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## Hall of Fame Ballot

This issue of *The Times* includes your Hall of Fame voting ballot (see insert). Instructions are on the back of the ballot. Note, fold the ballot, add a stamp, and mail not later than 15 March. Thanks for your support.

## ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

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The third annual AMUA meeting convened on 13 January at Pool International Shooting Complex. A small, but enthusiastic, crowd of about fifty members and guests were on hand. Joe Watson opened the meeting with welcoming remarks and then turned the podium over to Bob Aylward for a recap of 1995 activities for the USAMU.

Willis Powell presented the Shooter of the Year award to Corporal Kevin McMahon following the treasurer's report. Details of membership and budget are in a related column.

The USAMU reunion was also discussed. Current plans include a Hall of Fame ceremony and dinner at the Fort Benning Noncommissioned Officers' Club on 17 August. The USAMU headquarters, Building 243, will be dedicated as Colonel Thomas J. Sharpe Hall the morning of 18 August. A barbeque picnic will conclude reunion activities that afternoon.

All officers of the Executive Board were re-elected unanimously. Congratulations to President Bill Blankenship, Vice President Joe Watson, Secretary Bob Robinson, and Treasurer Jack Horner.

A feast of chili, hot dogs, cocktail sausages, cookies and drinks followed the formal meeting.

## AMUA Shooter of the Year

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Corporal Kevin B. McMahon of Service Rifle is the 1995 AMUA Shooter of the Year. His myriad accomplishments contributed significantly to a highly successful competitive season for the Service Rifle Team. His monumental efforts gave him an edge for the award over Sergeant Daryl Szarenski of International Pistol and Corporal Kenneth A. Johnson of International Rifle.

Corporal McMahon consistently shot in the high 490's in team competition enabling many championships during the 1995 competitive season. His 493.05 was the highest Service Rifle team average and his 498 and 497 led the way in 10-man team and 6-man team scores.

He finished second, edged by one point, in the National Service Rifle Championship at Camp Perry, Ohio with a 2359-96X.

He was also a member of several National record setting teams including: Infantry Trophy Team (1404), 6-man team (2951), and Virginia Regional Championships team (1908). His winning team accomplishments also included the Enlisted Man's match at Camp Perry. His score of 990 also placed him third in the Interservice Championships at Quantico, Virginia.



## PRESIDENT REVIEWS YEAR

### Bill Blankenship

1995 has been a good year for the AMU Association with our membership growing to over 430. Jack Horner, our treasurer, informs me our treasury is in sound condition, and Carter Berry is doing a great job getting our newsletter printed and mailed to our membership. With the support of our secretary, Bob Robinson, Bob Aylward, Deputy Commander of AMU, our V.P., Joe Watson, and our committee chairpersons Roman Wojciechowski, membership; Willis Powell, activities; and Bonnie Harmon, historical, the year was a good one. My personal thanks to you all.

Willis Powell, his committee, and members of the AMU are in the process of making plans for the AMU Reunion which will be held at Fort Benning, Georgia, August 16 through 18, 1996. If you have any suggestions you would like to have considered, please send them to Willis Powell or myself so we may present them to the AMU or to the appropriate committee. Tentative plans include a dinner to honor the new inductees into the AMU Hall of Fame, a dedication of the building to honor Col Thomas J. Sharpe, and to have the festivities associated with the reunion of a great unit with an outstanding history.

The Association dues for new members is still \$15.00 with \$5.00 set aside in reserve to help defray the expenses of the reunion. Renewals are \$10.00.

Bonnie Harmon, our historical committee chairman, still needs your help in rebuilding the history of the AMU. Please send him any articles, old photographs, or record certificates that you can spare or have copies made of them and send them to Bonnie.

For the information of the retired members, Bob Lowe sent an article from the Associated Press that tells the story of an individual in Virginia who has been convicted of stealing the medals and decorations of retired service personnel by claiming to be a descendent of the family of the individual, and then offering to build special cases for the medals. Your medals are valuable and should be safe guarded. It appears that there is a ready market for the medals. The story brings to mind the value of our distinguished shooting medals, especially the older ones which are solid gold.

All the best wishes to everyone for 1996. This year should be a very special one because of getting to see all the past and present members of the unit at the reunion. I'll be looking forward to seeing you all in August.

## COMMANDER'S PERSPECTIVE

### 1995 was a good year, things shaping up for an excellent 1996

#### Col. Alan D. Fenty

In the previous *AMUA TIMES*, I commented on what an exciting year 1995 was for the USAMU. Since it was such an important year for the unit, I think it is worthwhile to highlight in more detail some of the changes and accomplishments that occurred. Of major significance for the unit, and its future role in the Army, is its transfer out of FORSCOM. The Secretary of the Army recently signed a General Order making us a DA asset under the control of the Commanding General, Community and Family Support Center (CFSC). This is excellent since we now have the visibility required to be a vital asset to the U.S. Army.

I know that many of you are already aware of the numerous victories achieved during last year's competitions, but some of them warrant mentioning again. In the Pan American Games, members of the USAMU won 5 gold, 2 silver, and 2 bronze medals in individual competitions and 7 gold and 3 silver in team competitions.

The Service Rifle Team dominated the interservice and national competitions using the M-16 Rifle. This team of soldiers won every significant event on both of these occasions, from defeating the USMC in the Ten Man Team Match (by 56 points) to the winning of the National Service Rifle Individual Championship by SPC Tobie Tomlinson.

Along the way there were other victories: winning the Enlisted Man's Trophy, the National Trophy Team and the Infantry Trophy Team with new national record scores, and establishing two historic individual records: SGT Lance Dement broke the old record of 497-13X with a 498-23X; SPC Barry Coleman and SGT Lewis Tippie both broke the 600 yard record with 200-16X. The International Rifle (IR) Team, under the guidance of Mr. William Krilling, continued its winning ways. Their most impressive performance was their dominance of the Camp Perry International Championships. The IR Team placed 1st, 2d, and 3d in both prone and position individual championships. This was the first time in several years USAMU shooters dominated Camp Perry rifle events in this fashion.

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## AMUA Members Work Olympics

D. I. Boyd

Several AMUA members are serving as workforce for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. Shooting backgrounds, experience, and a spirit of volunteering led these ranks to the Games.

Gary Anderson is serving as the Shooting Competition Manager for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. He was an Olympic gold medal winner in 1964 and 1968 and won both 50 meter and 300 meter World Championships in 1962 and 1966. During his shooting career he won 47 medals from 1962 until he retired from international competition in 1969. He also serves as the Vice President of the International Shooting Union (UIT).

Mike Tipa is a member of the Protest Appeal Jury. He served as OIC of the AMU Shotgun team for several years in the early 60's. Currently, he is the Chairman of the UIT Technical Committee and has been an official at every Olympics since 1960 (ten Olympiads). He retired from the NRA as the Assistant Director for the International Activities in 1987.

Loyd Crow is a member of the Classification Jury. He was the Highpower Champion in 1955 and 1956, World Champion in Running Deer in 1961, and the National Champion in 1963. He is the only AMU member to be elected to two unit Halls of Fame. Currently, he is a member of the UIT Judges Committee.

Bill Krilling is a member of the Rifle Jury. He is a former service rifle and international rifle shooter. He was the National Prone Champion in 1965 and the first person to shoot a perfect 3200 prone. Currently, he is a member of the UIT Rifle Committee. He is presently the coach of the International Rifle Team.

David I. Boyd is the Field of Play Coordinator for the rifle and pistol events. He is the former international and service rifle shooter who is triple distinguished. He was the World Champion in 1966 and National Champion with both smallbore rifle and service rifle. Presently, he is the Chief of Competitions for the USAMU.

Gordon "Jack" Horner is a member of the Clay Target Jury. He was a former shooter, coach, and OIC of the Shotgun Team from 1960 to 1985. He shot on the winning 1966 World Championship Team in Trap and Skeet and was a member of the 1963 Gold medal Team.

Aubrey Smith is a 25 meter Range Officer. He was a pistol shooter with AMU for a number of years, both international and service. He was member of the Gold medal teams in the 1959 Pan Am Games, 1962 World Championships, and 1963 Pan Am Games. He was the Pistol Coach and one of the original shooters assigned to AMU in 1956.

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## Membership Climbs In '95

Treasurer

Army Marksmanship Unit Association membership is up to over four hundred. Since March 1994, four hundred and thirty-two members have joined the Association. One hundred and forty-five new members signed up in 1995 while only twenty members have failed to renew.

Increased membership means a larger operating budget. Our total income for 1995, which included 1994 carry over, exceeded ten thousand dollars. An operating balance of nearly seven thousand dollars is left after administrative expenses and reserves for the reunion.

Thanks to you, the membership, the Association is off to an early success. Make an effort to renew your membership before you receive notice and you can save the Association money. Also, pass the word about the Association to friends and help recruit new members.

## Shooting Reference Library Planned

MAJ Rick Hawkins

The USAMU is purchasing books to start a unit marksmanship reference library. Many of the best books on the subject are no longer in print. Even many of the NRA publications are no longer in print. Acquiring these books is challenging. If any AMUA member would like to donate or loan their personal reference library to the unit library, the coaches and shooters would surely appreciate it. The library should be as complete a reference library as possible. All aspects of marksmanship from books on shooting positions, to mental psychology, to gunsmithing, to reloading, to accurizing, to training, and even books concerning juniors are desired. Contact Major Rick Hawkins at (706) 545-5247 if you can assist in this program.

## Reunion or Bust

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A volunteer is needed to organize a chartered bus trip to the 40th Reunion. A circuitous route through the western and mid-western states would allow some members, otherwise unable to attend, to make the journey to the August reunion. Preliminary inquiries suggest a ninety day notice is needed to arrange such a trip. If you have thoughts, ideas, or suggestions or would like to volunteer for this project call Bill Blankenship at (706) 689-4454.



## Olympic Shooting Events

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The first medal of the 1996 Olympics will be awarded in shooting. A number of USAMU shooters are strong contenders for Olympic Team berths.

Shooting events for the Olympics are at Wolf Creek Shooting Complex. Events scheduled include:

- July 20: Women's 10m Air Rifle preliminaries/finals  
Men's Trap preliminaries  
Men's 10m Air Pistol preliminaries/finals
- July 21: Men's Trap preliminaries/finals  
Women's 10m Air Pistol preliminaries/finals
- July 22: Men's Air Rifle preliminaries/finals
- July 23: Men's 50m Free Pistol preliminaries/finals  
Women's Double Trap preliminaries/finals
- July 24: Women's 50m 3x20 Rifle preliminaries/finals  
Men's Double Trap preliminaries/finals  
Men's 25m Rapid Fire Pistol preliminaries/finals
- July 25: Men's 50m Prone Rifle preliminaries/finals  
Men's 10m Running Target preliminaries  
Men's 25m Rapid Fire preliminaries/finals
- July 26: Women's 25m Sport Pistol preliminaries/finals  
Men's 10m Running Target preliminaries/finals  
Men's Skeet preliminaries
- July 27: Men's 50m 3x40 Rifle preliminaries/finals  
Men's Skeet preliminaries/finals

Leading up to the Olympics, USAMU shooters are involved in Olympic Team trails at Wolf Creek 28 Mar through 7 Apr 96.

A World Cup is also scheduled at Wolf Creek 21 through 29 Apr 96.

If you can't make the Olympics, come out and support USAMU shooters at the trails and during the World Cup.

## Commander

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Other significant performances include SGT Daryl Szarenski's 567 effort while winning the National Free Pistol Championships, SGT Roger Jacobson's winning score of 2646 at the Tennessee State Invitational and CPT Mike Johnson's dominance of the International Running Target events. These accomplishments show that the USAMU is coming back strong. We have also made significant endroads in public affairs. The USAMU has been featured in two 30 minute segments presented on *ESPN*, with feature articles in *ARMY TIMES*, *SOLDIERS* and *USA TODAY*. We have a long way to go, but we have breached the wall.

The USAMU would like to extend its congratulations to three of its alumni. MAJ Jack Foster and LTC Bill Pullum were both inducted into the U.S.A. Shooting Hall of Fame this January. LTC Lones W. Wigger, Jr., has been named as one of the 100 Golden Olympians and will be honored during the opening ceremonies of the 1996 Olympics. These are remarkable accomplishments and reflect highly on the 39 year history of the USAMU.

1996 is shaping up as an excellent year and I will keep you informed of our progress in the next issue of the *AMUA Times*. But with the service teams breaking new ground and the international teams finishing their preparations for the upcoming Olympics, you can be sure that the shooting performances of the current USAMU soldiers will continue to make you proud.

## Work Olympics

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Denise Loring is an Assistant Announcer. She is a former International Rifle Team member who is still an active competitor and prospective National Team Member.



# USAMU 40th Reunion

## August 16-18, 1996

## See You There!





## USAMU Hall of Fame Ballot

### COMPETITIVE CATEGORY (Check no more than three names)

- ☐ CPT Thomas W. Atwood, *Service Rifle*
- ☐ MAJ Lanny R. Bassham, *International Rifle*
- ☐ MSG Eric Buljung, *International Pistol and Service Pistol*
- ☐ SGT Daniel T. Carlisle, *Shotgun*
- ☐ MSG Loyd G. Crow, Jr., *Service Rifle and Moving Target*
- ☐ MSG Charles D. Davis, *Service Rifle, International Rifle, and Moving Target*
- ☐ MSG Martin D. Edmondson, *Service Rifle and Moving Target*
- ☐ SSG Arpail J. Gapol, *Service Rifle*
- ☐ SFC Martin I. Gunnarsson, *International Rifle*
- ☐ SGT Donald S. Haldeman, *Shotgun*
- ☐ MSG Bonnie D. Harmon, *Service Pistol*
- ☐ MSG William E. Krilling, *International Rifle*
- ☐ MSG William R. Lee, *Service Rifle*
- ☐ 1LT William C. Morris III, *Shotgun*
- ☐ LTC Tommy G. Pool, *International Rifle*
- ☐ CPT Daniel B. Puckel, *International Rifle*
- ☐ LTC Lones W. Wigger, Jr., *International Rifle*
- ☐ MAJ Verle F. Wright, Jr., *International Rifle*
- ☐ 1LT John H. Writer, *International Rifle*
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print (Write-in nominee counts as one of your three votes.)

### SUPPORT CATEGORY (Check no more than one name)

- ☐ SFC Raymond Behnay, *Rifle Gunsmith*
- ☐ LTC Francis B. Conway, *Custom Gun Shop OIC*
- ☐ LTC Frederick J. Keifer, *International Coordinator*
- ☐ SFC Jack W. Maple, *Pistol Gunsmith*
- ☐ LTC Jeremiah M. McKenzie, *Chief, Support Division*
- ☐ LTC William C. Pullum, *International Rifle Coach and Custom Gun Shop OIC*
- ☐ COL Thomas J. Sharpe, *First Commanding Officer*
- ☐ CW4 Oscar K. Weinmeister, *Service Pistol Coach and CONUS Coordinator*
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print (Write-in nominee counts as your one vote.)



The USAMU established a unit Hall of Fame in 1994. The voting procedure was as follows: An individual had to have been a member of a section hall of fame, been retired from their primary competitive discipline for five years and nominated by the nominating committee. There were seven USAMU alumni enshrined in 1994, six shooters and one support person: Gary Anderson, Joe Benner, Bill Blankenship, Coats Brown, Barbara Hile, James McQuien, and Margaret Murdock. In 1996, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the USAMU, we will add four more individuals to the USAMU Hall of Fame. Only members of the AMUA may cast ballots for this honor. Please take time to review the following list of nominees. Vote for three from the competitive category and one from the support category. The top three competitors and the top support person will be enshrined on 17 August 1996 at Fort Benning. Please return your ballot not later than 15 March 1996. Thank you for voting and plan to attend the 1996 Hall of Fame induction and 40th anniversary reunion.

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