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## 2023 U.S. Army Small Arms Championship

By Sgt. 1st Class Kulani Lakanaria U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit



FORT BENNING, Ga. — 260 Soldiers of all components competed for titles and bragging rights in the 2023 U.S. Army Small Arms Championships March 12-18. The annual competition, better known as the “All Army,” is hosted by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU) in conjunction with the Maneuver Center of Excellence with the mission of advancing marksmanship across the Army.

The week-long competition included cadets and Soldiers from all components of the U.S. Army: Active Duty, Army National Guard, Reserve, Air National Guard, and Space Force all vying for top honors.

The annual event didn't start off with the Soldiers competing though. First, they received some training from USAMU coaches, instructors, and competitive shooters who provided both rifle and pistol instruction to all competitors, as well as other assistance throughout the week-long competition.

Competitors experience diverse levels of marksmanship during the All Army and competed as individuals and on teams in events like pistol and rifle excellence in competition matches, combat rifle and pistol matches, and multi-gun courses of fire.

**Maj. Samuel Freeman**, South Carolina Army National Guard, seized the Overall All Army Individual Champion title with the highest aggregate score from all the individual matches. Followed by **Maj. Ian Swisher**, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, earned second, and **1st Lt. Zachary Reed**, Utah Army National Guard, secured third.

The **Utah Army National Guard** seized the All Army Championship Team title after taking first in the multi-gun team competition category and second in both the pistol and rifle team categories. Team members included 1st Lt. Zachary Reed, Sgt. 1st Class Kayle Buchanan, Sgt. Maxim Nikerson and Sgt. Kade Jackovich, who was also the team's coach. The **South Carolina Army National Guard** Team earned the Rifle Team Champion title while the **New Hampshire Army National Guard** took the Pistol Team Champion title.

Maj. Samuel Freeman was the winner of the U.S. Army Rifle Individual Championship, 1st Lt. John Pitman, Army Reserve, won second, and Maj. Ian Swisher, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, won third.

Maj. Samuel Freeman, was the winner of the U.S. Army Individual Pistol Championship. Sgt. 1st Class Jason Deal, 96th Civil Affairs Battalion, won second and Sgt. 1st Class Richard Willis, Army Reserve, won third.

1st Lt. Zachary Reed won this year's individual multi-gun championship. Spc. James Whitener, Missouri Army National Guard, won second, and Sgt. Maxim Nickerson, Utah Army National Guard won third.

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## MMA President's Report



I am pleased to announce that we are planning on having an USAMU Reunion on Friday and Saturday, October 13-14, 2023. That is the weekend after the Columbus Day Weekend. Additional details will be coming. Besides the USAMU Hall of Fame induction, there will also be an USAMU Support Hall of Fame induction, along with the USAMU Shooting Sections Hall of Fame inductions. We will also dedicate "Pullum Hall", the Finals Hall at the Tommy Pool International Shooting Complex named after LTC William C. Pullum.

The USAMU has submitted a request to the Commanding General of Fort Benning (which will be renamed Fort Moore on May 11, 2023) to name the 50 meter / 300 meter range building as "Wigger Hall" in honor of LTC Lones W. Wigger, Jr. Hopefully now that the Memorialization Board has finished renaming all of the Confederacy-related buildings, roads and locations at Fort Moore, they will be able to address the request about Wigger Hall. I am sure that will bring many to the dedication of that building! Hopefully we can have that on Friday, October 13, 2023.

On Saturday, October 14, 2023 we will have the MMA Meeting with an election of all MMA Executive Board positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Historian, Information Technology Officer and Public Affairs/MMA Times Editor. All positions are open and many of those positions will be vacant if no one steps up. I am not running for President again as I want to get

the rotation of that position back to a normal two-year term. We need you to step up. We will also have the annual MMA Barbeque. Hopefully some other activities also.

I want to acknowledge new MMA Life Members **Joseph E. Chrysler** of Cambridge, MN and **Erik A. Andreasen** of Fort Benning/Moore, GA. We need more of you Annual Members to join as Life Members.

We have ordered 500 MMA Challenge Coins. We will be selling them once we get them in stock in June. We think you will really like them!

We have put all of the past issues of the *MMA Times* on the MMA Website. Please take a look as those issues have a lot of historical information in them.

<https://www.militarymarksmanship.org>

I recently drove to Florida for a competition and visited with Dick Floyd in Virginia, Mary Godlove in Georgia, and Kathy Kelly Quandahl in Virginia. I urge each of you to get in contact with former USAMU members and keep in contact with them.

Speaking of keeping in contact, does anyone have any information on MMA Life Members Robert Lee Meeks, Robert M. Rains or Eric G. Daniels? Could you have them contact us as we don't have current contact information for them.

Ray P. Carter  
MMA President

## Kick off the 2023 National Matches at the Historic Camp Perry Training Site in Port Clinton, Ohio.

Each year, the official start of the National Matches begins at the First Shot Ceremony when the guest speaker fires a ceremonial opening shot on Camp Perry's 600-yard Rodriguez Range. The ceremony also features a color guard and military band from the Ohio Air National Guard, with a flyover from vintage military planes above the crowd. Those in attendance include dignitaries from the CMP, National Guard, branches of the armed forces and government representatives – all witness to the exciting fanfare.

The 2023 First Shot Speaker will be **SFC Brandon Green**, USA, a Double Distinguished Badge holder and member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Rifle Team. SFC Green earned Junior Distinguished Badge #1 (Air Rifle) in 2001 as a member of his high school's air rifle team and earned his Distinguished Rifleman's Badge in 2005. SFC Green holds the National President's Rifle Match record with an incredible 400-20X set in 2018.

The Pistol Small Arms Firing School and M9 Match will take place prior to the Ceremony. The full National Match schedule is as follows:



National Smallbore Matches: July 7-16

National Rimfire Sporter Match: July 8

National Pistol Matches: July 10-16

National Air Matches: July 13-16

National Highpower Championships: July 17-20

Rifle School and Clinics: July 21-23

National Rifle Matches: July 24-28

National Games Matches: July 27-31

National Mid-Range & Long Range Matches: July 31-August 5

For detailed information on the CMP's National Matches at Camp Perry, visit <https://thecmp.org/cmp-national-matches/>.



## All Army, From Page 1



**Maj. Samuel Freeman,**  
2023 Overall All  
Army Individual  
Champion



**Utah Army National Guard, 2023 All Army Championship Team.**  
Team members included 1st Lt. Zachary Reed, Sgt. 1st Class Kayle Buchanan, Sgt. Maxim Nikerson and Sgt. Kade Jackovich

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Willis, 104th Training Division, won the Drill Sergeant award for the highest score while on drill status.

In the novice category, 1st Lt. Zachary Reed was named the 2023 Novice Champion. Sgt. 1st Class Kayle Buchanan, Utah Army National Guard, was second, and Tech Sgt. Connor Cunio, New Hampshire Air National Guard was third.

In the cadet category, the first-place cadet was Cadet Anthony Linatoc, in second was Cadet Jack Swamba, and in third was Cadet Cameron Johns.

In the open category 1st Sgt. Josiah Noble, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne), won first. Sgt. 1st Class Randall Henrion, 11th Airborne Division, won second, and Staff Sgt. Christopher Brookens, Delaware Army National Guard, won third.

The Col. Ralph Puckett trophy for excellence in marksmanship was presented to Staff Sgt. Michael Dunbar, South Carolina Army National Guard, for having the combined top novice score from all the rifle and pistol Excellence in Competition matches.

The Lt. Gen. Benjamin C. Freakley trophy for excellence in marksmanship was presented to Cadet Cole Farrington for having the combined top cadet score from all the rifle and pistol Excellence in Competition matches.

Seven competitors earned the U.S. Army Distinguished Rifleman Badge, and 5 competitors earned the U.S. Army Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge for outstanding marksmanship performance with the service rifle or the service pistol during the competition. The Excellence in Competition program was created in 1894 for service rifle and in 1901 for service pistol. Since its inception, 3,473 Soldiers have earned the U.S. Army Distinguished Rifleman Badge and 1,952 Soldiers have earned the U.S. Army Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge.

The seven competitors that earned the U.S. Army Distinguished Rifleman Badge are:

Spc. Christopher Knott, Alabama Army National Guard  
Spc. James Whitener, Missouri Army National Guard  
Sgt. Jacob Watkins, Alabama Army National Guard  
TSgt. Eric Reifsnyder, Delaware Air National Guard  
Staff Sgt. Kendall Miller-Mather, Michigan Army National Guard  
Staff Sgt. Ethan Hopkins, 11th Airborne Division  
Sgt. 1st Class Joel Kliesen, Virginia Army National Guard

The five competitors that earned the U.S. Army Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge are:

Maj. Ian Swisher, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, was also the 473rd Soldier to be double distinguished in both pistol and rifle.  
Sgt. 1st Class Randall Henrion, 11th Airborne Division  
Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Schrot, Michigan Army National Guard  
Staff Sgt. James Lam, Alabama Army National Guard  
1st Sgt. Josiah Noble, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne)

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit (USAMU) wins national and international shooting competitions, supports Army marketing engagements, and advances small arms lethality to demonstrate Army marksmanship capability, connect America to its Army, and enhance marksmanship effectiveness in combat. USAMU is part of the U.S. Army Marketing Engagement Brigade and Army Marketing and Research Group.



# USAMU and College Shooting Teams

By Ray P. Carter

Here are a few of the USAMU shooters and MMA members that went on to coach collegiate rifle, pistol and shotgun teams.

## RIFLE

**Alfred O'Neill** was the Head Rifle Coach at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, NY from 1963 to 1967 and again from 1968 until 1974. He earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge. He retired as a Sergeant Major.

**Kenneth Hamill** was the Head Rifle Coach at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, NY from 1967 to 1968 and again from 1974 until 1994. Coach Hamill hosted the NCAA Rifle Championships in 1981 and 1985. He earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge. He also coached the 3rd Army ROTC Team in 1971 and 1972. He retired as a Master Sergeant.

**Sue Ann Sandusky** was the Officer Representative (OR) to the U.S. Military Academy (USMA) Rifle Team when she was assigned to the USMA faculty, 1983-87. After that she was TDY with the USAMU long enough to win a medal at CISM, get her Distinguished Rifleman Badge and President's Hundred Tab before continuing her Army career, eventually retiring as a Colonel. She had earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge while on the U. S. Army Reserve International Rifle Team before getting her direct commission and entering Active Duty as a Captain.

**Everad Horton** had great success at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and then at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in the 1960's as a ROTC cadre. In fact, the UA-F Rifle Range is named for Everad and he is in their Athletic Hall of Fame. He retired as a Master Sergeant.

Some of the coaches started as ROTC NCO's, but stayed on as civilian coaches after retirement. **Harvey Webber** at ETSU and then Appalachian State University, **George Beck** at Texas Christian University, **James Newkirk** at Tennessee Technological University and **Elvis Green** at Murray State University are great examples. The door opened in 1976 for younger active international shooters when the NRA International Competitions Committee voted to authorize amateur shooters to be paid while serving as a collegiate coach and still compete in Olympic and International competitions. The eligibility rules at the time prohibited athletes from being paid as coaches unless part of their military duties.

**Edward Etzel, Jr.** was the first one to benefit from the rule change and served as the Head Rifle Coach at West Virginia University (WVU) from 1976 to 1989 after serving with the USAMU 1975-76 and the U.S. Army Reserve International Rifle Team afterwards until 1985. He was a member of the NCAA Rifle Committee and served as the NCAA Rifle Secretary/Rules Editor for many years. He shot in the 1977 Championships of the Americas, the 1978 World Shooting Championships, the 1979 Pan American Games, the 1983 World Air Gun Championships and won the 1984 Olympic Gold Medal in Smallbore Rifle Prone 60 shots while the coach at WVU. He tied the Olympic Record 599x600 and tied the World Record a couple of days later with his 400x400 prone during the Men's 3-Position Rifle event. He was elected to the USA Shooting Hall of Fame. He earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge. His teams won four NCAA Rifle Team Championships and placed second five times. Three of his shooters not only won individual NCAA Rifle Individual Championships, but each went on to compete in the Olympic Games and then into coaching their own teams.

**Ray Carter** was the Head Rifle Coach at East Tennessee State University 1977-1983 after shooting with the USAMU 1974-77 and the U. S. Army Reserve International Rifle Team afterwards until 1995. He was the first NCAA Rifle Committee Chair and the first NCAA Rifle Secretary/Rules Editor and ran the first NCAA Rifle Championships in 1980. He shot in the 1977 Championships of the Americas, the 1978 World Shooting Championships, the 1979 World Air Gun Championships, the 1981 World Air Gun Championships, the 1981 Championships of the Americas, the 1982 World Shooting Championships and the 1983 Pan American Games while serving as the ETSU Rifle Coach. His teams hovered between second and fourth at the championships. He earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge, the Distinguished International Shooter Badge, the United States Distinguished Match Crossbow Award and the President's Hundred Tab. He then moved on to work for the U.S. Shooting Team in Washington, DC and Colorado Springs, CO. He retired as a Major.

**Ronald Wigger** was the Head Rifle Coach at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, NY from 2000 to 2014. He had been assigned to the USAMU International Rifle Section before that and was also a shooter for the Army National Guard. He was a program manager for the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center before moving to West Point, NY. He won the Men's Smallbore Rifle Prone 60 shots event at the 1988 Mexico City World Cup and set a new World Record as the ISSF had just changed the target dimensions. He earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge and the Distinguished International Shooter Badge. His USMA Rifle Team won the 2005 NCAA Rifle Team Championship and was second in 2007 and 2008. He retired as a Major.

**David Johnson** was the first of Etzel's WVU rifle shooters to get into coaching. He had a successful shooting career with the U. S. Army Reserve International Rifle Team including a two-year assignment at the USAMU International Rifle Section. He competed in the 1983, 1991 and 1995 Pan American Games, the 1985 and 1991 World Air Gun Championships, the 1990 and 1994 World Shooting Championships, the 1992 Olympic Games and the 1988 and 1994 World Cup Finals. He was the Head Rifle Coach at the University of Alaska – Fairbanks 2000-2002 and coached two winning two NCAA Rifle Championship teams. He was then the USA Shooting National Rifle Coach 2002 to 2012 and then moving up to Director of Operations and Interim Executive Director of USA Shooting until moving on to be the Assistant Rifle Coach at the U. S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. He earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge. He retired as a Major.

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**Glenn Dubis** (USAMU Hall of Fame) was the Head Rifle Coach at the University of Alaska – Fairbanks 2002-2005 after retiring from a long career at the USAMU and other Infantry assignments. His teams won two NCAA Rifle Team Championships. Glenn had an incredible shooting record including competing in four Olympic Games (1984, 1988, 1996, 2000), six World Championships (1982, 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002), three Pan American Games (1987, 1995, 1999), two World Air Gun Championships (1983, 1985), three Championships of the Americas (1989, 1997, 2001), four World Cup Finals (1988, 1997, 1998, 1999), and four World Match Crossbow Championships (1983, 1987, 1991, 1997). He tied or set six World Records and won three World Championship titles and five CISM titles. Glenn was elected to the USA Shooting Hall of Fame and earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge, the Distinguished Rifleman Badge, the United States Distinguished Match Crossbow Award and the President's Hundred Tab. He retired as a Captain.

**Karen Monez** has been the Head Rifle Coach at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX since 2004. She spent three years with the USAMU International Rifle Section in the late 1970's with 22 years with the U. S. Army Reserve International Rifle Team before and after that tour. She competed in the Championships of the Americas (1977, 1981, 1985, 1989), the World Shooting Championships (1978, 1982), the World Air Gun Championships (1979, 1981) and the World Cup Final (1988). She was the World Champion in Women's Air Rifle in 1979 and has earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge. Her teams won the NCAA Rifle Team Championships in 2010, 2012 and 2019 and had Runner -up finishes in 2016, 2017, 2021, 2022 and 2023. And she does it with an all-female team which can be a disadvantage when recruiting. She retired as a Sergeant First Class.

**Michael Anti** was the second of Etzel's WVU rifle shooters to get into coaching after retiring from the Army in 2008. Mike shot in four Olympic Games (1992, 2000, 2004, 2008) and won the Olympic Silver Medal in Men's 3-Position Rifle in 2004. He shot in two World Shooting Championships (1982, 2002), two Championships of the Americas (1981, 2001), one World Air Gun Championship (1983), one Pan American Games (1991) and two World Cup Finals (2000, 2007). He served as the Assistant Rifle Coach at the U. S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO 2009-2017 and has been the Head Rifle Coach at the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD since 2017. Mike retired as a Major. He earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge. His father, **CWO4 Raymond Anti**, USMC (Distinguished Rifleman Badge and Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge), had been the Head Rifle Coach at the U. S. Naval Academy 1986-1998. Mike's son, Will Anti, is the current Head Rifle Coach at University of Alaska – Fairbanks after shooting for West Virginia University and UA-F won the 2023 NCAA Rifle Championship.

**Webster Wright III** was the third WVU rifle shooter to join the coaching ranks. He won the World Cup in Zurich in 1986, competed in the Pan American Games in 1987 and 1995, the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul and the 1994 World Championships in Milan. He earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge in 1985. He was the Officer Representative to the USMA Rifle Team 2012-2015 and the Head Rifle Coach from 2015 to 2022. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. Web's father, LCDR Webster M. Wright Jr (Distinguished Rifleman Badge, Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge, Distinguished International Shooter Badge), was the coach at the U. S. Naval Academy several different times in the 1970's and 1980's.

**David Cramer** was the Head Rifle Coach at Duquesne University, Pittsburg, PA for 30 years. He had been assigned to the USAMU International Rifle Section in the late 1960's and then shot with the U. S. Army Reserve International Rifle Team for years. He eventually retired as a Lieutenant Colonel. He competed in the 1974 World Shooting Championships, the 1975 Pan American Games, the 1979 Pan American Games and the 1979 World Air Gun Championships. He earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge, the Distinguished International Shooter Badge, the Distinguished Match Crossbow Award and the President's Hundred Tab.

**Harry Mullins** is the son of Al Mullins, former USAMU shotgun shooter. Harry shot with the Fort Benning Junior Rifle Club and Spencer High School before shooting for the University of Kentucky Rifle Team four years and graduating in 1987. He then took over as the Head Rifle Coach and is still coaching the rifle team as this is his 36th year! His teams have won four NCAA Rifle Team Championships.

**Steven Kern** and **Denise Loring** (MMA Life Members) have been volunteer Assistant Rifle Coaches at the University of Michigan and Virginia Military Institute respectively. COL (Ret) Loring earned the Distinguished Rifle Badge and Distinguished Crossbow badge.

## PISTOL

**Huelet "Joe" Benner** (USAMU Hall of Fame) was the Pistol Coach at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, NY from 1953 to 1963. He was a World Champion, Pan American Games Champion and Olympic Champion before he became the pistol coach and continued shooting during the summers with the National Trophy Group 1953 to 1963. He won the 1954 World Championships, the 1955 Pan American Games and participated in the 1956 Olympic Games while at West Point. He was the NRA National Pistol Champion in 1954, 1955 and 1959 after becoming the coach. He earned the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge, the Distinguished International Shooter Badge and the President's Hundred Tab. He was also elected to the USA Shooting Hall of Fame. He retired as a Sergeant Major.

**Emil Heugatter, Jr.** (USAMU Hall of Fame) was the U. S. Military Academy Pistol Coach from 1972-76 after a distinguished career as a Service Pistol and International Pistol shooter. He earned the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge, the Distinguished International Shooter Badge and the President's Hundred Tab. He retired as a Sergeant Major.

**John McClellan** (Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge) and **Jack McJunkin** (Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge) also served as the Pistol Coaches at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, NY.



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**Richard Hawkins** retired from the Army in 1996 after several assignments in the USAMU International Rifle Section, USAMU Service Rifle Section and as the USAMU Operations Officer. He earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge and President's Hundred Tab. He was the USAMU's International Rifle Coach 2001-2006 and the USAMU Service Pistol Coach 2006-2013. He was the Rifle and Pistol Coach at U. S. Coast Guard Academy (USCGA), New London, CT from 2013 until he retired in 2021. The USCGA Pistol Team won the 2019 NRA National Collegiate Pistol Championship. He retired as a Major.

### SHOTGUN

**Shawn Duloher** was a shotgun coach at Lindenwood University, Saint Charles, MO after retiring from the USAMU Shotgun Section. He earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge and competed in the World Moving Target Championships (1995, 2001, 2007) and was the 2001 Men's World Skeet Champion. He also competed in the Championships of the Americas in 1997 and the World Shooting Championships in 1998 and 2002. He competed in the 2004 Olympic Games and the World Cup Finals in 2001 and 2003. He retired as a Sergeant First Class.

**Bret Erickson** was a shotgun coach at Midland University, Fremont, NE and has also served as the USA Shooting National Shotgun Coach in Colorado Springs, CO. He had a long career with the USAMU Shotgun Team in Trap and Double Trap and earned the Distinguished International Shooter Badge. He competed in three Olympic Games (1992, 1996, 2004), five World Shooting Championships (1990, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006), nine World Moving Target Championships (1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007), three Pan American Games (1991, 1995, 2007), two Championships of the Americas (1997, 2005), five World Cup Finals (1988, 1997, 2001, 2003, 2006) and many World Cups. He was the 1990 World Double Trap Champion, the 1997 and 2005 CAT Trap Champion and won two World Cups in Trap. He retired as a Sergeant First Class.

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST ... 2013

In the February 2023 issue we had a photo of the current USAMU shoulder patch. Here is an article from 2013 that details some of that history.

FORT BENNING, Ga. (April 4, 2013) -- Soldiers from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit held one of the shortest yet most significant ceremonies in the unit's 57-year history, donning new Shoulder Sleeve Insignias April 2, at the unit's Ceremony Hill on post.

While it took decades to get to this day, it took all of ten seconds for the Soldiers to remove the Army Star patch they had been wearing and replace it with the unit's new shield-shaped Shoulder Sleeve Insignia, or SSI, the first patch they can all their own.

"For the first time in our unit's history, we have our very own shoulder sleeve insignia that we can call our own," said Lt. Col. Don King Jr., commander, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, or USAMU. "No matter what command we get assigned to from this day until the end of time, this patch is ours and ours alone."

Similar to Soldiers moving from one unit to another over the course of an Army career, the unit's members have transitioned from one patch to another five times since 1956. Upon creation of the unit it fell under the Continental Army Command, or CONARC, wearing the famed patch of the former Army Ground Forces. In 1973, CONARC was divided into two commands: Forces Command, known as FORSCOM, and Training and Doctrine Command, or TRADOC. The USAMU fell under FORSCOM and donned the patch selected during World War I by General John J. Pershing. In 1995, the USAMU was transferred from TRADOC to the Community Family Support Center, wearing the stylized triangle patch of the CFSC.

The USAMU was once again on the move in 1999, transitioning from CFSC to U.S. Army Recruiting Command, making USARECs Liberty Bell SSI the fourth

patch worn by unit members. In 2002, the unit was transferred to the U.S. Army Accessions Support Brigade and began wearing the Army Star patch after it was authorized in 2006.

Last year, the Army G-1 and The Institute of Heraldry approved the unit to develop and design an SSI as an exception to policy. Unit personnel came up with designs and concepts, sent them to the Institute of Heraldry, and then the final version was approved Oct. 24. The new patch has many small details that describe the unique missions of the historic unit.



The crossbow is a weapon of historical significance consisting of a bow mounted on a stock and contains the base elements of marksmanship today: reusable mechanical weapon, projectile and marksman. The golden yellow color represents the excellence and award-winning performance in competition. The direction of the arrows pointing outward symbolizes the combat readiness of the unit and their ability to go anywhere to assist. The convergence of all three weapons at the center of the device signifies precision and accuracy. Teal blue is the designation color of the unit.

"We can never take this patch for granted," said Staff Sgt. Josh Richmond. "So many Soldiers have come before us here and done great things but never had the chance to wear the USAMU patch. Between all of the Soldiers we have trained, the deployments, the championships and medals we have won -- we have won 24 Olympic medals, more than some countries have ever won -- it feels just as great to have a patch that also distinguishes this great unit. It ensures that we uphold the standard of excellence that has been set here."

## USAMU and UIT/ISSF OFFICERS or COMMITTEE MEMBERS

By Ray P. Carter

The Union International de Tir (UIT), also known as the International Shooters Union (ISU), formed in 1907. The (UIT/ISU) was later renamed the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF). Since that time the ISSF has served as the representative for international shooting at the world and Olympic level. Throughout the years members of the USAMU have served prominently on the governing committees for the ISSF.

**Gary Anderson** (USAMU 1960's) was a Vice President for many years until his retirement in 2018. During his tenure he organized and served as the shooting competitions director for several Olympics.

**Robert Mitchell** (USAMU 1970's) was also an ISSF Vice President and has been the competitions director for several major events to include World Cups.

**Robert Aylward** (current USAMU Executive Officer) is one of the six members of the Technical Committee.

**Dr. James Lally** (MMA Life Member) is the Chair of the Medical Committee.

**Wanda Jewell** (USAMU 1970's, 80's and 90's) is a member of the Rifle Committee.

**Mike Tipa** (USAMU 1960's) who served as the Chair, Technical Committee for years.

**John Foster** (USAMU 1950's, 1960's, 1970's) served as the Chair, Rifle Committee.

**Gordon Horner** (USAMU 1960's) served on the Shotgun Committee.

**Loyd Crow** (USAMU 1950's, 1960's, 1970's) served on the Running Target Committee and Judges Committee.

**William Krilling** (USAMU 1950's, 1960's, 1970's, 1980's, 1990's, 2000's) served on the Rifle Committee.

**Bruce Meredith** (USAMU 1960's) served on the Statutes and Eligibility Committee.

**Sue Ann Sandusky** (MMA Life Member) served on the Women's Committee.

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## Congratulations Go Out to Recent USAMU Promotions



SFC Steven Christopher,  
Custom Firearms Shop



SSG Phillip Jungman,  
Shotgun Team



SSG Rachel Tozier,  
Shotgun Team

## Where Are They Now?

### COL (Ret) Sue Ann Sandusky



COL Sue Ann Sandusky retired from the U.S. Army on 1 January 2013, after nearly 38 years of combined active and reserve service—a surprising length of time for someone who had not really contemplated a military career when she enlisted in the US Army Reserve (USAR) in May 1975.

That year Sandusky was among the small number of women shooters recruited for the USAR International Rifle Team. “It was a phone call from Margaret Murdock that did it,” Sandusky said about how she joined up after receiving a surprise long-distance recruiting pitch from the world’s greatest woman shooter. Sue Ann had been selected as a member of the NRA All-American Rifle Team while shooting at Texas Christian University (TCU) in 1972, 1973 and 1974.

During her time in the Army Reserve, Sandusky shot in dozens of national and international competitions. She received the Distinguished International Shooter Badge after her medal-winning performance in the 1977 Championships of the Americas (individual gold in women’s standard rifle prone, team golds in women’s standard rifle prone and in women’s air rifle)—a performance she repeated the next year at the 1978 World Shooting Championships.

In 1981 Sandusky received a direct commission as a first lieutenant in her USAR unit in New York while in graduate school at Columbia University. The new lieutenant soon found herself serving as a range officer/tower talker during the Small Arms Firing School at Camp Perry. She said that experience reinforced her determination to become “Double Distinguished” by earning the Distinguished Rifleman Badge for service rifle shooting. By the time she got to her Officer Basic Course, she had racked up several points toward that goal, and wore a bronze “leg badge” (Excellence-in-Competition Badge) alongside her Distinguished International Shooter Badge to prove it. Unfortunately, the commander of the student officer company did not recognize the “do-dads,” as he called them, and ordered Sandusky to take the badges off. She obliged, but sent the captain a copy of the pertinent Army regulation. Later the company commander rescinded his order and remarked that Sandusky was even wearing the badges correctly!

As a Reservist, she balanced shooting activities with other military duties, serving in drilling units in Texas, Georgia and New York, and in the USAR Control Group when she lived in the United Kingdom while going to graduate school in London. In her civilian life during this period, she combined graduate study with working as a journalist, freelance writer and researcher. She earned master’s degrees at the University of London and at Columbia University in New York City.

All that education paid off when she found herself in the right place at the right time with the right academic credentials to go on active duty as an instructor in the Department of Social Sciences at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. In addition, she was the Officer Representative (faculty advisor) to the cadet rifle team 1983-87.

At the same time, her own shooting career continued. In 1983 she was a member of the U.S. team for the Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) held at Fort Benning where she won a silver medal in women’s smallbore standard rifle 3 x 20. Later in 1983, she was a non-shooting alternate on the U.S. team at the World Air Gun Championships in Austria. Her training intensified in 1984, but after she lost a shoot off for a place on the 1984 Olympic Team, she reprioritized her activities a bit, putting greater emphasis on support activities. She served as the alternate representative for the shooting sports on the U.S. Olympic Committee, and she was a member of the UIT Women’s Committee, 1984-1988. She also served on the NRA Collegiate Committee and the NRA International Competitions Committee, 1978-1987.

When her West Point assignment ended in 1987, she had a long TDY with the US Army Marksmanship Unit, en route to her Officer’s Advanced Course. Shooting in service rifle competitions that summer, she earned both the Distinguished Rifleman Badge and the President’s Hundred tab. Her final shooting event was in October 1987, as a member of the US team at the CISM championships in Sweden, where she won a silver medal in women’s smallbore standard rifle 3 x 20, just as she had done in 1983.

After completing her Officer Advanced Course, she was assigned to the headquarters of U.S. Forces Korea in Seoul. Arriving in the summer of 1988, just ahead of the Olympic Games, she worked in the headquarters section that provided liaison and support functions for the U.S. Olympic team. As a result, she was able to spend quite a bit of time at various Olympic venues, including the shooting venue which was the same range where she had won her World Champion title in 1978.

Although Sandusky still thought of herself as a competitive shooter, during the next 25 years, she had very little contact with the sport. Instead, her Army career took her to various conflict zones where there was a different kind of shooting. She completed French Language training at the Defense Language Institute (DLI) and attended the Defense Forces Staff College in Zimbabwe. Then she had a three-year assignment with the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps, during which she served in Germany and deployed to a fractured Yugoslavia, Croatia and Bosnia. She then served as the U.S. Defense Attaché in several African countries experiencing war or instability—Liberia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, and Nigeria.



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It was during her first tour of duty in Liberia in 1997, at the end of Liberia's first civil war, that Sandusky learned her call sign, "Shooter," on the Embassy radio network, could cause confusion. "It probably wasn't the best choice," she said, "because there were, in fact, shooters out there in the operational environment, potentially posing a threat to Embassy personnel." The next time she was assigned to Liberia, in 2003 when Monrovia was under siege by rebel forces, she knew enough not to pick "Shooter" as her call sign. Her choice instead: "Alamo."

After years overseas, Sandusky was assigned to the Continental US for the longest period since the 1980s. She served as the Director of African Studies at the Army War College in Carlisle, PA,

2006-2007, then as Commandant of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center and the Commander of the Presidio of Monterey, 2007-2010.

For her final assignment, 2010-2012, she returned to Liberia where she was the Senior Defense Official and Defense Attaché at the U.S. Embassy. This time, Liberia was at peace, and Sandusky's Embassy call sign was "Columbia." On Liberian Armed Forces Day in 2012, the President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, presented her with the Distinguished Service Order of Liberia.

In 2013 Sandusky retired to northwestern Ohio to help care for her elderly parents. She also completed a Ph.D. in higher education administration at Bowling Green State University and worked part-time as an adjunct instructor at Tiffin University where she taught various national security and government courses, 2015-2021.

In 2022 she was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, which has greatly impacted her mobility. "And, of course, no more shooting," she pointed out. "Unfortunately, I'm not really keeping up with my emails or other communications, but I'm trying to stay cheerful and I'm thankful to God for His many blessings!"



## Where Are They Now?

### LTC (Ret) Don Harmon

Donald Harmon, LTC (Ret.) and MMA Life Member, was a USAAMU pick up at Camp Perry in 1958, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Army ROTC team, shooting M-1 Garands. He joined the active USAAMU in 1960, as an Infantry Lieutenant, recently graduated from the University of Kentucky, where he was a member of the UK Rifle Team. While with the International Rifle Team, he made several training trips to Europe and South America with teammates like Tommy Pool, Bill Krilling, Dan Puckel, Barry Trew, Verle Wright, Jack Foster, Gary Anderson, Martin Gunnarsson, Thomas Atwood, Pres Kendall, James Eberwine, Vic Polansky, Bruce Silvey, Spradlin, Paul Volkman and Gordon Rogers (who years later became the USAMU Commander).

After completing his military obligation in 1962, he returned to civilian life working with his father's construction business in South Florida. In 1965, he returned to the AMU for a year and received orders for Jungle School training in Panama and then Vietnam. He served with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (Tropic Lightning) as a Company Commander, Assistant S-2 and S-5. His awards include the Combat Infantryman Badge and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

In 1969, he joined the Army Reserve International Team shooting International Rifle, Running Boar and Service Rifle. He earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1970 and the Distinguished International Shooter Badge (#234) at the 1977 Championships of the Americas (CAT) in Mexico City. He set numerous national records with various USAR teams.

He was a marksmanship coach for the USA CIOR (International Confederation of Reserve Officers) teams in Norway 1974, England 1977, Germany 1978, France 1979 and CISM (International Military Sports Council) pentathlon teams in France 1978, Austria 1979 and Sweden. He retired in 1988. He goes to those reunions every few years to see old teammates.

He has lived in Southwest Florida for 60+ years, where he built a Running Target Range and worked in the rock mining business, from which he retired in 2005. By the way, he is looking to sell that Running Target Range!

Now 85, he has been active in a senior 3-man team basketball league, earning medals in the last three national championships. He enjoys ocean cruises and spending time with his grandsons.

Competitive shooting has created a remarkable volume of memories and a circle of friends for whom he wishes positive health for all.



Wigger and Harmon, 1967



## THREE USAMU SHOOTING ATHLETES EARNED DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL SHOOTER BADGES IN 2022

By: Gary Anderson, DCM Emeritus

Three USAMU international rifle and shotgun athletes earned prestigious **Distinguished International Shooter Badges** in 2022 with international championship performances that gave them the 30 or more International Excellence-in-Competition (IEIC) credit points required to receive the Badge. 2022 honorees included three members of the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit, two members of the Ohio State University Pistol Team and one athlete who is a gun club manager in Kansas. Two of the six are women. The two youngest are 21 years of age, the oldest is 37 and their average age is 28. Two are rifle athletes, two are shotgun competitors and two are pistol athletes. Three were members of the very successful 2021 USA Olympic Shooting Team.

America's Marksmanship Distinguished Badge Program traces its history to the first gold Distinguished Marksman Badges issued by the U. S. Army in 1887. This program, which is now administered by the CMP, offers competitors opportunities to earn 11 different Distinguished Badges. Of those 11 different badges, the one that is the most difficult to earn is the **Distinguished International Shooter Badge**. This is because to earn this badge, a rifle, pistol, or shotgun athlete must first qualify for a USA Shooting National Team that represents the USA in International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) or World Shooting Para Sport (WSPS) Championships. ISSF Championships include the Olympic Games, World Shooting Championships, World Cups and Continental Championships. WSPS Championships for athletes with disabilities include the Paralympic Games and WSPS World Championships and World Cups.

Making a USA Shooting National Team is only the first step in earning this badge, however. To be awarded the badge, a National Team member must then earn 30 International Distinguished credit points with medal-winning or high place finishes in ISSF or WSPS Championships. Credit points vary from 30 points that are awarded for Olympic or Paralympic Games gold, silver, or bronze medals to five points that are awarded for third place finishes in the Pan American Games. 10 and 5 points are awarded for medal finishes at Junior World Championships. Olympic events receive higher point totals than non-Olympic events. Earning an Olympic Quota Place for the USA earns 10 bonus points. Olympic Mixed Team events (one man and one woman) receive credit points while points for other team events are no longer awarded after the ISSF started adding multiple team events in 2020. Regulations for awarding the International Distinguished Badge are found in the current CMP Smallbore Rifle and Air Rifle/Air Pistol Rulebooks (<http://thecmp.org/competitions/cmp-competitions-rulebooks/>).

USA Shooting (<https://www.usashooting.org/>) is the U. S. National Governing Body for Olympic Shooting and is responsible for selecting and training USA Shooting National Teams that represent this country in ISSF or WSPS Championships. The Distinguished International Shooter Badge was instituted by the Department of Defense in 1963, pursuant to recommendations from the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. Responsibility for administering this program was transferred to the CMP when Congress and the U. S. President established the Civilian Marksmanship Program as a federally-chartered, non-profit corporation in 1996. The CMP now administers the Program in accordance with authority granted to it by federal law (36 USC §40722 (3)).

SGT Sagen Maddalena, USAMU International Rifle Section, won the Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 2011 shooting for the California Grizzlies Junior Service Rifle Team. In 2022 her international rifle successes earned her a Distinguished International Shooter Badge.



**Sergeant Sagen Maddalena.** USAMU, Fort Benning GA. Age 29, Badge #541. SGT Sagen Maddalena is a rifle athlete who competes for the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit. She grew up in Groveland, California, in the Sierra Nevada foothills. Maddalena learned about target shooting through a 4-H Shooting Sports program. She became a member of the California Grizzlies Junior Service Rifle Team, earned her Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 2011, and competed as a member of several award-winning Grizzlies Junior teams in 2011, 2012 and 2013. Grizzlies Coach Robert Taylor encouraged her to compete in smallbore and air rifle in college. She walked on at the University of Alaska and became an eight-time All-American. After graduation she enlisted in the Army in 2019 and became a member of the USAMU International Rifle

Section. Her ISSF breakthrough came in 2021. A 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 50m Rifle 3-Position event in the Tokyo Olympics led to a spot in the ISSF President's Cup Match after the Olympics where she won the gold medal. Her international successes continued in 2022. In the World Championship at Cairo, her 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 50m Rifle Position event won an Olympic Quota Place and completed her quest for the Distinguished International Shooter Badge.



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SGT Tim Sherry's path to the Distinguished International Shooter Badge started with a junior shooting club, progressed through an NCAA Rifle program and concluded at the USAMU International Rifle Section where he now trains and competes.



**Sergeant Timothy Sherry.** USAMU, Fort Benning GA. Age 28, Badge #542. SGT Tim Sherry is another rifle athlete who competes for the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit. He grew up in Evergreen, Colorado and started competitive shooting as a member of the Cherry Creek Gun Club's junior program. He competed for the University of Alaska Rifle Team where he won the 2014 NCAA Rifle Championship and was a 9-time All American. He joined the Army in 2017 and became a member of the Army's International Rifle Team. He began accumulating International Distinguished credit points in 2019 when he won the Pan American Games gold medal in the 50m Rifle 3-Position event. His quest for the International Distinguished Badge reached a successful conclusion at the 2022 World Championship in Cairo when his bronze medal in the 300m

Standard Rifle event gave him 30 total points.

SPC Dustan Taylor competes for the USAMU Shotgun Section. His 2022 competition year was highlighted by gold medal victories in the 2022 Championship of the Americas' Skeet Men and Skeet Mixed Team events.



**Specialist Dustan Taylor.** USAMU, Fort Benning GA. Age 30, Badge #544. SPC Dustan Taylor is the third member of the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit who earned an International Distinguished Badge in 2022. Taylor is a skeet athlete who had a dominating performance in the 2022 Championship of the Americas Skeet Men event. He won the individual gold medal and a 2024 Olympic Quota Place in that event. He won a second CAT gold medal when he teamed with Dania Vizzi to win the Skeet Mixed Team event.

The U. S. Government's decision to establish the **U. S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge** was initiated by the CMP's predecessor agency, the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice, during the height of the Cold War in the 1960s. The Soviet Union (USSR) was dominating international shooting competitions in the Olympics and World Championships at that time and leaders of the NBPRP and U. S. Army Marksmanship Training Unit were seeking ways to encourage the development of U. S. marksmen who could "beat the Russians" and win medals in international championships. A detailed history of this Distinguished Badge is posted on the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/USDISBHistory.pdf>. After the first International Distinguished Badges were presented in 1963 to U. S. shooters who won medals in the 1962 World Championship, the awarding of the Badge was made retroactive to recognize U. S. international medal winners going back to the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The most recent badge awarded in 2022 bears serial number 544. This roster of badge winners covers over 120 years of history involving some truly remarkable American rifle, pistol, running target, and shotgun athletes.



### NRA National Championships at Camp Atterbury, Indiana

National High Power Matches	July 8-15, 2023
National Pistol Championships	July 18-22, 2023
National Smallbore Championships	July 25-August 6, 2023



# USAMU SHOOTERS AND IAU MATCH CROSSBOW

By Ray P. Carter



One of the little-known shooting sports in the USA is Match Crossbow. There are three types of common crossbows: Hunting, Field, and Match. The German language word for crossbow is

Armbrust, thus an Armbruster is a crossbow shooter. The Match Crossbow sport is governed by the International Crossbow Shooting Union also known in German as the Internationale Armbrustschützen Union (IAU). USAMU shooters and former USAMU shooters were very prominent in competing for the United States Armbrust Association in the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's. Most national shooting federations govern Match Crossbow along with their other international shooting disciplines like rifle, pistol and shotgun, but the USA shooters had to form the United States Armbrust Association (USAA) and pay their own expenses to these overseas events.

Match Crossbow uses a wood bolt with a steel head while Field Crossbow uses arrows. The shooter uses a cocking lever to cock the bow, then carefully lay the bolt on the short rail on top, aim and carefully activate the trigger to let the bolt fly to the target. They are very sensitive to wind, changes in cant and follow through. The two events include 30 meter (30 kneeling and 30 standing) and 10 meter standing (60 shots for Men and U21 Juniors and 40 shots for Women). The clothing and equipment rules were the same as UIT/ISSF except you were allowed to put a second kneeling roll between your butt and your heel in addition to the kneeling roll between your foot and the ground. Many of the top European rifle shooters also shot Match Crossbow so it was like going to another World Shooting Championship with a slightly different shoulder arm. The 30m bows were very heavy so the best 30m crossbow shooters were those used to shooting 300 Meter Free Rifles and were also very good air rifle shooters.

The first US team was in 1979 at the IAU World Championship in Linz, Austria. The team included Bruce Meredith, James Meredith, Thurston Banks and David Kimes who were all USAMU shooters or former shooters. David Kimes won three medals in the 30m events that trip. The second US team in 1981 competed in Arosa, Switzerland and added Robert Aylward, Ray Carter and David Cramer to the returning four from 1979. James Meredith won a Silver in the Men's 10m event and the team of Carter, J. Meredith, Cramer, Kimes, B. Meredith and Aylward won a team Bronze in the Men's 30m Kneeling event. In 1983 in Bad Homburg, Germany Troy Baker, Glenn Dubis, Mark Kauder and Joyce Laubenheimer joined the team. Joyce won the Women's 10m Standing event with a World Record and the Women's team won with a World Record. David Kimes won a Bronze in 30m Standing, while Glenn Dubis won a Bronze in Men's 10m Standing. In 1985 in Zundert, Netherlands no medals were won by USAMU or former USAMU shooters. In 1987 in Rohrbach, Austria James Eberwine and John Herr joined the mix and competed in the new Senior category while Denise Loring competed in

the Women's event. Glenn Dubis won a Bronze in 30m Combined and a Bronze in 30m Kneeling. Bruce Meredith won the Senior Division. The USA team (Cramer, Dubis, Kimes, B. Meredith and J. Meredith won a team Bronze in 30m Kneeling. In 1989 in Wolverhampton, GBR Rhonda Barush joined the USA team. In 1991 in Wil, Switzerland Mary Crutcher and Jerrold Scharninghausen joined the team. That was the last time USAMU shooters competed with the USA team in IAU World Championships in any significant numbers as a civilian club in New Jersey hijacked the US Armbrust Association and scheduled the tryouts so only their shooters could make the team to the 1993 World Championships in France.

Ken Johnson won a Silver in the Men's 10m event in 1995 at the 1st IAU World Cup in Nafels, Switzerland in his first try at the sport using a borrowed bow as he was already there for the 9th SGU-Cup for Airguns. In 1997 Glenn Dubis (USA) and Bruce Meredith (U.S. Virgin Islands) competed at the Ringenberg, Switzerland IAU World Championship and then went to the top of the Jungfrau (11,332 feet) to compete in an individual 30m standing exhibition event "Masters at the Peak" in the snow that was comprised of the best competitor from each country. While neither shooter won the event, it was a great experience for them to be shooting crossbow at the "Top of Europe".

There were 19 USA shooters that earned the United States Distinguished Crossbow Award between 1979 and 1995 with 14 of those 19 having been assigned to the USAMU. You may see one of those Distinguished Crossbow pins on one of the MMA members at the next USAMU Reunion. You can view the history, results and photos at the US Armbrust Association website at [www.usa-armbrust.org](http://www.usa-armbrust.org).



The US-team, winner of the bronze medal in 30 m kneeling event J. Meredith, D. Kramer, G. Dubis, D. Kimes and Bruce Meredith (who was elected as the new Vice-President of the IAU).

