



Upon graduation from AMA in 1970, Steve attended Campbell University and obtained a B.S. in History in 1974, earning a U.S. Army commission as an Infantry Officer. He also earned a Master's of Science degree from Central Michigan University in 1989. Steve served in varied assignments in command and staff positions. His last tour of duty was as the Director of Operations for Training Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, VA, receiving the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster. Steve retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He is married to Susan Leigh, and they reside in Suffolk, Virginia. Steve has two children: Rebecca Trent of Austin, TX and Adam Trent of Seattle, WA.

Steve is the owner and President of Grimsley's House of Tools. Incorporated in 2000, Grimsley manufactures valve refacing equipment for high pressure steam valves, and represents companies selling equipment for ship/vessel preservation.

And he is very active in politics in the State of Virginia. Some positions include:

- Chairman Suffolk Republican Party May 2002 – November 2020, and again February 2023 thru today
- Member State Central Republican Party Virginia 2012 – 2020
- Member State Central 4th District 2012 -2016
- Member State Central 3rd District 2016-2020

He was also recognized as the Chairman of the Year for 4th District in 2009, and also as the Chairman of the Year for the Commonwealth in 2020!

Steve has been, and continues to be, very active in Augusta Military Academy Alumni activities, going back to 1984! His activities/support includes: Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association Board of Directors Vice President 1984-1988; Board Secretary 2005-2012; and then Board President 2013 – 2023.

Steve is seeking re-election to the Foundation Board and looks forward to continuing support of the efforts insure the future legacy of the organization, our museum and our brotherhood.