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Looking back, and into the future: the SMA legacy is alive and well!

It all started in 1999 when several alumni banded together to breathe new life into the SMA Alumni Association, and do what they believed could be done to perpetuate the legacy and memory of Staunton Military Academy.

Although the association had been active since it was formed in 1976, it had experienced mixed results. A small office was opened in Staunton and the process of collecting names and addresses of alumni was begun by Paul "Ike" Kivlighan, SMA '29, and former superintendent Colonel Harrison S. Dey.

From 1976 to 1986, numerous alumni became involved, and it was through their donations that today's SMA Alumni Association and the SMA Foundation were established. The SMA name, records and memorabilia were purchased and donated to the organization.

The first Staunton reunion was held in 1986, and in 1987, help was enlisted from the Tucker family, who donated the use of office space at Ingleside Resort Hotel for the association's Alumni Office. Also in 1987, the address list was computerized into the database we have today.

The SMA Alumni Association website (sma-alumni.org) was created in 2001 by Mark J. Orr, SMA '73, and has become a treasure trove of both historical and current information about the organization and its membership.

Beginning in 1999, a series of scholarships were established to be awarded to Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) cadets. The SMA Alumni Association provides a yearly leadership award of \$1,000 and in 2002 Hunter W. Henry, Jr., SMA '46, established the *Henry Scholarship Honoring SMA* and the *Henry SMA Legacy Scholarship*.

In July 2001, the SMA-VWIL Museum, a joint endeavor of the SMA Alumni Association and VWIL, was opened, made possible by financial help from Mr. Henry and more than 50 "plank owners" who made significant contributions.

The SMA Legacy Projects continued with the creation of the Memorial Wall outside the SMA-VWIL Museum in 2002. Funded by Mr. Henry, it displays bronze plaques honoring alumni from all walks of life with a centerpiece plaque titled "The Ultimate Sacrifice", designed by alumnus/sculptor Lawrence B. Perkins, SMA '51. Other plaques pay honor to SMA alumni, faculty and staff and those who were lost in World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

At the foot of the Memorial Wall is a "Walk of Honor" comprised of inscribed bricks purchased by alumni and families of alumni, honoring fellow cadets as well as SMA staff and faculty.

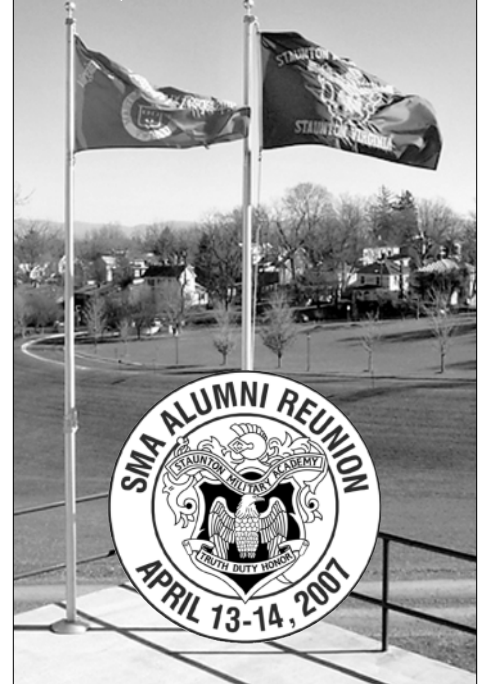
There is a brick patio at the end of the walk where the SMA eagle (once located over the entrance to North Barracks) and the sallyport gates to South Barracks are permanently displayed behind the eagle.

The SMA-VWIL Museum has become a focal point of alumni who return to the "Hill", and will this year be expanded to nearly twice its current size — a move made possible by VWIL and Mary Baldwin College that reflects the close relationship that has developed between the college and the SMA Alumni Association.

In 2005, the association was invited to participate in the annual Promotions Board at VWIL, a process that interviews candidates and selects the senior and underclass leadership of the Corps of Cadets for the following academic year.

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The Spirit Lives On!



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REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILL

This issue of *The Kablegram* has a single “Then and Now” profile, providing an in-depth look at the outstanding career of VWIL Commandant: Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell.

Mike Bissell and I first developed a close relationship when I became president of the SMA Alumni Association several years ago, and I have watched the bond between us grow year by year, on both a personal and professional level.

We have consulted with each other on all occasions when an action by VWIL would impact our association, and when the efforts of our organization would impact VWIL. He is tireless in his praise, publicly and privately, for the benefits that VWIL has enjoyed as the result of the SMA Alumni Association. When our business contacts in the private sector made significant contributions of computers and furnishings, Mike Bissell made sure each of them received a personal letter of appreciation. He has always “gone the extra mile” to accommodate the needs of our association, at our annual reunions and year-around.

To be sure, we have had our differences. Mike and I have always sought a common ground for us to continue to build upon, with a mutual goal to benefit both VWIL and the SMA Alumni Association — and to perpetuate our legacy as well as enhance the future for VWIL.

I have learned a great deal about Mike Bissell, the man, and have witnessed his day to day interaction with the young ladies in the VWIL Corps of Cadets. The profile and the accompanying accolades from SMA alumni speak for themselves and serve as a fitting testimony to Mike's integrity, dedication, and to the VWIL program as it is today.

I am now halfway through my third year as president of the SMA Alumni Association, a job that has presented many challenges and offered periodic rewards. It has been as close to a full time vocation as one can imagine, and one that I have for the most part enjoyed.

Whether I continue in this post after this August is a decision that the membership and the Board of Directors will make at the annual reunion in April in Staunton. While I can say that we have accomplished a great deal in two-and-a-half years, there is certainly much more to be done.

Leading our organization requires a constant dedication, a willingness to listen and respond, communicate, maintain relationships, and have a spouse who is willing to not only tolerate the long hours of work that the president puts in, but to become involved herself. I have enormous respect and appreciation for the support and involvement that my wife Jo Ann has given me throughout my tenure.

No leader could ask for a better Board of Directors than the one that guides the SMA Alumni Association. These dedicated gentlemen provide the level of enthusiastic support, critique and wisdom that a president needs to achieve success and continue to perpetuate the SMA legacy. The support from the Board of Directors deserves far more recognition than I can provide in this limited space. Thank you, one and all.

We have spent the past nine months working toward a record-setting reunion this year. As of this issue of *The Kablegram*, the attendance log reveals more than 100 alumni returning to the “Hill” in April. Much of this has been accomplished through networking by members of various classes who have taken the time and effort to contact and encourage others from their classes. Some are returning because of their experiences at our most recent reunions. No matter what the reason for your attendance, you will find the 2007 reunion to be one of the most memorable events in your later life.

— C. David Litzenburg, SMA '58

The SMA legacy is alive

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Also in 2005, the first VWIL Kable Legion of Honor was awarded to a graduating senior, reviving a tradition that was the premier recognition at SMA for many decades. The same year saw the name of the Howie Rifles conveyed to the VWIL drill team.

The 2006 reunion found 92 returning alumni, and the 2007 gathering appears to be bringing more than 100 “old boys” back to the “Hill” in Staunton.

Late last year, construction of a new wall cap and drainage system was completed on the Memorial Wall, eliminating any further leakage into the museum.

We continue to have new members in the organization. Some of our alumni are networking and finding those who were lost for a while, and others are finding us on the Internet through our web site. To date, our database contains 3,200 members and former faculty and staff.

Where do we go from here? Resting on our laurels is not an option.

The SMA-VWIL Museum Committee met during February to map out recommendations for the expansion project. Plans call for the project to be completed this year. The expansion will create a much larger room for Staunton Military Academy artifacts and displays, a separate room dedicated to the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL), a more private office for the Alumni Secretary and association records, a larger archives room, and a conference room that both organizations can utilize.

We have some lofty goals:

- Continue to build the Scholarship Fund to \$50,000, and take the annual award to \$2,500 annually;
- Continue to locate alumni who are not registered with the association and get them involved;
- Provide professional expertise and our various talents to assist VWIL in expanding the Corps of Cadets to 250; and
- Find new ways to reach out to alumni and to perpetuate the SMA legacy.

These are but a few goals. They are all achievable if our organization continues to pursue them vigorously. One person alone cannot accomplish this. It will take dedicated and enthusiastic teamwork from many alumni.

The bottom line? The SMA Alumni Association is healthy, active and the SMA legacy is very much alive and well!

— C. David Litzenburg, SMA '58

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Yes, there will be dancing....

...at the 2007 reunion in Staunton. While we eliminated the Friday evening barbecue and dance in the Mess Hall in favor of a reception and twilight ceremony, dancing is scheduled for Saturday evening immediately following the banquet at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. Plans call for the 9:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. dance to be held in the Colonnade Room across the hall from the lounge. Those who wish to dance will be able to do so in this additional venue, while those who wish to sit and talk after the banquet will find the hotel lobby quiet and accommodating.

Thanks to the generosity of Jay Nedry, SMA '69 and a number of his former classmates, music will once again be provided by *The Rhondells*.

We've topped that magic number....

...of 100 alumni returning for the 2007 reunion. It is only late February and to date 110 alumni are planning to attend. Rooms are still available at the Hampton Inn. The block of 40 rooms — 20 have been taken already — will be available for SMA alumni until March 15, 2007.

On page 13 of this issue, *The Kablegram* provides a list of those alumni (as of February 21) committed to this year's gathering. If you plan to attend this year's events, we strongly recommend that you make your reservations immediately. The weekday contact at the Hampton Inn is Toni McGovern at (540) 886-7000. Please make sure you advise her, or the person to talk with, that you are with the SMA alumni group.

Page 22 provides a list of alternative locations where rooms may be available.

We still need your thoughtful response....

...with your dues remittance for this year. Dues help the SMA Alumni Association function efficiently and effectively. To date, 570 members have paid dues, which leaves approximately 2,430 alumni who have chosen not to pay dues. While we have seen some limited progress in this area, there is much more to be achieved. We respectfully ask that all alumni take a few minutes to complete the form on the back page of this issue, pay your dues, and make a contribution to the activity of your choice. You and all SMA alumni will ultimately benefit.

Several projects need your generous help....

...including the Kable Hall alcove restoration project detailed on page 12. The goal is \$3,000, of which \$1,500 has already been donated.

We also need financial support for the expansion of the SMA-VWIL Museum, which will double in size in 2007 and 2008. The Museum Committee met February 10 and began work on plans for the expansion, and will likely have more information and a projected cost by the April 13-14 reunion.

This will be a significant undertaking and will require strong support from alumni to achieve success. The SMA-VWIL Museum is the cornerstone of our legacy, and the expansion program will further the perpetuation of our history and legacy.

SMA alumni returning to the “Hill” for the 2007 reunion will find a detailed display in the SMA-VWIL Museum illustrating the tentative plans for the expansion. There will also be

This issue is packed with news and information....

...thanks in great part to the responses from SMA alumni. There are three pages dedicated to the new “Where They Are Now” feature. Unfortunately, there are also three pages of TAPS obituaries. Pages 13, 14 and 15 focus on the 2007 reunion, and pages 7 through 9 are dedicated to “Looking Back” photos.

Page 4 has news briefs for and about SMA alumni and one late news item, while page 5 focuses on notes of appreciation to our alumni and friends who have stepped up to provide help. The “Then and Now” profile is on pages 10, 11 and 12. The inside back page offers an expanded Cadet Store order form.

Feedback from SMA alumni is essential to *The Kablegram*. Send your news and comments to us at kablegram@sma-alumni.org or mail them to the SMA Alumni Office, P. O. Box 958, Woodrum Station, Staunton, Virginia 24402-0958.

NEWS FOR AND ABOUT ALUMNI

Stuart P. Smith, SMA '48 steps down from Board of Directors and committee assignments

Stuart P. Smith, SMA '48, has stepped down from membership in the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee, as chairman of the Scholarship Committee and as a member of the SMA Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Mr. Smith has been involved in the association for many years. He resides in Massanutten, Virginia, and his close proximity to Staunton allowed him to be involved in the development of both the museum and the Memorial Wall.

"Stuart has been a dedicated member of the Board of Directors and those committees he either chaired or held membership in, and has been a credit to the growth and expansion of the SMA Alumni Association," a spokesperson for the organization said.

Simon M. Painter, Jr., SMA '58 serves on 2007 VWIL panel

Simon M. Painter, Jr., SMA '58 a resident of Staunton, again this year served on the Promotions Board held in February at the Virginia Women's Institute for Women's (VWIL).

Mr. Painter represented the SMA Alumni Association. The board meets on three evenings to interview candidates for ranking positions in the VWIL Corps of Cadets the following year. The final vote of the board determines the senior and underclass leaders. Virginia Women's Institute for Women's (VWIL) for the 2007-2008 academic year.

SMA alumni invited to Stuart Hall events

Stuart Hall School has extended an invitation to SMA alumni during their alumni weekend, April 13, 14 and 15 in Staunton. The Stuart Hall reunion is the same weekend as the 2007 SMA reunion.

Among the events scheduled are a dinner and auction Friday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m.; Distinguished Alumni and Honorary Alumni Breakfast Saturday morning

Nominations for election to Board of Directors due now; vote scheduled for '07 reunion

Nominations for membership on the SMA Alumni Association Board of Directors are being accepted at the SMA Office in Staunton.

Nominations can be submitted either as formal letters or detailed e-mails. Letters should be mailed to SMA Alumni Association, P. O. Box 958, Woodrum Station, Staunton, Virginia 24402-0958, and by e-mail to smaoffice@sma-alumni.org.

Nominations to be considered should be submitted to the SMA Alumni Secretary no later than April 1, 2007.

Murray Rosen chosen to head national distribution firm

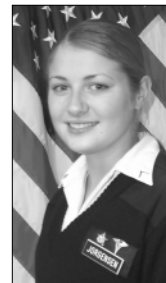
Murray B. Rosen, SMA '69, has been named Chief Financial Officer of U.S. Merchants-/Diversified Repackaging. U. S. Merchants is a leading design, manufacturer, assembler and distributor of innovative packaging and display to warehouse club stores including Costco, Sam's Club and BJ's.

The firm is headquartered in Beverly Hills, California and has operations throughout the United States and Canada. For the previous six years, Rosen had been Controller of Gans Ink and Supply Company, Inc. of Los Angeles, California. After graduating from SMA, Rosen went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. and his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Chicago [Illinois].

at 9:30 a.m.; a golf outing at 10:00 a.m. Saturday; a chapel service at 11:00 a.m.; a noon luncheon (to include recognition of SMA alumni) on Saturday; and a dinner at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

SMA alumni interested in attending a Stuart Hall event should contact Margaret Wood at mwood@stuart-hall.org.

LATE NEWS



Jorgensen named First Captain for 2007-2008 corps

Cadet Sergeant Major Whitney Jorgensen, a VWIL junior and recipient of the 2006 SMA Alumni Association Leadership

Award, has been selected to lead the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) Corps of Cadets for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Ms. Jorgensen, from Hampton, Virginia, is majoring in International Relations/Political Science with a minor in Leadership. In her first two years at VWIL she was a member of the VWIL Band.

She has been active in cross country, soccer, the College Republicans, and the Army Aviation Association of America.

She is on an active duty scholarship and plans to commission in May 2008 in the U.S. Army and will attend a camp this summer prior to her senior year.

Seven cadets will be promoted to the rank of Cadet Captain: Tina Moore, to be Executive Officer of the Corps of Cadets; Belena Stuart, to be S-1; Mallory Showalter, to be Band Commander; Kristen Adams, Amanda Silvers and Janelle Smith, all three to be Platoon Leaders; and Maggie Connelly, to be Color Guard Commander.

Cadet Sergeant Rebecca Burke will be the Howie Rifles Drill Team Commander with a rank of Lieutenant. She assumed the commanding role in November 2006.

Sergeant Major of the Corps of Cadets for 2007-2008 will be Janiare Jackson, and the Band Drum Major Sergeant will be Ashley Langston.

The promotions, along with others too numerous to list here, were approved by the VWIL Promotions Board over a series of three board sessions, one for each of the freshman, sophomore and junior classes, conducted in February.

CORRECTION

The photos at the bottom of the "Pass In Review" article published in December's issue of *The Kablegram* incorrectly identified Frederick Harriman as Frederick "Harrison".

The Kablegram needs your news!
Let us know when something special happens in your career,
life, and (for many) your retirement.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Robert “Gator” Horvath, SMA ‘47 helped with research and provided both pictures and information on when the bust of Major Thomas D. Howie was formally dedicated and the Howie Rifles were formed.

He asked that he be remembered to everyone, and has donated his reunion registration fee (plus a few dollars) to be used to pay for the meals of eight VWIL cadets at the Saturday, April 14, banquet. Thank you, Bob!

John Payette, SMA ‘49, at the request of Sally Howie McDevitt, researched old records and found exact dates for the establishment of the Howie Rifles and dedication of the original bust in the Kable Hall alcove.

Lee W. Lawrence, SMA ‘56, First Captain that year and currently a member of the SMAAA Board of Directors, spent many hours and telephone calls while contacting all the known former First Captains from SMA, encouraging them to return to the “Hill” this year for the 2007 reunion. His efforts resulted in seven former Regimental Commanders now planning to attend the events in Staunton.

Jay C. Nedry, SMA ‘69 has arranged for a repeat appearance of the renowned “Rhondells” this year at a post-banquet dance. Although we do not have names to list, a number of **his classmates and associates** have banded together to fund the expanses of having the band this year.

Thomas E. B. Phillips, SMA ‘74, past president and currently secretary and a member of the Board of Directors, was able to arrange for the return of the Thomas D. Howie bronze bust to the association for placement in the alcove in Kable Hall where it resided from 1947 to 1977.

John H. “Jack” Lowe, SMA ‘49, a resident of Staunton and a member of the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee, has dedicated time and effort to repairing the World War I monument, evaluating the actions needed to repair the Memorial Wall, examined the eagle display on the patio outside the museum, was involved in the Memorial Wall construction project in 2006, and will be repairing the pedestal in the alcove of Kable Hall where the Thomas D. Howie bust will again rest.

Mr. Lowe has also agreed to be chairman of the SMA-VWIL Committee and will be involved in the forthcoming expansion of the facility.

Harry W. Bruckno, SMA ‘62, has been tireless in providing help in a number of areas, including supervision of the 2006 construction project at the Memorial Wall — including coordination with VWIL and Mary Baldwin College administrators and the private contractors involved — and in providing transport of donated furnishings from Northern Virginia to Staunton. Mr. Bruckno this year has served as SMAAA vice president.

Dominic “Jack” Dalbo, SMA ‘68, has created and donated rubber butt plates for the weapons used by the VWIL Howie Rifles so that the team can practice indoors on hardwood floors. Previously, he was involved in the acquisition of the 24 Mauser rifles as well as providing the appropriate slings.

Following the 2005 SMA reunion, \$250.00 contribution was received from from **Kevin Gorman, SMA ‘70**, designated for the Howie Rifles. The funds have have been recently used to provide custom sewn patches, similar to the old SMA Howie Rifles patch but in a green and gold color combination.

Hunter W. Henry, Jr., SMA ‘46 again this year will use his aircraft to fly from Texas to Richmond, Virginia to pick up his former SMA roommate, Colonel Brooke F Read and Susan Read, then fly to Staunton for the reunion. He will return his guests to Richmond before flying back to Texas on Sunday. Several weeks ago he offered to expand the trip to a side trip to Cleveland to bring Robert Horvath, SMA ‘47 to the reunion and then return him on Sunday, but Mr. Horvath is unable to attend the events this year. For his many gestures of kindness such as this one we salute Mr. Henry.

Several members of the staff at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel deserve our recognition for having made our reunion organization and coordination tasks much easier: **Chrissy Coutou**, Reservations Supervisor; **Sean Liccione**, Revenue Manager; **Cathy Fogarty**, Conference Services Manager; **Candi Freeman**, Front Desk Supervisor; and **Michelle Hoggarb**, Front Desk Clerk. Their individual and collective efforts helped make the 2006 reunion a memorable event, and they continue this year to accommodate our special needs.

Toni McGovern, Guest Services Manager at Hampton Inn in Staunton, has gone “above and beyond” to make sure that our members are accommodated for the 2007 reunion, and provides us with a weekly report of new alumni reservations.

Major Raymond Marsh, U. S. Air Force ROTC Detachment 880 at Virginia Military Institute, found an SMA yearbook and various artifacts from 1922 and delivered them to the SMA-VWIL Museum in November 2006. Thank you, Major Marsh, for your sensitivity to our history and our legacy.

Mrs. Sandi Lord of Vista, California, daughter of William M. Hawkes, Jr., SMA ‘28, donated a scrapbook of photographs and SMA memorabilia from her father’s time at SMA. Some of these pictures are featured on page 9 in the “Looking Back” feature in this issue, and all the materials will be placed on display in the SMA-VWIL Museum.

Quite worthy of our appreciation is the VWIL team of cadets who are dedicated to staffing the SMA-VWIL Museum every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. The team’s supervisor is **Cadet Corporal Danielle Gardiner**, a sophomore. Team members are cadets **Jaqueline Hadley**, **Bianca Pleasant**, and **Elizabeth Dewey**. **Cadet Renee Miller** served on the team during the first semester of the current academic year. The team also cleans the museum weekly, greet guests and provides informative tours. Without their assistance, the museum could not maintain scheduled hours and be available to SMA alumni.

Cadet Lieutenant (S-1) Deborah Durbin, VWIL ‘07, has begun the process of collecting photographs, information and artifacts related to Major Thomas D. Howie, and is building a new display dedicated to him in the SMA-VWIL Museum. The project is an internship for Ms. Durbin.



A senior at VWIL majoring in history, she plans to graduate in May 2007 and pursue a master’s degree in 20th Century American History. Her experience includes internships at Fairfield Plantation in Gloucester County, Virginia and development of traveling exhibit documenting the experiences of four women living at the plantation during four critical time periods.



Cadet Captain Jennifer Wilde gets a handshake from Captain Brandon Bissell, Program Officer for the U.S. Army ROTC office at Virginia Military Institute after Miss Wilde contracted with the U.S. Army to commission following her graduation from the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) at Mary Baldwin College.



Cadet Captain Elizabeth Ann Williams, a member of the VWIL class of 2007, graduated in December 2006 and immediately commissioned in the U.S. Air Force as a Second Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Williams reported in early January for training in Alabama, and will proceed from there to her permanent station at Minot, South Dakota, where she will be a personnel officer.

During her tenure at VWIL, she majored in psychology with a minor in leadership, was president of the Psi Chi (psychology) organization, served as a peer advisor to underclass cadets, and was a member of the VWIL Honor Council.

She rose to the rank of Captain in her senior year, commanding one of the corp's four platoons.

Adefunke Adeyeye, VWIL '09: first a Marine, now a cadet

Although she was only 16 when she enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, her father was not surprised by his daughter's ambition.

"He remembered a time when he was a government official and we lived in the American Embassy area in Nigeria, when I was may seven years old," she recalls, "and I told him I wanted to be like an Embassy guard."

"They were U.S. Marines and he had much respect for them," she says.

Now Adefunke Adeyeye is a sophomore at the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL), a different environment after her five years of service as a Marine, including eight months deployment in Iraq in 2003.

Ms. Adeyeye, now 22, was 15 when her family—members of one of the largest royal families in Nigeria — relocated to the United States. Her first name, Adefunke, was bestowed by her grandmother and means "the crown given to me so that I can care for it", reminds her of her heritage and growing up surrounded by 24-hour bodyguards, even at the boarding school she attended.

Unlike most cadets at VWIL, she is already a seasoned, albeit still young, veteran of wartime service. Her Marine Corps service included the emotional duty of caring for the bodies of fallen American armed forces personnel and Iraqi civilians.

"You have to be very careful with how you process some remains because of religious beliefs and social practices," she says, explaining that the service taught her to be respectful of



people and to practice patience, honor, courage and much more.

Today, Ms. Adeyeye is attending Mary Baldwin College and is enrolled in the VWIL program to "take a break from the taxing day-to-day responsibility" of being a U.S. Marine. However, the structured military environment at VWIL has its own similar challenges. Since January 2006 she has continued to report to duty as a reservist one weekend a month.

Ms. Adeyeye quickly embraced the people and environment of the college as a member of the African Student Collective and the field hockey team, for which she earned all-conference honorable mention recognition.

Each underclass VWIL cadet has an upperclass cadet mentor known as a "calic". Cadet Captain Julia Cochran, Ms. Adeyeye's "calic", describes her as "determined, fit, and an exemplary cadet who works well with her peers and is bound for success."

Her goals include "someday to be a forensic anthropologist for the CIA, FBI or United Nations", Ms. Adeyeye says, adding that she is "continually surprised by what I can find out about a human being and their history from a skeleton."

She says: "My mother is a doctor, and it pleases her to know I am headed toward medical school, probably after I retire from the military."

Editor's note: The information for this profile was taken from an article in the Cupola, the Mary Baldwin College newspaper.

LOOKING BACK — IMAGES FROM THE PAST

Scenes from the 1947 ceremonies honoring Major Thomas D. Howie



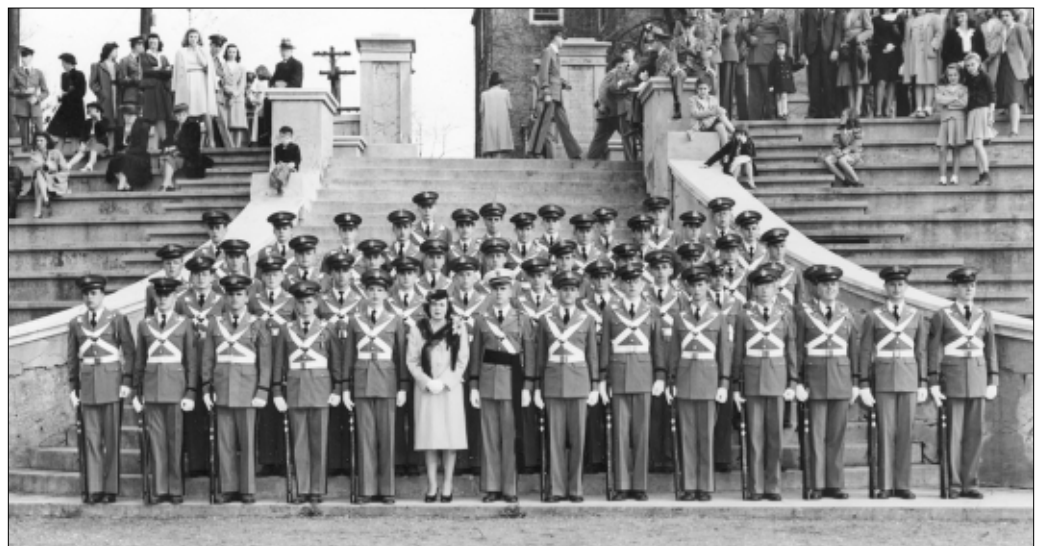
In the process of collecting photographs for the creation of a new SMA-VWIL Museum display honoring Major Thomas D. Howie, his daughter, Mrs. Sally Howie McDevitt provided numerous images that we had not previously seen. This page contains just a few of those images, some which will be incorporated into the new Howie display being prepared for the SMA-VWIL Museum.

LEFT: This January 1947 photo shows the dedication ceremony in front of Kable Hall. Dignitaries are positioned to the left, and the Howie Rifles — established March 18, 1945 — are standing at Present Arms to both the left and right of the alcove. In the center is Major Howie's daughter, Sally, looking at her father's memorial bust.

BELOW: Dignitaries attending the ceremony included SMA faculty, U.S. Army officers, and at least one military officer (front row, third from left) representing the French government. To the left of the French is a cadet serving as an escort.



BELOW: Major Thomas D. Howie is pictured in England in 1943.



ABOVE: Elizabeth Payne "Tee" Howie, Major Thomas D. Howie's widow, posed January 22, 1947 with the Howie Rifles drill team established to honor her husband.

LOOKING BACK — IMAGES FROM THE PAST

1957 Howie Rifles



ABOVE: On the 50th anniversary of the graduation of the class of 1957, it seems fitting to feature the Howie Rifles team from that year, pictured here on the asphalt. The commander was First Captain Arthur O. Stern. Drill masters were Nicholas Berklich and Kenneth Legum. The 1957 team accompanied by the Color Guard, marched in President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Inauguration Parade that year in Washington, D.C.

— Photo courtesy the Malcom Kantzler (SMA '65) web site

BELOW: The 1965 SMA Band steps off for "Sound Off" during one of the regular Sunday parades on Kable Field. Leading the band is Drum Major Malcom L. Kantzler, SMA '65. The Company Commander was Martin Gradstick and the Lieutenant was John Lather, both 1965 graduates.

— Photo courtesy the Malcom Kantzler (SMA '65) web site



ABOVE:: This photo appeared in an earlier issue of *The Kablegram*, lacking identification. Thanks to Gerald E. Bernfield, SMA '57, we now know that it pictures (left to right) Ronald Black, SMA '57, John W. Dean III, SMA '57 and ROTC tactical officer Lieutenant Albert Stacy.



ABOVE: Throughout the years many SMA cadets dated Stuart Hall School students. Pictured here is Henry "Hank" Thorndyke, SMA '65 with Pat Stewart and her classmate Ginger Anderson (now Ginger Marlowe), along with Joseph Carbornero, SMA '65. The photo was found on the SMA web site maintained by Malcolm L. Kantzler, SMA '65.

LEFT: Also from Mr. Kantzler's web site is this photo of the ceremony during the 1952 Military Ball held in the Large Gymnasium. The photo includes John "Tewks" Tewksbury, SMA '52, shown second from left on the second row. Perhaps someone out there can provide identification of the cadets on the first row. Send an e-mail to *The Kablegram* if you can.

LOOKING BACK — IMAGES FROM THE PAST



ABOVE: Beat Squad in 1928 was much the same as it was in later years. In this photo, nine cadets (one obviously not conforming to regulation) march off demerits on the asphalt. Note the 1920's-era car at right.



ABOVE: Cadets mounted the cannon on Flagpole Hill next to the Superintendent's home in 1928. The group included (left to right): L. B. Pickworth, George Ochiser, George Bunting, H. Onallaheu, John Austin, H. Krudop, and Jay Rees. The names were listed on the reverse side of the photo.

RIGHT: High quality of the SMA Corps of Cadets in early years of the 20th Century are rare. This well-preserved photo of the 1928 corps shows First Captain Robert Stevens Wick and his five-member staff, a 60-member band, and four companies. The photo was taken on Kable Field from the area of the old Junior School. Note that there was no running track in place at the time.

Quality photos and artifacts from 1927-1928 donated

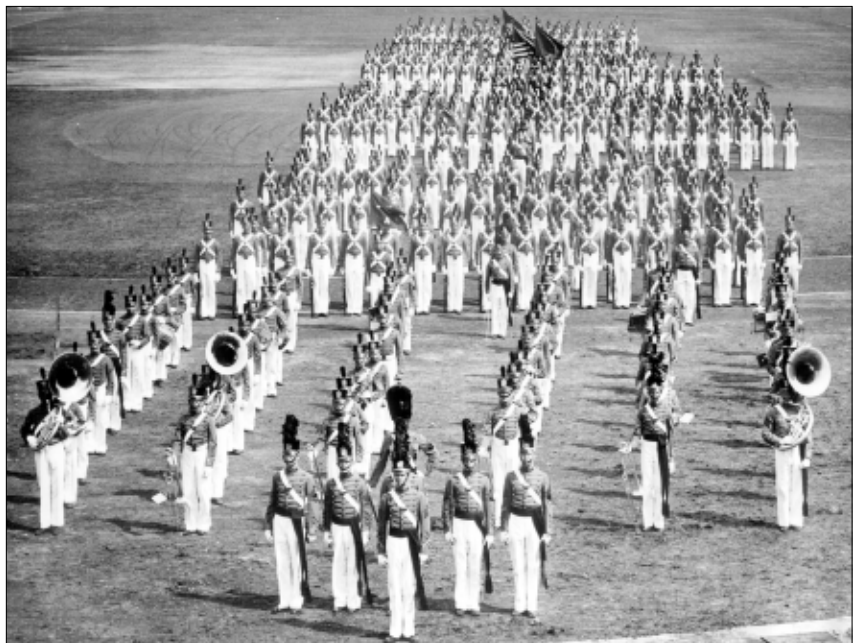
The daughter of **William M. Hawkes, Jr., SMA '28**, recently found a scrapbook of well-preserved photographs and other memorabilia from the 1927-1928 years. This treasure trove of material was sent to the SMA Alumni Association for use in the SMA-VWIL Museum. A few of those photographs are featured on this page. The remainder will be used in various displays in the expanded portion of the museum when it is completed.

Mr. Hawkes, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, entered SMA in February 1927 and was promoted to Corporal in March 1928 and was a member of the 1928 tennis team. He was a "Rat Private" in 1927 and later promoted to Private First Class.

Following graduation he attended Drexel University and earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He served in Africa during World War II and returned to Pennsylvania in 1945, working in metallurgy for a few years before joining Frederick Levy (a division of Columbia Carbon), a company that manufactured rotary presses and dryers for magazine and book publishers such as *Fortune*, *McCalls* and *Readers Digest*.

He remained there for more than 25 years as a draftsman, engineer and sales engineer, retiring as general manager. He then continued as a consultant to the firm.

The couple moved from Michigan to California in 1973. Mr. Hawkes died in 1985, preceded in death by his wife, the former Dois Harding Aitkin. The couple raised two daughters— Sandi of Vista, California and Gail Ann of North Carolina.



Special thanks goes to Mrs. Sandi Lord of Vista, California, daughter of William M. Hawkes, Jr., SMA '28, who provided the photograph album.

THEN AND NOW — A PERSONAL PROFILE

N. Michael Bissell, VMI '61: VWIL Commandant has amassed a distinguished military career

Brigadier General N. Mickael “Mike” Bissell graduated with a Bachelors of Art in 1961 from the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and later earned a Masters of Arts degree at the University of Missouri.

He holds the distinction of being VMI's most decorated alumnus.

Upon graduation from VMI, he commissioned as a U.S. Army Second Lieutenant in the Infantry and saw service throughout the world until his retirement in 1987. In 1990, he returned to VMI to be the first full time Commandant of Cadets. After four years, Bissell became the Deputy Superintendent responsible for the assimilation of women into the Corps of Cadets.

General Bissell served two tours as a combat helicopter pilot in Vietnam. While in Vietnam, he was nominated for the Medal of Honor and received the second highest award for valor — the Distinguished Service Cross. In addition, he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the Air Medal with “V” device and 24 Oak leaf Clusters.

Other career assignments included Commander of the 17th Aviation Group, Commander of the Joint Republic of Korea Army and the U.S. Army Combined Aviation Force. He served as director of U.S. Army Flight Training and Deputy Chief and Acting Chief of Staff of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

He spent two years in the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon as Executive Officer to the Director of Operations (J3). With these assignments came additional awards and decorations — the Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters.

In 1985, General Bissell was selected by the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army to be the Senior Army Fellow at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

General Bissell's last duty assignment



was as the Executive Officer for the Assistant Secretary of the Army. He retired from the U.S. Army and became the Program Manager for the U.S. Army's new stealth helicopter (Commanche) for the Boeing and Sikorsky Team.

When the team won the contract with the Army, he returned to VMI to be the Commandant of Cadets. His many career accomplishments include the Ranger tab, Airborne and Air assault badges and the Expert Infantryman's Badge (EIB).

Most recently, he was awarded the Gold Order of Saint Michael Medal by the Army Aviation Association of America for his career contributions to U.S. Army aviation.

In May 2007, he will be inducted as a member of the U.S. Army Aviation Hall of Fame in Fort Rucker, Alabama.

In 1995, the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) was established at Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia, where he served — in addition to his continuing duties at VMI

— as the part time Acting Commandant of Cadets. In 1999, he left VMI to become the first Commandant of Cadets at VWIL. In 1999, he left VMI to become the full time Commandant at VWIL.

The Corps of Cadets began with a class of 40 young women, and over the years has expanded to more than 100, with many graduates commissioning and serving in the military throughout the world, including Afghanistan and Iraq.

Prior to the opening of the SMA-VWIL Museum in July 2001, General Bissell was involved — with other Mary Baldwin College administrators and SMA alumni — in the conception and development of what is now the SMA-VWIL Museum. Once the plans were in place, he became the on-site contact between the SMA Alumni Association and the contractors.

In 2003, he was named an honorary member of the SMA Alumni Association and has since served as a member of the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee. He is a prominent fixture at all alumni reunions and in 2006 addressed those gathered for the annual banquet, detailing the impact that the SMA Alumni Association has had on the VWIL program.

As a result of his efforts, the SMA flag is carried in the VWIL Color Guard, the Corps of Cadets hosts SMA alumni every year with a special parade, tours of the campus, professional briefings and participation in association events.

In 2006, General Bissell successfully lobbied in favor of a proposal to expand the existing SMA-VWIL Museum. The expansion should be completed in 2007, and he will once again be involved in on-site supervision.

November 2006 found him once again being recognized, this time being inducted as an honorary member of the VWIL Howie Rifles drill team. He is the first to be so honored by the team.

General Bissell and his wife, Jan, have seven children and 14 grand children. He is a Eucharistic Minister at Saint Patrick's Church in Lexington, Virginia.

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N. Michael Bissell, VMI '61: VWIL Commandant

When asked about his experience as the VWIL Commandant, Brig. Gen. Bissell said:

“My last 10 years as Commandant of Cadets has been the most rewarding experience of my entire career. Having been the Commandant at VMI and the Deputy Superintendent for the Assimilation of Women into Virginia Military Institute (VMI), my experience with VWIL and the only all women’s cadet Corps in the world has been a nice follow on position that has truly made me appreciate the role of women and the value of VWIL. With this as a background, I can honestly say that VWIL is the best leadership program for the development of women leaders that I have ever observed. I am so fortunate to have this opportunity. The young women who are graduating are among the finest and are standing out among their peers in the military and civilian sector. VWIL has graduated two Marshall Award winners, two Olmsted Scholars and a Fullbright Scholar. It is a model program for women encompassing a tailored academic curriculum, physical fitness program and a military dimension that stresses protocol, military and civilian courtesies as well

as precision drill and ceremony. I am so proud of the program and all it stands for and provides to young women. I have been blessed and honored to be associated with VWIL.’

In responding to a question about the relationship between VWIL/Mary Baldwin College and the SMA Alumni Association (SMAAA), he said:

“The relationship that VWIL has with SMA is more than a support role. It is one that has been the major influence in the success of VWIL. I think that I could go further and say that VWIL would not be where it is without the SMA Alumni Association, their monetary support and their encouragement and moral support. The ability for the Corps to travel and participate in the St. Patrick’s Day parade in New York is a perfect example. VWIL and Mary Baldwin college owes SMA a deep gratitude. I know I speak for the Corps when say we are indebted to SMA and all the wonderful Alumni that have been so gracious. We all look forward to the SMA reunion in April. It has become the highlight of our year.

Thank you, SMAAA.”

Editor’s note: The Kablegram chose this February issue to profile Brig. Gen. Bissell in order to refresh the memories of those who have met him previously and introduce him to the alumni who will be returning to the “Hill” for the first time in many years to attend the April 2007 reunion. The comments below and on the next page were provided by SMA Alumni Association members.

“Thanks to my father, I’ve had the opportunity to meet and talk with several heroes over the years, from soldiers to politicians to astronauts. You get a feeling right away — they’re not showy or braggarts, they go about their work in a dutiful, conscientious way, and do outstanding things, often with a subtle sense of humor. I get that same feeling when I’m around Gen. Bissell. And I know that SMA has no better friend than him.”

— Thomas E. B. Phillips, SMA '74, Past President and Current Secretary, SMA Alumni Association

“It is a pleasure to be able to make a few comments regarding Gen. Mike Bissell whose outstanding service to our country, the State of Virginia and currently as Commandant of Cadets for his ‘baby’, the Virginia Womens’ Institute for Leadership, is detailed in the article dedicated to him in this issue of *The Kablegram*. He is a true warrior and we are indebted to him for his service to our country and his continuing outstanding support of the goals of the SMAAA.

I first met Mike in 2000-2001 as we were developing the ‘SMA Legacy’ program under the leadership of Tom Phillips [SMA '74] and Mark Orr [SMA '73] that resulted in the SMA-VWIL Museum and the Memorial Wall.

Mike was key in obtaining the agreements with Mary Baldwin College that allowed the projects to move forward. Since that time he has been the influential mover of the other activities that are key to the successful operation of the museum and its continuance a source of pride for us “old boys”.

Mike, I salute you and thank you for all that you have done for our country and our Association. You are a true and dedicated friend.”

— Hunter W. Henry, Jr., SMA '46

“I am always grateful for those times in my life that I have been fortunate enough to meet and become friends with truly remarkable individuals and am thrilled when I have an opportunity to express myself regarding them in a public forum such as this. I could speak to the many accomplishments Mike Bissell has achieved in his life both professionally and personally and I am naturally tempted to do but his story presents other possibilities. To me he brings unselfish passion to his profession.

This may seem like a simple concept but it is very rare. He has had the opportunity to do the thing he loves and that is why he has been so dedicated to it. I have always known that without his passion and the energy that came with it there would be no VWIL Program as we know it.

I am also certain that he would dispute that but I know it to be true. He would dispute it because he is selfless. It is a rare to find a selfless man. VWIL has a leader who has chosen to teach future leaders.

Think about that for a moment and consider that at a time when many in our country had little faith in our young generation of Americans this man was teaching leaders and when America had to call on them their actions have been the pride of the nation. It is because of a life long selfless dedication to duty that we still have Mike Bissell in command.

I have great admiration for him. When I have the occasion to be with him I always feel good. I appreciate that.”

— William J. Kearns, SMA '74, Past President and currently a Director, SMA Alumni Association

“My relationship with Brig. Gen. Bissell began in late 1999 with the start of the SMA Legacy Projects and specifically, the

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SMA/VWIL Museum. From the very beginning, it was apparent that Mike was genuinely interested in the building the museum and dedicated a great deal of his time to ensuring its success. I am not sure that we could have succeeded without his involvement.

Throughout the construction and furnishing phases, Mike and I were in almost daily phone and email contact. Since I lived in Virginia Beach (three hours away), Mike actually functioned as the on-site coordinator. We would routinely coordinate and confer with one another on various issues or problems that arose.

His recommendations and ideas were always on target and

certainly made my job very easy in approving changes and expenditure of funds.

When I think back on that period and what we accomplished, I have to say that Brig. Gen. Bissell was and continues to be instrumental in ensuring that the SMA/VWIL Museum is something we can all be proud of. Working with him was indeed a pleasure. To me, he epitomized the SMA values of 'Truth, Duty and Honor' and in my eyes is an Honorary 'Old Boy.' I would work with him again in a heart beat!!"

— Mark J. Orr, SMA '73

SMAAAA Webmaster, member of the Board of Directors and Coordinator of the SMA Legacy Projects

Participation by SMA alumni is critical for project's success:

Fundraising effort underway to repair alcove in Kable Hall for the returning Howie bust



The area beneath the pedestal is the original inscribed concrete slab, nearly illegible now. This will be replaced with an inscribed grey granite slab of the same size with rosette mountings.



The original pedestal, made of concrete, is cracked and has been declared beyond repair. It will be replaced with a rectangular granite pedestal.

During the process of preparing to return the bust of Major Thomas D. Howie to the alcove in Kable Hall, a thorough inspection of the alcove revealed that some replacement is required.

The two areas are the concrete pedestal that held the bust from 1947 to 1977, and the original inscribed concrete memorial on the front of the alcove beneath the pedestal.

Utilizing a light gray granite will improve the readability of the inscription on the front memorial, and will add some contrast to the interior of the alcove.

Initially, the SMA Alumni Association believed that the memorial could merely be cleaned and the pedestal could be patched with an epoxy material. Closer examination revealed damage — and deterioration caused by years of exposure

to the elements — that made it impossible to effectively perform repairs.

The cost of the project will be \$3,000, including the memorial on the front, all engraving, the pedestal, and installation of both as well as proper placement and anchoring of the Howie bust.

This fundraising effort was begun with a \$1,000 gift from Hunter W. Henry, Jr., SMA '46, given with the stipulation that it has to be matched by \$2,000 in donations from other SMA alumni. Two other alumni have since pledged \$250 each.

Those alumni who support this effort will receive formal donation receipts for a tax-deductible contribution, and know that they have helped immensely in restoring the bust to the alcove in Kable Hall, thus continuing the tradition of honoring Major Howie and the SMA legacy.

Enclosed find my contribution in the amount of \$ _____ payable to the **SMA FOUNDATION**, to be utilized exclusively for restoration of the **KABLE HALL ALCOVE**. (Receipts will be mailed to contributors.)

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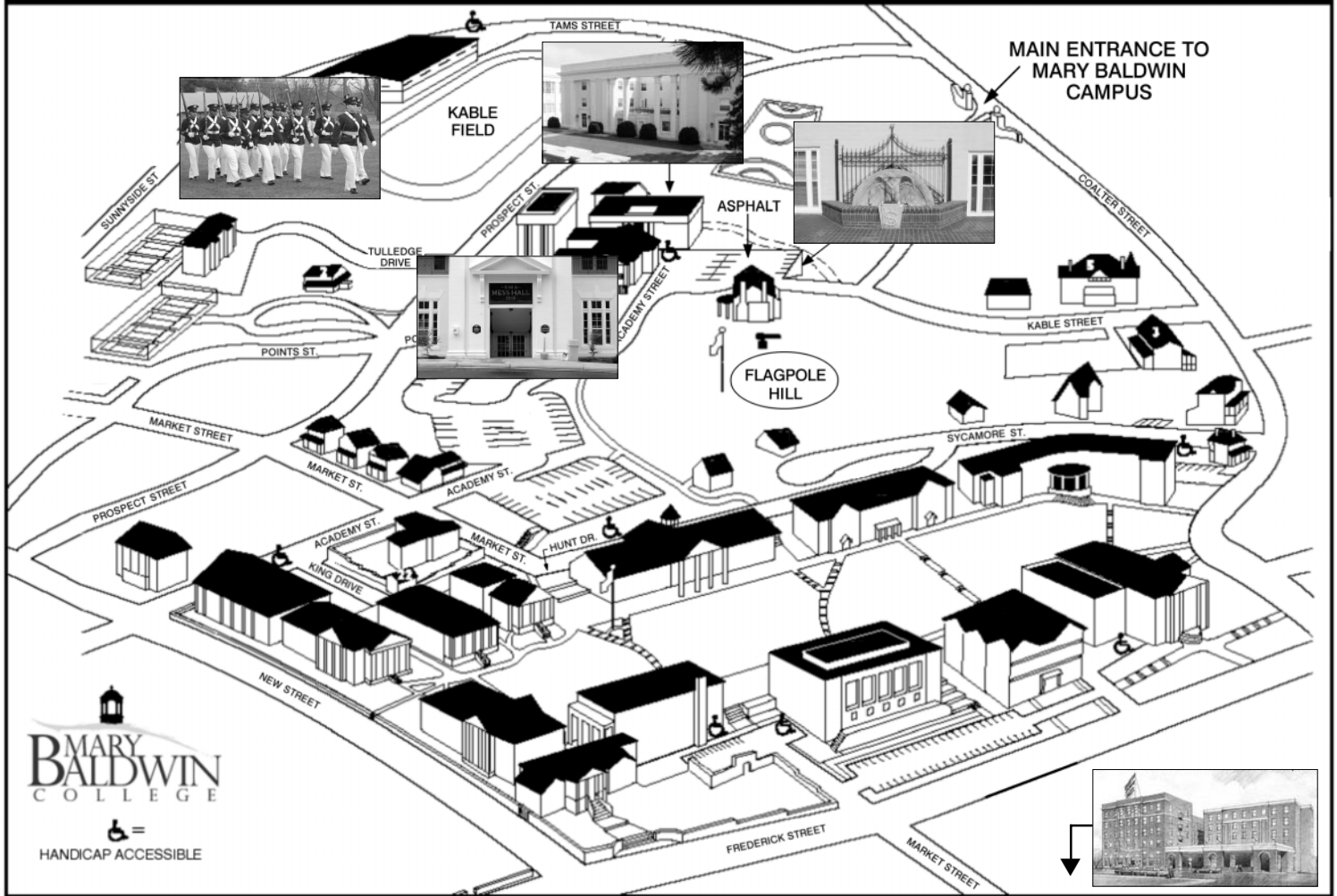
Please make your check payable to the **SMA FOUNDATION** and mail it with this remittance form to:

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REUNION ATTENDEES AS OF FEBRUARY 21

1929	Paul J. "Ike" Kivligan	Nita Kivligan	1961	John O. Antonelli	
1937	Jaqueline Armstrong (wife of John Armstrong, SMA '37)		1961	Steven L. Bond	
1939	C. Edgar Bryant		1961	Dr. Wilfred B. Webb	Susan Webb
1945	Edward Rowen		1962	Burdette W. Holmes	Susan Remington
1945	Ralph L. Sebrell	Ann W. Sebrell	1962	Stephen C. Newton	
1946	Hunter W. Henry Jr.	Hunter Henry (son) Elaine Henry	1962	Harry W. Bruckno	
1946	Col. Brooke F. Read	Susan Read	1962	Thomas A. Davis III	
1947	Frank H. Allen Jr.		1962	Richard F. Elder	
1947	Joseph F. Butler	Kaye C. Butler	1962	Lawrence J. Hertzberg	
1948	Robert W. "Bob" Driscoll	Judith H. Driscoll	1962	Michael F. Corbi	Kim Corbi
1948	Allen Jones, Jr.		1962	Daniel Hunt	Erma Lee Hunt
1948	James C. "Jim" Thompson	Joyce A. Thompson	1963	John P. Ketels	
1948	Robert S. Spears		1963	Richard A. Henderson	Carol Henderson
1948	C. Wood Beasley		1963	John A. Nolde, Jr.	Muff Nolde
1949	Harold P. "Herk" Wolfe	David Wolfe Timothy Wolfe Becky Payette	1964	John W. Browne	Susan Browne
1949	John J. Payette, Jr.	Jeanette W. Leeman	1964	Michael D. Blumenthal	Arlene Blumenthal
1950	A. William "Bill" Leeman		1964	George F. Dunigan	
1950	Dr. John H. Reynolds		1964	James C. May	Linda May
1954	William P. "Bill" Clary		1964	Robert M. Parker	
1954	Robert L. Steele	Darlene Steele	1964	A. Gregory Hudson	
1954	Stephen J. Bier		1964	Kenneth L. Lescallett	Virginia Lescallett Judith Minitier
1954	Thomas E. "Tim" Howard		1965	Timothy M. Minitier	
1955	John W. Bird		1965	Robert L. Jenkins	
1956	Dr. Hector J. Cases	Gloria Cases	1965	Robert A. Nebiker	
1956	Lee W. Lawrence		1965	Brocky A. Nicely	Arlene Nicely
1956	Alvan S. Arnall		1965	Peter W. Jones	
1956	David R. Carr	Sandi Carr Patti Aaron	1966	Grant Waple	Diane Armstrong
1957	Cyril B. Aaron		1967	Rev. Thomas Denny	
1957	William G. Becker		1967	Robert K. Norton	
1957	Emanuel J. Dracakis	Maxine Dracakis	1967	Thomas D. Howie II (Thomas D. Howie III, Jackie Howie, and Thomas D. Howie IV)	Patti Howie
1957	James T. Condo	Rose Marie Condo	1967	Stanley J. Lesniak	
1957	Edmund L. Grady	Betty Grady	1967	Bruce J. Isenberg	
1957	Larry Oyler	Sherron Oyler	1967	W. Charles "Chip" Pfister	
1957	John R. "Jack" Culbreth	Kristi Neal	1968	John A. "Jack" Dalbo	Christine Alexander
1957	William E. Curle		1968	William W. "Billy" Taylor, Jr.	
1957	Dale F. Snell	Aleida V. Snell	1969	Jay C. Nedry	
1957	Barry M. Goldwater, Jr.		1969	David C. Beduhn	
1957	Thornton "Doc" Saffer		1969	Philip M. Farber	
1957	Arthur O. Stern		1970	Kevin J. Gorman	Sally Gorman
1958	C. David Litzenburg	Jo Ann Litzenburg	1970	Donald W. Tobin	
1958	Simon M. Painter, Jr.	Vicki Painter	1970	James J. Heinz	
1958	Alan B. Painter	Vicki Audia	1971	John M. Browne	
1959	J. Lewis Sapp		1972	Patrick F. Kelley, Sr.	
1959	Albert K. McGavock		1972	Darr Barshis	Susan Barshis
1960	Robert T. Smith IV		1972	Anthony H. "Tony" Disher	
1960	George R. Fairlamb		1974	William J. Kearns	
1960	David Feagans		1974	William K. Bissett	
1961	Ronald T. Alonzo	Denise Alonzo	1974	Robert P. "Sonny" Major	
1961	Francis C. "Tony" Beakes, Jr.		1974	George Bissett III	
1961	Michael S. Byington		1974	Stephen L. McKee	
1961	G. Richard Staunch		1974	Eugene Ehmann	
1961	Charles G. "Joe" Dickey		1974	Alfred Rossy III	
1961	C. Larry Clemson		1974	Craig E. Hansen	
1961	James L. Cochrun III		1974	Thomas E.B. Phillips	
1961	James R. Storey		1975	Robert Parrino	
1961	Victor R. Rose		1976	Edmund Smith	

REUNION VENUES ON THE MARY BALDWIN COLLEGE CAMPUS



While many of the alumni returning for the 2007 reunion have been to the "Hill" in recent years, others may not be familiar with the Mary Baldwin College campus. This map shows the areas where events will be held on Friday, April 13, 2007.



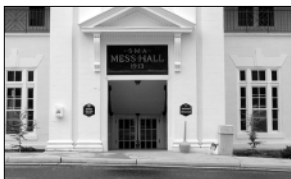
SMA ALUMNI REVIEW

4:00 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2007
Kable Field
Alumni will form on the asphalt between 3:30 to 3:45 p.m.



MEMORIAL WALL CEREMONY

5:15 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2007
SMA-VWIL Museum, which will remain open until 6:00 p.m. Two plaque dedications scheduled.



REUNION RECEPTION

6:00 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2007
SMA Mess Hall.
Cash bar and light food provided.
No barbecue scheduled this year.



TWILIGHT CEREMONY

7:15 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2007
This ceremony will be held on the patio in front of Kable Hall, honoring Major Thomas D. Howie.

Reunion events will begin Friday, April 13, 2007 with a parade on Kable Field. The SMA Alumni Company will march down the ramp and onto the field, will pass in review in front of the VWIL Corps of Cadets and then move to the far side of the field and disband. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the entire SMA Alumni Company will take positions along the side of the field in front of the bleachers and will accept a pass in review from the VWIL corps. Those alumni who are unable to march with the company should also take positions on the side of the field for the pass in review.

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

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

In the event of inclement weather, the parade, Memorial Wall Ceremony and the twilight event will be held in the SMA Mess Hall.

Reunion 2007 Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2007

All activities will be held at the Mary Baldwin College.

- 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Board of Directors meeting
SMA-VWIL Museum
- 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration (SMA Mess Hall)
- 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. SMA-VWIL Museum open
- 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Special VWIL Briefing for SMA Alumni
Mezzanine Level, SMA Mess Hall
- 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. VWIL-SMA Review
SMA Alumni Company will form on the asphalt at 3:30 p.m.,
march onto the field behind the VWIL Corps of Cadets, pass in
front of the VWIL corps, and take part in the Pass In Review.
The review will be held on Kable Field.
- 5:15 p.m. Memorial Wall Plaque and
"Living Legend" Ceremony
SMA-VWIL Museum will be open for a short period
immediately following the ceremony.
- 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Reception in the Mess Hall
Cash bar — Light food will be served.
- 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. "Homecoming For A Hero"
Thomas D. Howie bust rededication ceremony on the patio in
front of Kable Hall, including a Howie Rifles demonstration.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2007

All activities will be held at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel

- 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting
- 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Women's Group Meeting
The women's group will meet in a separate meeting room at
the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. Refreshments will be provided.
- 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. SMA-VWIL Museum open
Free time for alumni and guests.
- No activities have been scheduled during this time.
- 5:30 p.m. Banquet Reception (cash bar)
- 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. 2006 Alumni Banquet
— Buffet Dinner —
Entreés include Seared Salmon Medallions in Chardonnay
Sauce, Beef Tips Burgundy, and Chicken Breast Hunter Style.
Accompanymnts: Chive Mashed Potatoes, Southern Style
Green Beans and Fresh Fruit Bowl • Selected Desserts
— Guest Speaker —
Colonel Dennis Case, former SMA instructor and mentor
- 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Dance
"The Rhondells" will be featured. The event will be held either
in the banquet room or the nearby Colonade Room.

Cut across the dotted line, complete the form, include your check for the registration fees, and mail both to the SMA Alumni Association, P. O. Box 958, Woodrum Station, Staunton, Virginia 24402-0958

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ALUMNI GUEST REGISTER

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REGISTRATION FEE COMPUTATION

Deadline for Advance Registration is March 31, 2007. Please take the time NOW to complete your registration form and mail it, with your check, to the SMA Alumni Association. By doing to, you will help us plan more effectively for a successful reunion in 2007.

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SMA ALUMNI — WHERE THEY ARE NOW

The December 2006 issue of *The Kablegram* announced a new feature — “SMA Alumni: Where They Are Now” — to be published when possible, with all responses being cataloged in the SMA-VWIL Museum. The same form that appeared then is again published on page 18 of this issue. Below and on the next page are some of the responses. Following each one, the address of the alumnus is provided so that fellow classmates can contact one another and in some cases reunite after many years. We encourage all alumni to take the time to tell us where you are now and where your life has taken you.

ROBERT H. “DOC” LINN, M.D., SMA ‘32

World War II veteran and practicing physician

Dr. Linn graduated from Staunton Military Academy in 1932, attended the University of Pennsylvania and continued on to medical school.

He graduated with a degree in medicine in 1941, “just in time to go into the Army”, and was “off to Scotland”, assigned to the First Armored Division’s 47th Armored Medical Battalion. He participated in the 1942 invasion of Africa and subsequently the invasion in Italy.

Dr. Linn was twice wounded, recovered and continued on to participate in the capture of Anzio before finally returning home in 1945. He practiced medicine in Pottstown, Pennsylvania for 22 years and then at the Masonic Home for another 17 years.

He was married and has three children (one deceased), four grandchildren and one great-grandson. He now resides at the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Linn can be reached at 3117 James Buchanan Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022-3101. Editor’s note:

JAMES T. CONDO, SMA ‘57

Banker

Following SMA, Mr. Condo graduated from Upsalla College with a Bachelors degree in business administration. He was employed with a family business until 1973, when he chose to begin a career as a banker. He retired in October 2003 as a vice president in commercial lending.

He married his wife, Rose Marie, in 1962. They have two sons, two “lovely” daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.

Mr. Condo can be reached by e-mail at jcondo@cs.com or by regular mail at 455 Farmer Road, Bridgewater, NJ 08807.



JAMES W. HAYSLIP, SMA ‘75

Military veteran and math teacher

Upon graduation from SMA, Mr. Hayslip attended The Citadel and earned Bachelors and Masters degrees with post-graduate work at the University of Memphis (Tennessee).

He spent four years on active duty with the U.S. Marine Corps artillery and continues to be a member of the Tennessee Army National Guard. He spent 2002 to 2003 on active duty as part of a post-911 security detail at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and Fort Eustis, Virginia.

Mr. Hayslip is in his 20th year as a high school math teacher for the public school system in Memphis.

In 2002, he reports: “I finally married at age 45. I met my wife on a field trip to San Francisco,” he says, adding that “she was a last minute addition.”

“Some souvenir! I came home with more than a T-shirt.”

Mr. Hayslip says he has visited SMA three times since his

graduation: 1980, 1994 and the 2003 reunion. He, like many alumni, remarks: “Where did the time go?”

He can be reached by e-mail at jwhayslip@midsouth.rr.com or by regular mail at 4498 Princeton Road, Memphis, TN 38117.

JOHN P. SILBERMAN., SMA ‘63

Vietnam veteran and aviation company president

Mr. Silberman attended Boston University and served in the U.S. Army as a Captain in the 282nd Assault Helicopter Company in Danang. He then became an instructor at Hunter AAF

He is currently president of Skyhawk Aviation Leasing, Inc., which leases aircraft to the U.S. Government. He is also an air show pilot, flying everything from helicopters to jet aircraft, and flies World War II aircraft as well, including the P-51, P-38, B-25, A-26 and the AH-1 Cobra helicopter.

Mr. Silberman is married to Susan Young Silberman. They have two daughters, Adrienne and Christienne.

He can be reached by e-mail at jpsurf@atlantic.net or by regular mail at 22296 NW 75th Avenue Road, Micanopy, FL 32667-7405.

JOHN W. BIRD, SMA ‘55

Business owner, private pilot and volunteer fireman

John W. Bird attended Wesleyan College after graduating from SMA. He operates J.W. Bird Installations, a carpentry construction company and has for 50 years been a private pilot with instrument rating in single engine aircraft.

He resides in Norton, Ohio and has two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He can be reached by e-mail at birdlegs@myexcel.com or by regular mail at 3295 Reimer Road, Norton, OH 44203-5062.

ALVAN S. ARNALL, SMA ‘56

Practicing attorney and former SMAAA board member

Alvan S. Arnall earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the South and subsequently a doctorate in law from the University of Georgia. He then served slightly over three years as an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, leaving for private life as a Captain.

He has spent the 32 years since then in the private practice of law in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Arnall can be reached by regular mail at 4085 Whitewater Creek Road, Atlanta, GA 30327.

Editor’s note: In 2006, Mr. Arnall funded a one-time special “Scholarship to Honor the 50th Anniversary of the SMA Class of 1956”, which was presented to a cadet at the 2005 reunion.

**Tell us about your career and your life.
Use the convenient form on page 18 to record
your information and mail it or fax it to the
SMA Alumni Association.**

SMA ALUMNI — WHERE THEY ARE NOW

ROBERT E. THOMAS, SMA '72

Military veteran and law firm managing partner

Upon graduation from SMA, Robert E. Thomas attended Tulane University and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1976. He then pursued graduate studies at the University of New Orleans where he was awarded a Masters of Arts, and received his law degree from Loyola University in 1989.

He served as a Captain on active duty with the U.S. Army Transportation Corps from 1978 to 1982, and was a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve from 1982 to 1988.

He is currently the managing partner of the law firm of Farrington and Thomas in New Orleans, Louisiana.

He has been married to the former Suzanne Marie Cromiller since 1976. They have two children: Elise Patricia, a sophomore at the University of Mississippi, and Evan James, a high school junior.

Mr. Thomas can be reached by e-mail at ret387@hotmail.com or by letter at 205 Brockenbraugh Court, Netairie, LA 70005.

DENNIS A. JONES, SMA '61

U.S. Air Force veteran and consultant

Mr. Jones attended Kennesaw College and then spent four years in the U.S. Air Force's Air Defense Command, assigned to aircraft control and warning duties.

He worked as a community development consultant with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, and also served as Housing Director for the Georgia cities of Atlanta, Marietta and Decatur.

The Jones's have three children: Joshua Paul, an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.; Deborah, a public school teacher in White County, Georgia; and Terry, a homemaker in Montpelier, Virginia.

His biographical sketch ended with the question: "Private Joe Fontana, where are you?" That information was provided.

Mr. Jones can be reached by mail at 269 Primrose Lane, P.O. Box 398, Nicholls, GA 31554-0398.

BEN J. "JACK" PLUMLY, SMA '47

Korean War veteran, commercial pilot, business owner

Upon graduation from SMA, Mr. Plumly earned a degree in business administration from the University of Texas. Then as a First Lieutenant, he served with U.S. Army Aviation during the Korean War.

He operated the Texas Flight School from 1955 to 1962 and was a commercial airline pilot from 1962 to 1977. Today he is president of Starflite International Corporation, a company that specializes in transport aircraft sales.

Mr. Plumly and his wife Harriett have three children.

He can be reached by e-mail at jplumly@starflitecorp.com or by regular mail at 50 Oak Bluff, New Braunfels, TX 78132.

MARK R. SPENCE, SMA '72

USAF corpsman and rare coin collector

Mr. Spence attended MDCC University of Miami, earning a Professional Degree in Cooking. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a corpsman and worked in numerous hospitals caring for patients. He currently works in a coin and stamp shop, buying and selling rare coins.

"I miss the old school and the ladies of Stuart Hall," he says.

He can be reached by e-mail at markscoin@yahoo.com or by regular mail at 416 Santander Avenue, Apartment O, Coral Gables, FL 33134.

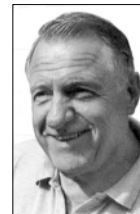
ROBERT S. SPEARS, SMA '48

Steel company executive

Mr. Spears attended Yale University, earning a degree in Industrial Administration, followed by completion of the Harvard University AMP program. He participated in ROTC at Yale.

His career included becoming Vice President of Sales for Republic Steel Corporation.

Mr. Spears can be reached at 8736 Lakeside Boulevard, Vero Beach, FL 32963.



ALFRED BURKA, SMA '45

Korean War veteran, Superior Court Judge

Judge Alfred Burka attended Georgetown University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree, and continued on to Georgetown University Law School, graduating in 1951.

He served with the First Light Infantry, 17th Infantry Division, in Korea, and was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Infantry Badge. In 2004 he recognized with a Department of the Army Award for Public Service to GURUTC.

Judge Burka served as Assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington, D.C. from 1953 to 1958, and then was Assistant States Attorney in Maryland. From 1962 to 1980 he was a judge in the District of Columbia Superior Court.

From 1981 to the present he has been a faculty advisor and a member of the Board of Visitors at the National Judicial College, and board member at the International Judicial Academy.

In 1969 he served as chairman of the U.S. Senate Citizens Advisory Panel on Armed Violence, and since 1981 has been a member of the board of the Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage.

He can be reached by e-mail at judgeal@dmv.com or by regular mail at Jacobs Creek Farm, 25349 Still Pond Neck Road, Worton, MD 21678.

JOHN S. MITCHELL JR., SMA '57

Marine Corps veteran, ranch manager

Mr. Mitchell served with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1958 to 1961 as an electronics technician with the First Marine Air Wing in Iwakuni, Japan.

He earned a Bachelors and Masters Degree in Agriculture from the University of Florida. He has been a ranch manager for purebred Charolais herds — white beef cattle — and managed Charolais sales throughout the southeastern states, plus Missouri, Arkansas and Texas.

For three years, Mr. Mitchell taught agriculture at a junior college in West Plains, Missouri, and is currently a substitute school teacher. In 1962 he married Bonnie Lea Shuman and they have three sons. He reports that he is "unable to attend annual reunions as I have a cattle sale on the same weekend."

Mr. Mitchell can be reached by mail at P.O. Box 308, Koshkonong, MO 65692.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The SMA Alumni Association is searching country-wide for alumni who are not registered with our organization. The names below have come from fellow classmates who are trying to find their former friends. All internet searches have proven fruitless. If you have any knowledge of the whereabouts of any of these alumni, please contact our database administrator at SMADaphne@aol.com.

Richard		Actis-Grande	SMA '50	Geoffrey	R. Myers	SMA '68
John	W.	Baker	SMA '62	George	M. Myers	SMA '44
R. Randall		Blackburn	SMA '72	Marcus	Nachman	SMA '67
Thomas	H.	Brigham, Jr.	SMA '70	K. David	Nichols, Jr.	SMA '63
Berton	A.	Bromwell, Jr.	SMA '57	Riley	E. Noonan	SMA '54
James	A.	Buijnarowski	SMA '61	Louis Guy	Norton, Jr.	SMA '46
Charles	H.	Cail	SMA '67	James	R. Nudi	SMA '62
Joseph	A.	Campana	SMA '55	John	Ogletree	SMA '68
T. Milton		Carroll, Jr.	SMA '25	Dennis	Oliver	SMA '53
Winston		Carson	SMA '68	Lawrence	E. Oyler	SMA '57
Ivan	S.	Chobanoff	SMA '72	Randall	M. Pais	SMA '63
Robert	R.	Clauer	SMA '69	William	A. Pankey, III	SMA '62
K. David		Clawson	SMA '76	Edward	B. Peacock	SMA '57
H. Clark		Cockrell, Jr.	SMA '61	Robert	M. Pierson, Jr.	SMA '35
James	J.	Corsetty	SMA '57	Harry	L. Powers, III	SMA '60
Maury	D.	Covington	SMA '61	Robert	M. Putney	SMA '69
Bruce	M.	Craig	SMA '61	Michael	D. Read	SMA '44
Arthur	D.	Czimer	SMA '57	W. Carey	Reece	SMA '58
William	M.	Davidge	SMA '61	Homer	R. Reese, Jr.	SMA '61
Lester	F.	Davis, III	SMA '65	Michael	G. Rorie	SMA '76
David	J.	Dillon	SMA '69	George	A. Rumsey	SMA '45
Clarence	W.	Dilson	SMA '51	Lawrence	M. Rush	SMA '41
Donald	L.	DuDeVoire	SMA '55	Richard	T. Rushton	SMA '71
D. Bart		Edelen	SMA '62	William	K. Russell	P
Philip	R.	Elam	SMA '68	Terry	J. Sargis	SMA '65
John	H.	Ennis, Jr.	SMA '70	David	B. Schiltz	SMA '62
Stacy	L.	Evans	SMA '76	Kurt	M. Schoenberger	SMA '65
Stephen	R.	Ford	SMA '74	George	Schriever	SMA '66
Rustem	I.	Gamow	SMA '52	James	J. Sciandra	SMA '71
Richard	B.	Godfrey	SMA '62	Jerome	E. Sehlke	SMA '64
Philip	A.	Goldman	SMA '67	Howard	W. Sherman	SMA '43
Heiskell	R.	Gray	SMA '51	Norton	Slatkin	SMA '45
Mark	L.	Hall	SMA '45	Weldon Glenn	Starry, Jr.	SMA '58
William	E.	Harreld, III	SMA '73	Richard	L. Stevens	SMA '58
William	L.	Hildebrand	SMA '73	Robert	Stewart, Jr.	SMA '41
Nikki		Hornsby	F	Charles	M. Stoll	SMA '68
Raymond	T.	Kerr	SMA '71	Rick	M. Stone	SMA '68
Frederick		Koeppe	SMA '61	Gustavo	V. Suarez	SMA '73
George	A.	Korabek	SMA '65	Stewart	W. Sutton	SMA '72
John		Kubala	SMA '73	Samuel	S. Toler, II	SMA '62
R. Lawrence		Levy	SMA '63	John	W. Urbany	SMA '61
Daniel	R.	Long, III	SMA '60	Robert	H. Vehon	SMA '68
Carl		Martin	SMA '41	F. Kent	Vrendenburgh	SMA '76
Robert	A.	Martin	SMA '47	Paul	Waclawsky	SMA '66
Albert	C.	Matuza	SMA '37	John	H. Wareham	SMA '43
Frank	B.	McCue	SMA '65	Nolan	R. Wilkes, Jr.	SMA '60
Nelson	B.	McDonald	SMA '70	George	M. Wood, Jr.	SMA '67
Richard	H.	McIntyre	SMA '62	Frederick	W. Young	SMA '74
John	H.	Menefee	SMA '64	James	J. Zerilla	SMA '62
Geoffrey	R.	Meyers	SMA '68	Robert	S. Zinser	SMA '69
Greg		Moon	P	William	L. Zipkin	SMA '67
Roy	N.	Murray	SMA '53			

RONALD T. ALONZO, SMA '61 Advertising and marketing; executive recruiter; food service professional

Ronald T. Alonzo graduated from Tulane University with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, and then went to graduate school at BFI International, earning a degree in marketing and advertising.

Mr. Alonzo's career took him into his chosen field as an advertising manager and international sales manager for Whirlpool Corporation and Kohler Co. He then became Vice President of Marketing and Chief International Officer.

He continued his career as an executive recruiter and regional director for Cooper-Atkins in Canada and Latin America, and was involved in global sales.

He is a Certified Food Service Professional, specializing in food and wine.

Mr. Alonzo's career has taken him on travel to such major markets as London, Paris, Madrid, Frankfurt, Milan, Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Korea, the Phillipines, Taiwan, Brazil and Mexico.

Mr. Alonzo can be contacted at 25730 Frith Street, Land O Lakes, Florida 34639.

We need to know about you and your life since leaving SMA

This issue of *The Kablegram* contains all those responses received as a result of the form published in the December edition. Copies of these brief biographical sketches, as they were provided by the alumni, will be retained in the SMA-VWIL Museum for display and review by visitors and alumni. They have become an important part of our history.

The current issue of *The Kablegram* did not offer sufficient space to again publish the blank form that we have asked alumni to use to respond with their biographical information. Please refer to the December issue, or request a copy of the form from *The Kablegram* or from the SMA Alumni Office.

Respondents should include as much information as possible, including education, degrees earned, military service, and various career stages. Also important is family data, such as spouse, children and grandchildren.

Hierome L. Opie, SMA '32: lawyer, veteran, publisher and respected community leader

Described as a “dedicated community leader”, Hierome L. Opie Jr., SMA '32, a lifetime resident of Staunton, Virginia, perhaps planned a long career as an attorney. A variety of circumstances, from the day he graduated from Staunton Military Academy — at age 15 — until his death in January 2006, eventually brought him to the forefront of his the newspaper industry and his community.

Following SMA, through a U.S. Marine Corps officer training program, Mr. Opie attended and graduated from the University of Virginia (UVA). He followed that by graduating in 1940 from the UVA law school and then came home to Staunton and practiced law with George M. Cochran III and his father on the city's Barrister's Row.

His law practice was shortened to six months when the beginning of World War II found Mr. Opie on active duty as a second lieutenant with the First Marine Division, serving at Guadalcanal, New Britain and Peleliu. It was at Guadalcanal that the division won its first three Presidential Citations.

“He was a very fine gentleman, not the kind to blow his own horn.”

After 22 months the Pacific, he returned to the United States and served on the staff of the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico, Virginia. He was still in his 20s and yet had by then attained the rank of major. He was discharged in 1946 and subsequently promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve.

In 1945 he married Nellie Reynolds Christian of Richmond, Virginia. They raised two children: a daughter, Mrs. Michael S. Seiferth, and a son, Dr. Thomas R. Opie.

When he returned to Staunton, Mr. Opie joined the staff of the Leader newspapers. His brother Thomas had planned to work at the newspaper, but died during a training accident during the war.

“When the war was over, it was up to him to carry on the family newspaper,



E. Walton Opie (left), publisher, and Hierome L. Opie Jr., review a copy of The Staunton Leader in 1971.

Mr. Cochran said in January 2006.

The company had a long record of service to the Staunton area beginning with *The Evening Leader*, a daily newspaper founded in 1904 by Mr. Opie's father, Brigadier General Hierome L. Opie. *The Morning Leader* was launched in 1908. *The Staunton Daily News*, a competing paper, was purchased in 1919.

Having spent his prewar summers in the business office, pressroom and newsroom of *The Leader*, Mr. Opie joined the advertising department staff upon his discharge from the service. He rose to circulation manager in 1948, vice president and general manager in 1954, and was elected president and general manager in 1967.

In 1958, Mr. Opie guided the newspaper through changes, dropping the morning edition, while retaining the Sunday morning edition and modernizing the plant from hot metal to photocomposition as well as upgrading press operations to photo offset printing.

The Leader modernized its printing plant in 1970, changing from hot metal to photocomposition typesetting, and upgrading the presses from rotary letterpress to photo offset printing, making use of the best technology available then.

In August 1979, upon the sale of The Leader Publishing Company, Mr. Opie succeeded Major General E. W. Opie — brother of the founder — as publisher. For most of the years thereafter, the newspapers were published as *The Staunton News Leader* (morning) and *The Evening Leader* (evening).

Mr. Opie extended his career into the community, becoming an active civic leader in a number of areas, including treasurer of the Virginia Press Association. He served on the board of trustees of Stuart Hall School, the vestry at Trinity Episcopal Church, the Staunton-Augusta County Chamber of Commerce, Staunton YMCA, United Fund Campaign, Augusta Agricultural and Industrial Exposition and the Staunton Rotary Club. He was a past director of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

In 1986 Mr. Opie was presented a Paul Harris Fellowship — the highest award a local Rotary Club can bestow — in recognition of his 38 years of service. He was a director of the First National Bank of Augusta and was vice chairman of the Staunton Board of Zoning Appeals.

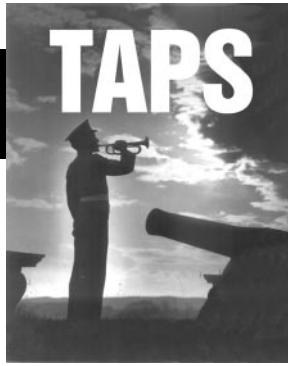
“He was a very fine gentleman, not the kind to blow his own horn,” Mr. Cochran said of Mr. Opie, noting that he rarely talked about his war experiences.

Editor's note: All information developed for this “Pass In Review” came from the archives of The News Leader, including an article written in January 2006 by Cindy Corell, staff writer.

Mr. Opie will be honored during the 2007 reunion with the dedication of a plaque on the Memorial Wall

**Please turn to pages 20, 21
and 22 for obituaries in
the TAPS section.**

TAPS



DAVID A. APGAR, SMA '70

David A. Apgar, of Schertz, Texas, died October 25, 2006 at his home. He had cancer.

Following graduation from SMA, he served four years in the U.S. Navy with duty stations that included Vietnam. Once discharged, he attended and graduated from Southwest Texas University, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies.

Mr. Apgar "went to work in various jobs", his wife Elizabeth Apgar recalls, "and then settled into a job for 20 years at USAA in San Antonio working property claims and was a manager for about seven years where he transferred to Washington State to start an office in Federal Way."

"He left there to work with KB Home for a few years before the cancer affected him," she added.

Mrs. Apgar said: "Our Children, Rebecca and Joshua heard a lot of their Dad's stories from when he was at the academy. He had wanted to go to one of the reunions but never got to make it to this past one as his cancer kept him from going too far from home."

"We remember his stories he told us and everyone from his days there at Staunton," his wife said, noting that "he spoke of his roommate Dean Douglas and often wondered how he was and hoped to get in touch with him at the reunion he never got to attend."



ROBERT V. BURNETT, SMA '39

Robert Vail Burnett, of Dayton, Ohio, died on November 10, 2003. Mr. Burnett was a 1939 graduate of Staunton Military Academy.

Mr. Burnett graduated from Miami University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. His career took him to the Army Air Corps.

He spent 30 years at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, serving as Chief of the Financial Division, Deputy Director for Program Control, C-141 Materials Handling SPO, and Deputy Director for Systems Management.

"SMA was the pivotal point of my career and life", he once told his wife.

GARY E. SCHMIDT, SMA '58

Gary Emil Schmidt, SMA '58, died September 26, 2006 in California as a result of pulmonary fibrosis. He was predeceased by his brother Thomas Schmidt, SMA '56 in 1993. His brother suffered from the same ailment.

Mr. Schmidt graduated from Northwestern University where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He entered the Armed Forces and was trained in the Russian language at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. He was subsequently stationed in Germany for the duration of his military service.

Mr. Schmidt worked for CBS-TV in Los Angeles and later with the news department at KCBS-TV before assuming the post of editor with the "Style for Men" newspaper. He was employed at the time by California Fashion Publications. For many years he was president of American Century Marketing.

until he turned a hobby of financial investing into a full time enterprise.

He is survived by two nieces — Anya Schmidt of San Francisco, California and Natasha Schmidt of London, England — for whom he served as surrogate father after he bother died.

Mr. Schmidt's death was reported by his former SMA roommate, Michael Goldwater, SMA '58.

"Gary's legacy at SMA," Mr. Goldwater said, "included being co-editor of *The Kablegram*, business manager of *The Shrapnel*, and co-founder of SMA's first magazine, *The Scimitar*."

STUART F. MILLER SR., SMA '51

Stuart F. Miller, age 74, died December 25, 2006 at his home in Pflugerville, Texas.

Born in Brooklyn, NY October 17th, 1932, Mr. Miller graduated from SMA in 1951 and served as an military policeman in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After his discharge from the Army, He joined his father in the printing business, a career he continued until he retired. He also served with the Ulster County Sheriffs Department Mounted Patrol.

He Miller was an avid sportsman and enjoyed the outdoors. He was a member of the Saugerties Fish and Game Club until he left the area for South Carolina. He was a trapshooter and was also a member of the Amateur Trapshooting Association and won events on the local, state, and regional level on multiple occasions. A one time Scoutmaster, he was in charge of Troop 14 for a period of time.

Mr. Miller is also survived by his children: Wayne Ward, Douglas Miller, Christopher Miller, Sharon Miller, Gabrielle Morse, and Stuart Miller Jr. Also surviving are a sister Beverly Jones, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In reporting her husband's death, Mrs. Kathleen Miller said: "I visited Staunton with Stuart in 2003 while on vacation. He spoke highly, with great fondness, and with honor of his time there. We spent several hours there as he proudly showed me around the facilities, explaining what is there and what once was."

"After my 'tour', she added, "Stuart took me into the museum and cadet store where we spent another couple hours or so. The lady who was there allowed us to stay I know past closing time. We left with mugs, shirts and new memories to share together. While we were there, I noticed Stuart walking taller and prouder. For this I thank you."

SYLVAN P. STEIN, SMA '39

Sylvan P. Stein, age 82, died July 10, 2006 at his home in Washington, D.C. He was a 1939 graduate of SMA.

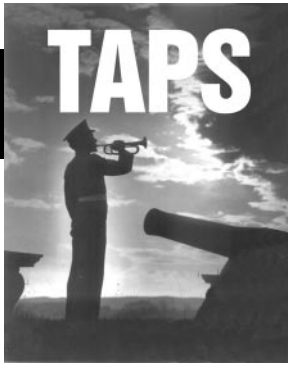
A native of Washington, he attended Roosevelt High School before attending SMA. Following graduation, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

During World War II, Mr. Stein served in Europe as a B-26 rear gunner with the U.S. Army Air Forces, and was the recipient of 11 Distinguished Flying Crosses.

He worked in his father's Kassan-Stein custom tailoring business after the war and was co-owner until the firm closed in

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GEORGE H. FOX JR., SMA '42

George H. Fox Jr., a 1942 graduate of Staunton Military Academy, died December 22, 2006 in Long Beach, California. Following graduation he attended Duke University, and was



subsequently assigned to the U.S. Navy Midshipman School at Fort Schuyler, New York, where he became the Company Commander.

His naval service eventually led him to the Long Beach Naval Base where he was ultimately discharged to inactive duty in 1946.

Mr. Fox then attended UCLA graduate school and pursued a successful career in real estate, spending 35 years with Coldwell Banker in Los Angeles, California.

Described as "a singing sensation" by his son, George, and daughter, Kathy, "he lived a full and happy life, sharing his love of song and humor with everyone who knew him."

THOMAS P. MAURY JR., SMA '54

Thomas P. Maury Jr., a 1956 graduate of Staunton Military, died February 2, 2007 in Nassau, Bahamas.

HENRY W. PICKFORD JR., SMA '43

Henry W. Pickford Jr., a 1943 graduate of Staunton Military Academy, died March 1, 2006 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Following SMA, he earned a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in aeronautical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, subsequently commissioning in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After the war, Mr. Pickford remained in the Naval Reserve for 18 years. Before his retirement, he worked in the aerospace program at Raytheon Corporation. His most significant projects included NASA's Apollo moon flight program and the Patriot missile defense system.

He moved to Bolton, North Carolina in 1966, where he became involved in public service on the Board of Trustees at Clinton Hospital and the Bolton Board of Appeals.

In later years he and his wife Maureen divided their time between Bolton and Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Florida. When residing in Bolton, he could often be found playing bridge with his friends at the local senior center.

Mr. Pickford is survived by his wife Maureen; one son, Dr. Henry Pickford III, a daughter, Dr. Heather Pickford; and two grandchildren.

M. LEE NUNNALLY, SMA '68

M. Lee Nunnally, 55, a 1968 graduate of SMA, died July 16, 2006 in Sarasota, Florida. He was a native of West Virginia and earned a bachelor's degree in 1972 from Fairmont State College. Mr. Nunnally was a land surveyor.

His sister Susan Nunnally said: "He always remarked that he enjoyed his time at SMA, building good character as a young man," adding that "our family has enjoyed your newsletter."

FREDERICK C. BURNER, SMA '68

Frederick Charles "Fred" Burner, 57, of Hagerstown, Maryland, January 21, 2007, at his home. He was a 1968 graduate of Staunton Military Academy and past president of the SMA Alumni Association from 1996 to 2000.

Following SMA, he graduated from the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science.

Mr. Burner owned and operated Burner Trade Services for 15 years. He was a member of Friendship Masonic Lodge 84, A.F. & A.M., the Community Rescue Service (21 years), and the British Institute of Embalming for eight years.

He was a member of Goodwill Athletic Club, a former member of the Hagerstown Jaycees and served on the Washington County Board of Public Safety.

He is survived by two daughters, Heather Saxmann of Salisbury, Maryland, and Laurel Good of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; one sister, Donna Frentz of Keedysville, Maryland.; two granddaughters, Lauren Saxmann and Leah Good; one grandson, Rylan Good; and two nieces, Chrissy Frentz and Bobbie Frentz.

Memorial donations may be made to Community Rescue Service, 110 N. Eastern Boulevard, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

DONALD R. WINDLEY, SMA '70

Donald R. Windley, 55, of Greenville, Virginia, a 1970 graduate of Staunton Military Academy, died January 27, 2007 at Augusta Medical Center in Fishersville, Virginia.

Mr. Windley had for several years been involved in various activities at the SMA-VWIL Museum, including the Memorial Wall, Walk of Honor, and other historical aspects of the facility. Most recently he spoke at the 2006 Memorial Wall ceremony, dedicating one of the plaques mounted on the wall that day. He regularly attended SMA Alumni Associations held in Staunton.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam Era and served with the 101st Airborne Division. He attended Leeds Polytechnical Institute in Leeds, England, and was a commercial artist by trade. He was a Civil War Re-enactor with the Palmetto Sharpshooter Regiment by preference.

In a statement, his family said: "He cared for his family and friends and will be missed by all who knew him. He was a kind-hearted man and a loving husband, father, and grandfather."

Mr. Windley is survived by his wife, Virginia Belville Windley; a daughter, Jessica, of Waynesboro, Virginia; a son, Joshua Windley of Staunton, Virginia; a half-brother, Chuck Windley of Norfolk, Virginia; a stepbrother, Paul Haddad of Miami, Florida; a stepsister, Tina H. Carr of Maryland; and a brother, Michael Armijo of Stuarts Draft, Virginia.

A memorial service was held February 1, 2007 in Staunton, attended by several members of the SMA Alumni Association Board of Directors.

SMA alumni wishing to send condolences should do so through the SMA Alumni Office or www.henryfuneralhome.net.



JAMES A. MADDOCK., SMA '54

James A. Maddock, age 70, of Palm Beach, Florida, a 1954 graduate of Staunton Military Academy, died February 3, 2007 following a long battle with cancer.

After graduation, he attended Brown University and then began a 46-year career as a stock broker with UBS Investment Bank. He was president and vice president of the Old Guard Society and was an avid golfer.

Mr. Maddock is survived by his wife, Brenda Black Maddock; daughter, Nicole Costanza-Harvey; an adopted daughter, Donna Kirk; three brothers, Paul Maddock, Jr., Jeffrey Paul Maddock and Sydney Bradford Maddock; four sisters, MiMi McMakin, Peggy Maddock, Suzanne Sullivan, and Linda Wilhelm; and two granddaughters.

The SMA Alumni Office was notified of Mr. Maddock's death by Allen P. Fisher, SMA '56.

To view the complete published in *The Palm Beach Post*, go to PalmBeachPost.com/obituaries.

Staunton Area Hotels

Hampton Inn (540) 886-7000
Greenville Avenue (U.S. Route 11) south. Take Interstate 81 Exit 220 to Staunton; that exit goes to the Staunton Bypass; take the first exit on the Bypass onto Route 11 north; proceed a very short distance to an Exxon station on your left and turn left onto Payne Lane. The hotel is on the side of the hill above the station, directly behind Appleby's.

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

Ingleside Hotel Resort (540) 248-1201
Route 11, 1/4-mile north of the Route 275 intersection; use Exit 225 on Interstate 81; follow Route 275 to U.S. Route 11; turn right; hotel will be on the left.

Best Western Staunton Inn (540) 885-1112
92 Rowe Road (use Exit 222 on Interstate 81; proceed across U.S. Route 250 to Rowe Road; turn right; hotel will be on the left on the same access road as Rowe's restaurant).

Comfort Inn (540) 886-5000
1302 Richmond Avenue (U.S. Route 250 east of Staunton; use Interstate Exit 222)

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

Bed and Breakfast Inns

Miller House Bed and Breakfast Inn (540) 886-3186
210 North New Street in Staunton (across the street from the Mary Baldwin College campus).

Montclair Bed and Breakfast (540) 885-8832
320 North New Street in Staunton (across the street from the Mary Baldwin College campus).

We appreciate being notified of the passing of our alumni. Whenever possible, please provide information that will guide us to the newspaper obituary or funeral home that handled arrangements. These sources can give us the details we need.



A selection of DVD's from the reunions in 2005 and 2006 are available through the Cadet Store. The smaller of these, a DVD covering the SMA-VWIL Parade and Memorial Wall ceremony, are \$5.00 each. A complete set of six DVD's that covers the entire 2006 reunion weekend, plus an extra DVD that provides insight into the VWIL program, is available by special order for \$25.00. The DVD's were created by David Beduhn, SMA '69, who is responsible for filming and production of the DVDs.



Complete the order form at right and mail to:
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P. O. Box 958 Woodrum Station
Staunton, Virginia 24402-0958
or FAX this order form to (540) 885-1366
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SMAoffice@sma-alumni.org

CADET STORE



The Cadet Store is located in the SMA-VWIL Museum in the former SMA Supply Room. Some of the items available are pictured here and on the previous page. The form should be completed and mailed, with your check enclosed, to the address shown below. You can also contact the store by e-mail as shown below, or call (540) 885-1309 for information, leave a message, and your call will be returned. We cannot accept credit card orders. If your order is e-mailed or faxed to the Cadet Store, it will be held pending receipt of your payment and then promptly shipped to you.

COMING SOON

STAUNTON MILITARY ACADEMY



STAUNTON, VIRGINIA

Two flags will be available in Spring 2007. The full size flag (3' x 5') will be available as a special order item with an estimated cost of \$400.00 without the gold fringe, and \$450.00 with the fringe. A small (4" x 6") version of the flag will be available, mounted on a gold ball-tipped black plastic dowel with a base, for \$10.00. Flags will be SMA blue and gold in color.



Also available in Spring 2007 will be full color 8" x 10" prints of an aerial photograph of the former SMA campus. These will be provided on quality photographic paper and will be suitable for framing. The reprints will sell for \$10.00 each.

QUAN.	ITEM	EACH	TOTAL
_____	Baseball Cap	\$10.00	\$ _____
	Navy blue with gold "Staunton Military Academy"		
_____	Baseball Cap	\$10.00	\$ _____
	Blue with green bill with "SMA-VWIL Museum" in gold		
_____	SMA-VWIL Video	\$50.00	\$ _____
_____	T-Shirt with shield		
	Sizes M to XXL	\$15.00	\$ _____
_____	Sweatshirt (blue with gold hat shield)		
	M to XXL	\$25.00	\$ _____
	XXXL	\$30.00	\$ _____
_____	Sweatshirt, grey (embroidered with "Staunton Military Academy" and crossed rifles.		
	M to XXL	\$25.00	\$ _____
	XXXL	\$30.00	\$ _____
_____	Golf Shirts, navy with embroidered "Staunton Military Academy" and crossed rifles		
	M to XXL	\$25.00	\$ _____
	XXXL	\$30.00	\$ _____
_____	Golf Shirts, blue with maze trim on collar and sleeve "Staunton Military Academy" in gold		
	M to XXL	\$25.00	\$ _____
_____	Old Boys Buckle (silver)	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	Officer/NCO Belt Buckle	\$25.00	\$ _____
_____	Leather Garrison Belt	\$25.00	\$ _____
	(may be cut to sizes up to 50 inches)		
_____	Black Leather Belt	\$15.00	\$ _____
	Sizes 28 and 32 only		
_____	Car Window Decal	\$ 3.50	\$ _____
	"SMA Alumni"		
_____	Postcards	\$ 2.00	\$ _____
_____	SMA Shoulder Patches	\$ 2.00	\$ _____
_____	Rank Insignia	\$ 1.00	\$ _____
	S/Sgt. and PFC available		
_____	Blue Book (reprint)	\$10.00	\$ _____
_____	Coffee Cup		
	South Barracks in blue	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
	Blue with gold shield	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
_____	Artist Sketch	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
	(Asphalt with South and North Barracks, Mess Hall)		
_____	Artist Sketch (all buildings)	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
	Two available (circle your choices): [1] a 17" x 7 1/4" sketch of or [2] a 14" x 9" sketch.		
_____	License Plate Holders	\$10.00	\$ _____
	Black metal with "Staunton Military Academy" in white lettering.		
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	White metal with "SMA ALUMNI" in blue lettering		

Shipping charges must be added:

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Amount enclosed: \$ _____

- Dues (\$50.00) will be credited for fiscal year September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007).
- Dues are not tax deductible. Please make checks payable to: SMA Alumni Association.

SMA FOUNDATION, INC.

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

- Contributions are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to SMA Foundation, Inc.
- Donations are used to fund the SMA-VWIL Museum, scholarships and related expenses.

SMA-VWIL INITIATIVE

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- Donations are given to VWIL for discretionary utilization.

KABLE HALL ALCOVE PROJECT

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

- Contributions are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to SMA Foundation, Inc.
- Donations will pay for the upgrading of the alcove in Kable Hall. See story on page 12.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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- Donations are used to fund the annual SMA Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship.

SPECIAL DONATION

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Complete this form, include your check(s) and mail to SMAAA. Your support and involvement are critical to the continued success of the association and the activities and programs that have been developed and implemented in the memory of Staunton Military Academy, the Corps of Cadets and staff.



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