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America's Finest

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

■ Spc. Tobie Tomlinson of the Service Rifle Team defeated 1,221 competitors to become the National Service Rifle Champion.

■ Maj. Stephen Goff of the International Rifle Team won both the gold in the 300-meter standard rifle and bronze in the 300-meter rapid fire matches during the CISM games. Goff's combined score of 1,131 was the overall highest score of the games.

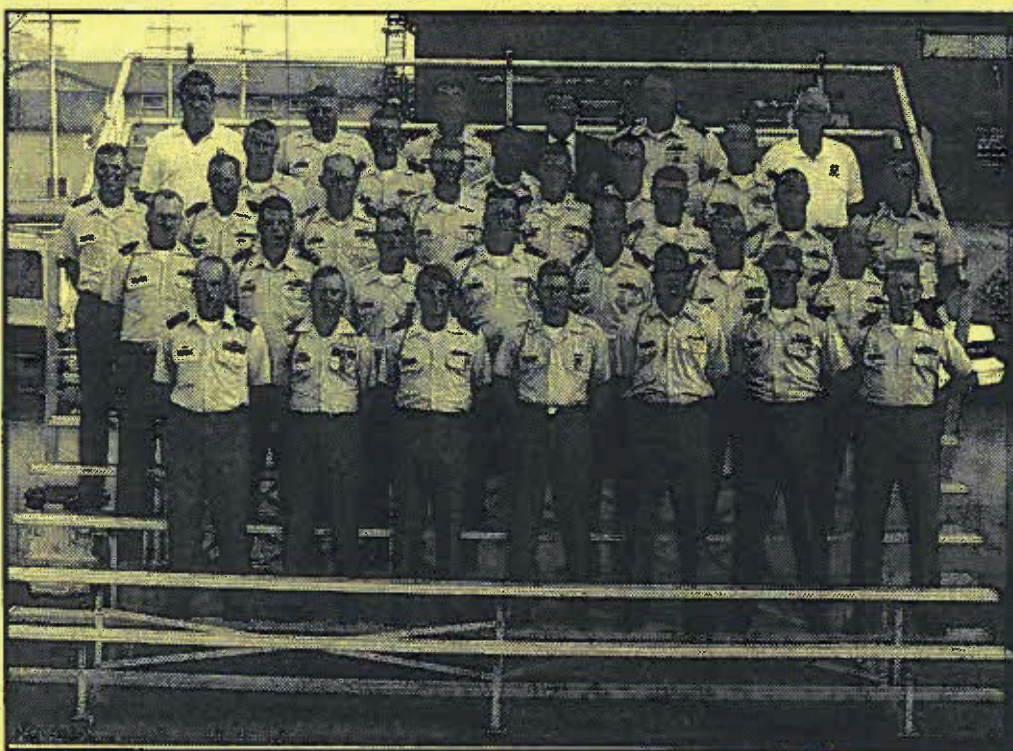


Photo by Rhonda Syler

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle Team has much to be proud of for their recent victories at Quantico Marine Corps Base and the National Championships at Camp Perry. Pictured here is the team that defeated hundreds. Congratulations guys!

Service Rifle Sweep

USAMU marksmen destroy competition at Perry Nationals

By Deana Kussman

The Service Rifle Team swept the competition at the National Championships at Camp Perry, Oh., in June.

Fresh off several major wins, including the prestigious Interservice 10-Man Team Match at Quantico Marine Corps Base, Va., USAMU Service Rifle shooters won the Infantry Trophy Team Match, the National Trophy Team Match, the Four-Man National Service Rifle Championships, and the individual Service Rifle Championship title.

All events were shot using the modified M-16, a weapon until recently seldom used in competition because it once lacked the accuracy required of a quality match rifle.

Spc. Tobie Tomlinson, defeated 1,221 competitors to win the National Service Rifle Individual Championship. Tomlinson shot a 2360 with 75 Xs for the win. Teammate Cpl. Kevin McMahon placed second with a score of 2359 and 96 Xs.

In the Infantry Trophy Team Match, the team coached by Sgt. 1st Class Michael Delk and SSgt. Carl Dooley placed first with a score of 1404, followed

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Commander, Sergeant Major Welcomed

Bill Blankenship

I would like to welcome the new commander and sergeant major of the Army Marksmanship Unit, Col. Alan D. Fenty and CSM Charles E. Dejarnett. We wish them both a very successful assignment and would like to offer our assistance in making their stay in this area more pleasant.

Roman Wojciechowski has been appointed as chairman of the membership committee, and probably will be asking some individuals to serve on his committee. Please give "Ski" your support. We have a few members out of our 421 members who have not renewed their membership. As you know, to renew your membership is only \$10. New members pay an extra \$5 which is being held in reserve for the reunion next August. Jack Horner, our treasurer, informs me that we

now have over \$2,000 to help defray the cost of the reunion.

The association still needs help in re-establishing the history of the AMU. If you have articles, pictures, and especially copies of records set, please make copies and send them to us. With the reunion coming up next August, it will really be nice to be able to renew memories of those times we spent traveling, shooting matches, meeting new people, making new friends, winning most of the time, and occasionally setting new records. For all the folks who were a part of the unit and the success we had, from the headquarters, the shop, the gunsmiths, to the shooters who shot the scores, what great years they were and how lucky we were to have had the opportunity to have been a part of it all. So if you have a part of that history, please share it so it can become a permanent part of the unit history.

AMUA meeting scheduled at Pool complex

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The second annual AMUA meeting is scheduled Saturday, Jan. 13, 1996 at the Pool International Shooting Complex. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Agenda items include updates on the organization and the unit, executive committee reports, election of officers, and "Shooter of the Year" award presentation. Plans for the 40th AMU Reunion will also be discussed. Snacks and reminiscing of old times will follow the formal meeting. Make plans to attend and support your organization. It's an excellent opportunity to see old friends and an exceptional shooting complex.

New commander commends past victories

Urges USAMU marksmen to keep up pace in 1996

Col. Alan D. Fenty

I assumed command of the Army Marksmanship Unit in August and I am proud to be a part of such a distinguished organization, especially in such an exciting time. In this column I want to review the year's accomplishments and look at the challenges and opportunities yet to come.

Outstanding Summer

We've had an outstanding summer. The Service Rifle and International Rifle Teams turned in world-class performances at Camp Perry and at their Interservice. And the medals won in Rome at CISM -- outstanding. Our International Pistol and Shotgun shooters have also moved ahead over the summer inching closer to the Olympic dream.

But with success comes the tendency to become complacent. We cannot rest on our past accomplishments. To succeed in today's Army and to win in today's high-caliber class competition, we must be even better. The AMU must continu-

ally operate at the pinnacle of the shooting world in order to accomplish its mission. This requires dedicated people who can make the necessary sacrifices and reach down to find that special something that makes champions -- that is what will carry the AMU forward. The unit must always be focused on winning and to accomplish our objectives we must operate in an environment in which shooters can perform at their absolute maximum potential.

Challenges and Opportunities

The AMU faces challenges and opportunities in the seasons to come. At the top of the priorities this fiscal year is the road to the Olympics. October marks a busy month for our International Rifle and Pistol shooters as they compete in their respective Fall Selection Matches.

Currently 21 AMU shooters are eligible to make the Olympic team, having minimum qualifying scores in at least one of their events. The final selection matches in March and April will determine how many of them will actually compete in Atlanta. Our Olympic hopefuls must train and prepare as hard as they ever have -- their objective is to represent our

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USAMU Sharpshooters

Shoot Straight for the Win at 1995 CISM Games

By Rhonda Syler

The U.S. Military Shooting Team, composed mostly of U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit athletes, brought home one-third of the United States Armed Forces Team's medals from the 1995 International Military Sports Council World Games in Rome.

The Polytronic Trophy, awarded to the shooter with the highest aggregate score from two individual events, was presented to Maj. Stephen Goff of the International Rifle Team.

Goff took the bronze in the 300-meter rapid fire match with a score of

555 out of 600.

Adding that score to his Gold-Medal score in the 300-meter standard rifle event earned Goff just the right

amount of points to emerge from the games with the overall highest score of 1, 131.

Goff proved victorious despite the difficult weather conditions.

"It's been a gruelling match with high winds, which affects the accuracy of the shots," Goff said.

"There hasn't been a day out here that's been easy."

Goff, a National Guardsman activated to train for the Olympics, is excited to be back in the game.

"I'm glad I'm back in the Army this year and shooting CISM," he said. "CISM has been a great experience for high-level competition training as I pre-

pare for the Olympics."

Capt. Glenn Dubis, also of the International Rifle Team, won silver in the 300-meter military rapid fire with a 560, losing the gold to Swedish shooter Michael Olsson on a tie-breaker.

"If you've got to take a Silver Medal, it (losing on tie-breaker rules) is a good way to take it," Dubis said.

"Today's gold and silver are basically equal."

Dubis thought he performed well.

"There are a few shots I'd like to take back, but overall I gave a good performance," he said.

"CISM has been a great experience for high-level competition training ..."

-- Maj. Stephen Goff

Army cadet Ed Suarez, 28, scored a 587 out of 600 coming within two points of the current CISM record, seizing

second place behind Austrian pistol shooter Giovanni Bossi.

"Today's win was great," Suarez said. "After finishing 10th in the center fire match, I felt like I should have been doing better. I knew I had a lot more potential to give."

The U.S. Rifle Team placed third in 300-meter standard rifle, then won the gold in 300-meter military rapid fire. The team, comprised entirely of USAMU soldiers, went into the 300-meter military rapid fire team competition with a 25-point lead. After the second day of intense competition, the U.S. marksmen only dropped the lead by one additional point beating the Norway team 2,224 to 2,200.

employees of the AMU, make sure you take advantage of the education system at Fort Benning. There are a lot of different schools for military and civilians alike. Also, attend church -- there are chapels all over post for most denominations. Keep focused and hit your target.

Service Rifle — from Page 1

by the team under Sgt. 1st Class Richard Remily and SSgt. Gary Estes that shot a 1398. Both scores blasted the former national record of 1375, with the first-place score standing as the new national record.

The third-place team from the U.S. Marine Corps was more than 200 points behind.

Also, for the first time in 11 years, Army shooters won the National Trophy Team Match.

The team coached by Remily and lead by Dooley shot 2951 with 133 Xs, a new M-16 record for competition.

In the Four-Man Enlisted Trophy Team Match, Remily's team once again placed first with a score of 1959 with 75 Xs.

During individual competition, Cpl. Grant Singley was the 600 and 1000-yard Long Range Service Rifle winner. Sgt. Lance Dement won the Colt Cup Match for the second year in a row.

Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Gill also claimed a trophy for the second consecutive year, winning the McCann Trophy.

The trophy is awarded for the top scorer in the rapid fire aggregate, which is composed of six separate matches.

"The performances at Camp Perry are amazing and a credit to the new Service Rifle Team head coach, Frank Briggs," David Boyd, USAMU Chief of Competition, said.

The shooters worked as a team to prove that former commander Col. Lory M. Johnson's decision to use the M-16 was the right decision.

"Thanks to Colonel Johnson, modifications made to the M-16 have made it the best competition rifle on the range," Boyd said. "When you place that kind of weapon into the hands of a shooter as capable as what we have here, the combination's unbeatable."

Sergeant Major Addresses AMU Soldiers

CSM Charles E. Dejarnett

First, let me write it is good to be back with soldiers and a great unit. The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit had a good year in 1995. I expect to see an even better year in 1996. To all soldiers and

Section Updates

Service Rifle

The Service Rifle Team annihilated the competition at the Interservice and National Championships.

SFC Richard Remily started the season off well with a record-setting win during the Virginia Regional Team Match with an astonishing score of 1980/94X. The team was also victorious in the 1000-yard any/team match.

Then the team continued its winning force when Sgt. Lewis Tippie tied the 600-yard record that has been standing for 23 years with a score of 200/6X. The 1000-yard team match was the next victory with a score of 1185/46X.

The depth of the 1995 team really showed when AMU crushed the other service team in the 10-man Interservice Team Championships with an outstanding score of 4916-193X. This was 56 points ahead of the second-place team. At the Nationals it was an all AMU awards show. SFC John Chubb kicked things off with a record-setting 298-12X in the President's Match. AMU regained the National Trophy (Dogs of War) after 11 years with a score of 2951-133X. Not only did they regain the trophy, they broke the National Match record.

If that wasn't enough, both AMU Infantry Trophy Teams broke the National Match Record with scores of 1398 and 1404 with the closest team being 200 points behind.

The NRA Enlisted Men's Team Match was a good match in which AMU came out on top once again with a score of 1959-78X. Spc. Tobie Tomlinson was the National Service Rifle Champion with a fabulous score of 2360-87X.

The AMU finished with another victory on the 1000-yard line any/iron team match with a 786-30X.

It was a real good year for the Service Rifle Team which overall won 19 individual matches or aggregates, eight team matches, and set six national

records between July 12 and Aug. 13. No service team in AMU history has ever attained this level of domination. We expect 1996 will be even better.

International Pistol

Since our last update, the International Pistol section has competed in a U.S. Team selection match in Washington state. Spc. William Christopher finished 12th after posting his personal best in free pistol. Cpl. Amy Szarenski finished 6th in sport pistol and 8th in air pistol. Sgt. Ronnie Watts finished 7th in rapid fire and took 3rd in center fire.

The team is now training for its final U.S. Team selection match and second Olympic Team tryout scheduled for late October at Fort Benning.

Action Pistol/Service Pistol

This quarter the Service Pistol Team welcomed Cpt. Steven King. PFC Fritz Ficke won his Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge at the National Championships. Ficke also won his President's Hundred Tab. SSG Benjamin Blackmore also won his Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge and was selected for promotion to sergeant first class. SFC Merle Edington took first at the Masters in the Military category. Edington also won the European Championships held in Switzerland. Capt. Gregory Way won both the Area 7 and Georgia State IPSC championships. Sgt. Kenneth Surrat was 6th at the Limited Nationals in the Military category.

Running Target

The Running Target Team welcomed its newest member, Sgt. Lance Dement, formerly of the Service Rifle Team. We know he'll do great things for our section and for our unit. In other news, Capt. Mike Johnson won the men's 10-meter 30+30 event during the Oklahoma State Championships held Aug. 31 through Sept. 3. Johnson also placed third in the 10-meter 30+30 event during the

Nevada State Championships held Sept. 21 through 25. Spc. Shane Buffa won the women's 10-meter 20+20 event during a national-level match attended by the U.S. National Team.

International Rifle

The International Rifle Team has been doing outstanding in competition this season. So much so, it's impossible to list all the teams accomplishments in this little space. During the USA Shooting National Championships, Sgt. Thomas Tamas set a new national record in the free rifle prone event with a score of 1295.4. The Buckeye Smallbore Rifle Prone Regional Championship held at Sidney, Oh., saw nothing but the International Rifle Team taking the wins. Cpl. Ken Johnson was the overall winner of the Championship event. Johnson placed first in the 50-yard Iron Sight, 50-meter Iron Sight, Dewar Iron Sight, and won the overall Iron Sight Aggregate. Johnson also won the Any Sight Aggregate which gave him the win in the Grand Aggregate. The International Rifle Team took more wins in the Any Sight Matches with Capt. Matthew Suggs winning the 50-yard Any Sight match, Dewar Any Sight Match, and the 100-yard Any Sight Match. The team matches saw Tamas and Sgt. Lance Hopper winning the team Any Sight match. The International Rifle Team also dominated the National Matches at Camp Perry, Oh. Johnson won the National Championship. Suggs took first in the metallic sight prone match and Capt. Glenn Dubis was first in the metallic sight standing match. Capt. Web Wright took first in the any sight standing match, with Maj. Stephen Goff placing first in the kneeling match. Tamas won the National Smallbore Rifle Championship, and also the Prone Any Sight Championship. The Prone 3-Position Competition saw more International

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USAMU shooters part of Proud History

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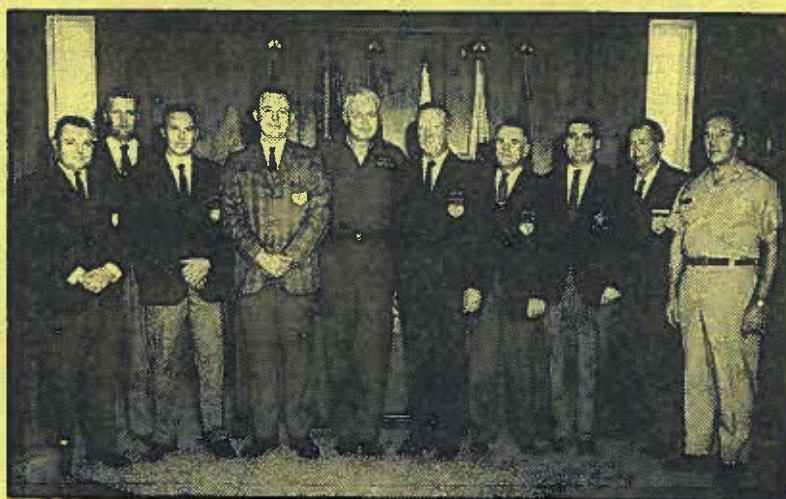
The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's past is packed with significant events. A few moments of the unit's illustrious history are captured on this page. If you

like to see in the *AMUA Times*, or, if you would like to help the AMUA historical committee gather such photos, please forward them to the organization. We would appreciate your help in helping us keep in touch with the past.



Courtesy Photos

(Top Left) International Rifle Team coach Bill Krilling on a combat mission in Korea. (Above) USAMU Sgt. Billy Willard coaches a youngster at the small arms firing school in the early 1950s. (Top Right) Lt. Col. Lones Wigger practices his medal-winning style. (Right) The 1964 USAMU Olympic Team, which won two gold, two silver, and three bronze medals, takes a minute to pose.



MG John Heintges, CG, FBG, greets members of U.S. Olympic Shooting Team. From left to right are: 1st Lt Lones Wigger, M/Sgt Arthur Spadlin, 1st Lt William Morris, III, Frank Little, MG Heintges, Col Thomas Sharpe, Lt Col Fredrick Keifer, William Hare of Canada, Sgt Martin Gunnarssen, and Col Joseph Peot, Commander, USAMTU.

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Rifle Team triumphs with Johnson winning the 3-position iron sight match, setting a new national record. Sgt. Lance Hopper also set a new national record in the 3-position any sight match and Spc. Troy Bassham won the English match iron sight. The International Rifle Team also had the best showing at the 1995 CISM Games with Goff winning the slow fire 300-meter match and taking the overall best rifleman.

Shotgun

When last heard from our shotgun heros were heading to Colorado Springs for the 1995 U.S. National Championships. While we didn't bring home any national championship titles this year, we have several shooters in prime positions for those coveted Olympic team spots. The skeet competition found Sgt. Shawn Duloher, Pfc. Justin Hensel, Sgt. Todd

Graves, and Cpl. Billy Moran in 4th through 8th place respectively. Erickson secured the bronze trap medal. On his heels were Winnicki and Graves in 5th and 7th place respectively. Our double trap shooters brought home two silver medals: Sgt. Terry Wentzel in the women's event and Spc. David Alcoriza in the men's. Pfc. Joetta Novinski finished 4th in the women's event. Returning from Colorado, the skeet shooters launched into the 1995 Interservice Championship. Spc. Joseph Buffa forced U.S. Air Force Maj. Bill Roy to turn on the afterburners, but Roy still beat Buffa out of the gold medal by one target. Duloher rounded out the top three with his bronze medal. Buffa, Graves, and Erickson are all tied for second in Olympic team standings. Hensel stands in 8th place and Moran holds 14th. In men's double trap we have Alcoriza holding onto third place, only one target out of second.

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country on the victory platform -- a goal that warrants and requires their absolute finest effort.

Another top priority for the year is winning back the pistols in CISM competition. Despite our successes at CISM this year, we fell short of winning "Best Nation." I know 1996 will be our year and we have already started down the road to accomplish this objective.

Also topping the list of priorities is ensuring we follow-up on the victories of Camp Perry and at the Interservice. We've got the skill and the determination to do it again; so we will.

In closing, I want to express my gratitude to all of the shooters, staff and AMU supporters for making FY95 such a good year. You have much to be proud of -- but I am looking forward to the unit climbing to even greater heights in the year to come. With the outstanding dedication of the AMU team and its supporters, the coming season should be a year for the history books.

USAMU 40th Reunion



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See You There!

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