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2006 reunion will feature familiar Staunton venues; classes of "1" and "6" will be the honored years

With the 2006 SMA Alumni Association reunion just a little more than a month away, plans have been finalized for this year's event, which the Reunion Committee believes will be the best — and perhaps the largest — ever held in Staunton, Virginia.

Unique on the schedule will be the location of the banquet at the newly renovated Stonewall Jackson Hotel, and all of the Friday activities being held on the "Hill". Alumni may begin registering at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 7 in the SMA Mess Hall.

The SMA-VWIL Museum will open at 12:00 p.m. and remain open until the Memorial Wall ceremony concludes at 6:00 p.m. The SMA-VWIL Review will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Kable Field, with the SMA Alumni Company forming on the asphalt at 3:30 p.m.

The alumni unit will be led onto the parade field by former First Captain Lee W. Lawrence, SMA '56, accompanied by former First Captain Louis Sapp, SMA '59 and former First Captain — and Past President of SMAAA — Thomas E.B. Phillips, SMA '74.

The barbecue will begin at 6:00 p.m.in the Mess Hall, followed by a dance from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m., with 90 minutes of of live music for the event provided by *The Road Ducks*, courtesy of Jay C. Nedry, SMA '69, who thereafter will provide recorded music.

On Saturday, the annual business meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, with a simultaneous separate meeting of the ladies' group being held there also. The business meeting will conclude at 11:00 a.m., followed by a Board of Directors conference at the hotel.

Dr. Pamela Fox, President of Mary Baldwin College and Dr. Brenda Bryant, VWIL Director, will attend the meeting and provide information about the program and discuss with the ladies various support opportunities.

The afternoon will be free time for alumni and guests. There are several possible events that may be held during that time, but plans are still tentative. Details of any event scheduled for Saturday afternoon will be included in the reunion packet provided to alumni at registration and also be announced during the Friday evening barbecue.

The location of Stonewall Jackson Hotel is conducive to walking through and shopping in the downtown area and the Woodrow Wilson Birthplace and Museum is just two blocks — a 10-minute walk — from the hotel.

Saturday evening events begin at the hotel with a reception and cash bar at 5:30 p.m., followed by the reunion banquet at 6:30 p.m. The program will include awards and recognitions, brief remarks by Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell, VWIL Commandant, and an address by U.S. Army Captain Erinn Hopkins, VWIL '02, the Corps of Cadets First Captain in her senior year and currently assigned to a Military Police battalion at Fort Carson, Colorado. (See the profile on page 11).

Dominic "Jack" Dalbo, SMA '58 will conduct a 50-50 raffle throughout the

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILL

Have you registered?

In just one short month, Staunton Military Academy alumni from all across our country — Puerto Rico included — will gather in Staunton for yet another opportunity to reconnect, remember, renew old friendships and create new ones, and walk again on ground that some have not seen or touched in 50 years.

Those who have attended recent reunions understand the emotions of a return to the "hill". Those who participate this year will be treated to the same enlightenment that many of us have experienced — the visit to our excellent joint SMA-VWIL Museum, the barbecue and dance in the Mess Hall that we all remember so well, the ceremony of remembrance at the Memorial Wall, and again being a part of a parade on Kable Field and being honored by those who now carry our flag and have followed in our footsteps.

Alumni who have attended the annual gatherings in Staunton have gone home with a sincere respect for the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) Corps of Cadets. These young women are not just students. They are intelligent, talented, poised, professional and dedicated cadets who know exactly who they are and what their career paths will be. They are determined to reach their goals. Some will commission in the United States Armed Forces, while others will move on to successful careers in education, government and private enterprise.

Our annual reunions are important to the VWIL Corps of Cadets. The parade and frequent interaction between cadets and alumni provides the members of the corps with an opportunity to show us — SMA alumni from all walks of life — that the traditions we established and carried forward are being continued with pride and respect.

For the first time in many years, we will return to a place we all knew — the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, which has been restored to its original grandeur. Our Saturday business meeting and our annual reunion banquet will be held there.

Our banquet speaker, U.S. Army Captain Erinn Hopkins, VWIL '02, is accutely aware of the importance of spending four years in the academic and military program at VWIL, the history and traditions of SMA, and the impact that the SMA Alumni Association has had on the program and the corps. Her profile is under the "Then and Now" feature in this issue, preceded by a profile of Colonel Brooke F. Read, SMA '46.

Some alumni will find their way to old haunts, with the most popular of these being Marino's, which is still in business at the same location and much the same as the last time you were there. Downtown Staunton looks much as it did throughout the years, and offers a pleasant tour by trolley or just walking West Beverly Street.

On pages 4 and 5, you will find a list of alumni who registered on or before February 15, and a list of locations where accommodations can be found. Much to our surprise, our block of rooms at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel sold out in early February. However, there are several good alternatives listed and you are encouraged to make your room reservations as soon as possible.

Page 8 has the reunion registration form and schedule of events and page 9 illustrates where the Friday, April 7 events will be held. We have been careful to insure that there is time throughout the weekend to fulfill the reunion's purpose — reunite with old friends.

Take the time now to send in your registration and make your reservations. Returning to the "hill" will be an experience you will remember for many years to come.

— C. David Litzenburg, SMA '58

IN MY OPINION

"Many of you are aware of the scholarship program provided to the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) by the SMA Alumni Association (SMAAA). As one who has been involved in a large number of endowed scholarship programs for some 12 years at four universities, including two at VWIL, I can tell you that there are few things in life that provide as much satisfaction as seeing the growth of the young people who have benefited by our help. With that in mind I am writing this to encourage all of you to give generously to increase the size of the scholarship fund that the SMA Alumni Association now has for worthy VWIL cadets. These are fine young students who are dedicated to serving their country and are being led by two very fine leaders, Dr. Brenda Bryant and Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell.

The VWIL program is now almost 11 years old and has proven itself as a valuable instrument in providing future leadership for our Armed Forces. The more we can do to further enhance this program by providing money for additional scholarships will be a legacy for us "old boys" that will last long after we are gone. I hope you will join with us in creating more endowed scholarships for these fine young women."

— Hunter W. Henry, Jr., SMA '46

CORRECTIONS
with apologies

In the October issue of *The Kablegram*, we omitted the fact that **W. Duke Myers, SMA '60**, the subject of the "Then and Now" profile in that issue, was awarded the Kable Legion of Honor at graduation ceremonies in May 1960. He was joined by Robert E. Lee, SMA '60, who also received the coveted award.

Our apologies to Dr. Myers for this inadvertent omission.

In the December issue, we reported that **John W. Hooser, SMA '73** was a member of the Howie Rifles while enrolled at SMA. While he currently serves as mentor and advisor to the VWIL Howie Rifles, he reminded us that he was not a part of the Howie Rifles when he attended SMA.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Registrations and reservations, please...

...for your participation in the 2006 SMA Alumni Association Reunion on Friday and Saturday, April 7-8 in Staunton. **See page 8** of this issue for the reunion registration form and the schedule of events.

We booked 60 rooms at the hotel. However, response to the 2006 reunion has been more aggressive than anticipated, and those rooms are now committed.. We have therefor created a list of other available sources for accommodations in the Staunton area, including five hotels and three bed and breakfast inns. You will find that list on **page 4**.

The honor years for 2006 are 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, and the final year that Staunton Military Academy was open — 1976. We have tried to send letters and advance registration forms to as many of these honor year alumni as we could to encourage your participation.

Take the time now to complete your registration and mail it with your check to the SMA Alumni Association, and then make that call to secure your reservations for the reunion weekend. This event promises to be the largest and most memorable ever! We hope to see you there, and suggest that you attend...

...a special briefing for SMA alumni...

...at 1:00 p.m., Friday, April 7, on the Mezzanine Level of the Mess Hall, which is up where the Junior School dined. The briefing will be approximately one hour and will be presented by the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) cadets S2 staff. We experienced a similar briefing during a seminar on February 3 and can report that the cadets provide a superb presentation. The purpose of the briefing is to enlighten our alumni on what VWIL is all about and how the SMA Alumni Association has been able to make a difference. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Mess Hall, so you will already be in the vicinity. Please try to attend.

Keep those letters and e-mails coming...

...because this feature of *The Kablegram* has proven to be one of the most popular things we do. It is a way to reconnect with roommates, friends and classmates you may not have communicated with for many years. E-mails and letters will be published when space permits, unless the author specifically asks that they not be made public. Send your e-mails to *SMAOffice@sma-alumni.org* or to *kablegram@sma-alumni-org*. You can mail letters to the SMA Alumni Association at P. O. Box 958, Woodrum Station, Station, Virginia 24402-0958.

Remember the Scholarship Fund...

...when you are sending your dues to the association. Both these funds need your support. Our 2006 goal is to increase the level of funding in the SMA Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship to $50,000 from the current $30,000+ and thereby increase the annual award to $2,500 from the present $1,000. The scholarship is awarded every March to a single cadet who has been recommended by the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) administration and considered by the SMAAA Scholarship Committee.

...and the SMA-VWIL Initiative...

The SMA-VWIL Initiative, established in 2003, has provided more than $60,000 in discretionary funding to the VWIL administration. Several students have received tuition assistance grants from this funding,. Other uses of the money include a comprehensive intercom system installed between the three dormitory where VWIL cadets are housed and the VWIL office, several training retreats for the VWIL Corps of Cadets leadership, and new rifles for the Howie Rifles drill team. The list of benefits is extensive. Any alumnus wishing a detailed breakdown of the use of SMA-VWIL Initiative funds should contact *The Kablegram* and a copy will be provided. Funds yet to be released to VWIL will be used to cover expenses for the Corps of Cadets' trip to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City in March 2006 and other pending projects. The VWIL administration reports that the Initiative has made a significant difference in the ability of the program to carry forward projects that would otherwise not have been funded.

DID YOU KNOW?

This face has for years been the symbol of Staunton Military Academy, appearing in advertising and in *The Kablegram* and many other publications. Rumors have always circulated as to the identity of this cadet. The more popular myths range anywhere from the belief that he was a cadet who was dismissed to the suggestion that he was never an SMA cadet.

None are true. In 1973, *The Kablegram* decided to debunk the myths and investigate. It turns out that the photograph of the cadet was willed to the late Colonel William Kable in the "Last Will and Testament" published in the 1907 yearbook — *The Shrapnel*.

The investigation uncovered the truth: the picture is of Dewees N. Crawford of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, SMA '07. He was a lettered football player, and company commander.

SMAAA 2006 Reunion

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out the evening with half the proceeds going to the winner and half to the SMAAA general fund.

The banquet is expected to conclude at approximately 9:30 p.m. after which the expansive hotel lobby will be available for those who wish to continue conversations and renew acquatintances with alumni friends and classmates.

On Sunday, the SMA-VWIL Museum will be opened early, at 9:00 a.m., to accommodate departing alumni who wish to visit before they leave Staunton.

2006 REUNION ATTENDEES

Current registrants for the 2006 SMA Alumni Reunion

ALUMNUS	YEAR	GUEST(S)	STATE
Cosmo M. Barone	SMA '51	Matthew Sturgis	PA
Peter B. Bartlett	SMA '63		VA
Franics C. Beakes	SMA '61		MD
C. Wood Beasley	SMA '48	Blair "Boo" Beasley	NC
Stephen J. Bier	SMA '54		NJ
Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell	VWIL	Jan Bissell	VA
Steve L. Bond	SMA '61		MD
Paige "Lolo" Kable Bonfoey	Member		VA
Edward "Ned" Bonfoey	Faculty	Brenda Pennell	VA
Dr. Brenda Bryant	VWIL		VA
Phillip Carletti	Faculty	Lois Carletti	VA
David R. Carr	SMA '56	Sandi Carr	NC
Dr. Hector Cases	SMA '56	Gloria Cases	PR
William P. Clary, Jr.	SMA '54		GA
Weslet G. Constable	SMA '61	Barbara L. Callinan	TX
Michael F. Corbi	SMA '52	Kim Corbi	PA
Dominic "Jack" Dalbo	SMA '68	Christina Dalbo	PA
Charles R. "Bunky" Day	SMA '54		VA
SGT Frank Demory	Faculty	Anna Demory	VA
George F. Dunigan	SMA '64		OH
Allen P. Fisher	SMA '56	Hope Berman	FL
Bruce K. Fisher	SMA '49	Jennie Fisher	FL
Dr. Pamela Fox	MBC	Dan Layman	VA
Craig E. Hanson	SMA '74		MD
Hunter W. Henry, Jr.	SMA '46	Dan Miller	TX
		Drew Haynes	TX
		Hunter "Ticket" Henry	TX
		Elaine Henry	TX
		James Henry	TX
Lawrence J. Hertzberg	SMA '62	Angela Hertzberg	NC
Captain Errin C. Hopkins	US Army	Steven Singman	CO
		Diane Singman	
Robert D. Horvath	SMA '47	Robert Horvath, Jr.	OH

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The possibility exists that those SMA alumni delayed in making reservations at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel may find that the rooms set aside for the 2006 reunion are already committed. Here is a list of alternative hotels and bed and breakfast inns throughout the Staunton area. Since April in the Shenandoah Valley is a busy time for the colleges and for tourism, we recommend that you make your reservations as soon as possible for the April 7-8, 2006 SMA Alumni Association reunion.

Staunton Area Hotels

Hampton Inn ..... (540) 886-7000
40 Payne Lane (off Route 11 south, near Interstate 81)

Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center (540) 248-6020
Interstate 81 at Route 275 (Exit 225 on Interstate 81)

Ingleside Hotel Resort ..... (540) 248-1201
Route 11, 1/4-mile north of the Route 275 intersection; use Exit 225 on Interstate 81

Best Western Staunton Inn ..... (540) 885-1112
92 Rowe Road (use Exit 222 on Interstate 81)

Comfort Inn ..... (540) 886-5000
1302 Richmond Avenue (U.S. Route 250 east of Staunton)

Quality Inn ..... (540) 248-5111
Just off Interstate 81 at Route 275. Exit 225 on Interstate 81.

Bed and Breakfast Inns

Miller House Bed and Breakfast Inn ..... (540) 886-3186
210 North New Street in Staunton (near MBC campus)

Montclair Bed and Breakfast ..... (540) 885-8832
320 North New Street in Staunton (near MBC campus)

2006 REUNION ATTENDEES

Current registrants for the 2006 SMA Alumni Reunion

ALUMNUS	YEAR	GUEST(S)	STATE
Robert "Bobby" Jenkins	SMA '65		NY
Paul J. "Ike" Kivlighan	SMA '29	Nita Kivlighan	VA
		Mary Pile	VA
Dr. John O. Kork	SMA '56		CO
Lee W. Lawrence	SMA '56		FL
Frank A. Lee	SMA '52	Deborah Lee	FL
C. David Litzenburg	SMA '58	Jo Ann Litzenburg	VA
Barry B. Longyear	SMA '60	Regina Longyear	ME
William C. Louisell	SMA '46	Virginia (Ginny) Louisell	VA
James C. May	SMA '64	Linda May	NC
Charles D. Myers	SMA '69		FL
Brocky A. Nicely	SMA '65	Arlene Nicely	VA
John A. Nolde	SMA '63		VA
James M. Offutt	SMA '56	Beverly Offutt	NC
Simon M. Painter, Jr.	SMA '58	Vickie Painter	VA
William M. Pandak, Jr.	SMA '73	Jenni Pandak	VA
		Christopher Pandak	
		Nicole Pandak	
		Phillip Pandak	
Sharon Pandak	Patron	Robert M. Ross	VA
Robert Parrino	SMA '75		TX
Thomas E. B. Phillips	SMA '74		VA
Colonel Brooke F. Read	SMA '46	Susan Read	VA
Al Rossy III	SMA '74		NJ
J. Lewis Sapp	SMA '59		GA
CPO Rick D. Schemehorn	VWIL	Wanda Schemehorn	VA
Ralph L. Sebrell	SMA '45	Ann W. Sebrell	VA
Stuart P. Smith	SMA '48	Jean S. Smith	VA
Robert L. Steele	SMA '54	Darlene Steele	KY
William W. Taylor	SMA '68	Donna Taylor	MD
John H. Tewksbury	SMA '52	Joyce Tewksbury	VA
Mrs. Dorothy Thacker	Staff		VA
Frank R. Till	SMA '61	Glenda C. Till	NC
Major Thomas Vames	Faculty	Tessie Vames	VA
Grant Waple	SMA '66	Diane Armstrong	VA
Dr. Wilfred B. Webb, Jr.	SMA '61	Susan Webb	VA
Susan Lambert Yates			OH

NOTE: This list represents registrations received February 15, 2006.

Hampton Inn handles overflow reunion reservations

As of February 10, 2006, all the rooms set aside for April 7-8 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel have been committed to SMA alumni. The hotel has been referring our members to the new Hampton Inn at 40 Payne Lane in Staunton. The Hampton Inn is located on a hillside along U.S. Route 11 just north of Interstate 81. Take Exit 220 onto U.S. Route 11 and watch for the hotel on the left, on the hillside behind the Appleby's restaurant. The access road is next to the restaurant.

Those alumni staying at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel can take the same exit and continue on U.S. Route 11 north into Staunton (*www.stonewalljacksonhotel.com* has excellent directions for incoming visitors). Alumni can make reservations at Hampton Inn at *www.hamptoninn.com* or by calling (540) 886-7000.

LETTERS

December 2, 2005 by letter:

When I read *The Kablegram* for October, 2005 I saw the letter of Major Tom Howie's daughter which sparked a lot of memories. I attended Staunton for only one year, graduating in the spring of 1934. Billy Hitchcock was my roommate in old North Barracks and I was in the First Squad of Company C. After declining an appointment to the Naval Academy, I enrolled in the fall of 1934 at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

During my four years at the university I played basketball and was a member of the track team and I received a BS degree in Industrial Management. For two years following graduation I served as field secretary of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity before enrolling in the Harvard Business School where I received by MBA degree in 1942.

Experiencing rejection from the Navy, the Naval Air Corps, the Army Air Corps, and the draft because of a childhood automobile accident, I spent the war years and finally retired in 1986 as Chairman and CEO of Ball Corporation in Muncie, Indiana, although I stayed on the Executive Committee until 1992.

My duties at Ball carried me throughout the world. On a more recent trip during the 60th celebration of the landings in France we visited St. Lo and saw the memorial to Tom Howie as well as participating in the events that took place that year. It was obviously a very memorable occasion and one that made me very proud to be an American.

This summer I celebrated my 90th birthday as well as our 65th wedding anniversary. My wife Kanice will catch up with me in January and again we'll celebrate with our seven children and their spouses in Naples, Florida where we spend three months in the winter.

I must credit SMA for developing my study habits that enabled me to go through college and graduate school without difficulty. Also I had a lifelong characteristic of taking good care of myself which I think was instilled in me while at Staunton. I learned early on how to avoid formation and reveille by having clean rifles at inspection time. Major Patch was a taskmaster and taught me many good habits during those years.

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LETTERS AND E-MAILS

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I'm sorry I haven't been able to attend the reunions but hopefully I'll be able to make one sometime here in the future. I congratulate you and the other devoted members of the Board of Directors that have carried on the good name of SMA.

— John W. Fisher, SMA '34

December 20, 2005 by e-mail:

Greetings! I attended FMS [Fish-burne Military School] in Waynesboro in the late 1950's. My ancestor, Colonel Gilbert Christian Russell, Sr., of Mobile (born Abingdon, Virginia.), Alabama in 1815, was commanding officer of the 3rd U.S. Infantry, and his great grandfather was Gilbert Christian, who settled "Beverly Manor", Christian's Creek, Augusta Co., Virginia, in 1733.

Today I visited my long widowed aunt, Mrs. Gerda Quelch Wootten, in a Wilmington, North Carolina old folks home. There upon her wall, I noted her 1935 Mary Baldwin College diploma.

For some reason, I asked her if she dated any Staunton Military Academy cadets? She said with a smile, her "special one" was; she gave his first name, but I've forgotten it. His last name was "Hunter". When I got home, I thought; maybe via the internet, I can locate the post- Staunton biography of circa 1931-1935, Staunton cadet Hunter, and tell her about him as a special Christmas present?

Can you tell me anything about cadet Hunter? Her name was Miss Gerda Quelch then, from Wilmington, North Carolina.

— Jim Miller (910) 457-1888
focusoninfinity@hotmail.com

Editor's note: We are still checking on this inquiry. If anyone has information that would help, please contact the SMA Alumni Office.

March 9, 2005 by e-mail:

I just read about the VWIL band fund in this new issue of The Kablegram. I was company commander of the band my senior year and would like to make a modest contribution to this fund.

FYI — SMA's band came in first in the military academy division of the competition at the Winchester, Virginia Apple Blossom Festival in both 1946, under Cadet Captain Robert Wharton, and again in 1947.

— Julian T. Erwin, Sr., SMA '47

Editor's note: Our sincere apologies to Mr. Erwin for not getting this e-mail into The Kablegram in July 2005. It was accidentally misplaced and just recently discovered.

October 20, 2005 by e-mail:

Looking for Fred Griffin, Jr.:

In the late 1950's when I was in high school, I dated a young man from Staunton who was living in California with his family on a ranch near the Santa Monica/Topanga area. I went off to college and we lost touch.

To make a long story short, he had given me the girl's version of the SMA ring, which I still have. I'd like to return it to him and hope he has a daughter or granddaughter who might like to have it. I think he or his father live in or near Staunton (one is Jr.;the other is Sr.).

If it is all possible, could you contact him and give him my e-mail address so I can arrange the return of the ring to him? Anything you could do would be appreciated.

— Gretchen Bassett (Boehme)

Editor's note: All is well! Arlene Nicely, SMA Alumni Secretary, made the telephone call, contact was made between Mr. Griffin and Mrs. Boehme, and the ring found its way back to Virginia.

THANK YOU!

. . . to **Dominic "Jack" Dalbo, SMA '68** for locating and donating several much-needed mannequins to the SMA-VWIL Museum. "Jack" also earns our kudos for locating and donating bayonets for the World War II Mauser rifles provided to the VWIL Howie Rifles drill team.

. . . to **Martha Jacob of Hillsboro, Ohio**, a reporter for the *Highland County Press,* for recognizing the value of an SMA *Shrapnel* she found at a yard sale, and donating the 1917 yearbook to the our museum.

. . . to **John H. "Jack" Lowe, SMA '49** for designing and building metal flag stands that are mounted behind the eagle display ourside the museum and for his willingness to always be available to help meet museum needs.

. . . to **Jay C. Nedry, SMA '69** for generously donating the services of his band, *The Road Ducks*, to provide music for 90 minutes at the 2006 barbecue and dance, and for providing an additional 90 minutes of recorded music at the same event.

. . . to **Hunter W. Henry, Jr., SMA '46, G. Richard Staunton, SMA '61** and **Edmund Smith, SMA '76** for their efforts to contact members of their classes regarding the 2006 reunion.

. . . to **Allen Fisher, SMA '56** for his efforts in locating members of his class and getting them into our master database.

Enclosed find my check in the amount of $_____ payable to the **SMA FOUNDATION**, to be placed in the Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association **Scholarship Fund**. I understand that I will receive a letter from the SMA Alumni Association confirming this gift and that the gift is tax-deductible. **Please print the information below.**

NAME:_____SMA YEAR_____

ADDRESS:_____

CITY:_____STATE:_____

ZIP CODE:_____

TELEPHONE: (_____) _____

E-MAIL:_____

Please make your check payable to the **SMA FOUNDATION** and mail it with this remittance form to:

SMA Alumni Association
P. O. Box 958 • Woodrum Station • Staunton, Virginia 24402-0958

VWIL, MBC and SMAAA meet to review expansion strategy

Representatives of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL), Mary Baldwin College (MBC) and the SMA Alumni Association (SMAAA) attended an all-day seminar February 3 at VWIL. The goal of the meeting was to develop strategies for the proposed expansion of the VWIL Corps of Cadets to 170 by the year 2010.

The expansion effort would require an annual freshman group of 55, national recognition of the program, extension of the VWIL message to a wider audience, and meeting the marketing challenge associated with the effort.

The seminar was led by VWIL Director Dr. Brenda Bryant and VWIL Commandant Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell. Those in attendance included Sharon Spaulding, Associate Director of VWIL, Dr. Bruce Dorries, Assistant Professor of Communication at MBC, Crista R. Cabe, Associate Vice President for Marketing and Communications at MBC, Chief Petty Officer Rick Schemehorn, Deputy Commandant, and Karen C. Parker, VWIL Recruitment Officer.

Representing the SMA Alumni Association were Thomas A. Davis, III, SMA '62, Phillip Carletti, former SMA instructor and coach, Simon M. Painter, Jr., SMA '58, C. David Litzenburg, SMA '58, and Jo Ann Litzenburg.

Members of the VWIL Corps of Cadets who participated in the seminar were: S2 Sergeant Kerrianne O'Connell, S2 Corporal Whitney Jorgensen, S3 Corporal Karen Potter, S2 Corporal Danielle Sevier, Platoon Sergeant Julia Cochran, Band Corporal Jennifer Wilde, Cadet Audrey Weis and Cadet Sarah Wisecup. These cadets provided a variety of graphic and video presentations and participated in subsequent discussions.

In reviewing the seminar, Dr. Bryant said:

"The VWIL marketing conference provided us with an opportunity to review our entire admissions strategy and generated a variety of new ideas to consider."

"I am particularly interested in upgrading our web presence and in making better use of our network of volunteers, including SMAAA members, to spread the word about VWIL."

The presentation by the two freshmen, Audrey Wies and Sarah Wisecup, provided some excellent insight as to the interests of high school seniors as they consider a college experience. I want to see us do more media that speaks 'student-to-student'", Dr. Bryant said.

"We are most grateful to the SMAAA representatives who attended this conference and provided guidance from their extensive backgrounds in the business world. We can move forward immediately with numerous good ideas."

In reviewing the success of the seminar, Mr. Litzenburg said:

"We are pleased that the SMAAA was an active participant in this conference, and I believe that our career experiences at SMA and thereafter proved beneficial to the discussions."

Thomas A. Davis, SMA '58 (right), treasurer of the SMA Alumni Association, presented a $10,000 check February 3 to VWIL Director Dr. Brenda Bryant (center) and VWIL Commandant Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell. The donation was the latest in a series of *SMA-VWIL Initiative* contributions granted to VWIL for discretionary utilization. The *Initiative* has provided $60,000 to the VWIL program since 2004.

The VWIL Corps of Cadets and VWIL Band participated in the January 2006 inauguration parade for Virginia Governor Tim Kaine. The event was held in Williamsburg.

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Deadline for Advance Registration is March 31, 2006. Please take the time NOW to complete your registration form and mail it, with your check, to the SMA Alumni Association. By doing to,you will help us plan more effectively for a successful reunion in 2006.

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SMA 2006 REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2006

All activities will be held at the Mary Baldwin College.

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ..... Board of Directors meeting
SMA-VWIL Museum

11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. ..... Registration (SMA Mess Hall)

12:00 to 4:00 p.m. ..... SMA-VWIL Museum open

1:00 to 2:00 p.m. ..... Special VWIL Briefing for SMA Alumni
Mezzanine Level, SMA Mess Hall

4:00 to 5:00 p.m. ..... VWIL-SMA Review
The SMA Alumni Company will form on the asphalt at 3:30 p.m., march onto the field with the VWIL Corps of Cadets and will also take part in the end-of-parade Pass In Review.

5:15 p.m. ..... Memorial Wall Plaque and Kable Wreath-laying Ceremony
(SMA-VWIL Museum will be open following the ceremony)

6:00 to 8:00 p.m. ..... Reception and Barbecue
(complimentary bar until 7:00 p.m.)
— Buffet-style Barbecue Menu —
Smoked Pork (with barbecue sauce on the side)
Grilled Breast of Chicken (barbecue sauce on the side)
Corn on the Cob • Baked Beans • Macaroni and Cheese
Potato Salad • Sandwich Rolls • Fresh Baked Yeast Rolls
Assorted Desserts • Iced Tea • Coffee

8:00 to 1100 p.m. ..... Dance
90 minutes of music for the dance will be provided by *The Road Ducks* through the generosity of Jay C. Nedry, SMA '69, and will be followed by recorded music.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2006

Stonewall Jackson Hotel • Staunton, Virginia

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. ..... Business Meeting

9:30 to 11:00 a.m. ..... Women's Group Meeting
The women's group will meet iin a separate venue at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. Refreshments will be provided.

11:00 to 11:30 a.m. ..... Board of Directors Meeting

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ..... SMA-VWIL Museum open
Free time for alumni and guests. Optional events may be scheduled and will be announced later.

5:30 p.m. ..... Banquet Reception (cash bar)

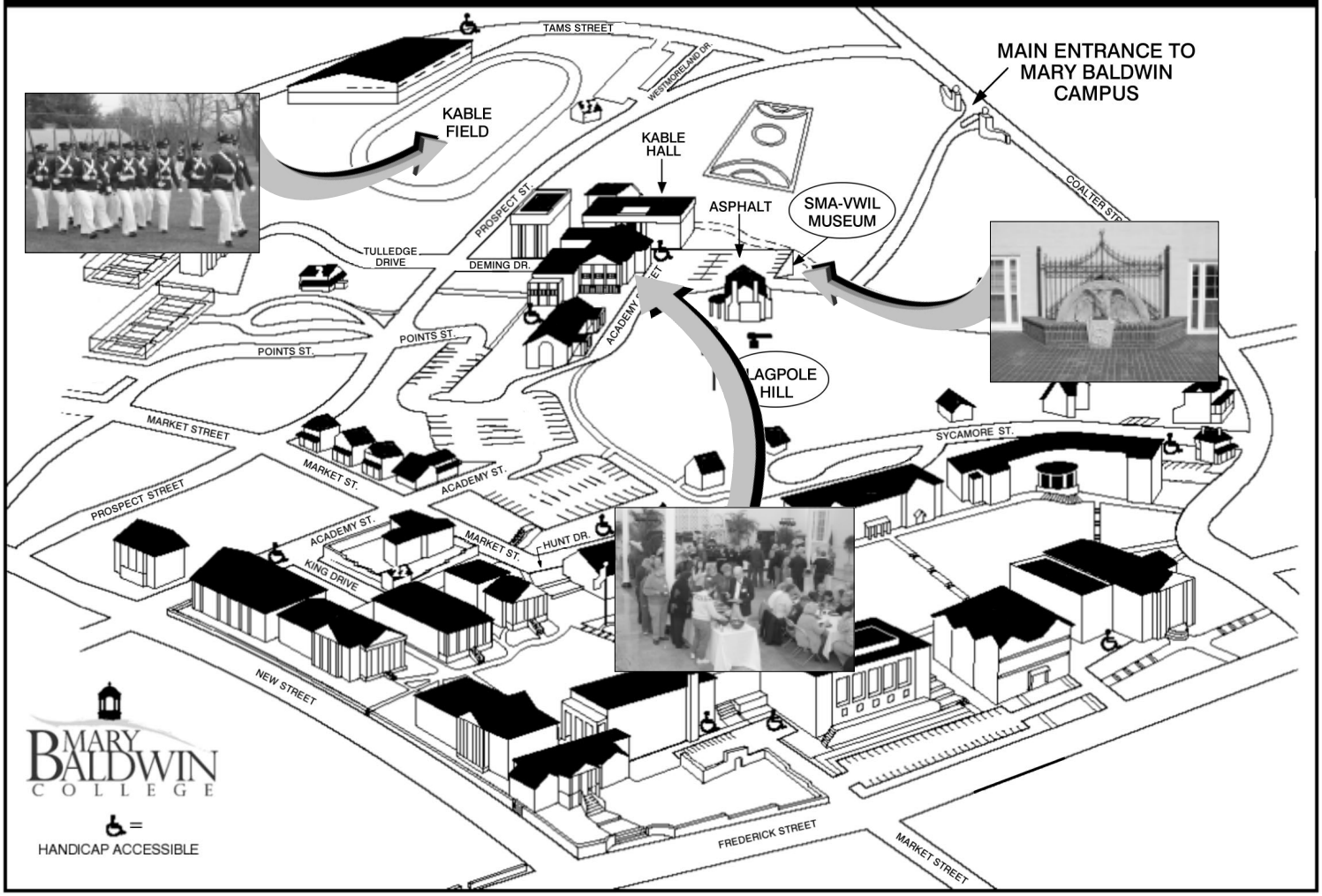
6:30 to 9:30 p.m. ..... 2006 Alumni Banquet
— Buffet Dinner —
Garden Salad with a selection of toppings and dressings
Rolls and Sweet Butter
Freshly Brewed Coffee and Iced Tea
Entreés include Seared Salmon Medallions in Chardonnay Sauce. Beef Tips Burgundy and Chicken Breast Hunter Style.
Accompanyments: Chive Mashed Potatoes, Southern Style Green Beans and Fresh Fruit Bowl.
Chef's Selected Desserts
— Guest Speaker —
Captain Erinn C. Hopkins, U.S. Army
S1, 759th Military Police Battalion, Fort Carson, Colorado
Former VWIL First Captain (Class of 2002)

9:30 p.m. ..... Nostalgia Time
A special conversation area outside the ballroom will be available until approximately 11:30 p.m.
Coffee and soft drinks will be available.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2006

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. ..... SMA-VWIL Museum open

REUNION VENUES ON THE MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE CAMPUS



While many of the alumni returning for the 2006 reunion have been to the "Hill" in recent years, others may not be familiar with the Mary Baldwin College campus. This campus map shows the three areas where events will be held on Friday, April 7, 2006. Alumni registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the SMA Mess Hall. There will be a special VWIL briefing for alumni at 1:00 p.m. on the Mezzanine Level of the Mess Hall. The barbecue and dance will be held in the Mess Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.

SMA ALUMNI REVIEW
4:00 p.m. Friday, April 7
Kable Field
Alumni will form on the asphalt near the SMA-VWIL Museum between 3:30 to 3:45 p.m.

MEMORIAL WALL CEREMONY
5:15 p.m. Friday, April 7
SMA-VWIL Museum
Memorial Wall plaques will be dedicated; museum will be open until 6:00 p.m.

BARBECUE AND DANCE
6:00 p.m. Friday, April 7
SMA Mess Hall
Dancing with music by *The Road Ducks* and a deejay from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Reunion events will begin Friday, April 7, 2006 with registration at 11:00 a.m in the Mess Hall and a 1:00 p.m. special VWIL briefing for interested attendees. These will be followed at 4:00 p.m. by a parade on Kable Field. The SMA Alumni Company will march down the ramp and onto the field and then move to the reviewing stands and disband. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the entire SMA Alumni Company will take positions along the side of the field in front of the bleachers and will accept a pass in review from the VWIL corps. Those alumni who are unable to march with the company should also take positions on the side of the field for the pass in review. Chairs will be available if needed.

All alumni are asked to report to the asphalt at the top of the stairs over the SMA-VWIL Museum between 3:30 and 3:45 p.m., where the SMA Alumni Company will be formed into two platoons, a company commander and several staff officers, guidon bearer and platoon leaders.

Alumni who cannot for health or other reasons march with the group should report to the same location where transportation will be provided to Kable Field. Following the parade, these alumni will be transported back to the SMA-VWIL Museum for the Memorial Wall ceremony.

Brooke F. Read, Jr., SMA '46: an officer and a gentleman

"The classes of 1946 and 1947 provided the graduates of soon-to-be Generals and Colonels.

There were five who became West Point generals from those two years...and several Colonels. One of the outstanding Colonels was my roommate Brooke "BF" Read, who opted for the U.S. Marine Corps following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. We lost touch with each other until 10 years ago when fate stepped in and we were back in communication with one another.

I am happy to say that "BF" and I had roomed together in Room 212, South Barracks, and in our Senior year in Room 907 in Kable Hall. He was the consummate cadet 'non-com and was thus named the Best in the 1946 Shrapnel as the First Sergeant. of Company A.

Among his many other talents, "BF" was the cartoonist for *The Shrapnel*. We were great friends and remain so today following the renewal of our friendship in 1996. He is quiet, unpretentious and generous in every way. He is a "gentleman" in every sense of the word.

Featuring this man as an example of the kind of graduate that personifies what SMA was all about is a tribute to a fine American who has given much in the service of his country. As his buddy and roommate, I salute him."

— Hunter W. Henry, Jr., SMA '46

Brooke F. Read, born in Norfolk, Virginia, on January 6, 1929, entered Staunton Military Academy near the end of World War II, attended for two years and graduated in 1946. He then attended Bullis School in Silver Spring, Maryland before being appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy.

Upon his graduation in 1951, he was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps. He later earned a Master of Arts in Personnel Administration from George Washington University.

Trained as a field artillery officer, Mr. Read held a variety of command and staff assignments in that specialty including combat service in Korea in 1952 and 1953 and subsequently in Vietnam in 1965 and 1966.

His service with the Marine Corps took him around the world, as an instructor at the U. S. Army Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Guard Officer at the Marine Barracks in Yokosuka, Japan, Company Officer at the U. S. Naval Academy in Maryland, and Director of the Command Center, United Nations Command in Korea.

In staff assignments, Colonel Read was a specialist in manpower management and personnel administration. From 1966 to 1969, he served in the Manpower Control Branch, G-1 Division, Marine Corps headquarters in Washington , D.C., introducing several manpower management innovations recognized by his being awarded Meritorious Service Medal.

In 1971 he graduated from the National War College at Fort Leslie J. McNair in Washington, D.C., and in 1972, he was selected to represent the Marine Corps on a joint study panel convened by the Secretary of Defense in response to Congressional demand for an improved system of officer personnel management for all the military services.

Under the Assistant of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, the group produced the Defense Officer Personnel Management Act, the first major revision of the statutes governing management of the officer corps of all the military services in over 25 years. Colonel Read was awarded the Joint Services Commendation Medal for his contributions to this endeavor.

Reassigned in July 1973 to the Marine Corps Manpower Plans and Policy Division, he directed the activities of the Manpower Planning, Programming and Budgeting Branch for two years. In August 1975, he was assigned to the Manpower Quality Study Group of the so-called Haynes Board, convened in response to a Congressional mandate to resolve personnel issues of vital importance to the corps.

Completing that service in 1976, Colonel Read again represented the Marine Corps in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, participating as a manpower management specialist in a proposed revision of the organization and manpower practices of the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

He then served as Director of Personnel Services, Manpower Department at Marine Corps headquarters until retiring from active duty on December 1, 1977.

Colonel Read's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V" and Gold Star in lieu of a second award, the Meritorious Service Medal with Gold Star in lieu of a second award, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, and the Purple Heart.

During his military career, he was also awarded the Combat Action Ribbon and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal as well as the Presidential Unit Citation, the Navy Unit Commendation, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and the United Nations Medal.

He now resides on Virginia's Northern Neck, where he and his wife Susan had been active in residential real estate sales until their retirement from that profession in 2004.

SMA-VWIL PERSPECTIVES: THEN AND NOW

Captain Erinn C. Hopkins, VWIL '02: an officer and a lady

"The future and success of VWIL is easily measured by the successful young women that it has produced. All former VWIL cadets are serving their country; whether in a military capacity, as teachers, or determined business women. The program is just that good. VWIL must continue to flourish, become more internationally recognized. I pray this, for future generations to have the same opportunity to become part of the VWIL tradition."

Those words sum up the deep seated respect that Erinn [Singman) Hopkins harbors for the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL), four years after she graduated and commissioned in the U.S. Army. Today, as a Captain assigned to a Military Police battalion at Fort Carson, Colorado, she has used her education and experiences at VWIL to advance her career to levels that should serve as a benchmark for all VWIL students.

Born in LaPlata, Maryland, the daughter of Diane and Steven Singman, Captain Hopkins graduated with honors from Thomas Stone High School in Waldorf, Maryland.

"I knew I wanted to become an Officer in the United States Army from the time I was a freshman in high school," she recalls, adding: "I originally decided to take JROTC (in high school) as the result of a dare; the outcome was that I was the Battalion Commander my senior year and en route to VWIL on a four-year Army Scholarship."

U.S. Army Captain Erinn C. Hopkins (left) posed in May 2005 with 2004-2005 VWIL First Captain Mei Ling Fye. Ms. Fye had just commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Throughout her first year at VWIL, Ms. Fye was mentored by Captain Hopkins, who in her senior year was also First Captain.

"The end result was wanting to be part of something bigger than myself, I genuinely wanted to serve and protect my country… doing that very thing today is an honor beyond what I could have ever imagined… and the true sense of honor, dignity and a strong sense of courage really all started in VWIL," she says today.

Captain Hopkins was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in May 2002 following her completion of the ROTC program at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, where she was a Distinguished Military Graduate. The program is associated with the VWIL military curriculum.

"My Mom and Dad have been the greatest mentors and role models in my life," Captain Hopkins says, explaining that "they have always encouraged and believed in any hope or dream I could imagine."

"Without them believing in me," she adds, "I would not have been able to take a vision and make it a reality."

"My Dad had always told me that I would know when I had found the right school (college) to attend because it would feel like trying on a shoe and getting a good fit. He was right."

"When originally applying and visiting college campuses — I applied and was accepted to six colleges and universities — I was instantaneously intrigued and attracted to the uniqueness of VWIL, it is truly a program like no other," Captain Hopkins says, noting: "One of the greatest initial attractions to VWIL is the Corps of Cadets' ability to develop well rounded, hard core, intellectual women who learn that they can be successful in a predominantly male environment without having to sacrifice their feminine qualities."

She says that Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell, VWIL Commandant, taught her to "be yourself" and says that lesson is something that she has carried with her ever since and recently, her current Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Chad B. McRee had told her the same thing.

" Being true to myself and living the Army Values is something no one can ever take away," she says, adding: "Thanks to Brig. Gen. Bissell instilling that principle in all VWIL cadets serves as the foundation of the Corps."

While attending Mary Baldwin Captain Hopkins participated in numerous activities including the Baldwin Program Board (BPB), Student Senate, AAAA, newspaper, and the Swim Team. She graduated with a 3.4 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). She was a Band Corporal, Sergeant Major and the First Captain and also participated as Physical Training Cadre and LCP. She attended joint training in the United Kingdom.

Captain Hopkins' reflected on her senior year, recalling:

"Serving as the First Captain in VWIL continues to be one of the biggest leadership challenges I have ever encountered. I found it to be to most difficult and rewarding experiences due to trying to master the fine balance of leading a Corps of Cadets while serving alongside my peers. My sister nULLs taught me the most that year. They taught me to tackle the things I had control over, and to accept the things that were out of my hands. I learned to see beyond my own needs, to really examine the big picture. I had to be selfless without losing sight of my own morals and principles."

"I learned to be professional when faced with tremendous adversity and to enforce the standard even when some of my decisions were unfavorable. I assessed my strengths and weaknesses as First Captain. I will always remember when I was informed by several underclassmen that I was going to be missed because they knew when I was serious but could joke around with me as well. We definitely had our share of hard

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times, but it was the laughs that got us through. With that in mind, I will never forget where I came from and, therefore, it is so important to be down to earth and remain approachable."

"Most important are the life long relationships I found through VWIL," Captain Hopkins recalls, adding that " Brig. Gen. Bissell and Dr. Brenda Bryant proved to be some of the greatest mentors. The friends, more like sisters, I made in VWIL are unforgettable and continue to be there for me to this day."

The importance of this bond was truly realized through Sarah Small. She epitomized what a comrade in arms and a true friend should be. She made a great impact on everyone and in everything she did. She is greatly missed but her legacy lives on in our hearts forever."

She adds: "With all of this in mind, VWIL did a tremendous job preparing me for my military career. Overall, the Corps instilled discipline, confidence, and pride in everything that I continue to do today."

In reflecting on Captain Hopkins' years at VWIL, Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell says:

"In the eleven years of VWIL's existence we have had a wonderful group of First Captains — each one has represented the Corps in a special way. Erinn brought great national recognition and praise to the Corps through her many outstanding leadership accomplishments. While a sophomore she was selected as one of 18 cadets throughout all of the U.S. Army ROTC programs in the country to travel to the United Kingdom to visit and train for a two-week period with British Officers."

"When the team returned to the United States," he recalls, "a young Major from Texas A&M who traveled with them as an advisor called me to let me know that he was given the top ROTC cadets in the country for this training and that Cadet Erinn Singman stood head and shoulders above all these 18 cadets, and that she was the most outstanding young leader that he had ever observed in his entire career."

"In my mind," he concludes, "this says it all about Erinn and her remarkable cadetship. No matter where she goes she leaves a lasting reputation as a unique leader who truly cares for her people and represents VWIL and the United States Army in a special way."

Captain Hopkins' in service training has included Domestic Violence Intervention, the U.S. Army's Military Police Officer Basic Course, the Non-Lethal Weapons Instructor Course and Equal Opportunity Leader's Course, SWAT training with the Colorado Springs (Colorado) Police Department and Special Reaction Team (SRT) training.

In her four years of service, she has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Joint Services Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Parachutist Badge and German Military Efficiency Badge.

Editor's Note: Captain Erinn Hopkins, currently S1 with the U.S. Army's 759th Military Police Battalion at Fort Carson, Colorado, will be the guest speaker at the 2006 SMA Alumni Association reunion banquet in Staunton on Saturday, April 8 and will be involved in other SMAAA reunion activities.

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LOOKING BACK TO THE 2005 REUNION

Above: Although this photo was taken in 2001, Hunter W. Henry, Jr., SMA ‘46 and Colonel Brooke F. Read, SMA ‘46 — roommates at SMA — both returned for the 2005 reunion and will be present again in April 2006 for the 60th anniversary of their graduation.

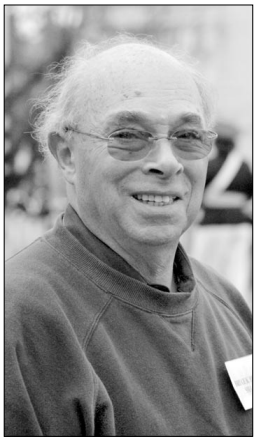
Above (left to right)**:** Thomas E. B. Phillips, George Bissett III, Julian S. Lake IV, Craig E. Hanson, Lesley “Chip” Warshaw, William K. Bissett, Eugene K. Ehmann, Edmund A. Smith (SMA ‘76) and Tom D. Winford (SMA ‘75). All those pictured, except Smith and Winford, are from the Class of 1974.

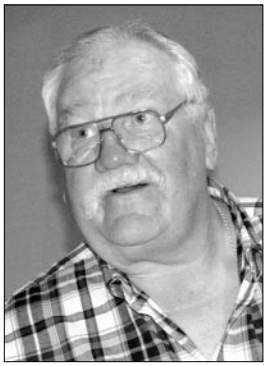
Above: VWIL Cadet Lieutenant Jane Olsen (left), Cadet Sergeant Elena McDonald (center) and Cadet Captain Tiffany Kent are all smiles as they await the 2005 SMA-VWIL Parade

Above (left to right)**:** VWIL Director, Dr. Brenda Bryant, Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell, Commandant and Jay C. Nedry, SMA ‘69, banquet emcee, pose for the 2005 banquet photographer.

Below: David C. Beduhn, SMA ‘69, video taped the 2005 parade and created a DVD that is available to all SMA alumni.

Right: Bruce K. Fisher, SMA ‘49

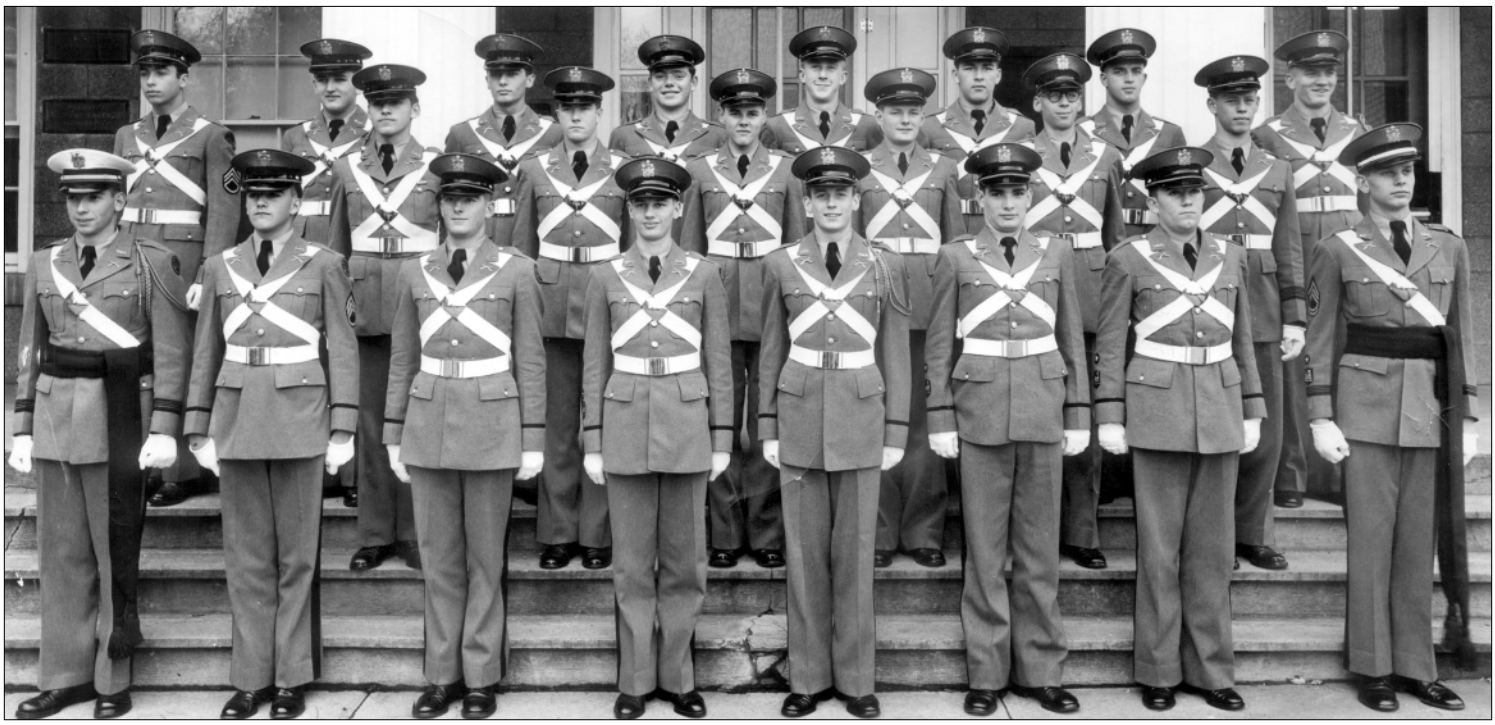




Left: Harry W. Bruckno, SMA ‘62

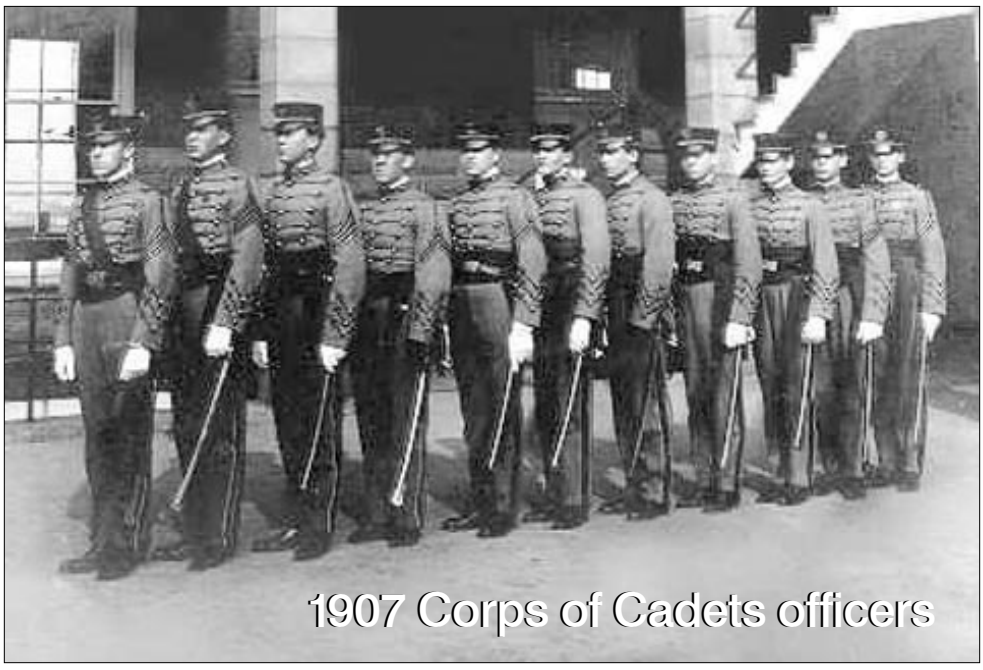
Above (left to right)**:** Kevin Gorman, David Beduhn, Pastor Robert Killeffer, Lous Stathis, Victor Anderson, Gregory Robertson and Robert Roths. All but Mr. Behuhn (SMA ‘69) are from the SMA class of 1970.

LOOKING BACK — IMAGES FROM THE PAST



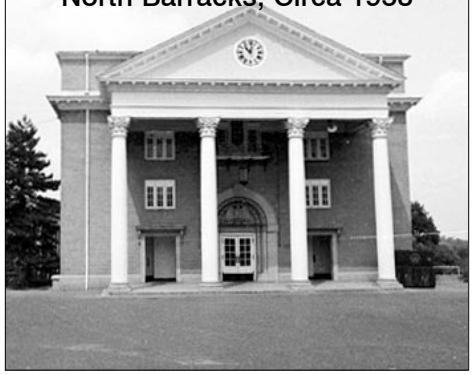
Second Platoon, B Company, 1952

This photo, a 17-inch wide print, was left behind at the 2005 SMA Alumni Association reunion in Staunton. Identify of the most of the cadets cannot be determined. We do know that Martin D. Bier is the Platoon Leader (front row, left), and we know that Stephen Kreielsheimer, SMA 53, is seond from left on the second row. We been advised that Donald G. Malloy, SMA '52 is on the far right of the back row. The 1952 *Shrapnel* did not list the cadets by name and row under the photo. Any alumnus who can aid *The Kablegram* in identifying the the cadets should contact the editor (kablegram@sma-alumni.com). We regret that we cannot offer a prize for this information. Perhaps the appreciation of the participants in this group photo will be an adequate reward, along with our sincere thanks.



1907 Corps of Cadets officers

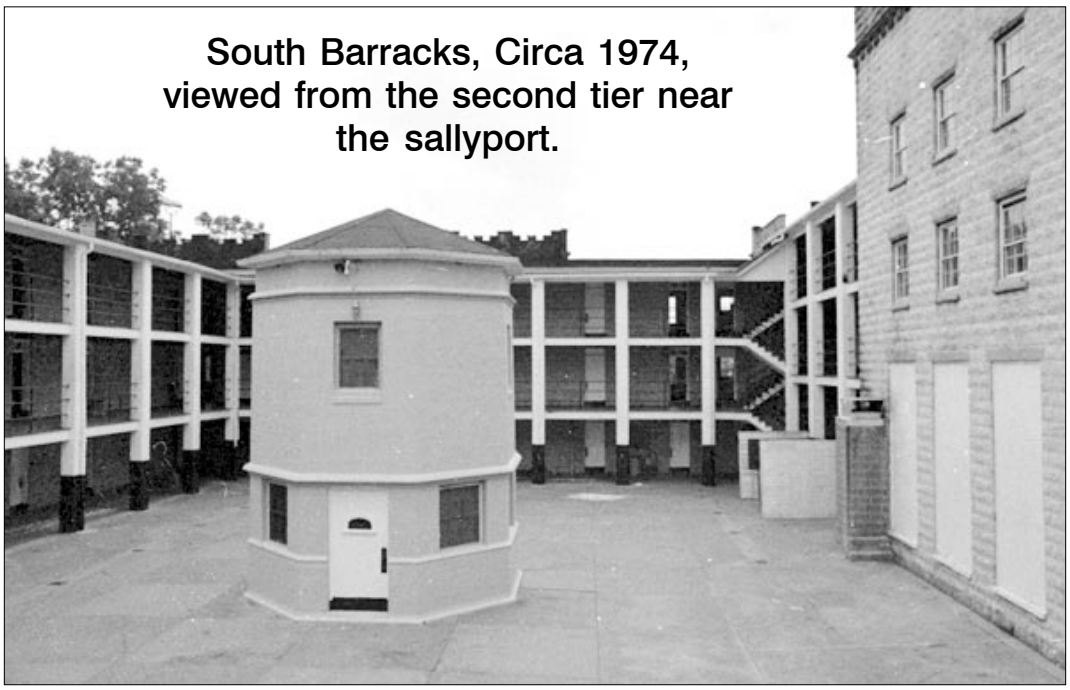
North Barracks, Circa 1958



In 1958, North Barracks housed the SMA Post Office, Commandant and PMS&T offices, the Library and Physics Lab on the main floor. Above were three tiers of rooms, and below was the large gymnasium. Today, only the concrete slab for the porch remains.

Administration Building and Mess Hall, Circa 1959

LOOKING BACK — IMAGES FROM THE PAST



South Barracks, Circa 1974, viewed from the second tier near the sallyport.

ABOVE: South Barracks in 1974. At lower right behind the covered windows was the much-despised Study Hall where at least some of us spent a few afternoons.

RIGHT: Sergeant Lou Onesty posed for a 1946 photograph.

ABOVE . . .is yet another picture from the past begging for an explanation. This is obviously a Military Science class on the hill just above Echols Field, outside what was then the SMA Supply Room (now the SMA-VWIL Museum). Can anybody identify the officer with his arm raised? Enlargement of the photo reveals no chevrons, so it can be assumed he was Lieutenant or above. What is being sighted? Who is doing the sighting? Who is the cadet Sergeant assisting? When was this taken? Surely there is someone out there who can enlighten us.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to those SMA alumni who have provided pictures and digital images for "Looking Back".

TAPS

GERALD A JEUTTER, SMA '47

Gerald A. Jeutter, SMA '47, of Waynesboro, Virginia, died January 11, 2006 at his home.

"He bravely fought his illness of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) for the past six months, sharing his positive outlook on life with his friends and family each and every day," according to a family spokesperson.

After spending his younger years in Bradford, and on Lake Chautauqua, New York, Mr. Jeutter attended SMA for his high school years. His many accomplishments included a very successful diving career as well as being company commander.

He attended the University of Virginia (UVA) for two years before being drafted. Mr. Jeutter served as an officer in the Intelligence Division of the U.S, Army during the Korean War. Always athletically gifted, it was there that he honed his skills at skiing in the mountains of Germany and Austria where he was stationed.

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PASS IN REVIEW: LT. COL. GLENN J. HARRIS, SMA 30

A Tribute to My Dad

"We go through life walking along our own path and when we finally get to our destination we look back along the road and realize that there were a lot of people we met, lived with, or just passed by and we often wish that maybe we had stopped and talked for awhile. Sometimes we see these people again further along and sometimes they are gone. This was the case with my dad. He passed away when I was in my early 20's and I never got to know him as one man gets to know another he loves very much. I never got to tell him how proud I was to be his son, how proud I was of him and what he did with his life. So I made up a little web page to tell the world these things. It's not much, for after all I never got to ask the questions I would like to ask now, but it reflects my love for him and it is my shout to the world " See — this is my father!

So these are the facts. I don't really know how to describe the man. There are all kinds of adjectives that apply but for some reason I do not think I can word it so that someone could understand what he was about. I think the only way that might work is for me to tell you he was another John Wayne. He may have been 18 inches shorter but he was very much the same man. He had all the love in him one could want, all the honor and integrity one could ask for and he would drop whatever he was doing to go help his fellow man. So that is my father. That is our father, for my brother and I."

— Glenn J. Harris II, June 1 2005

Glenn Harris, born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, moved after various intermediate stops to Coral Gables Florida, where his father worked. His father was involved in the construction of Coral Gables Florida.

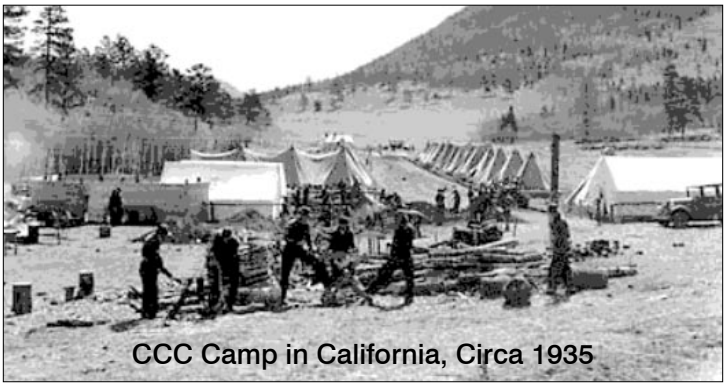
In 1926, Glenn joined the ranks of Staunton Military Academy, was promoted to Corporal in his sophomore year, Sergeant in his junior year and Lieutenant in his senior year.
His yearbook describes Glenn "Bunky" "Pops" Harris as Rat Private Company D, 1926-1927; Corporal Company D, 1927-1928; Sergeant Company D, 1928-1929; Lieutenant Company D, 1929-1930; Swimming Team 1926-1927; Fencing Tournament 1926-1927; wrestling Team 1927-1927; Motion Picture Committee 1927-1930; Annex Dirty Dozen 1928-1929; Chairman Motion Picture Committee 1929-1930; and Camp Mean Honor Student 1928-1929.

One afternoon we asked "Little Napoleon" to tell us of the hearts he had broken, and we never did get to bed that night. If we have given the impression that Harris is other than a conscientious and likeable fellow, it was unintended, for he has a deservedly excellent record, being second in command of Company D and a hard worker in the projection room. His photo collection has done much to assist in the propagation of the idea that all of the bathing girls of his native Florida are beautiful.

Glenn graduated and from Staunton Military Academy in June 1930 as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves and then from Alexander Hamilton Institute. For the next decade he held positions as a salesman for Remington Rand, Assistant Collection Manager for J.E. Strause, and as a salesman for Socony Vacuum Company.

Taking advantage of his commission in the reserves, he became a company officer and construction officer in the Civilian Conservation Corps in CCC Company 1242, CCC Camp SP-12 in Englewood, New Jersey, Company 239 Camp S-54 Butler, New Jersey and in California from 1935 to 1937.

Glenn then moved to New York and became an Industrial Engineer for George May Company in New York until 1939. He married Mary Catherine Van Buren on July 2 1938 and then went to work for Superior Metal Products Company in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Glenn was in Minneapolis when the World War II broke out. He felt it was important, with the training he had acquired, to serve and to help the war effort. He entered active duty with the U.S. Army in February 1942.



CCC Camp in California, Circa 1935

During the war Glenn Harris was stationed primarily in the Assam, India area of operations and at times was in the villages of Chabua, Panitola, and Makum in northeast India. He was responsible for the command and control of various types of munitions.

Glenn's first Bronze Star was awarded for actions on December 30, 1943 and a second incident on January 2, 1944 when he organized two rescue parties for airplane crashes in Burma. These actions resulted in the saving of 19 lives.

The second crash was on his way home after the war. He was told to get on the airplane, not knowing that he was "bumping" someone off. When he got on board the soldier he was "bumping" was told that Glenn had a higher priority and that he — the soldier — had to get off. The soldier stood up and saluted and started to leave, but Glenn told him to sit back down and go home, that there would be another airplane. This airplane crashed on takeoff.

As commanding officer of the 610th Ordinance Ammunition company in the China-Burma-India campaign in 1944 and 1945, he was responsible for invention, design and production of colored flares required by Merrill's Maurauders in the Burmese jungles. These flares were used for spotting enemy soldiers in-

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filtrating through American lines and his action had a direct impact on the conclusion of the Burma Campaign. For these actions he received his second Bronze Star.

Following the war, Glenn attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In Turkey, while my father was serving as a military advisor to the Turkish Army at the Military Aid Mission in Ankara, I was fortunate enough to go off to camp in Istanbul. Dad was on a secret assignment at the time and was unable to see me off on the train to Istanbul. However he would meet me at the train station at a small village on the coast near Istanbul. We had about ten minutes to talk..

I later found out that he and four or five Turkish Army ordinance people were working on a cargo ship that had been sabotaged while in port. The ship was carrying munitions and someone had gotten on board and put dynamite blasting caps throughout the cargo hold. They spent four or five days onboard picking up each cap, one at a time.

Glenn Harris was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1954 and from then until 1957 he served as advisor to the Surgeon General's Office at Fort Lee, Virginia, where he assisted in drafting and negotiating the Dependent Medical Care Act. Subsequently he spent three years with the Ordinance Department at the Penagon in Washington, D.C. before being tapped as a military advisor to the Taiwan Army at Taipei.

My last memory of my father's career was in the summer of 1960 when I went to see my parents in Taiwan during the summer. He had been stationed at the Military Mission in Taipei. One evening during supper he told us about his day. It seems when he got to the office his Commanding Officer wanted to see him.

He went to his office and found out that he was to report to Chiang Kai- Sheck's office at 11:00 a.m. and he advised his Commanding Officer that he had no idea what it could be about. When he arrived he was greeted by a Chinese general who he realized was the Chinese officer that he had worked with in the CBI theater in World War II in India!

Glenn Harris retired from the U.S. Army in 1962 and died on May 6, 1965.

Editor's Note: The Kablegram appreciates the vast array of material that was submitted with this tribute. It was not possible to publish all that was provided. Some editing on the content was necessary to accommodate space limits.

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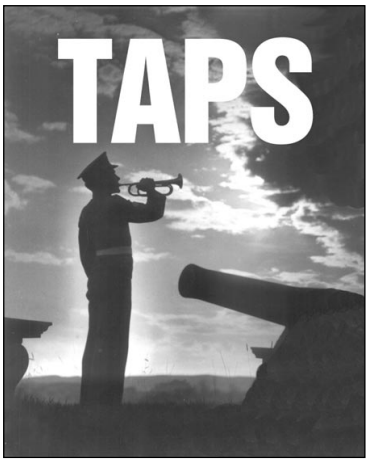
Upon honorable discharge, Mr. Jeutter returned to the Blue Ridge Mountains and to the University of Virginia (UVA), where he graduated in 1954 with a BS in Economics.



Mr. Jeutter was on the diving team at UVA and it was at the time that he met his love and life mate for their almost 53 years of marriage, Jacquelin Quesenbery Jeutter.

They lived in Greensboro, North Carolina until they settled in Richmond, Virginia in 1961 where Mr. Jeutter began a distinguished career with Sun Life Assurance of Canada that lasted for more than a quarter century.

He retired from Sun Life as Senior Vice President and General Manager of the United States operations in 1992. In 1994, he and Jacque started splitting their time between Waynesboro, Virginia. and Belleair, Florida.

"He gave freely of his time and talents to First Presbyterian Church, Kiwanis, Salvation Army and the Heritage Foundation," according to his family.

He is survived by his wife, Jacquelin; his children and their spouses, Christa Jeutter Davidson and Jeffrey Davidson, Barger Jeutter-Robertson and Scott Robertson, Gerald A. Jeutter Jr. "Jeb", and Michelle Jeutter; and six grandchildren.

CHARLES R. "CHARLIE" JENSEN, SMA '52

Captain Charles R. "Charlie" Jensen, SMA '52, of Coronado, California, died November 18, 2005. Born in 1934 in Richmond, Virginia, "he pursued his love for flying when he entered the U.S. Air Force", says his widow Julie Jensen.

Captain Jensen was based in Bermuda, Great Falls, Montana, California and Texas. He flew tankers and in 1964 joined American Airlines in 1964, flying DC-6, DC-7, DC-7, BAC-111 aircraft and Boeing airplanes including the 707, 727, 747, 757 and 767. He was often known to exclaim: "If it ain't Boeing, I ain't going!"

"Charlie had a passion for hunting, cowboy action and trap shooting, tennis, motorcycling, horseback riding and life", Mrs. Jensen says.

HIEROME L. OPIE, JR., SMA '32

Hierome L. Opie, Jr., SMA '32, died January 5, 2006 at his home in Staunton, Virginia. Born in 1916, he graduated from Staunton Military Academy in 1932, attended and graduated from the University of Virginia, and eventually served as vice president, general manager, president and publisher of *The (Staunton) News Leader.*

Survivors include his wife, Nellie Reynolds Opie; a son, Thomas Ranson Opie; and a daughter, Eleanor Seiferth.

ALAN E. VEDDER., SMA '48

Alan E. Vedder, SMA '48, of Chittenango, New York, died May 19, 2005. Mr. Vedder, a teacher and coach for six decades, captained the SMA football, basketball and baseball teams, earning all-state honors in basketball.

In 1953, he graduated from Colgate University, where he started three years as a cornerback, linebacker and center. He received his MBA from Cortland State. Mr. Vedder helped establish the Fayetteville Little League and coached football, baseball and track at Manilus Military Academy and lacrosse at Fayetteville-Manilus School, retiring in 1984.

Mr. Vedder coached football and lacrosse at Colgate University, coached football at Hamilton College and SUNY Morrisville.

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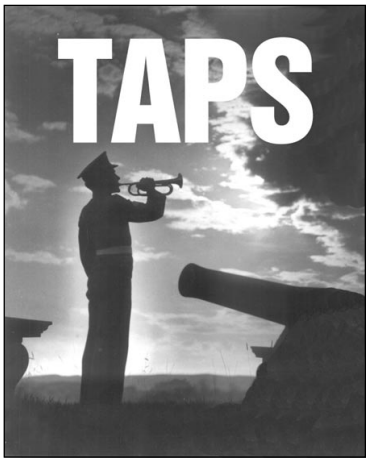
Charles R. Lee, SMA '47 is remembered by his friend

"...The most recent illustration of Lee's stature among the Centre College family and Danville community came last spring when hundreds of former students, colleagues and other friends gathered for a reception to honor him on his retirement after more than 30 years at the college.

John Ward, Dean of Centre, said that it was fitting that the reception was held on Valentines Day because "generations of students and faculty felt Charles Lee was the heart of Centre".



"He was one of Centre's most revered and beloved teachers, and that was demonstrated by the tremendous outpouring of love from those who attended the reception," said Ward.
"He was an admired , respected and much loved academic mentor to students and colleagues alike."

A long-time colleague and close friend of Lee, Dr. David Newhall, chairman of the college's history program, agreed with Ward's assessment.

"He was as close to being a brother to me as I ever had," Newhall said Saturday. "And he also was the most courageous person I've ever known or ever will know".

"He suffered physical disabilities throughout much of his life from wounds he received while on active Marine duty in the Korean War. But he overcame them with grace and dignity", Newhall added. "He exemplified the Marine motto to the last with his high sense of duty and honor".

A graduate of Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, Virginia in 1947, Lee was in the U.S. Marine Reserves from 1949 to 1952 and served on active duty from 1950 to 1952. He retired from the Marines as a First Lieutenant.

Said Newhall: "He will forever be known and admired for his great love for his family, his students, his school, and his country."

Editor's note: The article above originally appeared in The Advocate-Messenger, Danville, Kentucky on Sunday November 28, 1993. In submitting the information, Rolph Townsend, SMA '47 said of his friend:

"There is no doubt about it — this was an exceptional human being. I believe Chuck developed his strength and resolve at SMA — he seemed to be born for the military and he loved it. I think SMA gave him the discipline and the strength that pulled him through the terrible wounds he received in Korea and the very significant life changes those wounds brought to him."

"He quickly rose in rank at SMA — much more rapid than most of us. He was a diver on the school swim team and did quite well there as well. He was on the team with diver Gerald Jeutter, SMA '47. He always lived by his "3 D's — Dedication, Determination, and Discipline".

"Chuck wanted to have a career as a US Marine and he enlisted soon after graduation from SMA and was rapidly promoted. He fought in Korea and was severely wounded there. His back and spine were involved and he was told that he would never walk again."

"He spent many months at the Naval Hospital in Washington and there forced himself to learn to walk by swimming in the pool for hours in the night. He had no feeling from his waist down, but one would never know it by looking at him."

"He went on to the University of North Carolina and got his PhD in History. He published several books and taught History at Danville College for 23 years. He was one of the most loved faculty to ever teach there and hundreds of his former students returned to the campus to attend his funeral. Their remarks at the funeral repeatedly noted that he not only taught them history, but they were witness to a man with an amazing strength and determination in the face of never ending pain and discomfort. He was personally involved with his students and made a real difference in their growth and maturity."

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He was president and co-founder of the CNY Chapter of the National Football Foundation and was the first recipient of the Oustanding Contributor to Amateur Football NYS by the United States Football Association.

He served two tours of active duty in the U.S. Air Force. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Joyce Cox, who followed her husband in death in August 2005, five children and 10 grandchildren.

"Al Vedder was a wonderful and close friend of mine from the day he arrived at SMA," says Harold P. "Herk" Wolfe, SMA '49, "...from his arrival at SMA in 1947 to his death last year."

Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Vedder both played in the SMA band and thoroughly enjoyed the annual trips to the Apple Blossom Festival parades in Winchester, Virginia.

"At the time of his death we were planning his annual trip to the Big House in Ann Arbor [Michigan] and my trip to a Colgate game," Mr. Wolfe said.

"Al was a talented athlete," Mr. Wolfe recalls, adding that Mr. Vedder was in basketball under then Coach Harry Dey, with "Ike" [Kivligan] officiating.

"The 1949 basketball team was Colonel Dey's last year to coach," he says, "and Al and I were co-captains of that team, and if memory serves me right we won the state military championship and we both earned all-state honors."

Mr. Wolfe notes that the makup of the team was interesting: — Larry Spencer, George Bayhouth, Jack Phillips and Al Vedder, all from Fayetteville, New York, and Mr. Wolfe from Delphos, Ohio.

He said that only Larry Spencer, now a resident of Toledo, Ohio, and himself are still living.

"Patty and I and Larry and Mary Spencer miss the Vedders very much," Mr. Wolfe said.

THOMAS RAYMOND MORGAN, SMA '72

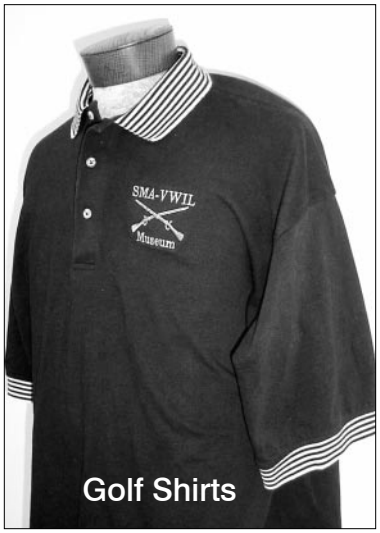
Thomas Raymond Morgan, SMA '72, died October 25, 2005. No further information was available.

ERASTO V. FEBLES, SMA '61

Erasto V. Febles, SMA '61, of Brooklyn, New York, a mail carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, has been reported to have died, according to his classmate G. Richard Staunch, SMA '61.

Baseball Caps

The Cadet Store, located in the SMA•VWIL Museum in the former SMA Supply Room is stocked with a variety of memorabilia. Some of the items available are pictured here. To order items, use the convenient form on this page. The form should be mailed, with your check enclosed, to the address shown below. You can also contact the store by e-mail as shown below, or call (703) 885-1309 for information, leave a message, and your call will be returned.



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