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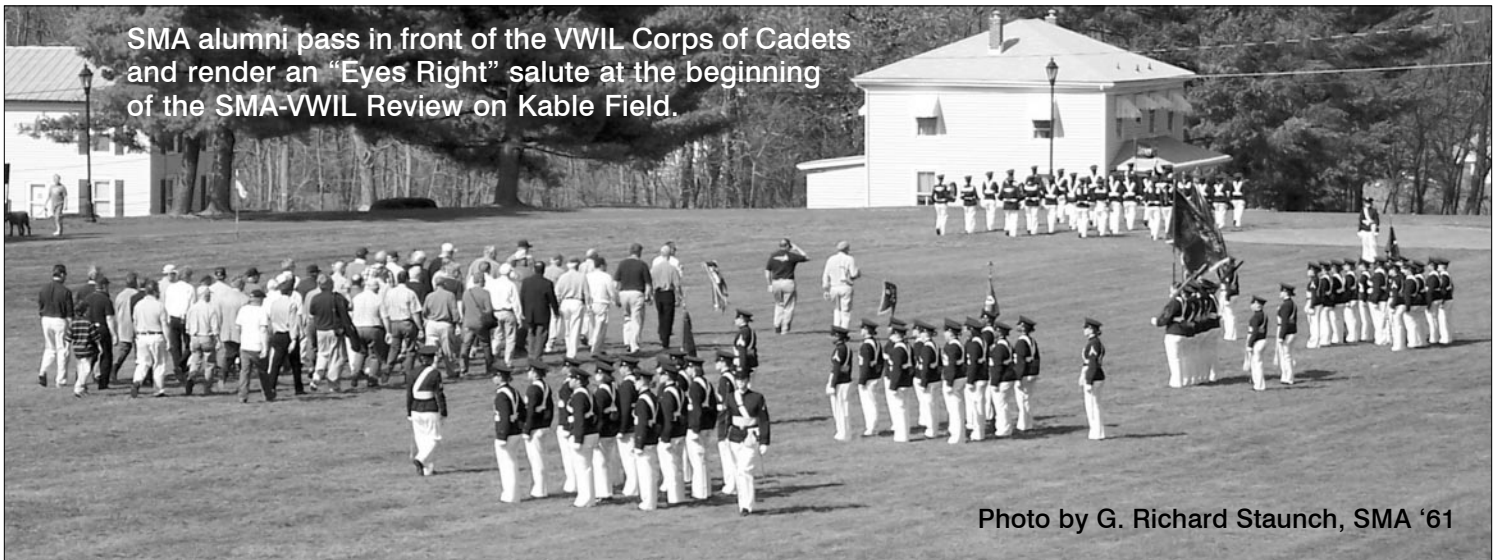
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92 ALUMNI RETURN TO THE HILL FOR '06 REUNION

Special reunion issue of the Kablegram scheduled for September 2006



SMA alumni pass in front of the VWIL Corps of Cadets and render an "Eyes Right" salute at the beginning of the SMA-VWIL Review on Kable Field.

Photo by G. Richard Staunch, SMA '61



Class of 1956 celebrates 50th anniversary

Eight members of the SMA Class of 1956 returned to the hill to celebrate their 50th anniversary during the 2006 reunion in Stanton. Pictured at the 2006 Reunion Banquet (left to right) are David R. Carr, Fabrizio Labrozzi, VWIL Cadet Laura Dean, Lee W. Lawrence, James R. Cunningham, Dr. John O. Kork, Allen P. Fisher, and Dr. Hector J. Cases. Not pictured, but in attendance and also a member of the 1956 class, was William H. Taylor. Mr. Fisher had for several months served as reunion attendance coordinator for the Class of 1956 and was successful in locating many class members whose whereabouts were unknown. One of the many highlights of the weekend was the presentation of a \$2,500 scholarship, funded by Alvan Arnall, SMA '56, to Cadet Dean, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the class. The presentation was made at the SMA-VWIL Review Friday afternoon.

— Photo by VWIL Cadet SGT Elena McDonald

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SMA-VWIL Museum to be expanded

The SMA-VWIL Museum expansion has been approved and will now move forward under the guidance of the Museum Committee. See the story on page 3.

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILL

WE'VE MADE PROGRESS!

Considerable progress had already been achieved when, two years ago, I stepped into the presidency. My predecessors have done an exceptional job and I found myself with large shoes to fill. Attempting to do so has been both a challenge and a rewarding experience.

We have maintained a level of 3,200 members despite the loss of some of our friends and classmates. Dues income has increased slightly over the past two years, yet less than one third of our registered alumni members actually pay their dues.

Many of our recent reunions have been memorable. The events in 2005 and 2006 set a new benchmark, with 88 alumni attending in 2005 and 92 in 2006. Future reunions promise to be even better, with more involvement by our alumni and generous support from VWIL.

As this issue of *The Kablegram* goes to press, our SMA-VWIL Museum Committee is meeting to decide the best way to make use of the additional space that has been granted us by Mary Baldwin College. This is an important step in perpetuating the legacy of SMA.

In April 2004, Bill Kearns handed Dr. Brenda Bryant and Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell a check for \$20,000 and pledged that the SMA Alumni Association would provide \$50,000 a year for discretionary use as long as we could. That pledge was fulfilled by April 2005, and fulfilled again by April 2006, each year through the SMA-VWIL Initiative.

Through the Initiative, your association has opened many opportunities for the Corps of Cadets, including new flags, trips to seminars, leadership retreats, travel to New York for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and to Williamsburg for the Inaugural Parade, and an intercom system between dormitories and the VWIL office. This is but a small sampling of benefits the SMA-VWIL Initiative has provided.

VWIL cadets have enjoyed the benefits of a series of annual scholarships funded by Hunter W. Henry, Jr., SMA '46 and the SMA Alumni Association. Other tuition assistance grants have been provided when the circumstances warranted and our help was requested.

Recently, we completed a program that resulted in placing furniture and computers in seven areas of VWIL that were set aside for cadet offices and conference rooms, accomplished through private donations.

Without the enthusiastic support of the SMA Alumni Association Board of Directors, always there when I needed help and guidance, none of our accomplishments would have seen the light of day. You — our alumni — should be very proud of those you elected to guide our organization.

There is no time to rest on our laurels. There is more to be done. The museum expansion is high on the list of projects, as is the Scholarship Fund, the SMA-VWIL Initiative, and locating more and more alumni and bringing them on board.

I hope you will respond to the annual dues and contribution mailing that you should by now have received. Your dues and donations keep the SMA Alumni Association and the SMA Foundation afloat and give us the means with which we can continue to grow and see progress.

As you know, those of us who serve on the Board of Directors are only the caretakers of your association. Thank you! for your support. Thank you for your periodic messages of encouragement, your feedback and suggestions, and your involvement!

We could not do it without your help!

— C. David Litzenburg, SMA '58

IN THE WORKS

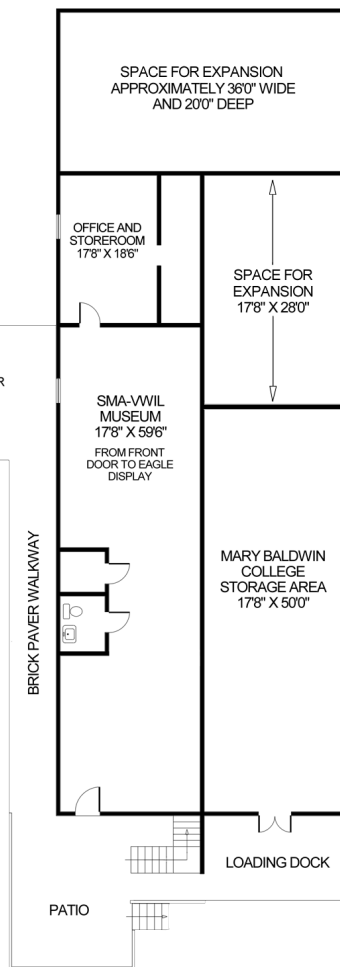
SMA-VWIL Museum to undergo expansion

Shortly after the 2006 reunion, Mary Baldwin College (MBC) approved the proposed expansion of the SMA-VWIL Museum, located in what was once the SMA Supply Room.

Under the leadership of Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell, VWIL Commandant, in conjunction with the SMA Alumni Association Board of Directors, the proposal went through a review process within MBC and resulted in an expansion plan that will add approximately 1,200 square feet to the facility that now has 1,385 square feet. A small area will remain available for storage by Mary Baldwin College.



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The project has been turned over to the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee. The group met on July 31 to begin formulation of a design recommendation, cost analysis, and establishment of a timeline for the expansion.

In addition to expansion of the museum, a subcommittee is examining the costs associated with the repair and restoration of the eagle display outside the museum, and repairs to the World War I monument on Flag Pole Hill.

All recommendations for the three projects will be reviewed by the Board of Directors before funding and action is approved.

Harry W. Bruckno, SMA '62, vice president of the SMA Alumni Association and a member of the SMA-VWIL Committee, said that "feedback from our alumni is important to this effort, including suggestions of what our members would like to see in the museum."

Comments and suggestions can be sent to the committee by e-mail to kablegram@sma-alumni-org, to the SMA Alumni Office (smaalumni@msn.com), or by letter to P.O. Box 958, Woodrum Station, Staunton, Virginia 24402.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Dues are due...

...for the next fiscal year, September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007. The annual dues and contributions request was mailed prior to publication of this issue of *The Kablegram* and should by now have been received by all SMA alumni.

Dues and contributions are what keep the SMA Alumni Association in operation, paying bills associated with maintaining an alumni office, publishing *The Kablegram*, and providing the services that SMA alumni require to remain active.

In recent years, less than 25 percent of our registered 3,100 association members have paid annual dues of \$50.00, while all members have benefitted from the services provided. Our organization needs the financial support provided through the dues in order to continue to maintain services and perpetuate the legacy of Staunton Military Academy.

Also in need of support is the *Scholarship Fund*, which each year provides a \$1,000 SMA Alumni Association Leadership Award to a cadet designated by the VWIL administration. The goal for 2006-2007 is to increase this fund to \$50,000 so that future awards can be increased to \$2,500 annually.

The *SMA-VWIL Initiative* is still an active fund which provides money to VWIL for discretionary spending, including the expenses associated with the annual trip to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York, various leadership seminars for selected cadets, and other Corps of Cadets activities that might not otherwise be funded.

The SMA Foundation also maintains a *VWIL Band Fund* and a *VWIL Howie Rifles Fund* to which contributions have been targeted by SMA alumni interested in those two areas. Those funds are provided to VWIL as needs are identified and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors.

Rooms are available...

...for the next reunion in Staunton on Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14, 2007. The SMA Alumni Association has set aside a block of 80 rooms at the renovated Stonewall Jackson Hotel, where the 2006 reunion was headquartered. If you plan to attend the 2007 reunion (honor years are 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, and 1972), you may wish to make your room reservations now at (540) 885-4848. The hotel website is www.stonewalljacksonhotel.com.

An e-mail address change...

...has been noted by our database administrator. If you have a change to your personal information — street address, home or business telephone, or e-mail address — you should send that change by e-mail to SMADaphne@verizon.net. You will receive a confirmation return e-mail.

Keeping our database current is critical to insuring that you receive *The Kablegram* and other communications. Please take a look at your current information and see if it needs to be updated and ask your classmates to do the same. Your cooperation is appreciated.

In the next issue...

...the regular features such as "Then and Now", "Pass In Review" and "Looking Back" will resume. The current issue of *The Kablegram* is an abbreviated one. In September, a larger issue will be published including these features, plus a special pullout section abundant with pictures from the 2006 reunion.

FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2006

SMA FOUNDATION, INC.

| ASSETS | |
|---|---------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | |
| First Bank — Checking Account | \$ 29,344.65 |
| First Bank — Memorial Funds | 1,257.28 |
| First Bank — Scholarship Fund | 29,945.95 |
| First Bank — "Walk of Honor" Brick Fund | 5,820.92 |
| First Bank — SMA/VWIL Initiative | 660.32 |
| Brokerage Cash | 1,062.48 |
| First Bank — Endowment Fund | 11,690.08 |
| First Bank — SMA/VWIL Museum | 7,187.96 |
| Accounts Receivable (Student) | 500.00 |
| Inventory — SMA/VWIL Museum | 719.00 |
| Investment (GE shares — SMA/VWIL Museum) | 20,535.96 |
| Unrealized Gain/Loss (GE shares) | (8,133.87) |
| Total Current Assets | \$100,590.73 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT | |
| Accumulated Depreciation (Furniture/Equipment) .. | (6,224.75) |
| Office Furniture — SMA/VWIL Museum | 7,906.86 |
| Accumulated Depreciation — Office Furniture | (5,920.13) |
| Museum Property | 155,810.66 |
| Accumulated Depreciation — Museum | (32,528.69) |
| Museum Displays | 54,116.91 |
| Accumulated Depreciation — Museum Displays .. | (37,342.39) |
| Equipment | 11,929.98 |
| Accumulated Depreciation — Equipment | (6,224.75) |
| Total Property and Equipment | \$141,523.70 |
| OTHER ASSETS | |
| Investment (P&G Unrestricted) | 178.55 |
| Total Other Assets | \$178.55 |
| Total Assets | \$242,292.98 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|---|---------------------|
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | |
| Due to SMA Alumni Association | \$ 8,357.61 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$ 8,357.61 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | |
| Total Long-Term Liabilities | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$ 8,357.61 |
| CAPITAL | |
| Unrestricted Fund Balance | \$166,070.70 |
| Temporary Restricted — VWIL Fund | 8,085.87 |
| Temporary Restricted — Scholarship Fund | 27,156.51 |
| Temporary Restricted — Museum | 21,809.55 |
| Temporary Restricted — Memorials | 1,233.35 |
| Net Income | 9,579.39 |
| Total Capital | \$233,935.37 |
| Total Liabilities and Capital | \$242,292.98 |

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The financial reports on this page represent unadjusted financial statements as of March 31, 2006. The fiscal year for the SMA Foundation and the SMA Alumni Association are from September 1 of one year to August 31 of the following year. An updated financial statement for the period September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006 will be published in the December 2006 issue of The Kablegram and will be posted on the website as soon as possible after the report is completed.

STAUNTON MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

| ASSETS | |
|---|---------------------|
| CURRENT ASSETS | |
| Petty Cash | \$ 100.00 |
| Cash in Bank — First Bank | 19,806.47 |
| Due from SMA Foundation, Inc. | 8,357.61 |
| Accounts Receivable | 3,140.46 |
| Inventory — SMA Marketing | 5,425.28 |
| Total Current Assets | \$ 36,829.82 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT | |
| Office Equipment | \$ 2,070.00 |
| Accumulated Depreciation — Office Equipment | (2,070.00) |
| Office Furniture | 7,369.00 |
| Accumulated Depreciation — Office Furniture | (7,369.00) |
| Assets not in Service | 3,371.00 |
| Total Property and Equipment | \$ 3,371.00 |
| OTHER ASSETS | |
| Total Other Assets | \$ 00.00 |
| Total Assets | \$ 40,200.82 |

| LIABILITIES | |
|--|---------------------|
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | |
| FICA Payable | \$ 71.53 |
| Federal Tax Withheld Payable | 25.00 |
| Sales Tax Withheld Payable. | 26.00 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$ 122.53 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | |
| Total Long-Term Liabilities | \$ 00.00 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 122.53 |
| CAPITAL | |
| Equity — Capital | \$ 33,024.43 |
| Net Income | \$ 7,053.86 |
| Total Capital | \$ 40,078.29 |
| Total Liabilities and Capital | \$ 40,200.82 |

NEWS BRIEFS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cyril "Butch" Aaron to coordinate Class of 1957 50th anniversary for 2007 reunion

SMA Alumni Association Past President Cyril B. "Butch" Aaron has volunteered to coordinate the participation of the SMA Class of 1957 at the 2007 reunion in Staunton on April 13-14.

"It has been 50 years since we graduated from Staunton Military Academy," Mr. Aaron said, noting that "if you have not been back in Staunton in 50 years, you will be in for a treat."

"In the past, reunion weekends in Staunton have been great fun for everyone," Mr. Aaron said, adding that "the alumni association makes it a time well spent."

Mr. Aaron can be contacted at (614) 861-0232 or by e-mail at cbaaron@yahoo.com.

George F. Dunigan receives award

George F. Dunigan, SMA '64 was honored in June with the Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA) 2006 Meritorious Service Award. According to Jon F. Wills, OOA Executive Director, "the award is the highest honor that can be given by the association to a lay individual in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in scientific, philanthropic, or other fields of public service."

Picnic planned for Corps of Cadets

Members of the SMA Alumni Association Board of Directors and their spouses will host a picnic August 24 in Staunton to welcome back the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) Corps of Cadets.

Some members of the corps return August 14, the freshman (nULL) class returns August 16, and others on August 20. The entire corps must be on campus by Noon on August 24.

This will be the first time that the SMA Alumni Association has held a picnic for the Corps of Cadets.

"This event will provide an opportunity for VWIL cadets to get to know some of the members of our Board of Directors," a spokesperson for the SMA Alumni Association said, adding that "it will also offer the cadets a chance to relax before the busy cadre weekend and subsequent classes begin."

The costs associated with the picnic are being defrayed by the individual association members hosting the event.

SMAAA women's group to communicate with VWIL Class of 2010 nULLs

The SMA Alumni Association women's group, comprised of spouses and friends of SMA alumni, was founded at the 2005 reunion in Staunton. Throughout 2005 and into 2006, the group sent cards and letters to VWIL alumni in the United States military and stationed overseas.

The group met with Dr. Brenda Bryant, VWIL Director, during the 2006 reunion in Staunton. That annual meeting resulted in plans to contact the incoming Class of 2010 members and offer to send periodic cards and letters to these cadets, who are experiencing their first year in a military environment and facing a strenuous academic and physical regimen.

Each nULL will receive a card in August. That card will give the individual the opportunity to accept or decline the offer to receive subsequent communication from the women's group.

Hooser and Tobin step down; Lawrence and Bissett elected to the Board of Directors

John W. Hooser, SMA '73 and Donald W. Tobin, SMA '70 both resigned from the SMA Alumni Association Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting April 7, 2006. Both alumni had served the association in a variety of capacities for three or more years, and will remain available as advisors.

Lee W. Lawrence, SMA '56 and William K. Bissett, SMA '74 were elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms.

Reelected for three-year terms were William J. Kearns, SMA '74, Dominic "Jack" Dalbo, SMA '68, Eugene K. Ehmann, SMA '74, Thomas E. B. Phillips, SMA '74, Stuart P. Smith, SMA '48, and C. David Litzenburg, SMA '58.

Mr. Litzenburg was reelected President. Harry W. Bruckno, SMA '62 was elected Vice President, Mr. Phillips was elected to the post of Secretary and Thomas A. Davis, SMA '62 was reelected Treasurer.

A complete list of committee assignments can be found on page two of this issue of *The Kablegram*.

SMA class ring replicas are now available

The SMA-VWIL Museum has announced the availability of SMA class ring replicas. The rings can be ordered through Jostens, a commercial firm that produces rings. Pictured below are illustrations of both sides of the SMA ring.



10K Yellow
or White Gold

\$337.00*

14K Yellow
or White Gold

\$437.00*

*plus 5% sales tax



These rings cannot be ordered through the SMA-VWIL Museum. For your convenience, an order form is being placed on the SMA Alumni Association website (www.sma-alumni.org) or through the SMA Alumni Office at (540) 885-1309.

Special issue planned for September 2006

Circumstances beyond our control prevented the assembly and publication of an issue of *The Kablegram* in May following the April 7-8 reunion in Staunton.

The September issue will focus on the 2006 reunion, with many pictures and a list of attendees. Other features in the issue will include dual profiles under "Then and Now", more letters and e-mails from alumni, "Looking Back" photo followup from the February issue (in which we asked for individual identification help), and the TAPS "Pass In Review" feature.

The Kablegram also needs more old photos (preferably in digital form with resolution as high as possible) for the popular "Looking Back" feature.

Articles and digital photos should be submitted by e-mail to kablegram@sma-alumni-org or mailed to the Alumni Secretary at SMA Alumni Association, P. O. Box 958, Woodrum Station, Staunton, Virginia 24402-0958.



Whitney Jorgensen chosen for 2006 leadership award

Cadet Corporal **Whitney Jorgensen**, an International Relations/Political Science major from Hampton, Virginia, was in March 2006 presented the 2006 SMA Alumni Association Leadership Award.

Ms. Jorgensen was a member of the VWIL Band throughout her freshman and

sophomore years, and in the forthcoming 2006-2007 academic year will be Sergeant Major of the Corps of Cadets.

She has been active in cross country, soccer, the College Republicans, and has succeeded in being one of the top five peer rated cadets in her class.

Ms. Jorgensen was presented a \$1,000 check and award certificate during the March 2006 Awards Parade.

Alvan S. Arnall, SMA '56 honors his alma mater

Special scholarship awarded to honor 50th anniversary of class

Cadet Laura Dean, a VWIL freshman, was the recipient April 7 of a one-time \$2,500 scholarship awarded by Alvan S. Arnall, SMA '56, "in honor of the 50th graduation anniversary of the Staunton Military Academy Class of 1956".

The choice of Ms. Dean was made by VWIL administrators.

Mr. Arnall, a former member of the SMA Alumni Association Board of Directors, was unable to attend the reunion, but requested that the scholarship be presented at the April 7 SMA-VWIL Review held on Kable Field.

The presentation was made by Lee W. Lawrence, First Captain of the 1956 SMA Corps of Cadets, surrounded by those members of the class who were able to return for the event.

In his letter to the SMA Alumni Association, Mr. Arnall said: "It is my hope that this award will lead to similar [scholarships] in future years."



Hunter W. Henry, Jr. 2006 scholarships awarded

Cadet Corporal **Ashley Jackson**, a Biology major from Hampton, Virginia, was in presented the 2004 Henry SMA Legacy Scholarship during ceremonies at the March awards parade. The scholarship was not awarded in 2004 and was instead given this year.

Ms. Jackson was a member of the VWIL Color Guard during the 2005-2006 academic year and will continue in 2006-2007 as a Color Sergeant in that unit.

She holds membership in the Ida B. Wells Society and the Cadet Conduct Council, and also served on VWIL's Emergency Response Squad.

Cadet Corporal **Jennifer Wilde**, from Dumfries, Virginia, a junior majoring in Communications, was chosen to receive the 2006 Henry Scholarship Honoring Staunton Military Academy.

Ms. Wilde, a member of the VWIL Band, will be Executive Officer of the Corps of Cadets for the 2006-2007 year.

Ms. Wilde holds membership in the Army Aviation Association and the VWIL S.T.A.R.S. organization.

The Henry scholarships were established in 2001 by Hunter W. Henry, Jr. of San Marcos, Texas, a 1947 graduate of Staunton Military Academy.



Five members of the VWIL Class of 2006 were commissioned in the U.S. Armed Forces on May 15. Pictured in the photo at right (left to right) are 2nd Lieutenant Andrea Jackson (USAF); 2nd Lieutenant Therese Landin (USAF); 2nd Lieutenant Laura Rodgers (USA); 2nd Lieutenant Hope Albrecht (USAF); and 2nd Lieutenant Patricia Nadeau (USAF). 2nd Lieutenant Nadeau was the 2005 recipient of the SMA Alumni Association Leadership Award and was awarded the 2003 Henry SMA Legacy Scholarship.

COMMENTARY

Targeted effort by SMA alumni began in May 2005

Computer and furniture acquisition program concluded

Slightly more than a year ago at the end of the 2004-2005 academic year at the Virginia Women's Institute for Women (VWIL), the SMA Alumni Association (SMAAA) became aware of specific furniture and computer needs associated with the new program that placed upperclass cadets in both Kable Hall and Tullidge Hall. The goal was to house the Corps of Cadets sophomore, junior and senior class cadets in two dormitories and thereby enhance the organization of the corps.

Several members of the SMA Alumni Association made a commitment seek appropriate furniture and computer equipment, upgrading the technology to Mary Baldwin College specifications, and then donating the items to VWIL.

This effort became more of a challenge than originally anticipated. The initial goal was to have everything in place by the beginning of the 2005-2006 academic year — a goal that proved impossible to meet.

The effort continued throughout the past year and culminated in June and July of this year with the delivery to VWIL of a variety of furniture and computer technology. When the Corps of Cadets returns August 24, there will be fully furnished cadet offices and separate cadet conference rooms in Kable Hall for both the senior class and junior class. The same will be available in Tullidge Hall for the sophomore class.

Another focus of the program was to assist VWIL in the creation of a professional Operations Center at the headquarters on North Market Street. This was accomplished in late July, and a separate ROTC office was established on the second floor where the Operations Center once was. A computer donated by **Ryan Zook**, an agent with Long and Foster Real Estate in Reston, Virginia was placed in that office for use by cadets and ROTC advisors.

Of the people and organizations involved in this effort, many have no association with Mary Baldwin College or VWIL, but have responded to contacts by the SMA Alumni Association team that managed the program.

In the VWIL Operations Center, an HP Media Center computer, powerful enough to edit videotape and create professional presentations and DVDs, was provided by **Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rutland** of Oak Hill, Virginia. The Rutlands had previously provided several printers and computer peripherals.

G. Richard Staunch, SMA '61, contributed a 21-inch computer monitor to the Operations Center, and the *SMA-VWIL Initiative* was used to purchase 10 conference room chairs compatible with the 48-inch by 96-inch conference table that was purchased with funding from an anonymous SMA alumnus. Mr. Zook, whose computer went to the ROTC office, also donated a four-speaker sound system to be used in the Operations Center as well as other technology peripherals for use in areas where they were needed.

Recognizing that not everything needed could be located through donations, **William J. Kearns, SMA '74**, chairman of the *SMA-VWIL Initiative* Committee, arranged for a \$5,000 cash donation to VWIL to be used specifically to purchase furniture not found among the donated items.

During the initial stages of the program, **Michael Guthrie**, then the managing broker of the Long and Foster Real Estate office in Reston, Virginia, provided a laptop computer (used in 2005-2006 by the cadet S-2 staff). He then began a campaign within the Reston office to bring other agents into the program with donations of furniture and technology.

Mr. Guthrie departed Long and Foster Real Estate and became Vice President of Roy Wheeler Real Estate in Charlottesville, Virginia. More recently he arranged for the donation of four computers by Virginia National Bank. One of these computers was used for spare parts to bring other CPU's up to Mary Baldwin College standards. A second computer was upgraded and placed within VWIL. The two remaining units are being upgraded and help in reserve, with one scheduled to eventually be installed in the VWIL Supply Room to replace the much older unit now there.

Mrs. Boofie O'Gorman, an agent with Long and Foster Real Estate in Reston, donated an HP Pavilion computer and related peripherals, along with various cabinets, tables and office chairs. The computer has been assigned to use within VWIL and the furniture is in use in the cadet offices. Mrs. O'Gorman also introduced a member of the SMAAA team to several of her clients who have committed to contributing additional pieces of furniture for use at VWIL.

Mrs. Shiela Gant of Herndon, Virginia donated several items of furniture that have been placed in cadet offices.

In July of this year, Mary Baldwin College's Coordinator of User Services, **Rich vanBreemen**, notified VWIL that six computers — all configured for use on the college network — would be provided, with two units to be installed in each of the three cadet offices and maintained by Mary Baldwin College.

Several other people made significant contributions to this yearlong effort. **Michael Lassiter**, a computer technician in Herndon, Virginia, donated many hours of his time to repair and upgrade much of the technology, and tutored me to do the same. **Thomas Baxter**, also of Herndon, used his trailer to transport furniture to VWIL, and **Harry W. Bruckno, SMA '62**, traveled to Northern Virginia, picked up a truck load of furniture and delivered it to VWIL.

All equipment and furniture contributions were documented and acknowledged, enabling the donors will be eligible for the appropriate tax deductions.

Chief Petty Officer Rick D. Schemehorn, Assistant Commandant at VWIL, served as VWIL's on-site coordinator of the program, insuring that offices and conference rooms were adequately furnished, utilizing contributed funds to purchase items that could not be acquired through donation, and serving as liaison with the SMA Alumni Association team.

"Thank You!" seems inadequate in expressing our appreciation to everyone who participated. The generosity of those who responded to the SMAAA requests was outstanding. There is now great satisfaction in having achieved a goal that at times appeared unattainable.

— C. David Litzenburg, SMA '58

LETTERS AND E-MAILS

June 1, 2006 by letter:

"Dear Arlene and Brocky,

As everyone has already said, I'm sure this last was the best reunion ever! It certainly was for me because of a gift Jay Nedry gave me. He and the others pictured assembled at my mother's grave to sing the 'Blue and Gold' for her, which was one of her last requests.

There was a driving rain on that bleak afternoon (Saturday), but that did not deter Jay and his friends! In the photo with Kable holding the umbrella, Jay is



paying his respects to my mother.

He said they became friends and that she would produce humorous name badges for him, like 'Duck D'. It's a wonder he wasn't dismissed and that she wasn't fired from her badge engraving.

Anyway, I would like the other alumni to be apprised of the kind, thoughtful and loving thing Jay and his friends did. They sang one stanza because that's probably all they could remember — it was enough to accomplish what Jay said he had promised to do the year before.

I was so touched!

His attitude and enthusiasm certainly help to encourage the spirit in so many other men to continue to come, to enjoy the memories and each other.

I am so terribly thankful to be a part of such a worthwhile gathering and grateful for my association with all.

Most sincerely,"

— Page "Lolo" Kable Bonfoey

June 5, 2006 by e-mail:

"Dear SMA Alumni Association,

I have not been very active, nor have I responded to the newsletters you have sent, other than to update my address, probably because I only attended SMA for one year ('73-'74). I'm not even sure how you should list my class.

I graduated High School in '77, from Seoul American High School, in Seoul, Korea, but my class year is listed as '74 on my address label. Of course '76 was the last class to graduate, so I would not have been able to graduate from SMA even if I did stay beyond '74.

I am writing today because of a photo I saw on page 13 in the March Kablegram. The photo in the upper right hand corner of the page includes my platoon commander from my one year, Julian Lake, and my company XO, Gene Ehmann. If possible, I would like to be put in touch with both, just to say hello.

I have very fond memories of my short time at SMA, and the Kablegram has revived them. I was always upset that my family could not afford to send me back to SMA, and I missed my friends from Rat Year. I guess now is the time to start getting back in touch.

In case anyone is interested, after finishing high school, I attended Old Dominion University, where I was in ROTC with Jose Pesquera '76. I then went into the USMC for six years, then spent 15 years in the U.S. Army Reserves as a Special Forces officer, while pursuing a civilian career, firstly in Federal Law Enforcement, and later in security consulting and management.

I now live in Singapore, but will be moving to Beijing in August.

Keep up the good work of keeping the spirit of SMA alive. I'll send in membership dues by snail mail. Please let me know how I can contact Gene and Julian, or forward my e-mail to them. Thanks!

With best regards,"

— Wayne P. Wilcox
wilcox-uk@attglobal.net

Editor's note: The information Mr. Wilcox requested was forwarded to him with a suggestion that he send us pictures and an article from Beijing when he gets settled there. Mr. Wilcox would appreciate hearing from some of his former SMA classmates.

June 18, 2006 by e-mail:

"Dear SMA Alumni Association,

I would like to know if you any information about Newton Locke, who attended Staunton Military Academy in the late 1930s. After Staunton, Newton served in the army during WWII.

After earning a law degree from Northeastern University, Newton was a attorney near New Haven, Connecticut. Newton died in 1985.

If any friends from Newton's class year are in your database, I would be interested in having them contact me.

Do your records show what school he attended prior to attending Staunton?

The private school was located on the Hudson River outside of New York City, but I do not have its name.

Thank you for your assistance."

— William T. Martin
Cornell University/ORIE
martin@orie.cornell.edu

HELP WANTED

Charles Beaty of Charleston, South Carolina is trying to locate Mauldin Joseph Boggs, III, who he presumes was a graduate of Staunton Military Academy in the 1960's.

The alumnus Mr. Beaty is searching for is not listed in our database. If any SMA alumnus can assist in this search, please e-mail cbeaty@bellsouth.net.

Norman Rodham of Albany, New York, wishes to get in contact with Thomas Denny, SMA '67. The SMA Alumni Association lists only one cadet by the name of Denny, and he appears not to be the one Mr. Rodham is searching for.

If any alumni has information that would help Mr. Rodham, he can be contacted at rodhamnc@hotmail.com.

The Kablegram is an excellent conduit for communication between SMA alumni. If you have a comment or want to get in touch with a former classmate, just e-mail The Kablegram and we will publish your comments as space permits.

kablegram@sma-alumni.org

LETTERS AND E-MAILS

March 29, 2006 by letter:

"Greetings, Dave!

Please accept my compliments on the outstanding work you have been doing, both as President of our Association and Editor of our newspaper (it is much more than a newsletter!). Extremely well done!

An explanation of the photo that appeared on page 15 of the March 2006 issue of *The Kablegram* is enclosed. I hope that you and other interested alumni enjoy it. Please acknowledge receipt, ask questions or make comments by e-mail, if that medium is more convenient for you than 'snail mail.' My son Michael has created a mailbox for me on his system. The address is gebird@gmail.com.

Incidentally, may I obtain a copy of a *Shrapnel* yearbook, to either purchase or borrow? I'm particularly interested in the years 1958, 1959 and 1960. I'd like to see how some of my buddies, proteges, and instructors fared.

I'm also interested in the transition of the Corps of Cadets from Regiment to Battle Group, including the upgrade of the First Captain to three-diamond full Colonel and the Battalion Commanders to Lieutenant Colonel. Were the enlisted ranks also aligned with those of the U.S. Army at that time, to include a three-stripe 'Buck' Sergeant and one-rocker Staff Sergeant, as well as putting a star or star and wreath in the center of the Sergeant Major's insignia?

Finally, I'd like to know what led to the closing of SMA.

Perhaps some of our alumni who actually experienced those changes could contribute historical perspectives for *The Kablegram*.

Keep up the good work. We 'Old Boys' really appreciate it.

Sincerely,"

— Gerald E. Bernfeld, SMA '57
1503 Cliff Road
Wynnewood, Pennsylvania 19106
E-mail: gebird@gmail.com

Editor's note: Your compliment is appreciated. The work of the SMA Alumni Association is not of just one individual, but of many who share the desire to see our legacy perpetuated. Your explanation of the picture in the March issue will be published in the September 2006 issue. Thank you for your feedback!

April 19, 2006 by letter:

"Dear Board of Directors, Museum Staff and All Who Make SMA Possible:

Thank you all for the enjoyable 2006 reunion. Deborah and I appreciate the many things done on behalf of we alumni.

In particular, Brocky and Arlene — thanks for making it possible to order a class ring replacement from Jostens.

Following the reunion, we visited my sister-in-law. She is preparing to move and in the process came upon my 1952 yearbook. As you know, the copy I received through your efforts as a replacement is available for any 1952 alumnus who lost their yearbook — at no cost. If you know of anyone who would like to have it, I'd be glad to mail it to them.

On the subject of locating 'old boys' I enclose a copy of 'Mail Call' from the Marine Magazine 'Leatherneck' as a suggested method of finding folks via *The Kablegram*.

Would it be OK to place a photo of my brother and I next to the sabre on display? If not appropriate — no problem.

Finally, *The Kablegram* produced by Dave Litzenburg is an outstanding newsletter!

I also really appreciated sitting in on the Board of Directors meeting. I gained a renewed respect for the tremendous work they do.

Thank you all for everything."

— Frank Lee, SMA '52

Editor's note: Thank you for your kind words about the Kablegram and the work of the Board of Directors, and your suggestion on how to reach more alumni. Your question regarding the photo is a decision that the curator of the SMA-VWIL Museum must make, and your letter is being forwarded to him.

March 20, 2006 by e-mail:

"Picture of the Mess Hall on page 14 [of the March issue of *The Kablegram*]— Do not think this picture is 'Circa 1959'. Not the curved curbing separating the blacktop from a section of grass. It was not there between 1952 (when I first arrived at SMA) and 1959 (when I graduated). I'd guess the picture was taken sometime later."

— Richard Hershshorin, SMA '59

Editor's note: You are correct! The photo was taken in 1999, not 1959. Your e-mail also identified another photograph in the March issue. That part of your e-mail will be published in the September issue.



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RAFI SHARIF, SMA '58

Rafi Sharif, known at SMA as Yale Jean Singer, died in March 2006 at age 65. Mr. Sharif served with the U.S. Marine Corps and was a former executive with the Boy Scouts of America.

The news of Mr. Sharif's death came from F. Meade Arble, SMA '58 and James D. Lowe, SMA '58. Both alumni were classmates and fellow band members of Mr. Sharif.

The December 2005 issue of *The Kablegram* featured a story on page 14 ("In death, the gift of life") detailing how Mr. Sharif had gone through two liver transplants and found that his kidneys were failing.

While he and his wife waited in the preparation area of the University of Maryland Medical Center transplant unit, Mrs. Sharif suffered a massive brain hemorrhage and died. Within 26 hours, Mr. Sharif received one of his wife's kidneys.

Mr. Sharif was active for many years with Theta Phi fraternity, was an avid historian, and was an aficionado of the arts.

While at SMA, he was a drummer in the Regimental Band.

WILLIAM C. GROVE, SMA '60

William C. Grove, SMA '60, of East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania died March 28, 2006 at age 64.

Following his graduation from SMA, Mr. Grove attended Denison University and the University of Michigan. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era.

Mr. Grove worked as a manufacturer's sales representative for Ridge Tool, a New England firm, and for Mariner Yacht Company in New Hampshire.

He also has a New England charter boat business and did single handed sailing yacht deliveries from Maine to the British Virgin Islands, as well as serving as the ship's engineer and mate on a motor yacht in the Caribbean.

STEPHEN JAY KOTT, SMA '58

Stephen Jay Kott, SMA '58, died October 31, 1967 when his A6A Intruder all-weather low altitude attack airplane crashed 15 miles east of Hanoi, Vietnam.

Major Kott was the bombardier/navigator. His remains were returned to Greenville, South Carolina in July 1984. He was a Captain at the time of his death and was promoted to Major while missing in action.

The information regarding his death was developed by Allen P. Fisher, SMA '56, while doing research on the location of members of the class of 1956.

WILLIAM SHERMAN DIFFEE, SR., SMA '52

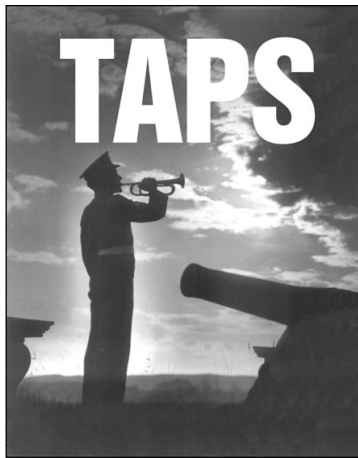
William Sherman Diffie, Sr., SMA '52, died July 7, 2006 at age 73. He was retired from Colony House Furniture where he served as President. He was a member of Kiwanis and also the Congressional Country Club.

Mr. Diffie is survived by his wife of 49 years, Genevieve Diffie; daughters Love Jones of Germantown, Maryland and Deborah Fahy of Naples Florida; sons Michael Diffie of Falls Church, Virginia and William Diffie, Jr. of Arlington, Virginia; and one sister, Love Smith of Mt. Airy, North Carolina.

FERDINAND MEYER, IV, SMA '53

Ferdinand Meyer, IV, SMA '53, age 70 of Long Neck, Delaware, died at Beebe Medical Center in Lewes, Delaware on March 22, 2005.

Following graduation from SMA, Mr. Meyer served three years with the U.S. Army Security Agency, subsequently join-



ing his father is the family fuel oil business in Baltimore, Maryland. The company was sold in 1987, and Mr. Meyer retired to Long Neck where he collected and sold antiques.

His other hobbies included boating, fishing and model railroading. He and his wife Jeane were the founding members of the Delmarva Antique Bottle Club, and Mr. Meyer was a past President of the Baltimore Antique Bottle Club.

He is survived by his wife Jeane Nanette "Pemberton" Meyer; three sons, Ferdinand Meyer V of Houston, Texas, Charles Kenneth Meyer of Towson, Maryland, and Michael Douglas Meyer of Towson, Maryland; and one daughter,

Amy Lauren Kramer of Landenberg, Pennsylvania; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

FRANK W. SCHMIDT, SMA '50

Frank W. Schmidt, SMA '50, age 76, died February 15, 2006 at the West Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. He was a native of Rochester, Pennsylvania.

Following graduation from SMA, Mr. Schmidt served with the U.S. Navy and then owned and operated his own electric company. He was a lifetime member and past Exalted Ruler of Rochester Elks Lodge 283.

He was a member of the Rochester Masonic Lodge, a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Syria Shine in Pittsburgh, where he was its Legion of Honor and a Shrine Clown.

Mr. Schmidt served a number of years on the Rochester Borough Council. He was preceded in death by his wife Marianne, and is survived by three children and two grandchildren.

HUGH A. IMLAY, SMA '44

Hugh A. Imlay, SMA '44, died February 6, 2006. No other information was available.

JULIO PIETRANTONI, SMA '53

Julio Pietrantonio, SMA '53, died April 25, 2006 in Ponce, Puerto Rico, following a battle with cancer.

Following his graduation from SMA, Mr. Pietrantonio attended the University of Puerto Rico. During his career he was appointed President of the Government Development Bank of Puerto Rico and later was named President of the Roig Commercial Bank.

The information was provided by Ramiro L. Colón, SMA '53.

JAMES MOSS, SMA '62

James Moss, SMA '62, of Arnold, Maryland, died April 12, 2006 at his home.

Stuart P. Smith, SMA '48, a close friend said: "Jim and I spent many hours riding to Staunton for any number of reasons, and became good friends through SMA and our road trips, which always required a steak dinner at some point..."

"He and [his wife] Melissa had planned to relocate to North Carolina, where Jeffrey will attend college next year," Mr. Smith said, noting that their older son, Matthew, graduated from college and lives in North Carolina.

PETER VAIL TUFTS, SMA '45

Peter Vail Tufts, SMA '45, of Pinehurst, North Carolina, died at his home on June 21, 2006. Further details of his life will be published in the September 2006 issue of *The Kablegram*.

HERBERT G. SPARROW, SMA '28

Herbert G. Sparrow, age 95, retired U.S. Army major general, died July 13, 2006. Further details of his life will be published in the September 2006 issue of *The Kablegram*.



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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