

Augusta Military Academy

Oral History

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AMA AFFECTED MY LIFE

Where to start? During my five years at AMA, there are so many experiences that I will never forget – teachers, friends, trips, cemetery, girls, rifle team, Roller Rifles, etc.

Today, I still remember the math that **Colonel Hoover** taught me. I also remember in my last year when he lived on the second or third floor near the stairs. He had a dog named Trigger, who was a collie. The dog was so old that some cold nights Colonel Hoover came to my room and asked me to go look for Trigger in the snow. One night we found him almost frozen.

As Trigger got older, he could not go up the stairs, so we had to carry him almost everyday. I heard that Trigger died the year after I left. He was, I think, 16 or 17 years old. I am sure that everyone from 1979 and the previous years will remember him.

I remember well the nights in the cemetery, drinking beer and eating real food, not what they gave us that night for dinner.

I recall vividly our marching in very cold weather early in the morning or late at night with the Roller Rifles until everything was perfect. That was a big sacrifice, because almost everyone else was asleep or in their warm rooms.

An unforgettable memory was the night we brought a cow into the barracks and tied her to this friend's bed ... I never thought that someone could run that fast and scream so loud. I think that was the summer of '77 or '78. It was fantastic!

The rifle team was probably the place where I spent most of my free time, with **SSgt. Studer** teaching and shooting. I will say that he was the one that I thank the most for what he taught me and how he influenced me to be a better person.

AMA affected my life, in good and bad ways, but at the end it brought out the best in me.

Thanks AMA....

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