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Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Virginia

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Reflections from the Hill

by Tom Phillips, SMA '74 President

Fellow Old Boys:

For a school that some would claim has been dead for 25 years, the spirit of Staunton Military Academy has shown a lot of life lately. Like the legendary phoenix, we have risen from the ashes.

I'm sure you've heard the old saying, "There's so much going on I don't know where to start." Well, that's how I feel about your association now - there's a lot going on. So I'll just start at the top - literally.

I hope the first thing that you noticed was your newsletter's name change. We've resurrected "The Kablegram." Since we'll be going back to the Hill - figuratively and literally - with the SMA-VWIL Display and Archive project (and since I'm a former Kablegram editor), it only seemed fitting to me that we "go back" to the newsletter flag that we all knew as cadets.

Now let me touch on the Legacy Projects, which include the museum and the SMA Memorial Wall. As I wrote in a letter on the SMA web site (<http://silkscape.com/SMA>), I offer a hand salute and my wholehearted thanks to all of you in our far-flung Corps of Cadets who answered the call. It was extremely gratifying to know that there still is an interest in our old school, and the legacy of the institution.

It has been reassuring to see support from the various classes. A wide range of cadets contributed to our cause, including some of our more financially successful alumni and those with disabilities who are living on a pension. They - you - are the ones who have seen the vision and know that the SMA legacy belongs on the Hill.

Many deserve thanks for the progress to date, but from the inception, two people have spearheaded the Legacy Projects: Hunter Henry SMA '46 and my colleague on the board of directors, Mark Orr SMA '73. It was Mark who presented the project to the board and convinced us of its viability. Since then, he has worked tirelessly and enthusiastically as our representative with Mary Baldwin College to address the countless details that will ensure the success of this project.

But perhaps most of all, we owe our thanks to Hunter Henry for providing his generous financial support that challenged us to pursue a fund raising campaign to support the museum and the memorial wall projects.

And now, Mark has assembled a volunteer team of SMA alumni and former faculty and staff who live in and around Staunton to manage the transformation of the old Supply Room into a museum and the SMA Alumni Association office (See Mark's article in this issue). There will be many opportunities going forward for alumni involvement in our affairs and activities, and I ask you to consider in the months leading up to the All-Class Reunion the time, talent and treasure that you might be able to donate to SMA.

Going forward, your board has several important issues to address. In the next months, we will address from both organization and operational perspectives how best to manage the museum. Longer term, we need to determine the best structure for our association to ensure the most efficient operation and the perpetuation of the SMA legacy.

We also want to expand upon the recognition of those alumni who served their country in uniform, and especially those men who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might live as a free people. To that end, we will recognize our veterans on the Memorial Wall, and at this time Immediate Past President Fred Burner and our Vice President, Stuart Smith, are working to enhance the existing World War I Memorial on Flagpole Hill.

And there is always the issue of funding. I have asked my fellow board member and Finance Committee Chairman Alvan Arnall SMA '56 to explore the options for establishing a planned giving program for our association. He has prepared an initial article that appears in this issue.

Mark your calendars: **July 27-29 for the All-Class Reunion.** This will be a very special reunion, for many reasons. Please accept my personal invitation and plan to join me as we form the Corps and officially return to the Hill to dedicate our museum.

Last but not least, SMA lost one of its greatest leaders with the passing of Col. Crawford Moon in October 2000. He is remembered on pages 8-9 and 10-11.

As always, I would welcome your input and involvement in our activities.

Truth, Duty, Honor.

OOOPS - WE DID IT!

Funds Raised to Begin Development of SMA Legacy Projects

by Mark Orr, SMA '73

Thank you Mr. Hunter Henry, SMA '46, for having the vision and providing the financial support and incentives toward making the SMA Legacy Projects achievable. Congratulations to the SMA Alumni Corps of Cadets for accepting and meeting the challenge to raise the necessary contributions required toward starting the “bricks and mortar” development of the SMA Legacy Projects (e.g., SMA Memorial Wall, SMA-VWIL Museum and new home for the SMA Alumni Association office). To date, over 210 alumni have made charitable contributions to support the museum. Not only did we meet our fund raising goal of \$75,000 as a matching contribution to Mr. Hunter Henry's, SMA '46, contribution of \$75,000, but we exceeded it by approximately \$20K. In addition, Mr. Henry has provided another \$50,000 toward completion of the SMA Memorial Wall. Gentlemen, we are on our way to providing a lasting legacy of our former school and the cadets, faculty and staff that once walked The Hill.

Construction and renovation of the old supply

room is set to begin in early March - a timeframe with a planned completion by mid-April 2001. Colonel Michael Bissell, USA (Ret) and Commandant of the VWIL Program at MBC is serving as the on-site Project Manager and Mark Orr, '73, is serving as the SMA Project Coordinator. A joint SMA-VWIL Museum Committee has been formed to oversee aspects of the museum development and furnishing. A formal dedication and grand opening ceremony is planned in conjunction with this year's Annual SMA Alumni Reunion in Staunton (27-29 July).

Obviously, between now and July, there is much that needs to be done to prepare the memorial wall and museum for the opening. In support of that effort, a group of local SMA alumni have stepped forward and volunteered their services to help pull various aspects of the projects together (e.g., plaques, video, SMA Eagle, Howie bust, etc.). These alumni volunteers are: Tom Davis, '62, John Hooser, '73, Jack Lowe, '49, Brocky Nicely, '65, Stuart Smith, '48, Frank Wollner, '71. Additional support and advice is being provided by Tom Phillips, '74, Bill Kearns, '74, Jerry Jeutter, '46 and former SMA faculty members Ned Bonfoey, Page “Lolo” Kable Bonfoey, Bob Wease, and Bill Pandak.

A lot has transpired to make all this happen in the past ten months since discussions were first opened between SMA, VWIL and MBC to make these projects a reality. The generosity of Mr. Hunter Henry, '46, coupled with a very supportive VWIL and MBC administration and the enthusiastic support of the SMA alumni have converged to make this a true team effort. While the following list of contributors is intended to recognize those early contributors, especially the “Plank Owners”, that have helped make this feasible, there remains a need for additional contributions to help put the finishing touches on these projects. If you have not contributed or have been hesitant to contribute, please don't delay. Contributions can be sent to the SMA Foundation, Inc./Annual Fund (Museum) to help support the costs to complete these projects beyond just the “bricks and mortar” phase. The fund raising drive remains open — your support and generosity will be greatly appreciated. Your true reward will be received upon your next return to The Hill.

THE ETERNAL CELESTIAL DIRT NAP

by Alvan Arnall, SMA '56,
Finance Committee Chairman

The SMA Foundation will not have an unending succession of benefactors. In fact, the last such benefactor was born over forty years ago. The SMA Foundation now will create two living memorials to Staunton Military Academy, the museum and a memorial scholarship program. The establishment of the museum has been funded. However, overtime, we hope to establish an endowment with surplus operating funds to provide one, and hopefully more, SMA memorial scholarships, and to maintain the museum and related archives.

One obvious way for alumni to help with this, beyond contributions during their lifetime, is to make some provision for the Foundation to receive something of value at their death. There are a number of ways to make such a gift.

The majority of planned gifts are made through bequests, which are outright gifts given through wills. To make a bequest, you simply name the Foundation to receive a certain amount of money or a portion of your estate. The Foundation can also be named to receive certain designated property, which it can either use or convert to cash. Under current tax law, such gifts to qualified charitable foundations are fully deductible from any amount of estate that would otherwise be taxable.

Under current tax law, a gift of life insurance to a qualified charitable foundation should give the donor an income tax deduction equal to the value of the policy, if it is paid in full. If premiums remain on the policy, the tax deduction should be approximately equal to the policy's cash value or replacement value. Premiums paid after the gift is made should be income tax deductible.

If you have, or are planning to create, a charitable REMAINDER trust or charitable gift annuity, they would be excellent vehicles for providing a gift to the SMA Foundation at your death. Also, under current law, various retirement plans are excellent charitable vehicles when there is no spouse to receive the funds at your death, since these funds are subject to both income taxes and estate taxes,

leaving a very small percentage to other heirs in taxable estates.

Of course, everyone's circumstances are different, and you should consult with your tax advisor regarding all gifts other than simple bequests by will. Also please keep in mind that the Foundation needs current contributions for operating expenses, plus any possible unforeseen museum establishment costs and the SMA memorial scholarship program. All the rubber meets the road. Your Board of Directors receives no fees or reimbursements for travel, food or lodging.

If you have made some provision for the SMA Foundation, Inc. through any planned gift, or when you do, let the Foundation office know, because there will be a legacy society established before year-end to give recognition to you. You do not need to reveal the amount or nature of your gift, or even reveal the approximate date of your death. No one will doubt your sincerity because the Honor Code survived the Academy, and you will not survive the need for the gift.

If the estate tax is eliminated or the effect of it is greatly reduced, this will simply mean there will be more of your estate available for everyone, including the Foundation.

ATTENTION KOREAN AND VIETNAM WAR VETS

The SMA Legacy Projects Coordinator is collecting the names of SMA cadets that were killed in either the Korean or Vietnam Wars. Names are needed to develop memorial plaques for the SMA Memorial Wall. He is also collecting the names of combat veterans of the Korean War and Vietnam War. If you have information on SMA cadets that were KIA/MIA from either war or if you are a combat vet from either war, please contact Mark Orr, SMA '73, via one of the following means:

Email: markorr@concentric.net

Phone: 757-631-6883 (h) after 6 PM

Mail: 1009 Downshire Chase, Virginia Beach, Va. 23452

Please provide: Full name, SMA year graduated/years attended, Service affiliation, Korean and/or Vietnam War (KIA, MIA, combat tour dates).

RESPONSE FROM LETTERS OF SYMPATHY

From Mrs. Patti Moon, wife of the late Crawford Moon, Woodstock, Va.: "Wishing you every happiness this holiday season and throughout the New Year. Thank you so much for the donation you made to Hospice. They were a great help and such nice, sweet people! Crawford thought all of the nurses were 'good lookin' women!' and told them so. Thanks again to the Association."

From Mrs. James Cochrun, Jr., Naples, Fla.: "Thank you very much for your kind letter of sympathy.

After 58 years of a very happy marriage it has been difficult - but we are luckier than most.

Jim and Tom Howie were very good friends. Jim was very proud to be a friend of the Major of Saint Lo. He was also so proud when our son James Cochrun III made the Howie Rifle team.

I am enclosing a check for the Museum. Hope you make your goal.

Thank you again for your kind letter."

A letter of Sympathy was sent to Mrs. Claudia McCorkle, daughter of the late Tom Stilwell, from the SMA Association Board of Directors and members. Claudia expressed her appreciation for the terrific letter and said what a hoot about John Baldrige and the "Bra" story. She said, "Thank you for your sentiment and remembering Tom in *Taps*." Editor's note: (See excerpts from Obituary under *Taps*.)

VISITING THE OFFICE

Stuart Smith, '48 and Jean, Massanutten, Va. with their guests Monica Giaordano, and Trudy Stone, from Maine.

Samuel W. Marsh, III, '56 and son Waverly from Alexandria, Va. Samuel has been added to our active roster. They toured the office, looked through yearbooks and could not believe we had his transcript.

Waldo Keister, '52, and wife Shirley, Fredericksburg, Va. Waldo was also an Instructor at

SMA. Mr. and Mrs. Keister donated a scanner to the Association.

Wesley Constable, '61, Corpus Christy, Tex. and Barbara.

Roger Minnich, Winchester, Va.

Richard McLaughlin, Staunton, Va.

Robert and Lois Emswiler, Dayton, Va.

On Dec. 8, 2000, William Becker '57 and his wife called the alumni office as they passed through Staunton in the early a.m. on their way to Florida before the office opened. Hopefully the timing will be better and they can stop and visit when they return to their home in Selingsgrove, Pa.

Our appreciation to those who help to keep the records up-to-date. The obituary of Paul G. Sailer, '31 was sent to John Baldrige from Marion Jones, sister of Ed Jones, '41 who was a past Association president. Several months before Paul died he mailed some memorabilia to the office for which we are most grateful. Paul was always loyal to the Association.

Mrs. William Fisk, Dallas, Tex., said the October newsletter has lots of interesting articles. The one on *Taps* was fascinating. The idea for the museum and memorial wall is fantastic. She hopes enough money will be raised to make it possible. Mrs. Fisk's son, William Fisk, SMA '74 made a contribution toward the SMA Memorial Wall and Museum.

The "Perks" in this office are meeting nice people and getting them in touch with each other. Feb. 8, a call came from Mrs. Sandy Andrews. She saw on the Web where a John Hughes and his wife attended the reunion and her father and John were roommates. Her father was Irwin Lance, '36 from Pennsylvania who is now deceased. Sandy was thrilled to know we had the address and phone number of John and she called him immediately. John told us the next day that they had a long conversation and Sandy would be visiting them in the spring.

John Baldrige, SMA '42PG is one of our most faithful contributors both financially and in writing articles for the newsletters. We apologize to John for

inadvertently omitting his name under annual fund contributors for the past three years. John has contributed to the dues, annual fund, scholarship fund and the SMA-VWIL project. John, please accept our apology.

NOTES FROM ALUMS

Robert J. Archibald, '64, Canton, Oh.: "Please accept the enclosed dues and contributions in recognition of the good efforts that are being put forth by you to keep the name and honor of SMA apparent and shining... for those who attended and, who somehow discovered it along the way."

October 11, 2000, Col. Edward Dodge, '42, Staunton, Va. and also an Instructor informed us that Barry Goldwater, Jr., '57, Phoenix, Ariz. has cancer of the voice box.

Theodore A. Torlidas, '63, Bridgeville Pa.: "A Christmas Votive Prayer Candle is being lit in honor of the Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association this Christmas season at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois.

This candle is being lit with the prayer that your New Year will be one of happiness, prosperity, and good health.

To the prayers of the Missionary Oblates at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, I add my own prayer that you will have a holiday season filled with peace and love."

Louis Pauls, Jr., '53, Galveston, Tex.: "Enclosed are my dues for the upcoming year.

I read with great interest the October 2000 alumni newsletter. Quite a few members are from the classes of 1952 or 1953, and I remember some of them well.

I noticed that John Tewksbury and Martin Bier are planning a class reunion for the class of 1952. John was my company commander and Martin a Sergeant in Company "B". I still have my yearbooks from both years, and enjoy reading them."

Eugene S. Roberts, '47, Tampa, Fla.: Enclosed is my contribution for the SMA Memorial Wall and Museum. Since my graduation in 1947 I have been

by SMA (Mary Baldwin College, that is) twice, both times after I had to leave my home in Havana, Cuba, because of the Communist takeover of the Island by Dictator Castro. Our family lived in Miami from 1961 to 1964, when we moved and settled in Tampa."

Fred Meuter, '47, Fountain Hills, Ariz., attached a check for the Memorial Wall Project and stated he was very pleased to make this gift. "SMA gave me very much and truly had a significant positive impact on my future."

Mrs. Prudy Tallman Wood is interested in finding out any information about her brother Foster Tallman, SMA '46 who is deceased. Another brother Frank Tallman was known as the "King of Hollywood Stunt Pilots". If any of you who graduated in '46 with Foster and can add to thoughts about his stay at SMA please contact Mrs. Wood at: 8368 Paseo Del Ocaso, LaJolla, Calif. 92037. Tel: 858-459-6459.

William E. Lawrence, '43, Manteo, N.C.: "I have never attended a reunion in Staunton, VA, but hope to be there in 2001. I enjoy the newsletters and do remember John Baldrige, Randolph Fusselman, Pete Shivaly, and of course the biggest Hell raiser Phil Turnbull.

I have one 1942 Shrapnel and a 1943 Shrapnel. The latter was autographed by Alexander Patch-Major General USA. I remember the General coming to the Hill in a chauffeur-driven gray car, Army of course and he was good enough to sign my book. He goes on to say that he joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 and completed training as a B-29 flight engineer. He retired from United Airlines after 35 years of service."

Ralph Emerson, '54, Rochester, N.Y., wants SMA re-established. He loved SMA and is concerned about the discipline in public schools. Ralph has cancer and he said it has been a very stressful 3 1/2 years.

Gary Gross, '63, Miami, Fla., said the news about the museum was a nice surprise. He hopes it works out and said to keep up the great work on the Alumni News.

Ramiro Colon, '59, P.R., has enjoyed the rewards of SMA and profited greatly. He attended the University of Pennsylvania where he received a B.S.

in Economics in 1957 and an M.B.A. in 1959. Ramiro also attended the Law School of the Catholic University of P.R. and received a Jurist Doctorate Degree. In 1957 he received his commission as a 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army Transportation Corps. He is now a coffee farmer.

He also has been married for many years and has six children and shares six grandchildren.

Ramiro enjoys the SMA Alumni news and said congratulations to Fred Burner and his Board of Directors for a job well done and gives his best wishes to Tom Phillips and the new board for the coming year.



**RAFI YALESHARIF, '58, MARYLAND AND
JIM LOWE, '58, NEW JERSEY, DATED
SEPTEMBER 2000, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

From Robert Poust, '69, Lafayette, N.J.:
“I received the October SMA newsletter and read Alvan Arnall’s insert about Major Howie. My wife Susan and I had just returned from France and while we were there I just had to go to Normandy. Well we did all the basic things like go to the museum and did the tours but the main reason for my going was to see the American Cemetery above Omaha Beach. I went to the Registration Office and told the French employee at the desk that I would like to see two graves -- one was Teddy Roosevelt Jr., and he looked up and told me where I could find the grave marker. Then I said, “an instructor at my school is also here and his name is Thomas Howie.” At the mention of Major Howie’s name he kind of went to attention and never even looked at the registration book and said you mean ‘The Major of Saint Lo’ and I was a little taken back and very proud and said, “Yes of course.” Well again without even looking at the registration book to tell me where Major Howie was buried, this person knew it like the back of his hand, and that

Major Howie was the most important American Soldier in the world. This brought tears to my eyes and I was proud of our SMA. My wife, I think, now understands about our ‘Major of Saint Lo’. I did take a few pictures of Major Howie’s grave and from there we went to Omaha Beach. I will never forget that day and I hope that no one else will ever forget it either!”

From John Baldrige, SMA '42PG, Cranberry Twp, Pa., Re: Albert L. Hutson, Jr., SMA '41.

“As a young second lieutenant in World War II he served with the First Armored Division in the Italian Campaign, starting with the Battle of Anzio, and participated in the liberation of Rome. During combat in the Po Valley he sustained a wound for which he received the Purple Heart. Col. Hutson served in the U.S. Army for 32 years, earning the Combat Infantryman’s Badge for service in World War II and Vietnam. He was awarded the Silver Star during the Vietnam War, where he served from 1967-1968 as a battalion commander and acting brigade commander of the First Air Cavalry Division. After retiring from the Army, he pursued a career as a figurative artist in San Francisco. In honor of his artistic achievements, San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan declared his 70th birthday, March 11, 1993, Col. Albert Hutson Day.”

The death of Hillier Walton, '32, Columbus, Oh. is listed under *Taps*. Mrs. Walton called to inform us of his death. As a result of the office not knowing of his death she received the SMA/VWIL Archive letter from Tom Phillips, and called the office to see if there was some need of funds. In a few days a most generous check arrived paying Hillier’s delinquent dues which began in 1998. Editor’s note: Our most sincere appreciation for this gift in memory of Hillier.

A check was most appreciated and needed from Joseph Cekuta, III, '53, Austin, TX who contributed \$1,000 for dues. He added it is for back payment and the current year 2000-2001. For those of you in arrears you may feel free to do the same.

Editor’s Note: News items sent to the office prior to the cut-off date are printed in the Kablegram. All items occurring after the Kablegram mailout accumulate for a three or four month period and are printed in the next Kablegram. For time sensitive material, please call office for cut-off date.

TAPS

Francisco R. Rolon, Bridgewater, Va., died July 29, 2000, at his residence. He was born in Puerto Rico. Francisco was an instructor at Staunton Military Academy.

Thomas N. Stilwell, '42, descendent of a prominent "pioneer family" of Ft. Lauderdale and summer/fall resident of Lake Toxaway, N.C., died September 4, 2000.

Tom attended Washington and Lee University when he was called to serve in the South Pacific in World War II. As an Army captain, he was Heavy Weapons Company Commander attached to the "Scout and Raider special operation to go behind enemy lines". He was decorated with the Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Returning from the war he married Dorothy Knight and launched himself into the hotel industry becoming general manager at High Hampton Inn and Country Club for 20 years. He was past president of many hotel/motel associations.

Survivors include, his wife, Marcella, a son, Thomas, three daughters, Linda, Dorothy and Eddy, also grandchildren.

Benjamin L. Jackson, '68, Chevy Chase, Md. passed away in June 2000. Benjamin was involved in an auto accident.

Martin D. Bier, '52, Woodmere, N.Y., sadly learned that John E. Simone, '52, Brigatine, N.J., passed away February 1999.

A fax was received from Tom Phillips, '74, that Ernesto Godoy, '64, passed away Sunday, September 17, of a heart attack, while giving skiing lessons at the Miami Ski Club.

From Mrs. Helen S. Fletcher: "This is to let you know that Theodore E. Fletcher, Jr., '38, Preston, Md., passed away February 10, 2000, suddenly. He very much enjoyed his two years at SMA."

Paul G. Sailer, '31, Pittsburgh, Pa., died September 29, 2000, after a long illness. He was beloved husband of Irene Pasinski Sailer and father of Judith Rocker.

Paul was Vice President of Jenette Corporation,

where he worked for 42 years and a partner in Three Antiques in Verona, which he helped organize. He was a member of the Oakmont Yacht Club, the United States Power Squadrons, and Pittsburgh Squadrons, and a member of the Historical Glass Club. He, his wife and friends organized the Carnival of the Three Rivers, which was the first Pittsburgh Regatta focused on a decorated boat parade.

Services were held in East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

From Mrs. Frances Mandy, Huntsville, Ala.: "This is to inform you of the death of my husband, Charles Albert Mandy, Jr., Class of '55. He died July 1, 2000. He was also a graduate of Auburn University and Thens State. He was employed by Boeing as an electrical engineer. Survivors also include two sons, Charles III and Paul and one daughter Elizabeth and 3 grandchildren."

From Helen H. Cochrun, Naples, Fla.: "I would like to inform your office of the passing of my husband, James L. Cochrun, Jr., class of '33 on September 4, 2000, in Naples, Fla. Following Staunton, Jim graduated from Ohio Wesleyan. He served with the Army during WW II in the China, Burma, India Theater. Following the war, he continued in the reserves where he eventually attained the rank of Colonel.

He was involved in real estate and land development in Naples.

Staunton was a very influential part of Jim's life and he held many fond memories of his years spent on "The Hill."

Jim is also survived by a son, James L. Cochrun, III, SMA '61, a daughter, Linda Roberts, son-in-law, Pete Roberts and a grandson, Peter Roberts.

Message from Sharon McDavitt, Dublin, Oh. that her husband Robert, '56, died August 28, 1998.

Note from Mrs. Arnold W. Sher, Columbus, Oh., that Arnold, '42, passed away two years ago.

William C. Moon, died Sunday, October 29, 2000 at his home in Woodstock, VA. Col. Moon started at SMA as a French and Spanish teacher in 1950 and completed his SMA career in 1974 as a superintendent. He was a superintendent at Massanutten Military Academy in Woodstock from

1974-1991. He was elected to the Massanutten Military Academy Alumni Association Hall of Fame on October 20, 1990.

Col. Moon was a member of the Woodstock Rotary Club since 1975 where he was a past president. In 1997 he received the Rotary's highest honor, the Paul Harris Award.

Col. Moon and his wife, Patti, always attended the SMA Reunions. He was certainly an asset to SMA while there, and even after when he kept in touch with the Association.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Greg of Charlottesville, Va., two daughters, Leesa Remley of Strasburg and Laura Moon of New Orleans, La.

Several of the SMA Alums and instructors represented the school at the service. Tony Wilson and Robert Wease gave the eulogy.

From K.U. Anderson: John G. Uzzell, '44, Canton, Ga., died in 1992.

Ramiro L. Colon Jr., '53, Ponce Puerto Rico: "It is with deep regret that I report the death of Osvaldo Bonaparte, '49, who died in October 2000. Carlos D. Bonaparte, '49, P.R., passed away in 1999."

Word was received in November 2000, that Chester Weisinger, '51, Philadelphia, Pa., died July 14, 2000. Chester is the brother of Andrew Weisinger, '54, Baldwin, N.Y.

Mrs. Mulvihill, wife of James '64, Simpsonville, S.C. informed the office that James died July 30, 2000.

Mrs. Yorke Roberts, called to inform us that her husband Yorke, '59, Midlothian, Va., died February 12, 2000 of Leukemia.

Mail returned from Benjamin H. Hoge, '43, Fairfield, Va. 12-06-00 marked deceased.

Mail returned for John Roderick, '42, Mountainburg, Ariz., marked deceased.

The son of James Tarrant, '48, Rensselaer, NY, advised that his father passed away January 4, 1997.

Note from Greta Roderick, that her husband Marcy Frank Roderick, '28, Media, Pa., died August 1998.

Ralph Madden, '30, Oakland, Calif., died August 31, 1996.

Mail returned for J.E. Orman, '25, marked deceased.

Mail returned for Leonard Miller, '28, St. Augustine, Fla., marked deceased August, 1998.

Mail returned for John Singleton, '46, Washington, N.C., marked deceased.

Mail returned for James Townsend, '28 Milford, Del., marked deceased.

Frank A. Besosa, '30, San Juan, P.R., died April 20, 1999.

Received word December, 2000, that H. Rogers Newbaker, '51, Bradenton, Fla., died in 1990. Also that Ralph Madden, '30, Oakland, Calif., died August 31, 1996.

Joseph M. Vanzandt, SMA '31, Louisville, Ky., died November 10, 1998.

John C. Meyer, '32, Spring Hill, Fla., died June 9, 1999.

Note from Lillian Davis, that Collings S. Davis, '43, Neptune City, N.J., is deceased.

Ernesto Godoy, '64, Miami, Fla., died September 17, 2000.

From Sharon Hallihan: "I am sorry to report that my father Leslie S. Reynolds, Toms River, N.J., a graduate of 1949, passed away on October 10, 2000, his 70th birthday.

My Dad was a loyal supporter of SMA and just last February 2000, got together with several of his roommates from 1949. These wonderful men attended my father's Memorial Service, traveling great distances to Toms River, N.J., to say their good-byes. My family is forever grateful that my Dad had these men in his life and these men will always be considered as our family."

Notification that John S. Akers Jr., '28, is deceased.

From Craig Maurer, '60, Arlington, Tex.: "William R. "Bob" Barricklow, '60, passed away

January 24, 1987. He died as a result of a massive heart attack. His widow told me that SMA played a very important role in Bob's life and she would be greatly honored if we would include his name in the Taps."

The office received a call from Grace Walton, informing us that her husband, E. Hillier Walton, died October 1, 2000, as a result of cancer. Hillier was a loyal supporter of the SMA Alumni Association.

Mail returned that Walter A. Moshier, Abilene, Tex., died January 11, 1999.

From Mrs. Walch, that her husband Robert '65, Miami, Fla., is deceased. He always spoken kindly of his days at SMA.

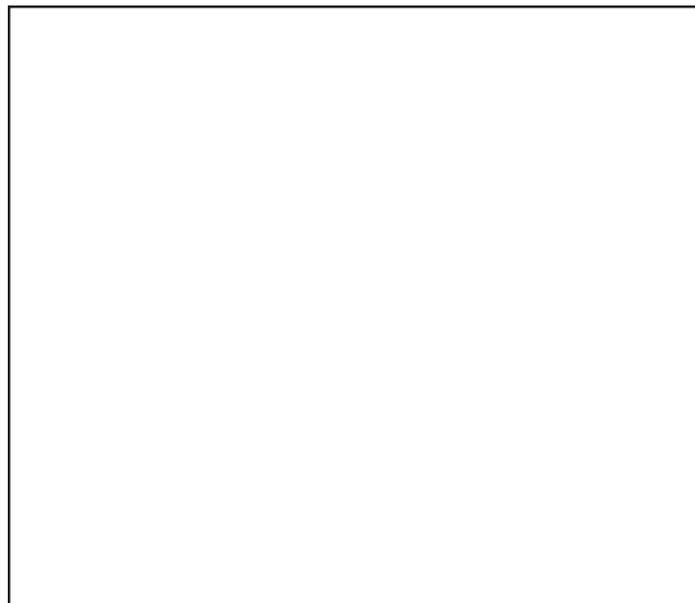
EULOGY FOR CRAWFORD MOON

by Col. Robert Wease

An ancient writer wrote, "to everything there is a season, a time to every purpose under heaven. A time to be born, a time to die."

Colonel William Crawford Moon was born to live a good life and a rewarding life - a life that rewarded so many people. And on Sunday he died a dignified and courageous death. Each of us here today knows that his life taught us so much about living and those who gathered by his bedside and in his home during the past weeks know that his life taught us much about dying. So let us today honor the life of Colonel Crawford Moon.

For more than four decades, two prominent military schools in the Shenandoah Valley and their cadets were blessed with a person of considerable gifts. Colonel Moon's simple honesty, hard work, depth of determination, and strength of character inspired countless cadets and scores of colleagues at both Staunton Military Academy in Staunton and Massanutten Military Academy here in Woodstock. Unfailingly thoughtful and always straightforward, Colonel Moon worked tirelessly and firmly with legions of cadets in the classroom and during their hours of study in the evenings. He worked constantly to stretch ordinary students into extraordinary achievers and learners. He worked steadily to demonstrate that sound teaching means bringing out the best in a student by always doing one's best. He worked consistently to show cadet leaders that they



COL. W. CRAWFORD MOON

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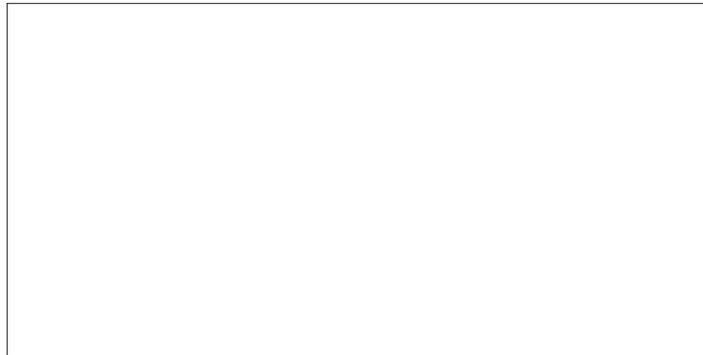
are set apart and singled out not for special privilege but for special responsibility. He worked competently to bring order to the lives of thousands of cadets and meaningful direction to them as they reached for responsibility and maturity at SMA and here at MMA. He worked faithfully to implore each of these thousands of cadets at both institutions that the one clear lesson life teaches is the lesson of personal responsibility for one's choices and one's behavior. By his depth of determination, his honesty, his single-minded dedication to task, and by his own example of long hours and hard work every day, Colonel Crawford Moon encouraged and motivated each person in the SMA Community to do better, and we here today and those hundreds of colleagues and legions of cadets around the world are better because of Colonel Moon's example.

A distinguished student and graduate of the University of Virginia, a master teacher in French and Spanish, a capable director of Guidance, and an able and talented superintendent of Staunton Military Academy from 1950 to 1974, Colonel Moon provided the staff and faculty, patrons and cadets with firm and steady leadership - a leadership marked with dignity and self-confidence, forcefulness and good-will. To those who have been fortunate enough to enjoy his friendship. Colonel Moon was a man of personal courage and conviction, generous gifts and unusual talents. In every position he held at SMA from 1950 to 1974, he served with distinction and in each, no

cause of a cadet or colleague was too small for his concern nor too great for his commitment. He always did the right thing in the right way. And in so doing, he enriched the life of Staunton Military Academy and he enriched the lives of us who knew him and worked with him there more than anyone of us here can ever realize.

For five years, Mary Alice, our two children, and I lived next door to Crawford, Patti, Greg, Leesa, and Laura, an infant then, on the grounds of SMA. The Moons were good neighbors and true friends. In a sense our families became one family during those years. Mary Alice and I will always remember and treasure those wonderful and happy times we shared with the Moons during our years as next-door neighbors. They were good years. And it was during those years that I discovered a special gift that Crawford and Patti had and shared with each other and with others they knew, including us. Each had

that very rare gift of lifting people to a higher vision of themselves. This inspired them during their remarkable lives together and it has inspired each of us who have been so favored to know them and enjoy their friendship. Patti, Greg, Leesa, and Laura, you have been truly blessed and so have we. Yes, the writer of that ancient book of wisdom was right. There is a time to be born and a time to die and a time in between to live. All of us here today know very well that the truly meaningful time the writer of so long ago spoke is the time between the time to be born and the time to die. Crawford Moon knew this, too. He was born and he died and in between he lived his life - a very good life and an enormously rewarding life for family, for two military schools, their cadets and associates of forty-one years, for friends and for each of here today. So now let us salute Colonel William Crawford Moon for the life he lived.



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