Museum of Augusta Military Academy News

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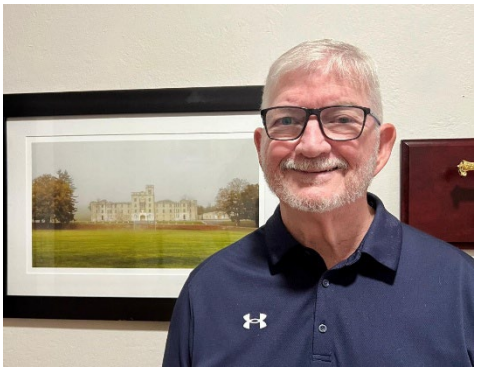
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

THE AMA MEMORIAL



Chairman's Message

Douglas W. Pennock '72

November 1, 2026

Dear brother Alumni and Friends,

I have published the AMA Museum Newsletter since April 2017, and in those nine-plus years, I have never once failed to meet my self-imposed deadline of delivering it to your inbox by the last day of each month.

Well, as they say, all good things must eventually come to an end, and unfortunately, my perfect record is about to suffer its first blemish!

Trudy and I have been on an extended 3 1/2 week European vacation celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. We returned to Puerto Rico today, October 30, and while the trip was absolutely wonderful, I must confess that these two seasoned travelers are running on fumes.

Rather than rush a half-baked newsletter just to preserve my publishing record, I have decided to postpone the October edition until next week. This will give me an opportunity to catch my breath, gather my thoughts, and produce a newsletter worthy of the time you spend reading it.

After all, my entire editorial and production staff (consisting of yours truly) has unanimously voted to grant itself a few days of much-needed rest. The motion passed without opposition!

Looking Ahead to 2027

I am also seriously considering a significant change to the newsletter's publication schedule beginning in 2027.

After nearly a decade of monthly editions, I am leaning toward transitioning to a once-every-two-months publication schedule, supplemented by special editions whenever important news or developments warrant them.

My intention is certainly not to reduce the quality or importance of our communications. Quite the opposite. I believe this change would allow me to devote more time to developing meaningful content while keeping our alumni family informed about the Museum, the Memorial, and the AMA Alumni Foundation's ongoing work.

Before making a final decision, however, I would genuinely appreciate hearing your thoughts. Would you prefer that I continue with the monthly schedule, or would a newsletter every other month, supplemented by special editions, work better for you?

Simply reply to this email with your thoughts. I promise to read every response and reply as soon as I can.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of our efforts to preserve the history, traditions, and legacy of Augusta Military Academy.

All my best,

Doug Pennock
Chairman, AMA Alumni Foundation
Editor, AMA Museum Newsletter
And, perhaps most importantly, Trudy's husband of 50 years!

Watch the latest AMA Promotional video

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NEW MUSEUM OPERATING HOURS

At its regular Summer Meeting on June 20, 2026, the AMA Alumni Foundation Board of Directors approved a revised operating schedule for the AMA Museum.
Effective August 1, 2026, the museum will operate on the following schedule:

- **Monday: Closed**
- **Tuesday and Wednesday: Closed to the general public; visits available by prior appointment**
- **Thursday through Saturday: Open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Appointments for Tuesday or Wednesday visits may be arranged by calling the museum at 540-248-3007 or emailing museum@amaalumni.org.

A monthly pledge from everyone who reads this newsletter supports the Museum's operating costs.

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MUSEUM

DOCENT DUTY

THANK YOU!

Visitors in August

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Museum Volunteers

Jim Alexander
of Fort Defiance

***B*e a Volunteer Docent for a weekend. You may be surprised how much fun you will have!**

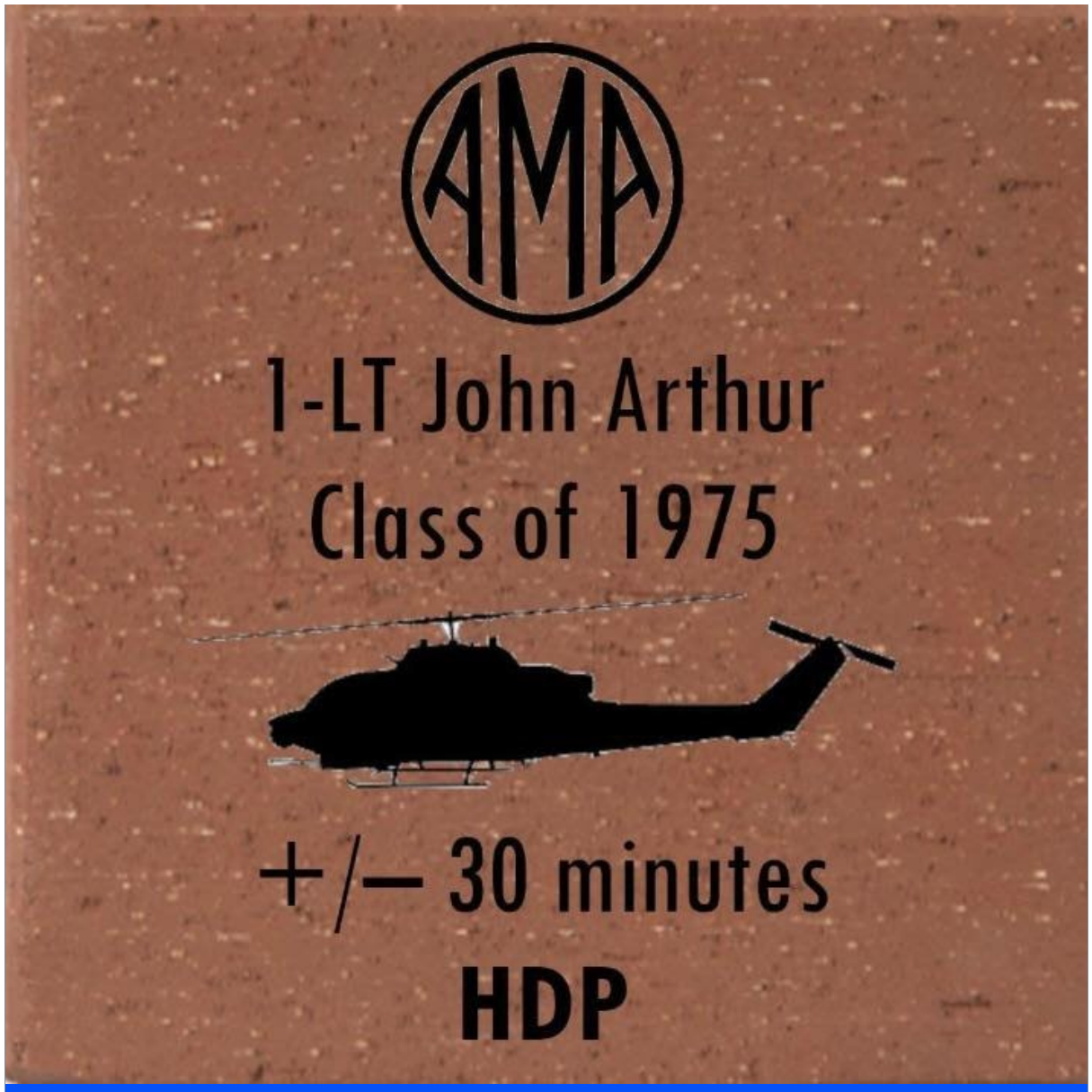
To order items from the PX, call the Museum at:
540-248-2007

PAVER BRICK

Celebrate a life, a legacy, or a special memory by purchasing a personalized Paver Brick at the AMA Museum.

Every brick is proudly placed along the sidewalk running east of the Museum. When the time comes, all paver bricks will be relocated and permanently displayed at the AMA Memorial — ensuring your tribute endures for generations.

Visit the Brick virtual map HERE
Brick Order Form



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

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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