



Lieutenant Colonel (R) Alisha Hamel

Director, United States Army Transportation Museum

Lieutenant Colonel (R) Alisha Hamel is at least a fourth generation Oregonian with decades of service in Oregon's military. She always loved history, and in 2003, the Oregon National Guard appointed her as the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Special Projects Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel (R) Alisha Hamel continued on that history path by working on Oregon's 150th Birthday and was then appointed Command Historian for the Oregon National Guard. She created a documentary about the 41st Infantry Division, was the lead for the team that created an Oregon National Guard yearbook, and helped to create a national level education program for National Guard Bureau teaching War of 1812, Civil War, World War I and World War II. She has been in schools throughout Oregon teaching Lewis and Clark, Oregon's Role in World War II, and the Civil War in Oregon.

Lieutenant Colonel (R) Alisha Hamel has written many articles and recently wrote the Army History Magazine cover story The Underground Cities of WWI in addition to her work creating a non-profit to teach history, to raise money for the Oregon Military Museum, and to create a veteran's database to showcase all veteran's stories.

Lieutenant Colonel (R) Alisha Hamel also served on the Oregon World War II Memorial Board and was instrumental in the research of all the Oregonians listed on the wall and the storyboards at the exhibit. In 2015-2016, she spent a year on active duty orders as the Chief of the Museum Support Center in Anniston, Alabama which cares for the Army's museum collections with over 150,000 artifacts from tanks to insignia. She then worked as the acting I Corps Historian and Archivist in 2017-2018 and started as the Transportation Museum director in June 2018.

Lieutenant Colonel (R) Alisha Hamel retired from the Army on July 1, 2017 as a Lieutenant Colonel. Her Master's degree is in Military History with a focus on WWII and her thesis was on Australian/American Relations during WWII.

Lieutenant Colonel (R) Alisha Hamel is the current Director for the United States Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis, Virginia.