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USAMU Soldiers earned spots on Team USA's World Championship Rifle



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SGT. TIM SHERRY



SPC. ALISON WEISZ



SGT. BRANDON MUSKE



SGT. SAGEN MADDALENA

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The six Soldiers earned spots on Team USA's World Championship Rifle Team after competing in USA Shooting Selection Matches over the past few months. All are marksmanship instructors/competitive shooters for the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's International Rifle Team, which is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia. The upcoming International Shooting Sports Federation Rifle and Pistol World Championships are October 12 - 25 in Cairo, Egypt and the World Shooting Para Sport World Championships are November 4 - 11 in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates.

This will be the first World Championship for **Sgt. Ivan Roe**, a Bozeman, Montana native, and he admits being pretty excited about the opportunity to compete on a world level. SGT Roe will compete in seven separate events: Men's 50m Three-Position Rifle/Smallbore, Men's 50m Three-Position Rifle/Smallbore Team, 50m Three-Position Rifle/Smallbore Mixed Team, Men's 50m Prone Rifle, Men's 300m Three-Position Rifle, Men's 300m Standard Rifle and Men's 300m Prone Rifle.

"It is a feeling of pride and accomplishment to make this team. I have worked very hard this past year, and that hard work is now beginning to show," said **Sgt. Brandon Muske**, a Brenham, Texas native who will compete in both the Men's 10m Air Rifle and Men's 10m Air Rifle Team events.

USAMU teammate, **Sgt. Tim Sherry** from Evergreen, Colorado said, "Because of how many events and competitors there are, training time is limited at the competition, and the days will be long. We've adjusted our training to help prepare for the long days. The range in Cairo has pretty strong winds that can affect the point of impact, and it switches directions quickly". Sherry will have a packed schedule, like Roe, and compete in six separate events: Men's 50m Three-Position Rifle/Smallbore, Men's Three-Position Rifle/Smallbore Team, Men's 50m Prone Rifle, Men's 300m Three-Position Rifle, Men's 300m Standard Rifle and Men's 300m Prone Rifle.

"Honestly, I am preparing for this competition just as I would prepare for any other competition. Fundamentals of the sport are incredibly important and don't go away when attending larger international competitions," said 2020 Olympian, **Spc. Alison Weisz**, who will compete in Women's 10m Air Rifle, Women's 10m Air Rifle Team and 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team.

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MMA President's Report



I recently talked with the new USAMU Commander, LTC Casey D. Mills, and was encouraged with his vision of having a USAMU Organization Day sometime in the next six months or so where MMA members would also be able to attend. The new Unit, Section and Support Hall of Fame members would be inducted and Pullum Hall would be dedicated.

Because of various shooting events and recruiting events of the USAMU that are going on through early November, it will likely be mid-November to mid-March before that 'USAMU Organization Day' can be held. The ISSF World Shooting Championships are going on in Osijek, Croatia starting Sept 19th for the shotgun events while the Rifle and Pistol events will be held in Cairo, Egypt starting October 12th. The USAMU is well represented and we hope every USA shooter does well as that is one of the best places for the USA to earn a Quota Slot to be able to compete in the next Olympic Games.

I urge all of our active members to:

Visit our expanded website at www.militarymarksmanship.org and view the various pages. There is a lot of information! If you have a photo you think should be on the website, email it to me at raypcarter@comcast.net. I can't say that every photo will make the website, but I will certainly consider them.

Please reach out to your former teammates and encourage them to join (or rejoin) the MMA. We want and need your support.

Ray P. Carter
MMA President

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USAMU Commander's Report



Greetings from the US Army Marksmanship Unit, Home of Champions.

It is an honor and privilege to introduce myself as the new commander of the USAMU. I took command on 15 JUL 2022 and prior to this assignment, I served as the Senior US Special Operations Command (SOCOM) Special Operation Liaison Officer to the United Kingdom Special Forces. While Ft Benning, GA is quite different from London, my family and I are thrilled to be back in the US and a part of this outstanding unit and post.

USAMU is as busy as ever and while it would take too many pages to outline all this year's accomplishments, I will highlight some of the most recent.

Shotgun Section has five members named to the World Championship Team (SSG Dustan Taylor, SGT Christian Elliott, SPC Samantha Simonton, SSG William Hinton, and SGT Rachel Tozier)

International Rifle Section has five members named to the World Championship Team (SGT Ivan Roe, SGT Timothy Sherry, SGT Brandon Muske, SGT Sagen Maddalena, SPC Alison Weisz)

SSG Kevin Nguyen (International Rifle) just grabbed back-to-back silver medals at the World Shooting Para Sport Grand Prix in Arequipa, Peru

Service Pistol supported the Army Development and Engineering Command (DEVCOM) with a new Red Dot Evaluation Study to analyze potential new aiming devices to increase soldier lethality on the battlefield

Service Rifle continues to notch victories, winning gold in five of the six events at the National Rifle Championship

Action Shooting's newest member, PFC John Wiedell recently claimed victory at the Blue Ridge Mountain Championship, winning his division by 21% over the nearest competitor

The Instructor Training Group supported Cadet Summer Training by training 150 marksmanship instructors who in turn trained over 12,000 cadets in Basic Rifle Marksmanship

And in the HQ, SFC George Norton graduated Summa Cum Laude from American Military University with a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing Analytics

As already stated, this is a mere snapshot of USAMU's many accomplishments throughout 2022 with many more still to come.

Many thanks to each of the MMA members for your continued support to USAMU. I look forward to meeting and fostering a relationship with many of you over the next two years.

With Gratitude,

Casey Mills
LTC, SF
Commander
US Army Marksmanship Unit



MEET MMA SECRETARY

NORMAN L. ANDERSON

Norm Anderson began shooting with his father at a local club in Illinois. While shooting with Illinois State Rifle Team he was a member of several winning teams and earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1991. He joined the USAMU Service Rifle Section in late 1992. He earned the President's Hundred tab in 1993. He was a member of the 1996 record-setting National Infantry Trophy Team. He won the 1997 Interservice Rifle Championship and was a member of the 1997 and 1999 record-setting Interservice Rifle Ten Man Teams. He won the 2004 National Trophy Individual Rifle Championship and was a member of the 2004 record-setting Interservice Infantry Trophy Team. He won both the National Trophy Individual Rifle Championship and the President's Rifle Trophy Match in 2005 while also being a member of the record-setting Interservice MCCDC Rifle Team! In 2007, he transitioned to the Reserve Component where he served as an Instructor Team Chief while mobilized with the Small Arms Readiness Group and after 2 years was accessed into the AGR program serving as an Army Reserve Career Counselor for 10th BN Army Re-

serve Careers Division.

He won the President's Rifle Trophy Match again in 2008. He placed second in the 2009 Interservice Rifle Individual Championship and was on countless winning teams over the years.

Later, after promotion to Master Sergeant, he served as Area Leader for 4th BN Army Reserve Careers Division. While serving in the Reserve component, MSG Anderson performed duties as both shooter and coach with USAR Service Rifle Team where he won several Interservice and National Trophies. In 2016, his last summer serving, he coached the USAR Service Rifle team to an overall National Trophy Team victory which also set a Hilton Trophy Record which still stands today. MSG Anderson was afforded the opportunity to "dabble" in Service Pistol earning his Distinguished Pistol Shot badge in 2012.

MSG Anderson served as a line coach for 2011 and 2015 Palma Teams, earning silver medals in both and lastly as Captain of the 2019 Palma Team bringing home a bronze medal. These efforts earned MSG Anderson the NRA International Distinguished Rifleman award.

Since his retirement in January of 2017 he has enjoyed the opportunity to coach the air rifle and pistol shooters representing Team SOCOM in the DOD Warrior games in 2017, 2018 and 2019 watching those Warriors bring home several medals.

Since June of 2018, he has been employed as a contracted Training Specialist with the Office of Secure Transportation. He currently lives in Knoxville, TN with his wife of 20 years, Jennifer, their daughter Meagan and their Sheepadoodle named Yogi.

Team USA, from Page 1

Fellow 2020 Olympian, **Sgt. Sagen Maddalena**, knows the pressure and flexibility it takes to compete internationally, but also has the busiest schedule of the USAMU Soldiers. This Groveland, California native will compete in eight separate events while in Egypt: Women's 10m Air Rifle, Women's 10m Air Rifle Team, 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team, Women's 50m Three-Position Rifle/Smallbore, Women's 50m Three-Position Rifle/Smallbore Team, 50m Three-Position Rifle/Smallbore Mixed Team, Women's 50m Prone Rifle, and Women's 50m Prone Rifle Team.

The Soldier with the most World Championship experience is **Staff Sgt. Kevin Nguyen**, a Purple Heart recipient from Westminster, California who will compete in both 50m Smallbore Rifle R6 SH1 Prone and 10m Air Rifle SH2 Prone, which are part of the November World Shooting Para Sport World Championships in Al Ain, UAE. But even with all that experience, this Soldier says there is always something to improve on. "Since the start of my shooting career here at the U.S. Army marksmanship Unit, I have made every World Championship Team. For me, it's another great opportunity to compete and represent both the Army and Team USA, bring home some medals and hopefully, earn the first set of quotas for the Paralympic Team."

The team also includes former USAMU members Vincent Hancock, Sarah Beard, Keith Sanderson, Sandra Utasy, and Denise Loring.

Though this is the most important competition of the year, and the first key to unlocking spots for the United States to compete in rifle events at the 2024 Olympics, the Soldiers know to trust the process and continue training like they always do.

Where Are They Now?

LTC (Ret) James A. Eberwine



2LT James A. Eberwine, Medical Service Corps, joined the US Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit International Rifle Section in late 1957 to train for the 1958 World Shooting Championships in Moscow, USSR, the 1959 Pan American Games in Chicago and the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, Italy. He was a champion collegiate rifle shooter at the University of Akron and a member of their Hall of Fame.

Jim made the 1958 World Shooting Championship Team in the Smallbore Rifle 3-Position event, but didn't medal as the Team Captain selected another shooter for the team event. In 1959 he shot in the Pan American Games helping the USA win a gold team medal in the Smallbore Free Rifle Prone 30 + 30 shots (50 M and 100 M) event earning the U.S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge. He was selected for a Regular Army commission while at the USAAMU.

In August 1960 he was assigned to Korea as an Ambulance Company Commander. Then it was off to Fort Rucker for Flight School and Crash Injury Investigators School, then Darmstadt, Germany, Officers Advanced Course and then South Vietnam. He flew 795 combat missions and 800+ flying hours in 8 months while saving 495 wounded soldiers.

MAJ Eberwine was shot down trying to rescue the occupants of another helicopter that had been shot down in the beginning of the 'Battle of Easter Sunday' in the Mekong Delta. He landed his Huey helicopter next to the downed helicopter with the tail facing the VC. His helicopter was spraying gas as it landed. They were taking fire through the side doors with the rounds going out through the windshield. He placed his chest protector behind his head, told his co-pilot to do the same. His co-pilot took three rounds to his chest protector after he had put it behind his head. As they lifted off after loading the four soldiers, but losing their crew chief, a bullet shattered Jim's left tibia and fibula causing the helicopter to crash and quickly catch fire. Jim had to crawl backwards on his back in the mud to escape the fire. To raise your head was to be shot. His co-pilot put his rifle sling on Jim's leg as a tourniquet.

Two hours later the Aviation Battalion Commander tried a rescue and was killed. That helicopter was now also on fire next to their helicopter. Jim had to again crawl backwards on his back in the mud to avoid that fire. After another two hours of incoming fire they were rescued after another helicopter laid enough smoke to allow their rescue. Jim had to splint his damaged left leg to his right leg and go into a fetal position in order to be lifted into the helicopter because of the pain.

He was flown to a Saigon hospital and on to Ireland Army Hospital, Fort Knox, KY for recuperation. His left leg is one inch shorter than his right leg.

He received 27 Combat awards including the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star with "V" device, Purple Heart and 23 Air Medals. Then it was on to Command and General Staff College, Army War College, promotion to Lt. Col, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, a Masters in Hospital Administration (MHA) and then VA-funded Masters in Education Administration (MAED) at Pepperdine. He authored a book on Nursing Home Administration. That led to ten years as CEO of a proprietary Child and Adolescent Psychiatric hospital in Austin, TX before 13 years as a Special Education 9th grade math teacher. He later fit in a little more shooting at the 1987 IAU Match Crossbow World Championships in Rohrbach, Austria and the 1989 IAU Match Crossbow World Championships in Wolverhampton, England with old teammates John Herr and Bruce Meredith.

Jim and his wife, Joy, live in San Antonio, TX. Jim is 89 and looking forward to the next USAMU Reunion (or USAMU Organization Day) and catching up with old teammates and new friends.



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As of October, 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. Sharpe
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. Lally
Thomas W. W. Atwood +
John Roka +
LaFayette F. Keaton
Charles W. "Bill" Jenkins
Robert I. Hoidahl, Jr.
Dennis A. Dingman +
Thomas W. Moore
Carl C. Jooss
John. L. McClellan, Sr.
Charles E. Orr, Jr. +
Willis W. Powell +
Margaret T. Murdock
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Emil W. Heugatter
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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 +

Alsylvia Procter 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

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

Peter Benvin, Jr.
Isaac Ragusa III
Gary Hatley
Charles Coffey
Vincent Greiner

2016

Larry Leutenegger
Rick Remily
Ryan Franks
William Trebon
Peter Benvin, Jr.

2018

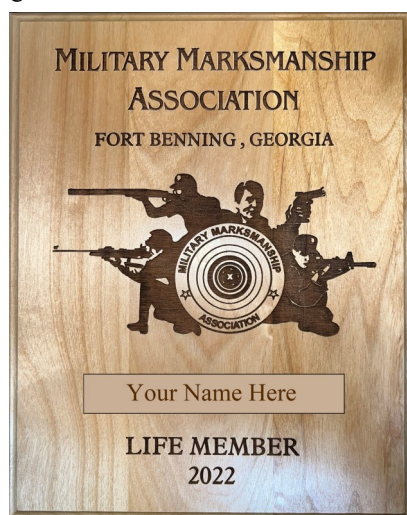
Robert V. Walsh, Jr.
Grant L. Singley

2019

Howard Kramer

2022

Burl Branham
Eric Buljung
Matthew Dryke
John 'Jack' Foster
James Todd Graves
William O. Harden
John 'Jack' Writer
Raymond C. Crouse
Michael J. LaRuffa
Elliott L. Hutchinson
Kathy Kelly Quandahl
Michael Anti
Arthur Austin
Robert D. Whitacre
Daniel V. Chapa, Sr.
Ronald L. Plumb



Ronald D. Krelstein
Armando R. Ayala
Ralph Talbot
Gary E. Panzer +
Rodger M. Williamson, Sr. +
Charles T. Fisher
Bart S. McNealy

2009

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 L. Anthony +
Martin D. Edmondson +
Joe A. Deckert
Robert M. Raines
Michael Tipa+
Joseph B. Berry +

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

Taps -Present Arms

LTC (Ret) Carter Berry



Carter Berry passed away May 7, 2021.

He was born August 20, 1949 at home in Blytheville, Ark., to Cecil Alton Berry and Mary Lucille Pitts Berry. He died at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown campus after a brief battle with cancer. His wife, Susan, was at his side when he passed away.

He graduated from the University of Arkansas with a mechanical engineering degree. He was ROTC at Arkansas and commissioned as a U.S. Army Infantry officer upon graduation in 1972. He also graduated from Command and General Staff College, U.S. Army in 1987.

He spent 22 years as an Army officer moving from Infantry to Special Forces where he was a Green Beret. He was a Lieutenant Colonel when he retired in 1994. His final assignment was the Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning. He also served in assignments across the Army, including the Pentagon.

After retiring, Carter spent 18 years working as a civilian contractor at Fort Benning teaching combat simulation.

He was a life member of the Military Marksmanship Unit Association and was the editor of the *MMA Times* and sorely missed.

Taps -Present Arms

LTC (Ret) Norman "Norm" Edward Goelzer



Norm Goelzer, 87, of Mount Ulla, N.C., passed away on Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

He was born on August 10, 1934, in Bloomington, Ill., to the late George Edward and Margaret Kendall Goelzer.

He graduated from the University of Illinois. He was a retired Lt. Col. from the U.S. Army Reserves, where he was on the USAR Service Rifle Team and USAR Running Target Team. Norm earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1969.

He retired as an engineer from Ford Motor Company. Known as 'Stormin Norman' by his friends, he enjoyed shooting and loved race cars. He was a member of the MMA.

Taps -Present Arms

LTC (Ret) Thomas W. W. Atwood



Thomas W.W. Atwood, 91 of Bonita Springs, FL passed away Friday, November 5, 2021 at Physicians Regional Hospital in Naples.

He enlisted in the Army National Guard in 1949 and was commissioned in the Regular Army upon graduation from Norwich in 1953. Although primarily a tanker, he was a combat infantryman and senior parachutist. He served in various units stateside and overseas, including the occupation of Germany and two tours in Vietnam where he was wounded in 1963. Retiring in 1977 with 24 years of active service, he then served 8 years as the Director of Army JROTC in the Waukegan, Illinois Public Schools.

He also took pride in his marksmanship. While attending Norwich, won the 1952 National Intercollegiate Rifle Championship where he set the national record and was named to the All-American Team three separate times. Between 1954 and 1960, he was a member of several Army winning teams at the National Championship. Individually, he won the 1955 Southeastern Regional High Power Rifle Championship with a national record, the 1959 National Service Rifle Championship setting the Open and Regular Service national records, and the 1961 International Military Sports Council (CISM) Rifle Championship. He served as Captain of the winning United States Rifle and Pistol Teams in the 1960 CISM Championship in Athens, Greece and the 1961 CISM Championship in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In 1983 he was inducted into the Norwich University Athletic Hall of Fame and the US Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle Hall of Fame at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1994.

Taps -Present Arms

SGM (Ret) Jose Valentin-Munoz



May 1, 1946 - September 4, 2019

SGM (Ret) Jose Alberto Valentin-Muñoz, was born May 1, 1946 in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico and passed from this life on September 4, 2019 at Huntsville Hospital Hospice Family Care at Redstone Village after a lengthy illness related to his exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam.

He was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War and served his country for almost 31 years, retiring as a Sergeant Major. He served two tours in Vietnam as part of the 1st Infantry Division. He also served as NCOIC of the International Rifle Section of the United States Army Marksmanship Unit and retired from service after serving as a SGM with TMDE at Redstone Arsenal, AL.

Jose loved sports and he coached his children's baseball and football teams as they were growing up. He played minor league baseball in Panama. Later he was an assistant coach for the Columbus Doughboys in Columbus, GA and Head Coach for the Rhein Main Rockets while serving in Frankfurt, Germany. After retiring from the military, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Taps -Present Arms

SGM (Ret) Alfred J. O'Neill



Alfred J. O'Neill, 97, of Gulf Breeze, Florida, formerly of Phenix City, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. Interment with military honors, was at Lakeview Memory Gardens.

SGM O'Neill was born in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, the son of James O'Neill and Ethel Melton. After high school, Mr. O'Neill enlisted in the United States Army where he faithfully served his country for thirty years. During his tenure as a soldier, he achieved the rank of Sergeant Major serving as an airborne ranger and infantryman. CSM O'Neill served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. During his WWII deployment he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1957.

One of his greatest accomplishments was serving as the Rifle Team Coach at U. S. Military Academy, West Point, NY which is the position he held upon retirement. After his military career, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing golf and gardening. Mr. O'Neill treasured the visits and conversations with his retired military family. He was a member of the MMA.

Taps -Present Arms

Marvin C. Spinks



Marvin Spinks passed away February 19, 2021, at age 59. MMA member and former AMU shooter, passed peacefully at the side of his wife, Bonnie, in Florida, the state where he was born and grew up.

He began shooting rifle at the age of 14 and received training at the USAMU while still in high school. In 1979 he was a winner at the first National Junior Olympics Championships and in 1980 won his first gold medal as a junior at the Benito Juarez Championships in Mexico. He attended West Virginia University and was a double All American (Air Rifle and Smallbore Rifle) in 1981. He then became a member of the USAMU International Rifle Section for several years and left rifle shooting because of a shoulder injury. He next began training with a shotgun and progressed to be the Manager of the Callaway Gardens Resort Gun Club in Pine Mountain, GA. While there he became a certified shotgun instructor. He advanced his training in 2007 by attending the ISSF Academy Coaches Course in Kuotane, Finland. He progressed in his career and reached the level of a certified instructor and coach by the ISSF, ATA, NSCA, NSSA, NRA and USA Shooting.

He was a full time professional shotgun coach in the Tampa-St. Petersburg, FL area. In 2011, he established the United States Clay Target Academy. He always displayed a high level of enthusiasm in his instruction. He trained 10,000 shooters and certified 500 coaches. He lost his battle to cancer and is now at the Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg, FL.

Taps -Present Arms

SFC (Ret) Oliver Williams



Oliver Williams passed away December 12, 2021.

Oliver was born June 12, 1926 in Center County, Alabama; the son of Lothar Lamar Williams and Haynie Edwards Williams. He joined the U.S. Army in 1944 and retired after 30 years of service. During this time, he served in World War II, receiving a purple heart, the Korean War, and Vietnam. Oliver loved his wife, Inez, and cherished the time he spent with his family and friends. He was a fan of the Yankees, bird dogs, hunting and fishing. He was the Service Rifle Coach of the Fort Benning Post Rifle Team when he retired. He was a member of the MMA.

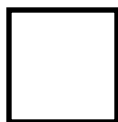
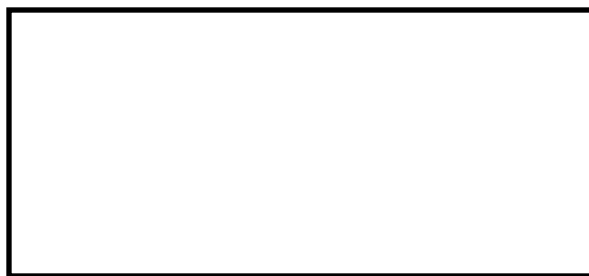
He is preceded in death by his wife, Inez; son, Ronald; parents, Lothar and Haynie; sister, Kathryn; brothers, Hoyt and James. He is survived by his daughter, Nancy Sankey; Daughter-in-law, Cathy Williams; grandson, Chris (Couri) Williams; granddaughter, Jennifer Wilson; and great grandson, Trey Wilson.

A visitation for the family and friends of Oliver will be held Thursday, December 16, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 2:50 PM at Striffler-Hamby Mortuary, 4071 Macon Rd, Columbus, Georgia 31907, followed by a funeral service at 3:00 PM. Oliver will be entombed in the Memorial Mausoleum in Parkhill Cemetery, 4161 Macon Rd, Columbus, GA 31907-2211.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Cancer Research Institute or the Macular Degeneration Association.

Acknowledgement:

MMA wishes Good Luck to our member, **COL (Ret) Denise Loring**, who will also be on the USA team to the Cairo World Championships. She will be shooting 300 meter prone and 3 x 20. She is a former AMU member and is Distinguished in Rifle (2014), Crossbow (1987), and NRA Smallbore Rifle Position Distinguished (1988). She was also on the 2018 WC 300 meter team to South Korea. She is a leader of Camp Valor Outdoors, an organization serving wounded warriors, and the Fairfax (VA) Rod and Gun Club.



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