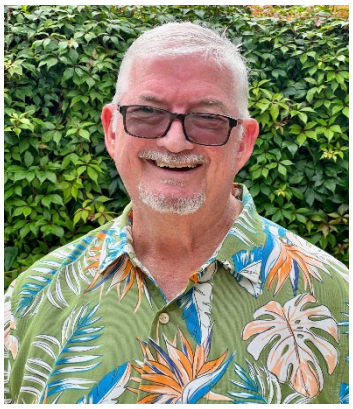
Museum of Augusta Military Academy News

SPECIAL REUNION Edition

AMA Alumni and their wives relaxing after day one of Reunion 2024



Chairman’s Message:

Hotel 24 South to raise room rates to $250!

July 20, 2025

Dear friends,

Reunion 2025 is just over seven weeks away, and I have been reminded by Herb Maher, Co-Chairman of the Reunion Committee, that registration and hotel reservation numbers are running significantly behind last year's pace. Needless to say, reunion sponsorship is also behind the numbers from previous years.

That being said, Herb added that the folks at Hotel 24 South informed him just last week that we have until midnight on August 3, 2025, to fill our guaranteed hotel night quota at the rate of $125 per night, plus taxes. On August 4, 2025, the Hotel will begin charging a whopping $250 per night! You heard that right, your room rate will double if you wait another two weeks to book!

I strongly urge everyone who wants to attend this year's reunion to make their hotel reservations this week. In years past, the habitual AMA Alumni procrastination in reunion registration has carried little or no financial penalties. Unfortunately, that will not be the case this year!

We look forward to welcoming everyone to Staunton the weekend of September 4-6, 2025.

See y'all then!

Cordially,

Doug Pennock '72
Chairman

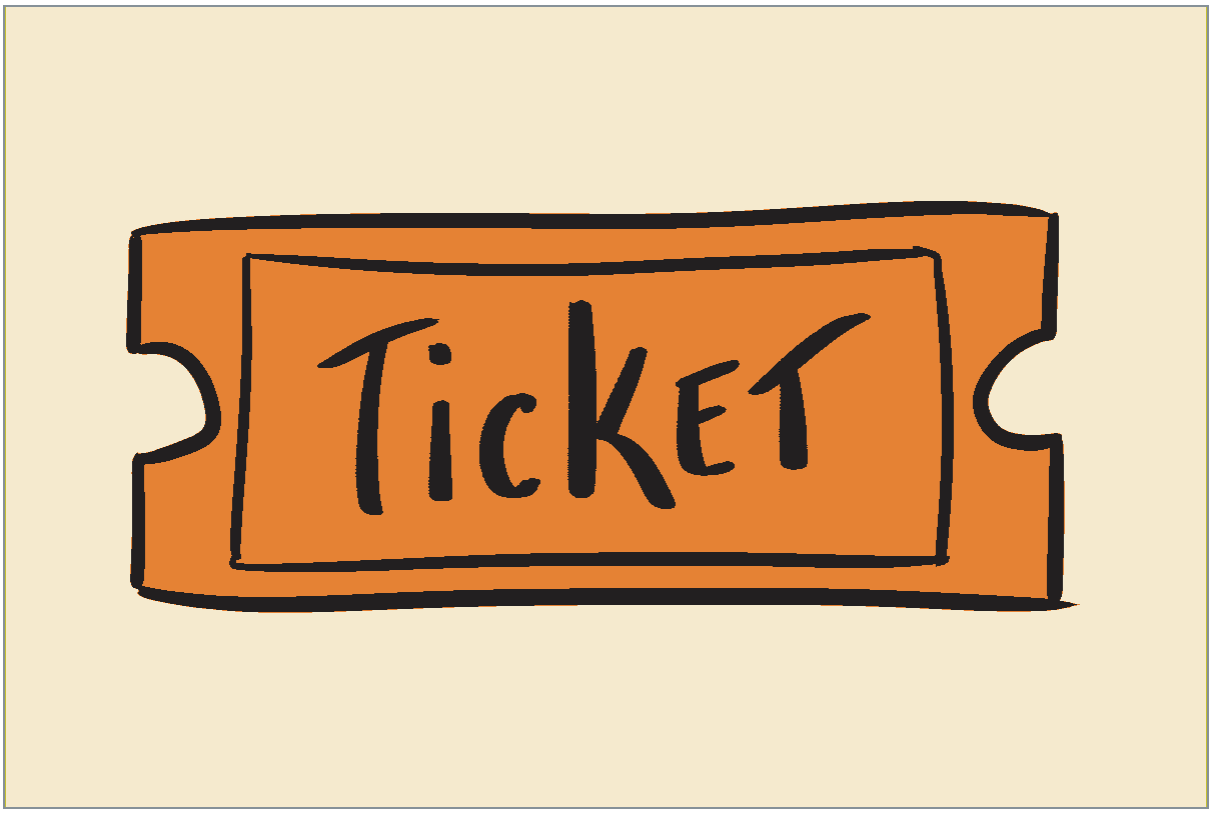
AMA Alumni Reunion
September 4-6 2025

Honoring the classes of
'45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, and '80

Headquarters Hotel
Hotel 24 South (Stonewall Jackson)

Call 540-885-4848 to make your reservations now, and be sure to tell them that you are with the AMA group so you can get the Reunion group rate of $125.00 per night, which includes covered parking.

Please use our new and easy Reunion 2025 registration
HERE


Ticket

Springfield Armory M1A Rifle

RIFLE RAFFLE 2025

This year, we will be offering a unique and historically significant weapon for raffle. This beautiful and brand-new out-of-the-box weapon is a semi-automatic rifle that Springfield Armory, Inc. made. The rifle is chambered to fire a .308 cartridge and is based on the M14 platform for the civilian and law enforcement markets in the United States.

The cost is $25 per chance, or five chances for $100. If you check the box on the purchase form, you can authorize an additional 5% to help us cover the cost of the payment processing fee. There is no limit on the number of chances you may purchase.

Please buy tickets through our new and easy Stripe credit card account HERE.

If you'd prefer to pay via phone, please get in touch with Jeff Wenzel at:

Mobile 352-445-4967 or email jgraveswenzel@gmail.com

You must be 21 years or older to participate in this raffle.
This raffle is void where prohibited by law and in the following States:
Delaware, Maryland, New York and Washington and Washington DC.

Reunion 2025 Sponsorships

Your AMA Reunion Committee has been working diligently since the day after the 2024 Reunion, organizing a new format and events for Reunion 2025. We are trying to continue to significantly improve the overall quality of the reunion experience each year. In order to make it affordable for as many alumni as possible, we are opening certain events to sponsorship opportunities to help offset some of the costs. Excess sponsorship donations will be rolled over to the AMA Foundation as a donation. Click HERE to sponsor an event.
All Sponsors will be recognized at all events and venues. Here are the events/needs and the sponsorship amounts we are seeking:

Reunion 2025 Sponsorship Opportunities

Event/Activity	Sponsorship Amount	Partial Sponsorship
Registration	$1,500.00	5 @ $300
Hospitality Suite	$1,500.00	5 @ $300
Band Company Breakfast	$1,000.00	5 @ $200
Friday Banquet	$6,400.00	6 @ $1,000
Saturday Breakfast	$2,300.00	5 @ $500
Saturday Lunch	$4,200.00	7 @ $600
Saturday Dinner	$6,400.00	6 @ $1,100
Flowers	$500.00	2 @ $250
Reunion General Fund	Any Amount	

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Acknowledgement of sponsors:

1. Signage at the event
2. Names mentioned with thanks during the event

To all Alumni and Readers

Today, we are 50% behind on registration and 33% behind on reunion sponsorship compared to this time last year. If you're thinking about joining your fellow alumni for Reunion 2025, please register now. Consider sponsoring all or a portion of a reunion event; sponsorship revenue plays a crucial role in helping to cover the Museum's operating costs.

THANK YOU!

Reunion 2025 Sponsors

Category	Cost	Sponsors	Pledge	Status	Paid	Date
Registration	$ 1,500	Doug Pennock '72	$ 1,500	Pledge	$ 500.00	2/14/25
Hospitality	$ 1,500	Steve Trent	$ 1,500	Pledge		5/3/25
Reunion General Fund	$ 2,000	Jeff Wenzel '70	$ 1,000	Paid	$ 1,000.00	2/13/25
		John Chichester '55	$ 160		$ 160.00	5/31/25
		Brian Miller	$ 200		$ 200.00	6/24/25
		Brett Thompson '75	$ 170	Paid	$ 170.00	6/24/25
		Larry Reed '69	$ 420	Paid	$ 420.00	2/21/25
		Anonymous	$ 500	Pledge	$ 500.00	2/13/25
		Anonymous	$ 1,000	Paid	$ 1,000.00	6/30/25
Band Breakfast	$ 1,000	Anonymous	$ 500	Pledge	$ 500.00	2/13/25
		Anonymous	$ 500	Pledge	$ 500.00	2/13/25
Friday Dinner	$ 6,400	Class of 1967	$ 3,000	Paid	$ 3,000.00	5/28/25
		Carl Riedell '63	$ 1,000	Pledge		6/6/25
		Anonymous	$ 1,404	Pledge		6/26/25
Saturday Breakfast	$ 2,300	Jeff Wenzel	$ 500	Paid	$ 500.00	5/14/25
Saturday Lunch	$ 4,200		$ -			
Saturday Dinner	$ 6,400	Marc Aronson '68	$ 3,200	Paid	$ 3,200.00	1/29/25
		Bill McVey '60	$ 600	Paid	$ 600.00	3/10/25
Flowers	$ 500	Elizabeth Andrews	$ 500	Paid	$ 500.00	4/21/25
TOTAL	**$ 25,800**		**$ 17,654**		**$ 12,750.00**	

The Museum Newsletter is written and prepared by Doug Pennock.
Trudy Pennock and Marc Aronson '68 edit it.

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 a paid staff. Former cadets volunteer their time and talent most every month. 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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