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## AMUA

ANNUAL MEETING

17 January 1997

2:00pm-4:00pm

Pool Indoor  
Shooting Complex

## Colonel Arnold takes over as new Marksmanship Unit commander

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The new commander of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, GA and his family have come home.

Col. Archibald V. Arnold, III, an infantryman and former infantry battalion commander with Fort Benning's 197th Infantry Brigade, assumed command of the Army Marksmanship Unit in a ceremony conducted September 3 at the Pool International Shooting Complex on Fort Benning. His wife, the former Cordy Wiley, was born in Columbus, received a degree in education from Brenau College of Gainesville, Ga., and lived in Columbus until she married Arnold in April 1972. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Wiley, still reside in Columbus.

The ceremony's host and guest speaker was Brig. Gen. Evan R. Gaddis, commander of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Arlington, Va., the major command of the USAMU.

Gaddis described the soldiers of the USAMU as "America's finest competitive shooters and the Army's greatest marksmen."

"Your dedication to promoting marksmanship throughout the Army has gained worldwide respect," Gaddis said. "Your accomplishments are why the United States Army Marksmanship Unit is called the home of champions. Today we welcome another champion to your ranks — your new commander, Col. Archibald Vincent Arnold, III.

"I can tell you first hand that he is one of the finest. He's first an infantryman and he's a champion among leaders," Gaddis continued. "Colonel Arnold was chosen to lead this great unit, to honor its traditions, to ensure it's welcome as a member of the Fort

Benning family and to promote the Army's credentials — and our credentials are our soldiers."

In his remarks, Arnold stated, "We're absolutely delighted to once again be stationed at Fort Benning and the Columbus-Phenix City area. It's great to be back at the home of the infantry and it's just great to be back home again. More importantly it's a very special privilege to be assigned to the Army Marksmanship Unit, a truly outstanding outfit."

Arnold thanked Fort Benning Commanding General Maj. Gen. Carl F. Ernst and the Infantry School and Center staff for being present at the ceremony, adding, "You can count on the AMU to likewise honor the privilege of being quartered on the Army's finest installation. I promise you that we will do our fair share to keep it that way."

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USAMU's New Commander



# COMMANDER'S REPORT

COL ARCHIBALD V. ARNOLD, III

Since assuming command on 3 September, I've had the pleasure of meeting several members of the AMUA. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you, the 400 plus members of the AMUA, to stop by and see your USAMU, the new facilities which are under construction and the superb soldiers and civilians which make up the 1997 USAMU. When you're here please stop in and say hello. I'd thoroughly enjoy meeting all the men and women who have contributed so much over the years toward making the AMU what it is today.

Despite having heard so much about the AMU throughout my career, I was still amazed by the number and excellence of the recent accomplishments of this unit: The Service Rifle team winning the National Long Range Service Rifle Team Championships at 1000 yards using an M16 at this years Camp Perry, SGT Ken Johnson firing a 596 in an Air Rifle competition, and SSG Todd Graves placing second at the World Cup Finals. I can see why the United States Army Marksmanship Unit is called the *Home of Champions*. IT IS!!

I would like to bring to your attention some of the events that are upcoming over the next few months and ask for your participation in them. Through this involvement, you can assist in carrying on the traditions you worked so hard to establish when you were assigned to the unit. USA Shooting has asked Fort Benning to conduct two major competitions in 1998. The U.S. trials for the 1998 World Championships will be held April 13-25 and an International Grand Prix will be hosted May 4-11. To make these two events a success a great deal of volunteer support is needed. Details of these events will be published in future "AMUA Times" but suffice it to say, your support of these events will go a long way to insure future competitions of this magnitude will be hosted at Fort Benning.

In closing, I'd like to emphasize how really excited the Arnolds are to join the great Army Marksmanship Unit team and be a part of your association. I look forward to meeting you during the annual AMUA meeting on 17 January 1998.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WILLIS POWELL

Just an update on the proposed shut down of the USAMU. I have received word that the action has been killed and the USAMU is still a major asset to the Department of Defense.

I'm sure we'll have more of an update in the upcoming edition of the "AMUA Times" and at the annual meeting.

Thank you for your help. The AMUA membership came through in this crisis with flying colors. It was your response to this problem that helped save the unit for future generations of shooters.

The one thing we all need to do is contact those people that helped cancel this proposed action and personally thank them for all that they did for USAMU. Please contact your senator, congressman, etc., and thank them for their assistance and let them know that the action they took was for a unit that has historically done missions that no one else could undertake and is the only reservoir of marksmanship knowledge in the Army. The unit was, and still is, the home of the world's greatest shooters.

Some topics for this year's annual meeting, to be held on 17 January 1998 at 2:00 pm in the Pool Indoor Shooting Complex will be the election of new officers, the naming of the "Shooter of the Year", and any other topics of interest to the group. Be sure to make plans to attend; it is important to the association and can be a lot of fun.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

**Glenn Nelson** residing in Columbus, GA, shot service rifle 1960-65 and worked in the shop from 1965-75. Retired since 1975, Glenn started Nelson Custom Gun Shop and works on Match Grade M1A's. For recreation he has participated in Red Man Bass Tournaments and plays golf twice a week.

**Marvin Warren** shot service rifle from 1960-73 and was NCOIC of International Rifle, 1973-79. After retiring in 1979, he attended Columbus Tech and worked as a civil service machinist and an occasional machinist for Nelson Custom Gun Shop. He currently lives in Columbus, GA and hobbies include small engine repair, auto tune-ups, woodworking, and hunting and fishing.

**Terry Daugherty**, currently living in Columbus, GA, shot service rifle from 1962-78. He retired from the Army in 1979 and attended Columbus Tech. He has worked for Nelson Custom Gun Shop and Mike Collins Nissan. He keeps busy with boating, woodworking, and golf.

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## USAMU fills 70% of Championship of Americas team slots

### USAMU PAO

Members of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, Fort Benning, Ga., were named to the U.S. Championships of the Americas Team, which were held at the CAT Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Nov. 16 to 28.

The CAT Games, Campeonato de Tiro de las Americas, is the shooting championships for the Western Hemisphere, which is conducted every four years. The CAT Games is one of four big international matches — along with the Olympics, World Championships and Pan American Games — where shooters can win medals and set world records.

Soldiers selected from USAMU:

- International rifle shooters: eight-time National Champion Maj. Stephen C. Goff, three-time Olympian Capt. Glenn A. Dubis, 1992 Olympian Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Tamas and two-time Junior Olympic Champion Spc. Jason A. Parker who just joined the USAMU this year.

- International pistol shooters: Interservice Champion Capt. Rhonda L. Bright, National Team member Staff Sgt. Eric G. Daniels, National Champion Staff Sgt. Daryl L. Szarenski, and Pfc. Terry S. Bradley who joined the unit in November and Pfc. Travis A. Jorgenson who joined in February.

- Running target: National Champion Staff Sgt. Lance D. Dement and Interservice Champion Spc. Armando R. Ayala.

- Shotgun shooters: two-time Olympians Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson and Staff Sgt. James T. Graves, Interservice Champion Staff Sgt. Shawn C. Dulohery, 1996 Olympian Sgt. David R. Alcoriza, 1996 National Champions Sgts. Joseph D. Buffa and Joetta R. Novinski and Junior Olympian Spc. Matthew T. DePuydt.

"The CAT is a UIT (International Shooting Union) sanctioned match and it's a pretty good size match," USAMU Shotgun Team Coach Burl Branham said. "We hope to win some medals, which will bring good credit to the Army and America. The Games are important because we have a chance to set a world record and shooters can get internationally distinguished."

"We'll do very well," USAMU International Rifle Team Coach William E. Krilling said. "If our guys shoot to their ability, we'll do well in the medal count."

## USAMU soldier named 1997 Army Male Athlete of the Year

### USAMU PAO

FORT BENNING, Ga., — A U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit two-time Olympian has won the title of 1997 Army Male Athlete of the Year.

USAMU shotgun shooter Staff Sgt. James Todd Graves is the Army Male Athlete for 1997. Spc. Niambi Dennis, a track and field triple jumper with the University of Texas ROTC is the Army Female Athlete of the Year. They will be recognized at the Pride of the Nation Reception and Awards Presentation Banquet this January in Washington, D.C. Graves and Dennis now go on to compete for the Armed Forces Male and Female Athlete of the Year titles, which will be decided in early November.

"I was surprised; I didn't think I was going to win," Graves said. "This is quite an honor. I don't know what I did to deserve it; I just do my job."

And what a job he has done. So far this year, the two-time Olympian has racked up seven Gold, four Silver and five Bronze Medals in international, national and interservice competition.

"Based on his accomplishments, I thought he'd win this year; he deserves it," said fellow USAMU shotgun shooter Sgt. Theresa E. DeWitt, who was the 1996 Armed Forces Female Athlete of the Year.

DeWitt, who was a 1996 Olympian in double trap, said that she is amazed that Graves shoots all three Olympic shotgun sports — skeet, trap and double trap — and has won medals in all three.

"I can't imagine having to shoot all three well," DeWitt said. "It's draining enough to put 100 percent into one sport. But when you have to put forth 300 percent effort for three sports, that's an incredible achievement."

But Graves said now he's going to concentrate on just shooting what he's best at — skeet. He is gearing up for the World Shotgun Championships to be conducted in Lima, Peru, Nov. 8 to 15, and the Championship of the Americas, which will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Nov. 16 to 28, where he will represent the United States as a member of the U.S. Skeet Team.

"The World Championships will be a good competition; most of the Olympic contenders will be there," USAMU Shotgun Team Coach Burl Branham said. "I'm very pleased that he won the Army Athlete of the Year,

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and thrilled that we've won it two years in a row. I knew he deserved to win so we thought he would win it with all the accomplishments he had this year."

According to USAMU trap shooter Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson, Graves is the best skeet shooter in the country and one of the top three in the world.

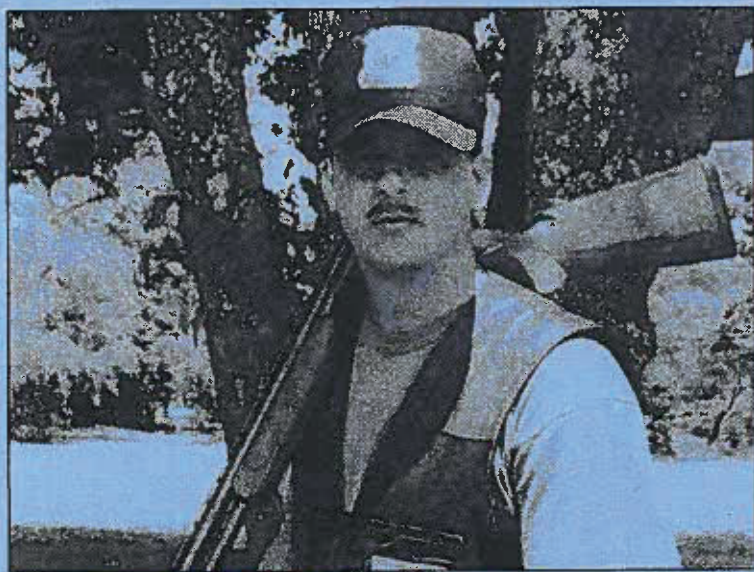
Erickson and Graves, who both competed in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics, have been shooting together at the Army Marksmanship Unit for more than a decade together and are the best of friends.

"We're all like one big happy family here," Graves said. "I feel like I owe everything to my Mom and Dad (Tommie and James H. Graves), who got me started, Burl who contributes a lot to my success, Bret who's always there for me when something goes wrong, my wife, Tracy, who is very supportive, and the Army, which gets most of the credit.

"If it wasn't for the Army, I couldn't have accomplished what I have," Graves continued. "I'm proud to wear the green uniform. It would have been really hard to make it to the Olympics without the Army."

Graves enlisted in the Army in January 1984 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit after completing basic and infantry training at Fort Benning. In 1990, he was assigned as a team leader with the 20th Infantry Regiment in Korea and returned to the Marksmanship Unit in 1991.

The 34-year-old infantryman, who has been in the Army for nearly 14 years, said he's going to stay in "as long as they let me." When asked what his goals are for the future, Graves said, "All my goals have been fulfilled, except one — Olympic Gold. "Not very many people get it, but as long as I can, I'll keep trying," he said. "I've been so close two times now. I figure, three times is a charm."



SSG JAMES (TODD) GRAVES

Department of the Army's MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

## Action shooter working toward women's title

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An Army military policewoman is only 20 years old but is already one of the top three women action pistol shooters in the country. Julie Goloski, a member of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit has become one of the best female international practical pistol shooters in America by scoring some major victories recently.

She won the Women's Shoot-Off and the women's Division Competition at the Rio Salado Desert Classic in Phoenix, AZ, November 7-9. At the U.S. Practical Shooting Association Limited Nationals in Fredericksburg, VA, October 24, Goloski was the Class C wimmer, and at the USPSA Open Nationals in Berry, IL, September 15-10, was fourth in the ladies Invitational Competition.

"Julie is dedicated, highly motivated and always strives for excellence. She is always searching for a better technique and has a never-quit attitude," said USAMU Action Shooting Team Coach Ray Arrendondo.

Goloski, who started shooting in 1991 with her father Peter Goloski, joined the Army Marksmanship Unit right after graduating from Mynderse Academy of Seneca Falls, NY, in 1995. After she completed Basic Training and Military Police School, she joined the USAMU's Action Shooting Team.

"I've seen a lot of growth in her the last two years," Arrendondo said. "When she came here, she was a good shooter, but now she's an excellent shooter working toward becoming the Women's National Champion."

"The Army has allowed me to train the amount of time necessary to become a champion," Goloski said. "Traveling to so many tournaments has given me match experience and it gives me great pride to wear Army colors when I compete."

Goloski was featured on MTV's Prime Time show February 16 and appeared on the American Shooter show on ESPN and the Outdoor Channel. Goloski and the Action Shooting Team were featured in articles in the November and December issue of Front Sight, the official journal of the U.S. Practical Shooting Association. Goloski was pictured on the front cover.

"There are only a very few women her age who can shoot as well as she does and I expect to see her keep improving," Arrendondo said. "The chances are very good that she'll be the Women's National Champion in the next year or two."



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In one of the highlights of the ceremony, the members of the Marksmanship Unit awarded Arnold the coveted Black Hat — USAMU's symbol of a champion. USAMU soldiers earn the Black Hat by completing the Instructor Training Course, scoring at least a 225 on the Army Physical Fitness Test, and by achieving shooting success at a match. USAMU International Rifle Team Coach William E. Krilling, a retired master sergeant and recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, presented the Black Hat with its certificate to Arnold. The unit also presented a bouquet of yellow roses to Mrs. Arnold.

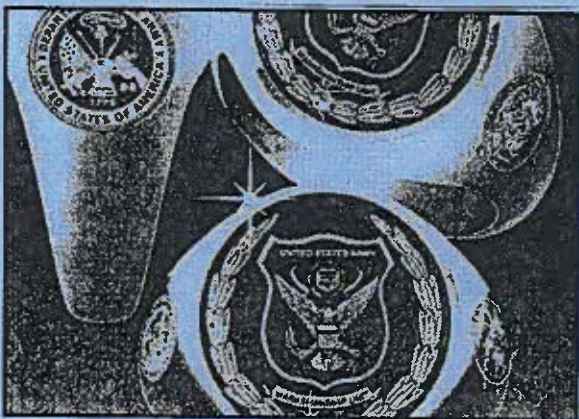
Arnold addressed the soldiers of the USAMU, "I am very proud at this moment to be wearing this Black Hat, but I realize that the one on my head is much different than the one on yours. For mine, at this point, is virtually unearned. My pledge to you is that I will change that — that I will, as you have, earn the privilege of wearing this hat by doing my best to help produce individuals and teams who will be winners in national, international and, most importantly, Olympic competition."

Previous assignments include infantry and armor command and staff positions in Berlin, Germany, at Fort Carson, Colo., and at Fort Benning where he commanded the 1st Battalion, 18th and 58th Infantry (Mechanized), 197th Infantry Brigade. He also served on the faculties of the U.S. Military Academy and the Command and General Staff College's Combined Army Services Staff School.

A native of Lawton, Okla., Arnold was commissioned a second lieutenant of infantry upon his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., in 1971, and holds a master of science degree in psychology from the University of Tennessee. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officers Basic and Advanced courses, Airborne and Ranger schools, the Army Command and General Staff and the Army War colleges.

The Arnolds have two children. Their son Brad is a May 1997 graduate of the University of Virginia and their daughter Carson is a sophomore at Columbus State University.

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## Army shooters prove they're best

USAMU PAO

CAMP PERRY, Ohio — One week after winning the Interservice Rifle Championships at Quantico, Va., members of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Service Rifle Team again proved their mettle as they went head-to-head with more than 1,000 of America's best military and civilian competitive high-powered rifle shooters at the 1997 National Rifle Matches Aug. 4 through 17.

After the smoke cleared and all scores were tallied, the Army team, competing with accurized M-16A2 rifles, set a new national record in the National Trophy Team Rifle match, won the National Trophy Infantry Team and the Enlisted Men's Trophy Team and the National Trophy Individual Rifle matches and captured several other individual trophy matches including Sgt. Barry L. Coleman winning the prestigious National Service Rifle Championship.

"The National Matches are the most important competition for service rifle shooters," Coleman said. "The matches are held once a year and determine who the best of the best are in America."

Coleman, shooting the M-16A2, beat Marine Gunnery Sgt. Nelson Ocasio, who was shooting an M-14, by 3 points. USAMU's Sgt. Grant L. Singley, last year's National Service Rifle Champion, came in third, 2 points behind Ocasio.

"I didn't know I was going to win," Coleman said. "I just shot day to day and didn't let the pressure get to me."

As a matter of fact, Coleman did not know he won until Singley came over to congratulate him, just minutes after they finished shooting the match.

"He (Singley) said 'You won it!' and I said 'No way,' at first I couldn't believe it," Coleman said.

Coleman has been shooting with the USAMU since 1993, previously shooting with the Illinois Hard Dogs, a junior rifle team.

"I kept telling myself all these years that someday I'd do it," Coleman said. "The camaraderie of the Service Rifle Team carried me through; they are the best bunch of guys I've ever been around. I'd like to thank the team and the Marksmanship Unit for their support."

Coleman said he also owes his victory to the confidence he had in his coaches and the outstanding work of the USAMU gunsmiths who accurized the M-16A2 he shot.

"It's the most accurate weapon I've ever shot," Coleman said. "We took a service weapon that didn't shoot very well and turned it into a superior match rifle."



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**Bob Lancaster** retired in 1974 and resides in Phenix City, AL. He shot service rifle 1961-72 and was NCOIC of service rifle 1972-74. After retiring, he attended Columbus Tech and worked for Channel 38 as a television engineer until 1977. He also worked for Nelson Custom Gun Shop until 1996. He is enjoying retirement and frequent golf games.

**Oliver Williams** retired in 1974 and lives in Columbus, GA. He shot service rifle in 1969 and coached from 1970-74. After attending Columbus Tech, he worked at Nelson Custom Gun Shop until 1991. His hobbies include quail and deer hunting, fishing, and gardening.

**David Pelkey** worked in the USAMU shop from 1974-79. After retiring in 1979, he attended Columbus Tech then went to work at Nelson Custom Gun Shop machining match grade barrels. His hobbies include SPORTS.

**Jack Hyder** shot service rifle from 1964-67, coached and shot service rifle 1967-84, and was NCOIC of International Rifle from 1984-86. After retiring in 1986, he became the head coach of the Service Rifle Section until 1994. His hobbies include gardening and, deer and turkey hunting.

**Hector Andujar** retired from shooting service rifle and the Army in 1980 and resides in Columbus, GA. He works for the Georgia State Department of Corrections and attained a masters degree in Criminal Justice in 1988. He is currently a prison counselor at the Columbus Diversion Center and his hobbies include hunting and fishing.

**Norman Skarpness** shot service rifle 1958-72, and moving target 1960-62, 64-67, and 69-72. He retired in 1973 and resides in Terrace, MI in summer and in sunny Columbus, GA in winter. He attended Columbus Tech and Columbus College, attaining a BA in 1986 but remains completely retired. He enjoys frequent hunting and fishing trips.

**Jerry Lebish** shot and coached service rifle from 1963 to 1980, and served as head service rifle coach from 1980-81. He works for the Georgia State Department of Corrections as a probation officer. He received a masters degree in Criminal Justice in 1986. He likes to bowl and play golf and aspires to travel and visit old friends when he retires for real.

Your unit Historian needs help in locating copies of:

Interservice Match Bulletins: 66, 68, 69, 76, 78

Infantry Trophy Bulletins: 1970 thru 1975

EIC Match Bulletins: 1960 thru 1962

If you have any information (bulletins, news articles, pictures, etc.) from these matches in these years, please send to: AMUA, PO Box 52025, Fort Benning, GA 31905-2025

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