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Reflections of a USS NAUTILUS Skipper

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USS NAUTILUS enters New York Harbor in May 1956 (Photo by Hulton Archive/Getty Images)™

Editor's note: Admiral Jeffrey Metzel, SMA '47, was the fourth of nine Commanding Officers of the USS NAUTILUS, the world's first nuclear powered submarine.

Admiral Metzel wrote this article exclusively for the Kablegram.

Command is the goal of all submarine line officers. Being a skipper of a nuclear powered submarine is an honor, a unique responsibility, and a rewarding experience. Command of USS NAUTILUS (SSN571) was all of that. I had the privilege and want to explain. This will cover a bit about NAUTILUS and then some of my recollections as the fourth of her nine Commanding Officers.

First, a decoding of some submarine lingo: SS = diesel powered sub; SSN = nuclear powered attack sub; SSBN = nuclear powered ballistic missile sub; conn = in charge of course and speed; boat = submarine; and Executive Officer = second in command.

During World Wars I and II, submarines played a major role. As a warship, the submarine's primary characteristic is stealth. Its presence was usually unknown until it attacked. The sub's greatest weakness was its dependence on air for the diesel engines which provided propulsion on the surface and power to charge the main storage batteries which provided power submerged. Running diesels compromised stealth, while battery capacity limited speed and endurance submerged. NAUTILUS was built to answer both weaknesses. Development of equipment to make oxygen and to get rid of carbon dioxide would make the crew independent of the surface.

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILL

Harry Bruckno

President, SMA Alumni Association

Since my last column, much water has passed under the bridge. In this Kablegram, I will review the annual Board of Directors meeting held in September 2009. This meeting gave the Board of Directors an opportunity to look at what was going on the past year, to improve on our shortcomings, and to establish new goals set forth by the Alumni. Not all was rosy, and the Board of Directors had to address budget problems with Reunion costs and late dues.

I have one year left on my term as president, and along with the Board of Directors our goal is to have a balanced budget for the coming year of 2010. I am going to ask the Alumni to sponsor faculty members and their guests, along with VWIL cadets for the reunion banquet on Saturday night. The Board of Directors has asked VWIL graduates to sit in on our meetings to help bring the two alumni organizations together, making us STRONGER. (See the photo below.) They will also help to establish a time table for bringing VWIL Alumnae into our ranks (I guess they will be called "OLD GIRLS").

I would like to tell you a little about some things that have made me very proud to be an SMA graduate in the past month. Two things happened at the museum. First, we received a phone call from a young lady requesting some information on a graduate from the 70's. She went on to tell us that her father passed away when she was only seven years old, and she wanted to know more about him. Maybe find out who some of his friends were at SMA so she could tell his grandchildren about him... Second, a gentleman called and requested someone to be at the museum, so he could walk through while he was in the area. He told us that he had not returned to the Hill in 40 years. When he entered the museum, he was taken aback, and all I am going to say is that he choked up and needed to walk outside for a minute (so much for TOUGH GUYS).

We walked around the Hill, took some pictures in front and inside of the Mess Hall, and found some year books with his picture in them. You see, gentleman, he never did graduate from SMA. He had to return home because of problems. His father agreed to let him join the navy at the age of 17. In the navy, he finished his education and also served our country for 24 years. I asked him why he came back to SMA, and he said, "SMA is where it all started for me; it was the beginning of the discipline and order in my life, and I am very thankful that I can return to see where it all started."

The gentleman had come from the Naval Academy to see the museum and was returning to Annapolis for the Homecoming game. He asked me to thank all of the Alumni for the museum where he could relive his times at SMA. I also would like to thank you for being able to share these experiences over the past four years as your President.

~ Harry '62



Heather Regan and Patricia Nadeau at the September Board meeting

Briefly...

Reunion to be held at Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center.

The 2010 reunion is set. The dates are April 9th, 10th, and 11th (Friday, Saturday, Sunday). The Reunion Headquarters will be the Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center. Advance registration forms are available in this issue and online at the SMA Alumni Association website (sma-alumni.org).



Reunion News! Guest Speaker is Chuck Pfarrer, SMA '75.

Chuck Pfarrer, Class of 1975, has agreed to be our guest speaker for the upcoming reunion. As many of you know, Chuck was a Navy SEAL, as well as a movie playwright and book author. His bio can be found at: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chuck_Pfarrer.

Cover Page of Chuck's Biography

SMA Message Board.

For those of you that have not gone to the SMA Message Board on our SMA Alumni Association website, give it a try! The Message Boards address is "sma-aa.proboards82.com", or you can just go to the SMA Alumni Association website (sma-alumni.org) and click the "Message Board" button on the top of the page. Either way, you will find an informative conversation between your classmates and friends.

Send us brief biographies for "where they are now".

In this issue of the Kablegram, you will find a number of biographies by alumni, telling us where they are now and what they have done since leaving SMA. These are quite popular with our membership and are excellent lines of communication between classmates who have lost contact. The articles should be kept short, and pictures are always welcome. Send your article and photograph to Kablegram@sma-alumni.org or by regular mail to SMA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 958, Woodrum Station, Staunton, Virginia 24402-0958.

New in this Issue: Life of a Cadet.

We all remember humorous tales from our days in SMA. Most are too lengthy to retell in a letter to the editor; so we have started a new column, titled "Life of a Cadet". The first story was provided by a man who has immersed himself in SMA history, Greg Robertson, SMA '70. In this issue, he relates the tale of an unofficial combat patrol to Fort Defiance on the eve of the SMA/AMA football game in 1966. If you like the column, send us your stories; and we will print them in "Life of a Cadet". (kablegram@sma-alumni.org)

Reflections of a USS NAUTILUS Skipper

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A team of Navy and industry scientists and engineers under Captain H.G. Rickover (later to become Admiral) had been working on plans for a nuclear powered submarine. In January 1951, the Navy decided to build one, a true submarine independent of the earth's atmosphere. A prototype of the full NAUTILUS propulsion plant (called S1W) was built at the National Reactor Test Site in the Idaho desert. S1W had a hull just like the NAUTILUS inside of which was a real nuclear reactor and engine room machinery like the boat. An elaborate simulation of the ocean was an important part of the prototype. S1W was used to rove and refine the sub's power plant design, procedures, and maintenance, as well as to train operators. Rickover made sure the only experiment in NAUTILUS was the power plant, so that the concept would succeed or fail only on the performance of the engineering plant as operated and maintained by submarines. NAUTILUS had the pick of the submariners in the fleet. It should be remembered that a number of fleet submarines contributed their top talent. Rickover personally selected the officers. The engineers had at least a year of special training and had to qualify on the S1W prototype. When they finished qualifying on S1W, they went to the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics Corporation in Groton, Connecticut to take part in bringing systems online and testing them during construction of NAUTILUS. This commissioning crew, the "plank owners", were extraordinary men and did a superb job of demonstrating the capability of this first practical application of nuclear power. As nuclear powered subs were being brought online, engineers from NAUTILUS served as experienced nuclei for those crews. The keel for NAUTILUS was laid in June 1952. She was launched 21 January 1954 and commissioned 30 September 1954. On 17 January 1955 Commander Wilkinson, the first skipper, sent a message signifying the culmination of all this buildup, "Underway on nuclear power". With that, NAUTILUS became a fleet unit, testing and demonstrating the capabilities of her power and speed and endurance. With those characteristics in the hands of a very experienced skipper, she was the most capable submarine in the world. She could do any mission better than an SS. One demonstration was crossing the Arctic Ocean via the North Pole. This led to building an all nuclear powered submarine force. Early years saw refinement of her power plant and influenced the designs for following nucs. NAUTILUS continued to serve as a source of nuclear power trained officers and men for follow-on SSN's and SSBN's.

By the time I became Commanding Officer, 15 SSN's and 4 SSBN's were in commission and NAUTILUS was using her fourth reactor core. The days were over when NAUTILUS rarely got underway without important visitors. Nuclear power had been sold, and she had become a working

unit of Submarine Squadron TEN and Submarine Division 102. She had been out of shipyard overhaul for two years and was running well. The next overhaul would be after my command tour. Some of the "plank owners" were still in the thirteen officer and ninety two man crew. Most of these people were qualified for more than one watch station, were qualified on NAUTILUS as a whole, and were wearing a "Qualified in Submarines" dolphins pin.

On 21 April 1962 NAUTILUS became my first sea command, goal #1 for sixteen years of commissioned service. I was a Lieutenant Commander. Qualification in Submarines and Qualification to Command Submarines had come while serving in four SS's. I had completed a Nuclear Power School for officers and had qualified as Chief Operator of the S1W prototype. I was the Executive Officer of the commissioning crew of the fourth SSN. On board SS's, I had held every officer job except skipper. During the two preceding years I worked for then Admiral Rickover and Commanding Officer of the Nuclear Power Training Unit at West Milton, New York. Finally, I had just completed the required two months indoctrination in Admiral Rickover's office. As skipper, I felt a great responsibility for the sub and her crew, but also a national treasure.

NAUTILUS was on independent duty during the first month of my command. We went to Key West to provide submarine services to several research and development programs. That gave me a month to settle in as skipper. The operations were interesting and we were in and out of Key West every day, lots of ship handling in

the confined waters. It is a submarine tradition to have the In Port Duty Officer be the Officer of the Deck (the conning officer) getting underway and out of port. Also, when coming in to port, the officer who will be the In Port Duty Officer will be the Officer of the Deck and make the landing. This tradition lets Junior Officers handle the boat. I was a beneficiary when I was qualifying. The Commanding Officer is responsible for the safety of his command. He wants the junior officer go as long as he can, but be able to take the conn in time to avert trouble. This is a fine line for a new skipper. My first experience with this occurred as we first entered Key West. Entering the basin we came close to a refueling facility. The Officer of the Deck misjudged his turn, and I took the conn. We came within three feet but did not hit. After we were moored, the Engineer Officer told me that he had never seen a "back emergency" bell before. Neither had I.

NAUTILUS by submarine standards was a comfortable boat. She had a bit more living space than our World War II subs, but she still was a warship where the weapon systems and propulsion system have priority on space. This being so,



Cadet Metzel, SMA '47

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the crew had to get along with living close together. The nuclear power plant made converting sea water to fresh routine; therefore, we had more water for personal use. NAUTILUS had an oxygen generator which separated fresh water into oxygen and hydrogen with a way to get rid of the hydrogen. There was also a way to routinely get rid of carbon dioxide. As submariners we received extra-hazardous duty pay. All hands ate the food prepared in our galley. Submariners enjoyed an extra allowance. The officers paid for their food.

Would people have emotional problems when sealed up for long periods submerged? That was a valid question. It turns out that our crews are all volunteers and they are very busy: standing watch about one third of the time, maintaining their equipment, passing various qualifications, teaching and checking out shipmates for their qualifications, eating, studying for advancement, watching a movie, taking part in general drills, etc. And they did sleep. They were too busy to lose it emotionally. Before a man could stand a watch station alone he had to be formally qualified to do so. He had to be able to rig each compartment for dive and emergencies, to use all emergency equipment, to demonstrate basic knowledge of all main systems, etc., in order to qualify on the boat. Qualification in submarines is required to have the right to wear the "Twin Dolphins pin": silver for enlisted men and gold for officers. Individual mistakes can put the boat and all hands in danger; therefore, the emphasis on qualifications. General drills are held to develop the teamwork to handle major "all-hands" evolutions like fire, collision, flooding, and battle stations. These were held frequently and without warning until they ran smoothly, and then periodically to verify they still did.

While a high percentage of my crew was well qualified at the start, there was a steady decline in that percentage as people were transferred to new construction. It was always a major task qualifying the replacements. The in and out flow only stopped when we were at sea. The payoff was a smooth running boat with an occasional unexpected event. Once, we were deep and going fast, when a wire in the junction box parted. The stern planes went to "full dive". NAUTILUS pitched over and started going deep rapidly. The diving party immediately shifted to an alternate control for the stern planes and put them on "full rise". Concurrently, the engine room shifted to "back full." In less than a minute, the boat was back in control.

Torpedoes were NAUTILUS's weapons, and sinking enemy subs and ships was our likely wartime task. At battle stations we had a fire control party whose job was to determine a target's course and speed and how to set our weapons to hit that target. The skipper's job was usually to be the approach officer, and he usually had the conn. His job was to plan the attack and position the boat to help the fire control party, control the sensors, avoid detection, attain

the launch position, and order the torpedoes launched. The Torpedo room becomes involved in the preparation for launch, the launch, and sometimes in recovery. Exercise torpedoes surface after the exercise and must be recovered for refurbishment and reuse. Torpedo shooting is similar to golf in that every shot is different. Part of shooting torpedoes is not alerting the target. There is no substitute for the real thing, but we used elaborate simulation facilities in port called attack teachers. At sea we could practice our attack center. The best simulation was to have a live target and a torpedo retriever. We did this at every opportunity. NAUTILUS had the capability to retrieve torpedoes at sea, so once during my command tour when there was no available retriever we spent a week with a sister SSN shooting torpedoes. The two boats alternated being attacker and target. We retrieved all of the torpedoes. My goal was to give every officer on board at least one exercise as approach officer with a live torpedo shot against a live target. Every torpedo exercise was written up and analyzed.

One of our tasks was to provide services to an anti-submarine warfare hunter-killer group which included an aircraft carrier and a group of destroyers. They would try to find us and simulate killing us. On one occasion they could not find us. We were right under the carrier with the top of our superstructure ten feet below the carrier's keel. This was possible because NAUTILUS had a unique "any height" periscope which gave me a good view with the top of the scope just inside our superstructure. After a half hour of this we pulled out ahead of the carrier and simulated firing a spread of torpedoes at the carrier. They were surprised. We made two special operations each lasting about two months plus a deployment to the Mediterranean. We made short visits to England twice, France once, and Italy once.



Admiral Metzels, 1979

My command of NAUTILUS was over after one and a half years when I was ordered to be Commanding Officer of one of the Polaris SSBN's which was under construction. While I was in the BIG N, three SSN's and five SSBN's had joined the fleet. I would love to go back and do my Navy career over again. The very best part was in NAUTILUS. That superb experiment changed the Submarine Force and the Navy. She is available for visiting as a part of the Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut. Visitors may go down inside this remarkable and historic submarine. The NAUTILUS crew was small like all submarine crews. Everyone knew his shipmates, what they did, and how well they were doing it. I learned that I could count on each of them to tell me what I needed to know, not what they thought I wanted to hear. Many of these remarkable officers and men who made NAUTILUS run smoothly went on to great things. A notable example was my first Executive Officer, Lieutenant Commander Kinnaird McKee, who went on to relieve Admiral Rickover when the great leader retired. There is a very active NAUTILUS Alumni Association.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of the Kablegram,

Frederick Asa Hazlewood, a former student of Staunton Military Academy, is continuing his own private retail empire in the Bahamas with guidance, knowledge, discipline, and experiences from within Staunton Military Academy. I am a truly proud son-in-law, and Fred always enlightens me with stories and experiences he received at such a special place for him in his life. Last week in London, he received the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (CMG) for his outstanding service to the business community here in the Bahamas personally from the queen. As he looked at the guards in Buckingham Palace, he thought back to the days of him being one at Staunton Military Academy. It is with honor that I am part of his life and his family, and thought that this would be something that the alumni and board of Staunton Military Academy should know and would appreciate, and be truly happy to honor Fred on that day of his award.

Cheers,
His son-in-law, Ryan Scott Reid

Editor's Note: See the article, "John Bull Story", in this edition.

To Harry Bruckno & SMA Alumni,

Thank you so much for your generous check to the VWIL Corp of Cadets – especially during our tough economic times. Your support enables us to continue to provide the cadets with opportunities to enrich their experience in the Corps – We are proud of our relationship with SMA and are very grateful for your help.

Sincerely,
Karen Parker

Dear Friends,

The last Kablegram I received was the February '09 issue, and hope there's been no problem with the mail. I'm guessing the torch passed on by Dave has proven a challenge to his successor's (although the February issue looked great).

In that issue, the "Letters" page included one from Dick Staunch '61, who recalled his freshman year in North Barracks four doors from Dave, whose roommate was George Bender (true enough, but only during the Spring semester). George roomed with me at the far end of "North" during our senior year, moving in January. My new roommate was Bob Engel from Long Island, who rubbed-in New York's superior civility with a birthday present in May. In those days, I was a Jersey City boy, and after taps on the 21st, Bob called up from the lower bunk: "Look under your pillow, Jim." That was my 18th birthday. Under the pillow was a can of Budweiser, and Bob announced, "Happy Birthday! You're legal in New York now." (New York was 18, New Jersey was 21).

It was good to hear mention of George, who played a mean piccolo in the Band (I became head bugler after Doug Marsh graduated at mid-year). After Sunday afternoon dress parades, on the way up the ramp, George would often break into "Dixie" on his exhilarating, high-pitched instrument, to the delight of even boys from north of the Mason-Dixon. It was gratifying to learn from Dick's letter that G.B. was successful with his planned career in pharmacy. I had a great respect for anyone headed into any branch of medicine, and am glad nothing hampered his course.

Incidentally, does anyone know the origin of our barrack's nickname, U.S.S. North?

Sincerely,
Jim Lowe

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters continued

Dear Sir/Madam,

I enclose a check in payment of current dues. I also enclose a brief writing, recording an experience based in part on my attendance at SMA (graduating in 1936). If you wish to include in a future issue of The Kablegram, you have my permission to do so.

Sincerely,

Austin M. Lee, SMA '36

Editor's Note: Mr. Lee's article is reproduced in this issue. See "Goldwater and Patch".

Hey,

Just a minor sidebar about the General Robert T. Frederick article. My oldest brother, John Sorrells, SMA '41 (now deceased) was a second lieutenant in the 509th Parachute Infantry BN that jumped into southern France in August (I think it was) '44. He had been in combat in Italy earlier, and that jump – like so many combat jumps – was a mess. Nobody knew where they were... what the maps said had little relation to what the troops saw on the ground, etc. According to John, his stick was about to jump, when the clouds parted, and all he saw below them was water. According to his story—and he wasn't usually an embellisher—he went up to the cockpit, pulled his service .45 out, pointed it at the pilot, and asked him please to get them over land before they jumped.

In the article, a William Yarbrough, 509th commander, was mentioned. The name sounded familiar, but it wasn't clear whether he was from SMA or simply from the town of Staunton. My brother was First Captain his senior year.

These stories abound...

Thanks,

Bob Sorrells (Robert T.), SMA '50

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ARTICLES

Barry Goldwater and Alexander Patch

By: Austin Lee, SMA '36

A number of years ago I was reading the Supplement to a Sunday newspaper which had a question and answer column. The one that caught my eye was from a writer who said he was watching a television interview of Senator Barry Goldwater in which Goldwater was asked, "Who was the most influential person in your life?" To which Goldwater replied, "Alexander Patch." The writer asked, "Who is Alexander Patch?" The answer given was that Patch was a West Point Graduate, a career US Army officer and achieved the rank of Major General in World War 2.

In fact, Patch was sent to New Caledonia in the South Pacific where he formed the "Americal" Division and led that force to relieve the Marines on Guadalcanal and complete the securing of the Island. He later led the Seventh Army in the invasion of Southern France. This was to isolate the Germans in the area. That Army eventually drove into Austria near the end of the War.

Goldwater was a licensed pilot and applied for combat duty early in World War II. Due to his age he was assigned to the so-called "Ferry Command" which was involved in delivering aircraft and other supplies all over the World. In Goldwater's case, he flew mostly to India.

Because of the divergence of their military careers, it is most unlikely that Patch and Goldwater spent any time together during that period of the War. However, during the mid-1920's, Goldwater was growing up in Phoenix, Arizona and was described as popular with his schoolmates but an indifferent student. After what has been described as a "disastrous" first year in high school, his family decided to send him to Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, Virginia. There he thrived on the rigorous discipline and military atmosphere, graduating several years later at the top of his class. The person in charge of the military side of the school at that time was then Major Alexander Patch, who also taught Military Science and Tactics in the Junior ROTC program which was at Staunton and a number of other military schools in those days.

Some ten years later, when I was a student at Staunton, then Lt. Col. Patch was again the Commandant of Cadets and to me a most imposing and inspiring figure. I lived in the South Barracks, the original school building; while the structure was masonry, the interior floors were wood. In most rooms floor boards had been loosened to create a recess where things we were not supposed to have could be kept (cigarettes, spare rifle parts and similar items). In my senior year there was a spate of petty thefts of watches jewelry and similar items. One night we were told to return to our rooms for inspection. With a knock on the door, Col. Patch entered the room and we snapped to attention. He looked at each of us and told us to open our floor boards. My two roommates and I looked at each other and promptly complied, returning to attention. He looked at each of us intently again for several seconds and then asked if any of the stolen property was in the opening. We replied, almost in unison, "No sir!" He paused a moment and without looking in the recess, said, "Thank you", turned on his heel and left the room. Having been found trustworthy by a major authority figure made a great impression on me. It created in me an ideal which I have tried to live up to ever since – I believe I have done so.

To me Alexander Patch was most impressive and while I know no details of the relations between Patch and Goldwater, Patch knew how to deal with teenaged young men. Based on personal experience I understood why a future United States Senator would call Patch "most influential".

John Bull Story

Editor's Note: 'Frederick Asa Hazlewood, SMA '65, is the President of John Bull Ltd. Recently he received the most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George (CMG) from the Queen of England.

During the 1980's Forbes magazine placed it in the category with top stores in Hong Kong for best buys; and Knight Ridder newspapers gave it top marks and recommended it as a "must" in tourist shopping in The Bahamas. Now after 75 years of growth, John Bull is truly the Shopping Mecca of the Caribbean.

Origin of the Name

Why the name John Bull? It was the name of a character in British satire, "Law Is a Bottomless Pit", written in 1712. John Bull represented a stout Englishman wearing a top hat, waistcoat, knickers and high boots. At that time, England was known for its famous Woodbine cigarettes and Briar pipes.

A Successful Business

The year 1929 was a time of depression when the Stock Market fell and the Bahamas experienced its worst hurricane ever, certainly not a time to start a business. Nevertheless, it was during this time that Sir Asa Pritchard opened an Old English Tobacco

House – “John Bull”. John Bull Tobacconist prospered, catering to local residents and tourists until World War II when the Tourism Industry diminished and the armed forces became Nassau’s guests. The Bahamas was proud to have His Royal Highness the Duke of Windsor and His Dutchess in Government House.

John Bull Ltd. remained a family business with Sir Asa Pritchard at its realm until the early 90’s. Sir Asa’s children went to school in Canada but soon returned with their families in the latter part of the 1940’s and early 1950’s. Two of his children, Emmet Pritchard, Vice president, Asa H. Pritchard Holdings, Ltd., and John Bull Ltd., and Macushla Hazlewood, Vice President of John Bull, are both active members in the business. Their sons, Frederick Hazlewood, President John Bull Ltd. along with Hugh and Robert Pritchard, treasurer and secretary (respectively) Asa H. Pritchard Holdings, Ltd. also play a significant role in the family’s success story. Sir Asa Pritchard passed away in 1990 at the age of 98. The Queen knighted him in 1965 for his services to the Bahamian people.

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John Bull Ltd. remained a family business with Sir Asa Pritchard at its realm until the early 90’s. Sir Asa’s children went to school in Canada but soon returned with their families in the latter part of the 1940’s and early 1950’s. Two of his children, Emmet Pritchard, Vice president, Asa H. Pritchard Holdings, Ltd., and John Bull Ltd., and Macushla Hazlewood, Vice President of John Bull, are both active members in the business. Their sons, Frederick Hazlewood, President John Bull Ltd. along with Hugh and Robert Pritchard, treasurer and secretary (respectively) Asa H. Pritchard Holdings, Ltd. also play a significant role in the family’s success story. Sir Asa Pritchard passed away in 1990 at the age of 98. The Queen knighted him in 1965 for his services to the Bahamian people.

Business Expansion

John Bull continued as a tobacco shop but Frank Hazlewood, the late husband of Macushla Hazlewood, soon developed a stationery department. This stationary department evolved into the foremost Business Centre in The Bahamas. In 1955, watches, toys and gifts were added after an extensive European shopping trip. It was then that the Rolex Agency was acquired and since then John Bull has been their exclusive representative. Other watches represented in that Division included Concord, Piaget, Raymond Weil, Gucci, Fendi, Movado, Jean Lassale, Cartier, Yves Saint Laurent and Swatch. In the early 1960’s jewellery became a very important part of John Bull’s business. During this time the Camera Division was also launched at John Bull. The division featured photographic equipment by Fuji, Nikon, Minolta, Vivitar, Olympus and Pentax. The toy and tobacco departments were slowly phased out. The 1970’s through 1980’s brought further expansion in the company with the addition of other major watch and jewellery designers. Designer Boutiques and a La Parfumerie Division were also added.

The Future

Now in the third generation of family ownership, John Bull is truly the Shopping Paradise of the Islands. After seventy-one years of growth, John Bull’s flagship store located 284 Bay Street features six fabulous Departments including Leather, Perfume & Cosmetics, Tobacco, Jewellery, Watches and Cameras. John Bull’s Bay Street location also houses Boutiques such as David Yurman, Cartier and Tiffany and Co. Other world-renowned designer products include Mikimoto, Lagos, Bvlgari, Hublot, Chanel, Givenchy, Yves Saint Laurent, Lancome, Calvin Klein, Dooney & Bourke, Moschino, Kate Spade, Katherine Baumann and Paloma Picasso. And of course John Bull is the Official Rolex Retailer in the Bahamas.

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Businessman Fred Hazlewood of John Bull (centre) receives an Award of Excellence from Dame Marguerite Pindling and Governor General Arthur Hanna

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LIFE AS A CADET

The 1966 AMA Raid by Greg Robertson, SMA '70

It was the fall of 1966 and the week before the SMA/AMA football game. I was a freshman and a “Rat”, living in South Barracks room 304 with Jerry Karnas and John Eppinger. My squad leader, Sgt. Jim McFaddin, came into our room early one evening and asked if we would like to go on a raid with him and others to AMA to grab some of their “Beat SMA” decorations. We said “Sure”. After all, a “Rat” doesn’t say no to his squad leader.

As night fell, we prepared for the raid by smearing our faces with black shoe polish and dressing in our fatigues. Jim had arranged for a Day Student to drive us out to AMA at Fort Defiance and drop us off. The plan was for us to go through the graveyard just north of the school and try to grab something from the walls of the gym building. We would then go out back through the graveyard, meet back up with the Day Student, and head back to the Hill. We would then leave the banners (or whatever) we had collected in front of the Corps Commander’s door. At least, that was the plan.

We got dropped off without a hitch and started making our way through the graveyard. I remember seeing the AMA buildings off to the left and thought only of glory and honor as we would triumphantly return the SMA with our captured booty. Then, as happens in all battles, things started going wrong.

We were about halfway through the graveyard when all of a sudden there were flashlights shining on us. A voice yelled “Halt” and “Come with us”. As is common in any great battle plan gone wrong; someone in our group took command. The cry of “RUN!” echoed through the night! We scattered through the graveyard. Luckily, I had great night vision then and missed all of the gravestones. When we got back to the road, the Day Student was no where to be seen. We ran south down Route 11 back towards town, SMA, and safety.

When we got a short distance from AMA, Sgt. McFaddin did a head count. The only person missing was Jerry Karnas. We then moved off the road slightly and kept heading south towards home. Then, a pickup truck passing by slowed and pulled up next to where we were walking just in the shadows. (So much for our ability to move silently and stealth fully through the night. Sgt. Gibson would have been disgusted.)

The driver yelled out the window “You boys need a ride?” Jim went down, talked to the driver, got in the front seat and yelled for us to get in the back. Off we went down the road, heading south towards the safety of SMA. We sat in the back of that pickup talking of the failed raid and pitying poor Jerry Karnas, whom we were sure had been captured and was undoubtedly being subjected at that moment to numerous tortures. Then, we saw Jim drop down in the front seat. We quickly dropped down in the bed of the pickup just as two cop cars roared by with lights flashing. I guess the term actually would be “with lights rotating” because then they had the old bubblegum lights on top. I can still see the sight of it in my mind to this day.

We got dropped off on Prospect Street at the entrance to South Barracks and tried to quietly make our way to our rooms. As we went into the Barracks and were about to mount the stairs, Wes Brown, the Corps Commander, walked out of the washroom next to the stairs. He looked at us, looked at Jim, shook his head, and walked towards his room in the guard house while we beat it quick to our rooms. While we were cleaning ourselves up, Jim told us about the pickup truck driver who saved us. (note – NEVER use shoe polish as camouflage, it takes a long, long, long, long, long time to clean off.)

Turned out the driver was an AMA graduate heading home from a date. Why he helped us rather than returning us to the torturers of AMA, I’ll never know. I just chalk it up to another time God was with me.

And, for the final part of the saga - the return of Jerry Karnas. Well, he didn’t get caught after all. He had run the other way through the graveyard and showed up at our room about 4 in the morning covered in cow dung. On his walk back to the school, he had gone through many a cow pasture and kept slipping and falling into the cow piles. He had thought that he was the only one that had gotten away.

Nothing was ever said by Col. Brown to us about our little adventure. Maybe knowing how long it must have taken to get the shoe polish off our faces was considered punishment enough.



“A Note from the Commandant”

As indicated to my meeting with the VWIL Alumnae class agents and Staunton Military Alumni group meetings, I would like to provide a semi-annual newsletter to all of you to let you know how the Corps is doing, to include our strong and weak points.

This will be my first attempt to both groups and I would like to call it, “A Note from the Commandant.” Because of the wonderful support I get from both groups, I thought I would make it all-inclusive to both of you.

Corps Size and Matriculation

In 2008, VWIL said goodbye to the class with the highest commissioning rate in VWIL history. An all time high of 70% of the class of 2008 commissioned into the armed forces. Though we said our goodbyes, we welcomed the class of 2012. The class of 2012 was the largest class to matriculate to date with a high number of 63. The VWIL staff has worked hard to build strength in numbers in the Cadet Corps and as a result has recruited many students from all over the area.

Concept of the Corps Altered

VWIL Formations and training activities have been moved from the mornings to the afternoons. Rising early for four morning formations a week has begun to show in academics. Four cadets in leadership positions were asked to resign for the remainder of the academic year. Unsatisfactory grades and sleep deprivation have been found to affect the Corps in this area unfavorably. As a result, Corps formations will move to the afternoons. A typical week will consist of a Monday morning formation to take accountability, hold inspections, and nULL book quizzing. Monday afternoon will have a 2-hour block from 4pm to 6 pm. The first hour will be platoon time and meetings for extra drill at the discretion of the platoon leader. The second hour will be a PT sessions for all cadets. Friday afternoon will involve a similar approach. On Friday, the first hour will be a drill session or parade practice followed by a PT session for all cadets. A representative from each military branch will lead ROTC PT while the non-commissioning cadets break up into ability groups under the VWIL PT cadre or ROTC. nULLs will still be required to attend Wednesday Morning PT and class.

In addition, the ROTC requirement has been adjusted for cadets not seeking a commission. The minimum requirement will now be two years. Everyone will participate in Corps activities for all four years. Those who decide not to commission by the end of their sophomore year or not make the military a career, will be required to pursue other areas of interests. They will be required to take the same amount of hours as commissioning cadets and fulfill either service apprenticeships or leadership courses. The data from the past five years shows that cadets do not change their minds on commissioning, after their sophomore year. Taking this approach, means cadets in that category do not have to sit in ROTC classes their last two years where they have no interests in the subject matter, yet they take the tests and are graded with ROTC cadets who are also enrolled in service labs. This puts these cadets in an awkward situation.

New Interests

High commissioning rates have interested the U.S Army and NAVY/ US Marine Corps to assign Officers and NCOs to be stationed daily at VWIL. We appreciate the enthusiasm and interest in our program. These programs are underway and should be in place by the end of this year.

The United States Coast Guard has made it clear that they are interested in creating commissioning opportunities for VWIL cadets. They are eagerly seeking to obtain VWIL graduates in the Reserves and through the Direct Commissioning Program (DCP). Cadets that go through the DCP can receive a commission after graduation by attending a two-week boot camp and orientation. Cadets must have completed two years of ROTC. Many cadets have shown an interest in the United States Coast Guard and representatives are readily available on campus. Approximately 23 cadets went to the Yorktown United States Coast Guard Training base for the annual service FTX last spring.

An exchange program has been established with Lady Doak College in Madurai, India. This will be the second year of the program. In this program, VWIL sends two cadets to India in the fall semester and two Indian cadets are sent to VWIL in the spring semester. Cadets attend the host school's Corps activities, but still wear their cadet uniform. They must abide by the drill, classes, and honor system of the host school.

There is a second exchange underway! The Chinese Military Academy (CMA) in Taiwan has proposed an exchange programs in the future. Two CMA cadets will be sent to the US to participate in the VWIL program for four years, which will be paid for by their government. Due to the many dialects in the Chinese language, it would be impossible for VWIL cadets to be sent to Taiwan. However, non-commissioning graduates of VWIL will have the opportunity to travel to Taiwan and receive a paid teaching job for a year teaching English.

Corps Activities

This summer I regret to say that I had to relieve from duty three rising senior Platoon Seniors leaders for “conduct unbecoming of a cadet.” All have taken disciplinary action positively by realizing where they went wrong and will be reduced to private rank. The cadets may be eligible for rank in December after the fall probation period. There will be three junior cadets filling these platoon leaders positions for the duration of the first semester.

Financing and Support

The state eliminated all VWIL funding to include the Unique Military Allowance (UMA) and operating costs and the VWIL grant for individual support on tuition and fees. Mary Baldwin College can still support the essence of the VWIL Corps activities. There has been a need to temporarily terminate VMI Visitation Day, white water rafting and wilderness training for one day. New cadets will do a shorter version of wilderness. In addition, I had to relieve my Chief of Staff and Band Director. Captain Ireland had filled in for the Chief of Staff and I am doing the duties of Band Director.

Thanks to the wonderful and appreciated support of the Staunton Military Academy (SMA), we are able to keep many other important spirit building activities for the Corps (i.e. NY and trips to other colleges).

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We would like to express our deepest appreciation to our SMA followers and supporters for continuing to make VWIL a solid educational and professional Corps of Cadets. The Corps will still be able to take the annual corps trip to New York City for the St. Patrick's Day Parade as well as individual cadets going to other military college seminars.

Class Agents Weekend

We are planning our second annual Class Agent's weekend in November. We will be inviting each of your VWIL Class Agents to return to campus and attend this weekend. Class Agents will come to campus and receive a briefing on the status of the Corps and VWIL activities from the President, Commandant, Commandant's Staff, and selected cadets. The classes of 2001, 2003, and 2006 were unable to make last year's meeting. We hope that all classes will be able to attend this time. The date for this year's Class Agent's weekend will be Friday & Saturday, November 6-7. It is important to brief our VWIL alumnae and receive feedback on the Corps. I sincerely hope that the Class Agents are taking the time to share and discuss the results of this weekend with their class. In addition, we would like Class Agents to identify names of alumnae, points of contact, and their career field so we can provide this list of contacts to the Corps. We are hoping that pockets of alumnae in various locations can get together to inquire and provide recruiting opportunities for young women in their areas. Once identified, the commandant's office can send a representative to the gatherings of potential cadets and provide a recruiting reception to further interests in VWIL. We hope that you will support this.

I hope this brief update of the Corps and activities will help you understand the progress and growth of the Corps towards its goal of 200 cadets strong. We will continue to provide VWIL alumnae and SMA alumni with all the information we feel will help you stay abreast on VWIL activities.

You all have played such a major role in developing the future of VWIL. I want to personally thank VWIL alumnae and SMA Alumni for your continuing support. We are where we are, because of your support.

Thank you for all you do for us. We will continue to keep you updated on all activities and would appreciate any feedback you can provide.

Very Respectfully,
 N. Michael Bissell
 Brig. Gen. (VA, U.S. Army)
 Commandant of Cadets
 VWIL Corps of Cadets
 Mary Baldwin College
 Staunton, VA 24401

Captain Erinn C. Singman Reassigned to Iraq

**Outgoing Commander of the
 289th Military Police Company, Fort Myer, Virginia**



Captain Singman was born in LaPlata, Maryland and raised in areas throughout southern Maryland and northern Virginia. She graduated from Mary Baldwin College in 2002, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and commissioned as a distinguished military graduate at the Virginia Military Institute.

Prior to assuming her current duty, Captain Singman's assignments included: Adjutant, 759th Military Police Battalion, Fort Carson, Baghdad, Iraq, from August 2006 to July 2007; S1, 759th Military Police Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado, from September 2005 to July 2006; Officer in Charge, Special Reaction Team, Fort Carson, Colorado, from March 2005 to September 2005; Executive Officer, 148th Military Police Detachment, Fort Carson, Colorado, from January 2005 to February 2005; Platoon Leader, 59th Military Police Company, Fort Carson, Colorado, from April 2004 to December 2004; Platoon Leader, 55th Military Police Company, Yongsan, Seoul, South Korea, from March 2003 to March 2004.

Captain Singman's military education includes: USMC Expeditionary Warfare School, Marine Corps Base Quantico, May 2008; Antiterrorism Officer Advanced Course, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, April 2008; Fort Carson Colorado, June 2005; Special Reaction Team (SRT) Training Phase I, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, April 2005; Equal Opportunity Leader's Course, Fort Carson, Colorado, January 2005; Domestic Violence Intervention Training, Fort Carson, Colorado, November 2004; Military Police Officer Basic Course (MPOBC), USAMPS, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, February 2003; Inter-Service Non-Lethal Individual Weapons Instructor Course (INIWIC), USAMPS, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, September 2002; U.S. Army Airborne School, Fort Benning, Georgia, July 2000.

Her other professional schooling includes the Colorado Springs Police Department SWAT School, Fort Carson, Colorado, June 2005.

Captain Singman's military awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (1OLC), the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), the Parachutist Badge, and the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge in Gold.

Captain Singman's parents are Diane and Steven Singman of Fairfax, Virginia. Captain Singman is being reassigned to Iraq as the Aide-de-Camp to MG Richard J. Rowe, Jr., former Commander Military District of Washington and current Director of the Iraqi Training and Advisory Mission (ITAM).

TAPS

James Donald Allen, SMA '50, Last Operator of SMA



Don Allen, the beloved husband of Barbara Thornton Allen, departed this Earth on his birthday, April 27, to be with the Lord. Don was born in 1932 in Alto, Georgia, to J.D. Allen, Jr. and Irene Williams Allen. His siblings included a special brother, Robert Daniel Allen and wife, Barbara, of Buena Vista, Colorado. He loved his children: Valerie Gibson (Gale) of Hampton, VA, Todd Allen (Pamela) of Forest, Brenda LaFrance (Alan), and J.D. Allen (Trish) all from Hampton, VA and was blessed with many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Don graduated from the Staunton Military Academy and later attended the University of Virginia. He was an accomplished CPA for over 50 years and worked for firms in Hampton and later was CFO of Progress Printing Company in Lynchburg, VA and President of In Mind, Inc. in Forest, VA.

Don was a true Renaissance Man. He pursued learning with an unmatched passion and accumulated one of the finest and most diverse private libraries in Central Virginia. He was an avid reader all his life and loved to share his insights, for the benefit of others, whenever he could. He enjoyed the beautiful views of the Peaks of Otter from his home in Goode and felt blessed each day to experience that sight.

His marriage to Barbara for 22 years was a special blessing to Don and to Barbara. He enjoyed her family including sisters, Christine and Becky, and brothers, T.D. and Danny, and their families. He was a meaningful influence in the life of one nephew in particular, Peter Thornton, with whom he spent much time and enjoyed much laughter. The void of his loss is only lessened by knowing that his pain is gone and he is truly in a better place.

Don was proud of the education he received at Staunton Military Academy, excelling in all aspects of cadet life during his six years there. It was at the Academy that his Renaissance nature became apparent.

In academics, Don maintained a 90%+ average every year, putting him on the Superintendents list for his entire stay at the Academy. Additionally, he won several academic medals for highest grades in a subject each year including the English medal, the Plane Geometry medal, and the Latin medal. In sports, Don participated in intramurals, participating in J.V. football, Cross County Track, Baseball, and the Rifle Team. In the Corps of Cadets, Don rose in rank each year to the highest rank allowed by class. When he graduated, he was a Cadet Major in charge of the 2nd Battalion and was the North Barracks Commander. Additionally, Don was a member of the Howie Rifle Drill Team for three years.

As SMA went into Bankruptcy in the mid 1970's, Don came back to the school to try to help find a way save it. He worked with both an Educational Institute and the SMA Alumni association to try to come up with a workable plan that the creditors and the school management could agree on. In this effort he offered up \$1,000,000 of his own money. But alas, the effort was unsuccessful and the school closed in 1976.

Don then purchased the school name and much of the SMA memorabilia. He opened SMA again in Hampton, Virginia for the 1977-1978 school term in a commercial building that he owned. This effort cost him \$250,000 of his own money. At the end of that term, he realized the effort was unsustainable and closed the Academy for good. In the early 1980's Don worked with Horace Parsley (SMA '24) and Ike Kivilighan (SMA '29) to move the ownership of the SMA name and the SMA memorabilia to the SMA Alumni Association.

Don, during an interview for the SMA history project, best summed up his feelings for the school by saying – “When I think of SMA, and that is often, it feels more like “home” than anyplace I ever lived”.

His remarks are in many a cadet's heart to this day.

Frank E. Buschor, Jr., SMA '43?

Frank E. Buschor, Jr., 80, of Oakdale, NY, **died suddenly on June 1, 2005. A graduate of Staunton Military Academy** and Norwich University, Mr. Buschor joined the Army Air Corps and became a B-17 pilot during WWII. Following the war, he joined the Army National Guard, serving 27 years in the U.S. military, after which he was employed as an engineer by Lilco for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Laurette; his children, Laurette Roddin, Keith, Richard, John, Lauren Burns, Renee Hauser, Graham, Raymond, David and Danielle Boulos; a sister; and a large, extended family. He was predeceased by his children Frank E., III, Andreas and Robert.

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Darrold A. Cannan, Jr., SMA '49

Darrold Alexander Cannan, Jr., Pioneer Broadcaster, **died on July 19, 2009** in **Wichita Falls, TX**. Darrold Alexander Cannan, Jr. was born in Wichita Falls, Texas on November 19th, 1931. He grew up in Wichita Falls, until he attended and **graduated from Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, Virginia in 1949**. Darrold graduated from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, 1953 with a B.S. Degree in Business Administration. He remained dedicated to the growth, development and beautification of his Alma Mater. In June, 1953, Cannan returned to Wichita Falls and joined his father in business with KFDX-TV (NBC), which had gone on the air in April the same year.

In 1954, after training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, Darrold was transferred to Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C, with the Army Anti-Aircraft Artillery Corp where he served the remainder of his military career until he was honorably discharged as a 1st Lt. 1956. Darrold and Kay Parker of Wichita Falls were married on April 9, 1955 and celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary this year. In 1956 he rejoined KFDX-TV until its sale in 1971. He re-entered broadcasting in 1974 when he purchased KAMR-TV in Amarillo, Texas. In 1983, Cannan put KBVO-TV (Fox) in Austin, Texas on the air and later sold KBVO in 1995 and KAMR-TV in 1999. Darrold was a member of Wichita Club, Wichita Falls Country Club, Bachelor Gulch Club and the Club at Cordillera. He has served on the Boards or Executive Committees of the United Way, Boys Club, Y.M.C.A., Rotary Club, Board of Commerce and Industry, Wichita Falls Museum, The Wichita General Hospital, Wichita Club, and Wichita Falls Country Club. He served as President of the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra for two years. He also served on the Wichita Falls Drug Abuse Commission. More recently, he was on the board of the United Regional Hospital of Wichita Falls during its expansion of Bridwell Towers.

He is survived by his wife Kay Parker Cannan; Children, Darrold Alexander Cannan, III and wife Lori, Connie Annas, and Parker Snider Cannan and wife Susan; Grandchildren, Andy and Nicholas Cannan, Jennifer Annas Bogdanowitz and husband Doug, Bobby and Mary Beth Annas, Claire, Lee, Park, Caroline and Grace Cannan and numerous nieces and nephews.



John W. Fisher, SMA '34

John W. Fisher passed away June 28th, 2009.

Francis B. Greene, III, SMA '37

Francis B. Greene II, 79, died Wednesday, **August 12, 1998** at St. Andrews Hospital. Born July 28, 1919 in Boothbay Harbor, he was the son of Francis B. Jr. and Bertha Esther Saunders Green. He grew up and attended local school, graduating from Boothbay Harbor High School in the class of 1936.

He was in the **class of 1937 at the Staunton Military Academy** and attended Connecticut State College (UConn-Storrs), Colby College, and Northeastern College. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Mr. Greene was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army Medical Corp. 1st Infantry Div. and the Legion Estronge' 5th Sahara Battalion.

He worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft as a Field Service Rep., Winchester Repeating Arms as a Shooting Rep. and lastly at New Britain Machine as Quality Control Manager. Mr. Greene was a member of Friendship Lodge #33 AF & AM in Southington, Ct., Washington Commandery, #1, Doric Council #24 R&SM in New Britain, Ct., Sphinx Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Order of the Eastern Star, Crescent Chapter #54, Boothbay Harbor and New Britain, Ct., Lodge Council Chapter Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Hartford, BPO Elks, USA Williamantic Lodge #1311, Supreme Council Laurel Court #8, New Britain, Ct., Boothbay Region Historical Society, American Legion, Waterville, V.F.W. Post #771 of Springfield, Vt. Fellowcraft Club of New Britain, Society of the First Infantry Division.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years: Florence Sytulek Greene of Boothbay Harbor, a stepdaughter: Patricia A. Webb of Kensington, Ct.; a stepson: Arthur W. Selander of Wallingford, Ct.; a step granddaughter: Jennifer Webb of Kensington, Ct.; two stepgrandsons: Todd and James Selander both of Wallingford, Ct.; and cousins: Barbara Pearson, Alma Vanhorn and James McCausland all of Mass.

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Glen G. Isgur, SMA '75

Glen Isgur of Mahopac, New York, died July 4, 2005. Born in 1957, Glen was 48 years old. In 1975, he graduated from Staunton Military Academy, where he was a member of "A" Company.

Arthur Richard Klemm, SMA '46

Arthur Richard Klemm, Jr., age 81, a resident of Winter Haven, Florida passed away Thursday, September 17th, 2009 at the Sterling House in Winter Haven.

Mr. Klemm was born August 8th, 1928 in Tampa, Florida to Arthur R. and Mercedes (Casserly) Klemm, Sr. Mr. Klemm was of the Catholic faith and was a United States veteran serving in the Korean Conflict. Mr. Klemm's family traveled here from Germany just after the Franco Prussian War in the 1870's, landing them in New York. This is where his grandfather (Alexander Richard Klemm) who had been a planter in Dresden, helped with the development of planting Central Park. Arthur's grandfather was a pioneer of Winter Haven in the early 1900's. Arthur's family built a wood framed house where the library sits today. Arthur attended school in Winter Haven until high school, then transferred to Staunton Military Academy where he graduated in 1946. His family owned the first grove, first nursery and first house on the South Shore of Lake Hartridge (the old drive in theatre) in Winter Haven. He enjoyed and loved working in the citrus groves. The Klemm family owned at one time the property stretching from Avenue K to the Chain of Lakes baseball fields which at that time were citrus groves. After doing some extensive traveling from 1957 until 1971 Arthur moved back to become a permanent resident of Winter Haven to care for his elderly parents and work in the citrus groves. He graduated from the University of Miami with a Bachelor's Degree. Arthur retired from "Lockheed" as a troubleshooter and also worked in the research & development department. In 2000 he was very excited to travel to Germany to reconnect with his extended family.



John Boardman Lord IV, SMA '45



John Boardman Lord IV passed away on Sunday, September 9, 2007. He is survived by daughters, Beth Hailey, Barbara MacLean (Robert) and Heather Lingbloom (Terry), his grandchildren, Maya Romero, Olav Berg, and Andrew Lingbloom, and his stepchildren, Anthony Aldridge (wife, Cindy and sons, Raymond and Christopher) and Andrea Aldridge. John was predeceased by his wife, Judith in October 2006. John will be dearly missed by his many friends and family.

John was born in Burlington, Vermont on August 3, 1927. **He graduated from Staunton Military Academy in 1945** and enlisted in the Navy serving in the Pacific during the end of WW II. It was during this time that he developed his lifetime passion for science. John attended Harvard University and graduated in Physics and Engineering Sciences. He worked for the NBS and for Vitro Labs before moving the family to Edmonds, Washington to work for Honeywell Marine Systems Division in 1960. He had a very rewarding 30 year career at Honeywell and held several patents associated with his work there.

John met and married his beloved wife, Judith in the 1970s. Together they had a full life - traveling and diving in the South Pacific, enjoying a house together on Stuart Island in the San Juans, and later living part time in Sydney, Australia. After his retirement John helped form a program with Edmonds Community College called the Creative Retirement Institute (CRI) where he taught and took many courses over the years. He also enjoyed genealogy, creative writing, stamp collecting, politics, and spending time with any or all of his family. In answering a Harvard Class of 1952 questionnaire Dad wrote, "I would like to be remembered as a man who loved his family and country deeply, and tried to engage life seriously and knowledgeably by identifying and pursuing goals of lasting value. I would also like to be remembered as having a ready and enthusiastic sense of humor". We couldn't have said it better, Dad. We will never stop loving and missing you and feeling so very lucky to have you as our Father.

Editor's note: Obit courtesy of Raymond G. Larroca, SMA '46, who refers to John "Skip" Lord as an "old and good friend".

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James Warren Love, SMA Commandant of Cadets (1974)



Colonel **James Warren Love**, USA, Retired, died October 14th, 2009 in Williamsburg. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Mullen Love of Columbus, Georgia.

Colonel Love was born June 19th, 1917 in Glendive, Montana. He received a B.A. in economics from the University of Montana in 1939 and an

M.A. in international relations from George Washington University.

He started a 33 year career in the Army in 1940. In World War II, he commanded the 38th Infantry Anti-Tank Company of the 2nd Division and was awarded the Silver Star during the Battle of the Bulge. His company took out a column of tanks from the 12th SS Panzer Division at Rochrath/Krinkelt, Belgium. With gusto he joined the field artillery after the war, but took special pride in his Combat Infantry Badge.

Upon retirement from the Army, Colonel Love worked as a manager for Teleprompter Cablevision. In 1974, he became Commandant of Cadets at Staunton Military Academy. Later he was business manager and headmaster of Stuart Hall School in Staunton, Virginia.

Colonel Love started skiing at the age of 4 and did not hang up his skis until he was 87. He taught his children and grandchildren to ski but failed to convert his wife.

Colonel Love was an active Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow. He loved his vegetable garden and the '63 Chevy truck it required. His daily early morning regimen was Bible study, Grape Nuts, and a two mile walk.

While stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in the 1960's, he became involved in his first Bible study, which was transformative. He devoted the rest of his life to Jesus Christ, bearing fruit a hundredfold.

William Mahone IV, SMA Faculty (1950-??)

William Mahone IV of Roanoke, Virginia, died **Sept. 28, 2005**. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After graduating from University of Virginia in 1950, he **taught English at Staunton Military Academy**, later serving as **assistant to the headmaster**. In 1978, he purchased Valley Roofing Inc. in Roanoke, Virginia. He was a founding member of the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce Backbone Club, a past president of the Virginia Association of Roofing Contractors, and former director of the National Roofing Association. Mr. Mahone was also a lover of horses, riding with the Bedford Hunt for many years. He was inducted into the Jousting Hall of Fame.

Survivors include a grandson, William Mahone IV (Col '09).

Douglas Marsh, SMA '57?

A private service for **Douglas Marsh, 69**, of Salado will be held May, 17. Marsh **died May 8, 2009** in a local hospital. Marsh was born to John S. Marsh and Flavia Seith in Cleveland, Ohio on December 2, 1939. He **attended Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, VA** and then went to Libya with his father to explore for oil for the Libyan government.

He served his country in two service branches, the Army and subsequently the Navy. He had two tours of duty with the Navy in Viet Nam on board the USS Boston. An electronics specialist he received two Bronze Stars, National Defense Service Medal, Expert Pistol Shot Medal and Marksman award. After serving over 7 years, he left the Navy to return to Vermont and began his career in law enforcement. He was a county sheriff, volunteer fire fighter, and EMT before retiring.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Paula Marsh and two daughters, Dawn Marie and Lori Anne of Denver, CO. He loved bluegrass music and was known for his barbecue recipes.

Burial will be with military honors at a later date in Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Randolph Center, VT.



William J. Murphy, SMA '61

William J Murphy, "Duke", passed away February 1st, 2009 in Garland, Texas. He is survived by his wife Nedda Adina Dinero Murphy.

Frances Russell,

Frances Russell, 94, **died July 1, 2009**. She was the **daughter of Col. and Mrs. T.G. Russell** and **granddaughter of William G. Kable, founder of Staunton Military Academy**. She was a graduate of Lee High, Mary Baldwin and University of North Carolina. Miss Russell taught chemistry at Roanoke, Marion and Shenandoah Colleges.

Memorials should go to Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Joseph A. Savoldi, III, SMA '52PG

Joseph A. Savoldi, III, age 75, passed away **May 18, 2009** at his home in **Traverse City, Michigan**. He was surrounded by his family. Born in New York, NY, on April 10, 1934, Joe was the son of Joseph A. Savoldi, Jr. and Lois (Poole) Savoldi. At age nine, Joe had already travelled the world with his mother and father, a professional

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wrestler. Joe definitely inherited his love for sports and competition from “Jumping Joe.” He spent his youth in Harbert, Michigan and attended St. Joe High School where he lettered in football, basketball and track and helped his team win a state championship in basketball.

After **high school, Joe spent a year at the Staunton Military Academy in Virginia where he again lettered in football, basketball, and track before accepting a football/basketball/track scholarship to Michigan State University.** A versatile athlete, Joe lettered three straight years in Track and Field, placing in the high hurdles, high jump, shot put and discus during various Big Ten Championship meets. In 1956, as Captain of the team, he was the Big Ten Indoor Champion in the 75 yard high hurdles, tied a world record, and placed first in the 120 yard high hurdles at the Drake Relays. Away from the track, Joe enjoyed playing the ukulele and entertaining his future wife, Mary, and all of their life-long friends at the “Happy Acres” manor.

After **graduating from Michigan State in 1956,** Joe married his college sweetheart, Mary Alice Abbott (class of 1956), and immediately entered the Army where he played football with the Fort Meade Generals before transferring to the Presidio of San Francisco. While at the Presidio, Joe and Mary enjoyed meeting new friends, playing cards, and night-time entertainment that matched his military pay-scale-popcorn and beer at home. Joe also helped lead his basketball team to the 6th Army Championship, won a rifle marksmanship award, and worked in the Intelligence Division. After his honorable discharge from the Army, Joe spent 13 years with the Chrysler Corporation, earning his MBA from MIT as a Sloan Fellow and becoming the Vice President of Marketing before moving on to own/operate his own dealership—Magic City Dodge in Birmingham, Alabama. While a car dealer, Joe won multiple awards and was elected President of the Automobile Dealers Association of Alabama. During Joe’s working career, the Savoldi family resided in California, Oregon, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, and Alabama. Thanks to Joe’s sense of humor, rock-solid leadership, realness, mentoring and love, the family not only made many friends along the way, but also felt “at home” on every stop. Big Joe’s Alabama playroom/basement was always open to his children’s friends and with Mary’s cooking—it was the most popular stop in town! Upon retirement, Joe and Mary returned to the home of Mary’s mother, Mrs. G.A. Abbott, of Traverse City, Michigan and during the winter months they travelled in their motor home, visiting friends and family across the country. In 2000, Joe was inducted into the St. Joe High School Hall of Fame.

Joe was the beloved Husband of 52 years of Mary, loving father of son Joe IV (Janice) of Alamo, California, son Jim of San Francisco, California, and daughter Sue (Chris) Chang of Traverse City, Michigan; wonderful Grandfather of Kelcey, Christopher, Marissa, Julianna, and Daniel, and loving Uncle

to many. He also leaves behind family pets Gator and Dudley, and a lot of good friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Savoldi Jr. and Lois (Poole) Savoldi of Henderson/Cadiz Kentucky.

Ralph Edward Short, SMA Instructor '72-'75

Ralph Edward Short, 77, of Merrifield Drive, died peacefully Oct. 6, 2009, at the Southern Maine Medical Center, following a courageous battle with cancer. Ralph was born May 21, 1932, in Cambridge, Mass., the son of Dr. Ralph W. and E. Roselle (Fuller) Short. He graduated from Wellesley High School and Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. Ralph went on to earn his master’s degrees from Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Center, Mass., and from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. Ralph served his country in the U.S. Army for three years in Germany and then for four years, starting in 1966, as a military chaplain including a tour in Vietnam, where he was awarded the Bronze Star. On June 12, 1965, he married June Carolyn Fagg.

As an educator, Ralph taught for 25 years at schools in Virginia and Missouri. He was Headmaster of the Junior School and teacher of English at Staunton Military Academy from 1972 through 1975. He was Headmaster of the Junior Division and instructor of the high school and junior college as well as Academy Chaplain at Wentworth Military Academy. His teaching included English, Ethics, and Religion. Ralph was a former member of the Belmont Lions Club, belonged to the Sons of the American Revolution, and was a Mason. He was a member of the South Congregational Church in Kennebunkport, where he sang in the choir for many years. He also shared his musical talents, performing with the Seaglass Choral, and the ‘Senior Moments’ singers. During his retirement years, he volunteered as a chaplain at the Maine Medical Center, in Portland, Maine.

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Robert James Sweeney, SMA '52

Robert James Sweeney of Alexandria and Prince William County, Virginia, and Saranac Lake, New York, departed this life on July 13, 2009. He is survived by his wife Jane Caster Sweeney, his daughter Leslie and husband John M. Morton, and two granddaughters Heather Mikami Morton and Carolyn Sweeney Morton.

A graduate of Staunton Military Academy and Georgetown University, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. In 1962, he moved to Alexandria, Virginia, where he was a small business owner and active in civic affairs.



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