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America's Finest

Among this quarter's individual accomplishments within the USAMU are the following:

■ Sgt. Roger Jacobson endured a grueling day of competition to win the Tennessee State Championship title, scoring 2646/2700.

■ Sgt. Lance Dement overcame windy conditions and 265 competitors to win the Ohio State Rifle Regional Championships at Camp Perry with a score of 773.

■ SFC Kenneth Gill won the Virginia State Championship with a score of 792-34x.

■ Cpt. Robert Harbison won the gold medal in Men's 50m 3x40 in Seoul, Korea.



Photo by Sgt. Marlene Tikal

Col. Lory M. Johnson, Jr., received a Legion of Merit with second Oak Leaf Cluster from Brig. Gen. John G. Meyer, Jr., commander

of the Community and Family Support Center. Many well-wishers attended the retirement ceremony held June 27.

Commander Retires

Soldiers pay respect to man who believed in M-16 capabilities

Sgt. Marlene Tikal

United States Army Marksmanship Unit Commander Col. Lory M. Johnson, Jr., retired June 27 after more than 28 years of active duty service.

Col. Johnson, who was commissioned into the Army in 1967 as an infantry second lieutenant, has held many esteemed positions during his career.

Those positions, to name a few, include serving as an advisor to an Army of the Republic of Vietnam reconnaissance company.

He was also a tactics instructor at the Infantry School and author of "How to Fight" manuals, as well as an Infantry One Station Unit Training Battalion commander.

Col. Johnson finally served as the director of the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training, Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va., before being assigned as the commander of the USAMU in 1992.

"What I've discovered during my time here at the Marksmanship Unit," Col. Johnson said, "is that you all are the most dedicated, focused, professional group of civilians and soldiers in any Army."

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Commander will be greatly missed

Bill Blankenship

Col. Lory M. Johnson retired on the 27th of June, 1995 at Fort Benning, Georgia. The ceremony honoring Col. Johnson was held 9 a.m. outside the Pool International Shooting Complex, followed by a reception. Col. Johnson has been a friend to and had much to do with the organization of the USAMU Association. He will be greatly missed as commander of the United States Army Marksmanship Unit, and we hope he will remain active in the association. We wish him success for the future and a very pleasant retirement.

Tolani Teleso was in Columbus on June 10 and 11, 1995, after attending the National Conference with the Secretary of the Army June 7-9. Tolani has been Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army in the Pacific Area for 10 years. Tolani also designed the golf course in Pago, American Samoa, and has been the PGA Pro there for many years. While in Columbus, Tolani joined our group at Maple Ridge Golf Course on June 10 for a round of golf, and other former members of the USAMU the following day at Fort Benning. It was good to see Tolani again and I hope he will visit again soon.

On April 25 Charlie Davis called to inform me that Noah "Beetle" Bailey was in town and that a few of the old timers would be getting together at Bonanza to share a dinner the following evening. Beetle has had some health problems and a recent operation and said, "I wanted to come down to see the guys again." Many days have been spent together in training for, traveling to and from, and in shooting competition together and has cre-

ated many friendships between the shooters and the wives and families who shared those years. This made for a very pleasant evening. Throughout the evening, tales were told about each other that created many smiles and some hearty laughs. It was especially good to see Beetle and his family obviously enjoying the evening so much. And at the end of the evening, sadly, the handshakes and embraces of old friends saying goodbye became necessary once again.

We of the association would like to thank Bob Lowe for donating his collection of NRA magazines from 1950 to the present date. Much of the history of the USAMU has been lost over the past 39 years and these magazines will help re-establish a part of that history.

Frank Conway paid us a visit a few weeks ago. Frank has written an article on the Van Orden sniping rifle to add to the historical data of AMUA. A request has been made to Frank and to W.O. Harden to write the part of the history of the USAMU Shop covering the years of their involvement. On Wednesday a few weeks ago, Frank came by my house and we enjoyed telling stories of the early days when Master Sergeant Conway was trying to make the M-1 rifle shoot better groups. Well, the rifle did shoot well. My 98 in the Wimbledon at 1000 yards at Camp Perry in 1954 was third in the open. It still is one of my favorite medals. Frank was an excellent rifle shooter as well as being a very fine gunsmith, and in fact does a respectable job of telling stories.

Dubis wins World Cup Competition

Deana Kussman

Cpt. Glenn Dubis's recent trip to Europe was not a vacation, but it was more rewarding than any vacation could be. Dubis captured a silver in 3x40 free rifle at the Munich World Cup and a bronze in free rifle prone at the Milan World Cup.

Dubis shot 1169 in the 3x40 event in Munich, a score high enough to enter the finals despite trouble in the standing phase of the event.

In the finals Dubis shot a 99.0, bringing his total score to 1268.0 and snagging the silver medal.

"When I got into standing for the final, I felt great," Dubis said.

In Milan, Dubis shot 595 during the prone match to make his way to the finals. The finals raised his score to 699.1 and secured him the bronze.

"I shot a solid final, with no extremes either way."

Dubis also placed fourth in men's air rifle in Milan with a score of 692.9.

"This was my first big success of the year," Dubis said.

International Rifle Shooters Dominate Interservice Match

Deana Kussman

USAMU rifle shooters blasted their competition at a recent interservice rifle match held at Pool International Shooting Complex.

"These were the best scores ever seen on the US team," match director and

USAMU shooter Cpt. Matthew Suggs said.

The marksmen won 32 out of a possible 45 medals, capturing all six team and seven of nine individual gold medals. The remaining two individual gold medals were taken by Army Reservists

and former USAMU shooters.

Cpl. Ken Johnson won four individual gold medals while Maj. Wanda Jewell captured two golds and a silver in the three women's events. Sgt. Ken Goben won a gold in the men's prone 50-meter event.

Sergeant Major: "Farewell to a Great Leader"

Sgt. Maj. Reginald Salinas

On behalf of all the soldiers and staff of the USAMU, past and present, I wish to take this opportunity to say farewell to our departing Commander, Col. "Mac" Johnson, and to wish him and his wife Mary the very best in retirement and success in all of their future endeavors. Without a doubt, "THE COLONEL" will be missed.

In my book, Col. Johnson's signature as commander can best be characterized as visionary, fundamental, disciplined, and qualitative change. The results in this can be seen in much of the unit's current successes and should continue well into the foreseeable future.

As the Sergeant Major of this unit, I have no doubt that the USAMU is on the right course to again becoming the dominant shooting competitors we once were, while simultaneously promoting all that is good about the US Army by the dedicated and professional soldiers of this unit: soldiers like Cpl. Ken Johnson, SFC Chris Murray, PFC Sally Talbott, SFC Kenneth Gill, Cpt. Glenn Dubis, Maj. Wanda Jewell, MSG David Sams, and SSG Bret Erickson, to name a few.

Truthfully though, credit must be given to the commander whose leadership and vision has moved this unit to a new and higher competitive level, and a professional standard that emphasizes military tradition, discipline, soldiering, and competence.

Though not a competitive shooter, Colonel Johnson clearly recognized the importance of teamwork, and he immediately set out to assemble a "quality team," one that would be made of highly competitive winners, and with a focus on the '96 Olympics and beyond. With a competitor's spirit and the professional

wisdom of a senior Army officer, he recognized and revamped the civilian and military staff, combined it with a competition section of youthful and experienced shooters and coaches, and infused innovation into all aspects of the organization. Incidentally, and not by accident, he did this while persuading the Army Chief of Staff that the USAMU and its mission were viable and important to the Army organizations and the Department of Defense.

What exists today is a Marksmanship Unit that is highly competitive and is only going to get better. This can be seen in the qualities of our recruits, the

quality of our soldiers (shooters and staff), and our success at the many competitions around the United States and overseas in interna-

tional competition. The Service Rifle team has made great strides with the M-16 and is now the dominant service rifle team in the country.

Action Pistol, the newest of the disciplines, produced a National Championship in '94, and International Rifle produced numerous champions in '94 as well. Though credit should go to the coaches and gunsmiths for making it happen, credit must also go to the Colonel who had the vision to make it possible.

There is much for which members of this unit can be thankful, and I know also that as the various individual shooters, teams, and staff members move forward into the future and realize our goals and accomplish our missions, the members of today's USAMU will look back over the command of Colonel Johnson and remember all that was made possible. From the Officers, NCOs, and civilian personnel of the USAMU, farewell to a great leader.

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-- Sgt. Maj. Reginald Salinas

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of professionalism from the soldiers and civilians of the USAMU, said Brig. Gen. John G. Meyer, commander of the Community and Family Support Center.

"This was also a standard he set for himself," Brig. Gen. Meyer said. "Col. Johnson's tenacity, drive, and unsatiable quest to excel set a standard few will equal."

As an example of Col. Johnson's contributions to the USAMU, Brig. Gen. Meyer pointed to recent modifications made to the M-16 rifle.

"Everybody said the M-16 couldn't hit the broad side of a barn," Brig. Gen. Meyer said. "Colonel Johnson accepted the challenge of making the M-16 a better competition rifle. And, thanks to his perseverance, over the last three years, the M-16 has broken three national records and is now the current service rifle champion."

The actions Col. Johnson took have had a significant impact on returning soldiers to the winning platform, said Brig. Gen. Meyer. In doing so, he has established a legacy that will lead the unit to achieve even greater accomplishments.

Soldiers and civilians of the USAMU were not the only beneficiaries of Col. Johnson's tour here.

Col. Johnson also took something from the USAMU.

"All of you are special to me," Col. Johnson said.

"Please know my memories of you will never fade. I was privileged to serve with you."

Col. Johnson has been the recipient of many awards throughout his career. Those awards include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with "V" and Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart.

He and his wife, Mary, have two sons: Capt. Bryan Johnson, and 1st Lt. Christopher Johnson.

Section Updates

Action Pistol/Service Pistol

SFC Michael Lane

The Service Pistol team is pleased to welcome PFC Fritz Fick and Sgt. William King to their ranks.

Service Pistol personnel won the center fire match at the Pre-CISM match held at Fort Benning.

The Service Pistol team won the .22 caliber team match at Phoenix, Az., in April. Sgt. Roger Jacobson placed second in the match.

The Georgia State match was held in May, and Jacobson won with a 2641x144.

The team competed in a match in Columbia, Tn., in May and Jacobson won once again.

International Rifle

SFC Jerry K. McCoy

The International Rifle team had a successful trip to the Pre-CISM 300m match in Austria and the Czech Republic. In Austria, Sgt. Thomas Tamas took the silver medal in the slow fire event, and the silver in rapid fire. Cpt. Matthew Suggs won the silver in the aggregate match. The International Rifle team captured the team gold in the slow fire event.

In the Czech Republic, Maj. Steve Goff took the gold in both the slow fire and the aggregate matches. Suggs took the bronze medal in the slow fire event and captured the silver in the aggregate match. Tamas took the bronze medal in the rapid fire event. The International Rifle team took the silver in the team slow fire event.

The team had a successful showing at Fort Benning during the Interservice Championship and Champion of Champions Match. In the Interservice Championship, Cpl. Kenneth Johnson took the gold medal in men's air rifle, men's 3x40 50m, men's 3x40 300m, and the 300m English match. Cpt.

Glenn Dubis won the bronze in the 50m English match. Sgt. Kendall Goblen took the gold medal in the 50m English match. Tamas took the silver in 50m 3x40 and the 300m English match. Suggs won the bronze in the 50m 3x40 and the 300m English match. Maj. Wanda Jewell took the gold in the women's 3x20 and silver in women's air rifle. The USAMU team took both the gold and silver in the 50m English match, air rifle, 50m 3x40, and 300m 3x20. The team also took the bronze in 50m 3x40 and 300m 3x20.

In the Champion of Champions Match, Johnson also took the gold in men's air rifle, 50m 3x40, and 300m English match. Cpt. Robert Harbison took the bronze in air rifle. Tamas won silver in the 300m English match and bronze in 50m 3x40. Goblen captured the gold in the 50m English match, while Suggs took the bronze. Jewell took the silver in women's prone. The USAMU team took the gold and bronze in men's air rifle, and gold and silver in the 50m English match and 50m 3x40.

Dubis captured the silver in 50m 3x40 during the World Cup in Munich, Germany, and he also took the bronze in 50m free rifle prone at the World Cup in Milan, Italy. Harbison won the gold medal in men's 50m 3x40 in Seoul, Korea.

International Pistol

SGT Ronnie Watts

The International Pistol tryouts for the Olympic festival were held in Colorado Springs, Colo., at the Olympic Training Center April 6-9. Cpt. Rhonda Bright and Cpl. Daryl Szarenski were among those selected to compete in the Olympic Festival in Colorado this July.

Phillips Range was the site for a Pre-CISM pistol match held April 18-21. Teams from both Sweden and Canada competed. USAMU teams won both the center fire and military rapid fire events, as well as the women's sport pistol and

women's military rapid fire events.

In individual competition, SSgt. Ben Blackmore won center fire.

Bright won the women's sport pistol event, followed by Cpl. Amy Szarenski in second place.

The first selection match for the National Pistol Team was held in Phoenix, Az., May 26-28. Cpl. Daryl Szarenski finished seventh in free pistol and fifth in men's air pistol. In the sport pistol event, Bright finished fourth followed by Cpl. Amy Szarenski in fifth. Bright won the women's air pistol event.

The International Pistol team went to Lynden, Wash., June 17-18 to compete in the Crystal Cup in preparation for the National Championships. Spc. Carl W. Trompeter finished second in the free pistol event. He also won the men's air pistol event. Sgt. Ron Watts won the rapid fire event followed by Spc. Chad Harreld in second. In the women's events, Bright won air pistol followed by Cpl. Amy Szarenski in second place. In sport pistol, Cpt. Bright finished first followed by Szarenski who finished second.

Service Rifle

SSgt. Carl Dooley

The M-16s of the Service Rifle team are still undefeated for 1995. The team has also broken two national records.

One was the 4-man, 1000-aggregate team match at the Quantico Shooting Club Monthly Match in May. The second was Sgt. Lance Dement's winning score of 498-23x at the Colt Club Match at Camp Perry, Oh.

The 1994 National Service Rifle Champion, SFC Kenneth Gill, is continuing his winning ways by claiming the title of Virginia State Champion. Gill had an outstanding score of 792-34X. Cpl. Kevin McMahon, Maj. Richard Hawkins, and Spc. Norm Anderson took

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U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit commander says ...

Goodbye

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Soldiers of the United States Army Marksmanship Unit turned out in force June 27 to honor their retiring commander, Col. Lory M. Johnson, Jr.

Twenty-eight years, one month, and 26 days after Col. Johnson was commissioned into the Army an infantry second

lieutenant, his final retirement orders were read on the hilltop overlooking Pool International Shooting Complex.

For the Army and all the soldiers' lives that have been influenced for the better, the United States Army Marksmanship Unit says thank you, Sir, for all your contributions.



Photos by Sgt. Marlene Tikal

(Top Right) Col. Lory M. Johnson, Jr., USAMU commander, stands with his wife, Mary. (Top Left) Col. Johnson says farewell to Lt. Col. Richard M. Lake. (Left) The United States Army Marksmanship Unit colorguard stands in attendance during the retirement ceremony. (Above) Col. Johnson looks over his soldiers standing on the parade field for the final time.

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