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## **USAMU Alumnus Honored**



Camp Powell - The Fort Benning sniper community honored one of their own during a memorialization dedication ceremony for retired U.S. Army Maj. Willis L. Powell to honor his life and legacy. The U. S. Army Sniper Compound was formally memorialized as 'Camp Powell' on April 2, 2022. During the ceremony, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Nathan B. Williams, commander, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, gave honors to the Powell family. "Dedications efforts like today highlight the many important stories of our unit history and our mission to keep those stories alive by reconnecting our Soldiers and our students to their great history," said Williams. "We dedicate our facilities to the determined efforts of those who of laid the foundations that have specialized in lethal capabilities that our Army has in its arsenal today."

Powell was born in Wellston, Okla., on Aug. 10, 1930. He served two tours in South Vietnam. He is known for developing and commanding the U.S. Army 9th Infantry Division Sniper School in South Vietnam and creating the sniper course at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning.

The sniper course he established allowed for Soldiers to undergo training to develop the specialized skills necessary to operate as modern snipers, capable of precision fire from long distances and remained actively involved in the course until his death in May of 2016.

Over the course of his 24-year career Powell earned the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and the Army Commendation Medal. He also earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge and the U.S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge. He is a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Running Target Hall of Fame and Past President of the MMA. He is remembered for his dedicated service to his nation, the marksmanship and sniper communities, and the community at Columbus, Ga.

Credit: Alexander Gago

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## **MMA President's Report**



The Military Marksmanship Association (MMA) Executive Board has passed several motions since the last *MMA Times* of interest to the members.

<u>First</u>: Those 70 and over can get a \$100 discount on a MMA Life Membership. They would pay \$400 for the \$500 MMA Life Membership. We want Life Members so we can maintain contact with our members versus losing contact when they don't renew or forget to renew their annual memberships. Support your association.

Second: Those elected to the USAMU Hall of Fame (not the Section Hall of Fame or Support Hall of Fame) will be awarded Life Member status so we can keep in contact with our most esteemed members. Those that were not already MMA Life Members or deceased included Burl Branham, Erich Buljung, Matt Dryke, John Foster, Todd Graves, W.O. Harden and John Writer. Congratulations! This issue also includes the USAMU Hall of Fame Ballot and a short description of their accomplishments to help current MMA members vote for three new inductees. Get those ballots back by August 31, 2022. There's no rule that you have to put it aside and procrastinate! Just do it. We hope to have an USAMU Reunion on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1, 2022. This is not set in stone and is subject to Fort Benning COVID-19 restrictions and the new USAMU

Commander. We will let everyone know as soon as we get a decision. There was a Change of

Command July 15, 2022 and we welcome the new Commander, LTC Casey D. Mills, and say farewell and thank you to the departing Commander, LTC Erik A. Andreasen, who will be staying at Fort Benning with 1st Security Force Assistance Brigade. We have some new Life Members and some new and renewing Annual Members. We need more. Please call and email your teammates and urge them to join. A membership application is included in this *MMA Times*. We are holding off on printing the 2022 MMA Membership Address list until the September *MMA Times* so we can gain more members and help all of us keep in contact a little better.

I am pleased to announce that we have an <u>expanded website</u> (<u>www.militarymarksmanship.org</u>) that has all kinds of information never easily available before including the biography and picture of every member of the various Hall of Fames, leadership lists and we will eventually have many more photos. If you have some good photos, scan them and email them to me at <u>raypcarter@comcast.net</u> Or mail them in to the MMA address and we will work on scanning them. I will be working on adding them to the website. Please don't forget to send us any change you have to your address, email or telephone. Please send in your ballot for the 2022 USAMU Hall of Fame by August 31, 2022.

Ray P. Carter

## Meet MMA Vice President Eric Uptagrafft



Eric enlisted in the US Army Reserve as a Medical Laboratory Specialist in April 1983. After a brief stint in the Texas Army National Guard and the All-Guard Shooting Team, he went on active-duty and joined the USAMU in July 1987, assigned to the Service Rifle Section. During his four years with Service Rifle he won the National Service Rifle Championship in 1990, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1989 and helped win the Interservice Ten-Man Team Match at Quantico, VA. He also earned the Presidents Hundred tab and the Distinguished Rifleman Badge and was on one National Record-setting team. Ending his enlistment in September 1991, he joined the US Army Reserve and went to school full-time at West Virginia University where he helped them win two NCAA Rifle Championships and was the NCAA Rifle Individual 3-Position Champion in 1993. He was also on the USAR team that won the 1992 National Trophy Rifle Team Match (Dogs of War).

He graduated *Summa Cum Laude* in 1995 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. Despite the challenge of balancing a civilian job and training in Colorado, he made the 1996 Olympic Team in Men's 50m Prone. In 1998 he returned to the USAMU, this time to International Rifle Section under the Army's World Class Athlete Program (WCAP).

After release from WCAP in 2000, now-SFC Uptagrafft turned in his Army stripes for a commission in the Navy Reserves. After joining the Navy, Lieutenant (LT) Uptagrafft won 15 medals in interna-

tional competition. Most notable, among them: an individual Silver Medal at the 2002 World Shooting Championships, World Cup gold medals in 2003 and 2004, the "Best Rifle Shooter" award at 2004 CISM, a gold medal at the 2005 World Cup Final, and was on a World Championship winning team. He was awarded the Distinguished International Shooter Badge in 2002 and tied one World Record. LT Uptagrafft deployed to Kuwait in 2007 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. After the brief 7-year stint in the Navy Reserve, LT Uptagrafft resigned his commission and reenlisted in the US Army with assignment to the USAMU. Notable accomplishments during this third tour at the USAMU was membership on another World Championship winning team, making the 2012 Olympic Team and winning another 6 medals in ISSF competition. Aside from

Championship winning team, making the 2012 Olympic Team and winning another 6 medals in ISSF competition. Aside from ISSF competition, SFC Uptagrafft won national championships in NRA Metric Prone, NRA Conventional Prone, NRA Mid-Range Prone, and was the individual champion at the 2017 NSRA Meeting at Bisley, England as well as being a member of the winning USA Lord Earl Roberts team there. All of his shooting accomplishments during this period were won using a rifle action he designed and built himself. From 2016 until his retirement in March of 2021, SFC Uptagrafft served as the NCOIC of the International Rifle Section. SFC Uptagrafft was also deployed to Afghanistan in 2011. His Time in Service (TIS) was 37 years and almost 11 months, Active and Reserve.

He is married to former USAMU International Pistol shooter and current WCAP Athlete Sandra (Utasy) Uptagrafft and they live in Phenix City, AL. He currently spends his time working in his shop and accompanying his wife to various pistol matches.

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## **USAMU Wins Interservice Matches**



The 2022 Interservice Pistol Champion is Sgt. 1st Class Greg Markowski of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit with an overall score of 3527-155X!

USAMU's Staff Sergeants Ryan Franks and Carl Clegg completed the podium with scores of 3504-163X and 3499-153X, respectively.

The 62nd Interservice Pistol Championship Team is USAMU Blue with an overall score of 4665-217X.

FIRING MEMBERS:

Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Kingery, Sgt. 1st Class Greg Markowski, Staff Sgt. Carl Clegg, Staff Sgt. Ryan Franks, Staff Sgt. Christopher Hudock, Spc. Jason Gregoire TEAM CAPTAIN: Sgt. 1st Class Joshua Kingery

All Guard – Red placed second with a score of 4509-141X while USMC Scarlet took third with a score of 4301-97X.

Thank you to all the competitors for coming out and make sure to share your knowledge with your units.



USAMU Staff Sgt. Ben Cleland claimed the coveted overall individual 2022 Interservice Rifle Cham-



USAMU Spc. Adam Fitzpatrick set a new record in the Marine Corps Match, a 300yard rapid fire prone course of fire.

The 61st Interservice Rifle Championships in Quantico, Virginia are a wrap and the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle Team performed excellently.

Here is the quick run down:

The USAMU Service Rifle Team won the following individual matches: Marine Corps Match, Air Force Match, Army Match, 600-Yard Match (both the Service Rifle and Match Rifle Categories), 1000-Yard Match (Service Rifle Category), Long Range Match (Service Rifle Category) and the overall Excellence in Competition Match.

Then in the team matches, the USAMU claimed the wins in the 10-Man Team Match, both the Service Rifle and Match Rifle Categories of the 1000-Yard Team Match and the Commanding General MCCDC Team Match.

In the prestigious Infantry Trophy Team Match, USAMU teams claimed both the first and second spots.

Who are the two Distinguished Service Cross recipients in the photo of the 1965 Camp Perry team?





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## International Rifle Are Tough Competitors



Sgt. Sagen Maddalena of the USAMU International Rifle Team just claimed another Gold Medal and a National Champion title at the USA Shooting Rifle Nationals in Colorado Springs, Colorado

That's right, she is the National Champion of both 10m Air Rifle and 50m Three-Position Rifle!

# Where Are They Now? (The Thompson Sisters)



Margaret Thompson Murdock, 2LT, Women's Army Corps was an NRA All-American Rifle shooter at Kansas State University who arrived at the U.S. Army Marksmanship Training Unit in 1965 and was assigned to the International Rifle Section. She made an immediate impact as she won seven medals at the 1966 World Shooting Championships and another two gold medals at the 1967 Pan American Games. At the 1970 World Shooting Championships her count was five golds and a silver medal.

She left Active Duty in 1971, married, had a baby and returned to shooting on the USAR International Rifle Team in 1972. She added two gold medals and a bronze at the 1973 Championships of the Americas. Then she won five gold, one silver and a bronze at the 1974 World Shooting Championships and won three more gold at the 1975 Pan American Games. She became the first female to win an Olympic Medal in Shooting at the 1976 Montreal Olympics. Her total International Shooting Union medal count was 29 and 13 of them were World Records. Most of them were in the Open events. She is in seven Halls of Fame and was recognized as the most important woman shooter in the world by Olegario Vasquez Rana, the President of the International Shooting Union, as her performance in the Open events led to the creation of the separate events for men and women. She won the Olympic Spirit Award for the 1976 Olympic Games as she best exemplified the Olympic Spirit at those Games.

She retired as a Major in the USAR in 1993 and from her civilian Nurse Anesthetist career in 2000. She now lives with her spoiled cat in Topeka, KS. She has great memories of her time at the USAMU and shooting for the USA. She is a MMA Life Member.



Marie Thompson Alkire, sister of Olympic Medalist Margaret Thompson Murdock, has been honored by the U.S. Biathlon Association. Marie grew up in Kansas and was a noted rifle shooter that included a NRA National Women's Air Rifle Championship and two gold medals at the Benito Juarez International Shooting Championships in Mexico City. She was the volunteer Director of the U. S. Shooting Team in the early days of the late 1970's. She was also the President of the U. S. Women's International Rifle Organization (USWIRO) that conducted training courses and compiled handbooks for rifle shooters that was the foundation that the NRA and later, USA Shooting, used to construct their training

programs.

Marie brought her years of teaching Physical Education, coaching marksmanship, program development and serving as the Director of the U.S. Shooting Team in the late 1970's to Biathlon. First as an advisor, then as the Coach of the U.S. National Biathlon Team, Marie's analytical skills, combined with her innovative instructional skills, facilitated improvements in accuracy and consistency on the shooting range. She believes her most important contribution to Biathlon was instituting a different approach of considering Biathlon a single integrated competition rather that a ski race interrupted by shooting. Her vision proved prolific with the achievement of the first ever World Championship medal for the U.S. women in 1984. Her enthusiasm, legacy of success and endearment by her shooters made her welcome to the <u>U.S. Biathlon Hall of Fame</u> in February 2022. Marie lives in Mesa, AZ with her spouse, Mern Alkire, former member of the USAMU Shotgun Section and MMA Life Member.

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From Shooting Sports USA

by JOHN PARKER, posted on June 20, 2022

# Iconic Rifle Competitor Bruce Meredith To Coach U.S. Pershing Team at Camp Atterbury





A living legend will coach the United States Pershing Team this summer during the 2022 NRA National Matches at Camp Atterbury. Retired U.S. Army Colonel Bruce Meredith, age 85, has accepted the offer to lead the 2022 U.S. Pershing Team that will compete against the British shooters traveling to Indiana in August for the Pershing International Trophy Match.

Meredith says he looks forward to "welcoming the visiting shooters from abroad" to Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

He is certainly up to the challenge of coaching the U.S. Pershing Team, boasting 71 years of smallbore rifle experience. The late *SSUSA* author and rifle competition historian, Hap Rocketto, said about him: "Octogenarian Bruce Meredith began shooting competitively in 1951 at Linsly Military Institute in Wheeling, W.V., where marksmanship was a mandatory class. While there, he earned the NRA Junior Distinguished Rifleman

Medal. Meredith then attended West Virginia University, where he helped lay the foundation for West Virginia's rifle shooting powerhouse squad that still garners accolades to this day."

Additional accolades for Meredith include winning the 1967 National Smallbore Rifle Prone Championship (firing the first any sight 3200 score in the event's history) and, as a member of the first U.S. Earl Roberts Team that traveled to Bisley in 1969, he won the News of the World Trophy. Along the way to rifle competition superstardom, he also earned his Distinguished International Shooter Badge, Distinguished Rifleman Badge, Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge, and Presidents Hundred Tab for rifle & pistol.

During the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, Meredith held the distinction of being the oldest athlete to compete that year in Australia at the age of 63.

With his long and impressive rifle competition career, in 2004 Meredith was inducted as a member of the West Virginia University Sports Hall of Fame. A two-time rifle All-American, in college he also lettered from 1958 to 1961.

While attending the NRA National Matches at Camp Atterbury this year, Meredith plans to shoot pistol, along with officiating as coach of the 2022 U.S. Pershing Team.

#### **About the Pershing Trophy Match**

Held every four years, the location of the Pershing Trophy International Team Match alternates between the United States and Great Britain. From the 2022 NRA National Matches program: "The Pershing Trophy Match, named for General John J. Pershing, the Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, has been competed for in international shoulder-to-shoulder competition since 1931. In 1969, the British counterpart of the Trophy Match was established as the Field Marshal Earl Roberts Trophy Match."

Targets used are those of the host nation, which means this year it will be the Dewar course on A-23-6 and A-25 smallbore targets.

The United States previously won this international match in 2017 at the Bisley Range in Great Britain, and holds the advantage in the series with 15 victories. (The competitions in the series are known as the Field Marshal Earl Roberts Trophy Match while in England, and the Pershing Trophy Match when held stateside.)

In 1969, Bruce Meredith competed with the first U.S. Roberts Team in England, known at that time as the Anglo-American Smallbore team. He shared a story about a special fun match fired at Bisley Camp in England that year. "[It was] four of us vs. four of the British team. It was iron sights, about 100 yards," Meredith explained. "They had a series of shotgun clay targets hung on a board and the first team to break all the targets won ... We shot in the prone position with right leg drawn up in the position we taught, which the locals called the 'Vietnam crouch.' We had all the targets down in a flash, except one. We shot a volume of bullets at that last target and could not break it. We lost. To this day I think they put up a rubber target for the Yanks. Being good guests, we never said a word or asked to go inspect that target."

In addition to 10 firing members, each country's team includes a captain, coach, adjutant and two alternates. Tryouts for the 2022 U.S. Pershing Team will be conducted at Camp Atterbury this year during the NRA Smallbore Rifle Championship. The 10 firing members and two alternates will be selected from the highest combined score of the NRA Conventional Prone Smallbore National Championship Metallic Sight Aggregate and the Dewar Team score. NRA Board Member Patricia Clark will serve as team captain, along with Bruce Meredith as coach and Shawn Carpenter the adjutant. (Clark also served as captain of the U.S. Roberts Team in 2017.) These key positions are appointed by the National Rifle Association of America's Smallbore Rifle Committee and are not firing members.

Since the British competitors traveling to the United States this summer have never competed at Camp Atterbury, they will be conducting tryouts of their own alongside the Americans.

The 2022 Pershing International Trophy Team Match and awards banquet will be held August 3 during the Smallbore Rifle Conventional Prone Championships at the NRA National Matches at Camp Atterbury.

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## MILITARY MARKSMANSHIP ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

As of July, 2022

#### 2005

Bruce A. Meredith
Gary L. Anderson
Archibald V. Arnold III
Phillip F. Cannella, Jr.
Donald L. Harmon
John S. Watkins
Weldon M. Griggs +
Christopher Donohue
Naomi S. Sharp
Thomas R. Sharpe
Carter Berry +
Gerald J. Boutin +
David W. Kimes

#### 2006

Coats Brown + John R. William Harry A. Lucker DeHaviland Glisson John D. Loomis + Lewis B. Sharp Alexander D. Marchioli Francis B. Conway + Michael A. Geffert William R. Rigby Scott K. Pilkington Richard L. Foronato Lanny R. Bassham Michael R. Hadley Anthony T. Parish James M .Lallv Thomas W. W. Atwood + John Roka LaFayette F. Keaton Charles W. "Bill" Jenkins Life Member # 34. Anon. Dennis A. Dingman + Thomas W. Moore Carl C. Jooss John. L. McClellan, Sr. Charles E. Orr, Jr.+ Willis W. Powell + Margaret T. Murdock Robert M. Bach William E. Krilling + Bonnie D. Harmon + Hershel L. Anderson Emil W. Heugatter Stanley J. Parmentier Gloria K. Parmentier Arpail J. Gapol

William C. Pullum +
Nelson D. Dundas +
Augustus B. Moore, Jr.
Jose A. Valentin-Munoz
Bruce E. O'Brien
Robert L. Pruden +
Forest R. Smith +
Lory M. Johnson, Jr.
David B. Erickson
Wm. B. Blankenship, Jr. +
David R. Ross III
James C. Hagearty II
Robert K. Mitchell
Donald L. Parrish

#### **2007**

Theresa E. DeWitt Lewis J. North John O. Chubb Robert L. Koonce + Sue Ann Sandusky William H. Kuhnke, Jr. Dean O. Clark Kurt H. Fitz-Randolph

#### 2008

Victor M. Calderon
Michel Dunia
Rock M. Soike
J. Tim Partin
John R. Sicinski +
Max J. Barrington +
Ronald D. Krelstein
Armando R. Ayala
Ralph Talbot
Gary E. Panzer +
Roger M. Williamson, Sr.
Charles T. Fisher
Bart S. McNealy

## <u>2009</u>

Richard F. Hopp
Jeffery E. Larosa
Robert L. Meeks
Eric G. Daniels
James M. Henderson
Robert C. Brizee
James H. Krilich
Robert W. Leary III
Allen Fletcher
Glenn A. Dubis

#### 2010

Clenoa I. Anthony Martin D. Edmondson + Joe A. Deckert Robert M. Raines Michael Tipa+ Joseph B. Berry + Alsylvia Proctor Dobbins Martin R. Barreras + Philip S. Miranda III William H. Lange Bob H. Yanagibashi Edward C. Shelley III Thomas D. Smith III + M. David Edmondson Steven S. Wolszczak Robert E. Harbison Arthur G. Klein Boyd D. Goldsby Lawrence K. "Red" Mosely Sallie L. E. Carroll +

## 2011

Philip R. Crider +
Clint Hilbert
Michael J. Behnke
Jack W. Maple +
John A. Britton
Roger A. Hayes
Lyman P. Grover
Adam E. Sokolowski
David A. Grimshaw
Charles D. Davis +
Samuel W. Hunter
Richard D. Rebidue +
Aubrey E. Smith +
Robert W. Aylward
Greg A. Strom +

## 2012

Richard N. Hawkins
Herbert N. Clark
Merriweather Jones +
Dennis P. Harris
Kenneth M. Hamill
D. L. Crowell +
Robert L. Merritt
Earl I. Waterman +
Julie A. Golob,nee Goloski
Richard L. Jones
Ray P. Carter
Anthony W. Kidd

Michael P. O'Neil Robert Hixson Hanson J. Scott Rupp

#### 2013

Wesley E. Vaughn Ivan w. Flowers Stephen A. Sciarabba Dallas L. Krapf Robert J. Lukavic

#### 2014

Alan E. Anderson Waymond L. Alvis Bret A. Tecklenberg David A. Cannella Mernice P. Alkire Lance D. Dement Mark L. Weeks Mary K. Weeks John Kolb + Arnold J. Casey, Jr.

#### 2015

Isaac Ragusa III Gary Hatley Charles Coffey Vincent Greiner

#### 2016

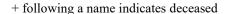
Larry Leutenegger Rick Remily Ryan Franks William Trebone

#### 2019

Howard Kramer

## 2022

Burl Branham
Eric Buljung
Matthew Dryke
John 'Jack' Foster
James Todd Graves
William O. Harden
John 'Jack' Writer
Raymond Crouse
Michael LaRuffa
Elliott Hutchinson
Kathy Kelly Quandahl
Michael Anti
Arthur Austin



Any additions or corrections to the Life Member List, please contact MMA Historian, Bruce Meredith: <a href="mailto:bruce-m@charter.net">bruce-m@charter.net</a> or tel. 706-594-1603



Arthur Austin, SFC Retired, U. S. Army, is shown at Camp Perry, Ohio in 1973, receiving his gold plated medal award for the high Service Rifle Category score in the 1,000 yard Leech Cup match by firing a score of 100-17V with a M-14 rifle. Presenting the award is NRA Executive Vice President, Major General Retired, Maxwell Rich. Arthur first joined the MMA in 2012 and became a Life Member in 2022. See **AUSTIN**, page 12

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## **Taps -Present Arms**

## LTC (Ret) Thomas D. Smith III, USAF

October 30, 1931 - May 17, 2022.

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In 1961, while assigned to the prestigious B-47 project, TD Smith tried out and qualified for the newly developed United States Air Force Marksmanship Program. Regularly competing on behalf of the Air force, he scored the first perfect 300 score in Fort Knox, Kentucky in 1962. After being added as a last-minute team member to the 1963 Pan American Games, he scored a 597 out of a possible 600 in the Center Fire Pistol event, setting four world records and the first world record for the United States Air Force. That UIT/ISSF Center Fire Pistol record still stands today as it was retired when the targets changed. He was part of the 1964 Olympic Shooting Team in Tokyo, Japan placing 8th in Free Pistol. He later became a mentor and trainer to other Olympians instilling mental toughness. Scotland Yard, The London Met Police and Oklahoma State troopers have all benefitted from his expert teaching of firearm accuracy, and more importantly, emotional control in crisis situations.

To his friends, TD was one cool cat who had more lives than a feline. After being assigned to a secret mission with Peshmerga snipers in Turkey in January of 1966, he survived 5000 feet fall as a passenger on a military flight that crashed high in the mountains of Greece. After forty-eight hours of nursing the wounded in artic conditions at the crash site, TD made a solo 1500 foot descent in an effort to signal rescuers, saving some of the injured passengers - all high ranking US military officers heading to Naples. He was awarded the Airman's medal for heroism and returned to flying after recovering from his severe injuries. A son of a career Army intelligence officer, TD was no stranger to Washington politics. One of his fondest childhood memories was staying with his great uncle Vice President John Nance Garner (serving two terms w FDR.) at the VP's DC residence. In 1956, it was "Cactus Jack" as Vice President Garner was known in political circles, who helped him navigate the continual harassment brought by the KKK in racially charged Selma Alabama when TD volunteered to mentor the first African American Jet Fighter Instructor at the now defunct Craig Air Force Base.

Claiming to have never lost a fight, TD was a lanky Texas gentle giant and devout in his Christian faith. Still volunteering with his church at 90, TD mentored homeless men and veterans struggling with re-entry into civilian life. Survived by his sister, his five children and wife Barbara, he will be missed by many.

He was buried Thursday, May 26, 2022, in Oklahoma City, OK.

## **Taps -Present Arms**

## SFC Norman "Skarp" Skarpness

Norm Skarpness passed away 26 June 2022.



He joined the Army in 1948. He served one tour in Korea with the 7th Infantry Division, one tour in Vietnam with 90th Rep, two tours in Europe with the 10th Armored Division and 3rd Armored Division, one tour with 3rd Army MTU and three tours with the USAMTU in 1958-62, 1965-67 and 1969-72.

In 1957 he won the Musketry Match in the All Army Matches, earned the Presidents Hundred Tab and earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge. In 1958 he won the 3rd Army Rifle Championships, shot on the 3rd Army Rifle Team that won all the team matches at All-Army, shot on the Army team that won the National Trophy (Dogs of War Trophy) and won the Army Times Award.

In 1959 and 1960 he shot on the winning National Trophy Infantry Trophy teams at Camp Perry. He later shot on two winning Ten-Man Teams at the Interservice Rifle Championships.

He represented the USA in three World Championships (1961, 1962, 1967) in the 100m Running Deer earning the U.S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge in 1962.

After retiring in 1973, he went to Columbus College and received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

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## Taps -Present Arms

## LTC (Ret) Walter A Greenwood



Walter Arthur Greenwood passed away on Saturday, April 16 2022, and will be buried in the Arlington National Cemetery.

He graduated from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and a commission as an Infantry 2nd Lieutenant, U.S. Army Reserve on May 28, 1955. He served overseas in South Korea, Vietnam and Iran.

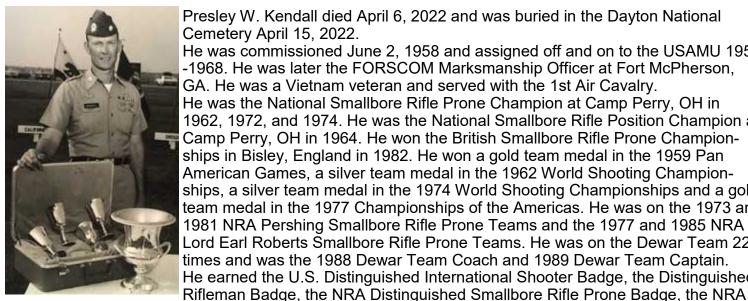
He was an Infantry Officer and had postings Ft Riley, Kansas, Ft Benning, Georgia, Ft Bragg, North Carolina and Ft Richardson, Alaska. Additionally, he taught ROTC at Sam Houston State College, at Huntsville, Texas, and attended the U.S Army Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. He was stationed in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 and was involved in the Tet Offensive of January 1968. He was awarded two Bronze Stars and numerous other medals during this critical time in history. He was also stationed in Tehran, Iran from 1971-1974 before being assigned to the USAMU.

He was the OIC of the USAMU Shotgun Section.

His obituary may be seen at https://www.caller.com/obituaries/cct028850

## Taps -Present Arms

### MAJ (Ret) Presley W. Kendall



Presley W. Kendall died April 6, 2022 and was buried in the Dayton National Cemetery April 15, 2022.

He was commissioned June 2, 1958 and assigned off and on to the USAMU 1958 -1968. He was later the FORSCOM Marksmanship Officer at Fort McPherson. GA. He was a Vietnam veteran and served with the 1st Air Cavalry. He was the National Smallbore Rifle Prone Champion at Camp Perry, OH in 1962, 1972, and 1974. He was the National Smallbore Rifle Position Champion at Camp Perry, OH in 1964. He won the British Smallbore Rifle Prone Championships in Bisley, England in 1982. He won a gold team medal in the 1959 Pan American Games, a silver team medal in the 1962 World Shooting Championships, a silver team medal in the 1974 World Shooting Championships and a gold team medal in the 1977 Championships of the Americas. He was on the 1973 and 1981 NRA Pershing Smallbore Rifle Prone Teams and the 1977 and 1985 NRA Lord Earl Roberts Smallbore Rifle Prone Teams. He was on the Dewar Team 22 times and was the 1988 Dewar Team Coach and 1989 Dewar Team Captain. He earned the U.S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge, the Distinguished

Distinguished Smallbore Rifle Position Badge and the NRA International Distinguished Smallbore Rifleman Award.

## **Taps -Present Arms**



## SGM (Ret) Clinton D. Stephens

Clinton Stephens passed away on January 26, 2022 and was buried February 12, 2022 in the Sewell Family Cemetery, Lewisville, AR. He had eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. He proudly served his country, including two combat tours in the Vietnam War. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal (8th Award), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Silver Service Star, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 3), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, 4 Overseas Service Bars, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. His career culminated with the United States Army Marksmanship Unit where he had earned the Distin-

guished Rifleman Badge and the President's Hundred Tab. After 30-years of service he retired as the

USAMU Sergeant Major on April 30, 1983. He was also a 32nd degree Mason with over 50-years of humble service to his community.

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## **USAMU 2022 HALL OF FAME**

Return your ballot via USPS NLT 31 Aug 2022

The USAMU established a unit HALL OF FAME in 1994. The voting procedure was as follows: An individual had to have been a member of a Section Hall of Fame, been retired from their primary competitive sport for five years and nominated by the nominating committee.

There were seven USAMU alumni enshrined in 1994, six shooters and one support person: Gary Anderson, Joe Benner, Bill Blankenship, Coats Brown, Barbara Hile, James McQuien, and Margaret Murdock.

During subsequent years the following were enshrined: Loyd Crow, Jeremiah M. McKenzie, Tommy G. Pool, Lones Wigger, Francis Conway, Charlie Davis, Jack Maples, Lanny Bassham, Jack Writer, Bill Krilling, Jack Foster, Hershal Anderson, Bonnie Harmon, William Pullum, Robert Whitacre, William Lee, Erich Buljung, Matt Dryke, Emil Heugatter, Daniel Puckel, Thomas Sharpe, Earl Waterman, Burl Branham, Sallie Carroll, Glenn Dubis, W.O Harden, Boyd Goldsby, Red Mosely, Greg Strom, Hook Boutin, Verle Wright, Bob Aylward, Martin Gunnarsson, Aubrey Smith, Martin Edmondson, Todd Graves and Arpail Gapol.

In 2022 the SOP was amended changing the entrance requirement to any individual that has not been assigned to USAMU for 2 years instead of 5 years out of their primary discipline. This ballot will determine the next three inductees.

Because of Covid restrictions we don't have a specific date of the ceremony, we're proceeding with the nomination hoping restrictions will be lessened soon. Members of the MMA will cast ballots for this honor. Please take time to review the following list. Vote for three individuals. Thank you for your support. We will inform all when a date is finalized for the ceremony so you can make plans to attend. Only ballots returned via USPS will be accepted.

Return ballots to:

SGT VINCENT M. GREINER Service Rifle

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## USAMU 2022 HALL OF FAME BALLOT

#### **CIRCLE NO MORE THAN THREE NAMES**

MR MARVIN ALDRICH, Gunsmith LTC WANDA JEWELL. International Rifle SFC NORM ANDERSON: Service Rifle SP5 DIANE KLIMAS, Service Rifle MAJ MICHAEL ANTI, International Rifle LTC HARRY LUCKER, Running Target, Pistol SFC JAMES H. McNALLY, International Pistol SGT DAN CARLISLE, Shotgun SGT DEAN CLARK; Shotgun CPT JOHN McNALLY, International Pistol SFC CHARLES COFFEY; SR Coach COL BRUCE MEREDITH, International Rifle SFC LANCE DEMENT; Service Rifle. Running Tgt SFC KAREN MONEZ, International Rifle SFC SHAWN DULOHERY; Shotgun 1LT WILLIAM MORRIS III, Shotgun SSG SHERRI JO GALLAGHER; Service Rifle MAJ WILLIS L. POWELL, Running Target MAJ STEVEN GOFF, International Rifle SFC THOMAS TAMAS; International Rifle

MSG RALPH O. THOMPSON, Service Pistol SGT DONALD S. HALDEMAN, Shotgun LTC ROB HARBISON, International Rifle MAJ ERNIE J. VANDE ZANDE, International Rifle

1LT MICHAEL THEIMER, Running Target

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#### HALL OF FAME NOMINEES CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

**MARVIN ALDRICH:** Thirty-six years as an AMU gunsmith. Machined barrels that won countless national and international titles. Innovative and accurate. Invented the "Marvin Trigger."

**NORM ANDERSON:** Interservice Rifle Champion; National Trophy Individual Champion (2x); President's Rifle Champion (2x), Numerous national record setting team events.

**MICHAEL ANTI:** International Rifle; Olympic Silver Medalist 2004; 2000 World Cup Finals Gold and Silver Medalist; 1991 Pan American Games Gold and Silver Medalist. Six-time National Champion.

**DANIEL CARLISLE**; Shotgun; Won the 1975 Pan American Games Trap Gold medal; 1982 World Skeet Champion; 1983 Pan Am Gold medal (trap) and first 200x200 and World Record; 1984 Olympic Bronze Medal (trap), 1987 Pan American Games Trap Gold medal. Four team World Records.

**DEAN CLARK:** Shotgun; Member of two Olympic Shotgun teams. Established 12 National and 4 World Records. Highly successful Coach USAMU Shotgun Team (3 Olympic Gold Medals) 2001-2013.

**CHARLES COFFEY:** Superior SR Coach; Coached 5 Winning 10-man Teams; 3 Winning Interservice Inf Trophy Teams; 5 consecutive 1,000 yard winning Interservice Teams. Earned Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1995.

**LANCE DEMENT:** Triple Distinguished, member of 2000 Olympic Team; Won Firing member of numerous record setting teams on SR and RT. 4-time National Champion in RT; Won the Presidents Rifle Match in 2006.

**SHAWN DULOHERY:** Shotgun; Member of the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team; 2001 Skeet World Champion; 2003 Silver Medal in Skeet at the World Championships; 2003 Bronze medal in Skeet World Cup Final.

SHERRI JO GALLAGHER: 2010 Overall National High Power Rifle Champion, National Women's Service Rifle Champion (4x); National Trophy Rifle Champion. Member of record setting Palma Teams; the 2010 U.S. Army's Soldier of the year

**STEVEN GOFF:** International Rifle; Seven time national champion in 300M events; Competed in 2 World Championships, Pan American Games and CAT earning 3 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze Medal as well as 3 Gold, 1 Silver and one Bronze in CISM Competition.

**VINCE GREINER:** Service Rifle; 1985 Interservice Champion; 1989 National Service Rifle Champion; 1990 National Trophy Individual Champion.

**DONALD HALDEMAN**: Shotgun; Olympic Champion (Trap) in 1976; 1975 International Trap Champion; 1975 Silver Medalist at Pan American Games; Two Time Olympian 1972, 1976;

**ROB HARBISON:** International Rifle; Four time national champion in smallbore 3X40, English Match, and indoor Nationals. Won 1995 Pan American Games Gold Medals in 300M 3X20 and English Match; 1996 Olympian in 3X40 and Air Rifle; earned 12 Gold and 6 Silver medals in International Competition.

**WANDA JEWELL:** International Rifle; 1984 Olympic Bronze medalist in 3X20. Represented the United States at 7 consecutive world championships. A two-time world champion in 1978. Won 21 UIT/ISSF medals in int'l competition.

**DIANE KLIMAS:** Service Rifle; Won the 1977 and 1979 Ladies Interservice Champion and 1978 and 1979 National Women's service rifle champion.

**HARRY LUCKER:** Running Target and Pistol; Earned a Bronze Medal in Running Deer Doubles event at the 1958 World Championships. Firing Member of the 1960 winning CISM Championships. Earned a Silver Team medal at the 1981 10m Running Target World Championships.

**JAMES MCNALLY**: International Pistol; Member of 1968 and 1972 Olympic Team; 1962 Bronze Medalist at World Championships and two-time National Rapid Fire Pistol Champion.

**JOHN MCNALLY:** International Pistol; Five-time Olympian as a Rapid Fire Pistol shooter; 14 time National Rapid Fire Pistol Champion; Multiple medals at Pan American and Championship of the Americas

**BRUCE MEREDITH:** Support, shot International & Service Rifle, 8 Distinguished Medals, President's Hundred Rifle & Pistol, 216 National Records, Team World Record, 5 Olympics, 10 World Champs, 8 Pan Am Games, 6 CAT, Competition in 40 nations. OIC of USAR Int'l Rifle Team that won numerous Olympic, WC, PAG and CAT medals and World Records.

**KAREN MONEZ**: International Rifle; Won 14 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze medals in international competition. Set one individual world record. World Champion in 1979 Women's 10m Air Rifle.

**WILLIAM MORRIS:** Shotgun; 1963 Interservice Skeet Champion; 1964 Interservice Trap Champion. Won a Bronze Medal in Trap at the 1964 Olympic Games.

**WILLIS POWELL:** Running Target; Earned a Bronze Medal in the 1962 Running Deer Doubles World Championships. One of the first U.S. Advisors in Vietnam; 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Sniper Unit Commander. Recognized by the US Army Sniper School by naming the Ft. Benning Sniper School compound "Camp Powell" in his honor.

**THOMAS TAMAS:** International Rifle; 2000 Olympian; Competed in 6 World Championships earning 1 Individual Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze; Earned 22 Individual Medals (8 Gold, 8 Silver, 6 Bronze) in International Competition; Multiple National Championships; Int' Distinguished, Presidents Hundred and Distinguished Rifleman Badge.

**MICHAEL THEIMER**: Running Target; Won 6 national championships during his 7-year career. Won ten international medals and has the U.S. highest Running Target finish (8<sup>th</sup>) in history fired during the 1976 Olympic Games.

**RALPH THOMPSON:** 1967 Interservice Pistol Champion and member of the 2650 club. Set 18 National Records earning the Presidents Hundred Tab and Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge.

**ERNEST VANDE ZANDE:** International Rifle; Won 9 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze medal in international competition. Fired a world record 600 English Match in 1981 and earned a bronze medal in 300m prone at the 1982 World Championships.

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## Austin, from page 6

Arthur is Double Distinguished, having won his Service Pistol Distinguished in 1971, and the Service Rifle Distinguished in 1974. He was on the winning rifle team at 3rd Army Championships at Fort Belvoir, VA while assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps AMTU, Fort Bragg. He subsequently served with Company B, 82nd Airborne Signal Battalion. In 1968, he attended the NRA tryouts for the Mexico City USA Olympic Pistol Team. His military service also took him to Vietnam, (Ben Hoi - Bien Wa), Germany, Fort Benning, Fort Campbell and the Dominican Republic. As a Master Parachutist, he claims over 600 jumps and recalls training a young officer named Colin Powell. After military retirement, he worked at the Hercules Ammunition Plant in Lawrence, KS and then as a Property Manager at Walnut Creek, CA. He currently lives with his wife, Kiska Austin, in Lawrence, KS. They have a son in the National Guard.

