



Augusta Military Academy

Museum Newsletter

-March 2017 -

Steve Barber's new film selected for GI Film Festival

Steve Barber's new film, "The Vietnam Wall Guy," has been selected for the GI Film Festival for a Sunday May 28th Screening.

This film tells the story of Jan Scruggs, the man who conceived and created the Vietnam Memorial, which was erected 33 years ago. Barber tells us that he and Scruggs will be at the screening and will be available for a short question-and-answer period following the screening, along with director Matthew Hausle and producer Tamara Henry.



**History Under
Construction:**

\$31,690
raised to date

The goal:

\$75,000

**Matching
Challenge!!!**

Weapons raffle tickets

available for online

This year you have two opportunities to own a very special weapon.

First is an antique Springfield Armory 03, Serial # 838736, manufacture date 1918 which was once actually carried by an AMA Cadet. This is an antique rifle. Do not fire this rifle until it is checked for safety by a competent gunsmith that has knowledge of vintage 03's.



The second weapon is an Auto Ordnance M1911A1 replica of the famous government issue .45 ACP.



To purchase a ticket, go to amaalumni.org. Tickets are available for \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100.

Online registration available for Reunion 2017

For those who are interested, online registration is available at our website, amaalumni.org. To register online, go to the "Reunion 2017" tab.

Those registering online will be directed to the PayPal for payment after completing the registration form.

Reunion rooms available

As we are within \$7,000 of meeting half of our goal, BJ D'Orsay '70 and an anonymous donor are challenging fellow alumni to match any first-time donations made in the History Under Construction campaign now through Reunion 2017!

D'Orsay regularly issues a challenge to match first-time donor's contributions each December. This year, one anonymous donor agreed to meet the match on a dollar-for-dollar basis. In this campaign, we have raised \$2,410 on donation matches alone.

Any donor may answer this challenge with any amount from a dollar-to-dollar match or anything more or anything less.

To accept the challenge, email Crysta in the office at Museum@AMAalumni.org.

Support the Museum

[Make A Donation](#)

The 300 Club

41

donors

now at the Holiday Inn

Our host hotel, Holiday Inn Staunton, has rooms available for Reunion 2017. The rate is \$89.95 per night. To make a reservation with this special rate, ask for the "AMA Alumni" room block.

The Holiday Inn Staunton phone number is 540-248-6020.



AMA invited to FMS Parade

All AMA alumni are invited to participate in the Fishburne Military School's Alumni Dress Parade on Saturday morning during Reunion. The Parade is set to start at 11 a.m. at the FMS Drill Field on their campus in Waynesboro. The AMA Alumni Corps will be marching behind the AMA banner.

Parking is limited around FMS during alumni weekend, so participants are encouraged to carpool and arrive early. In addition, there will be a drill competition at FMS beginning at 10:15 a.m. for those interested in watching. To sign up or for more information on this event, contact Ed Rogerville '76 at erogerville@hotmail.com.

AMA invited to VWIL Parade

VWIL Commandant Brig. Gen. Terry Djuric (USAF, Ret.) called the museum last week to formally invite all AMA alumni to attend the VWIL Parade on Friday, April 21 at 3 p.m.

This is the week before Reunion 2017, nonetheless Commandant Djuric wanted to express that any local AMA alumni or any of those that might be in town are welcome at the event.

VWIL is the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership (VWIL) at Mary Baldwin University in Staunton. The program is housed on the former SMA campus.

Exhibit items needed for WWI display

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of World War I, we are preparing an exhibit. There are several items in our museum collection that will be pulled for the display.

enlisted

**The goal:
Enlist 300
donors to
pledge \$500
per year for the
next 5 years**



**AMA Museum
Hours of Operation**
Wednesday- Sunday
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Volunteer Calendar

The following weekends are open:

- April 2
- April 8 & 9
- April 15 & 16
- April 22 & 23

Thank you
to the folks who
have volunteered in
February:

- Victor Gomez '69, who volunteered two full weekends! Thank you, Victor!
- Charlie Pascale '69
- Steve Trent '70



Upcoming Events

However, if there are any alumni out there than have items that might add to the exhibit, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the office at augustamilitaryacademy@verizon.net.

April 27, 28 and 29,
2017
REUNION

Banner photo

Photograph Collection

Accession #2014.13306.172

Little is known about this photo which was found in the collection with no donor information and no identifications. However, we do know that AMA hosted boxing tournaments in the 1930s for schools up and down the East Coast. The tournaments were well-attended and quite competitive as we do have several of the tournament programs in our collection as well as boxing gloves and trophies awarded at the tournamets.

**Update your address books with
the AMA office email address:**

Museum@AMAalumni.org



AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY MUSEUM
- Fort Defiance, Virginia -

MISSION STATEMENT "To preserve the traditions of the Augusta Military Academy and to honor the memory of the life and times of its alumni, faculty, staff, and supporting families through permanent and temporary exhibits and diligent conservation the museum's collections of artifacts, archives and photographs."

The AMA MUSEUM is operated by the AMA Alumni Foundation, which is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. The museum is manned by former cadets and faculty members, who volunteer their time and talent. Funding for the museum is totally dependent on tax-exempt financial gifts and donations made by the alumni, former faculty, and friends of Augusta Military Academy, as well as the community and visitors to the museum.

1,120 visitors in 2016

61 visitors in 2017 to date

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