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Reunion 2004 — Reconnect, Remember, Renew

April reunion to bring cadets back to the Hill for parade, dance, faculty roast and other events

Has there ever been anything you wanted to say about Colonel Robert Wease, the legendary Government teacher who taught at SMA from 1956 until the academy's closure in 1976? Well, cadets will get the opportunity to do so at the "Roast the Wease" banquet on Saturday April 3 – one of the highlights of the upcoming 2004 reunion.

"Reconnect, Remember, Renew" is the theme as SMA alumni across the country plan to return to the Hill for Reunion 2004. The weekend festivities will kick off with a parade Friday afternoon, April 2, featuring the Corps of Cadets of Mary Baldwin's Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) and SMA alumni, who will be treated to a Pass in Review in their honor.

"Honor Classes" for the 2004 reunion are the graduating classes that end with either a "4" or a "9". These are the class years marking a significant milestone anniversary since graduating SMA.

Pass in Review!
Honoring SMA Alumni

Marching to "The Blue and Gold" played by the VWIL Corps Band, the female cadets of the VWIL Corps will honor SMA alumni at a pass in review ceremony, and Old Boys will see the SMA colors carried by the VWIL color guard.

Memorial Wall Plaque Dedication and Friday Barbecue!

Following the parade on Kable Field will be the plaque dedication ceremony at the SMA-VWIL Museum, at which time the names of the three SMA alumni and/or faculty and administrators who were voted to have a plaque placed on the SMA Memorial Wall will be announced and dedicated. VWIL's First Captain and the Color Guard have been invited to participate in the ceremony, which will be followed by a barbecue dinner in the SMA Mess Hall.

Dance, Dance, Dance!

Friday will be capped by a dance in the Mess Hall featuring Bill Deal's *Rhondells*. The event is being sponsored by the Class of 1969, which will celebrate its 35th anniversary. Despite the untimely death of Bill Deal in December 2003, the band will play on. With hits like "May I", "I've Been Hurt", and "What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am", SMA alums and guests will be in for a very fun evening.

Annual Meeting and Wreath-Laying Ceremony

Saturday events begin at 9:00 a.m. with the annual meeting, where alumni will get an update on association and foundation finances, the museum and other activities.

Following the annual meeting, alumni will head to Thornrose Cemetery for the annual wreath-laying ceremony at 12:30 p.m. The event, held the past three years at the reunion, pays tribute to SMA's founder, Captain William H. Kable, and will feature a color guard staffed by local Civil War re-enactors led by Brocky Nicely SMA '65, the SMA-VWIL museum curator. Taps is planned to be played by a former SMA bugler).

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SMA 2004 ANNUAL MEETING AND REUNION
April 2-4, 2004
Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center
Staunton, Virginia

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

1:00 p.m. ..... Board of Directors SMA/VWIL Museum
1:00 to 3:30 p.m. ..... Registration Supply Room Annex open
4:00 p.m. ..... Review in honor of SMA and Alumni by VWIL (Kable Field)
5:15 p.m. ..... SMA Memorial Wall Plaque Ceremony, SMA/VWIL Museum
6:00 p.m. ..... Dinner, SMA Mess Hall
8:00 p.m. to Midnight ..... Dance featuring Bill Deal's Rhondells

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. ..... Annual Meeting
11:00 to 11:30 a.m. ..... Board of ..... Directors meeting
12:30 p.m. ..... Kable wreath-laying ceremony at Thornrose Cemetery
1:00 to 5:00 p.m. ..... Museum open
5:30 p.m. .. Banquet reception (cash bar) Supply Room Annex open
6:30 p.m. ..... Annual banquet "Roast the Wease" (supper, awards and speeches)

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Free time ..... No events scheduled

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A new challenge

The Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association is alive and well. Over the course of five years we have developed a partnership with the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, the military program of Mary Baldwin College. We have established and enhanced a museum that highlights both SMA and VWIL, provided scholarships to worthy VWIL candidates, created a Memorial Wall and Walk of Honor, and created a website for alumni and visitors to utilize. Our association is financially sound, as evidenced by the financial report on page 4.

Bill Kearns

Now it is time for a new challenge. In the 2003 proposed budget from the Governor, the Commonwealth of Virginia would have severely reduced funding for VWIL. However, due to letter writing and other activities by VWIL supporters that included SMA alumni, the General Assembly subsequently restored partial funding for the VWIL program. Given current economic conditions, budget-trimming within state government could cause this to happen in 2004 and beyond, placing the future of VWIL in jeopardy. That could jeopardize the SMA legacy as well.

In an effort to truly make a difference as a partner on the Hill, we have established *The SMA • VWIL Initiative*, a program designed to generate from within our alumni organization funding that will have a significant and sustainable impact on VWIL operations. It will be funded entirely by specific investments by SMA alumni.

This initiative is detailed on page 5. We need to make a difference! By providing supplemental support to VWIL, we are perpetuating our own SMA legacy, and assuring the future of VWIL and our museum, Memorial Wall, Walk of Honor and our home in Staunton. In the simplest of terms: as VWIL goes, so goes the SMA Alumni Association. To those of you who share my concerns about the perpetuation of our legacy, I encourage you to become involved in this initiative.

In less than two months we will gather in Staunton for yet another reunion. The VWIL Corps of Cadets will honor us with a review, the Friday evening reception will be held in the Mess Hall for the first time, and the Saturday evening dinner will include a variety of entertaining highlights. Take the time now to send in your registration. Let's have the best turnout ever, reconnect with friends, and enjoy the time we have together.

Finally, a few words about our organization. I am impressed with and proud of the intense dedication that many alumni — working behind the scenes and far too many to mention here — have demonstrated in the past few years. As is the case in many organizations, the leadership gets the credit for the efforts of many in the background. To these alumni, and our small support staff, I offer a sincere "Thank you!"

Bill

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Annual Banquet
Roast the Wease!

One of the weekend's true highlights will be the "Roast the Wease" banquet on Saturday evening, April 3. Col. Robert Wease, currently on the faculty at Fishburne Military School, graciously agreed to subject himself to jokes, stories and tales from former cadets, faculty and friends. Of course, as with any Congressional debate, he will have his time on the podium to respond and address the audience with his own remarks.

Sunday is reserved as free time for casual breakfasts and departures for home.

"With the parade, dinner and dance at the Mess Hall on Friday and the Roast the Wease banquet on Saturday, we think we have the ingredients for a great reunion," said Tom Phillips '74, reunion committee chairman.

"The key is turnout," he said.

"Those who've been attending the reunions know how much fun they are, so for those of you who've held off in the past for whatever reason, this is your chance to come back to the Hill, reconnect with your fellow cadets and renew your friendships, and remember your youth and the SMA experience."

We're looking for a few good men and women.... mannequins!

The SMA•VWIL Museum needs mannequins in order to display uniforms from SMA and VWIL. We're hoping that one or more of our alumni are in the retail business or have contacts in the business, and can find a way to have a few mannequins donated.

If you can help, contact Brocky Nicely at the SMA•VWIL Museum at (703) 885-1309 Fax: (703) 885-1366 E-mail: SMAOffice@sma-alumni.org

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

It's time to register

The annual reunion in Staunton is less than two months away. This year's event will be held April 2-4, with a VWIL parade in our honor on Friday, April 2, followed by an evening reception in the Mess Hall. On Saturday, the business meeting will be held, and the wreath-laying conducted at Thornrose Cemetery. Museum hours will be adjusted throughout the weekend to accommodate visiting alumni. The reunion will conclude Saturday evening with the annual dinner, this year including a roast of Colonel Robert Wease. Inside this issue of The Kablegram is a convenient form you can use to register your attendance. This promises to be a great reunion!

The SMA•VWIL Initiative

It is important that every alumnus take the time to review Bill Kearns' comments on page 2, followed by the introduction on page 5 of *The SMA•VWIL Initiative*. This program can be the vehicle through which the SMA Alumni Association effectively perpetuates the SMA legacy — by providing support to the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership. We have forged a partnership with VWIL. It is a partnership of mutual benefit to both organizations. We maintain a museum and alumni office on the VWIL campus, while our museum also serves alumni and families of VWIL. Cadets from VWIL help serve as hosts and tour guides at the museum. Our SMA flag is carried in the VWIL Color Guard at all official functions. Our partnership is one of respect and appreciation of our mutual legacy and future. **Let's make a difference!**

Thank you!

This issue carries a Financial Report prepared by our treasurer, Thomas A. Davis, SMA '62. The report is evidence that we are financially sound, a condition made possible by your payment of dues and your contributions. Please accept these few lines as our expression of appreciation for your continuing support and involvement.

New *Kablegram* features

There are two new features in this issue of The Kablegram. On page 10 is a photo layout consisting mostly of pictures from years gone by, sent in by alumni. One photo tells a story of how two roommates reconnected after four decades. This feature is called **Looking Back** and will be carried in *The Kablegram* as often as the pictures are available. We encourage all alumni to go through their photo collections and send in what they believe would be interesting to other alumni. All photos must be identified and will be returned to the sender once they have been published. We will try to use everything sent in, or will provide the sender with an explanation as to why a photo was not used. The second new feature is **Pass In Review**, a profile intended to focus on the life, career and accomplishments of an alumnus who has passed away. This also will be a regular feature when space and information permit.

"Distinguished Graduate" display

Brocky Nicely, SMA '65, curator of the SMA•VWIL Museum, is in the process of collecting stories about SMA, cadets, barracks life, military experience and post-SMA activities and accomplishments. These stories will be accepted regardless of length from alumni, families and friends of alumni. The Museum Committee believes that every alumnus is important and their stories should be preserved in some way. The stories, and photos when they accompany stories, will be mounted in binders in the main room of the museum and will be available to visitors, as well as to those doing historical or genelogical research.

In asking *The Kablegram* to make this announcement, Nicely said: "The true legacy of SMA lies not in artifacts but in the distinguished lives of those who stood on the Hill in Staunton." There are probably hundreds of stories across this country that might never be told. Here is an opportunity to bring those stories to our museum and to our alumni and visitors.

Stories will be accepted by e-mail (**smaalumni@msn.com**) or regular mail.

FINANCIAL REPORT

If you are looking for antidotal evidence that the economy has picked up, please be advised that all of our revenue categories are higher than they were last year at this time. When I finish this report, I will send Mark Orr the year end August 31, 2003 adjusted numbers for posting on the web sight. Below you will find my commentary on the figures since the fiscal year end. I will be sending the December 31 numbers to Mark Orr shortly. I still have some minor adjustments to enter on the system.

Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association

We have cash in the Bank of $38,880.83 compared to fiscal year end of $26,450.80. The accumulation is the result of $18,905.00 in dues collected to date as compared to $4,525.00 at this point last year. The association has three major areas of expense at this point in the year: wages for the office staff, *The Kablegram*, and postage. Total expense to date is $9,823.39. We have positive cash flow so far of $9,872.80. If dues should fall off later this year, we will be in a good position to withstand the lessening revenue. In January, we started receiving deposits for the upcoming reunion. My final point on the association deals with an issue that few alumni know. The association owns — and controls — the name "Staunton Military Academy".

SMA Foundation, Inc.

The foundation has a number of different pockets for different projects. The main checking account has a balance of $19,461.67 as of December 31, 2003. Again, cashflow balance of $19,461.67 as of December 31, 2003. Again, cashflowis ahead of schedule. Annual fund contributions (unrestricted) are $10,085.00 versus $2,230.00 at this same point last year. We have an endowment fund with a balance of $4,401.15. This fund is actually unrestricted, but I try to keep it separate since it represents memorial gifts. Unfortunately, in less prosperous times, we needed to use some of these funds to pay the bills. At our next Board of Directors meeting, I will present a motion to transfer some of the checking account funds back to this fund. The Museum account has a balance of $9,903.52 plus we continue to hold the 369 shares of General Electric. The Scholarship Fund has risen to $26,992.11.It is my understanding that the Board of Directors wishes to enlarge this fund to provide additional funding to the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) program.By the way, the last I heard, the VWIL program has 20 Alumni deployed in Iraq or Afghanistan. The final two accounts are the Brick Fund with $4,987.66 and the Memorial Fund with $1,225.76. With the reunion coming on us fast, I suggest that those of you that want a brick in place by the reunion need to get your order in to Brocky Nicely soon.

Finally, I hope to present a more full discussion at the business meeting at the reunion. I seem to recall that a vote was taken to limit Larry Steele to one question. We will revisit that issue at the meeting.

— Thomas A. Davis, SMA '62, Treasurer

Captain Sharpe and friend

Visit follows service in Afghanistan and Iraq:

1999 VWIL graduate pilots U.S. Army's largest helicopter in return to MBC campus

U.S. Army Captain Sherri Sharpe, a 1999 Mary Baldwin graduate, piloted an Army helicopter from Fort Stuart, Georgia to Mary Baldwin's lower athletic field on January 24. The public was invited to talk with Sharpe — who flew combat duty in Afghanistan and Iraq — and tour the large aircraft, a twin-rotor Chinook.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Sharpe shuttled supplies, including food, water, ammunition and mail, from Kuwait into neighboring Iraq. She volunteered for the dangerous assignment, which sometimes included transporting soldiers and Marines killed in action back from the front lines.

In April 2003, Captain Sharpe was profiled on NBC's "Today Show" as part of a segment on women in the war effort. Captain Sharpe was a member of the first graduating class of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL).

Captain Sharpe, a native of Martinsville, Virginia, has been back in the United States for less than a year, said Brig. Gen. Mike Bissell, VWIL commandant of cadets, adding: "She is a great mentor for the young women in the corps. Her success in such a short period of time demonstrates to them that they can follow their ambitions."

Captain Sherrie Sharpe was welcomed by Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell, VWIL Commandant. Below, the Chinook helicpoter was landed on the athletic field.

PRESERVING THE PAST BY INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

We <u>can</u> make a difference!

The SMA Alumni Association (SMAAA) is about to embark upon a campaign designed to raise significant funding for the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL), the military program of Mary Baldwin College (MBC) in Staunton. As you know, the SMA-VWIL Museum and SMA Alumni Office represent a key partnership between our organization and MBC.

This has been a very rewarding association for SMAAA. The VWIL Color Guard carries the SMA flag at all of its official functions, [their drill team honors our own Major Thomas Howie,] and at April 2003 reunion the VWIL Corps of Cadets held an Alumni Review parade on Kable Field to honor SMAAA and the reunion attendees.

This partnership has played a major part in the perpetuation of the SMA legacy and has given our alumni a place on the "Hill" where memories can be enjoyed, friends and former classmates can renew their bonds, and where those things that represented life at SMA can again be seen and appreciated.

Our organization provides the *SMA Leadership Scholarship* to a VWIL cadet in her junior year. An ROTC commitment is a prerequisite to being chosen for this scholarship. In addition, Hunter Henry, Jr., SMA '46 has provided the *Henry Scholarship for Descendants of Staunton Military Academy Alumni, Faculty and Staff* and the *Henry Scholarship Honoring SMA*.

Because of these activities and programs, VWIL has become an integral part of the Staunton Military Academy legacy, and we see a need to help in whatever way possible to perpetuate VWIL, which in turn will insure the continuation of the SMA legacy, our museum, our Alumni Office and the benefits and services these provide. The annual dues and contributions to the SMA Alumni Association and the SMA Foundation are sufficient to maintain the museum, publish the Kablegram, and staff and maintain the SMA Alumni Office, as well as provide the *SMA Leadership Scholarship*.

In the 2003 proposed budget from the Governor, the Commonwealth of Virginia would have severely reduced funding for VWIL. However, due to letter writing and other activities by VWIL supporters that included SMA alumni, the General Assembly subsequently restored partial funding for the VWIL program.Given current economic conditions, budget-trimming within state government could cause this to happen in 2004 and beyond, placing the future of VWIL in jeopardy.

Presently, our dues and contributions are not currently sufficient to allow us to provide financial support to VWIL. We can show public support, we can write letters and make telephone calls. We can verbalize our relationship and loyalty. **We need to do more.**

The SMA Alumni Association is establishing the *SMA•VWIL Initiative*, a program designed to generate from within our alumni organization funding that will have a significant and sustainable impact on VWIL operations. We intend that this will be an ongoing annual funding program that will supplement the funding provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the application of our funding will be solely at the discretion of VWIL administrators.

To accomplish this task, we are forming a *SMA•VWIL Initiative Team* of dedicated SMA alumni to contact our membership and help generate the proposed funding. We will provide more detailed information on this project in the upcoming issue of the Kablegram — and subsequent issues as well — and follow that with a special mailing to our members. The project also will be detailed at the 2004 annual reunion in Staunton.

There are a variety of ways our alumni can be involved, including direct contribution, donation of stocks and bonds, and inclusion of this program in estate planning documents. Gifts of appreciated stock, for instance, provide the donor with tax advantages. Another gift opportunity is commercial property or undeveloped land that subsequently can be either used or converted to cash, also providing the donor with tax advantages.

There are significant advantages in endowing your gift, or providing your support through planned giving and a living trust. Before you make any decision, you should take the time to consult a qualified financial planner to insure that your participation in this incentive, and your investment in the future of SMAAA and VWIL, meets the criteria required by the Internal Revenue Service, your state tax administration, and the probate laws applicable in your state.

The donation opportunities detailed above were found listed on the Family Care Foundation (FCF) website at *www.familycare.org*.

Any funds, stocks and bonds, or willed assets donated through this program will be dedicated exclusively to the *SMA•VWIL Initiative*.

We need your involvement, either as a member of the *SMA•VWIL Initiative Team* or as a contributor to the fund. If you are an attorney, banker, financial planner, stock broker or a similar professional, the team can use your help in counseling other alumni of how they can participate or contribute. Whatever your involvement, you can certainly help us make a difference!

— Bill Kearns, SMA '74

REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILL

Editor's Note: This article was originally an e-mail sent to Arlene Nicely at the SMA Alumni Office by Kelley McGavock, SMA '59. The Mr. Crawford referred to in the article lives in Staunton today and attended the 2003 reunion.

I have a story about **Chick Crawford**. He and I started primary school together down on Beverly Street in 1946. We were in an "A" grade class together for two years, and Chick (who I used to call Caludie) shot baskets behind his house on N. Augusta St. after school almost every day with me looking on. I could watch him for hours because he was good even then.

Anyway, my family moved to Hebron (near Swope), and I did not get back into the City's school system until the seventh grade over at Bessie Weller where my Mom was teaching. Chick wasn't in the seventh grade, though. He was a freshman at Lee High! Because he had continued in the "A" grades through the fifth grade, he was allowed to skip the sixth grade, putting him a year ahead of me. Then, the next year (1953), when I was supposed to become a freshman, they put me in the eighth grade. That put me two years behind Chick, and throughout our years in high school, I never played on any team with him — just continued to watch his outstanding performances. I got one year further behind Chick when I declined to take senior subjects in the 1957-58 school year. Chick was then a freshman at Randolph Macon, and the next year I followed his trail to SMA. I don't believe I was obsessed with Chick and his athletic abilities (especially in basketball), but outside of his father, the elder Chick Crawford, I was probably the first to realize how good he was going to be so I kept my eyes on him.

Skip to the year 1971 or thereabouts I took my son, Mark, to a Staunton Braves baseball game at Gypsy Hill ball park while visiting some relatives, and who should be umpiring behind the plate but Chick Crawford, himself.

I know my son got bored about how much I talked about Chick (as I'm doing now), but after the game I took Mark to introduce him to Chick.

To my utter amazement, the first words to my son from Chick were something like, "Your father was one of the best athletes ever in Staunton."

FMS to honor Colonel Wease

Fishburne Military School (FMS) and the FMS Alumni Association will hold a banquet at the Wayneboro Country Club, Waynesboro, Virginia, at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2004, to honor Colonel Robert H. Wease.

The event will "honor Colonel Wease's 47 years of teaching excellence and celebrate the creation of the Colonel Wease Chair in Government and Economics at Fishburne", according to the FMS Alumni Association.

Alumni from Fishburne Military School and Staunton Military Academy have worked cooperatively in this effort. Attendees are requested to "come prepared to share your favorite stories about Colonel Wease and to pay tribute to a great teacher and true gentleman."

The cost is $25.00 per person. RSVP responses should be sent to Garth Frable by e-mail at **pdcplanning@mhtc.net** or by telephone at (608) 326-6340. Response deadline is April 5, 2004.

Order your "Walk of Honor" bricks today!

As part of the SMA Legacy Projects, a paved brick "Walk of Honor" has been added in front of the SMA Memorial Wall. The purchase of individually inscribed commemorative bricks is a way to not only support your association but also 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 $50.00 and can be purchased with a tax-deductible contribution to the SMA Foundation, Inc.

Name:_____ SMA Class Year:_____

Address:_____ City,_____State_____

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Line 3:_____

Inscriptions may be up to three lines (maximum of 20 characters per line). Punctuation marks count as characters. If multiple bricks are being purchased, please make copies of this form to submit orders for the additional bricks.

Mail this order form and your check (payable to **SMA Foundation, Inc./Brick Paver**) to:
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DID YOU KNOW?. . .LOU MICHAELS, SMA '54

Edited by Mark Orr, SMA '73
(Original article "*They Don't Make 'em Like Lou Anymore*" by Buck Jerzy)

They don't make football players like Lou Michaels anymore. The 6'-2", 250-pound lineman was a star on both offense and defense and also served seven teams–two high school, one college and four professional teams–as a kicking specialist. A left-footed kicker, Michaels did everything . . . kickoffs, extra points, field goals and he even punted during his illustrious career.

Not bad for a tough Polish kid who was raised in northeastern Pennsylvania (hometown of Swoyerville, a tiny suburb of Wilkes-Barre), the youngest of eight children born to Walter and Mary Majka. Lou's athletic career took off at Swoyerville High School, where he lettered in three sports - football, baseball and basketball - as a freshman and sophomore. His teams won league championships in all three sports.

Because he also excelled in the classroom, Michaels was tapped to attend the prestigious Staunton Military Academy (SMA) in Virginia. At SMA he picked up a fourth sport - track - and became SMA's first four-sport letterman. However, football was his best sport and he earned All-State honors in both his junior and senior seasons.

College scholarships were plentiful and Michaels decided to go south and play for the University of Kentucky in the tough Southeastern Conference. It was a wise decision as he had a great four-year (1954-57) career for the Wildcats.

Michaels was a consensus All-American in both 1956 and 1957 when only 11 players were picked first team. Michaels took almost every award available, including the Nashville Banner Trophy. He was chosen by a vote of the coaches as the Most Valuable Player in the Southeastern Conference. He was the only lineman singled out for that award during a 26-year span from 1941 to 1966. The Washington, D.C. Touchdown Club also picked him as the nation's outstanding lineman

The Birmingham Touchdown Club named Michaels the league's most outstanding lineman in 1956. The Atlanta Touchdown Club accorded him the same honor in 1957. Lou's talents didn't go unrecognized around the country as he finished fourth his senior year in the Heisman Trophy balloting . . . a great finish for a lineman as the Heisman votes normally go to quarterbacks and runners.

The National Football League was Lou's next stop as he was a sure first-round draft pick. The Los Angeles Rams selected him and he stayed around for a remarkable 13 years in the NFL. He finished his career with 955 points, retiring after the 1971 season as the NFL's fourth all-time leading scorer.

Michaels played for the Rams three seasons (1958-60) and then was traded closer to home. He spent the next three seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers. He didn't kick much for Los Angeles, but then became Pitts-burgh's "Golden Toe." He had his first of six 100-point seasons when he totaled 110 in 1962 on 32 of 33 extra points and 26 of 42 field goals. His field goal total broke Lou Groza's NFL record.

Lou had his greatest success as a member of the Baltimore Colts for six seasons . . . 1964 to 1969. In addition to playing defensive end, he again handled all the placekicking. Michaels kicked five field goals in one game in 1966. In 1969, he helped the Colts get to the Super Bowl, where Joe Namath and the New York Jets upset them 16-7.

Michaels was out of football in 1970, but returned the following year to play one season with the Green Bay Packers. During his career he played twice in the Pro Bowl and as a collegian he played in the Hula Bowl, East-West Shrine game and the College All-Star game in Chicago's Soldier Field in Chicago.

The Baltimore Colts honored Michaels in 1977 by naming him to its All-Time Silver Anniversary team.

Being elected into the National Polish-American Sports Hall of Fame is Michaels' fourth enshrinement in the last five years. He was elected into the Pennsylvania Football Hall of Fame in 1989, the National Collegiate Football Hall in 1992 and in 1993 he was inducted into the State of Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame.

Blanton Collier, Lou Michaels' head football coach at the University of Kentucky, once referred to his star lineman and place kicker as "*the toughest, most durable player I've ever coached.*" And this is coming from a seasoned coach who spent many years on the sidelines both on the college and professional level. "*Yes, he did everything for the Blue and White of Kentucky*," Collier said.

No wonder they retired his No. 79 jersey when Michaels graduated from the Southeastern Conference school in 1958 and headed to the National Football League.

Editor's Note: Portions of this article were edited from a biography posted on www.polishsportshof.com.

Are you a financial planner? If so, we can use your help with the SMA•VWIL Initiative!

We need financial planners willing to volunteer their time or reduce their fees somewhat and lend their expertise to advise our alumni on how to effectively participate in the SMA•VWIL Initiative.
If you can help, please contact the SMA Alumni Office at

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(703) 885-1309
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June 12, 2003, by e-mail:

"Dear Gentlemen:

The support from SMA around the country has been overwhelming. I cannot tell you how much your thoughtfullness has meant to our family as we struggle with the loss of our father."

— Debra (Dodge) Hutcheson

June 20, 2003 by e-mail:

"Just a quick note to let someone know that I came back to the grounds of Staunton Military Academy this past Father's Day for a visit and to carry out a wish of my dad, W. C. Moon. I was fortunate enough to catch about a half-hour break between downpours.

My first stop was Flagpole Hill to spread some of my father's ashes. Father's Day seemed to be the most appropriate time to do this. I came by myself because this was something that the son needed to do for the father. I spent a few precious moments by the monument and spread his ashes there.

It seemed appropriate that it was on a rainy day since the rain carried the ashes down into the ground almost immediately insuring a sense of permanence to their resting place.

I then walked over to the museum for a visit, but it was closed. However, I was pleasantly surprised to find the wall with all of the plaques. My heart was warmed to see a plaque honoring my dad. I had no idea that this had been done in his memory. Thank you. I will return at some point and see if I can time my visit to see the museum.

I have some memorabilia from the school that I received when my father passed away. Some of this I want to keep but I feel that some items should be given to the museum. He would wholeheartedly agree."

— Gregory R. Moon

Date unknown by e-mail:

"Arlene Nicely:

Just wanted to thank you and the nice cadet at the museum when I visited on Saturday. I went by the Episcopal church, thanks to the exact directions. The short trip brought back memories and I hope to return. Thanks again."

— John C. Tayloe, SMA '46

December 18, 2003 by e-mail:

"I was saddened to hear of the passing of Joe Campana, a 1955 classmate. On a family trip to visit me at SMA, probably in 1954, my sister met and married an alumni of SMA who was attending the University of Virginia at the time. His name was Stanley Gold. The marriage did not last, they were divorced, and she later remarried Bill Levine in Brooklyn, New York and moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where they lived until my sister's untimely death a few years ago due to a brain tumor.

My brother-in-law, Bill, recently remarried Barry Goldwater's widow, Susan Goldwater. There was a considerable age difference between the late senator and his wife.

At the time I attended SMA, both of the Goldwater sons were also enrolled. Talk about going full circle!! According to Susan, the late senator often spoke of his time at SMA and the Barry Goldwater Library in Phoenix holds several of his cherished SMA momentos.

I took extra care in punctuating this note just in case Colonel Webb is still around to grade it.

By the way, as school photographer for the Shrapnel in 1954-55, I took all the candid photos in that year's book. Photography is still a major hobby of mine.

Best regards."

— Michael J. Brodey, SMA '55

October 17, 2003 by e-mail:

"Before Harry passed away on June 6, 2003, he read me, via phone, his obituary!!! I told him how much was left out, especially much about his nature and what we remember of him as a giving person. He and I had reattached thanks to SMA alumni, so in the last months of his life we talked every week or so — just about life, and how it was slowly ebbing from him. The tide was running out and we both knew this.

We were classmates — both company commanders — and co-captains of the swimming team. He was the best diver I can remember at SMA, and still when I turn laps in the swimming pool I remember the sight of him floating through the air in a gainer with a half-twist, one of the most difficult, dangerous and artful dives. We served but 12 weeks together in the Navy in World War II. Then we were separated. He went into combat. I stayed in the U.S.A. Then we lost track, and after over 55 years reconnected. It was great.

Heaven must have something to do with memories. For me, I see him floating, his arms extended like wings. God Bless you, Harry. You gave lots back, and you are in the Heaven of my memories — and others, too. That's for certain!"

— Charles Berman, SMA '44

Editor's Note: This e-mail refers to the death of Harry Fusselman, SMA '44. The obituary was published in the November 2003 Kablegram.

Date unknown, by e-mail:

"I must tell you my remembrance of SMA.

Our varsity team played the SMA Junior Varsity. Our coach was the late Ed Null. His brother, whose first name I forget, was the JV coach. Well, it was played on a hot afternoon. I remember at halftime, we were getting socked pretty good, and rather than going to an inside dressing room, our halftime meeting was close to the field. It believe it was under a tree. Coach Null was somewhat embarrassed in front of his brother that we had played so poorly. The second half was no better than the first. We lost big time.

The thing I remember most about that day is that when the game was over, the opposing coaches and team invited us into their dining area for dinner. I remember just as clearly today as that day what we were served — there was piping hot oyster stew served in large metal pitchers. I do not remember what was served with it, but perhaps crackers or bread of some type.

I have often wondered how many football players dine on oyster stew at the completion of games today. Anyway, it is a fond memory I have tucked away back in a corner that I pull out when the occasion arises."

— Jim Taylor, Newport News, VA

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PROFILE

Ike Kivlighan, SMA '29

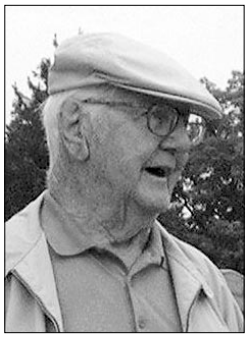
Editor's Note: This profile of Paul J. "Ike" Kivlighan will be presented in two parts. The first part, presented here, is a reprint of an article published in The Kablegram several years ago. Part II will follow in the May 2004 issue and will be based on an interview with Mr. Kivlighan during the 2004 reunion.

Part I

By Tom Phillips, SMA '74

It seems these days that there are few constants in our lives. Sure — there's death and taxes, but everything else seems to be changing. Ironically, change is the only constant.

Fortunately for SMA, there has been a constant in its legacy. Since the 1920s, a man named Paul J. Kivlighan has been a part of the SMA fabric. Although his pace has slowed just a bit at age 91, he's still going strong.



The last of nine children, Ike was one of five brothers in his family who attended SMA. His father, Thomas Kivlighan, was the academy's steward — the man who ran the Mess Hall — for 17 years, and then Ike's brother Michael took up the job for the next 12 years. Though Ike attended the academy as a day student for only one year in 1929 before heading to St. Joseph' college in Baltimore, his earliest memory of SMA goes back to 1920, and those who know him can guess that it is a sports memory.

"Shorty McMann was a star football player at SMA in 1920-21," Ike said. "He went on to become one of the all-time greats at Holy Cross."

As a student as SMA, Ike didn't have to walk far to school — his family homeplace was on the edge of the SMA grounds. He took the standard courses – English, math and history, the latter being taught by Harrison Dey, who would serve the academy for seven decades and cap his career as the academy's superintendent before retiring in 1973. For a language, Ike took Spanish.

"Hell, I couldn't speak English. I don't know why I was taking Spanish," he joked.

Throughout his life, which started with a 15-year career at Dupont that began during the Depression, Ike never strayed far from Staunton or SMA. He was a referee at basketball and football games on the Hill from 1926-1956. In fact, it was during his time as a referee that Ike recalled one of his funniest memories of SMA.

"Back in 1949 when I was a referee, the SMA basketball team (which included noted alums such as Herc Wolfe), called me the 'blind man' … they kept asking me where my dog was." Apparently, they didn't like some of the calls he made during the games.

To the SMA alumni of the 1960s and 1970s, Ike is probably best known as the man who ran the canteen in Memorial Hall — a job he held from 1965 to 1973. Colonel William G. Kable, whom Ike called "Billy", once told him in the 1970s that he could make more money running the canteen than SMA.

There probably isn't one alumnus from those years who can forget hearing Ike, upon getting an earful from an obnoxious cadet in the canteen, telling the errant boy to "Get the hell out of here." He never stayed mad at the cadets for long, though.

Ike has many memories of SMA, most of them happy. For example, he enjoyed watching the parades and participating in the alumni review.

He remembers the sadder times as well. Two he recalled recently were quite different — the first occurred when Staunton learned that U.S. Army Major Thomas Howie had been killed near St. Lo, France, during World War II, and the other being the day Layne Loeffler bought the academy (just three years before SMA closed).

There is scarcely an SMA alumnus who hasn't had an experience — or run in — with the SMA institution called Ike Kivlighan. One former cadet recalled a chance encounter his senior year. He was leaving Marino's after buying a case of beer when Ike, a regular at the establishment to this day, drove up, confronting the cadet on his return trip. "Ike asked me if I was a senior," the cadet recalled. "I told him yes — and then he told me to get out of there. He never turned me in, and I've never forgotten it."

In fact, a group of alumni visited Marino's one afternoon during the 2001 reunion. After identifying themselves as SMA cadets, Mrs. Marino told them, "You just missed Ike!"

Perhaps Ike's greatest service to the school, however, was his service to the SMA Alumni Association. He served as the association's treasurer from 1970 until 1973 when he became alumni secretary, a position he held until 1986.

When the academy closed and the campus was sold to Mary Baldwin College in 1976, it was Ike who moved the association's records to office space he had secured in the Professional Building in downtown Staunton.

When members of the Class of 1974 decided to hold a 10-year reunion in the summer of 1984, the first held since SMA closed, Ike helped them by providing a contact list of the class and opening doors at Mary Baldwin College to get permission for the old Mess Hall to be used for a luncheon and meeting.

When Horace Parsley purchased the SMA memorabilia for the association, Ike arranged to have the materials transported back to Staunton, and he arranged for free storage in the Masonic Temple.

It was Ike who convinced Tommy Tucker, the owner of the Ingleside Inn, to give the alumni association free office space in 1989, an office from which the effort to restart the academy occurred.

And it was Ike who found the rent-free house at the Staunton National Cemetery that the association used from 1998 until it returned to the Hill last year upon the completion of the SMA-VWIL Museum.

In many ways, Ike has been the glue that held the association and the SMA memories together. To this day, Ike stays in touch with some of the former SMA staff that live in and around Staunton. His "coffee club" meets six days a week at 9:00 a.m.

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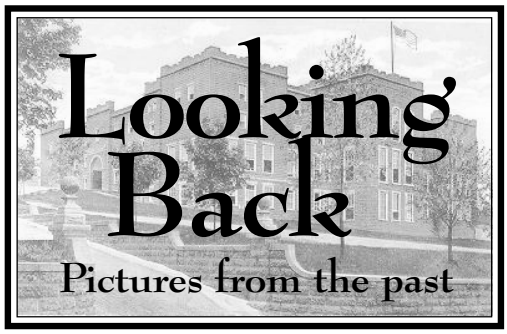
By The Pond

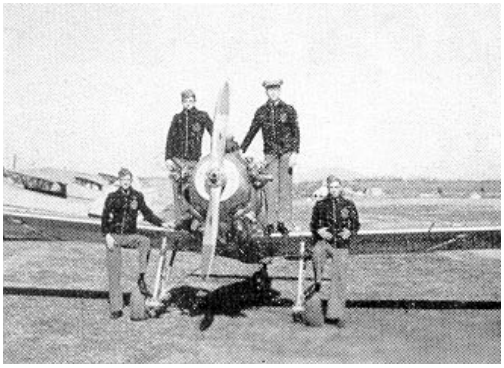
Peggy Neil, a student at Fairfax Hall, and David Dana, SMA '49, spent a quiet Sunday afternoon near a pond at Fairfax Hall. (Photo courtesy David Dana)

Flying Club

During the 1940's, SMA had a flying club. In the photo at right, taken from the1946 Shrapnel (left to right) Hunter W. Henry, Jr., Louis D. Kork, Robert L. Bottoms and Ellis Von Haven posed with the club's Ryan PT-22 at Staunton Municipal Airport in Verona, Virginia. All those pictured were in the class of 1946. The ex-istance of the club came to the attention of *The Kablegram* in an e-mail from Robert T. (Bob) Horvath, SMA '47, who reports that Kork and cadets David Colby and James E. Carter were killed when the airplane crashed just prior to graduation in 1946. Our thanks go to Mr. Horvath for the providing the background information and to Mr. Henry for scanning the photo and offering clarifications.



SMA alumni periodically e-mail scanned images or send us old photos of their lives on the Hill. When possible we will publish these photos under the "Looking Back" flag. E-mailed images must be JPEG files, perferably four to five inches in width at 100 dpi, and accompanied by a detailed description of the content, who is pictured, their graduation year, and when the picture was taken. Photos sent my regular mail must be accompanied by the same information. All photos sent to The Kablegram will be scanned and returned to the sender. Space restrictions and photo quality considerations may not always permit us to use every photo or image submitted. Some may be held for subsequent issues of *The Kablegram*.



Company B Demo Practice

Back in 1947, Bob Horvath, SMA '47and two Company B cadets took their practice to Flag Pole Hill. The cadet on the bottom is Horvath. (Photo courtesy Bob Horvath)

William Campbell

Clayton Armitage

Forever Friends

These three SMA alumni renewed their friendships in 1983. Pictured left to right: David Dana, SMA '49, Gary Grant Allen, SMA '49 and Carlos Perry Allen, SMA '48. (Photo courtesy David Dana)

Roommates Reunited

Clayton Armitage and William Campbell, both 1949 graduates of and roommates at SMA, were reunited in 1993 at Campbell's home in Port Charlotte, Florida. Mr. Clayton's daughter found Mr. Campbell's e-mail address on the SMA website. That discovery was followed by a series of letters and a subsequent reunion between the two former roommates. Mr. Campbell was also recently reunited with James Polewach, another 1949 graduate. The photos and story were provided by Mr. Campbell.

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for an hour at a local restaurant.

"We solve all the local, national and world problems there," he said. Visitors to the club include such SMA characters as Headmaster Ed "Beebo" Dodge, Athletic Director Bill Pandak and Commandant Ned Bonfoey.

It is impossible to imagine SMA without Ike — he's always been around, attending school, refereeing games, managing the canteen, and helping the association survive. He's been a fixture at reunions and meetings through the years, his smile and optimism among his enduring traits. He has earned a well-deserved spot as a part of the SMA legacy, and therein lies his immortality.

God Bless, Ike.

Dodge family establishes scholarship to honor "Beebo"

The children of Colonel Edward "Beebo" Dodge have established a scholarship in his memory. Colonel Dodge was a teacher, swimming coach and Headmaster at SMA for many years. He died in 2003. His obituary can be found in the November 2003 *Kablegram*.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a graduating senior from Robert E. Lee High School in Staunton.

Tax deductible contributions may be sent to the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro (S.A.W.) Community Foundation, 6643 Tapps Ford Road, Amissville, Virginia 20106.

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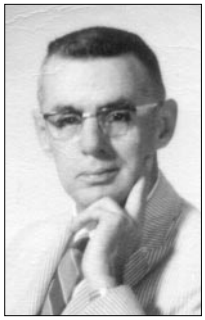
PASS IN REVIEW

"Pass In Review" is a periodic feature in The Kablegram dedicated to providing in-depth profiles of distinguished alumni who have answered the final roll call.

Dr. Joseph C. Denniston, SMA '32

Dr. Joseph C. Denniston spent much of his early medical career in the mountain towns of Eastern Kentucky, where he practiced family and pediatric medicine from 1946 to 1960.

From family medicine and pediatrics, Dr. Denniston moved to mental health issues.



His subsequent work with the mentally ill landed Denniston a seat on President John F. Kennedy's first Panel on Mental Retardation.

Denniston and his twin brother Frank were born in Rochester, New York in 1914. As the boys grew up, their parents decided that the disciplined environment of a military school was needed, and they were enrolled as cadets at SMA.

"That one place in time changed my dad from a silly, take no interest attitude into a self-confident young man", says Denniston's daughter, Dorothy "Chris" Denniston.

From SMA, Denniston entered and graduated from Holy Cross College in Massachusetts and continued on to Tufts Medical School.

It was there that he met Dorothy, who refused to marry him unless he achieved Dean's List grades. He did in the next quarter and they were wed in 1939.

Following graduation, Denniston relocated to Kentucky, practicing first in Lewisburg and later in Cloverport.

In the early 1950's, he moved his family back to Louisville where he went back to school to become a Pediatric Specialist. That done, he relocated the family back to Lewisburg and continued practicing medicine.

"Doors were not locked in those days," Denniston's daughter recalls, "and I can still hear the sound of a patient walking into our home at any hour of the night, yelling 'Doc, are you up?'" If he was not, he got up immediately. Denniston was always "up" when he was needed.

"I also recall a bushel basket of apples left on the front porch as payment for treatment," says Chris, adding: "That was just fine with Dad."

Within time, Denniston grew restless, and he packed up his family once again, this time relocating to McDowell, Kentucky, where he became Director of Pediatrics of the Appalachian Regional Hospital.

It was during this period, his daughter says, that Denniston became "committed to the needs of children and adults with disabilities."

Subsequently he became Superintendent of a state hospital for the mentally disabled in Nashville, Tennessee. Not long after, he was chosen to sit on President Kennedy's Panel on Mental Retardation.

Denniston went on to serve as superintendent of similar hospitals in Oklahoma, Indiana, Pennsylvania and Michigan. "Always attesting to the fact that the disabled should live the same quality of life as any human being", his daughter says of Denniston, "he promoted group home living and initiated teaching job and independent living skills."

Denniston also served as Director of the Bureau of Mental Health in Pennsylvania and Mental Health Director in Michigan.

"Dad's various positions over the years naturally led to public speaking on the local and national level, " his daughter recalls, "...he continued his research and was published in a number of medical journals."

Denniston and his wife moved to Florida in the mid-1970's. "All too soon, " his daughter recalls, "he was diagnozed with cancer and passed away in November 1978."

Editor's Note: Dorothy "Chris" Denniston, Joe Denniston's daughter, was of tremendous assistance in the preparation of this profile. She and the Denniston family have our sincere appreciation.

TAPS

Class of 1927

Oldest living alumnus Fred Harriman dies

Fred Harriman, 94, of Lealman in St. Petersburg, Florida, died October 9, 2003 at home under the care of Hospice Of The Florida SunCoast. He was born in Washington, D.C. and moved to St. Petersburg in 1959 from Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. Harriman was a 1927 graduate of SMA and a 1929 graduate of The Colorado School Of Mines in Golden. He was employed with the U.S. Department of State and was an U.S. Army Air Corp veteran of WW II.

Mr. Harriman is survived by one son, Fred W. of St. Petersburg, two granddaughters, Martha Pease and Alexandra Harriman, and three great grandchildren.

Phillip E. Sauerbrunn, SMA '49

Phillip W. Sauerbrunn, 73, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died December 3, 2003. Mr. Sauerbrunn is survived by three children: Charlotte Campo, Edward Sauerbrunn and Sydney Sauer-brunn; a sister, Jean Kiefer; and four grandchildren.

William McLeod, Sr., SMA '67

William McLeod, Sr., 53, of Summerville, South Carolina, died May 25, 2003. Mr. McLeod was a food salesman with Keebler.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda; two sons, William R. McLeod, Jr. and Travis G.McLeod; one brother, Orrin G. McLeod; two sisters, Mary Ellen Towles of Summerville and Jane Siegling of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

Robert V. Burnett, Sr., SMA '39

Robert V. Burnett, Sr., 83, died on November 18, 2003. Following graduation from SMA, Mr. Burnett attended Miami University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945 and was subsequently employed at WPAFB from 1950 to 1977.

According to his son, William W. Burnett: "He spoke often and highly of the meaningful regimentation of Staunton Military Academy and how it benefited his life and onto others."

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George D. Bullock, SMA '67

George Davis Bullock, 54, of Bassett, Virginia, a 1967 graduate of SMA, died October 24, 2003.

He had worked in New York at Chase Manhattan Bank, in private banking, and the Simons Company, as a marketing and sales representative. A graduate of of National Business College in 1972, he also graduated from the University of Virginia' Patrick Henry College.

Mr. Bullock was a golf professional, having worked at Century Country Club in Purchase, New York as a teaching professional as well as at Chatmoss Country Club as assistant pro. He was the 1964 Dwight Dillon Most Valuable Player at Bassett High School; 1966-67 Virginia State Military School champion; 1970-71 qualified U.S. amateur; 1976 Metropolitan PGA Assistants champion; and 1980 Met Open champion. He also played the Australian/New Zealand PGA Circuit 1975-1979, and the Asian Golf Circuit 1976-1985.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife of ten years, Ellen Jenkins Bullock; a daughter, Florence Bess Bullock of Purchase; and a brother, Frank Noland Bullock Jr. of Martinsville..

Robert Kohnert, SMA '49

Robert Kohnert, SMA '49, died of a heart attack in June of 2002. No additional information is available.

James F. Sullivan, SMA '61

James Franklin Sullivan, 59, of Massachusetts, died April 26, 2003, after a battle with cancer.

Mr. Sullivan was a member of the SMA Class of 1961. He subsequently served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Independence. Upon his return to Massachusetts, he was employed with Whiting's Milk Company, and later with the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory in Cambridge, where he was involved in many technical projects, including NASA's 1969 Apollo mission.

Mr. Sullivan, a hardware and electronics expert, prided himself on the ability to break complex problems into their simplest terms. He loved the ocean and the Cape's beaches, as well as boating and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie C. (MacFarlane) Sullivan; three sons, James F. Sullivan Jr., Shawn A. Sullivan and Brian T. Sullivan and four grandchildren.

TAPS

The SMA Alumni Association regrets to announce the passing of these alumni. SMAAA and its members extend their sincere condolences.

Randall Dana, SMA '63

Randall Dana, SMA '63, of Columbus, Ohio, died on August 5, 2003, his 58th birthday.

Mr. Dana attended SMA for three years, graduated as a Staff Sergeant, was on the Swimming Team, and earned the Head-master's Ribbon in his final two years.

Following SMA, Mr. Dana attended Denison University and Ohio State University, earning a BA in Political Science. He entered the U.S. Army, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, serving a tour of duty in Korea.

Mr. Dana retired as a Major with the Ohio National Guard and went on to complete his law degree at Capital University in 1974.

From 1974 to 1979 he was in private law practice. From 1979 to 1981 Mr. Dana was Vice President and General Counsel for American Bank of Central Ohio. He later served for 11 years as Ohio State Public Defender, supervising 160 attorneys.

It was in his capacity as chief Public Defender for the State of Ohio that Mr. Dana organized what is considered to be the most effective defense in the United States against the death penalty, leading his staff to five victories before the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Dana is survived by his wife, Nancy; his mother, Patricia; his father, David (SMA '49); three children, Christopher, Randall and Allison; a grandson, David Randall; a brother, Charles (SMA '69); three sisters, Deborah Heuga, Stephanie Stranahan and Amy Profaci; and eight nephews and nieces.

Theodore C. Williams, SMA '42

Theodore C. Williams, Jr., 78, of Potomac, Maryland, a retired U.S. Army Infantry Colonel who taught at The Citadel and the U.S. Military Academy, died of a stroke November 14, 2003.

Following SMA, Colonel Williams graduated from The Citadel in 1948 and received his BS in Civil Engineering and a Masters Degree in International Relations from Columbia University.

Colonel Williams was an enlisted technician with the Corps of Engineers and was involved in the Manhattan Project, and later served in Korea, Thailand, and Vietnam.

He retired in 1978 from the U.S. Army Operational Test and Evaluation Agency in Washington, D.C. For over a decade after retiring from the U.S. Army, Colonel Williams worked as a consultant solving military operational and logistic problems.

Colonel Williams is survived by his wife, Phyllis Kane Williams; a daughter, Jean W. Ulmer; and two sons: U.S. Army LTC Theodore C. Williams IV (currently commanding an infantry battalion in Baghdad, Iraq) and J. Kent Williams.

Thomas G. Summers, SMA '38

Thomas G. Summers, 82, of Laguna Woods, California, died December 19, 2003.

Mr. Summers attended Lehigh University following graduation from SMA. His education was interrupted by World War II, and he served in the U.S. Army from Normandy to the U.S.S.R. border.

Following a career in the insurance business in New York City, Mr. Summers moved to California where he enjoyed a variety of hobbies and activities.

He is survived by a son, Myron; daughters Betsy Solis and Nancy Allen and four grandchildren.

Dr. Alton B. Bottoms, SMA '54

Dr. Alton B. Bottoms, 67, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died March 30, 2003. A practicing dentist in the Charlotte area for 37 years, Dr. Bottoms graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Denistry.

He is survived by his wife, Dianne Bottoms; children Dana Bottoms McGinn, Paul Bottoms and Michael Bottoms; a brother, John W. Bottoms; and three grandchildren.

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Robert C. Edwards, SMA '54

Robert C. Edwards, Jr., of Hendersonville, North Carolina, died June 14, 1994, according to a letter from his friend, Cleon Sanders, SMA '54, of Yardley, Pennsylvania.

"Bobby was the First Captain our senior year and one of the finest people I have ever known", Sanders said in writing to *The Kablegram*.

Albert J. Carello, SMA '32, ofGlenview, Illinois and **James H. Chester, SMA '42**, of Valdosta, Georgia, died recently. No further details were provided the SMA Alumni Office.

LOST AND FOUND

Now and then the SMA Alumni Office receives an inquiry about a graduate. Some requests focus on former roommate or friends, while other requests regard family members. The SMA Alumni Office responds to these requests and provides as much information or guidance as possible. Here are a few of the more recent "finds".

I. A. Consentino, SMA '54, planned to visit Puerto Rico and wanted to locate and reconnect with **Hector Cases, SMA '56**. Although the SMAAA database had no information, Arlene Nicely of the SMA Office was able to locate Dr. Hector Cases, Professional Center, Suite 213, Caguas, Puerto Rico 00725. The information was passed on to Mr. Consentino and our records were updated to reflect Dr. Cases address.

Czarina DiRosario inquired regarding the replacement of a Military Science medal awarded in 1969 and 1970 to **James N. Strimbu, SMA '70**. Brocky Nicely, SMA '65, cuator of the SMA•VWIL Museum, was able to locate a company that specializes in military medals, was able to fill the request, and developed a relationship with the company for potential future inquiries.

"Lost and Found" will be a regular feature in *The Kablegram* as often as inquiries mandate.

MUSEUM VISITORS

These SMA and VWIL alimni and visitors toured the SMA•VWIL Museum during the Fall 2003.

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John Carlton	1969	Clinton, Montana
Jay C. Nedry	1969	Springfield, Virginia
Murray B Rosen	1969	Los Angeles, California
James K. Daniel	1940	Bristol, Tennessee
Jim Heinz	1970	Greenville, South Carolina
Stephen Aide	1976	Summersville, West Virginia
Jon Walker	1954	Pensacola, Florida
Roger Pike	1960	Tazwell, Virginia
John and Margaret		Ocala, Florida
Gary and Marilyn Winner		Gainesville, Florida
Bill Pandak		Staunton, Virginia
(Instructor and Coach, 1954-1974)		
Christopher Pandak		Staunton, Virginia
(son of Michael Pandak, Jr., SMA 1966)		
Phillip Pandak		Staunton, Virginia
(son of Michael Pandak, Jr., SMA 1966)		
Robert Lane	1966	Warm Springs, Georgia
Douglas Marsh	1957	Windsor, Vermont
Robert DiGiacomo	1969	Westchester, Pennsylvania
Ed Rabenold	1972	Allentown, Pennsylvania
Bill Crute	1967	Mauertown, Virginia
CDR Charles Smith	1969	Chula Vista, California
Capt. J. Harvie (Hollywood) Martin	1974	King William, Virginia
Josh Moore		Del Haven, New Jersey
Cornelius Spillane	1969	Brunswick, Maine
Mark Johnson	1971	Frankford, Germany
Robert Morrey		San Jose, California
(son of Charles B. Morrey, SMA '23)		
Aimee and Jamie Kozick		Fairfax, Virginia
(VWIL Class of 1999)		
Sean and Amaye Foss		Alexandria, Virginia
(VWIL Class of 1999)		
The Long Family		Chesapeake, Virginia
Conan Goss		Catonsville, Maryland
Melinda Corsio		New Bern, North Carolina
(VWIL Class of 2000)		

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You may have danced to the Rhondells, but it is unlikely you did so in the SMA Mess Hall. "Colonel Joe" Taylor would have tossed you out on your head. Now is your chance to attend a dance in the Mess Hall. One of the many highlights of the 2004 Reunion will be a 6:00 p.m. Friday evening reception (following the afternoon parade and the ceremony at the Memorial Wall) and dance in the Mess Hall from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight....featuring music by Bill Deal's Rhondells. Take the time now to complete the reunion registration form on page 11 and get it in the mail. This entire reunion will be an event you'll not want to miss.

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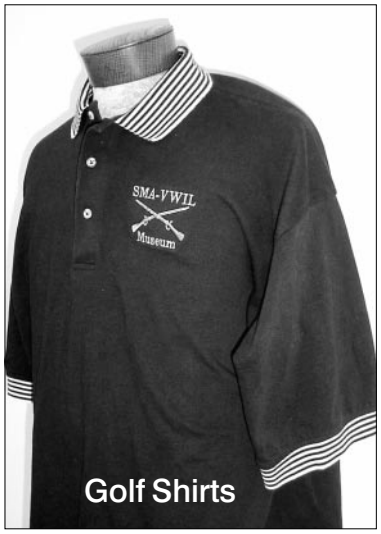

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QUAN.	ITEM	EACH	TOTAL
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	Navy blue with gold "Staunton Military Academy"		
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	Blue with green bill with "SMA-VWIL Museum" in gold lettering with crossed rifles.		
_____	SMA-VWIL Video	$50.00	$_____
_____	T-Shirt with shield	$15.00	$_____
	Sizes M to XXL		
_____	Sweatshirt (blue with gold hat shield)		
	M to XXL	$25.00	$_____
	XXXL	$30.00	$_____
_____	Golf Shirts	$30.00	$_____
	Blue with maze color and sleeve trim with "Staunton Military Academy" in gold lettering now in stock. Optional lettering of "SMA/VWIL Museum" is not a stock item and will be filled upon request.		
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	(Asphalt with South and North Barracks, Mess Hall)		
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	Two available (check your choices): [1] a 17" x 7¼" sketch of ❒ South Barracks p Administration Building ❒ Mess Hall ❒ Kable Hall ❒ North Barracks or [2] a 14" x 9" sketch of the ❒ Asphalt ❒ Memorial Hall ❒ Kable Hall ❒ North Barracks.		
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