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America's Finest

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

■ Capt. Glenn Dubis of the International Rifle Team, named the world's best overall shooter at the 1996 CISM competition.

■ Sgt. Terri DeWitt of the Shotgun Team, selected as the DOD Female Athlete of the Year.

■ Capt. Rhonda Bright of the International Pistol Team, won Gold Medals in the women's air and sport pistol matches and set a new national record in the air pistol event.



Photo by USAMU PAO

Glenn Dubis, Webster Wright, Stephen Goff, Matthew Suggs and William Krilling display winning CISM medals.

Shooters Win Military Championships

U. S. Army Rifle shooters brought home Gold, Silver, Bronze, and a World Record

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U.S. Army competitive rifle shooters brought home Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals and a new world record for the United States during the 35th Annual Conseil International du Sport Militaire, (CISM), Sept 1 to 5.

Although the atmosphere among the 600-plus competitors representing over 40 nations competing in this year's world shooting championships in Sweden was very friendly on the range and in social settings, each competitor's personal goal on the field of competition was an intense desire to win for his team and his nation.

Individually, Glenn Dubis, a three-time Olympian and three-time World Military Rifle Champion, won the Gold

Medal in the 300-meter Military Rapid Fire with a score of 573 points and a Silver in the 300-meter Standard Rifle with a score of 581.

Dubis' aggregate individual score of 1,154 points for both matches won him the Polytronic Trophy — akin to the "Oscar of international competitive shooting" — and again earned him the prestigious title of the World's Military Rifle Champion for the fourth time.

"I feel very satisfied," Dubis said, speaking of his overall individual performance. "It's good to have your best day when it counts."

Last year's CISM holder of the World Military Rifle Champion title, Stephen Goff, came in a close second in the 300-meter Military Rapid Fire event with a score of 571, earning him the Silver Medal, while Russia took the Bronze in the same match with a score of 569. "I think they had an outstand-

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Bill Blankenship

In the last report, I was referring to the service rifle shooters training at Niagra, New York and the stories being told at the reunion. The word Nicaragua was typed and printed by mistake.

I would like to congratulate LTC Richard Lake and his staff who have done an outstanding job of organizing an official library of the Army Marksmanship Unit. In this issue of the *AMUA Times* is an insert listing the missing material needed to complete the library. The AMUA will be supporting this effort and if you have any of the missing material, please send it to the S-3 at the AMU or to the AMUA at the AMUA address. If you send original material, make sure you let us know if you want it returned.

For those of you who have inquired about Joe Benner, I have sad news. Joe has been in a nursing home since May of 1995. Joe has terminal Alzheimer's disease. Jean is doing fine and will be staying at their present address. She is only five miles from the nursing home and gets to see Joe on a daily basis. Mike Benner and his wife Margie have two children, Michele and Mike, Jr. Mike is still working in the post office and Margie is teaching school in Laurel, Maryland. Jean said that there was nothing we could do for Joe, but if anyone wanted to help, just make a donation to the Alzheimer's Association.

Our annual meeting will be on January 11, 1997 at the Pool Indoor Complex. Please try to attend. At our last meeting we named a nominating committee of Joe Watson, Roman Wojciechowski, and myself. After three years of being President, I have decided it was time to step aside to allow for new leadership. If you have any suggestions please send them to one of the committee members. We have a great association which complements one of the great units in the United States Army. The last three years have been very successful: our membership has grown, we had a great reunion, and now is the time to make new commitments, with new leadership, to progress to new heights. We need the help of all present and former members of AMU to make the future one that all of us will be proud of.

I must say one more time how very nice it was to see everyone at the reunion. Many thanks to all of you who sent material for the library, which is so important in rebuilding the history of the AMU.

My best wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Colonel Alan D. Fenty

Though the major competitive season is over, the USAMU has not slowed down. As I've reported to you several times, the AMU is working hard to fix some of the personnel problems that have historically created difficulties in the development of world class shooters and gunsmiths. This problem is being worked at the highest levels of DOD and I believe we are making considerable progress. When the AMU personnel program is adopted, it will allow shooters and gunsmiths to be stabilized for longer periods of time and afford us the opportunity to promote from within based on military skills that soldiers demonstrate in the shop and on the shooting ranges. I hope to report completion of this mission in the near future.

On 28 October 1996, the Commanding General of CFSC, BG John G. Meyer, Jr., turned over command of our parent unit to BG Evan R. Gaddis. BG Meyer was, and is, a great supporter of the USAMU and we wish him well as the Chief of Public Affairs for the U.S. Army. We welcome BG Gaddis and look forward to working with him in the advancement of the unit.

In the last AMUA newsletter, the AMUA staff went to great efforts to report on a highly successful 40th Reunion. I had a chance to meet several of you and many asked what they could do for the unit. When many of you were soldiers in the USAMU there existed a series of MTU's that were instrumental in identifying soldiers to be moved up to the All-Army teams. The summer trips to interservice and Camp Perry consisted of approximately a hundred soldiers representing the U.S. Army and the USAMU. In the early '90's, the MTU concept was disbanded and with that much of the USAMU's farm system ceased to exist both for shooters and gunsmiths. The unit can use your help as unofficial scouts for the USAMU. Very simply, when you go to the local clubs, competitions and gunsmiths, make an effort to see what local talent exists. Encourage them to consider the USAMU IF they want to be champions or IF they want to design and repair weapons used by the world class marksmen of the USAMU. When you have a prospect, please contact Mr. D.I. Boyd, the Chief of Competitions. He will work with you to add quality individuals to the rolls of the USAMU. Your support and recommendations can make all the difference in the world.

In closing, some good news stories that always make this job seem so very worthwhile. On 1 November, SGT

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October 28, 1996

TO: All AMUA Members

An Appeal from the President

The USAMU has established a competition library in the S-3 section. The library has a professional development wing which houses books and tapes on shooting, reloading and sports psychology; and a technical wing which houses match results bulletins and periodicals. The unit needs our help with the technical wing. Though the unit has made significant progress in setting up the library, some holes still exist. A listing of needed items for the library from 1956 to present is enclosed.

I personally ask all of you to check your homes and see if you have any of the needed items and donate them to the library. If you have an item, but it's a keepsake, either send a copy of it or send the original and the USAMU will make a copy and return the original to you.

The library is a legacy which documents the unit since its inception in 1956.

You can mail donations or items which you are sending for reproduction and return to:

Commander
USAMU
Attn: S-3 Library
P.O. Box 55810
Fort Benning, GA 31905-5810

You can make arrangements for the above by calling the S-3 toll-free number at 1-800-807-1588.

Let's make this happen!

Encl.

William B. Blankenship, Jr.
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President, Army Marksmanship Unit
Association

Needed Library Material
as of 12 Nov 96

1. **National Match Bulletins**
 - A. Camp Perry High Power Rifle-1959
 - B. Camp Perry Pistol- 1987
 - C. Camp Perry Smallbore-1958, 1985, 1988, 1990
 - D. Camp Perry Program-1987
2. **Interservice Match Bulletins**
 - A. I/S Rifle-1966, 1976, 1978,
 - B. I/S Pistol-1959, 1970
 - C. I/S International-None
3. **NRA International US Championships**
 - A. 1962, 1970, 1976
4. **International Match Bulletins**
 - A. Olympic Bulletins-1956, 1960, 1964, 1980, 1992
 - B. CAT-1973, 1993
 - C. World Championship-1958, 1966, 1974, 1978
 - D. Pan American-1959, 1963, 1967, 1983, 1987, 1991
 - E. CISM-1956 thru 1967, 1985
5. **Periodicals**
 - A. American Rifleman

1952-Aug, Dec	1992-Aug, Sep, Dec
1993-Jan, Feb	1994-Jul
 - B. Tournament News

1955-Jan-Feb	1956-Jan, Feb, May thru Oct
1957-Mar, Apr, Jun	1959-Mar
1962-Feb, Jun thru Oct, Dec	1963-Jan, May, Oct
1968-Feb, Aug, Oct	1969-Feb, Mar, Jun
1972-May, Sep	1975-Nov
 - C. The American Marksman

1977-Apr, May, Jun, Aug, Sep	1979-May
1980 to 1988 all	
 - D. Shooting Sports USA(Magazine)

1989-Jul	1991-Jul
1993-Mar, Nov	
 - E. Shooting Sports USA (Newspaper)

1994-May, Sep	1996-Feb, Apr
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 - F. Quick Shots

1994-all	1995-Oct
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 - G. UIT JOURNAL

1961-3, 6	1962-3, 4
1963-4	1978-5, 6
 - H. PRECISION SHOOTING

1993-Jan, Feb, Apr	1994-Feb, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Oct
1995-Mar, May	1996-Jan, Feb, May

AMUA Annual Meeting Set For January 1997

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Another year has passed and it's annual meeting time. The 1997 AMUA annual meeting is scheduled Saturday, 11 January 1997, at the Pool International Shooting Complex, Fort Benning. Start time is 4 P.M.

Election of officers for the upcoming year headlines the agenda. The "Shooter of the Year" award will be presented also. Executive board reports and unit and association updates are planned.

The annual meeting is an excellent opportunity to initiate AMUA projects and goals. As always, it is a reunion of shooting competition elite.

An abundance of food and beverages will be on hand following the formal meeting. Come and share your ideas and renew friendships.

Membership & Dues

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Do you want to get of some of life's paperwork and help us help you at the same time? Note the two numbers above your name on the address label of this publication—they represent the month and year your membership expires. If your renewal date is fast approaching go ahead and send us dues now and save us from having to mail you a "Dues Due" reminder. Your membership will be extended one year from the expiration date for each ten dollars you send up to five years. That's right, up to five years with no paperwork hassel. Give yourself an early Christmas present and do it now!

Chattahoochee Valley Sports Hall of Fame Inducts Wigger

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Lones Wigger was recently elected to the Chattahoochee Valley Sports Hall of Fame. The hall of fame is comprised of Valley area sports figures who have carried name recognition beyond the area. Wigger and four other inductees join five initial inductees in a ceremony scheduled for February 1997 in Columbus, Georgia. He was the only nominee from the shooting community and said his election was not only a great honor for him, but for the sport. Other notables in the Hall of Fame include Frank Thomas (baseball), Nate Odomes (football), Harvey Glance (track and field), Larry Mize (golf), and Dr. Jack Hughston (contribution, sports medicine).

CISM

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ing performance," said Bill Krilling, U.S. CISM rifle team coach, referring to Dubis' and Goff's individual scores. "They performed to their potential."

Krilling, an international legend himself, has over 30 years of CISM experience both as a shooter competing in the world championships and as the coach for the U.S. CISM Rifle Team.

In the team events, Dubis led the U.S. team to a Silver Medal win in the 300-meter Military Rapid Fire Rifle event with a team score of 2,237 points and the Bronze in the 300-meter Standard Rifle match with a team score of 2,311.

"I always want to shoot good for the team," he said. "I try to shoot high scores and let the results fall where they may." Not worrying about the final results is part of his personal strategy to keep the competitive pressure at a manageable level. During the 300-meter Standard Rifle Team Match, Dubis set a new world record by achieving a score of 590 points out of a possible 600 (4 points over the previous world record).

"I'll always try to better my score," Dubis said about his new world record, "but, 590s do not come everyday." According to Dubis, Finland, Norway, Switzerland, and Sweden were among the strongest competitors in past CISM championships. Now, Russia and many of the former east block countries like Belarus are making the competition that much stiffer. He attributes this to improvements in the quality of the competitors and advances in technology.

Other members of the U.S. rifle team included Capts. Robert E. Harbison, Matthew P. Suggs and Webster M. Wright III, all of whom are also assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

In an extravagant ceremony that officially marked the end of the 35th Annual CISM World Military Shooting Championships Sept. 5, the chiefs of mission for the 40-plus delegations representing nations from around the world such as Russia, China and Syria, looked on as the members of the U.S. CISM Rifle Team took their place on the winner's stand.

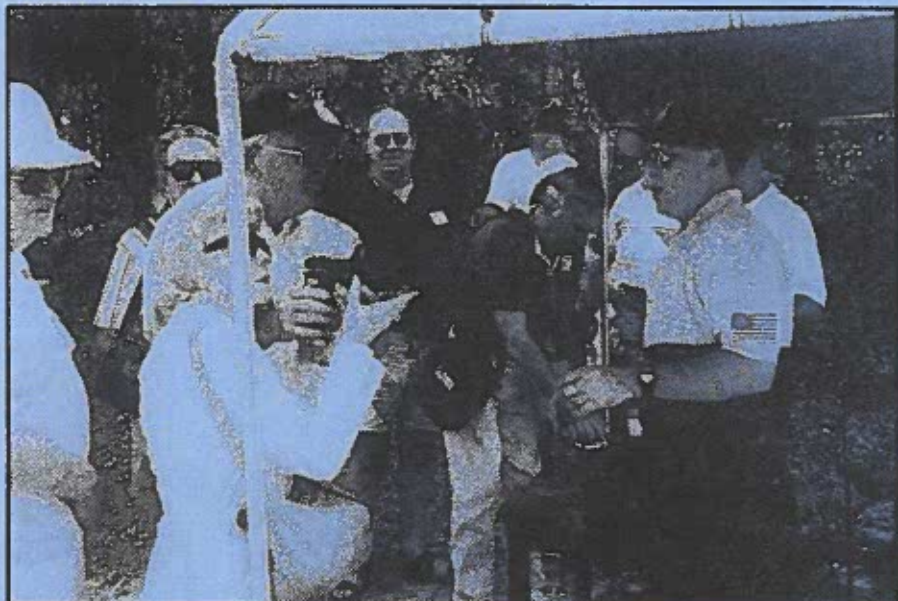
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USAMU 40th Reunion at a Glance



Photos by USAMU PAO



Over 400 USAMU alumni and guests gathered at Fort Benning 16-18 August for the USAMU 40th Reunion. Activities included the traditional fish fry at registration, a barbeque picnic, demonstrations and exhibits, a hall of fame induction ceremony, and dedication of Sharpe Hall.

USAMU Pistol Shooters Sweep Georgia Match

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International pistol shooters with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit swept all seven matches at the Pinetucky Gun Club Preliminary tryout match in Augusta, GA, September 26 to 29.

Daryl L. Szarenski received the Gold Medal in the men's free pistol with 542 points out of a possible 600 and William L. Christopher came in second.

Szarenski also won the men's air pistol with 580 points, Paul Johnston took second and Carl W. Trompeter II came in third.

In the men's center fire pistol match, Szarenski won the Gold Medal with 570 points, Trompeter won the silver and Eric G. Daniels took the Bronze.

This year, Szarenski won the title of USA Shooting National Free Pistol Champion.

Johnston won the men's rapid fire pistol match with a score of 577 points, Daniels came in second and Trompeter came in third.

Trompeter won the standard pistol Gold Medal with 568 points, Szarenski captured the Silver and Daniels took the Bronze.

Rhonda L. Bright won Gold Medals in the women's air and sport pistol matches and set a new national record by shooting 387 in the air pistol event.

Bright is a five-time Gold Medalist, a three-time Silver Medalist, a three-time Bronze Medalist, a three-time National Champion and two time World Record setter.

Shooters who obtain a qualifying score receive an invitation to compete in the national championships, and this competition provided a step in the selection system for the National Team.

Commander

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Terri DeWitt, of the Shotgun Team, was named the DOD Female Athlete of the Year. This is the second time a soldier of the USAMU has received this honor. The first was CPT Gloria Parmentier in 1985. This is an excellent way to cap off the year. In addition, many of you know Folke Ahlquist who was the AMU ammunition tester for many years during the '70's and '80's. His son now works on Fort Benning in the Construction Department of the Engineering Division. With the assistance of "Folke Jr.", the USAMU Shotgun Range is now in line to be refurbished.



Photo by USAMU PAO

Sergeant Grant Singley, AMUA 1996 Shooter of the Year, takes aim at the X ring with his modified M16A2 Rifle.

Singley Named AMUA 1996 Shooter of the Year

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Sergeant Grant L. Singley, a Service Rifle shooter assigned to the United States Army Marksmanship Unit, was named the 1996 AMUA Shooter of the Year. Sergeant Singley, won the 1996 Highpower Service Rifle individual Championships, the President's One Hundred Match and placed first at the Interservice Highpower Championships at Quantico, Virginia.

Sergeant Singley's other accomplishments during the past year include the winner of the Clark Trophy, Rapid Fire Aggregate at the 1996 National Championships, high overall shooter of the winning Interservice Ten-Man Team match, member of the Interservice 1000 yard Service Rifle winning team, and national record setting National Team Infantry Trophy Squad.

Other nominees for the 1996 AMUA Shooter of the Year included Captain Glenn Dubis, whose accomplishments included the world's best overall shooter at the 1996 CISM competition and making two Olympic teams for the 1996 Olympic Games. Captain Dubis was named the 1994 AMUA Shooter of the Year.

Sergeant Terri DeWitt distinguished herself during the 1996 shooting season through many contributions. The highlight of the year was finishing fourth at the 1996 Olympic Games, one target away from the Bronze medal in Double Trap, and she finished second at the 1996 World Cup.

Ayala and Running Target Shooters Dominate Canadian Nationals

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The U. S. Army Marksmanship Running Team swept the 1996 Running Target Championships at the Canadian Nationals at the Peterborough Fish and Game Association Range in Ontario, Canada, August 31 to September 8.

After dominant performances in several matches, the USAMU team members finished first, second and third place. This championship served as a training match for the USAMU Running Target Team.

In the 10-meter 30+30 event, September 1 to 5, Armando R. Ayala captured first place with a final score of 1,298.8, Kenneth M. Jones took second scoring 1,240.1 and Lance D. Dement scored 1,222.2 winning third place. In the 10-meter mixed run event, September 2 to 6, Ayala scored 379, winning first place, Dement came in second with a score of 371 and Jones took third scoring 350.

Ayala's victory in the two matches during the Canadian Nationals marked his second and third straight in national championship-level events. Earlier this season, he won first place in the 10-meter mixed running target competition during the 1996 USA Shooting National Championships in August.

"He's performing very well considering he's only been competing in the sport of running target since February 1995," said running target coach Troy A. Lawton. "This is the first time Pfc. Ayala has fired in a tournament outside the United States and won both events."

Ayala grew up in El Paso, Texas, where he studied criminal justice at the University of Texas. After enlisting in the Army in 1994, he attended basic and infantry training at Fort Benning and Air Assault School at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He served with the 54th Infantry Regiment and transferred to the Army Marksmanship Unit in 1995. He serves as the 1996 men's interservice running target champ-

ion and National Team Member. Ayala attributes winning the Canadian Nationals to a number of things. "The time they give us to train and the facility where I train prepares us to win," he said. "The ranges we practice on are equivalent to the ranges where we compete, and the entire rifle is custom fit to me. It's top of the line, and I have confidence in my abilities."



AMUA patches are available in limited quantities. The 3 inch diameter, high quality, multi-color patches are suitable for hats, shirts, and jackets. If you were unable to attend the reunion or would otherwise like one, send \$3.00 to AMUA today.

AMUA Times Publications

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The *AMUA Times* is published four times a year featuring articles of interest to members. Input from members at large is welcome. If you have current items of interest concerning a member or a historical account forward details to *AMUA Times* at the association address. Pictures of good quality can be reproduced.

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