

Augusta Military Academy

Oral History

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Unforgettable Memories of AMA

You can't imagine the big smile that it gave me (and my wife too) when I was searching "Yahoo" for Augusta Military Academy, just for fun, and I found the web pages, Scrapbook and news about my beloved AMA. I was saddened to learn that the school had closed in 1984.



Memories immediately came flooding back from 1975, when I entered AMA as a 12-year-old kid coming from Caracas, Venezuela, just for one year. The experience of being without my family for the first time, in another country and not speaking any English (which I soon learned thanks to everyone's help) ... was and is unforgettable!

I soon began to dream ... I had a dream ... which was to stay at AMA, become a U.S. citizen and to later join the U.S. Air Force and become an officer. Unfortunately, a 12-year-old can't make his own decisions, but has to conform to what his parents decide.

I would really like to get a list of the students in the 1975-76 class, because my memory for names is terrible, although I can remember the faces and things that happened clearly. It would be wonderful to get in touch with old friends from those days -- from the 7th grade through the 12th. I was, by the way, voted Best Cadet of the Year during my year there.

One of those who I do remember well was a fellow cadet, family of **López Portillo**, the ex-President of Mexico. I would love to be able to get in touch with him and others from those years.