

Getting to know Mrs. Bamburg

1. Where were you born and/or where did you grow up? I was born in Coushatta, Louisiana. My dad was in the Air Force, so we moved a lot ~ I grew up everywhere! I moved to Alaska when I was 18, so I call this home.

2. Where else have you lived? Which place is/was your favorite and why?

In addition to Alaska and Louisiana, I have lived in Illinois, South Carolina, Texas, Germany, and on Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal. (Read more about the island at <http://www.azores.com/azores/terceira.php>)



Azores



Alaska

Alaska is my favorite for many reasons: the mountains, the scenery, and the variety of cultures.

3. Which university/colleges did you graduate from and what did you study?

University of Alaska Anchorage
Associate of Arts
Paralegal Studies
Bachelor of Arts, English (Rhetoric Option)

Northwestern State University
Master of Arts, Adult Education
University of Alaska Southeast
Master of Arts, Elementary Education

4. How long have you been teaching? What grades/subjects have you taught?

I have been teaching one thing or another for as long as I can remember. I have taught computer and communication classes for the State of Alaska; English as a second language at the Anchorage Literacy Center; Business Writing for Cook Inlet Tribal Council; and I have tutored children and adults in reading, writing, and spelling for many years. Also, was an adjunct English professor at the Mat-Su College for two years, and spent the 2009-2010 school year as a 6th grade language arts / social studies teacher at Colony Middle School. I am so excited to teach 2nd and 3rd grade at Fronteras!

5. What is your favorite subject to teach? I have two favorites: language arts and social studies.

6. Where do you like to go on vacation? Where would you go and what would you do if you could take your dream vacation? I have a long list of places I would like to visit. The list includes the U.S. East Coast in the fall; Italy; Japan (outside of the big cities); and Africa.

7. What is your favorite color? **Green!**



8. What is your favorite plant, flower or tree? I think the Cherry tree is beautiful, and I love the Southern Oak trees.



My favorite flowers are wildflowers. I saw these during my trip to Afogank Island (2010)



What is your favorite animal? My favorite animals are dolphins. One even kissed me when we were in Mexico.

9. What are your favorite foods? Your favorite decadent treats? My favorite foods are pizza, spaghetti, bread, and potatoes (not all at once). Decadent treats? Pie! I just *love* pie.

10. What are your favorite indoor and outdoor hobbies/activities?

Indoor: reading, knitting, baking, making jams & jellies, quilting, & scrapbooking.

Outdoor: being with family, picking berries, 4-wheeling, taking pictures.

11. What is your preferred reading material? (non-fiction, fiction, magazines, newspaper, professional books, etc) It is easier to say what I do not read. I don't read popular magazines, newspapers, or romance novels. Otherwise, I will read just about anything.

12. Do you have a favorite author? A favorite book? Two (technically 4) of my all-time favorites is a trilogy by Ferrol Sams called "*Run with the Horsemen*", and *The Last Run* by Todd Lewan. I am currently waiting for the last book in the Stieg Larsson trilogy.

13. What is your favorite type of music? I like most types of music. My iPod has a little of everything: country, jazz, blues, rock, pop...

14. What special skills and talents do you have? I can write with both my left and right hand!

15. Are you married? Do you have any children? (# of boys and # of girls)? I've been married to John Mark for just over 20 years. We have one daughter, Maggie.



16. Do you have any pets? If so, what are they and what are their names? No pets! (I have really bad allergies.)

17. Tell us something that most people don't know about you. I have been honorably discharged from the United States Air Force. I joined the Air Force in 1990, the same time John Mark did, but they didn't have a job for me right away. So, when John Mark got his job, we moved to Alaska, and I started working. A few months after we got here (a whole year after I signed up), my Air Force recruiter called and said I had to report for basic training the following week. Yikes! I did some quick research and some persuasive writing, and within a month received an "Honorable Discharge" from the Air Force, and I never served a day. How? Recruits take an oath in front of the recruiter when they complete paperwork (which I did); however, the real oath that commits one to service isn't done until everyone is assembled in front of the plane that is heading to Basic Training (which I did not do). What does all of this mean? Nothing really, it is just something most people don't know.

And.....I have received archery championship titles in Alaska and Louisiana!