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support SMAAF and our annual reunion events!**

Check out the new tour activity!

**Get Ready – 2023 Reunion is Just Around the Corner
By Tom Phillips '74, Reunion Committee Chairman**

Now just about two months away, the 2023 SMA All-Class Reunion will be held April 14-16.

As the number of remaining SMA alumni continues to ratchet down, this annual get-together in Staunton becomes even more special.

Back during the 1996 reunion, the local Staunton paper ran an article that included some notable quotes characterizing the special nature of the meeting and the SMA campus.

"This is home to me," said Larry Atkinson of Vancouver, Canada, class of '67. "I was, we all were, here during the most impressionable ages. I met some wonderful people at SMA and it's one of the most beautiful places on Earth."

"There is a fellowship that exists there and there isn't any particular way to describe it," said the (late) Stuart Smith, class of 1948. "It's a kinship."

As noted in previous Kablegram articles, even though the reunion officially starts on Friday, there are "early bird Old Boys" who arrive in Staunton on Thursday and get together for a Dutch Treat supper somewhere in town.

One of the new options being tried is a Friday "a la carte" tour at the Frontier Culture Museum (<https://www.frontiermuseum.org/>), the biggest open-air living history museum in the Shenandoah Valley. As of press time we had only four people registered, so please consider joining the group as we need at least 15 participants to qualify for a two-hour private tour (for only \$9 per person!)

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Lowe '49 To Be Added to Memorial Wall

During its January meeting call, the SMAAF Board of Directors voted to add the late John "Jack" Lowe, SMA '49 to the SMA-VWIL Memorial Wall.



Jack Lowe '49 above as a senior

Lowe was born in 1930 in Baltimore, Md. He grew up during the depression and often recounted stories of summers spent in the country as a child with his 13 paternal aunts and uncles, all of whom were practicing Quakers. Following graduation from SMA, he went back to his home state and graduated from the University of Maryland, where he met his future wife, Ginny. They were married in 1956. Returning to Virginia in 1966, he owned and operated Lowe's Tire Service in Staunton for 27 years.

Lowe was a talented artist who produced unique weld-sculptures. He was key to the construction of the SMA-

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILL



Hard to believe the calendar reads February of 2023. Memories of our time on the Hill may seem vivid, but at best those recollections were 47 years ago when SMA closed. Since this bit of information makes all of us 47 years older, there is no better time than this April to gather in Staunton for the 2023 All Class Reunion. Making the trip to Staunton will afford you time to reconnect with old friends, exchange old stories, walk the quaint streets of downtown Staunton, and witness how the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) is thriving

and carrying on Truth Duty and Honor.

On the Hill everyone is working diligently in preparation for April's all class reunion. Arlene Nicely is coordinating the reunion from the museum in Staunton. Reunion chairman Tom Phillips (Class of '74) is tweaking the schedule to provide an exceptional weekend. I am sure the VWIL Corp of Cadets, as always, will have multiple impressive performances.

I encourage my classmates from 1973 to attend our 50th reunion this year. We are striving to have at least 30 members of our class attend. Our committee, led by Mark Orr and including Tim Scheel, Peter Birkhead, George Mastroianni and myself, have been working the past two years to establish a SMA Class of '73 Scholarship. Our goal is to raise \$50,000, and as I am writing this message, we are just a few thousand dollars short of that mark. If you are a member of the class of '73 and have not donated, please consider a donation. No amount is too small. The first scholarship will be awarded at our reunion this year. Thank you to all our classmates who have made this scholarship possible.

In honor of MLK Day of Service, the VWIL Cadets chose a beautification and maintenance project of the SMA-VWIL museum. Cadets cleaned inside and outside of the museum, including cleaning the carpets inside and painting windows outside. We are very grateful for the efforts of all involved.

TRIVIA QUESTION: What naval pilot shot down nine planes in 90 minutes during World War II and set a record in aerial warfare history for a single mission? This pilot received the Medal of Honor for that action and for similar exploits, in which his plane routed a larger enemy force and he shot down seven planes. The answer is in the News & Notes section of this issue.

TRUTH DUTY HONOR!

David A. Shipula SMA '73

President, SMA Alumni Foundation

Reunion 2023

We plan to kick off the official reunion with traditional activities, such as performances by VWIL drill teams and the Memorial Wall ceremony on Friday afternoon, when we will recognize our departed cadets and dedicate a plaque to Jack Lowe SMA '49 (see article in this issue).

Save your energy for Friday night down at the Clock Tower's Tempest Bar & Lounge with "Virginia's House Band," The Roadducks, featuring drummer and front man Jay Nedry SMA '69.

On Saturday morning before the Annual Meeting is held in the Mess Hall, we plan to offer a little more in terms of breakfast items – going beyond coffee and donuts – to encourage Old Boys to make the trek to the Hill and attend the meeting.

Following the Annual Meeting and SMA-VWIL parade, this year there will be no luncheon on the Hill and attendees will be free to head to their favorite restaurant in Staunton and enjoy an open afternoon before the banquet reception starts at 6 p.m. at the Hotel 24 South, formerly the Stonewall Jackson Hotel.

At the banquet, the highlight of the weekend, Timothy Ringgold '71 has agreed to be our keynote speaker. Following introductions and some special recognition, he will deliver his remarks.

Ringgold is the subject of a book by his daughter, Destiny Jennifer Ringgold, entitled "Choosing the Harder Right" that tells the story of how he stood up to senior leadership at his beloved West Point and aided fellow cadets during the academy's infamous 1976 cheating scandal. The book's title comes from an excerpt from the Cadet Prayer: "Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half-truth when the whole can be won."

To help defray rising costs of the reunion and maximize the ability of the SMA Alumni Foundation to serve Old Boys and provide scholarships to deserving VWIL cadets, this year we are seeking sponsors to help defray the cost of the reunion. Check out the chart below and consider helping your Foundation stage a great reunion.

Reunion Sponsorship Opportunities Available

Event/Activity	Single sponsor	Partial sponsor
Friday Night Supper	\$2,000	4 @ \$500
Saturday breakfast	\$1,000	2 @ \$500
Saturday banquet	\$3,000	6 @ \$500
Memorial Wall wreath	\$250	

If you are willing to support the SMA Alumni Foundation and sponsor one of these reunion events, please contact Tom Phillips via email at kablegram@sma-alumni.org, or call 202.468.1956.

We are looking forward to everyone having a fun and memorable time at the 2023 reunion, especially for the Old Boys from the Class of 1973 who will be celebrating their 50th reunion. In any case, check out the Reunion agenda page in this issue, and if you haven't already, send in your registration and make your room reservations as soon as possible!



Jack in front of the World War I Memorial on flagpole hill in 2006

Lowe '49 To Be Added to Memorial Wall Cont.

VWIL Museum and the restoration of historic SMA relics such as the North Barracks eagle and the Maj. Thomas D. Howie bust in front of Kable Hall.

Lowe was instrumental in having the SMA North Barracks Eagle reproduced and refurbishing the Mess Hall bell for display in the museum. He also helped restore the World War I Monument on Flagpole Hill.

A beloved husband, father of four and grandfather of seven, Lowe was best known for his value of hard work and his love of the Chesapeake Bay. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Staunton, VA. He passed away in 2021, and Ginny died in 2022.



STAUNTON MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI FOUNDATION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

WHAT IS IT?

A scholarship program intended to perpetuate the legacy of Staunton Military Academy (SMA). SMA was a special place for many young men from 1884 until it closed in 1976. Through this scholarship program, the alumni of SMA hope to preserve the memory of our school and what it has meant to all of us by helping young people who share the values and ideals for which SMA stood.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP?

Two Legacy Scholarships with a minimum value of \$2,500 will be awarded annually. No extensions of the scholarship are authorized. Scholarship selections will be based on merit, and applicants will be evaluated on a whole-person basis, **including evidence of commitment to the values “Truth-Duty-Honor,”** which is especially important to us. Application deadline is **1 July** each year.

WHO MAY APPLY?

Only descendants of SMA alumni who are graduating high-school seniors who have acceptance at a two- or four-year colleges may apply. There is no requirement for students to attend a military college or to enroll in ROTC. In fact, the only exclusions from participation are descendants planning to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, or the Coast Guard Academy.

HOW CAN A STUDENT APPLY?

SMA descendants who desire to apply for one of the Legacy Scholarships must submit his or her application in an email containing all elements shown below. That application, with all required attachments, must be sent to the SMA Alumni Foundation Office at scholarship@sma-alumni.org not later than 1 July of the year of graduation.

The following information must be included in the body of the emailed applications unless otherwise indicated below with an asterisk:

- First, middle, and last name of the applicant
- Full Mailing Address
- Email Address (If an applicant has an EDU email address from his or her prospective college, that email address should be included as an alternate email address.)
- Phone number (including area code)
- The name of the SMA Cadet from whom the applicant is descended, the year he graduated from SMA, and the applicant's relationship to that SMA Cadet.

Cover Letter: Formally request an SMA Legacy Scholarship and provide information regarding your plans for the future. Describe what the words, “Truth, Duty, and Honor,” mean to you and indicate how those words have been applicable in your personal relationships. Include your academic/extracurricular activities both inside and outside school.

Legacy Scholarship Program CONT.

One of the following essays must be attached to the email application:

- **Essay One:** Describe a circumstance, obstacle or conflict in your life, and the skills and resources you used to resolve it. Did it change you? If so, how? Indicate how truth, duty and honor were involved.
- **Essay Two:** Considering your lifetime goals, discuss how your current academic and extracurricular activities might help you achieve those goals. Include how truth, duty and honor were involved.

***The following external documents must be attached to your application or otherwise provided to the SMA Foundation as indicated:**

- A letter of recommendation from a member of the faculty (a teacher, for example) of the applicant's high school. As required by the applicant's school, this document may either be attached to the applicant's email or emailed not later than 1 July by the school directly to the Foundation Office at scholarship@sma-alumni.org.
- A letter of recommendation from one adult outside of the school
- A copy of the letter of acceptance to a two- or four-year college
- A copy of the applicant's transcripts through grade 12. (Transcripts may be either attached to the applicant's email or, if necessary, emailed by a school official by 1 July.
- Scores: SAT (total) _____ and/or ACT _____ (**Any score listed must be documented in the applicant's transcript or provided by a separate attached document originated by the testing activity, or a screen shot from the student's account on the SAT/ACT website.**)

Additional Information: When an applicant is selected for a Scholarship, a personal photograph and short biography must be received by the Committee before monies can be dispersed. We will request these items at the time the applicant is notified of his or her award.

Calling on Class of '73

50 YEARS!!! Have you made your arrangements to join us in Staunton for the next SMA Reunion and our 50th anniversary (14-16 April 2023)? Don't miss this major lifetime milestone . . . this may be the best last opportunity for some of us to see each other. Hotel rooms are filling up fast for this reunion, so please make your reservations soon and send in your reunion registration to the SMA Alumni Foundation office . . . go to the web site reunion page at: <https://sma-alumni.org/reunion/>

We are now only short \$3,050 of our \$50K goal for the Class of 1973 TDH Legacy Scholarship fund. We really need and would very much appreciate your help in raising this last \$3,050. If you can help:

- Cut a check made payable to "SMA Alumni Foundation, Inc." (note – this is tax-deductible)
- Write "Class '73 Legacy Scholarship" in the memo line
- Mail it to the SMA Alumni Foundation Office at: SMAAF, PO Box 958, Staunton, VA 24402

Our scholarship will help a VWIL cadet with a \$2,000 award based on financial need. The scholarship will be re-awarded annually to the same VWIL cadet each succeeding year, for a maximum of four undergraduate years. This is a needs-based scholarship, so the dollars matter. Of note, we'll get to personally meet the first scholarship recipient during the reunion banquet.

Otherwise, "SAVE THE DATE" for our 50th reunion next year in Staunton and hope to see you there.

News and Notes

Do You Remember?

For those of you who are faithful readers of the Kablegram-Leader, you will recall that the last two issues have included feature articles that explored cadet memories about “the first day as an SMA cadet” and “SMA Mess Hall Memories.”

Now it is your turn to weigh in on what the next feature article should be, scheduled to be included in the June 2023 issue. Here’s the list of potential stories:

Barracks memories

Varsity football home game memories

Church squad memories

SMA canteen memories

Guard duty memories

Or maybe you have a topic to offer.

In any case, let your preference be known and send an email to kablegram@sma-alumni.org, and let your voice be heard – you decide!



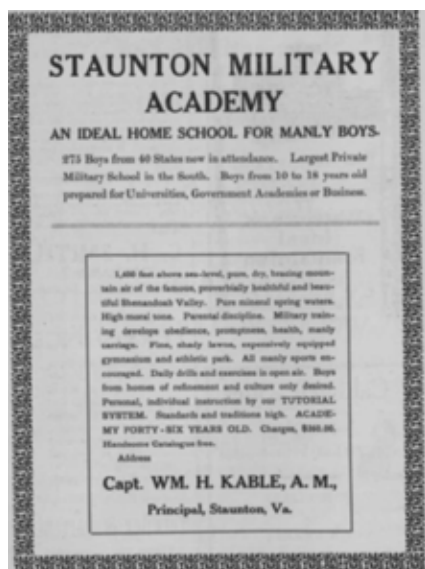
Winter scene depicted in 1949 SMA Shrapnel yearbook, looking out from the sallyport in South Barracks.

Gentle Reminder to Old Boys about Membership Support

When you come to the reunion this April (or if you cannot make it) be sure to be a dues-paying member of the SMA Alumni Foundation! Membership dues can be paid in various increments, from \$100 for a single year all the way up to a lifetime membership for \$1,000.

We now have 247 Old Boys who have paid dues, including 112 lifetime members, of the more than 1,000 Old Boys who receive the Kablegram, which proportionally places the burden for covering the foundation’s operating expenses on a very small group.

So, when you get to the back page of this issue of The Kablegram, please use the form and join or rejoin the list of folks who help keep our foundation running. Thank you!



SMA ad as shown in the 1906 edition of the Blue & Gold yearbook.

Answer to Question in Reflections from the Hill

David McCampbell SMA “28

Next Issue Deadline for Submissions

Suspense for the Spring 2023 issue of the Kablegram-Leader is Friday, May 26th. Send your suggested articles and updates for the newsletter to kablegram@sma-alumni.org – the newsletter will publish in June.



Staunton Veteran's Day Parade



Come see us on November 5th at 11am

The VWIL Corps of Cadets marched in the Staunton Veterans Parade on Nov. 5 and in the Staunton Christmas parade on Nov. 28.

In fact, VWIL has an active parade schedule. The Corps was scheduled to march in the Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 12 and, in addition to the SMA Reunion parade on April 15, VWIL plans to hold its Change of Command and Commissioning parade and ceremony on May 19 on the MBU campus.

Brig. Gen. Terry Djuric USAF Ret., the Commandant of the Cadet Corps at VWIL, was the keynote speaker at the Veterans Day celebration in Lexington last November. Her comments focused on the ideals of pride and leadership. In closing she remarked, "As veterans you understand a deep sense of selfless service. You've fought for our freedoms, you've rebuilt nations after natural disasters, and you've paved the way for peace all over the world. To our veterans in attendance today, thank you for stepping forward for our country. You're needed every day. Thank you for your continued pride and leadership."



Gen. Djuric



The VWIL Corps of Cadets made its annual Blue Ridge hike on Oct. 27. See the group photo above.



VWIL cadets honored Martin Luther King Jr. with a National Day of Service beautifying the SMA-VWIL museum. Cadets spent five hours making heartfelt improvements inside and outside our museum. The cadets wet-vacuumed the carpets, dusted and cleaned all the displays, scrubbed, and disinfected the bathroom and maintenance room. Outside, the cadets weeded the bricks, sanded and painted the window trim, cleared leaves, and swept the entry. They're not done, according to Brig. Gen. Terry Djuric, VWIL Commandant. When temperatures stay above 40F, the cadets will paint the Memorial Wall eagle and paint a few exterior walls with the goal to be done before the April reunion. THANK YOU VWIL CADETS!





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11th Annual Reunion Cash Raffle

One 1st Prize: 34% of receipts (\$5,100)
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Drawing is on April 15, 2023
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 Hotel 24 South

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Website: <http://sma-alumni.org>

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Phone: _____

Signature: _____

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SMA REUNION 2023

SCHEDULE

(AS OF 2/8/2023)

Thursday, April 13, 2023 (downtown)

6:30 pm: Early bird arrival - informal Dutch treat dinner gathering at either the Mill Street Grill or a restaurant TBD

Friday, April 14, 2023 (on former SMA campus & other venues)

9:30 – 11:30 am: SMAAF Board of Directors meeting (Mess Hall)
 10:30 am – 4:00 pm: SMA-VWIL Museum open
 11:00 am – 3:30 pm: Registration (Mess Hall, small room on left)
 12:30 – 2:30 pm: * Tour of Frontier Culture Museum (Optional - \$9.00/person)
 4:30 – 5:30 pm: Howie Rifles and Pearls demos (Asphalt)
 Memorial Wall ceremony (outside museum)
 6:00 – 8:00 pm: Reception and Dinner (Mess Hall)
 8:30 – 11:30 pm: Dance at the Beverly Street Clock Tower

Saturday, April 15, 2023 (on former SMA campus & Hotel 24 South)

8:00 – 9:00 am: Coffee & Donuts with VWIL cadets (Mess Hall)
 8:15 – 9:00 am: Registration for those not yet registered (Mess Hall, small room on left)
 8:30 – 9:30 am: Buffet Breakfast (Mess Hall)
 9:30 – 11:00 am: Annual SMA Alumni General Membership Meeting & VWIL Program Update (Mess Hall VWIL Room)
 11:00 – 11:30 am: SMAAF Board of Directors meeting (Mess Hall)
 11:30 am – 4:00 pm: SMA-VWIL Museum Open
 12:00 – 1:15 pm: SMA-VWIL Parade
SMA-VWIL Alumni will form up on the asphalt at 11:45 am to follow the VWIL Corps of Cadets onto SMA Worth Field.
 1:15 – 6:00 pm: Free time to enjoy lunch downtown, visit the museum, connect with former classmates, shop, and tour the city
 1:30 – 3:00 pm: Class of '73 Lunch Social (Marino's Lunch (Dutch Treat))
 6:00 – 7:00 pm: Banquet Reception (cash bar) (Hotel 24 South Lobby)
 7:00 – 10:00 pm: Alumni Banquet (Hotel 24 South Banquet Room)
 • Guest Speaker: Tim Ringgold, SMA '71/USMA '78
 10:00 pm: Nostalgia Time

Sunday, April 16, 2023 (on former SMA campus)

8:30 am – 2:00 pm: SMA-VWIL Museum Open
 8:30 am: Class of '73 Farewell Brkfst (Hotel 24 South - Colonnade Rm (\$20.00/person))

• Contact Tom Phillips, 202.468.1956, for more information and to sign-up for the optional Frontier Culture Museum tour



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SMA Reunion 2023 (14-16 April) Registration Form

PRINT & fill form. Mail to address **or FAX** to: 1-866-950-4452 **or SCAN** & email to: SMAOffice@sma-alumni.org

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MIDDLE INITIAL: _____
SMA YEAR: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
TEL: (_____) _____; (_____) _____; EMAIL: _____

ALUMNI GUEST REGISTER

SPOUSE NAME: _____
GUEST NAME: _____
GUEST NAME: _____
GUEST NAME: _____

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FEE COMPUTATION

Deadline is March 29, 2023. Please take the time **NOW** to complete your registration form. By doing this, you will help us plan more effectively for a successful SMA/VWIL Reunion.

Please note – lodging reservations at the Hotel 24 South (or elsewhere) must be made separately.

_____ Weekend x \$165/person¹ (\$160² if dues are current) \$ _____
_____ Friday Only x \$95/person^{3*} \$ _____
_____ Saturday Only x \$100/person^{4*} \$ _____
_____ Sponsor a VWIL Cadet at Alumni Banquet (\$60/cadet) \$ _____
_____ Optional Friday Frontier Culture Museum Tour (\$9/per) \$ _____
TOTAL COST: \$ _____

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(exactly as written on credit card) _____
Billing Address: (for credit card purchases)
(must be exactly as written on CC billing statement) _____

_____ ZIP: _____

SIGNATURE

Signature: _____

¹ After March 29th, the price increases to \$175 for the weekend. Door price is \$185

² Discount (\$5) applies to member and spouse/guest, if dues are current

³ After March 29th, the price increases to \$105 for Friday only. Door price is \$115. No individual event tickets for sale.

⁴ After March 29th, the price increases to \$100 for Saturday only. Door price is \$110. No individual event tickets for sale.

* Prices for individual scheduled events not authorized; only payment for entire single day of events.

SMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION, INC LIFETIME MEMBERS

(As of September 2022)

Please consider becoming a Lifetime Member of our alumni association and never pay annual dues again and have your name proudly displayed on a plaque in our beloved museum. One time donation of \$1,000. Please contact Peter Birkhead (peterbirkhead@gmail.com) or Arlene Nicely (smaalumni@outlook.com) for more details.

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SMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION INC. LEGACY FUND

Updated as of January 15, 2023

By Peter Birkhead '73 ● peterbirkhead@gmail.com ● 713-819-1980

LEGACY FUND PROJECT EXCEEDS GOAL OF \$1.5 MILLION IN DONATIONS

Thanks to all of our alumni and patrons who have generously given to the Legacy Fund. We have now, after over 8 years of fund raising, exceeded \$2.0 million in cash donations, pledges, and life insurance death benefit designations either directly to or for the behalf of the SMA AF.

ALSO WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED OVER 1,000 INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS SINCE I STARTED RAISING MONEY FOR THE LEGACY FUND IN 2014. THANKS TO ALL ALUMNI AND DONORS FOR MAKING THE LEGACY FUND SO SUCCESSFUL.

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\$740,000+ (KABLE SOCIETY)

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 Charlie Drumheller '66 (w/Cannon Restoration spon-
 sorship)
 Peter Fail '73 (w/Class of 1973 Scholarship)
 Robert Horvath '47 * (deceased)
 Warren Hutton '75 *
 George Jennings '64 (w/bench and SMA Eagle spon-
 sorship) *
 Gary Jones '64 (w/bench sponsorships)
 Anthony C. Korvas '59
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 Ralph Sebrell '45
 Peter Stark '50 *
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 Sanford Jacobson '55
 Joseph Koch '53 *
 Larry Lombardi '69 (w/SMA Eagle sponsorship)
 Michael Lipper '53
 Edmund Leigh '74
 Gary Martell '69
 Jeffrey Metzel '43
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 Doris Thompson (Patron) *
 J. Warren Turner '67 (SMA Scholarship) *
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 Dennis Calzonetti '73 (w/Class of 1973 Scholarship)
 Arthur Carey '63
 Augustine Catalano '47 *
 John Clifford '67
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 Benjamin Hudson, Jr. '54
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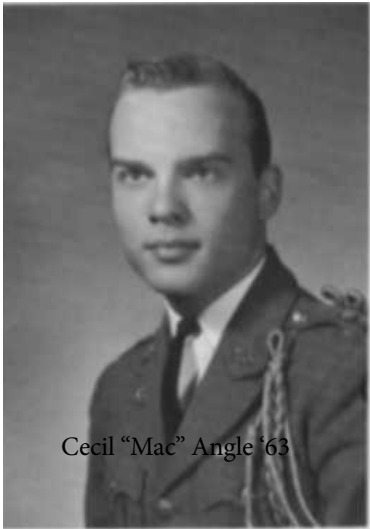
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The listing above represents only 20% of living alumni. There are still 80% who have not made a donation! Please consider a gift to the Legacy Fund. No amount is too small and all donations are fully tax deductible. It is easy to donate, just contact me directly and we can discuss all options available to help you. Peter Birkhead, SMA '73, peterbirkhead@gmail.com or 713-819-1980.

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Cecil "Mac" Angle '63



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Fairport – July 5, 2019. Survived by loving wife of 50 years, Cindy; daughters, Dr. Wendy (Shawn) Marshall and Jill Angle; grandchildren, Paxton and Dane Marshall and Max Angle.

Mac was born in Johnstown, PA and at the age of 13 years he left home to attend Staunton Military Academy in Vir-

ginia by his own choosing. He continued on from there to play for the Pittsburgh Pirates Organization at the position of shortstop with a batting average of .312! After an unfortunate knee injury that ended his time with the team, although never the love of the game, he continued onwards and graduated from RIT to start his career at Rochester Telephone Company as the Director of Human Resources for 25 years. Mac couldn't seem to retire so he returned to work in human resources at Genesee Region Home Care for 7 years and then ITX Corp part time until his passing. He continually wanted to help people.

Mac's love of gardening also led him to work at a local greenhouse and we don't believe there to be anyone who loved mowing the lawn and gardening more than Mac! Sometimes it would get mowed twice to look like a golf course. The summers would be spent going down to their cottage on Irondequoit Bay – boating, fishing, waterskiing, hanging out at the Fish and Game Club for a fish fry and spending time with all of their friends at the bay.

Mac's continued love for baseball never ended. He played on softball teams well into his 60's and when he couldn't play anymore he enjoyed coaching – especially first base. He always put family first and loved nothing more than to spend time with his wife Cindy and their grandsons Paxton, Max and Dane who thought he was the funniest grandfather with his jokes and goofiness – whether you called



him "Granddaddy" or "Da".

Mac was sincerely one of a kind – a mixture of so many wonderful qualities like kindness, unselfishness and compassion that gave him the reputation of being "the nicest man you will ever meet". Mac will be missed more than words could be said by everyone that has ever come to know him and we can see that all of his fantastic qualities are being passed on to the next generations. We miss you dad, we miss you friend, we miss you Mr. Angle and we miss the best husband there ever was.

Emanuel Dracakis '57

Emanuel J. Dracakis, of Mason, Ohio, passed away peacefully Friday, April 1, 2022 at the age of 83. He was born Friday, December 30, 1938 in Sharon, Pennsylvania to John Emanuel and Erasmia (nee Stavrenos) Dracakis.



Emanuel Dracakis '57

Manny married his soul-mate, Maxine N. Trakas, on April 30, 1959 in The Greek Orthodox Church of Columbus, Ohio. Manny attended Staunton Military Academy from 1955 to 1957. He was a member of the Howie Rifle Company which marched in President Eisenhower's inauguration. A natural born salesman, Manny never met a stranger. He enjoyed playing golf, but found true solace in fly fishing and deep sea fishing. Often referred to as the "bargain shopper extraordinaire", Manny could find a deal on anything and anywhere. He loved to tell jokes and never took life too seriously. He looked forward to spending time with his buddies in the Hellenic Poker Club and with The Order of AHEPA. Manny will



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be forever cherished by all that knew and loved him.

Emanuel was preceded in death by: parents, John and Erasmia Dracakis; and a special uncle, Gus Skufis.

Emanuel is survived by: wife, Maxine Dracakis; daughters, Renee (Steve Turpin) Dracakis and Nicole (Christopher) Adams; grandchildren, Ava Turpin, Nicolas Adams, Nolan Adams, and Evan Adams; twin-sister, Rosemary Jianopoulos; and many loving family members and friends.

Charles Hnilicka '48



Charles Hnilicka '48

Charles R. Hnilicka, "Charley", age 93, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on the evening of Friday, May 6.

Charley was born in Chester CT, on March 16, 1929. Although he enjoyed travel and adventure, he lived most of his life within fifteen miles of his place

of birth, a place he truly loved. Charley had a generous heart and a welcoming smile, making friends wherever he went. His personality led him to work that rewarded honesty and service. He was also very devoted to his community through Rotary (50 years) and the Masons (72 years).

Charley's love of friends and family, antique cars, snow machines and travel filled out his life. He never needed much persuasion to be off on an adventure. Sunny day drives in Gypsy, Black Beauty, Casper and others over the years. Traveling countless miles with friends on his snow machine in the far northeast.

Logging literally millions of road trip miles for work and pleasure, or his many trips to Alaska where he traveled by train, light plane, dog team, snow machine, riverboat and tugboat.

Charley is preceded in death by his parents Julia and Karl Hnilicka, his first wife Constance Hnilicka, second wife Betty "Peg" Hnilicka and son Karl Hnilicka II.

He is survived by: his sister Barbara Lavezzoli, daughters Elaine "Lainie" Kertesz, Simone Hnilicka, Carol

Doyle (Dan), daughter in law Julie Hnilicka-Karns, son Charles Hnilicka Jr, grandchildren Rachael Foss-Clark (Jesse), Zachary Kertesz, Zoli Kertesz, Vincent Hnilicka, Karl Hnilicka III, Julia Hnilicka, Mara Hnilicka, Charles Hnilicka III (Sarah), Maya Doyle, Jenny Doyle, great grandchildren Ryley and Otto McLaughlin, Boston, Asher & Calliope Clark. Nieces Julie (Lavezzoli) Purcell and Kathy (Lavezzoli) Milne and their families. Also stepson Ed Smith Jr (Nancy), step grandchildren Ed III (Tina) and Eric Smith, and step great-grandchildren Logan and Jared Smith.



Ed Beard '60



Former NFL Player and Coach Ed Beard of Chesapeake Virginia has sadly passed away. He died at the age of 83 with family by his side.

On Monday 16th January 2023, the news of his death was announced by Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in a publication that states "The Hall of Fame is saddened to learn of the passing of 2002 VSHF inductee, Ed Beard". The circumstances surrounding the actual cause of Ed Beard's death has not been released at this time.

Although Beard's high school in South Norfolk, Virginia, Oscar F. Smith, did not have a wrestling team, he was named to the All-American team and won the state heavyweight wrestling championship in 1957. He graduated from Oscar F. Smith in 1959. It's the first and only time a wrestler has ever won the tournament. In 1960, Beard completed his post-graduate year at the Staunton Military Academy, where he was a standout athlete and a respected leader on and off the field.



Ed Beard '60

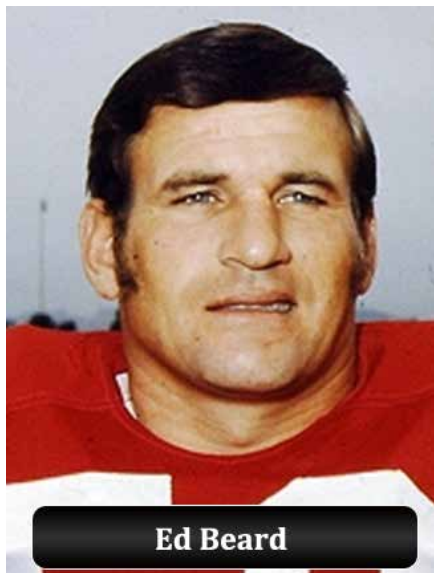
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Beard played college football for two years at the University of Tennessee before enlisting in the military. While he was serving in the Army, he was recognized as the best player on the Army football squad. After being picked by the San Francisco 49ers in 1964, Beard served as a special teams captain and middle linebacker with the team.

Beard was a part of the 49ers for eight seasons, during which time the team won three consecutive NFC West division titles. Beard won the Len Eshmont award in 1971 and made history as the first NFL special teams captain. Beard's playing career was cut short by injuries, but he went on to teach linebackers for the San Francisco 49ers and New Orleans Saints and later become defensive coordinator for the Detroit Lions. In 1996, Beard, along with fellow alums Steve DeLong and Kenny Easley, were honored by having Oscar Smith High School's football field renamed as the Beard-DeLong-Easley Field.

In 2002, Beard was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. Former players from

the 49ers, including him, were honored on Alumni Day on November 5, 2006. Beard retired from professional football and went into the construction business, where he became active in promoting country music in the greater Hampton Roads area.



Ed Beard



William F. "Bill" Harrell '68

West Columbia – Funeral services for William F. "Bill" Harrell Sr., 73, will be held Saturday, January 29, 2022, at Westside Baptist Church, 2100 Platt Springs Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. The family will receive family and friends from 10 am -11 am in the worship center



William F. "Bill" Harrell '68

with a celebration of life service at 11 am at the same location.

Mr. Harrell passed away on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. Born December 15, 1948 in Ft. Benning, Georgia, he was the son of the late, Warrant Officer William M. Harrell Jr. (killed in action, Korea, April 12, 1953), and the late, Command Sergeant Major Robert R. Vance.

Mr. Harrell was a retired law enforcement officer, serving communities in Richland and Lexington Counties throughout his career.

Most notable was his service to the citizens of the Town of Springdale, SC where he finished his career as a D.A.R.E. Officer where he taught students decision making skills for a safe and healthy living.

As a young man, Mr. Harrell lived in eastern France near the Luxembourg, German, and Belgian borders. He was active in the scouts, which led him to many other European countries. Scouting, along with his parents, instilled in him the values of discipline, family, honor, and integrity - attributes that would lead him to his pursuit of Eagle Scout and a successful career in law enforcement. Not to mention - a devoted family man.

An avid ancestral historian, he traced his paternal and maternal family roots back generations - all well-documented in scrapbooks and albums.

A man of faith, he served as a deacon, youth mentor, on the bereavement committee, Sunday school teacher, and mission team leader. His most cherished position was his service as Sunday school teacher for the Mary Adkins Women's Sunday School Class at Westside Baptist Church. In addition to his service to the Lord, he

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was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and the Sons of Confederate Veterans where he served



as Chaplain and Historian of his local chapter.

Surviving is his loving wife of 44 years Priscilla A. "Patsy" Harrell of West Columbia; son, John J. "Jay" Harrell (Holly) of Lugoff, SC; daughter, Melissa H. "Missy" Womack (Brent)

of Rutherfordton, NC; son, William F. "Will" Harrell Jr. (Kristie) of Irmo, SC; mother, Joyce L. "Jo" Vance of Lexington, SC; sister, Alison V. Bass of Lexington, SC; brother-in-law, Malcolm Hanger of Lexington, SC; sister-in-law Helen Hanger of Lexington, SC; niece, Amber Collins (David) of Lexington, SC; nephew, Mason Hanger (Luisa) of West Columbia, SC; and niece, Alex Bass of Pelion, SC with whom he shares his birthday.



Grandchildren: Andrew Harrell (Anielka) of Greeneville, TN; Brenton Womack of Spartanburg, SC; John Harrell (Abigail) of Chang Rai, Thailand; Allie Gonzalez (Adrian) of Columbia, SC; Nicky Harrell of Seneca, SC; Trace Harrell (Hallie) of Lexington, SC; Jamie Womack of Rutherfordton, NC.

Great-Grandchildren: Micah Harrell, Rilynn Harrell.

Joseph Dominick '44

Joseph Dominick, age 98, passed away peacefully on January 2, 2022, at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke.

Joe was born in Holyoke, son of the late Joseph and Serafina (Gryk) Dominick. Joe was an All-



Joseph Dominick '44

State football player at Holyoke High, who would attend Staunton VA Military Academy. At Staunton, Joe would excel at football and boxing; he was recruited and accepted a football scholarship to Oklahoma State, then A&M.

Drafted into the Army, Joe became a second-generation soldier. During WWII he served in the European Theater with the 75th Infantry, and was extended one year in Germany with the Occupation Force.

Returning home Joe moved to NYC, and with a name change to Joe Dominic began his professional boxing career. Joe would go on to box many heavyweight contenders including Rocky Marciano, and had an exhibition bout with Joe Lewis. A photo of Joe boxing Joe Lewis proudly hung as the center piece behind his bar.

As a Union member of Local 56, the pile drivers/divers union in Allston, MA had Joe working on numerous construction projects in New England, including off shore on the Texas Tower #2 radar platform on Georges Bank.

Joe and his wife Ersula were married for 63 years and owned the Lafayette Café for over four decades. Ersula cooked while Joe held court with his extended family of customers.

Joe supported the Holyoke Boys Club Camp Hawley Summer Camp. He also volunteered to referee Silver Mitten bouts, presented the heavyweight trophy at the Golden Gloves tournament held at the Club, and hosted the banquet following the tournament.

Joe became his wife's dedicated caretaker in retirement until her passing in 2016.

Joe was predeceased by his brother, John Gryk, and is survived by a daughter, Joann Meigs of Northbrook, IL; a son Mark Dominick and his wife Lynn Beliveau of Granby, MA; two grandchildren, Nathan and his wife Amber Miegs of IL, and Emily Dominick of Charlestown, MA, along with two great-grandchildren, Rowan and Holden Miegs of IL.

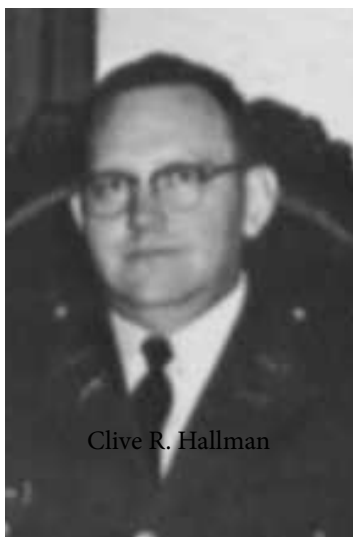
The family wishes to thank the staff on 4 West of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke for the care and compassion they gave to Joe over the last two difficult years.



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Hallman - Faculty

Clive R. Hallman, Jr. of Rockingham, Va., passed away Nov. 28th, 2022. He taught at SMA from 1957-1964 and was the principal of the Junior School 1958-1964



William Rowland McNabb '69

William McNabb passed away December 27, 2022 in Zebulon, NC. As of press time, an obituary for him had not been located.



William Rowland McNabb '69

Jeffrey Crosby '73



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Jeffrey Stuart Crosby, 65, husband of Carolyn (Sharp) Crosby died Thursday, January 14, 2021, at his residence.

He was born on April 8, 1955 in Staunton to Gladys Crosby and the late Raymond H. Crosby, Jr.

Mr. Crosby was co-owner of Crosby Trucking where he had been employed since 1973. He was a 1973 graduate of Staunton Military Academy.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by a daughter, Brakke Crosby-Wells (Andrew); a stepson, Timothy Wimer (Kate); grandsons, Ryan Crosby (Ashley Caricofe), Collin and Nicholas Crosby; granddaughters, Trinity, Kimber and Olivia Wimer; a sister, Sandra Crosby; a brother, R. Hunter Crosby (Joyce); and numerous nieces and nephews.



Joseph W. Mortimer '70

Joseph W. Mortimer, 67, who passed away on his birthday, June 9, 2019 at St. Elizabeth Health Center in Boardman, Pa.

Joe was born June 9, 1952, in Franklin, Pa., a son of Mort M. and Grace

(Sutherland) Mortimer. Joe was an iron worker for 40 years. He worked through Iron Workers Local No. 207 and last worked at Warren Steel, retiring in 2017.

Joe was a 1970 graduate of Staunton Military Academy in Virginia. Joe and his wife enjoyed spending the winter at their home in South Carolina and traveling across the country and vacationing in their motor home. He also enjoyed NASCAR races.

Joe was survived by his mother Grace Mortimer of Franklin, Pa; his wife, the former Tina M. Berardi, whom he married September 1, 1995; his sons, James Duley of Georgetown, S.C., Giovanni Duley and Jerry Duley, both of Canfield and his brother, Carl Mortimer of Gibsonia, Pa. Joe was preceded in death by his father, Mort.



Joseph W. Mortimer '70



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P. O. Box 958

Staunton, Virginia 24401-0958

You can also contact the store by e-mail at smaalumni@outlook.com

or call (540) 885-1309 for information, leave a message, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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_____	SMA 16 ounce beer glass	\$10.00	\$ _____
_____	SMA Challenge Coins	\$10.00	\$ _____
_____	SMA Lapel Pins	\$5.00	\$ _____
_____	Baseball Caps	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	Blue with Blue and Gold visor, round SMA Patch	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	Baseball Caps	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	Unstructured Hats: Blue, OR Tan with Cross Rifles and Lettering "Staunton Military Academy"		\$ _____
_____	SMA Decals "STAUNTON MILITARY ACADEMY" in Metallic gold	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	Mix and match those below:		\$ _____
_____	1 \$7.00 each, 2 \$6.00 each, 3 or more \$5.00 each:		
_____	SMA hat shield in full color ● SMA Decal w/dates (1884-1976) 16" long can be placed on car window		
_____	T-Shirts: M-3X		
_____	Gold: (with full color hat shield patch)	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	Black: (with full color hat shield patch)	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	Navy Blue _____ Black (front: full color hat shield, Back: Staunton Military Academy, Virginia..printed W/larger shield)	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	Long sleeve Gold: (with full color hat shield patch)	\$25.00	\$ _____
_____	Long sleeve Black: (with full color hat shield patch)	\$25.00	\$ _____
_____	Long Sleeve Navy Blue _____ Black (front: full color hat shield, Back: Staunton Military Academy, Virginia..printed W/larger shield)	\$25.00	\$ _____
_____	Polo (Golf) Shirts: M-3X		
_____	Old Gold with cross rifles and Staunton Military Academy in navy blue	\$39.00	\$ _____
_____	Solid Black with Gold Embroidered Hat Shield	\$39.00	\$ _____
_____	Jackets: M-3X		
_____	Zippered wind jacket, blue with gold stripe on sleeve with full color hat shield	\$45.00	\$ _____
_____	Navy Blue with Full color Hat Shield (Special order)	\$80.00	\$ _____
_____	Black with Full Color Hat Shield Patch	\$80.00	\$ _____
_____	Blue zip up Hoodie with full color shield	\$45.00	\$ _____
_____	Gray Sweat Shirt with Round SMA Patch, Staunton Military Academy on sleeve in blue	\$35.00	\$ _____
_____	Officer/NCO Belt Buckle(special order)	\$40.00	\$ _____
_____	Belt to fit buckles can be cut to sizes up to 50 inches(special order)	\$45.00	\$ _____
_____	Old Boys belt buckle (Silver with Staunton Cadet with eagle) ...	\$25.00	\$ _____
_____	Original Post Cards of scenes from SMA	\$2.00	\$ _____
_____	SMA Shoulder Patches	\$2.00	\$ _____
_____	Blue Book (reprint)	\$12.00	\$ _____
_____	Mug: Black "Barrel" Mug with Gold Hat Shield	\$5.00	\$ _____
_____	DVD Disc: "A History of the Staunton Military Academy" Produced and Directed by Greg Robertson SMA '70	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	CD: A collection of items related to the history of SMA contains ads (1884-1930) catalogs, panorama of campus & Corps of Cadets, postcards, and 16 Yearbooks including the first(1906) and last printed (1975)	\$20.00	\$ _____

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