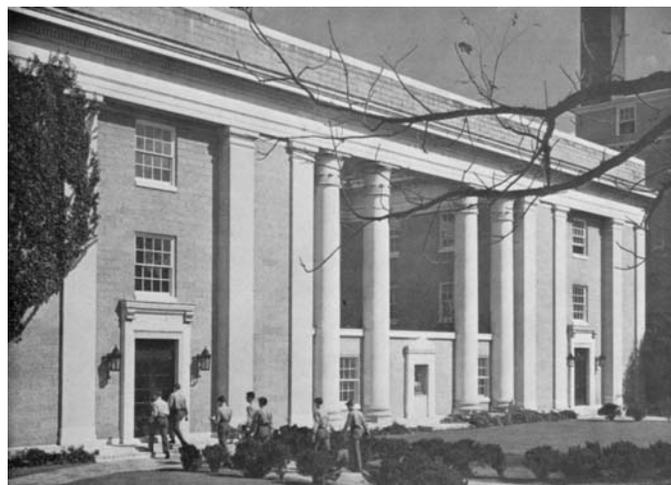
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**East Barracks in 1930. This building and the one behind it were burned to the ground on February 12, 1933.**



**Kable Hall – Built 1931**

*Editor's Note: Chapters 5 and 6 will appear in the December issue of the Kablegram.*

## Briefly...

### **Who Remembers Chick?**

Walter “Chick” Crawford’s name has been submitted for consideration for a memorial plaque. While many of us remember him clearly, there is very little information available to our staff in Staunton. “Chick” had no children, and most of the people who knew him have passed on. So, it is up to us, the hungry young cadets that “Chick” fed every day. Send us your stories; tell us what he was like. “Chick” deserves to be remembered. (E-mail to [smaalumni@msn.com](mailto:smaalumni@msn.com))

### **We Need Nominations to the Memorial Wall by October 18<sup>th</sup>**

The deadline for submitting nominations to the Memorial Wall is fast approaching. The nominations along with supporting information must be in the hands of the Memorial Wall Committee by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Note that the selection criteria are published in this issue of the Kablegram. The nominees are evaluated on three criteria: **accomplishments, contributions (to SMA, community, State, County, and humanity), and Truth, Duty, Honor.** Please include information about each criterion, when submitting a nomination. The SMA Alumni Association does not have the staff to conduct the required research.

### **The SMA Museum Calls for Yearbooks.**

The SMA Museum has issued a call for a few yearbooks. Our collection on the hill is incomplete, and M/Sgt. Nicely would like to fill the holes, so that our visitors can review the complete collection. The missing years are 1927, 1951, 1961, and 1975. If you have a yearbook from one of those years, please consider donating it to our Alumni Association to be placed in the SMA Museum.

### **It's Not Too Early to Register for the 2011 Reunion!**

The dates are set: April 29, 30, and May 1 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). Once again our Reunion Headquarters will be the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. The registration form is available online at the SMA Alumni Association website ([sma-alumni.org](http://sma-alumni.org)) and can be found in this issue of the Kablegram. Please fill out the form, and send it to Arlene Nicely at the SMA Alumni Association, PO Box 958, Staunton, VA 24402. (Don't forget the check!)

### **Send us brief biographies for “where they are now”.**

Happily, in this issue of the Kablegram, you will find a short biography of one of our outstanding alumni, Jim Lowe, SMA '58.

**We need more!** The articles should be short, and pictures are always welcome. Send your article and photograph(s) to [Kablegram@sma-alumni.org](mailto:Kablegram@sma-alumni.org) or by regular mail to SMA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 958, Woodrum Station, Staunton, Virginia 24402-0958.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

When I received the June 2010 issue of the Kablegram the beginning of the week, I thought the picture of the Color Guard on the cover looked a bit familiar. When I looked at it closely, I immediately recognized the American Flag Bearer and the rifleman on the right. That picture is the 1951-1952 Color Guard. Since they are in white trousers, I have assumed that it must have been taken in late spring 1952 when we wore white trousers and gray blouses for parades. The American Flag Bearer is Jim Jeffries '52. The SMA Flag Bearer is DeVon Monroe '52. The rifleman on the right is Cleon Sanders '54. I did not immediately recognize the rifleman on the left, but think it is George Burch '52. I know I am correct as to the identification of the first three. You can check the picture you published against the picture of the Color Guard on page 102 of the 1952 Shrapnel. The rifleman on the left in the Shrapnel picture does not appear to be the same person as your picture, but the other 3 are certainly the same people. Thought some of your readers might like to know who the ones in the picture are.

I also noticed in the Taps section that you listed John Foard III as the class of '51. I knew John in '51-'52 and he is shown as a senior in the 1952 Shrapnel. I was not at SMA when the class of '51 was there.

I really like the history of SMA article.

Regards,  
Joe Koch SMA '53

*Editor's Reply. Thank you for the correction, Joe. I apologize for missing the correct year of John Foard's graduation, and all the old boys appreciate the identification of the cadets in the color guard shown on the front page.*

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*Editor's Note: The following e-mail was sent by Robin Myers, SMA '63, to John Nolde. Robin's attempted ascent of Mt. Rainier was the subject of an article in the February issue of the Kablegram ("Journey toward the top more important than summit.").*

John,

As some of you know I made an attempt to climb Mt. Rainier last Labor Day weekend. That attempt fell far short of the goal due to late summer show storm that blew in with 50 mph sustained winds, a wind chill of 0 degrees, and blinding show that reduced visibility to 25 ft. Last January I began training again for another attempt, August 10-12. I'm happy to say that with only three weeks to go, there's a reasonable and holy hope that I'll be in shape for the climb.

Before Ace Yakey, my climbing mentor, set off to climb Mt. Denali a few years ago, he hosted a fund raiser. I recall Ace's words as though he spoke them five minutes ago... "Mountain climbing is a selfish sport, it requires time to train, then time to climb, and it's very expensive. It takes time taken away from your family and friends. I've been Blessed with good health and the opportunity to make this climb. So, I've invited you here tonight to join me in giving back." Ace's asked for donations to support research for those living with Rheumatoid Arthritis.

I from my own experience I can echo Ace's thoughts, and want to follow his example of giving back. That's why I'm writing, to ask that you join the climb in a very special way. I know that within the walls of St. Paul's we have a number of folks living with different stages of Cancer, Heart Disease, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Diabetes, not to mention the hips and knees that need repairing. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of August I'll be climbing for my brother who's living with Stage Four Cancer and making my own donation to the America Cancer society. I'm hoping that you'll join the climb by prayerfully considering give a donation to a charity of your choosing, or making a gift to St. Paul's. Last but not least I would ask your prayers for those who climb this season.

*Robin*

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Dear Friends,

Greg Robertson has done an amazing job with his "True History," and I anticipate being equally impressed upon receipt of his DVD. Please forward a copy, for which I enclose the \$20 plus \*\$8.75.

Sincerely,  
Jim Lowe, SMA '58

P.S. Periodically, there's a call in the Kablegram for info on "where are they now?", "what have they been up to?", or such. Upon hitting 70 in May, I spilled the beans on pages 2 and 3 of the enclosure. Whoever writes such a where? – what? column can pick and choose what he wants.

*Editors Note: Jim, I picked most of it. Thanks for the effort.*

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Submitted by James Donald Lowe, SMA '58

It is an established general rule that one's first book might well be an autobiography. For such an undertaking, one is at least completely familiar with the subject matter.

Fifteen years ago, I privately printed a few copies of a 120-page collection of my sonnets, and about ten years ago, a collection of 30-some pieces for organ. Five years ago came a little German-English dictionary of words and phrases. But a "regular book" from page 1 to 200-or-whatever has yet to be done.

So, perhaps as a rough outline for such an undertaking, here's something I started twenty-seven years ago after a rather startling event. I was riding the New York subway, when a group of fellows entered the car and began conversing in loud and vulgar tones. The car was pretty full, and as their filthy language continued, I went over to them and advised them that there were ladies within earshot and suggested they clean up their language. They became quiet for a moment, staring at me as though I had come from outer space. There were some derisive comments like "Hey man, who you think you talkin' to?" Then, they began laughing. They were larger than I and half my 43 years, and possibly thought it was comical that I had the nerve to approach them. The next day, the newspaper carried a story that sent a shock of reality through me. A tourist from the Midwest had been killed by a gang similar in description to the group I had encountered. It occurred to me that, had I not been in the confines of a moving subway car with no way for assailants to exit, and witnesses on every side, it could have been my corpse cooling in a Manhattan morgue.

Realizing that anything unexpected could happen, I typed up the following. Should I meet an untimely end, I reckoned, at least the obit writer would have material upon which to easily draw. For the record, here goes.

1940	Born on May 21 in Jersey City.
'51/'58	Attended <b>Staunton Military Academy (grades 6-12)</b>
'58/'59	Attended Jersey City Junior College and Newark School of Fine Arts
'59/'60	Keypunch operator, ACE Assembly Agency.
'60/'62	Attended Jersey City State College, majoring in Art education
'62/'64	Clerical work, Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, Decca Records
'64/'66	Active duty, US Army, Hospital Company, Fort Dix; artillery, Germany
'64/'78	Organist and choirmaster in New Jersey and four army posts
'66/'70	Summer courses, Christian Albrecht Universitat, Kiel, Germany
'67/'73	Instructor, music and German, North Jersey German Language School
'67/'69	Attended Jersey City State College, granted degree in Music Education
'69/'73	Public School Teacher, Jersey City, Grade 8
'70's	Composer of organ, vocal, and instrumental music
'73/'74	Editor and Publisher, <i>Organ Quarterly</i>
'74/'82	Proprietor, A-Line Print Service, Typesetting and graphics
'79/'00	Organist, several churches in New York City
'82/'99	Freelance typesetter
'95	Author, <i>Sonnets-Book 1</i>
'98	Producer, St. Luke's Lutheran Church Centennial celebration
'00	Author, booklets of new poetry every five years
'05	Author, <i>Fredericksburg Dictionary / Friedrichsburger Wörterbuch</i>
'07/present	Editor, <i>Flak!</i> , weekly newsletter in Fredericksburg, Virginia

Travel: Throughout the United States and Europe.

Languages: English and German

*Editor's Note: This bio was originally published in Jim's newsletter "Flak!"*



# SMA-VWIL Memorial Wall Plaque Nomination Policy and Procedure

*Editor's Note. In response to several inquiries, the Kablegram is publishing the policy and procedure followed by the Memorial Wall Committee, when evaluating candidates. The evaluation criteria are precise; so if you wish to nominate someone, make sure all three evaluation criteria are documented thoroughly.*

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this document is to outline the policy and procedures concerning the eligibility criteria, nomination and approval process, and standards associated with the installation of individual memorial plaques on the Staunton Military Academy-Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (SMA-VWIL) Memorial Wall.
2. **Membership.** The SMA-VWIL Memorial Wall will be managed by the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee which is comprised of the following seven voting members:
  - ❑ Chairman (SMA Alumni Association (SMAAAA) Board Member)
  - ❑ SMAAAA Board Members (3)
  - ❑ Commandant, VWIL Program
  - ❑ VWIL Cadets, VWIL Program (1 Senior, 1 Junior)Associate members may participate in the memorial plaque candidate nomination and information gathering aspects required to support this process; however, only the seven committee members identified above may "vote" on the final top three selections.
3. **Candidate Nominations.** Each calendar year, the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee is responsible for nominating not more than three (3) eligible candidates to the SMAAAA Board of Directors for purchase and installation of memorial plaques on the Memorial Wall.
  - ❑ The SMA-VWIL Museum Committee will maintain a listing of eligible plaque candidates. This listing will be used for annual nominations.
  - ❑ Nominations must be made in accordance with a schedule that permits the procurement and installation of the plaques to be completed not less than two weeks prior to the annual SMA Alumni Reunion weekend. This includes development, review and approval of text.
  - ❑ Plaque candidates fitting the basic qualifying selection criteria outlined in paragraph 4 must be submitted for consideration for the following calendar year to the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee by December 31.
  - ❑ The SMA-VWIL Museum Committee will maintain a historical listing of purchased memorial plaques.
4. **Selection Criteria.** All candidates must satisfy at least one of the basic qualifying selection criteria of having some connection to either the Staunton Military Academy (SMA) or the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) Program as defined by these three categories:
  - ❑ **ALUMNUS** (SMA or VWIL)
  - ❑ **FACULTY/STAFF** (SMA or VWIL)
  - ❑ **FRIEND OF SMA/VWIL**
5. **Evaluation Criteria.** The following criteria will be used in evaluating the list of candidates eligible to be honored with a memorial plaque purchased by either the SMAAAA or VWIL Program:
  - ❑ **CONTRIBUTIONS**
    - ❑ To school, community, state, country and/or humanity
  - ❑ **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
    - ❑ Degree individual achieved noteworthy success in chosen profession or in life
  - ❑ **TRUTH, DUTY and HONOR**
    - ❑ Degree to which individual exemplified core these valuesA standard form/format be utilized by the Committee to facilitate the evaluation and ranking process of each candidate against the criteria listed above.
6. **Funding.** Funding for individual memorial plaques will be provided as follows:
  - ❑ **SMAAAA** – SMA candidates selected and approved will be funded by the SMAAAA.
  - ❑ **VWIL** – VWIL candidates selected and approved will be funded by the VWIL Program (note – in some cases, the SMAAAA may fund all or partial cost of a VWIL candidate)
  - ❑ **Private** – Privately funded plaques may be nominated outside of the normal three plaques per year limit. However, the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee is responsible for approving all privately funded memorial plaques. Privately funded plaque candidates must satisfy the same basic selection criteria as outlined in paragraph 4; however, the satisfaction of the evaluation criteria outlined in paragraph 5 will not be as stringent.
7. **Standardization.** All SMA-VWIL Memorial Wall plaques will be of the same standard size, material and wording font. A consistent standard for form and fit of memorial plaques on the SMA-VWIL Memorial Wall must be maintained. The standards specified for all individual memorial wall plaques are:
  - ❑ **Size:** Width (horizontal) = 12 inches x Height (vertical) = 10 inches
  - ❑ **Material:** Bronze with black background; double border; star rosettes in each corner
  - ❑ **Text:** Raised letters; Font – Arial (or similar)

# Who are those guys?

*Editor's Note: In the June issue, we referred to the alumni pictured below as "From the '70s". Clearly, that was not good enough. So, after asking the right people (Ed Newbegin), the Kablegram has learned their true identities, and here they are.*



**Front Row, left to right: Robert Barksdale '75, Pack Fancher '75, Martin Cooke '75.**

**Back Row, left to right: Stuart Cooke '76, Ed Newbegin '75, Mike DeYound '75, Chuck Pfarrer '75, Tom Smith '76, Gary Binge '76.**



## VWIL CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
9/10/2010	1630	Academic Awards Parade
10/8/2010	1600	MBC Family Weekend Parade
11/13/2010	1100	Staunton Veterans Day Parade
12/4/2010	1700	Lexington Christmas Parade
12/18/2010	TBA	December Commissioning Ceremony

*Editor's Note: This calendar was sent to the Kablegram with an invitation to our alumni to attend these functions, if they wish.*



**Simon and Allen Painter (SMA '58) at the SMA-VWIL picnic on August 27, 2010**

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## Notes from the Commandant (June 22, 2010)

### Background

If you will remember, last year I started the first in a series of notes from the Commandant addressed to all Staunton Military Academy and VWIL alumni. This is meant to explain the activities and status of the Corps over the past year. As well as an attempt to let you know what your assistance and support is doing to help the Corps. I received quite a bit of feedback from last year's report so I wanted to continue with this concept.

Let me start by stating that this has been a good year with outstanding leadership from the senior class. Despite some fraternization issues between sophomores and nULLs early in the spring, the Corps leadership held tough and became stronger leaders as a result.

### Concept of the Corps Altered

Last year we changed the daily agenda of corps training and activities to eliminate most of the morning formations. This was done in an effort to improve academic standings and physical training. I was concerned that cadets getting up at 0530 four to six days a week severely hindered academic emphasis and caused sleep deprivation. As a result, we kept Monday morning formation for accountability, appearance, and communication involving Corps activities for the week. For the remainder of the week, formations included drill and ceremony and physical training. These formations took place on Monday and Friday afternoons. Information received so far has shown this change to be successful in two important ways. The number of cadets on academic probation has decreased by 11% and the overall number of cadets receiving academic stars increased by 24% (silver stars increased by 81% and gold stars increased by 24%). Professors regularly told me that our cadets are much more alert in class and are doing better. All in all, there was a significant increase in the number of cadets that are eligible for rank this upcoming year. In the strength and endurance test (SET), the number of cadets passing the test increased from 36% at the beginning of the year to 60% at the end of the year. This was greatly enhanced by the Army and Air Force Departments assisting with the afternoon training, which they were previously unable to do because of our former schedule. While the initial results look very favorable, we will continue with afternoon formations for another year to ensure the results are consistent. Originally, there was some resistance to this change, but cadets now feel that this a better approach to their busy week. nULLs still take additional PT on Wednesday mornings with Sharon Spalding and upper class cadets may still run on their own in the mornings.

### Corps Size and Matriculation

With a matriculation class of approximately 45 cadets, the Corps size will be about 140 cadets. Our goal is to still grow to 200 cadets by the academic year 2014.

### ROTC Training and Commissioning

The class of 2010 commissioned 50% of their graduating class in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. In addition to the Army and Air Force, the Coast Guard has maintained its interest in our program and the cadets, thanks to alumnae support, have been able to experience what the Coast Guard has to offer during the Fall and Spring FTXs. Due to this involvement, the class of 2011 already has one cadet set to commission into the Coast Guard upon graduation, and we expect that number to grow exponentially over the next few years. I believe I mentioned last year that we are going to alter our program so that cadets are not required to stay on the commissioning track in their junior and senior years. Experience has shown that very few cadets change their mind and decide to commission after their sophomore year. Junior and senior cadets who elect not to commission will be required to take the same number of hours as commissioning cadets, but may pursue other service apprenticeships or leadership courses.

### Exchange Programs

We continue to have a successful exchange program with Lady Doak in India. We have completed our second full year of this program. Another program has surfaced with the Chinese Military Academy (CMA) in Taiwan. This may start in 2011. The concept of this program is to have two female CMA cadets come to VWIL for their full cadetship of four years at their government's expense. Due to the complexity of language and number of dialects used at CMA, we would not send VWIL cadets to Taiwan. Instead, each year VWIL would be allowed to send two graduating cadets to CMA to teach English to their students.

### Senior Military Colleges

As most of you know, we are considered one of the Senior Military Colleges (SMCs). The others are Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, The Citadel, Texas A&M University, Norwich University, and North Georgia College and State University. This past September we hosted all the SMCs at Mary Baldwin College for the yearly conference. Each college sent their President/Superintendent, Commandant, and two cadets. In addition, all of the senior ROTC commanders and the Under Secretary of Defense were in attendance at the conference, which turned into a wonderful three-day event. The Cadet Corps earned an excellent name for themselves in hosting the affair. A great deal of credit goes to the cadet project officer, SGT Jael Cooper, who is now the First Captain for the upcoming academic year.



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## Financing and Support

As you well know, the VWIL funding, to include unique military allowance (UMA) and operating costs as well as the VWIL grant for individual support on tuition and fees has been eliminated by the state. There is no change to that. VWIL students do get a very small grant if they are in state, but it is the same amount as all MBC students. I cannot say enough about the support that SMA has provided to VWIL over the past two years. They have enabled us to continue some of the special programs that were deleted from VWIL due to the reduction in operating costs. These deletions remain in place, but other activities such as Corps trips to NYC and other Corps activities as well as scholarships and grants have enabled us to continue the program as is. Without SMA, we would have very serious problems. I am delighted to see the interest and activity ongoing with VWIL alumnae in raising money to support the Corps of Cadets. This is particularly noteworthy when you consider that our alums have only been out of school, for the most part, a few years. I am delighted with this effort and want to thank Karen Zeliznak Bailey '99 and Sherry Sharpe '99 for working so diligently on this effort. The enthusiasm I have seen from both alumni(ae) groups makes me feel that the Corps has a foundation that will grow and improve as the years progress. I might add that I am delighted with the work of Allyson Hatfield and Heather Regan who are now active members of the SMA board of directors. They are wonderful representatives that help people gain a better understanding of VWIL. SMA has recently added a member to the board of trustees at MBC, John Nolde from Richmond. He will attend his first trustee meeting this July. John Nolde will also be a great addition in our effort to support VWIL in the future.

## Commandant's Staffing for VWIL

As mentioned last year, we lost two positions because of the economic crisis and reduction in cost – one was the chief of staff, a formal Naval Chief Petty Officer, the other was the band director. This year Captain Julia Ireland VWIL '04 will be leaving the Corps to pursue other interests, so we will be losing one more position in the office. As a result, the following organizational changes will be put in place: I will remain as Commandant and Band Director, as well as handling fundraising and other associated duties. Mrs. Velma Bryant will be academic advisor, advisor to the class system, and liaison for Mary Baldwin student activities. Karen Parker will remain as recruiting and retention officer in addition to budget management and recruiter for our Mary Baldwin athletics. These changes are not taken lightly and give me a desire to involve the VWIL alumnae more in the organizational structure of the Corps. Many of you have offered your time and services and I am now ready to take you up on those offers, where feasible, and ask you to support some of the activities such as recruiting, fundraising, and mentorship for the Corps. This will be discussed in the class agents' weekend in September.

## Class Agents

The third class agents meeting for VWIL will be conducted this September the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at Mary Baldwin College. We had great representation last year and our goal is to have two representatives, a primary and an alternate, for each class. We are still missing several classes. The intent of this is to observe an academic awards parade, help with a leadership seminar, and spend Saturday in a session listening to changes, updates, and programs that are ongoing with the Corps. Two subjects that will be most important will be the effort on funding, mentioned earlier, and some potential changes being considered for the Change of Command weekend at the end of the year. The afternoon will be spent with the class agents meeting with cadets in the Corps to discuss issues, status, and future plans. The results of this meeting will be provided to you as soon as possible.

One of my major concerns, as mentioned above, is the continuation of the Change of Command ceremony being held the day before graduation. While it is convenient in the sense that seniors are recognized as the formal Change of Command positions at the end of the year, there are problems that are getting more difficult to handle each year. There is an increase in the number of students doing foreign travel and studies during May term. Far more students are travelling and gone during this period than in previous years, and it increases each year. In addition, the band, as you well know, is the MBC/VWIL band and it is difficult to hold traditional students back for this period if they are not graduating. In addition, we are required to pay the costs of some meals for the Corps during this period because all other RCW students have left. Finally, more and more cadets are required to leave early for summer ROTC camps and are not available to participate in the Change of Command as it has been held in the past. All of the above reasons lend themselves to looking at an alternative date and time for the ceremony. One proposal discussed is to have the Change of Command Ceremony held during the military ball weekend where we have more parents and friends in attendance. The Change of Command could take place on Saturday after the military ball. One distinct advantage of this proposal is that alumnae would be able to visit MBC on one weekend and attend MBC reunion weekend, VWIL Inaugural and Military Ball and the Change of Command Ceremony. In the past, Alumnae have complained that they could not afford two trips back to MBC in the spring and this concept would therefore limit the number of visits. If this change is decided upon, it would not take place until the spring of 2012. I would like this issue to be discussed during the class agents' weekend.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and assistance over this past year - it would not have been possible without your support and assistance. I am eagerly looking forward to this coming year, and the future of VWIL, thanks to you.

We have a great class assuming the leadership positions in both the Regimental and Class systems, and I look forward to seeing what they can do.

N. Michael Bissell  
Brig Gen. US Army (VA)

# TAPS



## Clarence Talmadge Biggerstaff, SMA Junior School Headmaster '65 – '71

Clarence Talmadge Biggerstaff, 79, husband of Marion (Cash) Biggerstaff, died on Friday, June 18, 2010 at his residence. He was born February 7, 1931, in Spartanburg, SC, a son of Graham Butler and Cassie (Lee) Biggerstaff.

While at **Staunton Military Academy, Major Biggerstaff served as the Junior School Headmaster.** He graduated from Wolfford College in South Carolina, and after SMA,

he worked in the Staunton school system.



## F. Reid DeNyse, SMA '61

Franklin Reid DeNyse, husband of Susan (nee Winslow) DeNyse of Fairfield, Ohio, father of Gavin J. (Bernetta Avery) DeNyse, Portland, Oregon, and Clinton R. DeNyse, also of Portland, Oregon, passed away on March 18, 2005, at the age of 62, after a 27-month struggle with acute myeloid leukemia. He was the son of the late Franklin V. and Norita R. DeNyse of Clinton, New Jersey. He graduated from North Hunterdon Regional High School in Hunterdon

County, NJ, after which he attended **Staunton Military Academy.** He was a graduate of Ryder College in New Jersey and received an MBA from Central Michigan University. He served 10 years on active duty in the United States Air Force and 15 years with the USAF Reserves, earning the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was employed by General Electric in Evendale, Ohio, as a government property manager. He was also the step-father of Christopher W. (Anne) Spahr of Arlington, Virginia, and Nicholas A. (Alexandria) Spahr of San Francisco, California. He was the grandfather of Jameson Reid DeNyse, Portland, Oregon, and step-grandfather of Benjamin W. Spahr, of Arlington, VA. Reid was loved and admired by scores of young men and their families whose lives he impacted as a scoutmaster for ten years in the Cincinnati area. He was also a man who never met a stranger and is remembered fondly and missed greatly by family and friends.



## Albert J. DiGregorio, SMA '42

Albert J. DiGregorio, 88, of Jacobs Rd., passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on Friday, Aug. 13th, after an illness.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, Doris A. (Perron) DiGregorio; two daughters, Lynne D. Sarty and her husband Howard Sarty, II of Sturbridge and Lisa D. Lannon and her husband William R. Lannon, II of Dudley; four brothers, Raymond DiGregorio of Sturbridge, Richard DiGregorio of Southbridge, Dr.

Leonard DiGregorio of Southbridge and Ronald DiGregorio of Charlton; three grandchildren, Nathan Hastings Sarty, Tara King and Maxwell Lannon; two great grandchildren, Rylie Belle King and Deagan Sarty. He was predeceased by two brothers, Armand DiGregorio and William DiGregorio and a sister, Concetta Detarando. He was born in Southbridge the son of Fileno and Maria (Sonsini) DiGregorio.

Mr. DiGregorio was a graduate of Mary E. Wells High School in Southbridge; attended Cole Trade School in Southbridge and **Staunton Military Academy in Virginia;** he received a certificate in smaller company management from Harvard Graduate School of Business and in 1985 was the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Nichols College in Dudley.

He was a US Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II, serving as a 1st Lt. B-24 Bomber Pilot in the North Apennines, Rhineland, Balkans and PO Valley. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross Air Medal.

Mr. DiGregorio was the President of the United Lens Co., Inc. in Southbridge for many years and served as chairman of the Board till the time of his death. He was also the President and Treasurer of Fileno Realty Co. in Southbridge. He was a Director and past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Nichols College in Dudley; Honorary Trustee and past Treasurer of Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge; he was a Director with the Shawmut Bank, N.A. in Worcester; an advisory Director with the Don Orione Home in E. Boston; a member of the Optical Society of American and the Optical Manufactures Association. He was a member of the Southbridge Rotary Club and a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow Award. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, DeTriana Council 199 of Southbridge.

*Courtesy of Denise R. Cournoyer, Treasurer, United Lens Company*

## William T. Geiger, Sr., SMA '54

William T. Geiger, Sr., 74 years of age, of Fletcher, passed away Saturday, May 15, 2010. Husband of Nancy Clem-Geiger; devoted father to Danny Geiger and William Geiger, Jr.; step-father to Eric and Amy Clem. Loved ones that preceded him in death include his first wife, Sandra Turk-Geiger, son Andrew Geiger, daughter Heather Geiger-Bailey, and his brother, Marlin Geiger.

Graduated from **Staunton Military Academy in 1954;** received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Maryland and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University. He was a successful business executive who owned and ran several businesses in the Baltimore area, including a packaging company, a printing business, and he later served as a financial adviser.

*Courtesy of Nancy Clem-Geiger.*

## Otto E. Goedecke, SMA '49

Otto E. Goedecke, 78, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, the 3rd of August 2010, after a courageous battle with Leukemia. Otto was born in Houston on Thanksgiving Day, the 26th of November, 1931. He is preceded in death by his parents Dr. Otto and Margret Goedecke and his son Dominic Goedecke. He is



survived by his adoring wife Barbara of 52

years, and his son Glenn Christoph Goedecke and wife Nancy; his two grandsons, David Goedecke with fiancé, Jayna, and Scott Goedecke. Otto is also survived by a brother, two sisters, other extended family, and many friends.

Otto graduated from **Staunton Military Academy** and from Rice University. In addition he held degrees from the ABA School of International Banking in Colorado, and an MBA degree from the Banking School from Southern Methodist University.

After graduation, he served in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant and had an honorary discharge. Otto then joined his family business Otto Goedecke Inc. in 1955, where he served as Executive Vice President and Treasurer of an international cotton import/export business. His business travels took him around the world, where he ultimately ended up in Bremen, Germany from where he managed all European offices.

In Bremen, Otto met the love of his life, Barbara, where they also married and had their first child, Glenn. In 1959, he brought his new family back to Texas. In 1971, Otto left the family business and pursued a banking career, beginning with Houston National Bank as VP of International Banking.

After 10 years, Otto moved to Barclay International Banking Corp. USA as President. In 1985, he formed Nordic American Corp. and Goedecke International where he served as principle until his death.

Civically, he was Director/Treasurer of Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce; President of Houston Port Bureau; President of Houston

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World Trade Association; Vice Chairman of the Southern German American Chamber of Commerce; and Treasurer/Director of the Houston Leipzig Sister City Association.

While this moment is filled with immense sadness for our family, we take this time to celebrate his life and the man that he was. Otto shared a warm smile and twinkling eye with all that he met. His compassion, honesty, and loyalties were always evident with both family and friends. Our family made sure to surround him with love, warm memories, and laughter that he gave us until the very end.

In lieu of customary remembrances, donations may be directed to St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 717 Sage Road, Houston, TX, 77056; or Houston-Leipzig Sister City Association, P.O. Box 55853, Houston, TX, 77255

*Courtesy of Barbara Goedecke of Houston, TX.*

## **Matthew J. Hertzberg, SMA '69**

Matthew J. Hertzberg, 58, of Salter Path, N. C. passed away on Wednesday, July 28th at his home. Matthew was born on October 15, 1951 to Sol and Mildred Hertzberg of Rocky Mount, N. C., who predeceased him. Matthew graduated from **Staunton Military Academy in the class of 1969**. Surviving are his daughters, Sara Hertzberg Lorenz of Charlotte, N.C.; Sharon Hertzberg of Charlotte, N. C.; Rebekah Hertzberg of Roanoke, Va. and son, Aaron Hertzberg of Danville, Va. Grandchildren Rachael Lorenz and Sidney Lorenz both of Charlotte. Also surviving is his brother, Lawrence J. Hertzberg of Raleigh, NC; nephew, David L. Hertzberg of Durham, N. C.; companion, Victoria French of Salter Path, N.C.

A memorial gathering was held on Saturday, August 28th at Munden Funeral Home. Those considering memorial contributions may make them to the charity of their choice. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.mundenfuneralhome.net](http://www.mundenfuneralhome.net).

*Courtesy of his brother, Lawrence J. Hertzberg, SMA '62.*

## **Thomas C. Ix, SMA '50**

Thomas C. Ix died in December, 2008. At this time, the Kablegram has no further information.

## **Charles B. Mutrie, SMA '57**



Charles B. Mutrie, 69, of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire, passed away suddenly January 10<sup>th</sup> at Portsmouth Memorial Hospital. Son of the late Francis P. and Alice Boyden Mutrie of Wellesley, MA, he is survived by his wife, Beverly and son, Cullen. He also leaves two brothers, Francis P., Jr. and Richard D., and sister, Mary MacBey, three step-siblings, Joseph, Rick Carven and MaryAnn Carven, along with numerous nieces and nephews. A graduate of

Lawrence Academy, Staunton Military Academy ('57), and Babson College, an Army veteran, a participant in the family business, Mutrie Motor Transportation Co., and some local real estate ventures, he recently owned the Copy Center of Hampton. In his younger days he enjoyed fox hunting, polo and sport fishing. Recently, he revived his interest in marksmanship at the local gun club.

## **William Michael Pandak, SMA Coach and Instructor '53 – '76**

A life of inspiring youth ended when William Michael Pandak of Staunton joined the biggest league on August 19, 2010, at the home of his son in Richmond, VA.

Coach Pandak was born in McKees Rocks, PA, on August 4, 1925, to Stephen Pandak and Katherine Stefanac Pandak, who immigrated to the United



States from Austria-Hungary (now Croatia). Bill trained as a concert violinist but, after playing high school basketball, chose to become an athlete. Bill started college at the University of Pittsburgh and then, because of World War II, joined the United States Navy. Before being "shipped out," he continued school at Bethany College, W.VA. After completing active service, Bill obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from University of Virginia. Bill received an honorable discharge from the Navy.

During his college years, Bill played baseball as well as basketball. He was on the starting team at each of the colleges he attended. He excelled as

an athlete, and was honored by being lettered and with other awards.

In 1952, he married Violet M. Karavanic of Weirton, W.VA, the pretty athlete who captured his heart while they attended Bethany. Bill and Vi's families were friends through the Croatian Fraternal Union.

In 1953, Bill moved his family to Staunton, VA, to become basketball coach at Staunton Military Academy. They lived at Parkwood Apts. where they met many people who became life-long friends. Bill coached SMA "Hilltopper" basketball teams to many championships, and served as Athletic Director for many years. Bill enabled many young athletes to receive college scholarships and some to play pro ball. He became affectionately known as "Coach." He also umpired and



refereed high school games all over Virginia. He spoke at national basketball camps. Bill was recruited to coach pro and college teams but chose to stay in Staunton to ensure his family a nurturing community. When SMA closed, Bill taught in the Augusta County School system. He coached at Riverheads High School, and enabled the Gladiators to win several championships. Coach ended his teaching career at Beverly Manor Elementary School where he created the tradition of World Health Day, involving the community. Coach continued to work with community youth following his retirement.

Bill attended St. Francis of Assisi Church in Staunton; he was a member of the close knit usher team. He was a member of the Staunton Elks Lodge, and CFU Conway Lodge 540. Coach lived independently until his death. He shared times with many friends

and family. He encouraged patients at Bethesda Physical Therapy, following his therapy for knee surgery. He tended his wife's gardens, and routinely gave flowers to local nursing home patients. He raised funds for relief efforts, and took Christmas baskets to the needy and aged. He followed his beloved Cavaliers, Steelers and Pirates on television.

Bill is survived by his four children whose academic achievements are the result of Bill and Vi's constant parenting: attorney Sharon E. Pandak, and husband Robert Ross, Woodbridge, VA; gastroenterologist Dr. W. Michael Pandak, wife Jenni and children Phillip, Nicole and Christopher, Richmond, VA; dentist Dr. Hilary K.M. Pandak, Fairfax, VA; and daughter MBA Valerie Pandak-Anderson, husband R. Mark Anderson, and children Kristin and R. Bradley, Richmond, VA. The family is grateful for the companionship provided by Coach's friends since his wife's death in 1995. They particularly thank his "guardian angel" neighbors Steve and Roberta Smith, the members of the Elks Lodge, and his former students.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the CFU Scholarship Foundation, 100 Delaney Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235-5416; St. Francis of Assisi Church; Staunton-Augusta Y.M.C.A., 708 North Coalter Street, Staunton, VA 24401; or the American Cancer Society.

Coach Pandak played the game of life with a love of people, particularly the young.

*Courtesy of the Pandak family; online by Reynolds Hamrick Funeral Home*

## **Jack C. Wormser, SMA '49**

Jack C. Wormser has passed away. At this time, the Kablegram has no other information.

# SMA-VWIL "Walk of Honor" Brick Order Form

## Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association

P.O. Box 958, Staunton, VA 24402

Tel: (540) 885-1309 / (800) 627-5806; Email: SMAOffice@sma-alumni.org

Please fill out this form and mail it to above or fax it to: (866)-950-4452.

*Purchase a Brick in your name! The individually inscribed commemorative bricks are a way to honor and recognize SMA alumni, former faculty members, teachers, coaches, staff, graduating classes, and SMA friends and supporters. The blank bricks on the existing walkway will be replaced with each 100 orders of inscribed bricks. Each 4" x 8" brick costs \$60.00 and can be purchased with a tax-deductible contribution to the SMA Foundation, Inc.*

### ORDER

**SMA Foundation, Inc.** (payable to SMA Foundation, Inc.)

"Walk of Honor" Brick (\$60.00 per brick) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*If multiple bricks are being purchased, please fill out add'l copies of the form to specify the inscription information for each brick being ordered. Number each page (form) being faxed. The first page should include the total amount being ordered and charged (e.g., \$60/brick x quantity purchased = Total.*

**Total Order:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Inscription Information: (please print clearly)

Line 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3. \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT

**Check** (payable to SMA Alumni Association)

**Credit Card** (can only accept MC/Visa)

Master Card  Visa

**Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Security Code:** (CCV2 code on back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** (exactly as written on credit card) \_\_\_\_\_

### **Billing Address:**

(exactly as written on CC billing statement)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT AND SIGNATURE

**Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



# SMAAA Cadet Store Order Form

Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association

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Please fill out this form and mail it to above or fax it to: (866)-950-4452.

**Products Being Ordered:**

	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price</u>
1. _____	___	\$ _____
2. _____	___	\$ _____
3. _____	___	\$ _____
4. _____	___	\$ _____
5. _____	___	\$ _____
<b>Required Shipping and Handling Fees:</b> .....		\$ _____

**Total Order:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: If more than five items, use a second order form to add the other items.*

**PAYMENT**

- Check** (payable to SMA Alumni Association)  
 **Credit Card** (can only accept MC/Visa)     Master Card     Visa

**Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Security Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

(CCV2 code on back of card)

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHARGE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(exactly as written on credit card)

**Billing Address:**

(exactly as written on CC billing statement)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** (only if different from billing statement)

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\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# CADET STORE



The Cadet Store is located in the SMA-VWIL Museum in the former SMA Supply Room. The form at right should be completed and mailed, with your check enclosed, to:

SMA Alumni Association  
P. O. Box 958, Woodrum Station  
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	Blue with Gold Lettering "Staunton Military Academy"		
	Blue with Gold Hat Shield		
	Unstructured Hats: Blue, White, <b>OR</b> Tan with Cross Rifles and Lettering		
	"Staunton Military Academy"		
	<b>T-Shirts: M-3X</b>		
_____	Blue: (Gold <b>Silk Screened</b> Hat Shield) .....	\$10.00	\$ _____
_____	Blue: (Gold <b>Embroidered</b> Hat Shield) .....	\$15.00	\$ _____
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_____	Blue: ( <b>Embroidered</b> Gold Hat Shield) .....	\$30.00	\$ _____
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	<b>Polo (Golf) Shirts: \$35.00 M-3X</b>		
	White with Blue Embroidered Hat Shield		
	Blue with Gold Embroidered Hat Shield		
	Blue (Chevron design on collar and cuff)		
	Embroidered with cross rifles and lettering "Staunton Military Academy"		
	<b>Jackets: \$65.00 M-3X</b>		
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