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MUSEUM OF AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's ANNOUNCEMENT

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Warm greetings from Puerto Rico everyone!

I am very pleased to report that the AMA Foundation Executive Committee has selected Ms. Amy Hensley as our new Museum Director! Ms. Hensley will start working at the Museum on January 25, 2021.

Less than six weeks after Rich vanBreemen announced to me his desire to return to his Museum Curator position, we have completed a very thorough and professional search for our new Museum leader.

Within a week of us announcing the position on social media outlets in early December, 52 resumes were received. The 52 resumes were reviewed and after several review meetings, the top four candidates were selected to be interviewed by 3 members of the Search Committee which were Tom Del Valle, John Arthur and myself.

We interviewed the four candidates over a two-day period. Each of the interviews were performed via Zoom Videoconferencing immediately after the candidate had spent two hours at the museum meeting the current staff and been given a tour of the house.

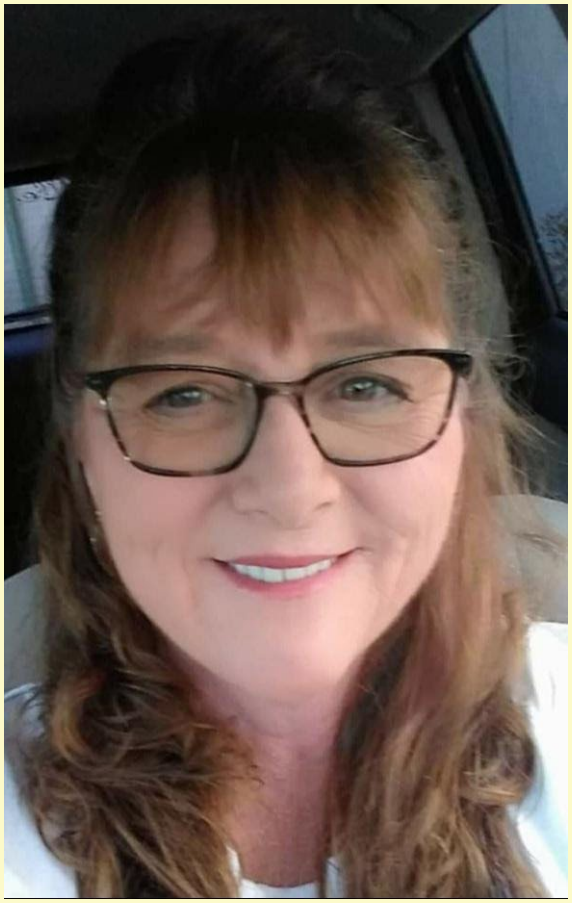
I am very pleased that all of the four candidates interviewed were well qualified for the job, so we were able to choose what we considered to be the best candidate amongst a strong field!
I wish to reiterate my sincere appreciation to Rich for his invaluable and sometimes heroic job that he has performed as the "Interim Museum Director" since June of 2020. Rich, YOU ARE THE MAN!! The AMA alumni owe you a terrific amount of gratitude for holding the line over this period of time. THANK YOU!!

The Foundation Board of Directors and I look forward to work closely with Amy along with the entire Museum Staff to continue our stated goal, to **SECURE THE AMA LEGACY**!

Team effort!

Douglas W. Pennock
Chairman
AMA Alumni Foundation, Inc.

Amy Hensley
AMA Museum Director



Please welcome Amy Hensley

Hello to all of the Augusta Military Academy Alumni and Family and friends,

My name is Amy Hensley and I have been selected to be the new Museum Administrator. I am delighted to become a part of the team here at the Augusta Military Academy Museum and I look forward to doing my part in preserving the great history of the Augusta Military Academy.

I am a native Virginian, originally from the Tidewater area and moved to the Shenandoah Valley in 2001. Virginia history has always been a great passion of mine and I consider it a great honor to provide assistance to the Alumni and to be a participant in sharing the part that Augusta Military Academy has played in the history of our great Commonwealth.

The Museum Newsletter is written and prepared by Doug Pennock and edited by Trudy Pennock

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.

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