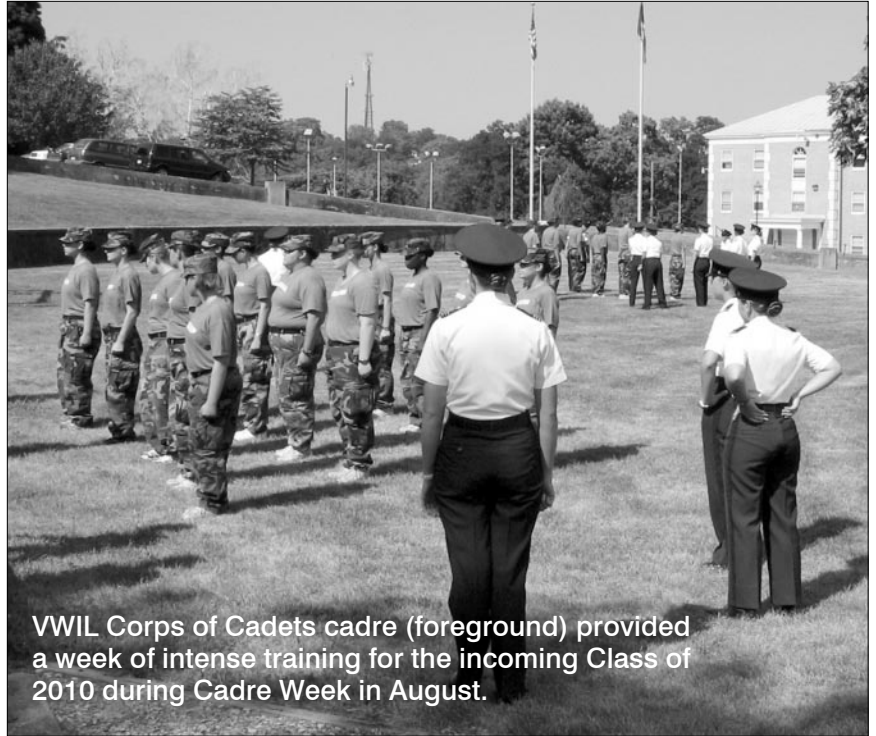




ABOVE: Upperclass cadets were treated to a picnic on Thursday, August 24, at a farm on the outskirts of Staunton. The event was sponsored jointly by individual members of the SMA Alumni Association Board of Directors and their wives and the VWIL administration. Pictured are (left to right) cadets Juwan Hall, Jennifer Wilde and Kristen Adams fill their plates.

BELOW: VWIL Cadet Captain Christina Hatcher passes the Howie Rifles guidon to Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell, VWIL Commandant, while at right, Cadet Sergeant Rebecca Burke stands ready to accept the guidon during a drill team change of command ceremony held September 29 in front of Kable Hall.



VWIL Corps of Cadets cadre (foreground) provided a week of intense training for the incoming Class of 2010 during Cadre Week in August.

Thank You!...

.....to the SMA alumni and their wives and friends who made the 2007 Welcome Back picnic possible, and especially to Joseph Pasini and Louise Scott, who provided their farm as a setting for the event.

Our appreciation goes to Thomas A. Davis, SMA '62 and Connie Davis; Simon M. Painter, SMA '58 and Vickie Painter; Alan B. Painter, SMA '58 and Vickie Audia; Craig G. Hansen, SMA '76; Mrs. Arlene Nicely, SMA Alumni Secretary; Phillip and Lois Carletti; John H. "Jack" Lowe, SMA '49 and Ginny Lowe; Harry W. Bruckno, SMA '62, Eileen Bruckno and daughter Elizabeth; and C. David Litzenburg, SMA '58 and Jo Ann Litzenburg.

We also want to thank Brig. Gen. Michael Bissell, VWIL Commandant, for helping to coordinate the event, providing some of the consumables, and arranging for the picnic venue.

A special message for SMA alumni:

Recruiting is one of many priorities!

As we develop an expanded admissions strategy for VWIL, we are broadening our outreach to high schools that have ROTC units and a good percentage of college bound students (female of course). If we can get contact information for those schools, we can do a much better job of targeting our mailings and other communications.

We welcome the support of SMA alumni in identifying high schools that might have students that would be a good fit for VWIL. Some alumni might also be willing to visit those schools and talk about VWIL with the commander of the ROTC unit. We, as always, appreciate your support in the many ways you offer it.

— Dr. Brenda Bryant, Founding Director

Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership at Mary Baldwin College

PASS IN REVIEW: MAJ. GEN. HERBERT SPARROW, SMA '28

40-year career spanned from horse-drawn artillery to atomic cannons

Herbert G. Sparrow, 95, a retired major general whose U.S. Army career covered a span from horse-drawn gun batteries to guided missiles, died of congestive heart failure July 7, 2006 at Arleigh Burke Pavilion in McLean, Virginia.

General Sparrow was born in Washington, D.C. and attended Central High School there before graduating from Staunton Military Academy in 1928.

He received a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1933 and was commissioned in the field artillery, where he commanded horse-drawn gun batteries during the 1930s. In World War II he served in the Pacific with the 25th Infantry Division and the Sixth Army during the liberation of Luzon in the Philippines. He also served as chief of staff of the 98th Division in Japan.

After the war, General Sparrow served with Allied Forces Southern Europe in Italy, with U.S. military assistance groups in Southeast Asia and France, and on the U.S. Army general staff in Washington, D.C.

He graduated from the U.S. Army War College in 1952 and from 1954 to 1955 commanded the 42nd Field Artillery Group. The unit was armed with atomic cannons, the first tactical nuclear weapons under control of the U.S. Seventh Army commander

in Germany. In 1964-65, he commanded the XX Corps at Fort Hays, Ohio.

General Sparrow retired in 1970 as chief of the U.S. Army Audit Agency but was recalled to become director of the Army Council of Review Boards. He retired a second time in 1973 after 40 years of active duty.

General Sparrow's decorations include three awards of the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal. He was the last man in his West Point class to retire from active duty.

In retirement, he wrote extensively on military-related subjects and was treasurer of the Army Distaff Foundation for four years. He compiled a history of the West Point Class of 1933, of which he was vice president, scribe, and later president.

He also wrote what his family called "poem letters", more than 75 ruminations on some of his poetry, which he bound and presented to his children.

General Sparrow is survived by his wife of 71 years, Virginia Monroe Sparrow of McLean, Virginia; three children, Herbert G. Sparrow, III of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Virginia S. Smith of Manchester, Connecticut, and Kathryn S. Cotton of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



TAYLOR BROWN WILLIAMS, JR., SMA '53

Taylor Brown Williams, Jr., SMA '53 of Harbert, Michigan, died March 31, 2006. According to the notice published in the University of North Carolina Review, Mr. Williams was an antiques dealer who participated in shows across the country for more than four decades.

His friend, Cleon W. Sanders, Jr., SMA '54 said: "T.B., as we knew him, was from Dunn, North Carolina and was one of my best friends."

"After SMA we both attended the University of North Carolina, but after college I lost track of him."

ROBERT E. BASS, JR., SMA '51

Robert E. Bass, Jr., SMA '51 died January 19, 2006. No further information was available.

R. ARNOLD GRISWOLD., SMA '48

R. Arnold Griswold., SMA '48 died September 27, 2003. No further information was available.

LTC EDWARD W. SIMMS, JR., SMA '36

The family of LTC Edward W. Simms, Jr., SMA '36 advised that he is deceased. No further information was available.

ROBERT J. DALZELL, JR., SMA '53

The family of Robert J. Dalzell, Jr., SMA '53 advised that he is deceased. No further information was available.

GLENN AUSTIN TRAIGER, SMA '59

Glenn Austin Traiger, SMA '59, died March 12, 2006 at Cape Coral (Florida) Hospital. Mr. Traiger was a graduate of the University of Florida, a teacher and later a school board administrator. He served the New York Board of Education for over 32 years before retiring to Florida in 2001.

He was active in Kiwanis Cape Coral Marine Patrol as well as the Power Squadron.

WILLIAM LORNE IRVINE, JR., SMA '36

The family of William Lorne Irvine, Jr., SMA '36, advises that Mr. Irvine died September 5, 2006 in Newport, Rhode Island, due to complications from a fall.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Iola T. Irvine, and is survived by daughters Susan I. Miller and Gail Shields-Sanders.

Following his graduation from SMA, he attended Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo, and worked for several years for Capital Nursery. He retired in 1977 from the Department of Agriculture.

CHARLES NEFF, SMA '58

The family of Charles Neff, SMA '58, advises that Mr. Neff died October 31, 2002 in Miami, Ohio. In reporting his passing, his wife Nancy noted that they had visited Mary Baldwin College earlier that year and that "people could not have been kinder to us."

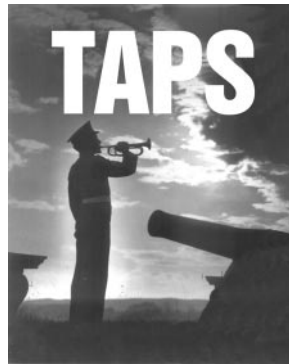
RALPH M. LOVETT, SMA '68

Ralph M. Lovett, SMA '68, of Concord, North Carolina, died April 11, 2006 at age 56.

After graduating from SMA, he attended Campbell College and then served three years in the U.S. Army. Upon discharge, he began a career in the travel industry, first in the Washington, D.C. area and then in Atlanta, Georgia and Charlotte, North Carolina. He worked for two decades with the Bahamas Tourist Office.

"Ralph always fondly recalled his days at SMA and would recount them to his friends and family for as long as they would listen!" his wife Diane said in notifying the SMA Alumni Office.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters.



PETER VAIL TUFTS, SMA '43

Peter Vail Tufts, SMA '43 of Pinehurst, North Carolina, died June 21, 2006 at the age of 79.

Mr. Tufts was a golf course architect, artist, craftsman, writer and entrepreneur.

He entered SMA at the age of 14 and left in 1943 to join the U.S. Navy. He was assigned to a new destroyer, The Kenneth D. Bailey 713, and served in the north, middle and south Atlantic during World War II.

During this time, he used his artistic talent to create the ship's insignia on the forward stack. In later years he built a detailed replica of the destroyer.

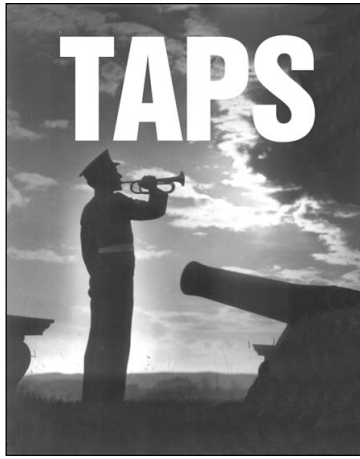
Mr. Tufts returned to Pinehurst after the war and entered the family business, eventually becoming manager of the Pinehurst Country Club. He attended Cornell Graduate Business School, and subsequently became Vice President of the country club, in charge of golf operations.

He held various positions in the United States Golf Association, and started his own golf course architecture company when Pinehurst County Club was sold.

Mr. Tufts was a member of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.

FRANCIS V. ROSSINI, SMA '59

Francis V. "Sam" Rossini, SMA '59, died July 15, 2006 at his home in Masontown, Pennsylvania. He was, according to an article in the July 16, 2006 edition of the *Uniontown (PA) Heard Standard*, "a considerate, helpful, affable and sometimes thickheaded man."



"Getting along with people came easy for Sam," the article reported. "He was a well-known and even more well-liked fixture of the Masontown area, where people either knew him from his 12 years as tax collector or had frequented Rose Motors", which the article described as the local "hang out".

His wife, Arleen, noted that more than 600 mourners and friends came to the funeral home and the church was filled to capacity for the subsequent service "as a testimony of how the members of the community felt about Sam. He definitely was a voice for the betterment of the community and for which he will sadly be missed."

Mr. Rossini was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus of Masontown, a past Grand Knight, and a member of the Masontown Italian Club. In 1954, he was also a member of the Masontown Little League All Star Team that played in the World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

According to his brother, Victor: "Even after last Christmas, when he contracted polymyositis, a rare disease that causes white blood cells to attack muscle tissue, Sam remained a fixture at the shop, which was adjacent to his office."

He is survived by his wife, Arlene Rossini; a son, Tony Rossini; a daughter, Melanie; and brothers Victor and James.

RICHARD T. BAKER, SMA '48

Richard T. Baker, SMA '48, of Irvine, California, died August 4, 2006. The SMA Alumni Association received notification in the form of a \$500.00 donation to the SMAAA Scholarship Fund.

Obituaries submitted to the SMA Alumni Association for publication in The Kablegram should contain as much pertinent detail as available, including digital or glossy photos, a copy of the newspaper article, and as much personal history as possible. All photos will be returned immediately following publication of the TAPS obituary.

Enclosed find my check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to the **SMA FOUNDATION**, to be placed in the Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association **Scholarship Fund**. I understand that I will receive a letter from the SMA Alumni Association confirming this gift and that the gift is tax-deductible. **Please print the information below.**

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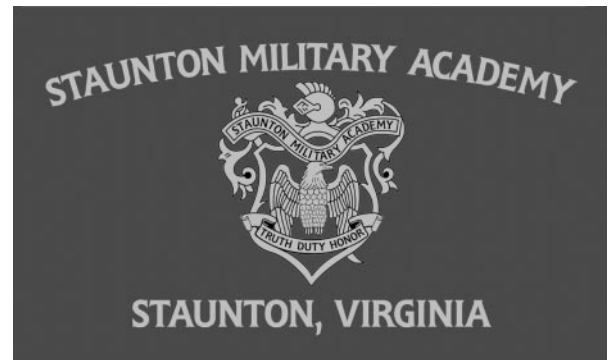
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P. O. Box 958 • Woodrum Station
Staunton, Virginia 24402-0958

Small SMA flags will be sold



Beginning sometime in late winter or early Spring 2007, miniature 6" x 9" SMA flags will be available through the SMA Cadet Store.

Mounted on wood dowels, the flags will be the standard SMA blue and gold and will be replicas of the updated full size flag. The only change in the flag is the crest, which has been digitally reconstructed from the original crest, a process intended to increase the amount of detail that was in the original SMA crest used for many decades.

More information, including cost, will be published in the January issue of *The Kablegram*.



Baseball Caps

The Cadet Store, located in the SMA•VWIL Museum in the former SMA Supply Room is stocked with a variety of memorabilia. Some of the items available are pictured here. To order items, use the convenient form on this page. The form should be mailed, with your check enclosed, to the address shown below. You can also contact the store by e-mail as shown below, or call (703) 885-1309 for information, leave a message, and your call will be returned.



Golf Shirts



Sweat Shirts

T-Shirts



Complete the order form at right and mail to:
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 P. O. Box 958 Woodrum Station
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SMAOffice@sma-alumni.org

Cadet Store Order Form

| 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 lettering with crossed rifles. | | |
| _____ | 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 | \$ _____ |
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| _____ | Golf Shirts, navy with embroidered "Staunton Military Academy" and crossed rifles | | |
| | M to XXL..... | \$25.00 | \$ _____ |
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| | 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 | \$ _____ |
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- Funds are used to maintain the office, publish newsletters, and help support the annual Reunion.

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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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