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New Feature

Future issues of the "Times" will highlight an individual from AMU's past. The "AMUA Times" edition soliciting names and current histories on anyone you feel would make a good feature article for the "AMUA Times".



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USAMU Sergeant Major Retires

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Sergeant Major Charles E. DeJarnett makes his remarks during the Retirement Ceremony at the Pool International Shooting Complex.

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit said good-bye to its sergeant major in a retirement ceremony May 16 at the Pool International Shooting Complex, Fort Benning, Ga.

Sgt. Maj. Charles E. DeJarnett hung up his Army greens after more than 24 years of active service to spend time with his wife, Judy, and their three children, Lisa, 16, Ricky, 15, and Sam, 7.

"This is the start, not the end, for me and my family," DeJarnett said. "I will remember USAMU, the dedication of its soldiers, marksmen, gunsmiths and staff."

DeJarnett grew up in Hobbs, N.M. and attended the New Mexico Military Institute where he attained an associate of arts degree in business administration.

DeJarnett entered the Army in 1973 and his previous assignments include first sergeant observer controller for the Joint Readiness Training Center; first sergeant for Company C, 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment; platoon sergeant for the 1st Battalion of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment; operations noncommissioned officer for the Joint Special Operations Command; and a ranger instructor at the Mountain Ranger Camp. He was

also a senior scout with Company A, 75th Infantry, and a member of the cadre for the 2nd Battalion, 75th Infantry, at Fort Lewis, Wash. Before coming to the USAMU, DeJarnett was the sergeant major for the ROTC program at Indiana University in Indiana, Pa.

"If it wasn't for Jesus Christ our Lord our Savior, I wouldn't have done the things that I have done," DeJarnett said.

The guest speaker for his retirement ceremony was Command Sgt. Maj. Mack H. Vereen, U.S. Army Infantry Center command sergeant major.

"As you depart this Army your memories will never die," Vereen said. "I salute you for all that you have done."

DeJarnett's military education includes the Basic Noncommissioned Officers Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officers Course, First Sergeants Course and the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, National Defense Service Medal with star.

DEPUTY COMMANDER REPORT

Bob Aylward

COL Lory M. Johnson Jr., and COL Alan D. Fenty worked for three years to get a personnel policy that will allow soldiers to be assigned to and remain at the USAMU indefinitely. I am pleased to announce that their efforts were rewarded in April 1997. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly discuss this new personnel policy. (This, by the way, is an attempt to get you re-energized to go out and beat the bushes to develop and find a new generation of shooters for the USAMU). The basic rules of this policy are; you are recruited on potential and retained by displaying a great attitude, show continued progress and producing winning scores. As long as you represent the U.S. and the U.S. Army in this manner you will be allowed and encouraged under this new policy to remain at the USAMU. Soldiers will also be afforded the opportunity to be promoted with their peers according to their expertise in the shooting arena. I assure you the standards will be tough, but the Army believes that by implementing these fixes, the USAMU can once again dominate marksmanship at the National and International level. I have also tasked each section to once again develop and conduct clinics for clubs and teams that show an interest in marksmanship and the USAMU. In this, your USAMU also needs your help. Simply get a club interested in competitive marksmanship and contact the unit, and we will work with you to provide support during the later part of the year.

The unit has done well in its recent competitions such as SSG Daryl Szarenski's winning 569 Free Pistol score during the 1997 International Pistol competition. There are many other good and winning scores to report, however, that is not the purpose of my article today. The purpose of this article is to get you to identify the shooters of tomorrow, work with them and inform them of this golden opportunity.

AMUA member and long time International and Service Rifle shooter, Richard Hawkins, is competing in a competition of a different type. He is currently battling leukemia. After initial treatments, he is back at home. He will be receiving ongoing treatment headed for a full recovery. Prayers, cards and letters are appreciated. You can send the cards or letters to: Richard N. Hawkins, 308 Plantation Creek Road, Fortson, GA 31808. For further information contact Wanda Jewell at (w) (706)545-5736, (h)(706)569-8738.

USAMU Shooters Win Medals at World Cups

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Staff Sergeant James Graves won the Gold Medal in Skeet at the World Cup held at Nicosia, Cyprus.

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit walked away with two medals from the World Cup in Nicosia, Cyprus, conducted April 10 to 13.

Staff Sgt. James Todd Graves, a two-time Olympian, won the Gold Medal in Skeet edging out 1996 Olympic Gold and Bronze Medalists Ennio Falco and Andrea Benelli, both of Italy. After the two-day match, Graves, Falco and Benelli were tied with scores of 146 out of a possible 150. The Gold, Silver and Bronze medals were decided by a sudden death shoot-off, which Graves won by 1 point; Falco took the Silver and Benelli got the Bronze.

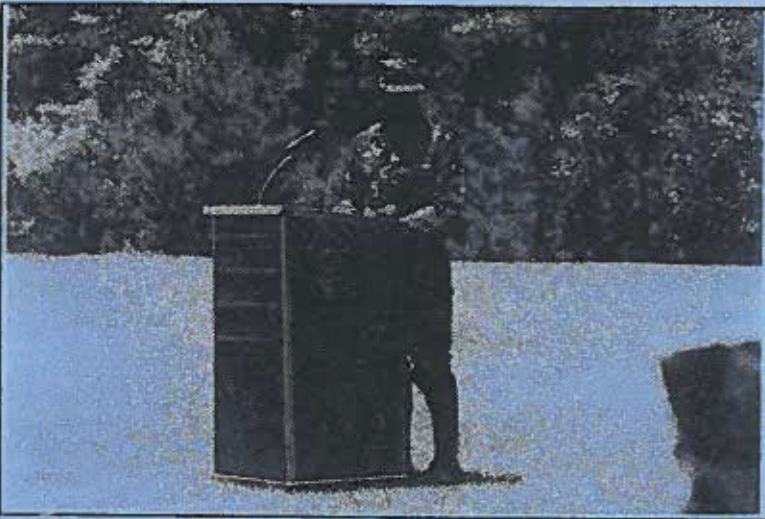
The USA Team, made up of Graves, Staff Sgt. Shawn C. Duloher, a U.S. National Shooting Team member since 1991, and Sgt. Joseph D. Buffa, the 1996 National Skeet Champion, won the Team Silver Medal. Italy captured the Gold Medal and Cypress received the Bronze.

"I think it's outstanding that Todd won the Gold Medal; he's capable of winning any match he shoots," USAMU Shotgun Team Coach Burl Branham said. "And it's great that he won over the Italians who are the best in the world — they're the ones to beat."

Because of his win, Graves will now get an invitation to compete in the World Cup Skeet Final in the fall, which, according to Branham, is for the 12 best skeet shooters in the world.

Graves also took home the Bronze Medal in Skeet in the Lonato, Italy, World Cup April 19, Falco and Benelli took the Gold and Silver. Staff Sgt. Bret E. Erickson won the Bronze Medal in Lonato in Men's Double Trap; Italy won the Gold and Silver.

Besides Graves, Erickson, Duloher and Buffa, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit shotgun shooters who made the 1997 U.S. National World Cup Team were: Sgt. David R. Alcoriza, a member of the 1996 U.S. Olympic Shooting Team; Sgt. Joetta R. Novinski, the 1996 National Women's Trap and Double Trap Champion; and Pfc. Matthew T. DePuydt, a 1995 Junior Olympic and World Championship Shotgun Team member.



Command Sergeant Major Vereen, Command Sergeant Major of the United States Army Infantry Center and Guest Speaker for the Retirement Ceremony, delivers his remarks.

Retirement Ceremony Pictorial



Bill Krilling, International Rifle Coach and DSC recipient, presents SGM DeJarnett with the coveted Black Hat.



SGM DeJarnett cuts his retirement cake.



Mrs. DeJarnett is presented with the traditional Oak Tree with Yellow Ribbon.

Dubis Gets Silver in Korea World Cup

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Capt. Glenn A. Dubis, an international rifle shooter with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., won the Silver Medal in the 3x40 Competition May 12, missing the Gold Medal by just 3/10ths of a point.

Nearly 50 of the world's top free rifle shooters competed at 50 meters in three positions — prone, standing and kneeling — and fired 40 rounds per position. The top eight shooters advanced to the finals where they shot 10 shots, scored in 10ths of a point.

Dubis fired an 1,168 out of a possible 1,200 points in the qualification match, giving him a 2-point lead going into the finals. In the finals, he got 95.0 points out of a possible 109.0 and lost his lead to 1992 Olympic Gold Medalist Iouri Fedkin of Russia who shot a 98.3. World cups are the first opportunity marksmen have to qualify to shoot in the Olympics by shooting a minimum qualifying score as established by the International Shooting Union.

Dubis received a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Pennsylvania State University in 1981. In 1989, he completed a master's degree in sports management at the U.S. Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala.

He joined the Army in 1982 at which time he started shooting with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

The Desert Storm veteran is a three-time Olympian and World Rifle Champion, a five-time World Military Rifle Champion and set or tied six world records. In 1996, he held two slots on the U.S. Olympic Shooting Team (in Free Rifle and Air Rifle), he was the World Military Rifle Champion and set a new military and world record.



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