

# FAWMA FOCUS

## Friends of the Army Women's Museum Association Newsletter

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### From the Co-Presidents...

Hello Friends!

Fall is upon us, and we hope you've been able to do some "leaf-peeping," or at least see some fall foliage in the media for those in warmer climates.

When the leaves start to change, when the air becomes crisp, and as we approach the holidays, we are reminded of the season of giving. The Tuesday after Thanksgiving, which is 2 December this year, is Giving Tuesday. Our theme this year is "Recording History Through Technology, The Legacy of Army Women." Our goal is \$10,000, and our purpose is to support the AWM's digital collections and technology initiatives. It won't be long until we kick-off our Giving Tuesday campaign on our website and social media. You pushed us over our goal for the last 3 years, and hope you'll consider us in your charitable giving again this year.

We want to share some news we're extremely excited about. As we have mentioned, education and programs which showcase the achievements and contributions of Army women are the cornerstone of our mission. Micaela Procopio, our very first digital educator who left to pursue her PhD, is back on the "dream team," taking the helm from Valerie Markworth. Micaela is in her final year of school and will defend her dissertation in May. In addition to being proud of her and honored she has rejoined our team; we are amazed at how she has seamlessly jumped back into the job.

Other exciting news to share is the initial success of the Defense Community Enclave, which was opened in June. The Enclave allows visitors to access the AWM (as well as the Quartermaster and Ordnance Training Support Facility) without having to enter Fort Lee or go through security checks. The number of visitors to the Fort Lee Museums has significantly increased. As the word continues to get out about the Enclave, we are anticipating that we'll have even more visitors in future.

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## Co-President's Message continued...

Meanwhile, with your generous support and donations, FAWMA is upgrading the capabilities of our digital kiosk, adding a new Flipbook feature - an online interactive component accessible through the 6888<sup>th</sup> Kiosk at the museum. We're also adding more bells and whistles to the History IT suite, which facilitates the digitization of the AWM collections, accessible on the AWM and FAWMA websites.

In addition to a BIG THANKS to our wonderful friends and donors, we would like to recognize the FAWMA "Dream Team," the dedicated volunteers who are the engine of our small but mighty team. We are GRATEFUL!

"Teamwork makes the dream work!" We can't thank you enough for being part of our team!

Aimee and Cydnee  
FAWMA, Co-Presidents



Co-Presidents Cydnee Gentry and Aimee Kominiak



## Curator's Corner

Hello FAWMA -

As we begin to enjoy the beautiful fall colors here in central Virginia, it is hard to believe how quickly we flew through summer! With the opening of the Museum Enclave on June 14, we have seen a significant increase in visitors here to the Fort Lee Museums with over 20,000 people coming to the Army Women's Museum (AWM), the Quartermaster Museum (QMM), and the Ordnance Training Support Facility (ODTSF). In July, our installation was renamed in honor of Pvt. Fitz Lee, a Medal of Honor recipient from the Spanish-American War. We have also been busy with school programs, outreach events, and continued partnerships with our local community. A recent highlight was a visit from the Gold Star family of SPC Beverly Clark. SPC Clark was killed on February 25, 1991, during a Scud missile attack on her barracks in Riyadh. Her family wanted to visit the gym here at Fort Lee that is named in her honor as well as visit the AWM and QMM.

Thank you all again for your wonderful, generous, and continued support of Army Women's Museum. We have the best association in the world and are very grateful!

Happy Fall Y'all!  
Tracy

## Spotlight...

### Welcome Back, Micaela – Exciting Updates from the Education Team!

After a stint away, we are delighted to welcome Micaela Procopio back as FAWMA's Virtual Educator. She is excited to share news about one of our signature programs, America is Turning 250! Celebrate with us Spies and Disguise: Women During the American Revolution. With the nation's 250th birthday approaching, we look forward to bringing this program to even more schools and communities across the country.

In addition to virtual programs, Micaela will be supporting outreach events and presenting to a DAR chapter on November 13 about the women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. If you know of schools, libraries, or community groups interested in our programs, please send them our way. We are eager to continue connecting with the public through the remainder of 2025 and into 2026.

We are so proud of Micaela as she prepares to defend her dissertation in the spring 2026 and graduate in May. When she first joined FAWMA, she was only a year into her doctoral program, so it is especially rewarding to see her journey come full circle. WELCOME BACK!



## Please continue to support our efforts as a 4 Star Platinum charity!



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**We can now accept electronic donations!**

If you are interested in donating to the AWM click on our Donate Button [www.armywomensmuseum.org/donate/](http://www.armywomensmuseum.org/donate/) on our website.

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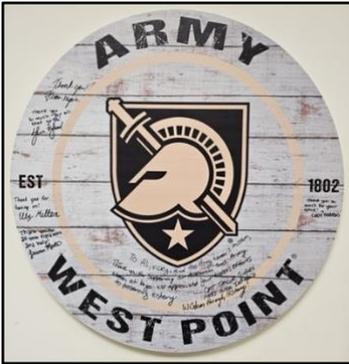
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## Brick Campaign



## Happening at the Museum...



### West Point Researchers Visit

On June 30th, the Education Specialist facilitated a visit from two professors and five cadets from the United States Military Academy at West Point. They visited the AWM to conduct research and learn about exhibit curation in anticipation of their *50 Years of Women at West Point* exhibit planned for 2026.



### Redesignation Ceremony

On July 11th, the museums supported the redesignation of Fort Gregg-Adams to Fort Lee, in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Private Fitz Lee, a native of neighboring Dinwiddie County. Pvt. Lee was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions rescuing wounded comrades in Cuba during the Spanish-American War. The event was attended by MG Michelle Donohue, CASCOM Commander; COL Rich Bendelewski, Garrison Commander; local officials; and leaders from the 9th and 10th Cavalry Associations. FAWMA Board Member Delinda Creal attended as a CAV Association representative and is pictured here with Curator Tracy Bradford.



### National POW/MIA Recognition Day

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the Curator hosted the Gold Star Family of SPC Beverly S. Clark. SPC Clark was killed on February 25, 1991, during a Scud missile attack on her barracks in Riyadh. She was a member of the 14<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster Company, a unit out of Pennsylvania that had just deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Storm, preparing to provide water purification support. The family wanted to visit the gym named in her honor here at Fort Lee as well as visit the AWM and QMM.

## AWM Programs - Summer 2025

Over the summer, while FAWMA was in between educators, Ali Kolleda stepped up to cover many of the K-12 and adult educational programs offered at the AWM. She presented live broadcast programs to students in Minnesota, Texas, California, Missouri, and New Jersey. One highlight was a virtual tour of the AWM for 20 members of the Freedmen's Museum Board in Houston and the Texas Chapter of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Associations.



## AWM attends Pamplin Park Event

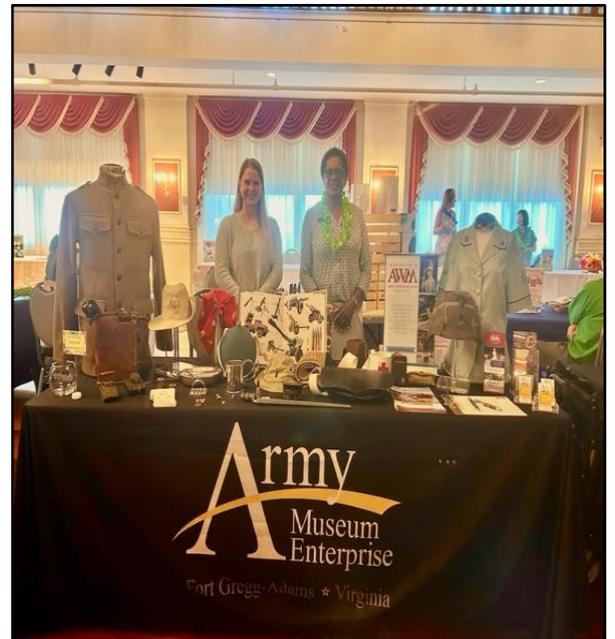
On August 23rd, Fort Lee Museums/AWM staff attended Pamplin Park's WWII 80th Anniversary Weekend, representing the museums with an outreach table featuring educational collection items and WWII artifacts curated by the Collections Specialist. The Education Specialist presented on Jewish Chaplains in World War II and their humanitarian efforts to aid displaced persons following liberation. Photographs in the presentation were pulled from the AWM and QMM archives, exemplifying the museum's ongoing partnerships with local historical organizations.



## Fort Lee Super Sign-Up

On August 26th, representatives from FAWMA and the Fort Lee Museums participated in the annual Fort Lee Spouses Club Super Sign-Up event, sharing information about museum programs, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities. The team helped raise awareness of ongoing initiatives that preserve and promote history while also welcoming community partners to support future outreach.

This event continues to be a great way to engage with military families, connect with new residents, and showcase the work being done by FAWMA and the Fort Lee Museums. Special thanks to FAWMA Board Member Delinda Creal for her continued dedication in supporting this annual outreach effort.





# GIVING TUESDAY

## SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, December 2, 2025



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ABOVE AND  
DONATE TODAY!

### **Support the Legacy of Army Women this Giving Tuesday!**

This Giving Tuesday, join the Friends of the U.S. Army Women's Museum Association in preserving the powerful stories of Army women who served with courage and distinction. Your donation directly supports the Museum's digital archive, educational outreach, and technology initiatives that bring history to life for future generations. Every gift large or small helps us honor their service and inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

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