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Class of '61 Leads the Way at 2011 Reunion

Lead by the Class of 1961, 85 SMA alumni and their friends returned to the "Hill" for the 2011 SMA Alumni Association reunion. The oldest class (1945) was represented by Ralph Sebrell. The class of '61 had the highest attendance with 22 "Old Boys", followed by the classes of '62 and '74 with six each.

For several years, the weather for the parade has been beautiful. Friday afternoon was no exception; it was 75 degrees, sunny, and there was a light breeze. Led by Lee Ozawa and his classmates from 1961, about 80 SMA Old Boys joined the cadet corps from the Virginia Women's Institute of Leadership (VWIL) and marched down the hill for a joint SMA-VWIL Review on Kable Field. After performing an "eyes right" salute to the VWIL corps, the SMA grads took their seats on the West side of the field to observe the presentation of the colors. Our national anthem was sung by Laura Bryna, an international recording artist based in Nashville and Los Angeles, followed by the awarding of two Henry Scholarships, two Leadership awards, the Windley and Longyear Scholarships, and the presentation of the Kable Legion of Honor to First Captain Jael Cooper of VWIL. (See the story in the VWIL News section.) At the conclusion of the awards, the SMA alumni were honored by a brisk Pass in Review by the VWIL cadets.

Following the parade, the alumni and guests moved to the Memorial Wall (in front of the old supply room) for the addition of three plaques and a reading of the names of deceased alumni who passed away in 2010 and 2011. The three men added to the Memorial Wall in 2011 are Captain Louis A. Onesty, who taught and coached at SMA from 1939 to 1947, William W. "Tommy" Thompson, who attended SMA in 1940 and 1941, and Colonel William M. Pandak, who taught and coached at SMA from 1954 to 1975. The ceremony was followed by a 21-gun salute performed by the VWIL Howie Rifles, and a soulful playing of Taps in memory of our departed brothers.



SMA "Old Boys" Led by Lee Ozawa and Steve Bond, cross Prospect one more time.

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILL



Bill Bissett, '74

Reflections from the Hill
Bill Bissett '74
President, SMA Alumni Association

I wanted to thank all of you that made it to our 2011 reunion. I also wanted to let all of you that couldn't make it know you missed a good one.

The class of '61 put on the best Friday night dinner we have ever had, and I know they have raised the bar for all of our future Friday night get togethers. The weather was perfect and the parade went off without a flaw except maybe our left and right feet getting a little out of step.

We had a good turn out for the Saturday alumni meeting and some good interaction on all of the issues we discussed. The Legacy Fund was top on the board's list; we have come up with answers to everyone's questions and they are posted on our web site. If there are any other questions, feel free to call me on my cell phone and I will do my best to answer them. My number is 330-802-7528. Or you can email me at wbissett@steelbarsales.com.

Remember: This Legacy Fund is primarily for the future of our alumni association and our museum. We are a slowly diminishing group and we operate the association on a shoestring budget from year to year. The board is working hard to keep all of this moving forward but we get tired of asking every year for money to keep the organization alive. We can as a group come up with 100 donations from individuals or small groups of \$5,000 we can raise enough funds to make a base for us to sustain our association for a long time and perpetuate the SMA legacy. I have put my money where my mouth is and donated \$10,000 so far and plan on putting the very last \$5,000 in at the end of our drive. I thank all of you who have stepped up and already donated — you have started the wave. Please, everyone keep making your tax-deductible donations so that we reach our \$500,000 goal.

The weekend went great with a short visit to Marino's by some of us and the Saturday night banquet at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. The speaker, former VWIL Cadet First Captain Erinn Singman, did a great job. She is a member of VWIL's Class of 2002, and a recently married U.S. Army captain on the promotion list for major. Just before the reunion she married a fellow Army officer, also on the promotion list, so our thanks, congratulations and best wishes go to Erinn and her husband.

I thank all of the VWIL cadets who put up with the Old Boys back on the Hill for the weekend and General Mike Bissell for putting all of the VWIL events together for us. I am still amazed at the VWIL program and very proud that we can help them in the small ways we do.

I look forward to seeing all of you next spring at the 2012 reunion!

Truth Duty Honor,
Bill

REUNION 2011

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Friday evening was rounded out with a fabulous reception in the old Mess Hall. In honor of the class of 1961, John Antonelli, his wife Joannie, and Steve Bond took over the old Mess Hall and gave us all an evening to remember. The Mess Hall was decorated with national flags and copies of the 1961 Kablegram, the table settings included fresh flowers on top of blue table cloths, and the food... well, the food was excellent! Delicious hors d'oeuvres, several main courses, and a wide selection of desserts were prepared and presented by owner/chef Ian Boden of the Staunton Grocery restaurant (See their website at www.stauntongrocery.com).

Saturday morning began with our annual business meeting. Tom Davis, SMA Alumni Association Treasurer gave a short report of the Alumni Association finances. Bill Bissett, President of the SMA Alumni Association, followed with a detailed discussion of the SMA Legacy Fund. (See those details in this issue.)

The afternoon was unscheduled, and many of the "Old Boys" used the free time to take long lunches with friends and roommates.

Saturday night, our marquis event was the banquet, held in the Shenandoah Room of the Stonewall Jackson Hotel with almost 200 alumni and guests present. A highlight of the evening was a group singing of "Happy Birthday" to Miss Dorothy Thacker, who turned 100 years young a few days after the banquet.

We were fortunate to have Captain Erinn Kaine as our guest speaker. You knew her as Erinn Singman, First Captain of the VWIL class of 2002. Captain Kaine is the first VWIL alumnae to address the SMA Old Boys at our reunion. She has a star studded bio, and she was recently invited to be the first woman to go through U. S. Army Ranger Training. Unfortunately, she had to say "no", because she was scheduled to have knee surgery. She married a fellow Army Captain, Patrick Kaine, two weeks before the reunion, and both of them are on the latest Major list. Her remarks centered on courage, and her speech left many of us with tears in our eyes. The banquet ended at 10:00 p.m., and the alumni and their guests moved into the lobby for coffee and conversation.

Plans are now firm for next year's reunion, and we are announcing some big changes. For the first time, the SMA Alumni Association will coordinate our reunion with the VWIL reunion. This entails a change to our originally announced dates for 2012. With the new agreement, both reunions will take place on Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31, 2012, at the Mary Baldwin College campus and the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. If you plan to stay at the Stonewall, reservations can be made online (www.stonewalljacksonhotel.com) or by calling the reservation desk at (540) 885-4848 or toll free at (866) 880-0024. More details will be available in the next issue of the Kablegram.

Briefly...

SMA Reunion and VWIL reunions are Coordinated in 2012!

Beginning in 2012, the SMA and VWIL Alumni Reunions will be conducted at the same time. The new dates are March 30 and 31, 2012 (Friday and Saturday). The SMA Reunion Headquarters is the Stonewall Jackson Hotel.

There are several good reasons for coordinating our reunions. Some important events that are attended by both sets of alumni can be combined. Coordinating our reunions will allow the maximum number of VWIL cadets to participate in a combined SMA/VWIL alumni parade on Friday afternoon. By scheduling our reunions together, both alumni associations can avoid competing with the Mary Baldwin College reunion, which means more facilities will be available for the VWIL and SMA events. Lastly, VWIL's gala affair is on Friday night, and ours is on Saturday night; so there will be little or no conflict. Over the years, as our SMA alumni numbers go down and VWIL alumni numbers go up, coordinating the reunions makes sense.

Registration forms will soon be available online at the SMA Alumni Association website (sma-alumni.org) and in future issues of the Kablegram.

VWIL Began 16 years ago!

It is hard to believe, but the first class of VWIL students (42 in all) started 16 years ago on August 22, 1995. Time flies...

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KABLEGRAM IS GOING ONLINE!!

The Kablegram is discontinuing the free delivery of printed pages via the US Mail; we are going online. This issue of the Kablegram is the last printed issue you will receive. Beginning in September, all Kablegrams will come to you over the internet, if you subscribe to service.

Why do we do this? The main reason for this change is the high cost of printing and mailing 3,000 newsletters. We simply cannot afford to continue in this manner. For small organizations like ours, the Board of Directors must continuously find ways to cut costs and stay within the budget. Unfortunately, the printed version of the Kablegram is on top of the list of items to be cut.

How will the online Kablegram work? Each issue will be prepared, just as we have done in the past, and then the SMA Alumni Association Web Master, Mark Orr (SMA '73) will email a short "teaser" version (containing an article and table of contents) to all SMA alumni that have subscribed. If you like what you see, you can view the entire issue on the SMA Alumni Association website (www.sma-alumni.org) by simply clicking the "Kablegram" tab. Of course, you can print any portion of the online issue that you wish.

What must you do? In order to receive the online Kablegram, you must subscribe by sending your email address to the SMA Alumni Association registrar (registrar@sma-alumni.org). **This is the most important part.** If you don't subscribe, you won't get the online Kablegram.

What if I cannot receive an online Kablegram? If you don't have email, or if your online connection is too slow for the transfer of our newsletter, you can request a printed version to be mailed to your mailing address by sending a request directly to the Editor, Burdette Holmes (SMA '62). Please use the form below. This year, there will be no fee for the special mailing service. Next year, you can anticipate the implementation of an annual fee to cover printing and postage.

We regret having to change our method of delivery, but we really have no choice. We cannot spend beyond our means and continue to exist, and the Kablegram intends to exist for a LONG time.

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At the reunion, we collected 80 biographies for "Where They Are Now".

Thanks to the tireless efforts of two VWIL cadets, the Kablegram was able to collect almost 80 short biographies (with pictures) from alumni at the 2011 reunion for publication in our newsletter. In this issue, we present five from the class of 1961. (After all, it was their 50th!)

But we still need more! The articles should be short, and please send a picture. Send your article and photograph(s) to Kablegram@sma-alumni.org or by regular mail to SMA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 958, Woodrum Station, Staunton, Virginia 24402-0958.

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In this Issue: The True History of SMA (Chapters 9 and 10).

Greg Robertson, SMA '70, is wrapping up the currently completed chapters of the True History of the Staunton Military Academy. In this issue, the Kablegram will publish the last two chapters that we will print: Chapter 9, The Aftermath and Chapter 10, the Alumni Association takes over. The remaining chapters will be published in future Kablegrams and be available online as they are completed

If you are visiting the Museum this Summer...

The VWIL cadets that normally staff our museum in the afternoons have left for the summer; so we need to make advance arrangements. If you wish to visit the museum in June, July, or August, please call Arlene Nicely at (540) 885-1309 at least **two days** in advance to let her know when you expect to arrive. If Arlene doesn't answer, leave a message on the answering machine, and she will call you back to find out more information on your visit or you may call her at home (540) 886-6995 or on her cell (540) 294-1004.

It's always nice to have someone at the museum upon your arrival. As a last resort, if you just happen to drop in, and the museum is locked, use the phone numbers on the door. Call Harvie Martin, SMA '74 or Arlene Nicely to come and let you in. However, it would be so helpful, if you could call in advance. Sgt. Major Nicely (Arlene) hates for anyone to come a distance and not be able to visit the museum.

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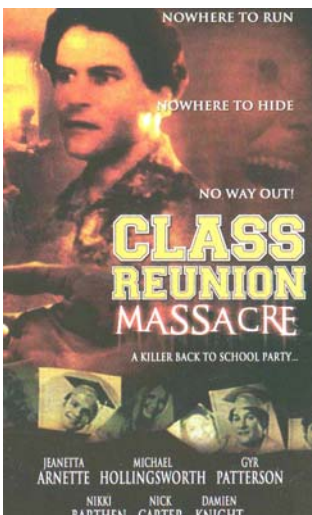
This is the last printed Kablegram. Don't forget to subscribe for the future issues available online. Please read the article, "[Kablegram is Going Online](#)" on page 4 of this issue for details.

True History of SMA

Researched and Written by Greg Robertson '70

9. The Aftermath

After the school closed, Layne Leoffler continued to work on the bankruptcy case and the closing of the Academy. In June 1976, a movie production company rented the Academy grounds for 4 weeks to film the movie "Class Reunion Massacre" (also titled "Most Likely To Die" & "The Redeemer - Son of Satan").



Advertising Poster for movie filmed at SMA in the Summer of 1976



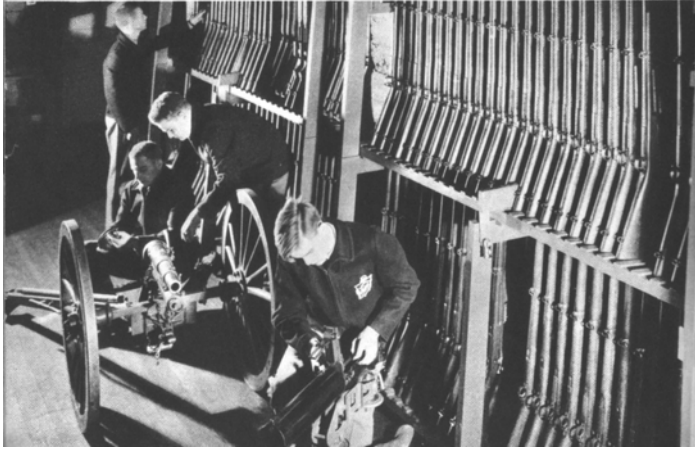
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The 850 rifles were sold to the Numerich Arms Corporation for \$30,000.



The SMA armory

The football equipment was sold to the Manassas Park City Schools for \$4,418.



1970 SMA Football Team

The band equipment was sold to the Augusta County School Board for \$2,205.



1970 SMA Cadet Band

The rest of the personality (a.k.a. personal property) was sold at a public auction in December 1976. The buildings and grounds were contracted to be sold to Mary Baldwin College on November 12, 1976. The contract lists 37.5115 acres of land and included 20 buildings. The final price for the Academy grounds and its buildings was \$1,120,000. With the sale of the personal property and the closing on the sale of the buildings and grounds, Staunton Military Academy ceased to exist in the Town of Staunton. However, the name rights of the school still existed and were retained by Layne Leoffler. He eventually sold the name rights and most of the memorabilia to J. Donald Allen, SMA '50, in January 1977. Allen also took charge of the Academic Records of the Academy. It was Allen's plan to reopen SMA in a different location. The bankruptcy case was officially closed on June 20, 1977. All of the creditors, both secured and unsecured, had been paid what was due them according to the court. Most were paid in full. Layne Leoffler's attempt at keeping SMA open had cost him personally over \$725,000.

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**J. Donald Allen,
SMA '50**

Don Allen looked around Staunton for a suitable location to reopen the school in the area. Not able to find one, he opened the school in a commercial building in Hampton, VA, that his CPA firm owned. He commenced the 93rd session of the Academy in September 1977 with 36 cadets, but with no seniors. Mr. Allen realized that the attempt to rescue the school was unsustainable after losing \$250,000 and operating the school for one year. The school closed again in June 1978.



10. The Alumni Association Takes Over

Over the next six years the SMA Alumni Association kept an effort alive for the re-establishment of the Academy. Several sites, including the DeJarnette Mental Health facility east of Staunton and the Old Augusta Military Academy were investigated. However, due to a variety of issues, no real progress was made regarding either site.



DeJarnette Mental Health facility

On April 7, 1984, the class of 1974 sponsored a reunion on the hill in the old Mess Hall. A surprisingly large number of alumni representing classes from 1929 to 1975 attended this weekend event. The people attending this reunion determined that the SMA Alumni Association needed a viable and visible image in Staunton as a rallying point for our continuing fraternal relationship and as a springboard to any future reestablishment opportunity.

Representatives of the Reunion met with the Alumni Board of Directors in Washington, D.C. on June 2, 1984, and recommended the establishment of an SMA archive in Staunton as a prerequisite to any future effort to reestablish Staunton Military Academy.

As a direct result of this recommendation, and the strong show of interest by a reasonably large body of alumni, the Board authorized the purchase of the SMA academic records and historic memorabilia that had been disposed of. The records and memorabilia were still in the possession of Don Allen, '50. He offered to sell these to the SMAAA for what he had paid for

them, \$12,500. A small group of alumni, and members of the Board of Directors', contributed approximately \$9,000 of the \$12,500 needed to purchase the records and memorabilia. The balance was funded by the SMA Alumni Association/Foundation.

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Ike Kivilighan, SMA '29

Ike Kivilighan, '29 and Horace Parsley, '24 contacted Don Allen and told him that the Board had authorized the purchase of the records and memorabilia to the SMAAA. Don agreed and said he would also sell the name rights for SMA to the SMAAA for what he had paid for it; once again the price was \$12,500. Since the Board of Directors had only authorized the purchase the records and the memorabilia with SMAAA funds, Horace told Don he would pay for the names right himself and donate them to the SMAAA. The next weekend Horace and Don drove a truck down to Don's home in Lynchburg, VA, loaded it up, wrote the checks, and returned the heart and soul of SMA to its hometown. The SMAAA arranged with the Augusta County Historical Society to temporarily store everything while a permanent location could



Horace Parsley, SMA '24

be obtained. The SMAAA went on to open its first Staunton Office in a building located on the Thornrose Cemetery grounds. The second office location opened in a set of rooms at the Ingleside Motel north of Staunton in June 1989.



SMA Alumni Association Office Dedication March 1989
L-R: unknown, Violet Pandak, Bill Pankak, Tom Davis, Connie Davis, unknown, Doris Thompson, and Bob Rossi.

The SMAAA began holding All-class reunions in Staunton as a way to develop interest in the reestablishment of the Academy and to promote the work of the SMAAA in general. The first of these reunions was held in 1986 at the Ingleside Motel north of the city. Interest and attendance was high as Alumni searched out old friends to attend. The reunion was a success in that it sparked interest in the reestablishment and in the SMAAA in general. The reestablishment fund began to grow and plans were prepared by the Alumni Association.

In 1987, the SMAAA released "A Proposal for the Reestablishment of Staunton Military Academy". The plan centered on first establishing a summer program to provide a realistic feasibility of the costs and complexities of operating a military school program, build a base of students and parents to whom the name of SMA would be familiar

again, and allow the name of the Staunton Military Academy to be once again in the rolls of educational institutions. The summer program initially opened in the summer of 1989 with approximately 40 cadets on the old Academy grounds which were leased from Mary Baldwin College. The annual SMA reunion was held during the summer session so that the Alumni could see the progress being made. The program continued in the same fashion during the summer of 1990. In 1991, Mary Baldwin College decided not to lease the grounds to the SMAAA for the summer program and the program moved to the grounds of the Massanutten Military Academy. The summer program was abandoned after that session.

The SMAAA Board of Directors continued to investigate opportunities for reestablishment and reaffirmed the goal of reestablishment many times over the next several years. Finally though, at the July 1998 Board of Director's meeting, the goal of reestablishment was officially abandoned.

Thus ended the great dream of education started in Staunton by William H. Kable in 1884.



SMA Summer Program Cadets 1989

REUNION 2011...ATTENDEES

Eighty-five SMA alumni and their guests and 16 SMA faculty/staff/patrons and MBC/VWIL staff returned to Staunton for the 2011 SMA All-Class Reunion. The cadets are listed below in order of their graduation followed by the faculty/staff. Guests are listed on the right.

NAME	YEAR	GUEST	STATE	NAME	YEAR	GUEST	STATE
SEBRELL, RALPH L.	45	ANN W. SEBRELL	VA	MAY, JAMES C.	64	LINDA MAY	NC
ALLEN, FRANK H. JR.	47	NONE	PA	NICELY, BROCKY A.	65	ARLENE C. NICELY, ALUMNI	SEC.VA
MORTEN, ALAN W. JR.	48	SHIRLEY MORTEN	WVA	MIHALEK, CONRAD (BUD)	66	NONE	OH
SMITH, STUART P.	48	JEAN SMITH	VA	WAPLE, GRANT	66	NONE	VA
FISHER, BRUCE K.	49	JENNIE FISHER	FL	LESNIAK, STANLEY	67	PATRICIA LESNIAK	PA
LOWE, JOHN	49	GINNY LOWE	VA	NORTON, ROBERT "ROB"	67	NONE	IA
WOLFE, HERK	49	PATTE WOLFE	OH	PARKER, ROBERT M. "BOB"	67	KARIN SCHIFFMAN	VA
REYNOLDS, JOHN S.	50	SHEILA B. REYNOLDS	SC	PFISTER, CHARLES "CHIP"	67	NONE	GA
STARK, PETER (PAT) J.	50	CATHERINE M. STARK	NY	DALBO, JACK A.	68	ALYSSA DALBO	PA
RUBINSON, ALAN H.	51	NONE	GA	BEDUHN, DAVID C.	69	LYN DEATON	TX
JENKINS, CHARLES R.	53	LAURA JENKINS	MD	FARBER, PHILIP M.	69	NONE	PA
CARR, DAVID R.	56	SANDI CARR	NC	HOWARD, RICHARD J.	69	WANDA HOWARD	TX
PAINTER, SIMON "CY"	58	VICKIE PAINTER	VA	NEDRY, JAY C.	69	NONE	VA
FAIRLAMB, GEORGE	60	NONE	VA	VAUGHAN, JOHN W.	69	CAROLINE M. VAUGHAN	VA
HURST, WILLIAM "JAY"	60	LYNNE P. HURST	NJ	FUOG, JOHN L.	70	VICKIE FUOG	VA
POOVEY, ROBERT L.	60	NONE	NC	MLYNKO, WALT E.	71		VT
ALONZO, RONALD T.	61	DENISE ALONZO	FL	PARRIS, MICHAEL E.	71	NONE	CA
ANTONELLI, JOHN O.	61	JOAN C. ANTONELLI	VA	FUOG, ARNOLD C.	72	MAUREEN WELCH	NJ
BOND, STEVEN L. "STEVE"	61	NONE	MD	MEISE, JOHN J. SR.	72	DEBORAH MEISE	VA
BRITTINGHAM, WILLIAM	61	BARB BRITTINGHAM	DE	PANDAK, DR. WILLIAM	73	NONE	VA
BYINGTON, MICHAEL "MIKE" S.	61	TOMMYE BYINGTON	TN	SHIPULA, DAVID A.	73	NONE	PA
CAMPBELL, ALAN E.	61	NANCY BOHANNON	VA	BISSETT, GEORGE	74	NONE	OH
CLEMSON, CLAUDE LARRY	61	NONE	MD	BISSETT, WILLIAM K.	74	NONE	NC
COCKRELL, H. CLARK, JR.	61	CATHY COCKRELL	VA	LEIGH, EDMUND "ED" P.	74	ANGELA LEE/REBECCA LEIGH	GA
COCHRUN, JAMES "JIM" L. III	61	JANE CAPLE	FL	MARTIN, HARVIE J. III	74	BETH HODGE	VA
CONSTABLE, WESLEY G.	61	BARBARA CALLINAN	SC	PHILLIPS, TOM	74	NONE	VA
DICKEY, CHARLES G. "JOE"	61		PA	ROSSY, AL	74	NONE	NJ
EVANS, PETER H.	61	NONE	SC	BARKSDALE, ROBERT B.	75	HELEN K. BARKSDALE	VA
GORMAN, JOSEPH D. (DAN)	61	NONE	PA	HUTTON, WARREN A.	75	NONE	NC
LEADBETTER, C. ROBERT	61	MARCIA LEADBETTER	FL	PANDAK, DR. HILARY	75	NONE	VA
OZAWA, LELAND K.	61	NONE	NV	PARRINO, ROBERT	75	EMILY PARRINO	TX
RICHETTS, W. JOHN	61	NONE	FL	BINGE, GARY	76	NONE	VA
ROSE, RAY	61	NONE	LA	SMITH, EDMUND A.	76	EDMUND RUOS	GA
STEELE, LAWRENCE B. III	61	NANCY LYNCH STEELE	DE	WEASE, COL. ROBERT H.	FAC.	MARY ALICE WEASE	VA
		HOLLEY J. WATTS	VA	CARLETTI, PHILLIP	INS	NONE	VA
STOREY, JAMES R.	61	SHEILA STOREY	NC	CASE, COL. DENNIS	INS.	NONE	VA
TILL, FRANK R.	61	NONE	NC	DEMORY, SGT. FRANK	INS.	ANNA DEMORY	VA
WEBB, FRED	61	SUSAN WEBB	VA	VAMES, MAJOR THOMAS P.	INS.	TESSIE VAMES	VA
CAMPBELL, DON C.	62	PEGGY CAMPBELL	FL	CRAWFORD, LT. CLAUDE "CHICK"	INS/57	WANDA HURLEY	VA
DAVIS, THOMAS A.	62	CONNIE DAVIS	VA	FOX, DR. PAMELA	MBC	DAN LAYMAN	VA
GRIMSTEAD, RICHARD "BIM" L.	62	NONE	VA	ARMSTRONG, JACKIE	PATRON	SUSAN ARMSTRONG	VA
HENRY, ALBERT "DUKE"	62	NONE	VA	JEBSON, SALLY HOWIE	PATRON	BOB JEBSON	VA
HERTZBERG, LAWRENCE J.	62	ANGELA HERTZBERG	NC	KABLE, PAGE ENSLOW	PATRON	KABLE RIZZO	VA
HOLMES, BURDETTE W.	62	SUSANN REMINGTON	MN	WINDLEY, MRS. VIRGINIA	PATRON	NONE	TX
BARTLETT, PETER B.	63	NONE	VA	THACKER, DOROTHY	SEC.	JO ANN WEST	VA
HENDERSON, RICHARD A.	63	CAROL J. HENDERSON	VA	BISSELL, B. GEN. MICHAEL	VWIL	JAN BISSELL	VA
NOLDE, JOHN A.	63	NONE	VA	BRYANT, DR. BRENDA	VWIL	NONE	VA
PENNYPACKER, JOHN E.	63	KATHRYN PENNYPACKER	AZ	KAINE, ERINN (Banquet Speaker)	VWIL	PATRICK KAINE	
WENDELL, JOHN A.	63	REGINA C. VACCARO MD	NY	VWIL CADETS	VWIL		VA
DUNIGAN, GEORGE F.	64	NONE	OH	PANDAK, SHARON		NONE	VA
GRIMSTEAD, WILLIAM O.	64	NONE	VA				

REUNION 2011...PICTURES



“Old Boys, Eyes Right!” (L-R, Larry Hertzberg '62, Clark Cockrell '61, Lee Ozawa '61, Steve Bond '61, Mike Byington '61)



Friday Night Reception at the old SMA Mess Hall.



Jean Smith (wife of Stuart Smith, '48), Ralph Sebrell ('45), and his wife, Ann Sebrell



**Class Officers from 1961.
L-R, Lee Ozawa, Fred Webb, Ron Alonzo**



After all these years, an SMA Diploma was presented to Edward A. Smith, class of '76. Well deserved!



Joannie Antonelli and VWIL Cadet Samantha Sanchez at Saturday's Banquet

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REUNION 2011...PICTURES



**Captain Erinn Kaine
delivering her address.**



**First Captain Jael Cooper, U. S. Army Captain Erinn Kaine, General Mike Bissell,
and future First Captain Brittany Bullard.**



**The Class of '62 stands ready for it's 50th reunion next year.
(L-R) Larry Hertzberg, Albert "Duke" Henry, Tom Davis, Burdette Holmes,
Don Campbell, and Richard "Bim" Grimstead.**



Kathryn and John Pennypacker ('62)

SMA...LEGACY FUND CAMPAIGN

The SMA Alumni Association is developing a Legacy Fund to establish a solid base for the Alumni to carry out any and all endeavors the Alumni and VWIL will need for future years. The SMA Alumni Board of Directors has been working hand to mouth these last years on what can be collected from dues and donations from some of the alums. This has been insufficient to comfortably secure yearly operations. We are a dwindling group and need to work with our partners at VWIL to raise money to build a secure future for the Association and for VWIL and to carry the memory of Staunton Military Academy through the years.

Our goal is to collect a minimum of \$500,000 in cash and pledges by the end of 2011. This money will be invested in conservative investments to make it grow and will be used for needs of both the Alumni Association and VWIL.

We have fond memories of 'The Hill', and I look forward to seeing our brothers from all the classes every year. The place and the people have special meaning for me, and I believe that the friendships we made at SMA are the best. My hope is that we can all work together to create a secure future for the legacy of Staunton Military Academy.

I, along with the Board of Directors, will be in charge of this project. I will also be the first to donate \$5000 to the fund. I feel strongly that this is important for our Alumni Association's successful future and for our partners at VWIL. With everyone's help, our goal can be realized.

We will be in touch by telephone with as many of you as possible. My request to each of you is to encourage your fellow alumni to participate in this fund drive. Every donation matters and is appreciated. If we could get 100 alums to give \$5000 each or to get 100 small groups of alums to give \$5000 each we can move quickly to our goal. I will also put the last \$5000 in; so as of right now, we are down to 98 individuals or groups.

Let's make this happen.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Bissett, SMA '74

P.S. If AMA can do it so can we!

Questions & Answers SMA Foundation Legacy Fund

What is the SMA Legacy Fund?

The Stanton Military Academy Foundation Legacy Fund is in essence an endowed fund. The concept is to deposit the funds, generate interest, and then allow the Alumni Association Board of Directors to spend the funds as they see fit to advance VWIL and the Association's operation. The concept is based on the need to use the funds without other restriction, and alleviate the need to constantly ask for money for these purposes.

How is it managed?

The Legacy Fund will be managed by the SMA Alumni Association/Foundation Board of Directors.

Are donations tax deductible?

Yes, donations to the Legacy Fund are tax-deductible contributions at the highest limits allowed for federal income or estate tax purposes. The SMA Alumni Foundation is a qualified public charitable organization and meets the requirements of Internal Revenue Code 501 (c)(3). See Internal Revenue Service website <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/taxtopics/tc506.html> for more information.

SMA...LEGACY FUND CAMPAIGN

Who can give to the Legacy Fund?

The targeted base of the Legacy Fund is SMA alumni. However, over time this will be expanded to include VWIL alumni. In addition, the SMA Foundation can accept contributions from anyone wishing to support the fund.

Is there recognition for particular levels of giving?

No. All gifts will be appreciated and will be acknowledged accordingly.

Can a gift to the Legacy Fund be designated to a particular area?

No, the fund is not donor directed. One of the considerations in establishing the fund was to give the board flexibility in being able to direct funds where they are most needed at the time.

How do I make memorial gift in honor or memory of a professor, relative, friend or colleague?

When making a gift as a memorial to someone, include a note with the following information:

1. Name of the individual and their relationship (i.e., fellow cadet, teacher).
2. If deceased, please provide name of the surviving widow, widower or family member and contact information.
3. Telephone number/contact information of the principal donor, in case there are any questions.

What are matching gifts?

Many organizations match the contributions made by employees. These corporate-sponsored programs can double or even triple the value of an employee's personal contribution without any additional obligation from the individual donor. Please check with your employer's Human Resources Office to see if you have a matching gift program.

What is a deferred gift?

A deferred gift means the money will come to the foundation at a later time. The most popular vehicle is a bequest made in a will or estate plan.

Can I leave the Foundation a Legacy fund or other gift in my will?

Yes. Contact your lawyer and add SMA as a devisee under your Will or as a beneficiary under any Testamentary Trust established under your Will if you prefer. You can also make SMA a beneficiary under any Inter Vivos Trust established during your lifetime, and you or your estate will receive the tax deduction.

What are the different ways I can make my annual fund gift?

Gifts to the SMA Legacy Fund can be made by check or credit card.

Where can I get more information?

At the SMA Alumni Association web site: www.sma-alumni.org

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: john.lucy@trust33.com
To: SMAOffice@sma-alumni.org
Subject: Obituary J.C. Lucy, Jr. SMA '53

Wanted to let you know that my father died January 7th. I am sure my mother would still like to get the newsletter to keep up with the alumni, some of who she had met. I will be glad to donate enough to cover any costs involved, plus some. My father loved **SMA** a great deal and told me that it was the best thing that ever happened to him as far as getting an education and building character. He also said it taught him how to get along with people from around the world, which he felt was very helpful to him.

Regards,
John Lucy SMA '76

Editor's Note: The obit for John, Sr., SMA '53, was printed in the February, 2011 issue of the Kablegram.

Hello,
I'm writing to report that my father, Dennis A. Jones, SMA class of 1961, passed away on March 11, 2011, at his home in Front Royal, Virginia.

I believe that he had already registered to attend the 2011 reunion. He was very proud of his time at SMA, and we had SMA and his graduation year inscribed on his headstone at Culpepper National Cemetery.

Josh Jones
U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Virginia

Hello Arlene,
I have a call into you, but decided to handle this by e mail. Copied below is the obit I composed for Cousin Daniel Zeloyle, SMA '46, and you'll see that there are two question marks(?) in the third paragraph mentioning Oliver Meese and Al Weber. Kindly provide the dates each graduated and the obit should be complete.

Also in speaking to Dan's widow, Donna, she requested, if possible, to continue receiving the Kablegram which she enjoys and values. Her address (as was Dan's) is still the one you have in Sarver, Pa.

Also, if possible, I would like to receive a couple extra copies of the upcoming Kablegram in which Dan's obit will be published so that I may pass them along to Dan's sister and nephew.

Finally if possible I'd appreciate your advising if Dan has a designated brick in the memorial walk. If not I'd like to provide for one as I did for my '48 roommate Frank A. Campisano who, unhappily, died too young many years ago.

Your help with these matters is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks, George Shiarella

PS: It would be a great idea if the graduation pic of the cadet would be included in the heading of his obit.

Editor's Note: We like your idea of a graduation picture in the obits, and we added the year of graduation for Oliver Meese (1948) and Al Weber (1950).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Date: October 18, 2010

Gentlemen:

I passed through Staunton briefly last week and regret not stopping longer and contacting you. I wanted to see where my dad went to military school, still recalling many of the neat stories about SMA that I heard as a kid. What a lovely campus and area! I can only imagine what experiences he had there a generation before me, times that later influenced me to make the military a career, albeit in the Air Force.

My dad was cadet Emile P. Detjen and should have graduated in the class of 1932. If you have any suggestions where I might pursue pics of him from an old SMA Annual or other group/individual cadet photos, it would be greatly appreciated. You would be pleased to know that he later graduated from Lafayette and Columbia, with degrees in M.E. & Ch.E. followed by a distinguished career with two large engineering firms. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Derek H. Detjen, Major, USAF (Ret)
4182 Rivermont Drive
Evans, GA 30809-4862

Editor's Note: M/Sgt. Arlene Nicely answered Derek's email and sent him a picture of his father from the 1932 yearbook. Here is the picture and Derek's response.



Cadet Detjen in 1932

Subject: Trip rtn from SMA

May 24, 2011

Hello Arlene:

Just a quick note to let you know that my return trip was a breeze, with a lovely day to enjoy the mountaineous VA and NC scenery enroute. Along the way, some of the lyrics from "The Way We Were" kept popping into my head.

*Memories, in the corners of my mind,
Precious watercolored memories,
Of the way we were.*

I can't thank you enough for the kindness both you and Brock extended to me during my brief visit to the campus and museum. My dad had a great place to go to high school; seeing the many cadet pics and likening it to the year that I spent as an Air Force aviation cadet, made it even more meaningful to me. What a fabulous place to attend school! On my way back yesterday to the motel, I visited the train station downtown again, envisioning how many times between '28 and '32 that Pop must've stepped off a train there. Boy, I wish the old south Barracks had still been there!

The Kablegram that you gave me has a great explanation of the beginning of SMA's demise, due to no tax exempt status, no endowments, and no church affiliation(s), along w/the growing anti-war sentiment(s) in the aftermath of Vietnam. Although I was warmly welcomed back each time (Turner AFB, GA once and Columbus AFB, MS twice) by the local citizenry, it was a far cry from what those felt who returned to the east and left coasts.

I didn't tell you that during the '69 to '73 years, while stationed in California, training the newer B-52 crews before their departures to Vietnam, we routinely had to drive around the anti-war protestors lying in the streets around Castle AFB, while the local police rounded them up into paddy wagons. "Ban the Bomb," "Baby Killers," "Get Out of Vietnam" and "Yankee Go Home" signs were everywhere. It made us wonder often why we collectively put ourselves "in harm's way" for this country. As Betty has reassured me many times, "at least what all of you did gave this country 50 more years of freedom." I guess in the final analysis, everyone who has ever served, including all the previous SMA guys, can take some solace in that.

I left at 0550 this morning, and arrived home at 1240, some 440mi in just less than 7hrs. When I get my thoughts together soon, I'll drop you guys another line, suffice to say, the campus is still beautiful, the museum is incredible, and both of you are to be greatly commended (sounds like a performance report, doesn't it?!) for your efforts in adding to the memories of so many generations of those influenced by SMA.

Sincerely,
Derek Detjen
ps I really enjoyed your education stories, Arlene, just wish B could've heard some of them!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hey, guys!

I was asked for a summary of the Reunion weekend, so here goes. Please note that Wes Constable '61 is included on our list now, so be sure to add him to any matching lists you have.

Attendance was down, but I don't think that surprised anyone. George Dunigan and I were the representatives for the Class of 1964, again. It is always good to have George backing me up!!

Friday before the dinner, we met Jay and Lynn Hurst, 1960. They were both school teachers, so they got along swell with Linda. Very nice people and we had an enjoyable evening. The 1961 class reunion committee took over the arrangements for Friday night. They had posters of pictures of everyone in the class. Then they had posters with blow-ups of Kablegram articles and casual pictures. Even the tables were decorated. ... The food was really good Friday, so the committee did an excellent job.

I skipped the Business Meeting Saturday, ... but I guess I missed a few items of business on what was happening. The Board is trying to bring the SMA Reunion and the MB/VWIL Reunions together.

The 50th anniversary class was 1961 and they had a great time. Saturday was catered by the Stonewall and they did a good job as usual. Jay Nedry '69 did his normal outstanding job MC'ing the evening.

The speaker was an Army Captain, Military Police, who had graduated from MB and VWIL. She has a star studded bio, and was recently invited to be the first woman to go through Ranger Training. Unfortunately, she had to say no because she was scheduled to have her knee reconstructed. She married a fellow Captain two weeks before the reunion, and both of them are on the latest Major list. So I'm sure we will see more of that young lady.

I had purchased bricks for my ten ancestors who fought in the Civil War. The bricks had been installed on the Walk of Honor a week before, so we wanted to get some pictures of the grouping. We did that on Saturday and then went to get some lunch. We were reviewing the pictures while waiting for our food, and we didn't think we'd gotten all of them in the pictures. So we went back Sunday on our way out and got some more pictures.

Linda always finds the Valley beautiful and she really enjoys looking at the mountains to the East and West. So I have to stop occasionally and let her take in a fabulous view. This trip was no different.

Reminder to all 1964 grads ... our 50th Anniversary is only a few years away. Please keep 2014 on your calendars!!

Jim May, SMA '64

March 22, 2011

Brigadier General Mike Bissell
Commandant, Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership
Mary Baldwin College
Staunton, Virginia

Dear General Bissell,

On behalf of the Staunton Military Academy Class of 1973, please accept the enclosed copies of "[A Warrior's Guide to Psychology and Performance](#)" for your graduating seniors. This book will be required reading for all cadets at West Point starting this fall as part of their introductory behavioral science class. We hope that these books will be of some value to your graduates as they begin their lives after VWIL.

Thank you for your important work at VWIL. We are proud that SMA's legacy continues through the important contributions you and your staff make every day. Your tireless efforts honor not only yourselves and the women in your program, but also the history and memory of Staunton Military Academy. Best wishes to you all.

With kind regards,

George Mastroianni SMA '73
Donato Mastroianni SMA '73
Mark Orr SMA '73

Editor's Note: A thoughtful and valuable gift to our young graduates. Well done!

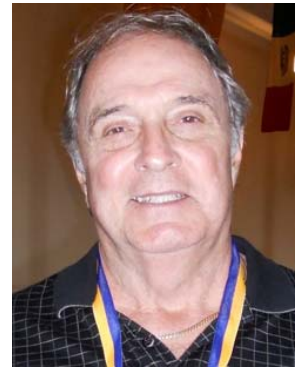
WHERE ARE THEY NOW



Cadet Brittingham in 1961

Bill Brittingham, SMA '61

Bill attended the University of Mississippi and graduated with a B.A.E. After 29 years as a judge in the State of Delaware, he now resides in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware with his wife, Barb, where he plays guitar (Johnny Cash, Elvis, and 50's music) and runs a landscape company. Bill is a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rites and Knights Templar, Jefferson Lodge 15 in Lewes, Delaware. He thought his 50th reunion was excellent!



Bill Brittingham in 2011

Michael "Mike" Byington, SMA '61

Mike attended the University of Chattanooga in Tennessee and graduated with an A.B. in History and a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He remained on active duty from 1967 until 1996. He commanded two infantry companies, two aviation companies, one AVN battalion, and one infantry group in his 30 years of service, which included three combat tours. In civilian life, Mike worked on the Secretary of Alaska State Emergency Response Commission for two and a half years and as Assistant Manager of the Anchorage Airport for three years. He now resides in Signal Mountain, Tennessee with his wife, Tommye, where he enjoys skeet, golf, camping, shooting, and political research. Mike sends his blessings and congratulations to MBC, SMA, and VWIL.



Cadet Byington in 1961



Col. Mike Byington in 2011

John O. Antonelli, SMA '61

John resides in Bluemont, Virginia with his wife, Joan. His successful career has included the construction industry, real estate, and the oil business. His favorite pastimes include Off Shore Power Boat Racing and being an author.

Editor's Note: The Kablegram extends a special "Thank You" to John and his wife, Joan, for orchestrating the fabulous reception and dinner, held in honor of the Class of 1961 in the old SMA Mess Hall on Friday evening, April 29th.



Cadet Antonelli in 1961



John Antonelli in 2011

Lawrence B. Steele, III, SMA '61

As an undergraduate, Larry attended the University of Delaware and received a B.A.A.S in 1969. Two years later, he received his J.D. degree from the University of Maryland. Larry served two years in the U.S. Army as a Military Policeman. For the last 40 years (1971 – today), he practices as an Attorney at Law. Larry resides in Bethel, Delaware with his wife, Nancy.

Editor's Note: Larry is a third generation SMA graduate! Quite a legacy.



Cadet Steele in 1961



Lawrence Steele in 2011

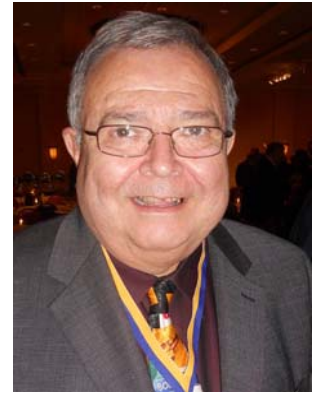
WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Ron Alonzo, SMA '61



Cadet Alonzo in 1961

Ron attended Tulane University in Louisiana and graduated with a B.A. in Liberal Arts. He also attended Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management. Ron has enjoyed a long career in Export Marketing and Sales with such firms as Whirlpool, Kohler, Vollrath, Jet Spray international, Somat, and Frymaster. He was awarded the President's E-Star Award. The President's "E" Award Program was established to afford suitable recognition to persons, firms, or organizations which contribute significantly in the effort to increase exports from United States, and the President's "E Star" Award was subsequently authorized to recognize previous "E" Award winners for their continued superior performance in increasing or promoting exports. Ron resides in Land-o-Lakes, Florida with his wife, Denise.



Ron Alonzo in 2011

VWIL



NEWS

SMA Reunion Scholarships and Awards 2011

Henry Scholarship Honoring SMA

The Henry Scholarship Honoring SMA is awarded to a rising senior demonstrating excellence in academics and leadership in the VWIL Corps, who will accept a commission in the United States armed services.

\$2,500 scholarship

Hailing from Springfield, Virginia, Brittany Bullard has a major in International Economics/Business with a minor in Leadership Studies. In her senior year, she will hold the position of First Captain in the VWIL Corps. Upon graduation in 2012, she plans to accept a commission in the U. S. Air Force.



Brittany Bullard receives the Henry Scholarship Honoring SMA from General Mike Bissell and Thomas E. B. Philips, SMA '74



Amanda Harrison receives the Henry SMA Legacy Scholarship From Thomas E.B. Phillips, SMA '74.

Henry SMA Legacy Scholarship

The Henry SMA Legacy Scholarship is awarded to a rising junior demonstrating excellence in academics and leadership in the VWIL Corps, who will accept a commission in the United States armed services.

\$2,500 scholarship

Amanda Harrison's hometown is Richmond, Virginia. She has a major in Sociology with a minor in Leadership Studies. In her junior year, she will hold the position of 4th Platoon Sergeant. Upon graduation in 2013, she plans to be commissioned in the U. S. Army.

SMA Alumni Leadership Award 1

The SMA Alumni Leadership Award 1 is awarded to a rising senior demonstrating outstanding leadership ability.

\$1,000 scholarship and certificate

Jillian Stubbs hometown is Angier, North Carolina. She has a major in Business with a minor in Leadership Studies and Chemistry. She will be the VWIL Corps Executive Officer next year. Upon graduation in 2012, she does not plan to accept a commission.



Jillian Stubbs receives the SMA Alumni Leadership Award 1 from William K. Bissett, SMA '74.



Christina Leyton holds the SMA Alumni Leadership Award 2

SMA Alumni Leadership Award 2

The SMA Alumni Leadership Award 2 is awarded to a rising sophomore demonstrating outstanding leadership ability.

\$1,000 Scholarship and certificate

Hailing from Lusby, Maryland, Christina Leyton, a freshman, has not yet declared a major course of study, but she will minor in Leadership Studies. In her sophomore year, she will hold the position of Line Corporal. Upon graduation in 2014, she will seek a commission in the U. S. Coast Guard.

Donald Reid Windley Truth-Duty-Honor

The Donald Reid Windley Truth-Duty-Honor Scholarship is sponsored by Mrs. Donald Windley, widow of Don Windley, a 1970 graduate of Staunton Military Academy. It has been established to honor her husband and the SMA principles of Truth, Duty, and Honor. The recipient is chosen by the VWIL administration.

\$500 scholarship

Katherine Hawald's hometown is Arlington, Virginia. She has a major in Sociology (CUM LAUDE) with a minor in Education. This year, she was the S-5 Captain in the VWIL Corps. Upon graduation, she plans to find a job as a teacher.



Katherine Hawald accepting the Donald Reid Windley Truth-Duty-Honor Scholarship from Mrs. Donald Reid Windley.



Longyear Scholarship

The Longyear Scholarship is awarded to the cadet who has made the most improvement in her leadership development within the Corps.

\$1,000 scholarship and certificate

Kacie Dodd's hometown is Preston, Maryland. As a freshman, she is still undecided about her major, but will minor in Leadership Studies. Next year, she will hold the position of Line Corporal. As a member of Navy ROTC, she plans to accept a commission in the U.S. Navy upon graduation in 2014.



Kacie Dodd holds the Longyear Scholarship.

Kable Legion of Honor

This order was established and named in honor of the founder of the Staunton Military Academy, Captain William Hartman Kable. It represented the highest honor bestowed by the Staunton Military Academy upon a graduating cadet, and now it is the highest honor bestowed by the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College. It is awarded to the cadet whose record is most conspicuous for leadership, good conduct, academic excellence, integrity of character, poise and bearing, unselfishness, and continuous loyalty to the highest standards of duty and exemplary cadet life.

Jael Cooper's hometown is Fredericksburg, Virginia. She has a major in English with a minor in Leadership Studies. This year, she held the position of First Captain of the Cadet Corps. Upon graduation, she does not plan to accept a commission in the U.S. Armed Forces, but will accept a position this summer as the Assistant Commandant of Cadets for the VWIL Corps.



Jael Cooper, winner of the Kable Legion of Honor.

Charles R. "BUNKY" Day, SMA '54



Cadet Day in 1954

Charles R. "Bunky" Day, of Greenville, died Sept. 16, 2010 at home. Born to Ernie and Ruth Day June 10, 1935, he was raised in Dunellen, NJ, **graduated from Staunton Military Academy in 1954,**



Bunky in 2010

attended The Citadel and Florida Southern, enlisted in the Army for three years, serving half the time in Italy. A longtime resident of Augusta County, he tried to brighten everybody's day and was very humorous. Those who met him never forgot him. He became a familiar presence, had a big heart and gave so much, having so little. His goal was to make someone smile each day. He gave scented candles to many, and even sent them with a note of condolence to people he didn't know after learning of a tragedy. His presence will be missed by many. He was predeceased by his daughter, Diana, and Ellen Brown, his partner for 17 years, He is survived by his sister, June E. Day of Rocky Hill, CT, grandchildren Colby Spradlin and Chelsea Ansted and two great-grandchildren, all of Utah, and his best friend, Glenn Brown, of Rocky Hill.

Fronizer, Peter M., SMA '54

Peter M. Fronizer, Sarasota, Fla. Born June 20, 1935 in Toledo, Ohio died Jan. 13, 2011. He came to Sarasota in 1985 from Cleveland, Ohio. He was a Catholic. He was a Eucharistic Minister and Adult Server for funeral Masses at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Sarasota, Fla. He graduated from **Staunton Military Academy in 1954;** Ohio Wesleyan University (Delaware, Ohio) with a Bachelor's degree and Northwestern University (Chicago, Ill.) with a Master's degree in Hospital Administration. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and a fellow in the American College of Hospital Administrators. He was an Administrator of Bucyrus (Ohio) Community Hospital and Lakewood Hospital (Ohio). He was President of St. John Hospital (Cleveland, Ohio) and a trustee of the St. John West Shore Hospital (Westlake, Ohio). He had been Chairman of the Executive Council of the Greater Cleveland Hospital Association and a trustee of the Metropolitan Planning Corporation. He was a member of the Westwood Country Club, Rocky River, Ohio. He was the founder and President of Physicians Professional Placement, a nationwide physician recruiting firm based in Sarasota.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Madden Fronizer; former wife, Joan Dearden Fronizer of Sarasota; daughters, Mary Beth MacDonald of Momence, Ill., Susan Farrenkopf of Sarasota, Gretchen Jasnich (Matt) of Sarasota; a son, Gregory Fronizer (Lori) of Brighton, MI.; Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Taylor MacDonald, Gregory, Adam, and Nicole Farrenkopf, Ryan Jasnich and Lindsey and Adam Fronizer.



Burial is in Sarasota Memorial Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made in his memory to St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 2506 Gulf Gate Dr., Sarasota, FL 34231.

Published in Herald Tribune from January 16 to January 17, 2011

Jones, Bobby W., SMA '50



Cadet Jones in 1950

Bobby W. Jones, Sr., 79, died Monday night, Feb. 28, 2011. He was born in Norfolk on April 12, 1931 to D. D. and Letitia Harris Jones.

A graduate of Staunton Military Academy and the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, he served as a second lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War.

Bobby survived his parents and his three older siblings, Thomas H. Jones, Letitia Walker, and Elizabeth Pierce. Bobby was predeceased by his wife, Terry Spicuzza Jones, in 2009. He is survived by his son, Robert W. Jones, Jr. and his wife Krisit of Virginia Beach and their children Sarah, Robert, and Gregory; his daughter, Amanda Jones Chambers and husband David of Raleigh, NC, and their children David and Luke; stepsons William Baird Spicuzza of Virginia Beach, and his children Taylor and Morgan, and James Anthony Spicuzza and his wife Chris of Wilmington, NC, and their children Jones and Harrison. He is also survived by his former spouse, Josephine Gaither Jones.

Bobby led D. D. Jones Transfer and Warehouse Company for more than 40 years from 1955 to his retirement in 1996. He relished the growth in his business and the comradery of the maritime community. He was a firm believer in the value of service, friendship, and the two martini lunch. He loved fishing, whether surfcasting at Hatteras or trolling from his boat out of Rudee Inlet. He also enjoyed his backyard wildlife.

Jones, Dennis A., SMA '61



Cadet Jones in 1961

Dennis A. Jones, 67, of Front Royal, Virginia, died Friday at his home. Dennis was born on June 3, 1943 and passed away on Friday, March 11, 2011. He graduated from Staunton Military Academy in 1961.

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Mathews, Paul, SMA '47



Cadet Mathews in 1947

Paul Mathews, SMA '47, passed away December 2, 2010. He was a retired oral surgeon and was active in city activities. He served in the Navy as a dental surgeon and for three years as a dental surgeon on the Admiral's Flagship.

He was married to his wife, Christine, for 53 years. They have four children and ten grandchildren. He

loved to play golf and travel. He will be missed.

Submitted by his brother, Bob Mathews, SMA '50

away in 2008. Over the course of their 52-year marriage, Bob and Carolyn spent most of their time in the Cleveland area, which they considered home and where they raised four children. Known for his amiable nature, love of a good joke and charismatic charm, Bob attracted people to him. He was admired and respected by all who knew him.

He loved Staunton and Yale, where he made many loyal friends who stayed connected to him until his death. Most of all, he loved his wife and children. He attended many of his children's sporting events and school activities, and taught his sons and daughters how to live life with dignity and character, especially in his example of overcoming polio as a young adult. Bob is survived by Timothy Spears of Weybridge, VT; Daniel Spears of Cockeysville, MD; Gretchen Jacobsen of Seattle, WA; Sara Fleming of San Francisco, CA; and nine grandchildren. Donations in Robert Spears' name can be made to: Copper Ridge/EMA 576 Johnsville Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784.

Submitted by Bob's family and his Staunton roommate, Allen Jones, SMA 1948.

Spears, Robert S., SMA '48



Robert S. Spears died peacefully on April 5, 2011 at his home in Sykesville, MD, at the age of 81 after a lengthy illness. Bob was born in Minneapolis, MN on September 6, 1929. He was the son of well-known college football coach, Clarence "Doc" Spears.



Bob began an amazing three years at SMA in September 1945. He was on the Headmaster's list academically. He rose through the ranks to become first Battalion Commander in his senior year and was instrumental in establishing SMA's Honor code in 1948.

Bob was the greatest all-around athlete in SMA's history. In football, he was all-state for three years and Captain his senior year. He was a member of the "Fabulous Five" basketball team of 1947 and was Captain in 1948. In track, Captain Spears had no peer. He typically finished first at SMA track meets in the shot put, discus, broad jump and 100 yard dash. In 1948, he represented SMA in an all high, all prep invitational track meet in Washington, D.C. He finished first with more points than any other participant and received a medal for first place. At graduation in 1948, Bob received SMA's highest award, The Kable Legion of Honor.

Prior to leaving SMA, Bob received football scholarships to Yale, Dartmouth, Duke, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Syracuse, Virginia and West Point (appointment). He was, obviously, one of the most sought after prep school athletes in the country. Bob went on to Yale and starred in both football and track. He was the Captain and MVP of Yale's 1951 team and he was honorable mention All American that same year.

He was graduated from Yale in 1952 and went to work for Republic Steel, where he rose to the position of Vice President of Sales. In 1956, Bob married his beloved wife, Carolyn, who passed

Tomlinson, William English, SMA '49

William English Tomlinson died peacefully Wednesday night at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Bill was born on March 17, 1930 in Thomasville, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents, William English Tomlinson, Sr., Virgie Lee Harville Tomlinson, and his brother Julius.



Cadet Tomlinson in 1949

Bill is survived by his wife of 31 years, Addie Neville Early Tomlinson of Rocky Mount, North Carolina and twin nieces, Lindsay and Carly Sherrod of Rocky Mount. He graduated from Thomasville High School, **Staunton Military Academy**, and Wake Forest College.

An accomplished saxophone player, he was the owner and leader of "The Southerners", a popular dance band during the 1950's. He served in the United States Army in Germany during the Korean Conflict. He was the Drum Major for the Army Marching Band in Germany as well as in all of his school bands.

His passion for water and boats was culminated with many voyages and parties aboard his beloved Hatteras, the "Miss Addie". Bill never met a stranger and treasured all of his many friends.

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Vinci, Joseph Leonard, SMA '53



Cadet Vinci in 1953

Dr. Joseph Leonard Vinci, age 74, died Sunday, May 16 at his residence in Eatonton, Georgia. He was born August 9, 1935 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Dr. Samuel L. and Eunice M. Vinci of Cleveland. He grew up as a physician's son. As a child, he attended **Staunton Military Academy** in Virginia. As a young adult, he received a B.S. from Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia with concentrations in pre-med and

Biology. He received his Master's degree from Ohio State University, and his medical degree from the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine.

He was married to Carol Foucher Vinci for 30 years and was father to five daughters. They are Tammi Mobley, Tracy Dean, Tricia Heiple, Terri Kirksey, and Tobi Johnson. In addition to his wife, daughters and twelve grandchildren, he is survived by a brother, Roger, and wife Kate of Altamonte Springs, Fla., a sister, Karen Vinci of Altamonte Springs, Fla., numerous nieces and nephews (and their children), as well as a host of extended family.

His practice of medicine was predominantly focused in general surgery in the state of Georgia.

Amid the many organizations and initiatives that he was a part of, one of the most significant achievements of his professional career was being a member of the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners in the state of Georgia, where he served as President of the Board from 1983 to 1984. When retired and moved permanently to Lake Oconee, Ga., he and his wife Carol opened Southern Laser Salon and Spa, where he served as Medical Director.

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Wichlei, Willis Jones "Bill", SMA '55



Cadet Wichlei as a Junior in 1954

Willis "Bill" Jones Wichlei SALUDA, NC - Willis Jones Wichlei, belovedly known as Bill, Dad, and Dada by family and friends, most recently of Saluda, NC, but a long time resident of Charleston, SC passed away at the young age of 73 on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 3:15 pm. He died in the presence of his family at the Medical University of South Carolina in the Ashley River Tower ICU after many

months of battling esophageal cancer.

Bill was born in Binghamton, NY on September 28th, 1937. He was the son of John Jones Wichlei and Rose N Wichlei. Bill grew up in Miami Beach Florida and spent his early education years at **Staunton Military Academy in Virginia**. He attended college at VMI (Virginia Military Institute), where he earned a degree in Electrical engineering. He later attended The Citadel and earned his MBA.

Bill worked for Vitro Laboratories for 33 years as the Manager of Operations at the Charleston Naval Base. He later held positions with Tracore and Northstar. Bill was married to the love of his life, Linda Jean Warner, on November 10th, 1962 in Columbus, GA. They lived in Silver Springs MD and Charleston SC. Bill most recently moved to Saluda NC.

Bill enjoyed being active in life, his hobbies included cars, boats, jogging, fishing, scuba diving, golfing, Sudoku, crosswords and so much more. He loved working with his hands. Bill was a Fourth Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus in Hendersonville, NC. He devoted most of his energy to increasing fellowship within the council and managing their major charitable event Op Lamb. Previously Bill was a member of Blessed Sacrament Church where he lectured for many years and served the Church by Chairing the School Board. Bill always had the ability to light up a room with his upbeat personality and witty sense of humor. He greeted everyday people with a smile and a positive attitude and usually made their day in some way.

Bill is survived by his wife Linda Wichlei of Daniel Island SC; his three children, daughter Christy Monteith and Husband Edmund of Blythewood SC, son Bill Wichlei of Lexington SC, and son Brian Wichlei of Ormond Beach Florida; his six grandchildren, Brandon Bogle, Krystyna Bogle, Zachary Wichlei, Allyson Wichlei, Grant Wichlei, and Ian Wichlei; his step brother Richard Wichlei of Madison WI; his father-in-law Woodrow Wilson Warner of Johnson City TN; his sisters and brothers in law Carol and Tom Foster, Sandy and Larry Hudson and their children Gregg, Michelle, Lea and John Paul; and many many friends. He is predeceased by his Mother-in-Law Christine Virginia Warner October 1988 and his nephew David Warner Hudson December 13th, 2007.



Zeloye, Daniel J., SMA '46



Cadet Zeloye in 1946

Daniel J. Zeloye, SMA '46, died peacefully at his home in Sarver, Pa. on March 19, 2010 at age 80.

During his two years at Staunton Military Academy he was a noticeable presence especially at each Sunday's dress parade, where he and his big shining tuba dominated the marching band's right flank.

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He excelled academically and played varsity football, and he never missed an opportunity to herald the fullback skills of teammate Bob Spears. His enthusiasm for SMA resulted in the enrollment of three other New Kensington, Pa. cadets, Oliver M. Meise (SMA '48), Al Weber (SMA '50) and his cousin George Shiarella (SMA '48) the latter with whom he maintained a lifelong friendship.

After graduation from the University of Pittsburgh, Dan enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Washington, D.C. at the Walter Reed Medical Center. He was part of a team who developed a vaccine to treat rampant dysentery among our troops in Korea. He played in the Army band and continued with extensive studies of music, taking classes at Georgetown University.

After Army service, Dan was employed by the Gulf Oil Research Laboratories near Pittsburgh, Pa. before starting his own industrial supply company. He supplemented his business

life with gentlemen farming, while staying active with his music. He played tuba and string bass performing in various bands and jazz groups throughout Western Pennsylvania.

He was a member of the Chemical Association of America, the Elks, and Marconi Clubs, the New Kensington Musical Society, and a lifetime member of the New Kensington Fire Department and the Grand Lodge FAAM District of Columbia Hiram-Takoma Lodge 10.

He was preceded in death by his father, Daniel J. Zeloye, a longtime serving former chief of police of New Kensington and his mother, Pauline Shiarella Zeloye. Surviving are his wife, Donna Brand-Carter Zeloye; his sister Liberta McConnell also of Sarver; his nephew, Richard McConnell; two great-nieces, Kristen and Karen McConnell; and his great-nephew Grant McConnell.

Submitted by his cousin, George Shiarella, SMA '48.

SMA MEMORIAL WALL

On Friday afternoon, April 29th, 2011, three men were honored with plaques on the SMA Memorial Wall. Here is a recap of their lives, as taken from the plaques.

IN MEMORY OF

LOUISA. "LOU" ONESTY

"COACH, MOTIVATOR, GENTLEMAN"

CAPT. ONESTY SERVED SMA FROM 1939-1947 AS COACH ROTC TACTICAL OFFICER, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT AND HEAD COACH OF TRACK AND SWIMMING. HE COACHED THE

SMA SWIM TEAM TO NATIONAL PREP TITLE IN 1946.

LOU WENT ON TO COACH TRACK, CROSS COUNTRY AND SWIMMING AT VIRGINIA TECH (1947-1953)

AND SERVED AS HEAD TRAINER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA (1953-1975)

HE WAS KNOWN AS THE "FATHER OF SWIMMING" IN CHARLOTTESVILLE FOR HIS WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY AND CHARLOTTESVILLE PARKS AND RECREATIONH DEPARTMENT.

ONESTY HALL WAS DEDICATED ON UVA CAMPUS IN HIS HONOR IN 1970; AND A PLAQUE BEARS HIS NAME AT MEADE PARK IN CHARLOTTESVILLE.

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DEDICATED TO

COL. WILLIAM M. PANDAK

**“A GREAT BASKETBALL COACH, ATHLETIC
DIRECTOR, TEACHER AND SO MUCH MORE.”
A MAN WHO PREPARED CADETS FOR LIFE.**

He instilled the meaning of teamwork, commitment and dedication. He taught his cadets and athletes to be unselfish and demanded they be the best they could be. As a coach, he had the reputation of being “a developer,” a coach who would find a player’s natural ability and help develop it to his full potential.

“I just hope that somewhere along the line I have given each one of my players something which will help add to their lives.”

**SMA HILLTOPPERS 1954-1975
15 Military League Championships & 329-94 Record**

IN MEMORY OF

**WILLIAM W. THOMPSON, SMA ‘41
“TOMMY”**

“SOLDIER, BUSINESSMAN, COMMUNITY LEADER”

Served in World War II as a rifle company commander in The Rhineland, Central Europe, and Battle of the Bulge Campaigns and earned the respect of his troops.

He then joined the army reserve and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

After the war, he went into business with his father and Became President of the Thompson Oil Company.

He was a civic and community leader and served on the boards of many organizations, including Penn State University-Mont Alto, Elks Lodge, Rotary, and American Legion.

**ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE SMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FROM
1986 – 1991, HE WAS VERY GENEROUS IN SUPPORTING
THE ORGANIZATION.**

CADET STORE



The Cadet Store is located in the SMA-VWIL Museum in the former SMA Supply Room. The form at right should be completed and mailed, with your check enclosed, to:

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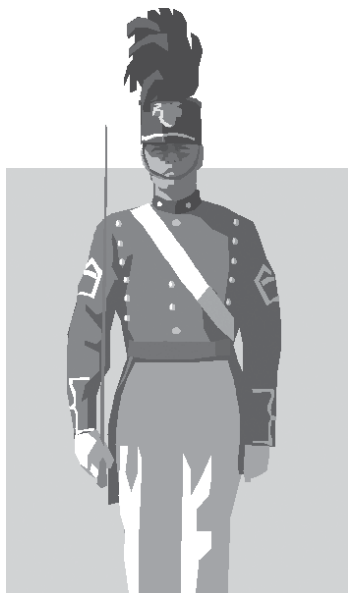
You can also contact the store by e-mail at SMAOffice@sma-alumni.org or call (540) 885-1309 for information, leave a message, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

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