



# The Kablegram



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## True History of SMA

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### Chapter 5 - Kable vs. The Board of Trustees

*Note from the Editor: In this issue, the Kablegram continues to publish the true history of the Stanton Military Academy with Chapter 5 (Kable vs. The Board of Trustees) and Chapter 6 (Traditions of Excellence).*



W. G. Kable II

Following Thomas Russell's death in 1933, Gilpin Willson was named President of the Academy and Mr. William A. Pratt was named as the replacement Trustee. Soon though, events would happen that would uncover corruption amongst the Trustees and cause two of the original Trustees to resign.

In 1937, William G. Kable II filed suit against William C. Rowland charging that he had breached his fiduciary duty by paying Thomas H. Russell commissions for sales that Russell had awarded him. The suit charged that these payments had occurred from July 5, 1920, William G. Kable's death, until May 26, 1933, Thomas H. Russell's death. The filing of this suit caused W. C. Rowland to resign as a Trustee. In 1938, the court found that W. C. Rowland was guilty of a breach of fiduciary duty and was ordered to repay all commissions paid to Thomas H. Russell. After a Master Commissioner had reviewed the books of the Academy, Rowland was ordered to repay the Academy \$116,796.47, plus interest. (Note: There was no record found of William

G. Kable II filing suit against the estate of Thomas H. Russell for recovery of the paid commissions, nor was there any mention of this option in the court decree.)



William C. Rowland



Colonel Thomas H. Russell

W. G. Kable II also filed suit against Gilpin Willson charging that he also had breached his fiduciary duty as a Trustee. Gilpin Willson resigned as President of SMA and as a director in June 1937. Gilpin continued as a Trustee until 1940. In 1940, the court found that

Gilpin Willson also guilty of breaching his fiduciary duty as a Trustee. Willson was ordered to repay the Academy \$150.00 for an uncollected loan made while he was President, repay 20% of the premiums for a life insurance policy taken out by SMA for Thomas H. Russell that named Russell's wife as beneficiary, and share equal liability with W. C. Rowland for the commissions paid to Thomas H. Russell. Gilpin Willson was also ordered to resign as a Trustee.

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# REFLECTIONS FROM THE HILL

## Harry Bruckno President, SMA Alumni Association



You better start making your plans for the Reunion this April, because I understand that it is the Big "50" for the class of '61, and it has been reported that those "Old Boys" really know how to party. Hopefully, they are coming back in large numbers.

Sergeant Major Nicely has assembled a new display of all the "Old Boys" who have paid the Highest Price possible for our Freedom, by giving their lives in World War II. There were many who made the supreme sacrifice, some who had just graduated from SMA, and others who left for war before their graduation. Of the "Old Boys" that went to war, most returned, some were heroes, some were wounded, and others were just happy to be home. But they all helped keep this a free country for the rest of us. Many SMA Alumni still serve in our armed forces today. So, please keep these people and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Like Bumper Sticker Says,  
"FREEDOM AIN'T FREE".

TRUTH DUTY HONOR

Bruck '62

## BISSETT ELECTED INTERIM ALUMNI PRESIDENT

On November 10, SMA Alumni Association President Harry Bruckno (SMA '62) resigned from his position and from the board of directors due to personal reasons.

To ensure continuity of leadership, the SMA Alumni Association Executive Committee met via telephone on November 16 and elected Bill Bissett (SMA '74 and formerly vice president) to serve as President of the association for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends August 31, 2011. In addition, Tom Phillips (SMA '74) was elected Vice President.

"We thank Harry for his service and contributions to SMA and wish him the best," said Mr. Bissett. I look forward to working with the SMA board and our fellow alumni as we manage the association's business and look forward to a great reunion in April."

# True History of SMA

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Gilpin Wilson

Also in 1940, William A. Pratt died. This cleared the way for William G. Kable's widow, Mrs. Whitehead, to be able to replace most of the Trustees named by her husband with those of her own (and most likely her son's) choosing. Soon, the Trustees were Kable family members and persons trusted by William G. Kable

II. The remaining original Trustee, William H. Steele, retained both his Trustee position and his positions of Business Manager and Treasurer of the Academy.



William H. Steele



Eleanor Kable Whitehead

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## Chapter 6 - Traditions of Excellence

After the conclusion of the lawsuits, the Academy entered what may be best described an era of Traditions of Excellence. The physical grounds were established. The Corps of Cadets, while continuing to fluctuate in number, maintained a healthy number for the operation of the academy. The Academy was noted for its excellence in education and its high standing in the Junior ROTC programs. Every day, cadets went to classes and studied for hours by night.



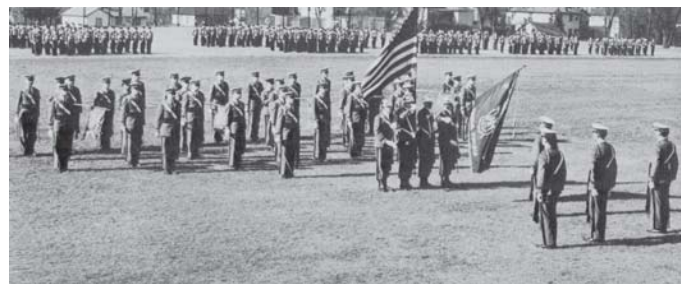
SMA Cadets in English Class

The time after classes was filled with sports or drill. Every Saturday there were inspections followed by town leave. On Sunday morning, cadets would be seen marching to church. The Sunday afternoon formal parade, with guidons and flags flying and the band playing marches by John Phillips Sousa, was a town favorite.



SMA Cadet Band on Parade Grounds

Every home football game saw the Corps marching in its glory to Gypsy Hill Park stadium. The Alumni reviewed the Corps every November and May. Dances for the cadets were held on schedule, allowing the cadets to learn and experience social graces. The seniors would receive their Rings and a kiss under a giant mockup in November. An arch of swords would grace the Military Ball in the spring. The seniors would fall out each May to review the Corps, led by the next year's First Captain.



Corps of Cadets on Parade Grounds

The Corps also by this time had its own heroes in the guise of former instructors Thomas Howie, the Major of St. Lo, and Alexander M. Patch, the commander of the 7th Army during WWII. The Cadet Honor Guard and Drill Team were named after Howie; the Honor Society was named after Patch. The Howies would march in parades in Winchester, Staunton, Charlottesville, and

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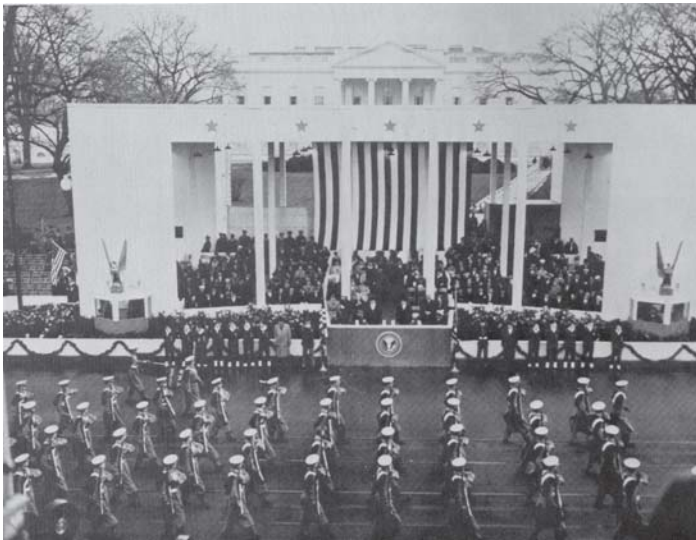
Harrisonburg each year. Additionally, the Howie Rifles marched in the 1957 (Eisenhower) and the 1961 (Kennedy) inaugural parades.



**Thomas D. Howie**  
"The Major of St. Lo"  
SMA Instructor 1929 - 1940



**General Alexander M. Patch**  
Commander US 7<sup>th</sup> Army - WWII  
Former SMA Commandant



**Howie Rifles Marching in Inaugural Parade, 1957**

The number of cadets in the Corps reached an all time high of 665 in the 1966-67 session. That year also saw the construction of the last building for SMA. In 1966 construction was stated on a new Junior School to replace the wood frame barracks that had been constructed in the 1918 - 1921 time frame. This building was a gift to the Academy from George B. Tullidge, who was one of the members of the Board of Directors for SMA. Tullidge donated the building to honor his son, George B. Tullidge Jr., SMA '41, who had died in WWII. After the dedication of the new building, the old Junior School was torn down, removing the last of the wood frame barracks from the Academy.



**Tullidge Hall - Built 1966**

The Academy was completed in stone and concrete. The Corps of Cadets marched behind their guidons with pride and tradition. But, an ill wind was beginning to blow outside the gates that would sweep away those monuments of stone, steel, concrete and tradition.

## The Eleven Commandments a.k.a. Rat Rules

*These Rat Rules were originally published in Kablegram Vol. 26 No.1, dated September 1943. At that time they were known as "The Eleven Commandments".*

1. New cadets will "finn out" at all times when on the "Hill", except when going to classes.
2. New cadets will wear their garrison caps at all times when out of their rooms, except when other caps are specified. Caps will be worn so that the visor rests "two fingers" above the nose.
3. New cadets will walk in straight lines and square all corners.
4. New cadets will stand braced in the Mess Hall in the prescribed manner until "seats" is given.
5. New cadets will report their presence upon entering the room of any old boy. They will stand at attention in the prescribed manner and remain so until rest is given.
6. New cadets will come to attention when any old boy enters the room they are in.
7. No new cadet will walk in the quadrangle of any barracks.
8. New cadets will address all cadet officers as "Sir" at all time.
9. New cadets will "double time" up all stairs, keeping always to the outside.
10. The above rules stated will be memorized "word for word" by all new cadets.
11. There will be no physical violence directed towards any new cadet.

*Editor's Note: This list brings back some not-so-fond memories of my "Rat" year in the Junior School in 1956. It was a really BIG deal to become an "Old Boy".*

# Briefly...



Truth ★ Duty ★ Honor

**CALLING THE "OLD BOYS"**

**FROM THE CLASS OF  
1961**

**FOR THEIR  
50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION OF  
STAUNTON MILITARY  
ACADEMY**

**~ SAVE THE DATES ~  
FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2011  
SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011**

INVITATION TO FOLLOW

**~ SMA Reunion 2011 Headquarters ~  
THE STONEWALL JACKSON HOTEL  
AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
24 S. Market St, Staunton, Virginia 24401**

## **Thank You for the Help.**

All of the "Old Boys" who have contributed to the SMA Foundation deserve a sincere "Thank You". This year, the SMA Alumni Association was able to make a substantial contribution to the general fund of the VWIL Corps of Cadets. It may only be a small amount from each of us, but it makes a huge difference to the young women of VWIL. (For example, imagine trying to go to Military Science classes at VMI, in Lexington, twice a week without decent transportation. Our contributions provided a 15 passenger van.) We helped.

## **Promotion**

Ned Bonfoey, SMA instructor and coach in the 1960's, informs us that his son, Monroe Bonfoey, will be promoted to Colonel (O-6). Needless to say, Ned Bonfoey and Page (Lolo) Kable are very proud parents! Congratulations!

## **Need Stories about Major Howie**

We have been contacted by a former newspaper publisher who is writing a book about the children of the families whose sacrifices during WWII made possible the many freedoms that so many take for granted today. The emphasis is the growing awareness of, and appreciation for, the sacrifices that were made but oftentimes never talked about.

One such family is that of Major Thomas Howie, whose story is certainly well known to those involved with SMA. The publisher would be particularly interested in any anecdotes from your association with him at SMA which you would be willing to share for publication. He would also like to know, in your own words, what lessons you learned from him in the classroom or on the field that stuck with you and guided you in later life. If you have something to contribute, send it to the SMA Alumni Association (attention: Bern Mebane).

## **It's Time to Register for the 2011 Reunion!**

The dates are April 29, 30, and May 1 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). The Reunion Headquarters is the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. The registration form is available online at the SMA Alumni Association website ([sma-alumni.org](http://sma-alumni.org)), and it can be found in this issue of the Kablegram. Please fill out the form, and send it to Arlene Nicely at the SMA Alumni Association, PO Box 958, Staunton, VA 24402. (Don't forget the check!)

## **Send us brief biographies for "where they are now".**

In this issue of the Kablegram, you will find biographies of two of our outstanding alumni, Ed Patsch, SMA '53 and Ralph Bolton, SMA '57.

**We need more!** The articles should be short, and pictures are always welcome. Send your article and photograph(s) to [Kablegram@sma-alumni.org](mailto:Kablegram@sma-alumni.org) or by regular mail to SMA Alumni Association, P.O. Box 958, Woodrum Station, Staunton, Virginia 24402-0958.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Editor's Note: We have received two thank you letters from Mary Baldwin College in October, 2010. The first came from Susannah Seith Via, the Donor Relations Coordinator, and the second came from Dr. Pamela Fox, the President of Mary Baldwin College.*

SMA Foundation  
October 1, 2010  
PO Box 958  
Staunton, VA 24402

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$25,000.00 to Mary Baldwin College. We have applied this gift to the VWIL Cadet Life Fund.

Our campus is buzzing with activity! The Founder's Day and Apple Day celebrations are coming up soon, and students are busy with class projects and events. Working under the campus theme of "power" for this academic year, four new Schools of Excellence were launched in the College for Women, and MBC is celebrating record enrollment, excellent national rankings, and graduates who make a difference in the world.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Mary Baldwin and the VWIL program!

Best Regards,

Susannah Seith Via  
Donor Relations Coordinator

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Mary Baldwin College  
Office of the President  
October 28, 2010

Mr. Harry Bruckno  
President, SMA Alumni Association  
1100 Quicks Mille Road  
Staunton, VA 24401

Dearest Harry:

I write, on behalf of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership and Mary Baldwin College, to offer my profound appreciation for the generous gift of \$25,000 from the SMA Foundation. SMA's support is nothing short of transformational and inspirational. It is absolutely vital to the VWIL Cadet Life Fund. It will help us in so many ways, including the recent necessity of replacing two of our vans.

If find it very moving that VWIL and SMA have forged this relationship of mutual respect and shared legacy. In so many ways, the cadets benefit from the SMA alumni.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Dr. Pamela Fox  
President

*Editor's Note: The following letter (under a Harvard University letterhead) was received in October, 2010 from Jane Brooks Beer, the widow of Samuel H. Beer, SMA '28. Professor Samuel Beer passed away in 2009; he was a distinguished political scientist at Harvard University.*

SMA Alumni Association  
PO Box 958, Woodrum Station  
Staunton, VA 24402-0958

Dear Sirs:

I just read Chapter 3, The Early Years from your newsletter addressed to Samuel H. Beer. My dear husband, Sam Beer, went to sleep on April 7, 2009 and did not awaken. He was three months short of his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday. He left a paper on "Federalism" on his computer, written the day before he went to the hospital. He still drove his car and took a daily walk, but used a cane. His red hair, still abundant, was blond.

He always praised the education and training he received at SMA – even to me, his second wife. In World War II, at 31 with a wife and two children, he volunteered for service in the U.S. Army, and at one time encountered a former SMA teacher. He earned a Bronze Star. We went back to France in 1994 for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day.

I herewith enclose copies of some of the obituaries after he died. Several articles and books published this year have been dedicated to him.

I feel that these belong in the SMA Archives, since he was so proud of his SMA experience.

Faithfully,  
Jane Brooks Beer

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Dear Editor,

I have just received and read the September issue of The Kablegram. As always, I enjoyed reading it. In the spirit of contributing to the news of alums, I'm attaching an item about an award I am about to receive in November, the Franz Boas Award for Exemplary Service to Anthropology. This is the highest award given in my profession, and it is given usually to just one anthropologist per year.

You are welcome to reprint this if space allows, giving credit to the source (I've been granted permission), or you're free to simply excerpt it or do whatever you wish—if you regard it newsworthy for The Kablegram readers.

Sincerely,

Ralph Bolton  
SMA '57

*Editor's Note: Ralph's item and his picture are printed in this issue.*

**Letters Continued next page**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

*Letters..Continued from page 6*

*Editor's Note: The following is a series of three e-mails from Derk Detjen concerning his father, Emile, class of 1932. Thank you, Arlene, for researching his request.*

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.

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Dear Arlene:

Thanks so much for your prompt response. I'd be happy to see any info on my dad that might still remain in your records, files or old yearbooks. I wish now that I'd had time to stop and visit your office on the campus while I was in Staunton.

I remember my dad telling me that one winter SMA had a complete power outage in the dorms and he and his roommate were sleeping between their mattresses and box springs. They decided to build an igloo inside their room w/blocks of snow they carted in. Unfortunately, when the heat came back on, the igloo melted, warped the floorboards and cadet Detjen spent the remainder of the spring term marching tours on the quadrangle on weekends. This precluded his visits to my future mom in White Plains, NY!

When I joined the AF, I went through a miniature AF Academy program at Harlingen AFB, TX. We were fourth, third, second and first class cadets for three months each, finally graduating with both our wings and second lieutenant bars. Looking back on it, we were in the best physical shape of our collective lives and the memories have remained for a lifetime. I still correspond with a few of my ex-cadet friends after all these years.

I'm sure that my dad had similar experiences at Staunton, and he always spoke fondly of his times there.

Thanks again for your nice response.

Sincerely,  
Derek Detjen

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Dear Arlene:

Wow, Arlene! Thanks so much for your research; I could hardly wait to see what you dug up. Pretty neat stuff, and I agree w/your comment re how "boys" seem to do the same type of hi-jinks all over the place.

Feel free to pass along any stories, I'm glad you did pass the one about the igloo on. Another one that I remember was my dad telling me that at the evening meal, the main meat course (chops, hamburgers, steaks, etc.) were always placed on serving platters spaced along the tables. All the cadets had to stand at attention until after the chaplain returned thanks for the evening meal. When grace was over, the command "seats, gentlemen," was given and most of the cadets had forks hidden in their fists and dove for the best looking meat rapidly. Dad said that at least one cadet a week had to report to the infirmary with a fork imbedded in the top of his hand! Sounds like mealtime was dangerous, to say the least. Probably good training for hand to hand combat (???)

By the way, a lasting memory of Staunton was the weekly ad in the magazine section of the New York Times, showing the pic of the Staunton cadet in his dress uniform w/the brass buttons. It must have run for years every Sunday.

It's amazing that whenever many of we Air Force retirees get together, common subjects are the recollections of flight school, particularly of the Aviation Cadet program, again very similar to the AF Academy, albeit only in one year. Those common, shared experiences last a lifetime, as do the ones related to combat and near misses while flying. I still miss the flying, but not all of the attendant administrative paperwork.

I enjoy hearing your insights, and I'll bet you've heard a ton of stories by now! If I get a chance in the near future to visit Staunton again, I will be sure to notify you in advance - it's about a 7 1/2 hr drive up there, I-20 to Columbia, I-77 up thru Charlotte to Wytheville and then I-81 the rest of the way. I've been in every state in the U.S., and your scenery up I-81 is probably one of the prettiest drives anywhere in the states.

Sincerely,

Major Derek H. Detjen  
4182 Rivermont Drive  
Evans (NW Augusta), GA 30809-4862

# ARTICLE: BOB REMEMBERS THE SUNDAY PARADES

By Bob “Gator” Horvath, SMA ‘47

In the summer of 2004, I watched a July 4 concert from the Mall in Washington D.C., and the first selection the band played was a march written by Sousa called “The Washington Post March.” It rang a bell in my mind, because I had marched to that song many times in the two and a half years I attended Stanton Military Academy.

The first time was probably in October of 1945, after I had matriculated at SMA. Since we had a parade involving the whole corps of cadets every Sunday at 2PM, the new cadets had to learn to march a little before we could make the first feeble attempt at a parade.

First the corps would form on the asphalt, where we held all our formations. The Cadet Officers would inspect their charges and make sure the shoes and brass were all polished and the white belts and cap covers were spotlessly clean, as were the cadets themselves.

The band then started to play the “Washington Post March” and begin to march down the drive, across the street onto the huge athletic field. The corps followed, Company after Company led by its Captain swinging his sword and proudly leading his men. Each Captain called out marching commands in a more authoritative and louder voice than the next.

After making a circuit of the field, the corps was again formed and presented to the battalion Commanders, and then to the Regimental Commander and his Staff. After inspecting the Cadets, the order was given to Pass In Review.

Once again the band struck up the march and led the Corps past the Regimental Staff. Each Company Commander giving the “Eyes Right” command as they past the reviewing stand.

This time the band remained on the field, while the corps marched back up the drive to the Asphalt. When The Corps was formed up on the Asphalt, the order “dismissed” was given.

All this would take from one to two hours, and it was repeated every Sunday. Exceptions were snow and rain, and one week I remember when a large part of the Corps was sick.

My third year I was a Cadet Captain and led “A” Company proudly down the drive, swinging my sword smartly, as to get the attention of the girls from Mary Baldwin College and Stuart Hall who would come up to watch the parades. There were always some parents, who would come from far and wide to see their offspring in the Sunday Parade.

Hearing “The Washington Post March”, I closed my eyes and once again, I was an eighteen-year-old cadet marching at the head of my Company. One can not help but feel a sense of pride, as your Company marched in step, eyes to the front, shoulders back, and chest out, each Cadet wanting to win the best company award for the day. This award meant that each member of the Company got a few extra hours of leave to visit the town, go to a movie, or just goof off.

If only we could go back for just a few moments to relive those days and feel the emotions, hear the sounds and smell the perfume of the young ladies watching as we marched past them... The sound of 500 cadets marching in step on the asphalt drive is something I will never forget.



## In Memory Of...

*Starting this issue, the Kablegram will recognize those individuals who have made contributions in memory of our alumni or to honor our institutions.*

**In Memory of Major William D. Boecking, SMA ’52** by John and Lamia Guarniere

**In Memory of Col. William “Bill” Pandak** by.....

John C. Adams II, SMA ’59 • Col. Dennis Case, Instructor  
Thomas A. Davis, SMA ’62 • John Pennypacker, Jr., SMA ’63  
Col. Robert Wease, Instructor

**In Memory of Matthew Hertzberg, SMA ’69** by Thomas A. Davis, SMA ’62

**In Memory of Dr. A. Erskine Sproul** by Thomas A. Davis, SMA ’62

**To Honor Stuart Hall Alumni** by Margaret S. Wood

# SHORT STORY : "THE REUNION"

A Short Story by Greg Robertson © 2010

## Returning Home

John stayed in his seat, when the seatbelt light went out. The rest of the passengers jumped into the aisle and began retrieving their bags from the overhead bins. He knew there was no reason to rush. He had no phone calls to make, no emails to check, and the baggage wouldn't be at the carousel for at least 15 minutes. Also, Holly, his wife, wouldn't be at the curb for at least another half hour. So he just sat and waited, as the rest of the passengers hurried off of the plane. While he waited, his mind drifted back to the previous weekend and the reunion at his old Academy. Though the Academy had closed years before, the Alumni Association still held reunions each year. John made it a point to return every five years.

While John had to admit that he had enjoyed himself with the old classmates that had shown up, he was still slightly miffed that his old buddies, the members of "The Bunch", hadn't shown up. He was sure that they would have come to this one, their 20<sup>th</sup>. But, even though he had called them all, and they had each said they would try to get there, none had. At the 10<sup>th</sup> reunion, two of them had come, but they hadn't all been together since having lunch the day after they received their diplomas.

"The Bunch" was short for the "I Partied Through Lunch Bunch". It was the group of cadets that he had been closest friends with during his four years at the Academy. They hadn't been the coolest cadets at the Academy, but they were all well liked. While they had obtained their share of academic awards, they hadn't been the smartest at the Academy. They also hadn't been the best athletes at the Academy, though each had participated in some sport. They were just five guys that gravitated towards each other for unknown reasons and became good, solid friends. Starting in their Freshman year, when the lunchtime Mess Hall hierarchy was being established among the new cadets, they started sitting together at an out of the way table. During breakfast and dinner they sat apart, since they had to sit with their respective Companies during that first year.

As the years at the Academy went by, they started sitting together during Breakfast and Dinner also as their cadet rank and class standings gave them the option to sit where they wanted. They made eating their meals more of a family atmosphere, rather than the quick wolfing down of the tray's contents and hurrying out like most of the cadets. At times, the Mess Hall Officer would have to kick them out so his crew could finish cleaning up. But most of the time they were left alone to enjoy their time together until the next bell rang or the Call To Quarters bugle blew. John still missed those times with his friends. Those guys had been like the brothers he had never had. They promised stay in touch and see each other after graduation. But, as he had come to realize, life got in the way. They each drifted into their own new worlds.

## The Plan

John decided that he needed to devise a plan to get "The Bunch" together at the reunion in five years. Calling them didn't work. Sending email reminders produced nothing. Threatening to show up at their houses if they didn't come and embarrass them by telling old school stories had no effect. He would have to be as creative, as he was when developing the software that he made his living at.

Several months later, when getting ready for a staff meeting at work, an idea came to him. He had been given an assignment for the meeting that made it impossible to miss it. John figured out that if he provided his old classmates with a reason to be there that they couldn't ignore, they would have to show up. Now he just had to figure out what would do the trick. The answer came to him one day through a misfortune of his wife's.

Arriving home one day, Holly told him that a childhood friend of hers had passed away and she needed to go back for the funeral and help scatter the ashes. "That's it!" he thought, "I'll fake my own death. I'll send small vials of fake ashes to them with a letter signed by Holly asking the rest of 'The Bunch' to scatter my ashes on the Academy grounds. That will get them there."

## The Letters

Holly finished writing the last letter. As was her custom, she read it over out loud.

*Dear Tom,*

*I'm sorry to have to write you and inform you that your old classmate, John Harvey, passed away several months ago. I know that he loved all of the members of "The Bunch" and that great old Academy. He spent many an hour telling me about each of you and the antics that you all used to pull. I feel that I know each of you well. At least as the teenagers you were then.*

*One of John's requests expressed in his last wishes was that his old friends of "The Bunch" would meet at the school on the first day of the next reunion after his death to scatter his ashes on the Academy grounds near the flagpole. He asked that I write each of you and send a small vial of his ashes along to satisfy his last wishes. John asked that it be done at 6:30 am to coincide with the old "Reveille" time.*

*I never attended any of the reunions with him and I've never seen the grounds of the Academy that meant so much to him. I plan on coming to this reunion to walk those old grounds and scatter a little of John's ashes at the same time as you, his old friends, do.*

*I look forward to meeting you in person and honoring John's last wishes.*

*Sincerely,  
Holly Harvey*

Short Story ..Continued on page 11



# SMA-VWIL Memorial Wall Plaque Nomination Policy and Procedure

*Editor's Note. In response to several inquiries, the Kablegram is publishing the policy and procedure followed by the Memorial Wall Committee, when evaluating candidates. The evaluation criteria are precise; so if you wish to nominate someone, make sure all three evaluation criteria are documented thoroughly.*

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this document is to outline the policy and procedures concerning the eligibility criteria, nomination and approval process, and standards associated with the installation of individual memorial plaques on the Staunton Military Academy-Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (SMA-VWIL) Memorial Wall.
2. **Membership.** The SMA-VWIL Memorial Wall will be managed by the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee which is comprised of the following seven voting members:
  - ❑ Chairman (SMA Alumni Association (SMAAAA) Board Member)
  - ❑ SMAAAA Board Members (3)
  - ❑ Commandant, VWIL Program
  - ❑ VWIL Cadets, VWIL Program (1 Senior, 1 Junior)Associate members may participate in the memorial plaque candidate nomination and information gathering aspects required to support this process; however, only the seven committee members identified above may "vote" on the final top three selections.
3. **Candidate Nominations.** Each calendar year, the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee is responsible for nominating not more than three (3) eligible candidates to the SMAAAA Board of Directors for purchase and installation of memorial plaques on the Memorial Wall.
  - ❑ The SMA-VWIL Museum Committee will maintain a listing of eligible plaque candidates. This listing will be used for annual nominations.
  - ❑ Nominations must be made in accordance with a schedule that permits the procurement and installation of the plaques to be completed not less than two weeks prior to the annual SMA Alumni Reunion weekend. This includes development, review and approval of text.
  - ❑ Plaque candidates fitting the basic qualifying selection criteria outlined in paragraph 4 must be submitted for consideration for the following calendar year to the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee by December 31.
  - ❑ The SMA-VWIL Museum Committee will maintain a historical listing of purchased memorial plaques.
4. **Selection Criteria.** All candidates must satisfy at least one of the basic qualifying selection criteria of having some connection to either the Staunton Military Academy (SMA) or the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) Program as defined by these three categories:
  - ❑ **ALUMNUS** (SMA or VWIL)
  - ❑ **FACULTY/STAFF** (SMA or VWIL)
  - ❑ **FRIEND OF SMA/VWIL**
5. **Evaluation Criteria.** The following criteria will be used in evaluating the list of candidates eligible to be honored with a memorial plaque purchased by either the SMAAAA or VWIL Program:
  - ❑ **CONTRIBUTIONS**
    - ❑ To school, community, state, country and/or humanity
  - ❑ **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**
    - ❑ Degree individual achieved noteworthy success in chosen profession or in life
  - ❑ **TRUTH, DUTY and HONOR**
    - ❑ Degree to which individual exemplified core these valuesA standard form/format be utilized by the Committee to facilitate the evaluation and ranking process of each candidate against the criteria listed above.
6. **Funding.** Funding for individual memorial plaques will be provided as follows:
  - ❑ **SMAAAA** – SMA candidates selected and approved will be funded by the SMAAAA.
  - ❑ **VWIL** – VWIL candidates selected and approved will be funded by the VWIL Program (note – in some cases, the SMAAAA may fund all or partial cost of a VWIL candidate)
  - ❑ **Private** – Privately funded plaques may be nominated outside of the normal three plaques per year limit. However, the SMA-VWIL Museum Committee is responsible for approving all privately funded memorial plaques. Privately funded plaque candidates must satisfy the same basic selection criteria as outlined in paragraph 4; however, the satisfaction of the evaluation criteria outlined in paragraph 5 will not be as stringent.
7. **Standardization.** All SMA-VWIL Memorial Wall plaques will be of the same standard size, material and wording font. A consistent standard for form and fit of memorial plaques on the SMA-VWIL Memorial Wall must be maintained. The standards specified for all individual memorial wall plaques are:
  - ❑ **Size:** Width (horizontal) = 12 inches x Height (vertical) = 10 inches
  - ❑ **Material:** Bronze with black background; double border; star rosettes in each corner
  - ❑ **Text:** Raised letters; Font – Arial (or similar)

# SHORT STORY : "THE REUNION"

*Short Story Continued from page 9*

Holly signed each of the letters and then sealed them into the small boxes. Looking up, she sighed "Well John, if that doesn't get them there, nothing will."

## The Reunion

Over the next several months the members of "The Bunch" called each other repeatedly. These calls started as the normal shock of receiving the news about John. The calls then transitioned to remorse for not attending the reunions before he died. Finally the calls worked out the coordination of plans for "The Bunch" to get to the old Academy flagpole that first morning of the reunion. There were also sympathy cards sent to John's widow with stories of the times "The Bunch" had together.

The night before the reunion the members of "The Bunch" met at the same restaurant where they had shared their last lunch together before leaving for their homes and the next episodes of their lives. They held a wake and spent the evening remembering the years they spent at the Academy and the times they had spent together.

The next morning, they met at the breakfast bar in the motel before getting into the car to ride to the old Academy grounds. The conversation was muted as they each looked at the familiar sights of the small town while absent mindedly fidgeting with the vials they each had received. As they pulled into the parking lot that faced the Flagpole, they sat in stunned silence looking at the bench in front of the Flagpole. There sat their old friend John Harvey.

George was the first to speak - "THAT JERK!" In a flash they all got out of the car, slamming their individual doors in rapid succession. They walked quickly, almost running, towards the bench. "Hi guys", John said. "Did you have a good trip down here?"

Once again, George was the first to speak, "WHAT KIND OF JERK ARE YOU? PULLING A STUNT LIKE THIS!" John just smiled and said "What's the problem? We've always used to pull stunts on each other. Did I get pissed at you when you used to 'short sheet' my bed? Remember, it took me two years to figure out that you were repelling down from the roof and climbing in my window, when I went to take a shower." George relaxed his stern look and gave a slight grin.

"And you Tom", John continued, "Did you get mad, well stay mad, when Jeff and I would throw a trash can full of water on you from the roof when you were bugler of the day? No!" Tom chuckled and said, "Yea, and I got you back, as you were leaving the barracks for that date with Sarah. I had a great time dancing with her at the Sock Hop until you showed up. I told her you would be a little late, because you were all wet. I remember her face when you showed up and told her what happened."

Soon all of them were going back and forth with all the pranks and jokes they had played on each other

through the years. They were laughing so hard some of them had tears going down their cheeks and several had to sit down. As the laughter died away, Frank spoke to John, "So how did you get your wife to go along with this prank? What did you have to bribe her with to get her to lie like that and send those letters and vials?" John just smiled and motioned to a car pulling into the parking lot. "Why don't you just ask her?"

## Holly

All of "The Bunch" turned their heads and looked at the car as it pulled into the spot next to their car. When the door opened, a woman got out and started walking towards them carrying a vial exactly like the ones they all still held. Those that had been sitting stood. They all continued to stare at her as she got close to them. Frank, without turning to look at John said, "What kind of bribe did you have to pay to get someone that good looking to marry you?" Then the woman spoke. "Hi. You must be "The Bunch". Sorry I'm a little late, I got lost coming up here. I'm Holly, John's widow."

The entire Bunch stood motionless in stunned silence. Then, in a move so slow and synchronized that it looked like one of the realignments they used to do on the parade ground during precision drill, their heads turned towards the bench. With only the wind in the trees making a sound they all stared at the empty bench. Holly then said, "I hope I didn't miss anything." After several seconds, Frank turned to her and said, "Why don't you sit down Holly? You did miss something, something quite amazing."

Holly sat down and listened in wonder, as "The Bunch" started taking turns telling her about what had just happened to them. When they had finished, she had tears coming down her cheeks. She finally spoke. "I can believe it. John wanted so much to see all of you again. I guess he found a way." She stood smiling, whipped the tears from her eyes, faced them all and said. "Now let's send John off like he asked", she said. They each took turns speaking a little about the John they had known and then each scattered their individual vial of ashes. Holly was last, shaking the contents of her vial into the breeze, simply saying "Goodbye John." After the last of John's ashes disappeared into the wind, they all slowly turned and made their way back to the cars.

Holly and "The Bunch" went to the old favorite restaurant for brunch. They laughed and cried as the ex-cadets told Holly of their memories of John. They listened intently as Holly in turn told them of the man that John had become. The remaining members of "The Bunch" decided to commit to meet every five years at the reunion until there would be only the last man standing. Then he would hold one last lunch in their memories, and "The Bunch" would disappear for the rest of time.

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW



**Professor Ralph Bolton, SMA '57**

## **Franz Boas Award for Exemplary Service to Anthropology**

Ralph Bolton, the 2010 recipient of the Franz Boas Award for Exemplary Service to Anthropology, has been a professor at Pomona College for the last four decades. In addition to his record of teaching and research, he has made exceptional contributions to the anthropological community and to the public with respect to the breadth of scientific knowledge that goes beyond traditional anthropology.

Bolton is recognized for his detailed ethnographic research and strong cross-cultural comparisons. He blends traditional qualitative participant-observation techniques with sophisticated quantitative methodologies that elucidate his findings. Bolton is a generous collegial collaborator and draws on a wide variety of ethnographic settings using a number theoretical perspectives and diverse methodologies.

For the last four decades, Bolton has served on a number of AAA committees, foundation boards and other institutional committees and task forces. He has devoted enormous time and personal resources to serve the profession as an officer in multiple organizations such as the Society for Applied Anthropology, Society for Medical Anthropology, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, Society for Psychological Anthropology (SPA), Society for Cross-Cultural Research, Southwestern

Anthropological Association, Society for Anthropological Sciences (as a founding member), the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences' (IUAES) Commission on Folk Law and Legal Pluralism (charter member) and more recently, Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists and the AIDS and Anthropology Research Group (AARG). In addition, Bolton has served on the editorial boards of *Medical Anthropology*, *Aggressive Behavior*, *AIDS & Anthropology Bulletin* and *Cross Cultural Research*. He received the SPA Stirling Award in Culture and Personality twice, the HRAF CS Ford Award for Cross-Cultural Research and the AARG Distinguished Service Award.

Bolton's numerous philanthropic activities reflect his commitment to applied and practical anthropology and to human and civil rights advocacy. His local, national and international efforts include work with ethnic minorities and immigrants from the US, Peru and Western Europe; and HIV-positive and AIDS patients. One example of his dedication is the Chijnya Foundation, a non-profit, private organization that he founded. He has raised over a quarter of a million dollars for this nonprofit organization which is dedicated to improving the well-being of rural residents in the southern Peruvian highlands, with projects in education, agriculture, health, and artisan development.

In 1999 Bolton received the Heritage Preservation Award from the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico and from the State of New Mexico the following year. He has also cooperated with the local schools as part of his own personal local civic involvement. He generously hosts private mini-conferences there on topics in his areas of interest at no cost to participating scholars from the humanities and the biological and social sciences.

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**Adjutant Edward Patsch, SMA '53**

I too was one of the many in the Class of 1953 that began their SMA career at the Junior School level in September, 1947.

We were the proud bunch from Company "G" and had good leaders like Alan Morten and Ted Dela Court as our company commanders.

Going to "The Hill" was another experience altogether. The next four years were filled with hard work, great fellowship, team work, sports, Stuart Hall, and fun. Our military and regular instructors worked hard to see that we got the best education and training possible.

After graduation, I served in the U.S. Army (Korean Conflict) at bases in Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland and Fort Eustis, Virginia. My SMA training was outstanding, as I served my country.

In 1960, I graduated from Tiffin University in Ohio with a BS Degree in Commerce and Finance. I went to work for North American Aviation at their Naval Aircraft and Systems location in Columbus, Ohio.

My last thirty years of employment were with AT&T in Columbus, Ohio. I was a Public Relations Specialist in the Old Bell System. I retired in 1998 and live in Pickerington, Ohio.

We all proudly wore the STAR on our right sleeve symbolizing that we were an "Honor School". However, looking back today, SMA was more than that... SMA was the Flagship of all military preparatory schools in America. Also, we had the "Best Damn Band" in the Shenandoah Valley. Yes, Bunky Day, I still love a parade!

I think of my classmates often and especially my old roommates: Bobby Allen, Bill Bothwell, Dick Nourse, and Bob Jaber. I hope they are doing well. Free CQ is about over, and it is time for taps to sound. **Would like to hear from you all.** Keep Healthy, Safe, and stay Focused. God Bless You All.

Happy Trails,

Cadet Major Edward P. Patsch  
Regimental Adjutant  
SMA Corps of Cadets, 1953



**Cadet First Captain Jael Cooper**

## A Short Note from VWIL's New First Captain

Dear SMA Alumni,

Hello, my name is Jael Cooper and I am the 1<sup>st</sup> Captain in the VWIL program this year. At Mary Baldwin College I am an English major and am minoring in Leadership Studies and Studio Art. Additionally I work as a tutor in the Writing Center. My main focus, of course, is VWIL. I love this program and it has really done a lot for me, specifically in regards to developing my leadership.

My theme for this year is "Thinking Outside of the Box." I am trying to encourage everyone to not just do it the way its been done before, but to find the best way of achieving a task, whether its improving communication, motivating people, or showing up to formation on time. The Platoon Leaders, Color Guard Lts, Band Leader, all of the Staffs, as well as the XO, 1<sup>st</sup> Cpl, and SGM have begun to find the most effective way to run their group and keep them wanting to come back and participating. They are all doing a great job and it shows in our retention numbers: we've lost only one freshman and no upper class!

I'm learning and developing myself as a leader everyday in our program and I know I would not be the person I am today with out all that VWIL has taught me. Thank you for your continued support of the Cadets here; you allow us the ability to achieve any and everything we want to do.

Thank you,  
Jael Cooper  
c/1<sup>st</sup> Captain  
Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership  
Mary Baldwin College



**LaRae Johnson,  
Executive Officer**

## VWIL's New Executive Officer

LaRae Johnson, currently a senior at Mary Baldwin College, is a highly involved cadet of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership. This academic year she is serving as the Executive Officer, Public Relations Officer, Class Congress Chair, as well as a number of positions within AFROTC. She conducts weekly meetings, organizes schedules, maintains an effective flow of communication within both the class and regimental systems, and is responsible for overseeing both the Class Congress and Staffs.

LaRae is originally from Newport News, VA where she attended Menchville High School and was presented with the Principal's Award of the Year 2007. She is pursuing a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Sociology with minors in both Economics and Leadership Studies. Upon graduation, she will commission into the United States Air Force as a Space and Missiles officer stationed at F E Warren AFB, Wyoming. She also plans to attend law school in the future in hopes of becoming a Judge Advocate General (JAG) in the Air Force.

She is a motivated cadet who continues to put forth her best efforts in both her leadership positions and academics. LaRae makes it a point to encourage her peers and those in her chain of command. She is best known for her positive attitude, great sense of professionalism, and outstanding public speaking skills.

## WIL CALENDAR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
01/14/2011	1700	Academic Awards Dinner
03/16&17/2011		New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade
04/08/2011	1600	Spring Awards Honor Ceremony
04/09/2011	1100	VWIL Inaugural Parade

*Editor's Note: This calendar was sent to the Kablegram with an invitation to our alumni to attend these functions, if they wished.*



**VWIL members of MBC Soccer Team**

## Sigmond A. Bear, SMA '41

Sigmond A. Bear has passed away. The Kablegram has no further information at this time.

## Samuel H. Beers, SMA '28



Pumping his fist for emphasis, as he paced at the front of a Harvard classroom, his thick reddish-brown hair and mustache a focal point for any student not already enraptured by the lecture, Samuel Beer offered undergraduates compelling arguments on both sides of thorny issues as he taught a course

known by its catalog abbreviation "Soc. Sci. 2".

"Sam's lectures were remarkable for their objectivity," Melvin Richter, then a professor of political science at Hunter College at City University of New York, said in 2001 during a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday gathering at Harvard for Professor Beer. "Often students were completely convinced by the first set of views, only to find the second set equally persuasive."

Professor Beer could be very persuasive, whether the audience was a student, a politician, or a historian in England. A professor emeritus at Harvard, where he taught for more than 35 years, Professor Beer died April 7 at his home in Washington, D.C., after his health failed swiftly in the past few weeks. He was 97 and divided his time between residences in Cambridge and Washington.

With Soc. Sci. 2, he influenced scores of political thinkers and policy makers, and counted among his teaching assistants Henry Kissinger and James Schlesinger. Professor Beer also was well known for *Western Thought and Institutions*, a course he taught at Harvard for three decades that melded elements of political theory and comparative government, and which acolytes recalled as serving up history and political science in equal measures.

"He was larger than life, an extraordinary personality," said Stanley Hoffman, the Paul and Catherine Bottenwieser university professor at Harvard. "He had many lives. He had the life of a scholar, and he had the life of a politician. He also was a sportsman, and one of his sports consisted of parachuting from planes, and he did that for a very long time. He didn't give it up until one time, when he was not exactly a youngster, he twisted his ankle upon landing."

Valued for his sharp intellect and discerning editing eye for graduate papers, Professor Beer had a presence that made him a force beyond the walls of Harvard. He formerly served as chairman of the political organization Americans For Democratic Action, and was an early vocal supporter in academia for the first US Senate campaign of Edward M.

Kennedy. "Sam Beer was a wonderful mentor to me over the years and a lifelong friend," Kennedy said in a statement. A former student of Professor Beer at Harvard, the senator called him "the most popular and most beloved of my professors."

In 1962, Professor Beer "was often at my side in the campaign, briefing me on a wide range of issues and making a real difference in the outcome," Kennedy said. When the senator was recuperating from a 1964 airplane crash, "Sam was there for me again," organizing seminars in the hospital to brief Kennedy on domestic and foreign policy issues.

With students, Professor Beer "conveyed not so much his opinions, which we were all interested in, but his character," said Harvey Mansfield, a professor of government at Harvard who first sat in one of Professor Beer's classes as a sophomore in 1950. "If there ever was such a thing as a manly man, he was the one. His confidence, his courage, his passion – this was what was behind him being much more political than many professors, even political science professors."

Professor Beer was political even before he was a professor, writing speeches for President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1935 and 1936 before briefly becoming a journalist and working as a reporter for the *New York Post* and *Fortune* magazine.

Born in Bucyrus, Ohio, Samuel Beer graduated in 1932 from the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree. As a Rhodes scholar, he studied at Balliol College in Oxford, England, and had intimations of the ominous rise of Nazism, while visiting Germany. "He told me he was out taking a hike once and was standing in the bushes and he heard a noise of kids coming and marching," Mansfield said. "He stepped back so as not to be seen and there was a Hitler brigade on the march in the countryside. He looked at that and knew trouble was on the way."

Professor Beer married Roberta Frances Reed in 1935 and, after his stints at the *Post* and *Fortune*, received his doctorate in political science from Harvard. His wife died in 1987, and he married Jane K. Brooks in 1989.

During World War II, he served in the Army and was stationed in Germany, then returned to teach at Harvard. Retiring from Harvard in 1982, Professor Beer became the first Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. professor of American politics at Boston College, a position created to honor the former speaker of the US House.

In addition to his wife, Professor Beer leaves two daughters, Katherine of Cambridge and Frances of Toronto; two stepdaughters, Alison Brooks of Washington, D.C., and Camilla Brooks of New York City; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a step-great-granddaughter.

*Editor's Note: Courtesy of Jane Brooks Beer, his widow. This obituary is reprinted from the Boston Globe (Brian Marcuard, April 15, 2009).*



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## Charles Delisle, SMA '69

Charles Delisle passed away from complications of diabetes. The Kablegram has no further information at this time.

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## Hugo Murazzi, Sr., SMA '51

Hugo Murazzi, Sr., of South Scranton, PA, died Nov. 2, 2007 at home, after an illness.

Born in Scranton, he was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Church. He was a graduate of Scranton Technical High School, where he was captain of the football team and played as a fullback; he was also name to the All-Scholastic Team. He also attended **Staunton Military Academy**, where he played football as a halfback.

Hugo attended the University of Virginia and graduated from the University of Scranton, where he received a B.S. degree in Business. He played football as a three-year-starter tackle at the University of Scranton and received Little All-American honors in 1955. Mr. Murazzi was named to the University of Scranton Wall of Fame in 1994, and he was a member of the Dante Literary Society in Scranton.

Hugo was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and father-in-law who will be deeply missed by his family.



1947, he accepted a commission in the Organized Reserve Corps and ultimately joined the 108th Division in Charlotte, NC. He retired from the Army Reserve in June 1974 holding the rank of Brigadier General.

After the war, Mr. Payne joined Pritchard Paint and Glass Company in Charlotte, NC. He retired as Company Vice President and Assistant Treasurer.

He was a member and past president of the Dilworth Rotary Club in Charlotte and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was state chairman of the United States Organization (USO) in North Carolina. He was a Sunday School superintendent and a member of the vestry of Saint Martin's Episcopal Church in Charlotte. He participated in Friendship Trays for 25 years delivering meals to the homebound. He was a member of the Saint Andrews Society, Robert Burns Society, and a member of the Good Fellows Club of Charlotte. He was also a dedicated and lifelong member of the NC State Wolfpack Club.

He was married to the former Frances Ellison Cely of Easley, SC. He is survived by five children: Richard S. Payne, Jr. of Raleigh, Nancy Beatty (Randy) of Charleston, SC, Marcia Payne of Charlotte, Kathleen Payne of Raleigh, John Payne (Karrie), of Charlotte; and two grandchildren, Richard S. Payne III of Raleigh and Hadley Payne of Charlotte.

*Editor's Note: Submitted by Cleon Sanders, Jr., SMA '54; reprinted from The News and Observer (Raleigh, NC on October 20, 2010).*

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## Richard Sylvester Payne, Sr., SMA '34



Richard Sylvester Payne, Sr. passed away peacefully at his home October 15, 2010 in Charlotte, NC.

He was born on April 2, 1916 in New Bern, NC. He was the son of the late Elmo E and Nancy P. Payne of Hertford, NC. He was graduated from **Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, VA** in 1934. He received a scholarship to NC State College for swimming and served as a captain of the swim team. He was graduated from NC State College in Raleigh, NC in 1939 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the ROTC at NC State College and was called to active duty in 1941. In June 1943, he went to England to help prepare for the invasion of Europe. His unit hit Omaha Beach on D-Day plus four and he served 29 months in the European Theater, receiving battle stars for five campaigns, the Legion of Merit Medal and the Bronze Star Medal for service at the Battle of the Bulge.

At the conclusion of World War II, he was integrated into the Regular Army, serving that time as a Major. In November

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## William James Toll, SMA '63

William James Toll of Wallington died on Mar. 14 at Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack. He was 66. Toll grew up and lived most of his life in Wyckoff before moving to Wallington. He attended Wyckoff public schools and Ramapo High School, and graduated in 1963 **from Staunton Military Academy in Staunton, VA**.

He was a past President of the Wyckoff Lions Club. His family owned Breen Building Products and Village Hardware in Ridgewood. Toll's most recent employment was with New Jersey Reserve Supply Company in Elmwood Park, where he worked for 15 years. Survived by: Linda Toll, wife; William Michael Toll and Melissa Jeanne Toll-Tatoris, children; John and Tanya Gruntfest, stepchildren; three grandchildren.

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## Robert E. Tyrrel, SMA '39

Robert E. Tyrrel passed away in 1990. The Kablegram has no further information at this time.

# SMA-VWIL "Walk of Honor" Brick Order Form

## Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association

P.O. Box 958, Staunton, VA 24402

Tel: (540) 885-1309 / (800) 627-5806; Email: SMAOffice@sma-alumni.org

Please fill out this form and mail it to above or fax it to: (866)-950-4452.

*Purchase a Brick in your name! The individually inscribed commemorative bricks are a way to honor and recognize SMA alumni, former faculty members, teachers, coaches, staff, graduating classes, and SMA friends and supporters. The blank bricks on the existing walkway will be replaced with each 100 orders of inscribed bricks. Each 4" x 8" brick costs \$60.00 and can be purchased with a tax-deductible contribution to the SMA Foundation, Inc.*

### ORDER

SMA Foundation, Inc. (payable to SMA Foundation, Inc.)

"Walk of Honor" Brick (\$60.00 per brick) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*If multiple bricks are being purchased, please fill out add'l copies of the form to specify the inscription information for each brick being ordered. Number each page (form) being faxed. The first page should include the total amount being ordered and charged (e.g., \$60/brick x quantity purchased = Total.*

**Total Order:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Inscription Information:** (please print clearly)

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### PAYMENT

**Check** (payable to SMA Alumni Association)

**Credit Card** (can only accept MC/Visa)

Master Card  Visa

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### CONTACT AND SIGNATURE

**Contact Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



# SMAAA Cadet Store Order Form

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<u>Products Being Ordered:</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Price</u>
1. _____	---	\$ _____
2. _____	---	\$ _____
3. _____	---	\$ _____
4. _____	---	\$ _____
5. _____	---	\$ _____
<b>Required Shipping and Handling Fees:</b> .....		\$ _____

**Total Order:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: If more than five items, use a second order form to add the other items.*

### PAYMENT

- Check** (payable to SMA Alumni Association)  
 **Credit Card** (can only accept MC/Visa)     Master Card     Visa

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# 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:

SMA Alumni Association  
P. O. Box 958, Woodrum Station  
Staunton, Virginia 24401-0958

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.

Credit card orders can be processed by using the form on page 18. Your order will be shipped when payment is received.



QUAN.	ITEM	EACH	TOTAL
_____	<b>Baseball Caps</b> .....	\$15.00	\$ _____
	Structured Hats: White with Blue Lettering "Staunton Military Academy"		
	Blue with Gold Lettering "Staunton Military Academy"		
	Blue with Gold Hat Shield		
	Unstructured Hats: Blue, White, <b>OR</b> Tan with Cross Rifles and Lettering		
	"Staunton Military Academy"		
	<b>T-Shirts: M-3X</b>		
_____	Blue: (Gold <b>Silk Screened</b> Hat Shield) .....	\$10.00	\$ _____
_____	Blue: (Gold <b>Embroidered</b> Hat Shield) .....	\$15.00	\$ _____
_____	Gray: (w/ Blue <b>Embroidered</b> Hat Shield on front & Embroidery on sleeve) .....	\$20.00	\$ _____
_____	Gold: (w/ Blue <b>Embroidered</b> Hat Shield on front & Embroidery on sleeve) .....	\$20.00	\$ _____
	<b>Sweatshirts: M-3X</b>		
_____	Blue: ( <b>Embroidered</b> Gold Hat Shield) .....	\$30.00	\$ _____
_____	Gray: ( <b>Embroidered</b> Cross Rifles and lettering "Staunton Military Academy") .....	\$30.00	\$ _____
	<b>Polo (Golf) Shirts: \$35.00 M-3X</b>		
	White with Blue Embroidered Hat Shield		
	Blue with Gold Embroidered Hat Shield		
	Blue (Chevron design on collar and cuff)		
	Embroidered with cross rifles and lettering "Staunton Military Academy"		
	<b>Jackets: \$65.00 M-3X</b>		
	Gold w/fleece lining: Embroidered blue Hat Shield on Front		
	Navy Blue w/fleece lining: Embroidered blue Hat Shield on Front		
_____	<b>Blue Fleece 1/4 zipper front pullover: .....</b>	<b>\$35.00 M-3X</b>	\$ _____
	Embroidered with Gold Hat Shield		
_____	Officer/NCO Belt Buckle .....	\$30.00	\$ _____
_____	Leather Garrison Belt .....	\$35.00	\$ _____
	(can be cut to sizes up to 50 inches)		
_____	Car Window Decal .....	\$3.50	\$ _____
_____	Original Post Cards of scenes from SMA .....	\$2.00	\$ _____
_____	SMA Shoulder Patches .....	\$2.00	\$ _____
_____	Blue Book (reprint) .....	\$10.00	\$ _____
_____	Mug: Black "Barrel" Mug with Gold Hat Shield .....	\$8.00	\$ _____
_____	Mug: Gray w/South Barracks in blue .....	\$2.50	\$ _____
_____	Steins: White with Gold Hat Shield .....	\$18.00	\$ _____
_____	Artist Sketch: 17X7 1/4: South Barracks, Administration Building, Mess Hall, Kable Hall, North Barracks .....	\$5.00	\$ _____
_____	Artist Sketch: 14X9: Memorial Hall, Kable Hall, North Barracks (Approach from Prospect Drive) .....	\$5.00	\$ _____
_____	License Plate Sign (White w/ "SMA ALUMNI" in blue) .	\$10.00	\$ _____
_____	<b>DVD Disc:"A History of the Staunton Military Academy" Produced and Directed by Greg Robertson SMA '70</b>		
_____	.....	\$20.00	\$ _____

Charges listed below are for United States in-country delivery only. Shipments to Hawaii, Bahamas, and other distant destinations are subject to shipper's charges.

Shipping charges must be added:

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\$31.00 to \$70.00 .....	\$ 10.95	\$ _____
\$71.00 and above .....	\$ 12.95	\$ _____
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**Please fill out this form and mail it to above or fax it to: (866)-950-4452.**

**SMA Alumni Association, Inc.** (payable to: SMA Alumni Association, Inc.)

- **Annual Membership Dues:** (\$60.00 per year, 1 September through 31 August) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*If you are paying for multiple years, please indicate below which years (past/present/future).*

**SMA Foundation, Inc.** (payable to: SMA Foundation, Inc.)

- **SMA Foundation Contribution:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Tax deductible donations are used to fund the Kablegram, SMA-VWIL Museum, reunions, related expenses.*
- **SMA-VWIL Initiative Fund** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Tax deductible donations are given to VWIL for discretionary utilization.*
- **SMA Leadership Scholarship Fund** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Tax deductible donations are used to fund the annual SMA Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship.*
- **SMA Special Donation:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Tax deductible donations are used as specified by the donor, such as the Howie Rifles, VWIL Band, etc.*

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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