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TRADOC Commander Visits USAMU



General Paul E. Funk II, Commanding General of U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, stopped by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit February 16. Funk, who was at Fort Benning for the Maneuver Warfighter Conference, chatted with the Soldiers of the USAMU Shotgun and International Rifle Teams.

Auction to Benefit the Lones Wigger Youth Program Endowment

Firearms belonging to Olympic shooting legend Lones Wigger will be auctioned on GunBroker.com March 6-20, to benefit Youth shooting programs.

The family of Lones Wigger has generously donated over 30 firearms and shooting memorabilia belonging to Lones, with proceeds directed to the *Lones Wigger Youth Program Endowment* with MidwayUSA Foundation.

"This is an amazing collection of rifles that span the later part of his career," said Matt Suggs, USA Shooting CEO. "There are rifles I recognize from the time he was shooting."

The firearms include two Remington Model 720s as well as rifles that Wigger used at competitions. Each firearm has been paired with unique personal memorabilia from his career as well as a certificate of authenticity.

The Lones Wigger Youth Program Endowment creates a lasting legacy for shooting sports by providing additional funding for USA Shooting to grow youth programs and enhance grassroots development.

"Lones Wigger was fiercely dedicated to junior shooting and this endowment truly serves as living legacy of how he wanted to positively impact the sport," said Suggs.

A four-time Olympian and retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, Wigger is an iconic figure in the shooting sports. He has won over 111 international medals, 3 Olympic medals and is the only USA Shooting Team member ever elected to the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee Hall of Fame.

The auction is being curated by Sportsman's Legacy and hosted on GunBroker.com. The collection can be previewed at <https://bit.ly/3uF8wKV>

Donations can also be made directly to the Lones Wigger Youth Program Endowment at <https://www.usashooting.org/donate-20141126072420/loneswigger#Donations>

MMA President's Report

Ray P. Carter



I want to thank the previous Military Marksmanship Association (MMA) Executive Board for all they have done in keeping our organization going during these trying times. The good news is that we are still in business. The bad news is that we have dropped a lot of members over the past few years due to the pandemic and the death of MMA Times Editor Carter Berry who did much more than most of us ever realized. God Bless.

This newsletter is hopefully one big step towards rebuilding that membership. This mailing is going out to all current and former members to both educate you

on USAMU and MMA news and to request that you rejoin so you can get future mailings and emails. Please renew your annual membership if it has lapsed or even better, join as a Life Member. This is your chance to continue to keep up with the USAMU and MMA as future mailings and emails will only go to members. You can renew via the website at www.militarymarksmanship.org or use the attached form.

Speaking of new members, I want to welcome the USAMU Commander LTC Erik Andreassen, CSM Aaron Forry and former USAMU International Rifle Section shooter Maj. Gen. Miguel Castellanos. What a distinguished group!

We desperately need someone to step up and volunteer to be the MMA Times Editor and prepare the newsletter. You don't have to write any articles, but you certainly can if you wish to. You would just put the articles and information into the publishing format. We have a laptop and software for you to use or you can use your own.

We hope to be able to help the USAMU with the USAMU Reunion this fall, but it is dependent on the course of the pandemic, the Post Commander and the incoming USAMU Commander. We hope to have it September 30-October 1, 2022, but don't buy any plane tickets yet! There is a lot still up in the air and we may not know if it will be held until much closer to that date. Use pencil (not ink) to put it in on your calendar.

The new MMA Board consists of:

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We will highlight each of those volunteers in upcoming MMA Times articles as not everyone will know them.

Ray P. Carter
MMA President

USAMU Commander's Report

LTC Erik A. Andreassen



Greetings to all MMA members! I want to thank the Military Marksmanship Association for continuing to connect our alumni to the shooters representing the Army today! Our legacy is supported through your stories and we look forward to continuing the storied tradition of the USAMU. After a long time it is good to see the MMA times published again, bringing current news and historical features to all Military Marksman new and old.

There is a lot of news covering the Unit since the last edition of the MMA times. We have completed 4 Interservice matches, 3 All-Army matches, the U.S. Nationals, and the Olympic Games. Last year USAMU shooters earned 125 Gold, 82

Silver, and 58 Bronze Medals. We have set new records along the way and produced similar results in the previous year. Our Service Rifle team led by SFC Brandon Green and SFC Walt Craig set the current 10-man team record at a blistering 4966-254X and SSG Kevin Nguyen set a new National record in R3 10m Air Rifle Prone during the recent selection match in Colorado Springs, CO.

On the International Stage we had SPC Allison Weisz, SPC Sagen Maddalena, SGT Philip Jungman, SSG Patrick Sunderman, and 1LT Amber English represent us at the Tokyo Olympic Games. 1LT Amber English won a gold medal for the U.S. in women's Skeet and SPC Sagen Maddalena was selected as the ISSF Female Rifle Athlete of the Year after her 1st place finish at the ISSF President's Cup. Domestically our shooters continue to dominate in both the traditional categories and action events. SGT Hetherington continuing his march through the USPSA Carry Optics Division, SSG Ryan Franks won the President's 100 pistol match at Camp Perry, and SSG Erin O'neill won the Interservice Rifle Individual Championship during the 2022 season. USAMU continues to see success representing our Nation on both the domestic and world stages and looks forward to continuing to do so this upcoming year.

USAMU instructor shooters led by SFC Ken Rose and SFC Will Pryor have traveled across the Nation to coach combat marksmanship to over 7500 Soldiers building more sustainable marksmanship programs in the Active, National Guard, and Reserve formations. Even during COVID our shooters where on the road more than 290 days a year. This is in addition to our competition training and travel calendars which keep the unit extremely busy for 11 months of the year.

USAMU has moved back to USAREC, with this move you are more likely to see our shooters on the road telling their Army story and explaining how the Army has helped them achieve their goals. In addition to shooting competitions, you are very likely to see our shooters on the road national and regional events like the Great American Outdoor Show, Future Farmers of America National Convention, Miami Air and Sea Show and other large events to continue to represent the Army as the Service of choice! We have been very lucky to run into many of you at these events and we encourage you to come up and tell us your story. We are excited to be able to show the American people a side of the Army they may not often get to see.

The U.S. Army Small Arms Championship is right around the corner! All-Army will see shooters from across the United States set foot on our ranges to vie for the best shooters in the Army! We hope to see some of you during the event and look forward to seeing many of you at competitions we attend.

Erik Andreassen
USAMU CDR

MEET MMA PRESIDENT RAY CARTER



Ray Carter started competitive rifle shooting at Fort Belvoir, VA the evening his father left for Vietnam in February 1966. He shot smallbore rifle with the Acorns Junior Rifle Club and was part of their 1968 NRA National Junior Championship Team that set numerous National Records. He started high power rifle shooting in 1969 and set two NRA Junior National Records in his first match with a borrowed NRA Match Rifle. He then shot with the Virginia Civilian Team at Camp Perry that year shooting a National Match M-1. He won the Golden Eagle Trophy as the High Junior in the National Trophy Individual Match and was high shooter on the Virginia Civilian Team in the National Trophy Team Match when they won the Soldier of Marathon Trophy. He also helped them win it again in 1971 using a National Match M-14. Ray also earned the NRA Smallbore Rifle Prone Distinguished Badge and NRA Smallbore Rifle Position Distinguished Badge in 1971 and won the 1971 NRA National Civilian Smallbore Rifle Position Championship at Camp Perry and was on his first of many NRA Dewar Teams too. In 1972 he shot with the 3rd Army ROTC Team winning the individual NRA National Collegiate High Power Rifle Championship and earning a leg towards the Distinguished Rifleman Badge. He was a four-time member of the NRA All-American Rifle Team while at Tennessee Tech University, was the Team Captain his last three years and was a member of their winning NRA National Collegiate Rifle Team Championships those three years.

He was a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Tennessee Technological University ROTC Program in June 1973 and received a Regular Army commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He graduated from Airborne School in July 1973 and Field Artillery Officer Basic School in October 1973 and was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 10th Field Artillery, part of the 197th Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning, GA.

Ray shot Service Rifle at the Fort Benning Post Rifle Championships in March 1974, the First Army Rifle Championships in April 1974 and the All Army Rifle Championships in May 1974. He was then picked up for the All-Army National Trophy Group that trained for and competed in the Interservice Rifle Championships in Quantico, Virginia and the National Trophy Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio through late August 1974. He was a shooting member of the Army team that won the National Trophy Rifle Team Match that year before he headed back to his artillery assignment. He also finished earning the Distinguished Rifleman Badge at the Interservice Rifle Championship EIC Match.

In February 1975 he was transferred to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU). In June he was member of the winning CISM Rifle Team in Oulu, Finland before augmenting the Service Rifle Team for the summer. He was a firing member (497x500) of the Army team that won the Interservice Ten Man Team Rifle Match with a score of 4931x5000. That score remained the record until broken by the USAMU team at the 1999 Interservice Rifle Championship. He skipped Camp Perry that year and shot the Canadian Smallbore Rifle National Championships in Kitchener. That fall he graduated from the USAMU Sniper/Counter Sniper Course and accompanied MAJ Foster and SFC Lee to brief and demonstrate the XM21 Sniper Rifle to LTG Emerson at Fort Bragg and then the 101st Airborne at Fort Campbell as the backup shooter and backup briefer. He never prayed so hard for two people to not get sick in his life! In 1976 he again augmented the Service Rifle Team after the Olympic Tryouts. He was a shooting member of the winning Interservice Ten Man Team Match (494x500) and was the top shooter in the National Trophy Rifle Team Match winning the Pershing Trophy, Rattlesnake Trophy and the National Trophy (494x500).

In 1977 he earned a spot on the US Shooting Team to CAT in June and shot a 6399x6400 in smallbore rifle prone and set the Critchfield 3200 national record in July. He then shot the Canadian National Smallbore Championships in Winnipeg before he was a shooting member of the winning Army Team in the Interservice Ten Man Team Match (491x500) in August before traveling to Bisley, England with the NRA Lord Earl Roberts Team where he won the British Smallbore Rifle Prone Championship with a record score that held until the targets were changed in 1989. That also helped earn him the NRA International Distinguished Smallbore Rifleman Award when it was created in 2019.

He resigned from active duty and joined the US Army Reserve in September 1977. He became the East Tennessee State University Rifle Coach and earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge at the 1977 Championships of the Americas in Mexico City. In 1978 he was a shooting member of the US Army Reserve Service Rifle Team that won the National Trophy Rifle Team Match for the first time in history. Then he was on the US Shooting Team at the 42nd World Shooting Championships helping win three world team championships in the 300 meter Free Rifle 3x40, 300 meter Free Rifle Prone and 300m Free Rifle Standing events. In 1979 he was a member of the US Shooting Team at the 1st World Air Gun Championships in Seoul, Korea helping win a silver medal. In 1980 he won one of the aggregates in the NRA High Power Rifle Championships before winning the Canadian Smallbore Rifle Prone and 3-Position Championships in Kitchener, Ontario. He was also the Chairman of the NCAA Rifle Committee and Secretary/Rules Editor and ran the inaugural NCAA Rifle Championships in Johnson City, TN.

In 1981 he was a member of the US Shooting Team at the 2nd World Air Gun Championships in Santo Domingo and the 3rd Championships of the Americas in Rio De Janeiro winning several medals. He was also a shooting member of the US Armbrust (Match Crossbow) Team that won a silver medal in Arosa, Switzerland. In 1982 he was a member of the US Shooting Team at the 43rd World Shooting Championships in Caracas winning several medals.

In 1983 he was a member of the US Shooting Team at the Pan American Games in Caracas winning two medals before finishing his MBA and starting work for Gary Anderson and the International Shooter Development Fund in Washington, DC.

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In 1985 he earned the President Hundred award and was a member of the US Shooting Team at the 4th Championships of the Americas at Fort Benning, GA winning one medal. He was selected to the Tennessee Tech Sports Hall of Fame in 1985.

In 1991 he competed in the Interservice Ten Man Team Match (494x500) and was the top shooter in the National Trophy Rifle Team Match (494x500) winning the Pershing Trophy and Rattlesnake Trophy 15 years after winning them in 1976. He was also the coach of the winning team in the NRA Roumanian Trophy (1,000 yard) Team Match. He retired as a Major in early 1995.

Ray has worked for the NRA, the U.S. Shooting Team Foundation, USA Shooting, the Civilian Marksmanship Program, Shooters.com, and Sig Sauer. He earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation in 1996. He is currently retired and working part-time at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, NH. He was elected as President, Military Marksmanship Association in the fall of 2021.

Ray started shooting Cowboy Action Shooting in 2000 and is the webmaster of numerous (20+) websites for shooting organizations and Cowboy Action Shooting clubs. He has been elected as a SASS Regulator and SASS Territorial Governor and has won numerous awards in local, state, regional, national and world championships since 2000.

He feels he has accomplished more than many shooters and not as much as some, but he has certainly been blessed with many friendships with those he shot with or worked with over the years. That is priceless to him. His time with USAMU was certainly one of the highlights of his life. His NH Veteran's license plate is "USAMU".

Who are the two Distinguished Service Cross recipients in the photo?

See the answer in the June 2022 issue that will be sent to current MMA members only.

1965 International Rifle Team at Camp Perry, OH



Back L to R: J.S. Watkins W. Krilling J. Meger J. Frazier D. Dingman D. Ross III L. Sampson
Front L to R: V. Wright L. Wigger D. Adams M. Thompson D. Kimes J. McHugh J. Foster

A Visit from Maj. Gen. Miguel A. Castellanos, Commanding General, 84th Training Command



LTC Erik Andreasen, the USAMU Commander, presents Maj. Gen. Castellanos a USAMU black hat with two stars on it. Maj. Gen. Castellanos was a member of the USAMU International Rifle Section back in the early 1990's.

Major General Miguel A. Castellanos currently serves as Commanding General of the 84th Training Command at Ft. Knox, KY. A native of Fresno, California, he graduated from California State University Fresno and received a Regular Army Commission as an Infantry Officer in 1987.

While serving on Active Duty he deployed in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM, Operation RESTORE HOPE / UNOSOM II in Somalia. In the U.S. Army Reserve and Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) Pro-

gram, he became a Civil Affairs Officer in 1997, performed numerous staff assignments and commanded at the Company, Battalion, Brigade as well as a PSYOP Group. He supported Operation UNIFIED ASSISTANCE in 2004 and deployed to Senegal in support of Operation UNITED ASSISTANCE in 2014.

Most recently, MG Castellanos served as the Deputy Director for Operations at USAFRICOM in Stuttgart Germany. Prior to, he served as the Deputy Commanding General for Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) serving in Mogadishu, Somalia.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Mr. Troy Lawton has enjoyed competitive marksmanship since the age of 9 and still competes as of this writing. Several of his accomplishments in shooting are legend as he was the first person to fire a perfect score in both NRA Standard and Hunter Rifle Silhouette Smallbore Rifle competition. This event is fired 100% in the standing position.

He even won a brand new pickup truck at a Louisiana State Silhouette Match where they boasted "anyone shoots a perfect score here today wins this truck". Well he did and drove the truck for ten+ years.

In 2005 Lawton set a new National Record during a National Championship in NRA High Power Match Rifle he is proud of: It was 800 x 800, the first ever perfect score fired in the history of this event.

In 2011 he won the NRA Civilian Service Rifle National Championship title. In 2013 he won the President's 100 Rifle Match. He has earned the Distinguished Rifleman's Badge, the Presidents 100 tab and the Distinguished International Shooter Badge. He

shot International Running Target (rimfire and airgun) events winning several National titles in these events as well.

As of this writing Mr. Lawton has won 15+ National Championships and set more than 40+ National records. He enjoys Precision Rifle Series (PRS) style shooting competitions now and mostly competes in the Southeastern U.S. He has made it to the Finale in the PRS series (top 100) every year since 2015. He is currently working for the USAMU as a Ballistician at Parks Range in Fort Benning GA. He is most proud of the custom firearms shop team and their contributions to helping USAMU soldiers exceed at their respective win missions. Few USAMU Champions could be successful without the CFS "pit crew". He continues to help the USAMU maintain its relevance to the US ARMY and the Department of Defense in the ballistic testing small arms testing arena. He is looking forward to the integration of the new Next Generation weapons for the US ARMY.

He is married to his wife, Sharon, for 35+ years. Both he and his wife are originally from Texas and currently reside in Columbus GA.



New gate being installed at the entrance to the USAMU Range Complex

MILITARY MARKSMANSHIP ASSOCIATION LIFE MEMBERS

As of February 22, 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. Lally
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

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 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

2016

Larry Leutenegger
Rick Remily
Ryan Franks

2019

Howard Kramer

+ following a name indicates deceased

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Check Membership: Life ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Years: 1 yr ☐ 2 yr ☐ 3 yr ☐ 4 yr ☐ 5 yr ☐

Check Status: Veteran ☐ Non-Veteran ☐ Cadet ☐

Spouse, Widow, Widower, Ancestor, or Lineal Descendant of a Veteran or a Cadet ☐

Check Past or Present Branch of Service: USA ☐ USAR ☐ ARNG ☐ ANG ☐ USAF ☐ USAFR ☐
USCG ☐ USCGR ☐ USMC ☐ USMR ☐ USN ☐ USNR ☐

Military Service: (mm/dd/yyyy)	From		To	
Past / Present Rank				
First Name				
Last Name				
Address				
City			State:	
Phone			Zip+4:	
e-mail				

Check your assignment or shooting discipline (Check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Action Shooting	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paralympic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gun Shop/Gunsmith	<input type="checkbox"/>	Staff/Support (HQ, HHD, S1, S3, S4)
<input type="checkbox"/>	International Pistol	<input type="checkbox"/>	Service Pistol
<input type="checkbox"/>	International Rifle	<input type="checkbox"/>	Service Rifle
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instructor Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shotgun
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moving/Running Target	<input type="checkbox"/>	TDY (Summer Pick-up)
<input type="checkbox"/>	MTU (Army Area-Post Teams)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Fill in):

I certify I have not been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions and the information I provided above is correct to the best of my knowledge. By submission of this application and membership dues, I agree to read and abide by all provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Military Marksmanship Association.

Signature of Applicant _____

Information provided on this form is for the use of the MMA. The information provided will be added to the MMA membership database for the purposes of compiling membership directories and email lists, and used to notify members of MMA activities or items of interest to members.

Taps -Present Arms

Colonel (Ret) Dennis Dingman

Died November 17, 2021



Denny was 84 when he passed away at Sanford Medical Center, surrounded by his wife of 55 years and their three children. Mass of Christian Burial was Monday, November 22, 2021 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

Dennis hunted rabbits and pheasants in the country and shot in a junior rifle club in Sioux Falls. His proficiency for target shooting travelled with him to college where he was a member of the South Dakota State University Rifle Team and the ROTC.

By the time Dennis graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree in 1960, he was more than just 'a good shot.' Dennis entered active duty and earned a spot on the prestigious United States Army Marksmanship Training Unit 1963-66. A world-class marksman, Dennis shot competitively around the world.

In 1966-67, Dennis served a tour in Vietnam where he was stationed at the U.S. Army Signal Corps headquarters in Saigon. He was on the USAR International Rifle Team 1968-82 and USAR Service Rifle Team 1983-84.

The best part of shooting, however, is that it gave Dennis an opportunity to return to South Dakota to pursue a much younger (and prettier) member of the SDSU rifle team. Dennis 'set his sights' on Carol Mitchell, and they were married in Watertown, SD in June 1966. Little did they know then how much God would bless them in the coming 55 years. In spite of so much travel, South Dakota was his home.

Dennis worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Sioux Falls until retiring at age 55 as the Outpatient Pharmacy Supervisor.

Dennis had Lewy Body Dementia and Parkinson's Disease. While he met these changes with courage and dignity, a severe fall on November 15th prevented him from the inevitable transitions facing him. Dennis spent two days in Sanford Hospital where he received excellent and compassion care, never regaining consciousness. While surrounded by his wife and children, Dennis was released into God's loving arms.

Taps -Present Arms

Weldon "Mike" Griggs

Died January 3, 2022



Mike was 82 when he died. Being an All American at Oregon State University he was assigned to the USAMTU in 1963, and won the Singles and Double Run of Running Deer that year. He transitioned to Running Boar and was the National Champion in 1964. He signed on to be in charge of the Army Reserve Running Target Team. He competed in England, Germany, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. He was Team Manager for the USA at the 1987 World Air Gun Championships in Budapest, Hungary. He was the Team Manager at the 1981 National Sports Festival in Syracuse, New York.

He served with the USAR until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1987. He was worth his weight in gold so far as dependability was concerned. He never had to asked twice to get something done.

He wrote articles for the *MMA Times* and attended every USAMU Reunion. In retirement, he volunteered as a guide at an Air Museum in California.

He was a Forest Ranger in the State of Washington, a volunteer on the Search and Rescue Team of his community, and actually helped select the site for the National Cemetery where he now rests. There is so much to say about him. A magnificent person and a true patriot if there ever was one.

There will be a military ceremony at his grave at Tahoma National Cemetery in Seattle, WA on June 27, 2022 at 2:00 PM with a gathering after at a nearby hall. Friends and teammates are invited.