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Al Rossy ..... SMA '74

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILL

When I arrived on the Hill for the first time, parking spots were at a premium. Groups of adults and Cadets were in abundance. But that's not what really caught my eye. There was an individual standing on the balcony attached to the left side of the Mess Hall who attracted my attention. At first, I wondered who would dress up like General Patton, including the famous swagger stick? Then I turned around and spotted a cadet who appeared to be imitating the Patton imposter, minus the swagger stick.

It was September of 1969 and the first day of my freshman year at SMA. Standing on the balcony that day was Senior Army Instructor Colonel Robert Richters, and the cadet was Junior Ray Oden. I believe Ray was a First Sargeant at the time. I was able to avoid Colonel Richters for a few months and went out of my way to do so. Although, in passing, when I would salute and say good morning, sir Colonel Richters was always very cordial. Too good to last, right?

Gate guard duty was my least favorite assignment my freshman year. Weiland Gate at the main entrance had a guard during the day until Retreat. As my last hour tour was coming to an end and I spotted my replacement approaching, the feeling of relief was overwhelming. So much so that as I stood at parade rest with my rifle, I leaned back about two inches against the gate. Then a voice rang out, "Mr. Shipula, since you appear to be comfortable, you have my permission to continue your post until Retreat." As I quickly gazed to the left, standing on the balcony was none other than Colonel Richters with his polished helmet and that swagger stick tucked neatly under his arm.

I arrived on the Hill 55 years later this past April and, once again, parking spots were few. This time the adults were alumni and guests instead of parents dropping us off. The cadets were members of the VWIL Corps of Cadets. This time the flurry of activity was the 2024 all-Class Reunion. Eighty-eight alumni attended along with many guests. All weekend activities were attended, including over 150 people at the Saturday evening banquet. Classes celebrating milestones did an excellent job of rounding up their classmates. Attending were 8 members of the Class of '59, 6 members of the Class of '64, 13 members of the Class of '69, and 22 from the Class of '74.

The VWIL/SMA Alumni Parade this year was on Friday afternoon. The VWIL Corps of Cadets was outstanding. The VWIL Color Guard and Band were excellent as usual. The Howie Rifle Drill Team and PEARLS Unarmed Drill Team had new routines which were both spot on and a thrill to watch. General Djuric is to be commended for the unwavering support to VWIL and the reunion weekend. Also, a shout out to band director Richard Adams for a great job preparing, and guiding, the band.

Friday night the Class of '74 hosted a reception and dance for all attendees at the American Hotel. Everyone had a great time socializ-

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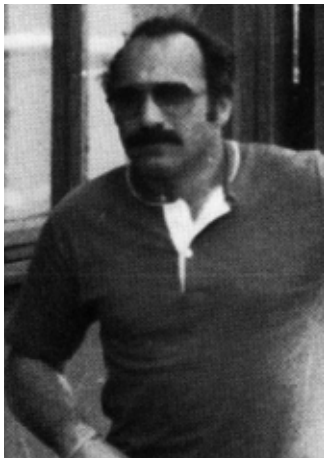
ing and dancing. A very special thank you to Gene Ehmann (Class of '74) for going above and beyond the call of duty to make this evening possible.

Saturday morning, we had nearly 50 attendees at our membership meeting. This meeting provided updates and information on the ongoing activities of the SMA Alumni Foundation.

Saturday evening was our banquet which allowed all to enjoy food and fellowship. Once again, the Hotel 24 South provided excellent service. Jay Nedry (Class of '69) did a great job as emcee telling his stories, one after another. Thank you, Jay!



Our speaker this year was Joseph D. Pistone. Mr. Pistone was a member of SMA's Class of 1959 and played on one of Coach Pandak's Virginia Military League Championship basketball teams. Joe worked at the Office of Naval Intelligence from 1967 until being sworn into the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1969 where he was a Special Agent until 1996. Joe's work included being an organizer of the FBI Undercover Program and Safeguard Program for undercover agents. He was also an FBI Academy Instructor.

Joe is probably most well-known for the six years he spent undercover as a member of the Bonanno Mafia Family in New York City, and the 22 years overall he spent in the FBI undercover program. Joe chronicled his time undercover in the Bonanno Family in his New York Times Best Seller "Donnie Brasco: My Undercover Life in the Mafia." Joe's book was turned into the 1997 movie "Donnie Brasco" starring Johnny Depp as Joe Pistone aka Donnie Brasco, and Al Pacino as Lefty. The film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Screenplay Based on Material Previously Produced or Published.

Because of his work in the FBI, Joe is an internationally recognized expert regarding undercover operations and organized crime matters. He has been awarded the US Attorney General's Award, the J. Edgar Hoover Award, the FBI Medal of Valor, and the Joseph Petrosino Award, which is presented to outstanding police officers and other distinguished individuals in law enforcement. Joe has also been bestowed the international Homicide Investigators Award, along with numerous FBI Letters of Commendation.

Joe talked about how he was able to infiltrate the family. He said he first went to school to become proficient as a jeweler since he was pretending to be a jewel thief. Then he had extensive training in burglar alarms and safecracking. Only after this training did he start his deep undercover operation. Joe explained the difference between undercover and deep undercover. Once Joe left FBI headquarters in deep cover, he didn't return for six years. All information about Joe being an agent was redacted. Only his handler and a few more knew about the operation. Very rarely was he able to see his real family. Joe said growing up in Patterson, New Jersey, he was aware of the dos and don'ts of the mob, which helped him immensely. In all, Joe's testimony led to well over 200 indictments and almost as many convictions and jail terms. A few members of the Bonanno Crime family were murdered for allowing Joe to infiltrate the Mafia.

In addition, we were pleased that Victor Gomez (AMA '69), Jeffrey Wenzel (AMA '70), Herb Maher (AMA '73), and Lee Ramsey (AMA '73) joined us at the reunion. Both SMA and AMA are facing the same reality. With SMA closing in 1976 and AMA in 1984, both alumni bases are shrinking. The opportunity to work on some of our challenges together is a benefit to both organizations. Both of us are working on digitizing our museums and securing our legacies online. Exchanging stories of our Academy days with each other is really entertaining and a pleasure.

Many of the attendees who were back on the hill for the first time said they would return. If you have never attended a reunion before, I would encourage you to mark April 11-13, 2025, on your calendars.

Making sure the reunion goes off without a hitch is quite a daunting task. A great big thank you to Reunion Chairman Peter Birckhead (Class of '73). Peter had many challenges and as always answered the call. Ed Smith (Class of '76) once again did a great job taking photos. Also, Mark Orr our Vice President made multiple trips to Staunton to deal with our IT issues. And last, but certainly not least, Brocky and Arlene Nicely made sure everything on the hill was running smoothly day in and day out. The coordination of every aspect of the reunion goes through Arlene. A great BIG thank you to Brocky and Arlene!

TRUTH, DUTY, HONOR!
David A. Shipula SMA '73
President, SMA Alumni Foundation

News and Notes

Next Issue Deadline for Submissions

The next issue of the Kablegram-Leader is scheduled to be published in October. Please send any articles and updates to kablegram@sma-alumni.org by Friday Sept. 27th. Thank you!

REMINDER: APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2024 SMA LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP IS JULY 1, 2024

Beginning in 2022, the number of scholarships was reduced from four to two, the amount of each award was increased from $1,500 to $2,500, eligibility was restricted to descendants of SMA alumni, and there will be no extensions to these awards.

Here are the details for the scholarships in the year 2024. The Staunton Military Academy Alumni Foundation will offer up to two $2,500 scholarships for graduating high school seniors who have been accepted by a 4- or 2- year college and who are descendants of SMA alumni. The website for the Scholarship Program is www.smascholarship.org. There is no requirement for students to attend a military college or to enroll in ROTC; however, applications for a Legacy Scholarship will not be accepted from high school seniors who will be attending one of the four Service Academies.

Applications for the SMA Legacy Scholarships must be accompanied by all the required attachments, including a letter of acceptance at a two- or four-year college, two letters of recommendation, and a copy of the applicant's final high school transcript. Applications must be received by July 1, 2024 to be considered.

Competition is keen, so please ensure that applicants read the Eligibility and Requirements section of www.smascholarship.org prior to beginning the application process. SMA alumni are requested to encourage their eligible descendants to apply.

Contact Burdette Holmes, SMA '62, at (651) 239-0216 with any specific questions about the Program.

2025 Reunion!

Mark your calendars for April 10-13 for the 2025 SMA All-Class Reunion! We will be celebrating the Class of 1975 50th Reunion. The headquarters hotel again will be the Hotel 24 South (formerly Stonewall Jackson). Call 540-228-1489 and make your reservation under the SMA room block today!

WINNERS OF THE 2024 RAFFLE:

GLENN MACFADDEN '69 $3,910.00
PETER WORTH '57 $1,150.00
KELLY MCGAVOCK '59 (SENT TO HIS WIFE) $690.00

Museum

As the museum is not open full time and you wish to visit during the summer months through August, please email Arlene Nicely, smaalumni@outlook.com or call 540-885-1309 (or cell: 540-294-1004) at least two days before your visit. We will be glad to have someone here for you for your visit is important to us. Thank you.

OLD BOYS

SMA old boys /race car drivers Jack Vaughn/69 and Chuck Kirtchner/70 enjoy a day of high performance driving around Virginia International Raceway /VIR 8 May 2024. Chuck drove a full-up Camaro race car and Jack drove his 2019 Shelby Mustang. Kim Langley went along for the ride with Jack. Fun time was had by all.

Dey Leadership Award

Harrison S. Dey Leadership Award - Tom Phillips, SMA '74

During the 2024 SMA All-Class Reunion Banquet, Tom Phillips, SMA '74, was awarded the Harrison B. Dey Leadership award in recognition of his years of service to the SMA Alumni Foundation, including a term as President. His leadership as president, chairman of the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee, Kablegram Editor, and, in general, the Foundations "go to" person for sound, sage advice during periods of trying times have ensured a successful track record since 1986. We congratulate and thank Tom for his dedication in helping to perpetuate the legacy of SMA and our core values of TRUTH, DUTY, HONOR!

Harrison S. Dey Leadership Award - Peter Birckhead, SMA '73

During the 2024 SMA All-Class Reunion Banquet, Peter Birckhead, SMA '73, was awarded the Harrison B. Dey Leadership award in recognition of his years of service to the SMA Alumni Foundation, including serving as Treasurer and member of the investment committee. His leadership as treasurer and chief fundraiser has ensured the foundation is financially secure. His efforts in perpetuating the legacy of SMA have included countless beautification projects on the campus of Mary Baldwin University, including benches on flag pole hill and elsewhere on campus, restoration of the SMA columns leading down to the parade field, and restoration of the original SMA Eagle and placement along the Memorial Wall. We congratulate and thank Peter for his dedication in helping to perpetuate the legacy of SMA and our core values of TRUTH, DUTY, HONOR!

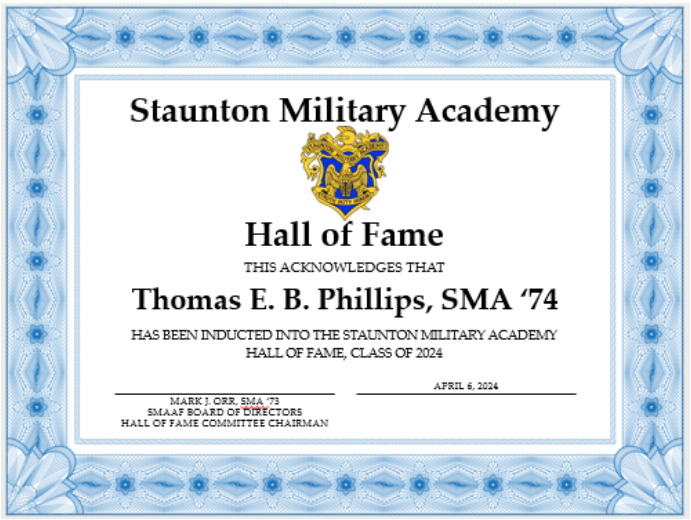
Class of 2024 Inductee to the SMA Hall of Fame

During the 2024 SMA All-Class Reunion Banquet, Tom Phillips, SMA '74, was inducted into the SMA Hall of Fame.

A 1974 graduate of Staunton Military Academy (SMA) where he served as Cadet Captain or Corps Commander. After graduating from SMA, Tom attended the University of Georgia where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism, and where he also commissioned as a U.S. Army officer through the Army ROTC program.

Upon graduation from the University of Georgia, Tom served in various public relations positions with organizations such as Tredegar Corporation in Richmond, Va., Carolina Power & Light, and the Georgia Hospitality & Travel Association.

Tom joined Siemens Corporation in 1997 in Boca Raton, Fla., providing public relations counsel and support to the company's telecom business. He transferred to Washington in 1999 and was a member of the corporate PR team, working on media relations, crisis communications and issues management. He transferred to the Government Affairs Department in 2003. Among other activities, he served on the Board of Directors of the National Conference of State Legislatures Foundation and as the private sector chair of the U.S Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities.


Staunton Military Academy

Hall of Fame

THIS ACKNOWLEDGES THAT

Thomas E. B. Phillips, SMA '74

HAS BEEN INDUCTED INTO THE STAUNTON MILITARY ACADEMY HALL OF FAME, CLASS OF 2024

APRIL 6, 2024

MARK J. ORR, SMA '73
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Based in Washington, D.C., he managed the company's state and local government affairs function, including consultants and programs that provide Siemens businesses with lobbying support and strategic business development with state and local governments. Tom retired as Managing Director and acting head of U.S. Government Affairs for Siemens Corporation in 2020.

In addition to his civilian career, Tom also served 28 years as an officer in the National Guard and Army Reserve in armor and public affairs units, and subsequently served with the Selective Service System from 1993 until 2006, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) (O-5).

Beginning in 1986, Tom was one of the founding SMA alumni members that resurrected and reactivated the SMA Alumni Foundation by organizing the first All-Class Reunion. He faithfully served on the SMAAF Board of Directors for 36 years, including as the Foundation President during a period requiring strong leadership overseeing the development of the SMA-VWIL Museum and SMA Legacy Projects, such as the SMA-VWIL Memorial Wall, replicas of the SMA Eagle and MAJ Thomas Howie bust, renovation of the WW-I memorial monument, and relocation of the SMAAF office from the Staunton Veterans Cemetery to the museum. Through the years, Tom served the SMAAF BoD in various capacities including Reunion Committee Chair, Museum Committee Chair, SMA-VWIL Memorial Wall Committee Chair, and Editor of the Kablegram-Leader Newsletter.

Now fully retired, but not finished serving his community, Tom is the president-elect of the Rotary Club of South Anne Arundel County in Maryland.

WWII Veteran Receives Medal After 78 Years

By RICHARD H. HRONIK III Daily News-Recor, Harrisonburg, VA
May 23, 2024

97-year-old World War II veteran Ralph Sebrell wearing his World War II victory medal.
Photo by: Richard H. Hronik III / DN-R

97-year-old Ralph Sebrell left the Navy almost 80 years ago. However, it was only a few months ago that he received a medal honoring his service.

Now a resident of Harrisonburg-based Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, Sebrell graduated from Staunton Military Academy before serving with the Navy in the Pacific Theater of World War II. However, by the time the Secretary of War brought the Victory Medal to full "medal" status instead of simply being a service ribbon, Sebrell had already left the service and returned to his family home in Akron, Ohio. It wasn't until earlier this year that his friend and fellow veteran Larry Clark decided to surprise Sebrell for his birthday that he got the medal.

"With this medal, I wanted to do something as a birthday gift for him when he turned 97," Clark explained. "So I did some research online and saw that there was evidence that he served in World War II, that Congress passed the law creating that medal, and he was authorized that medal. So I ordered the medal and set up a little ceremony."

Now, Sebrell displays the medal on the wall of his apartment and wears it with pride. "It felt good to get that," Sebrell said. In addition to the medal, Sebrell received a letter from U.S. Senator Tim Kaine thanking him for his service.

Sebrell, who served on the cruiser USS Amsterdam and battleship USS Texas, reminisced about his time in the Pacific, including V-J Day — the day Japan surrendered. "I was down in the forward engine room," Sebrell explained. "I stayed there all the time, pretty much. It was a good spot to be. I pretty well behaved myself and worked hard in that forward engine room."

While Sebrell said he spent much of his time below decks, he would eventually be called to the shores of Japan to help rescue soldiers taken as prisoners of war by the Japanese. Sebrell said he assisted these efforts as part of a U.S. Naval Construction Battalion, or "Seabee."

"We had a great crew," Sebrell said. "I met some real good people. I tell ya, I was always proud to be a Seabee, because we didn't take it from anybody. I still don't."

Almost 80 years later, however, Sebrell spends his time relaxing at VMRC, occasionally tap-dancing to music performed by fellow residents. He contends that no one nowadays can tap-dance the way people did in the 1940's. His salute is still as sharp as ever — something he attributes to his time at Staunton Military Academy.

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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 Birckhead (peterbirckhad@gmail.com) or Arlene Nicely (SMA Office (smaalumni@outlook.com) for more details.

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Reunion Gallery 2024

L-R: Charles "Chip" Pfister '67, Robert Parker '67, Fred Ours '66, Carol Crenshaw

Peter Birckhead '73 crunching numbers.

Mark Orr '73 and David Shipula '73.

Herb Maher - AMA '73, Jullian Lake - SMA '74, Jeffrey Wenzel - AMA '70, and Lee Ramsey - AMA '73.

SMAAF Friday morning Board of Directors Meeting.

Gary Anderson '59 and Ralph Sebrell '45.

Reunion Gallery 2024 cont.

Larry Atkinson ’67 and Walter Kircher ’70.

David Shipula ’73, Tony Shipula ’74, and Mike Langley ’72.

SMA ‘Old boys” getting into formation on the asphalt.

Peter Birckhead ’73, Ed Smith ’76, and Al Rossy ’74.

Tom Phillips ’74 prepares to lead the alumni in Friday’s parade.

Ralph Strano ’74, Bill Bissett ’74, Tom Broere ’73, and Mark Orr ’73.

Reunion Gallery 2024 cont.

Friday night's dance at the American Inn.

More Friday night's dance at the American Inn.

Susan Lambert Yates – Stuart Hall '73, Greg Speaker – SMA '72, and Lee Ramsey – AMA '73.

Reminiscing with Stuart Hall alumnae.

Bill Bissett... more fun at the American Hotel

L-R: Buddy Keyser '74, Ralph Strabo '74, Tom Broere '73, Jillian Lake '74, Gary Binge '76

Reunion Gallery 2024 cont.

Richard Henderson ’63, Carol Henderson, Ronda Anderson, and Gary Anderson ’59.

Ying Vang, Chong Vang ‘74, and Jullian Lake ’74.

Gene Ehmann ’74 and Chong Vang ’74.

Bill Kearns’74 and Gene Ehmann ’74.

Major Tommy Vames and Bill Bissett ’74.

Larry Atkinson ’67, John Vaughn ’69, and Kim Langley ’69.

Reunion Gallery 2024 cont.

Richard Winning ’74, John Finke ’73, and Mark Orr ’73.

Arlene and Brocky Nicely ’65.

Gary Binge ’76, Tilford Jones ’76, and Ed Smith ’76.

Jack Dalbo ‘68

Tessie Vames, Major Tommy Vames, and Jay Nedry ’69.

John Nolde ’63, Kim Langley ’69, Joe Frank ’68, and Edmund Leigh ’74.

Reunion Gallery 2024 cont.

Al Rossy ’74 and Steven Gagnon ’74.

Class of ’59 at Saturday night banquet.

Saturday night banquet at Hotel 24 South.

David Shipula, SMAAF Board President, speaks at Saturday night banquet.

Saturday night banquet at Hotel 24 South.

Class of ’74.

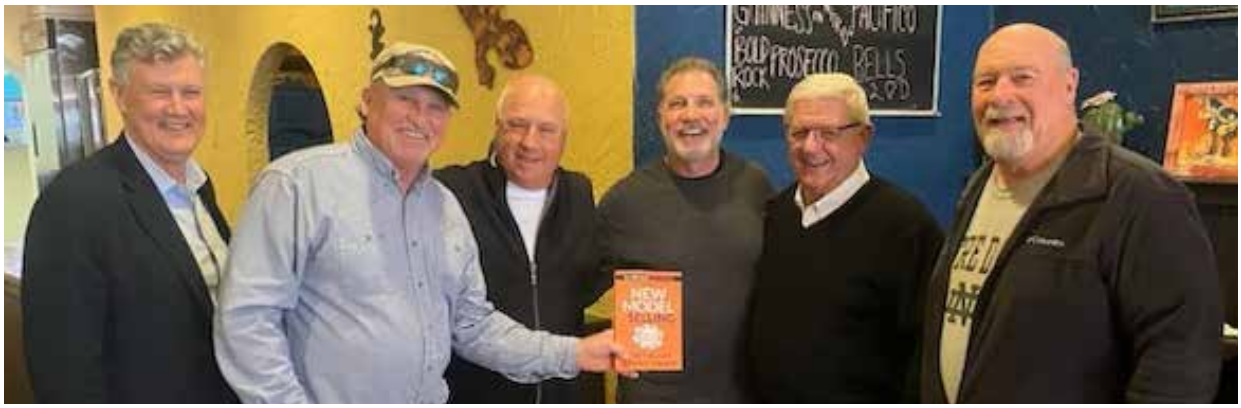
Reunion Gallery 2024 cont.

Class of '74… Luncheon at Marino's.

Ed Smith '76.

Former SMA campus (now part of MBU), looking east.

Flagpole Hill, looking west.



Several PGs from 1974 decided to return to Staunton for their 50th reunion, and they got a chance to catch up with their SMA Football coach at one of the city's watering holes. From left: Don Owens, Guy Driesbach, Ed Ortega, Ralph Strano, formaer SMA Faculty Officer and Coach Jerry Acuff, and Mike Schroer. Coach was showing off his recently published book, "The New Model of Selling."

Reunion Attendees

NAME	CLASS	GUEST	STATE
SEBRELL, RALPH L.	45	ANN W. SEBRELL	VA
AARON, BUTCH	57	PATTI AARON	OH
ERLANGER, ERVIN J.	57	NONE	OH
TAYLOR, ROBERT LEE	57	JANICE ROSE TAYLOR	VA
ANDERSON, GARY	59	RHONDA ANDERSON	AZ
CALDWELL, PAUL E.	59	NONE	FL
CAMP, SAMUEL M.	59	CARL CAMP	LA
GIBBS, WILLIAM W.	59	NONE	VA
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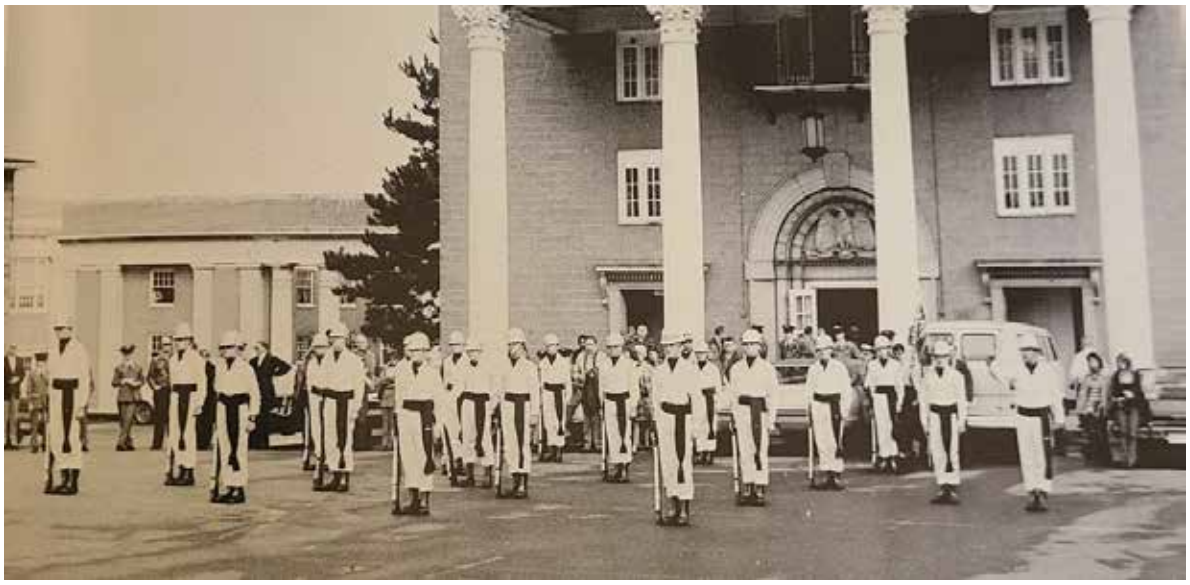

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VWIL CADETS SWEEP THE AWARDS AT SMA 2024 REUNION

In early April, on the SMA Worthy Athletic Field, over 100 SMA Alumni and the VWIL Cadet Corps marched together in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the SMA Class of '74. After reaching their respective positions, the SMA alumni contingent was dismissed, and they moved to the stands to observe the annual SMA/VWIL award ceremony. Shown below are the awardees.

Hunter Henry '47 Honoring SMA Cadet Mya Gaudier '26

Hunter Henry '47 SMA Legacy Cadet Chloe Beasley '25

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Cadet Aleya Williamson '25

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Cadet Brianna Lewis '26

SMA Leadership 3
Cadet Jacqueline Lee '27

SMA-VWIL Citizen Leader
Cadet Iolani Mangoba '24

SMA-VWIL Perseverance
Cadet Karla Pina-Ortiz '25

SMA-VWIL Professionalism
Cadet Hannah Allebaugh '25

SMA-VWIL Decisiveness
Cadet Sophie Stobie '25

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Class of '46, Brig. General William Charles Louisell, Jr.

Cadet Louisell in 1946.

Brig. General William Charles Louisell, Jr. USA died on January 20, 2024 at Rappahannock Westminster-Canterbury in Irvington, VA. He is survived by his wife, Brandon Rohr Louisell. They shared a too short, wonderful, productive life together on the Northern Neck.

Gen. Louisell is also survived by three children; Colonel William Louisell III, USAF retired (Lisa), Elizabeth Louisell, and Susanne Louisell Jackson (Brett), as well as three step-children; John Munce, William Munce and Virginia Bertholet, and one grand-daughter, Chandler Louisell.

Preceding him in death were Ann North Gaines, mother of his three children and Virginia Warner Munce, mother of his three step-children.

Gen. Louisell was born at reveille in Walter Reed Army Hospital on 16 January 1929 and began a life of and in the Army. He attended **Staunton Military Academy** and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point with the splendid class of 1951. He later earned two Master's Degrees in International Affairs and in Military Art.

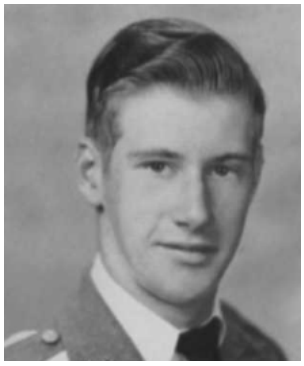
In 35 years of active service Gen. Louisell spent four years in Germany on the long watch opposite the Soviet Army. He served 42 months in infantry combat in Korea and multiple tours in Vietnam where he flew over 1,000 combat hours, and in the Middle East. He was wounded twice and decorated for valor thirteen times. After the war in Vietnam, Gen. Louisell's cohort of leaders rebuilt the Army that won the first Iraq War in 100 days. His last posting was as an Assistant Secretary of Defense. He said of his 35 years of soldiering "It was an affair of the heart".

Brig. General William Charls Louisell, Jr.

After retirement, Gen. Louisell moved to the Northern Neck of Virginia, becoming usefully involved in the community. He was Chair of the Foundation of Historic Christ Church, being awarded The Louise Belote Dawe Award. He served twice as President of the Northern Neck Chapter of The Military Officers Assn. He was a Certified Race Officer for the Rappahannock River Yacht Club, a cruise captain for the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club, an inadequate golfer, and a charter member of the Northern Neck Ski Patrol (senior division). As a fly fisherman he was an eager pursuant of the wily brook trout. He was also a member of the Army-Navy Club and the Naval Academy Sailing Squadron.

Gen. Louisell loved God, loved life, loved his family, loved the Army, and all his service was honorable.

Class of '51. Lawrence Braman Perkins



Cadet Perkins in 1951.

The Sun was in Leo when Lawrence Braman Perkins was born on August 4, 1932, in New London, CT, and it graced him with a strong, vibrant, sunny personality that -- throughout his long, extraordinary life of 91.7 years -- filled those he met with a kind of nurturing warmth. And, because he cared about connections, he had a rare talent for remembering everyone's name.

Larry graduated from Staunton Military Academy (SMA) in Virginia, and Louisiana State University (LSU) with a degree in Geology.

After graduation, Larry married his first love, Anne Mauzy. He was heartbroken when she passed away early in their marriage from lymphoma. Larry served in the Air Force during the Korean War where he lost dear friends. He thought he might see the world when volunteering for military service, but ended up in Biloxi, Mississippi, only miles from his Natchez home, teaching a radar course he created for Air Force pilots. Later, at IBM, he cut his technology teeth on the early large mainframe computers at Cape Kennedy, Florida, where he worked as a developer of Ground Operations/Saturn V Control Checkout Systems for the Apollo 11 moon mission. He even had a conversation with the genius German rocket architect, Werner von Braun, who was interested in Larry's ground vehicle checkout system he'd nicknamed "Count Checkula".

At the same time, unbelievably, Larry got into racing SCCA sports cars via his mentor Wolfgang von Trips, and was especially known for his outstanding Daytona and Sebring endurance races against "The Big Boys" like Phil Hill, Pedro Rodriguez, and Mario Andretti in his Ferrari

250 GTO. Larry became a race car driver instructor and (secretly) taught some of the original NASA Mercury astronauts how to drive -- fast, but safely. He said "They were all naturals."

Larry and his wife, Joy, and their three children, moved to Denver where he was an employee for Martin Marietta Space Systems, on various computer and planetary systems projects, including the most phenomenal, Viking, the first Mars lander mission, and Titan/Atlas rocket programs, eventually becoming a corporate manager. If Larry had a hero, it was definitely Carl Sagan. Over half a century, he continuously read, watched and studied Dr. Sagan's work. (Larry sat in the front row at the Planetary Society meeting in Seattle in which Carl last spoke.) He was thrilled to attend the Mars Viking mission reunion honoring all who worked on this mind-blowing "outta sight" project-of-the-century.

An avid backpacker and skier, Larry loved Colorado mountains better than any place on earth. He was seen holding a book, reading How to Ski while zooming down his first slopes! If he wanted to know how to do anything, he read a book first. (Larry was always reading a book or magazine.) Larry also worked for United Banks and helped to devise the first ATM system.

He worked at Unique Mobility in Denver, with the team who launched the first purpose-built electric car.

An opportunity to see the world presented itself when Larry got a job offer to work for Massey Ferguson Tractor Company in Europe to create a centralized, multi-country data processing organization. It was there he married his third wife, Jackie Hansen. Larry especially enjoyed England and said he became an "honorary British citizen" when he wrote a dictionary which translated between American English and British English.

When living in Roxborough, Colorado, he was a volunteer fireman, driving the big pumper engine. Larry was also a long-term volunteer in the Highlands Ranch Community Association where he was an Arts Encounter leader, SCFD (Scientific Cultural Facilities District) representative, Douglas County Cultural Council leader, neighborhood delegate working with the Board of Directors, Public Issues Chairman, and member of countless other committees geared toward improving the community. Larry stepped up!

Later in life, Larry mastered the art of bronze sculpting, creating award-winning sculptures that are exhibited in public outdoor settings, international museums, and private collections. He taught sculpting to children and adults. He encouraged many to begin art careers.

His love of animals, wild and tame, was profound. So when Larry was 72, he set out on a foot safari in the Tsavo jungle of Kenya, Africa, joining the excitement of ten people walking among hippos, elephants, lions, zebras, giraffes, wildebeests, gazelles, crocodiles - who had never before seen humans - over a 10-day hike through the Maasai Mara. As this was one of the biggest highlights of his life, he relished sharing these adventures through a photo & lecture presentation to several organizations.

But before that, he moved to Seattle with his fourth (and last (:-)) wife, Diana, where they sailed the deep Pacific Northwest waters in their tiny 25-ft sailboat Artemis. They also learned to race yachts and participated in regattas in Colorado and Puget Sound, and sailed Chesapeake Bay, the intercoastal waterways of Florida, and the Ionian Sea in Greece.

Life got even more exciting when the current owner of his exotic Ferrari 250 GTO asked him to be part of the restoration team to render his now iconic car to exact racing condition/configuration as it was when Larry had won in its last FIA Daytona 1966 endurance race.

He joined a dream team of restorers that won top honors at the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance (2011), best car show in the world. One of the awards was "Most Elegant Racecar". From then on, Larry's nickname in Ferrari circles was "Mr. Elegant". Together, Larry and his wife, Diana, (author Petra Perkins) wrote a book about his racing days and his hot Italian race car he nicknamed Sophia, after Sophia Loren... FULL CIRCLE: A Hands-on Affair with the First Ferrari 250 GTO ... which won an International Book Finalist Award in non-fiction and sports, and a Colorado Authors League finalist award. (FullCircle250GTO)

Larry didn't die of old age. He had no intention of doing so for a few more years. He and Diana were writing a screenplay together -- a space story. His death was via an accident: an outdoor advertising sign went airborne in a big wind and slammed into his leg, destroying it and then him. He pronounced this last turn of events "supremely ironic" since he never got injured on a racetrack going supersonic speeds, nor in a sailboat in torrential winds, nor in the Highlands Ranch tornado or in countless Florida hurricanes or Washington earthquakes or in a car/bicycle accident or by a bear in the woods or by his wife crashing her airplane. He was a survivor to the end.

Larry is survived by his beloved wife, Diana, son Lawrence B. Perkins, Jr. (Becki), son Burgess Perkins (Joni), daughter Paula Lyons, step-daughter Susan McDonald (Matthew), step-son Michael Surline (Heather), sister Elizabeth Maddux (Jim), brother-in-law James D. Duncan (Vicki), sister-in-law

Debbie Vandebrake (Todd), sister-in-law Dee Huxtable (Hugh), eight grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, fans and friends.

Contributions are greatly appreciated, in his name, to the M.S. (Multiple Sclerosis) Society, for research he was passionate about and which he supported via fundraising in local M.S walks and his trek in Africa.

Lawrence Braman Perkins.

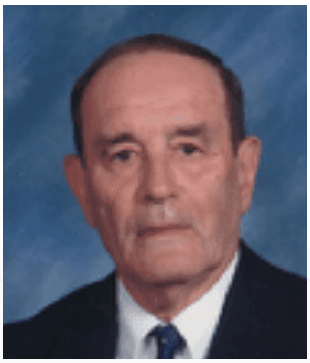
Larry's life will be joyously celebrated at an event on August 4, his birthday. Details will be posted on PetraPetra.com in summer.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Lawrence Braman Perkins, please visit our flower store.

Class of '54, Benjamin Bailey Hudson, Jr.

Cadet Hudson in 1954.

Benjamin Bailey Hudson, Jr. peacefully passed away Tuesday morning, November 1, 2022, at Central Harnett Hospital of Lillington after a year of failing health. Ben, 86, was the eldest son of the late Benjamin B. Hudson, Sr., and Sarah Z. Hudson, born in Erwin. Surviving Ben is his brother, William, and spouse Pamela Hudson of Chester, VA. Ben attended **Staunton Military Academy** and the University of North Carolina. Ben served in the US Armed Forces for two tours of duty. Ben was employed by Burlington Industries and Swift Textiles for 30+ years and was an active member of Erwin United Methodist Church. Ben loved sports, especially UNC Basketball.



Benjamin Bailey Hudson, Jr.

Memorial contributions may be made to Erwin United Methodist Church, 600 Denim Drive, Erwin, NC 28339.

Class of '59, Albert Kelly McGavock

Cadet McGavock in 1959

Albert Kelly McGavock, lovingly known as Kelly, peacefully passed away on March 27 2024. He was born on September 10, 1940. Kelly's life was filled with dedication and service to his country and community.

Kelly's career was a testament to his commitment to making a difference. He served in the Civil Service at CBC in Gulfport, MS, as a Supervisor in Ship Building in Pascagoula, MS, and as a safety coordinator and environmental manager. His work ethic and passion for ensuring safety and quality will always be remembered.

A proud veteran, Kelly retired as a Master Chief from the US Navy after serving honorably in Vietnam. His dedication to service extended to working at the White House under President Gerald Ford and serving on the USS Intrepid and USS Saratoga. Kelly's military service exemplified his courage and love for his country.

Education was essential to Kelly, who obtained an Associate's degree from FL Junior College in Jacksonville, FL. His thirst for knowledge never waned, and he carried his love for learning throughout his life.

Aside from his professional achievements, Kelly studied family genealogy and was an active member of the Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association. He also found great joy in his involvement with Trinity Bible Church at River Oaks in Biloxi, MS.

Kelly will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness and selflessness. His personality shone brightly through his servant's heart—he aimed to put others' needs before his own, especially when it came to his children and grandchildren.

Albert Kelly McGavock

His surviving loved ones are: his devoted wife of 62 years, LaVonne McGavock; children Lisa Rawlings of Greensboro, NC; Mark McGavock (Jennifer) of Water Valley, MS; David Holley of Greensboro, NC; siblings Jim McGavock (Louise) of

Staunton, VA; Bob McGavock of Chattanooga, TN; Don McGavock (Carolyn) of Parksley, VA; grandchildren Kathryn Hashemi (Saber), Rebecca and Savanna McGavock; Jonathan & Joshua Holley.

Albert Kelly McGavock is now reunited with his late parents, Mr. & Mrs. J.W. McGavock; brothers Bill McGavock and Edwin McGavock; and his beloved daughter, Laura Holley. While he may no longer be physically present with us, the memories we shared with him will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gideon Bibles.

Class of '60, Craig Richardson Maurer

Cadet Maurer in 1960.

Craig Richardson Maurer, 78, of Cherokee Village, Arkansas, passed away February 17, 2020, in Mountain Home, Arkansas. He was born April 21, 1941, in New York, the son of Carl and Louise (Meeker) Maurer.

Craig was raised in Allentown, PA and was a graduate of **Staunton Military Academy** in Staunton, VA. Craig had a long and diverse professional life. Craig served in the U.S. Navy. Craig had a career working as a member of the press, eventually serving as a news anchor for several television stations including KDFW, WHBQ, KCRG, and WALA. He also worked in several positions during his time living in the Washington, D.C. area. He was proud to have served as the Press Secretary for the 1972 Republican National Convention working directly with many leaders of the Republican party at the time including President Nixon, Vice President Ford and Senator Bob Dole. Later, Craig moved to Dallas, TX, where he started and operated his own business developing and selling sports memorabilia. Craig also worked as a real estate salesman in the Dallas area. Craig lived in Cherokee Village since moving from Dallas, Texas, in 2016. He enjoyed playing bridge, discussing politics, watching the Rangers play, and golfing in his younger years.

Craig Richardson Maurer

Craig is survived by his children, Janene (Ric) Frietag, Steven (Tonya) Maurer, Amy (Jon) Ludwigson, Krista (Steve) Conde, Blake (Victoria) Maurer, Steven Hazlett, Chad Hazlett; thirteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Carl Maurer.

Burial will be in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery, in Bloomfield, Missouri, on March 2nd at 3 PM.

The family asks that any donations be directed to Wounded Warrior Project, Fischer House Foundation, The Boots Campaign or a military charity of choice.

Class of '61, John Solomon Rosenberg

Cadet Rosenberg in 1961.

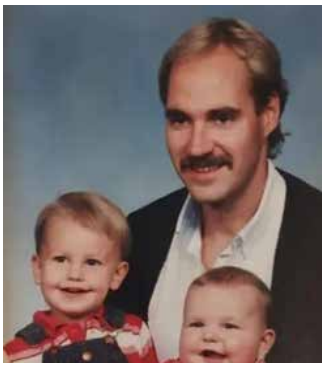
John Solomon Rosenberg.

John Solomon Rosenberg, age 80, of Naples, Florida passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2024.

Class of '74. David B. Bissett

David B. Bissett, age 68, of Fredericktown passed away on Friday, May 3, 2024, at his home. He was born on April 5, 1956, in Cleveland Heights, Ohio to the late George and Helen (Kirkwood) Bissett. David was a hobby scientist, an avid motorcyclist and enjoyed sus-

Cadet Bissett in 1974.



David B. Bissett.

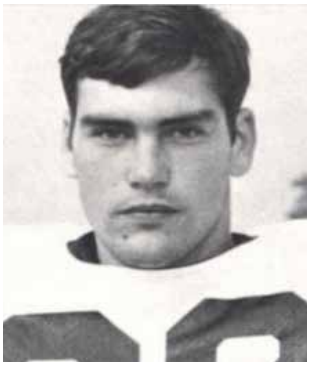
tainable homesteading; most of all he was a great father.

He is survived by his sons Derek Bissett, Ivan Bissett, his two grandsons, and his four siblings. David was preceded in death by his parents.

In keeping with David's wishes, there will be no calling hours. The family will observe a private service at a later date.

To send the family a condolence online visit: www.snyderfuneralhomes.com.

Class of '74, Louis F. Paxson



Louis, dressed for his favorite sport.

Louis F. Paxson, 68, of Telford, PA, passed away Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at his residence. Born April 20, 1955, in Doylestown, PA, he was the son of the late John W. Paxson II, and Doris M Henneke (ne Schmidt; formerly Mouery, then Paxson). Louis was a graduate of Central Bucks West High School class of 1973, played on the 1971-1972 undefeated championship football team, and was inducted into the CBW Sports Hall of Fame in October, 2022. In addition, he was a 3-year Letter winner at both baseball and football and played in the Bucks County All Star Football Game in his Senior year. He then attended **Staunton Military Academy** in Staunton, Virginia from 1973-1974, where he received All League Honors in Football and Baseball in the Virginia Military League. After he attended Staunton, he was recruited to play football at the University of Delaware.

Lou had a large happy-go-lucky personality that no one could forget. He was funny, entertaining, and could tell stories one after the other almost endlessly. He had several interests during his life, from playing baseball, basketball, and football (his favorite sport!). He was a sports fan of many teams and was glued to the TV screen to watch as many games as possible of the sports he loved. He also enjoyed reading, cooking, gardening, coin-collecting, and studying the Bible. His personal traits included being selfless, kind, giving, altruistic, gentle, religious, and a lot of fun. Lou became a grandfather to his granddaughter in 2022, and that became his newest and most cherished activity, to visit and play with her.

Lou's career encompassed a varied work history. During his youth, he caddied for golfers at the Doylestown Country Club, Doylestown, PA; delivered newspapers for The Daily Intelligencer on his bicycle, also in Doylestown, PA; then segued into swimming pool service, demolition, gardening, restaurant service, and back to swimming pool and restaurant services up until his very last day. He loved to work, anytime, anywhere, and any type of work.

Louis is survived by his son, Anthony Michael Tucci Paxson (Claytie Peterson) and granddaughter Tonya Lux Tucci Paxson; sister Bonnie Lee Paxson-Christ (Dana Christ); brother John Watson Paxson III (Linda Paxson); brother Peter Howard Paxson (Mary Paxson); many nieces and nephews, as well as several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Doris Mae Henneke (formerly Mouery, then Paxson) and father John Watson Paxson II; foster mother, Mamie B. (Schaeffer) Moyer and foster father Raymond Moyer (who both loved and cared for Louis and his sister Bonnie from 1955-1963). He was also preceded in death by his brother, Edward Scott Paxson; and sister Frieda Mae (Mourey) Ament

His religious affiliations were St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown, PA during his youth, and during the last 18 years, he attended Penn Valley Church, Telford, PA. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations made in Louis' honor to St. Luke's Penn Foundation, 807 Lawn Avenue, Sellersville, PA 18960

Class of '75, Phillip Hano, III

Cadet Hano in 1975.

Philip Hano, III, 65, passed away suddenly on January 8, 2021 at home. Born in Holyoke, December 22,1955, the son of the late Philip and Barbara (Brooksbank) Hano. Philip was a graduate of the **Stanton Military Academy** in Virginia and Becker Junior College in Worcester.

He owned and operated the former Hano Business Forms in Springfield for many years with his family. He was also a past master of the Mt. Holyoke Lodge of Masons. He leaves his beloved sister, Jodi Hano and her husband John Sequeira of Tiverton, RI. All services were private.

CADET STORE

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SMA Alumni Foundation Inc.
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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	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"		
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_____	Old Gold with cross rifles and Staunton Military Academy in navy blue	$39.00	$_____
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