Museum of Augusta Military Academy News

August - 2022

"Keep on trucking"
Class of 1972 motivation phrase

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Chairman's Notes

September 1, 2022

Dear fellow Alumni and Friends,

A few weeks ago, I wrote a letter that was mailed to over 1,800 AMA Alumni. The letter was sent in the hopes that we would get a positive response to our plea, which was to donate money to the AMA Museum.

I am delighted to report that many Alumni have responded with their generous donations, most have been one-time gifts, but many are recurring donations! The money we receive will not entirely cover the current year-to-date shortfall, but it will go a long way to help mitigate the losses! We are still receiving donations as I write this letter so I do not have a final tally, but as of August 31, 2022 the

annualized tally was $19,000! About $15,000 of which will directly impact the 2022 fiscal year! I will share the final tally with everyone in the October Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone that responded to my call to help!!

Reunion 2022 is just a few days away and I believe that those of you that attend this year will be very pleased with what Reunion Committee Co-Chairs, Herb Meyer and Lee Ramsey along with Alumni Association President Steve Trent have planned. This year's theme is honoring the men and women that have served in our country's military.

Herb, Lee and Steve's plan is that this reunion will be a low stress event, giving everyone time to enjoy the camaraderie, fellowship and some really good food.

I look forward to seeing everyone next week!

Team effort.

Douglas W. Pennock
Chairman
AMA Alumni Foundation, Inc.

Alumni Foundation Board Notes

AMAAF Board meeting/work week-end

The AMA Alumni Foundation Board will hold a meeting on Thursday September 8, 2022 at 0930 hrs at the Hotel 24 South. The meeting will be held in Executive Session. We expect to share the outcomes of the meeting at the General Members meeting that will be held in the Big Room on Saturday September 10 at 0930 HRS.

Bj. Needs Help!!

Our Bayonet Editor, Bj. d'Orsay will be unable to attend the reunion this year, he is requesting that everyone take many pictures of the reunion weekend and if you would like to editorialize your experience at reunion, Bj. would consider printing it in the Fall Bayonet!

THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 AMA REUNION SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITY

DIAMOND Level

Marc Aronson, Class of 1968
Tom Del Valle, Class of 1973

Doug Pennock, Class of 1972
Jeff Schroeder Class of 1967

PLATINUM Level

John Arthur, Class of 1975
Lee Ramsey, Class of 1973
Jorge Rovirosa, Class of 1970
Steve Trent, Class of 1970

GOLD Level

Gary Cripps, Class of 1971
Brian Hart, Class of 1966
Herb Maher, Class of 1972
William McVey, Class of 1960

SILVER Level

Garry Granger, Class of 1971
Jeff Wenzel, Class of 1970
Family of Virginia Summerville Hallock

NEW!!

AMA eBay Store approved by the Board!!

The Board of Directors unanimously approved the creation of the AMA eBay account. This exciting project has been spearheaded by Mike Basto '63 and John Arthur '75 and is expected to be a new source of revenue for the AMAAF.
We will announce the official launch date at the Reunion

REUNION 2022

September 9 - 11

Honoring classes of:
1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982

PLEASE REGISTER NOW!

Many of you have made hotel reservations at our Headquarter Hotel, in fact, we have about used up our room allotment.
There is a large gap between hotel reservations and actual Reunion 2022 registrations. This makes it very difficult for Amy and the Reunion Committee to set up all of the activities in terms of food and beverages.
We would appreciate your prompt cooperation with this matter.

Headquarter Hotel
Hotel 24 South (Stonewall Jackson)

Call 866-880-0024 or 540-885-4848 to make your reservations now and be sure to tell them that you are with the AMA group so that you get the Reunion group rate of $115.00 per night which includes covered parking.

In the event that Hotel 24 South is booked, Tru by Hilton is offering rooms to AMA for $119 per night. You must call the hotel directly at 540-213-4000 and be sure to tell them you are with the AMA Reunion

REUNION 2022

Schedule of Events

September 8 - 10 202

Thursday, 9/8/22

9:00 am – 4:00 pm	AMA Museum and Gift Shop/PX OPEN
5:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Room Open, Hotel 24 South

Friday, 9/9/22

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Soupy … Full Breakfast Hotel 24 South & Registration, Tickets; Tower of Power 50/50 Raffle
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Golf @ The Club at Ironwood Contact: Maher (757) 353 - 1977
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration at the AMA Museum and Gift Shop/PX OPEn
9:30 am	Depart for Sporting Clays
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Sporting Clays
9:30 am	Depart for Frontier Cultural Museum
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Tour / Frontier Cultural Museum
1:00 – 3:00 pm	Soupy … Hot Dogs and Burgers cookout at Hoover Hall & Registration, Tower of Power Tickets; 50/50 Raffle Tickets
3:00 – 4:00 pm	AMA Sport Activities & fellowship on Front Field
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Welcome and Hospitality Suite, Hotel 24 South.

7:00 – 9:00 pm	Banquet and Program (cash bar) Hotel 24 South Registration, Tower of Power Tickets; 50/50 Raffle Tickets
9:00 – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite open – Hotel 24 South

Saturday, 9/10/22

7:00 – 9:00 am	Soupy - AMA breakfast at Hoover Hall Full Breakfast
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	AMA Museum and Gift Shop/PX OPEN
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Registration open AMA Gymnasium Tower of Power Tickets; 50/50 Raffle Tickets
9:00 – 11:00 am	AMA Alumni & Foundation General Membership Meeting at the Big Room
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Founder's Day Ceremony, Old Stone Church Cemetery.
12:30 – 2:30 pm	AMA Luncheon and program, Memorial Gymnasium (Roller Society, Sports Hall of Fame, Tribute to the AMA Museum, (Special Presentations)
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Welcome and Hospitality, American Hotel Banquet Hall
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Texas Style BBQ – American Hotel Banquet Hall AMA Legacy, Scholarship AMA Medal, Drawings Tower of Power, 50/50,
9:00 – 11:00 pm	Hospitality Suite open – Hotel 24 South

BONUS

REUNION GUN RAFFLE

Ticket cost - $10 each or 5 for $40

This beautiful KAHR pistol was donated by Don Studer for raffle at the 2022 Reunion. The raffle will begin on September 1

Buy your raffle tickets HERE

Maker: KAHR Arms
Model: CW9093
Caliber: 9 x 19 mm
Barrel: 3.5"
Sites: Standard Front post w/white dot / Rear U notch w/white dot (not night sites)
Mag: 7 Round (qty 2)
Material: Stainless steel slide / polymer frame
Accessory: Hard plastic carry case, gun lock, manuals and fired 9x19 shell
CA Comp: YES (expires 1/1/2023)

The winning raffle number will be drawn at the Saturday evening Reunion event. You do not need to be present to win!

You must be 21 years or older to participate in this raffle.
This raffle is void where prohibited by law.

)))ATTENTION IN THE BARRACKS(((

Augusta Military Academy
Legacy Preservation Corps

-NOTICE-

Meeting of all interested persons:

When: Saturday September 10, 2022

Where: Executive Dining Hall (behind Hoover Hall)

Purpose: To formally begin organization of the Corps

Purpose of the Corps:

To create an organization of descendants and/or friends of Augusta Military Academy Alumni, Faculty and Staff, who are passionate about the Academy and dedicated to the preserving AMA's legacy and to:

- Learn and share the history of our Academy
- Be trained to be effective docents at the museum
- Keep the memories and stories of AMA alive
- Manage the AMA Alumni Foundation into perpetuity

Expectations of members:

- Meet regularly
- Develop a structure and management / leadership
- Seek participants
- Assist with financial stability
- Protect and preserve AMA's history, artifacts and legacy

How to get involved:

- Contact Jim Belcher at jimbelcherjr@gmail.com
- Contact Amy Hensley - museum@amaalumni.org

or 540.248.300

MUSEUM

DOCENT DUTY

THANK YOU!

FEED THE BARRACKS!!

Please remember that a monthly pledge from everyone that reads this newsletter means that the future of the Museum will be assured.

SET UP YOUR MONTHLY DONATION HERE

To those who volunteered in August

Victor Gomez '69

Visitors in August

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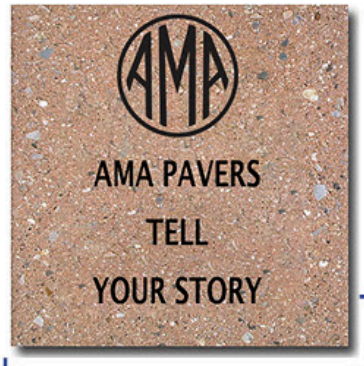
Museum Volunteer's

We really need Volunteer Docents! Please sign up by calling Chris at the museum.



Paver Order Form

Options:

4" x 8" ~ 3 lines of 20 characters each - $50
8" x 8" ~ 6 lines of 20 characters each - $100
8" x 8" ~ 3-6 lines of 20 characters plus graphic - $225
*number of lines depends on size of graphic

Left: example of 8 x 8 with graphic and three lines of text.

Fill in the blanks below. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!** Only one paver per order form. Print additional copies for additional pavers. When you buy a paver, you SUPPORT AMA'S ALUMNI FOUNDATION.

Your Name : _____ Class, if any: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

WHAT SIZE PAVER DO YOU WANT? ____ 4" x 8" - $50

____ 8" x 8" - $100

____ 8" x 8" with _____ graphic - $225
graphic at ____ top or ____ bottom

* contact museum for custom size and placement of graphic, additional charges may apply

Punctuation marks and spaces count as characters!

Please PRINT below what you want on your engraved brick:

Line 1: _

Line 2: _

Line 3: _

Line 4: _

Line 5: _

Line 6: _

Mail form to: AMA Museum, PO BOX 100, FORT DEFIANCE, VA 24437
Include check or money order made payable to AMA Alumni Foundation
OR call the museum at (540) 248-3007 with your credit card information
OR email form to museum@AMAalumni.org, then call with payment information
OR call the museum to place your paver order over the phone.

BAND AMA ROLLER RIDERS ROLLER RIFLES

Revised May 2020

Purchasing a Paver Brick allows you to recognize anyone that had a positive impact on you while attending AMA

All Paver Bricks are placed in a permanent location along the sidewalk running East of the Museum

Visit the Brick virtual map HERE

Please order yours TODAY!
Brick Order Form

You may order these and many more items at the PX online

HERE

Or, you can call the museum (540-428-3007).
The best way to pick up an AMA memento is in person at the AMA Museum!

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AMA Blanket at the PX

We all remember our AMA blanket. It kept us warm and it was a little bit scratchy. This new version is even warmer and softer than a newborn baby's gluteus maximus!

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Painless Giving

Imagine if you could send the AMA Foundation a little bit of money every time you bought something on Amazon. YOU CAN if you sign up to Amazon Smile. You are going to buy stuff anyway, why not allow

Amazon to help the Museum?

Doug Pennock's Viewpoint

September 1, 2022

Dear Readers,

Early September of 2022 brings me a feeling of déja-vu. At that same date in 1966, I was 12 years old and was about to enter the most important period of my life.

My father had bought two first class tickets on a Pan American Airways Boeing 707 that would take us to a place that I was unprepared for. (It never dawned on me that those first-class tickets were my father's way of saying "Get ready for a special adventure Doug.")

Four hours after departing San Juan Puerto Rico, we landed at Dulles airport in Washington DC, Dad rented a car and we drove to Winchester Va. where we spent the night. The following morning, we had breakfast

and proceeded to drive south down Route 11 to Ft. Defiance.

I won't go into the way the rest of that day went after we arrived at AMA, because I know that every "New Cadet" had their own story that probably lines up perfectly with mine.

56 years later, around noon on September 7, 2022, my wife Trudy and I will be back in Fort Defiance.

I have come full circle and will be celebrating 50 years since I last formed up on the Blacktop in June of 1972.

I know that when I arrive to that special place that had such an incredible influence in my life, my 69-year-old memory banks will light up and will attempt to play back what life was like for me those six unforgettable years at AMA.

I will also look back and recollect the scores of fellow cadets, classmates and teammates, many of whom became closer to me than my own blood brothers.

Sadly, way too many of my old comrades are no longer on this earth and many more are unable to make it to our yearly gathering, yet I will never forget them.

Rest assured that I will most certainly celebrate and relish every minute of the time that I will spend with all of my AMA brothers at Reunion 2022!

I look forward to seeing you there…

Doug out

Editor's Note:
The following expressions are mine alone. I look forward to your feedback. You may contact me directly at:
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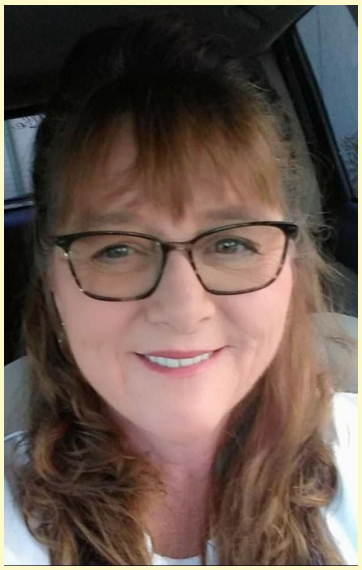

From the Administrators Desk

September 1, 2022

HAPPY SEPTEMBER!

We are just a few days away from the reunion. Chris, Rich, Autumn and myself have been busy getting things ready. I would like to thank Victor Gomez for coming in Friday, Aug 26 and helping with preparations. We

look forward to seeing everyone and we hope that each of you that attend enjoy your time visiting with old friends.

After the reunion we have several events that will be happening in October. October 1, we are having a food drive at the museum. We have a local musician that will come and play for a couple of hours. The food collected will be donated to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank located in Verona. We are hoping for a large community turn out as we do our part to help those in need. On October 12, the USAF Heritage Band, Wind Section will be performing in the gym. This event is also open to the public. This is the first time the USAF Band has performed on campus. This is going to be a really special event. Our Fall Festival is scheduled for November 5. We have 3 food trucks lined up and will offer spaces to local vendors. We are working on having Dixie Pony Rides come for the children come and ride the ponies. There will be games and the bouncy house and treats for the kids. If you would like to sponsor any of our events, please contact the museum at 540-248-3007 or by email at museum@amaalumni.org. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these events that would be wonderful. We appreciate your support and thank you!

Christmas is getting close and we will be setting up the Christmas tree in the museum on December 1, 2022. This year we are asking all the alumni, their family and our AMA friends to send in a handmade ornament for the tree. The tree will be decorated with the ornaments and we will include it in the tour to our guests. We ask that you please place a sticker or small hang tag on the ornament with your name and class year if you attended AMA or if the ornament is in memory of a cadet. We would like to have all the ornaments received by November 15, 2022. The mailing address is PO Box 100 Fort Defiance VA 24437 and if you are sending FedEx or UPS, please send it to 1640 Lee Hwy Fort Defiance VA 24437. We look forward to a large participation for this project and can't wait to see the all the handmade ornaments.

For all you that are not able to attend reunion, we will miss you. For all those who will be traveling, Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes to you all!
Amy Hensley

Administrative Director
Sincerely,
The Museum of Augusta Military Academy

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vanBreemen's Expressions

September 1, 2022

INCLUSION

By: Rich vanBreemen

There is a story I once heard that goes like this: If you travel anywhere else in the world, and ask people what a YANKEE is, they will tell you it is someone from the USA. If you are in the USA and ask what a YANKEE is, they will say someone from “up North”. If

you are “up North” and ask what is a YANKEE, they will say someone from New England. If you are in New England and ask the same thing they will tell you it is someone from Vermont. If you are in Vermont and ask, what is a YANKEE, they will say it is someone who has apple pie with cheddar cheese for breakfast every day.

What in the heck does that crazy story have to do with INCLUSION? I use it to illustrate how things we believe are similar can be viewed very differently based on a person’s perspective. This notion is one that is driven home each time I interact with people from a certain organization or group and make the (incorrect) assumption that they are all basically the same. Take military veterans for example. If you were never in the service, you may view all veterans as being the same – people who once donned a uniform and marched off into glory. However, if you are a veteran, not only do you know that idea to be false, you know that depending on which branch you were in, you also have a different perspective, and so on and so on with job, rank, length of service duty station, etcetera.

The same concept holds true for military school alumni. This was apparent during a recent visit to the Greenbrier Military School Museum in Lewisburg, WV, that Chris and I took a week ago. A detailed accounting of that trip is planned for the next Bayonet, but suffice it to say that we both learned a lot about how a different military school not only conducted business then, but how they do things now. I guess it is only natural, or maybe human nature to lump people together to simplify our impressions of people or how to interact with them. It may be a popular approach, but it is flawed.

These thoughts crowd my mind this time of year as the staff gets buried in the duties surrounding the annual AMA reunion. The reunion committee has no small task placed in their lap when it comes to organizing this event and trying to include everyone’s wishes, desires and expectations. Given the wide variety of experiences each alum has of AMA, there is no way you can placate everyone. Maybe they should just give out participation trophies and call it good? Being made to feel included is key to any successful venture; no one wants to be left out of the festivities, either by design or accident.

However, the responsibility for inclusion does not just lie with the organizers, the participants have to do their part as well. Using

the veteran example – not everyone was in combat or saved the world. However, everyone did their part, large or small, and it all contributed to moving the ball down the field. Whether you were the star of the school or just a guy who was sent here against your will for a period of time, you have a vested interest in both being included and participating in this school's legacy. For better or worse, your time here helped shape you into who you are today and doesn't that deserve to be included in your life's story?

Rich vanBreemen
Museum Curator

NEW

The 2022 SPRING BAYONET

READ HERE

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

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HARRISONBURG RADIO GROUP

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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