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E-mail

The Association is building its database to include e-mail addresses. This information will be included in the AMUA Directory. If you would like your e-mail address included in our records please send us a note or e-mail the President, Mac Johnson, at lmj@mindspring.com. Thanks.

AMUA Soldier of Year

Who will it be?

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Each year the AMUA honors a USAMU soldier as "Soldier of the Year". Nominees are selected by each shooting section and the custom firearms shop. This year's candidates have all made significant contributions to a highly successful year for the Unit.

Shotgun shooter, Sergeant First Class Terri DeWitt earned a Silver Medal in Women's Double Trap at Lonato, Italy and won the 1999 U.S. National Women's Double Trap Championship. She was also the 1999 Women's Interservice Trap and Double Trap Champion and on the 1999 World Championship Team.

Shotgun shooter, Sergeant First Class Shawn Duloher won the National Skeet Championship as well as the 1999 Interservice Championship in both skeet and trap. He also won Bronze in the 1999 Trap Nationals.

Staff Sergeant Charles P. Gartland of the Custom Firearms Shop performed admirably as the American Gunsmith who supported the United States in the Pan American Games and Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) and the World Cups in Milan, Munich, and Atlanta. His unique skills enabled USAMU soldiers to earn several International Championships, Olympic quota slots, and two World Team Championships.

Service Rifle shooter, Staff Sergeant Louis Tippie is the 1999 Interservice Rifle Champion (for the second time) and a member of the National Trophy Championship team and record breaking Ten

Man Team Championship at the Interservice and National Matches at Quantico and Camp Perry.

Staff Sergeant Troy A. Bassham, International Rifle, won two National Championships at the Camp Perry National Matches. His three Gold Medals at the World Military Games (CISM) in Zagreb, Croatia were the most won by any of the 350 athletes on the United States Team.

Action Pistol shooter, Julie Goloski won all seven Action Pistol Area Championships that she entered and the 1999 Women's Open National Championship. She is the 1999 Bianchi Cup Military Gold Medalist and Female Silver Medalist. Her year culminated in her winning the Ladies World Speed Shooting Championship.

Sergeant Ken Johnson, International Rifle, dominated the 1999 Pan American Games shooting competition by winning two individual Gold Medals and earning two Olympic quota slots for the 2000 Olympic Games.

Running Target shooter, Specialist Armando R. Ayala swept Gold in the Running Target events at the U.S. National Championships winning the 10 Meter 30+30, the 10 Meter Mixed, and the 50 Meter Mixed. He also won the Gold Medal at the Atlanta World Cup - a first ever by a U.S. shooter. At the World Cup in Milan, he was the first U.S. Running Target shooter to fire a score over 580 points in international competition.

The AMUA Soldier of the Year will be presented a Smith & Wesson Model 22A Target Pistol at the AMUA annual meeting in January 2000.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Changes upcoming for AMUA

Mac Johnson

These past two months have been busy ones for your Executive Board. As most of you know, our Association is registered by the United States Army as a Private Organization operating on Fort Benning with their approval and oversight. As such, our Constitution and Bylaws are reviewed and approved by local agencies of the Army. In the past six months, Fort Benning authorities conducted a review of the constitutions of all private organizations registered on the installation. This review was conducted, in part, because the Department of Defense has rewritten its instructions that govern such activity. In September the AMUA received a letter from the Army telling us what changes needed to be made to our constitution.

Therefore, following the guidance we received from the Army and acting on several different suggestions made by AMUA members over the last few years, your Board put together a committee to update our constitution and bylaws. The committee did its work and reported out to the full Board during the November meeting. The Board made some changes to the proposed draft and voted to send the redrafted documents to the Army for approval. It is our hope that we can get them approved and back to us in time for the general membership meeting in January. That will allow us to present them to the membership, make any changes the membership deems necessary, have a vote of the membership, and, if any changes are made, send them back to the Army for final approval. If they are not back in time for the January membership meeting, at some later date we will send them out along with an AMUA Times mailing and ask for your input via mail.

Most of the changes made to the Constitution were simply to fix grammatical problems, delete references to Army Regulations that are now obsolete, and include new Department of Defense instructions that govern private organizations operating on government installations. There was one substantive change to the Constitution. I would like to highlight it here so that you can be thinking about it until we vote on the redrafted Constitution during the January membership meeting.

Membership categories:

- a. The original constitution had active, associate, and honorary members. Essentially, anyone could be a member but unless formerly assigned to the unit a person could not vote or hold office. This stipulation seemed in contradiction to one of the primary objectives of the Association to "...support the goals and objectives of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit." It seemed to us that any individual who supports this objective and is willing to pay dues to the Association should have full rights and privileges of membership. In addition, as originally written, the membership categories could be misconstrued to make the Association nothing more than an Alumni Association when in fact it has much broader scope and a higher purpose than that.
- b. Given this logic, the redrafted Constitution shows active, corporate, and honorary members. An active member is any individual who supports the goals and objectives of the Association and pays his/her dues. Corporate members are as the name implies. Honorary members are those so designated by the Association. Corporate and Honorary members may not vote or hold office.

AMUA meeting scheduled

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The annual AMUA meeting is scheduled Saturday, Jan. 22, 2000 at the Pool International Shooting Complex. The meeting starts at 3 p.m.

Agenda items include updates on the Association and the Unit, executive board and committee reports, election of officers, and "Soldier of the Year" award presentation. Constitution and By Laws revisions will be key items discussed. Several door prizes - including a custom made knife, hockey tickets, and AMUA black hats will be awarded to members who attend. 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.

Bring a friend and have them join the Association and enjoy the fun.

Like the Constitution, most changes made to the Bylaws were for clarity or grammatical reasons. Substantive changes were:

USAMU: The Early Years, Part 3

Money, Equipment, and a New Shop

LTC (Ret) Francis B. Conway

This is the final installment of a three part series of USAMU's founding years.

Late Spring of 1955 I was told to report to Colonel Smoot immediately! So I put down my tools in the shop and went to his office. He told me that he had received a call at 3:00 AM from Third Army Headquarters and with the closing of the business year they had money to spend, did we need anything? So I told him, "Oh! Yes, Sir." He said what about the \$10,000 we got (there was still stuff coming in from that order)? So I told him that equipment only allowed us to put one team on the line using issue equipment. He told me to check with the team captains and to have a list to him by 10 o'clock! It had to be at Third Army by 1:00 PM!

I talked to the team captains who once again said all was OK! So I got out my catalogs and started writing. At 10:00 I was in his office with the list. He looked at some items and then to the sub total cost at the bottom of the page, then to the next sub total cost, and finally flipped to the last page. He stood up and said, "\$134,000, they will court martial me." So I told him to pick any item and I would justify it. He picked several and I immediately justified them.

So it was sent to Atlanta by sedan. About 3 o'clock he got a call from Third Army HQ, "Col Smoot we don't quite agree with your list." He told me later he almost collapsed on that. "We don't think you ordered enough .38 wad cutters so we added 80,000 to that, and we feel that the teams should have distinctive headgear so added 600 campaign hats in various sizes!"

To give you an idea on what was on that list, I will give some examples:

- 100 model 70 heavy barrel target rifles w/sights(30-06).
- 28 model 70 bullguns in 300 H&H magnum.
- 40 two inch Unertl scopes (rifle). cutter (Giles).
- 6 Hammerli free pistols.
- 6 Hammerli rapid fire pistols.
- 600 pairs of B&L shooting glasses (all colors).
- Kit stools, shooting boxes, carbide lamps, spotting scopes w/stands, jackets, spotting scopes w/mounts for pistol boxes, etc., bunch of S&W model 41s with extra magazines.

Well the stuff started to come in right after Camp Perry. General Van Orden (USMC) had outbid Freeland for the bulk of it! I found out later that he had obtained a copy of the bids on the \$10,000 order and assumed that Freeland would bid the same again. Freeland did and Van Orden under bid him by only pennies in many cases. One thing I remember quite well was on the model 70 30-06s. Third Army said that we should order the first 50 according to the page of a catalog enclosed! So we ordered 50 Van Orden "snipers", the heavy barrel with a sporter stock. Most of our shooters did not like it. They preferred the marksman stock. In my parts list was 50 marksman stocks for the 128 model 70s! So I was way ahead of them on that one. They all had to be glass bedded and free floated anyway before I would consent to issue. Two additional major purchases on this list were 30 free rifles in 30-06 and 30 free rifles in .22 RF, both from Roy Dunlap. They got us off the ground to eventually beat the Russians.

I have not mentioned the shot gunners as we were really not supporting them at that time.

In the winter of '55 we did get another building for a shop - a small supply building, two buildings behind the Headquarters. Incidentally, in 1954 I did win the Members Trophy at Perry and in 1955 was Third Army Rifle Champion along with winning the Wimbledon. So even though I opened the shop at a quarter to six in the morning and closed at 10:00 PM most times, for seven days out of the week, I did win a few when I was allowed to shoot!

The new shop was great. MSG Huntley got set up to reload, basically our magnums and he was quite happy at that, still no tools! I was finally using a router borrowed from SFC John Byrd of HUMRO and MSG Glenn Baker (later with the unit) who was working in the automotive Department of the Infantry School loaned us his lathe. He would bring his own work to our shop to use his lathe.

With 128 model 70 barrel channels to open up, I talked Stanley out of two blanks that I ground myself to fit the heavy barrel and bull guns. I had already had cortisone shots in both elbows from cutting them out by hand.

Colonel Smoot was gone and we now had Colonel Mason as CO. We got the word that two inspectors were coming down from the Pentagon and that all was OK, just great, don't rock the boat. Well when Colonel Mason brought them to the shop I was in the middle of making chips opening up some barrel channels so I was in a T shirt and covered with chips!

Huntley was in the small room (former office) weighing bullets. I gave them the tour and they started talking - two full

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colonels, and how wonderful it was to be able to do all these things and with the fine set of tools. You who remember him, will remember that Colonel Mason always carried a riding crop and when he got excited he would whip himself on the thigh. Well when I started talking he was whipping himself to a froth coming down the home stretch. I told them that the router that I was using belonged to a sergeant across Post, and he thought enough of us to loan it to us. The lathe was the property of another sergeant in the Infantry School. The drill press and the 12 wood chisels were bought for our shop. All the rest: bench grinder, loading tools, electric drills, drills, hand tools, etc., were my personal property and I had been unable to get the Army to buy or issue any tools. Poor Huntley got really chewed out by Colonel Mason. He was the ranking man being a MSG ten years before me.

In less than two weeks after the Pentagon visit we were authorized ordnance machine shop load "A" without the van! This included: a lathe, 7" shaper, bench grinder, bench mounted drill press, two machinist vises, complete sets of taps, dies, reamers, screwdrivers, pliers, files, punches, drills, etc.. Money was also supplied for loading tools.

Then we moved again - two long buildings on the same field as the then new Post Headquarters. Up till that time I was the only gunsmith. But now things really picked up and before long we had a whole building full of gun mechanics.

I won the Wimbledon again in 1956 and to keep it neat won the Marine Corps Cup a few days later. MSG Loyd Crow won the National Bolt Rifle Championship in '55 & '56 and we were shooting partners. Oh! I also shot a new national record the week before in four position, iron sights, smallbore rifle.

So you can see that most of the ground work was done prior to the TO&E organization and I for one am very proud of our "Provisional" efforts.

I should also mention that both of my Wimbledon trophies were won with one of the rebarreled cavalry Winchester model 54.

PS: Department of the Army Technical Bulletin Ord 693, Subject Caliber .30 U.S. Rifle M-1 National Match, dated 9 Aug 57 - Authorizing improved bedding for National Match Rifles, recommended Herter glass bedding kits, and illustrated the areas of the stock to be inletted and explained the multi stage procedure of glass bedding the rifle. The bulletin testified to the Provisional and TO&E USAMU contribution to the advancement of Army Marksmanship.

Thanks

Thank you to David M. Emerson of Eagle Creek, Oregon for the great photographs pertaining to the Army Pistol Team 1964 - 1967. Ten 8" X 10" photos show the team at Cape Kennedy, San Antonio, Fort Benning, the national trophy group, team officers, showing their trophies, and the Blue and Gray teams which swept the 1966 team championships at the nationals. Three 5" X 7" photos show Col Montgomery in Germany and Writer conducting a clinic in Alaska. Three dozen 3" X 5" photos cover Jacksonville, Charlotte, Midwinter's, Fort Benning and Camp Perry. All will be safeguarded. The larger photos have been captioned, placed in document protectors and the appropriate binder.

Thank you to Ray Burton of Columbus, Georgia for donating USAMTU Special Orders 44 dated 4 May 1962 and 94 dated 27 Sep 1962. The first SO appoints Ambler, Anderson, Campbell, Edwards, Fallin, Hardy, McNally, Patrick, Sicinski, Skarpness, Tabor and Tubbs to SSG and Burton to SP5. The second SO changes the MOS of Knight, Burton & Robinson and appoints CPT Leon R. Mayer as pay officer. Major John R. Walker, Jr., signed both documents.

Thank you to the family of Leslie Pappy Drake for donating memorabilia to AMUA following the loss of their Dad. Included were 46 great 8" X 10" photos of Clinics, Camp Borden shooters, the Army Team and winning teams at Sectional, Interservice and National Championships over the years. There were shooting and unit shoulder patches. There were several news releases and photos from Europe, Stateside and Panama. There were letters of appreciation and commendation. There were general and special orders awarding Pappy the distinguished badge, presidents hundred tab and commendation medal. There were Small Arms Firing School certificates, certificates of achievement from the 82nd Airborne Div., the 8th Inf. Div., USAMTU, CONARC Four Star and a NRA Team Record.

Thank you to W. Michael Griggs of Bremerton, Washington for donating the recruiting letter he received from Captain Jameson of USAAMU while a student in 1959, a 1963 NRA Outdoor International Match Bulletin, a 1963 Interservice International Match Program, a USAMU brochure and copies of photos of himself in June 1964 and Running Boar competitors at the Ninth International Matches, Black Canyon Range, Phoenix, AZ in October 1969.

Thank you to Bruce Silvey of Saint Petersburg, Florida for the small photo of Don Harmon, himself, Miss Columbus, Gordon Rogers and Vic Polansky; and 8" X 10" photo of CPT Brown, COL Heitman and himself as winner of the Colorado State Matches; and a 8" X 10" jewel of a photo showing McCaskill, Crow, Miranda, Bassham, Teleso, Schessler, Toloczko, Lang, Lohmann, Silvey, Hankins, Meeks, Sharpe, Carr, Botts, Atwood, Coats Brown and three unidentified persons.

President

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Funds disbursement level: Original Constitution required the President to cosign all disbursements in excess of \$300. The level was changed to \$500 based upon business experience over the past few years.

Term of elected office: The Executive Board feels that it is the desire of the membership to attempt to have a Reunion every two years. We will encourage the Army Marksmanship Unit to hold its Hall of Fame ceremonies in conjunction with the Reunions. Given the desired two year cycle for Reunions and the five year history of the Association where it asked incumbents to stay in office for at least two years, your Board felt that a two year term of office was better than the current one year. Hence, the redrafted Bylaws show a two-year term for elected officers.

Election: Original Constitution required an annual meeting in January so that officer elections could take place and officers be installed during the first month of the calendar year. Given the two-year term of office, the revised Bylaws now require an annual meeting without specifying which month. Your board believes that elections should take place during a membership meeting conducted in conjunction with the Reunion. That would allow much more of the membership to take part in elections than has occurred in past years. Officers elected during the Reunion membership meeting (which would normally take place in spring or fall) would take office in January of the following year.

Dues: Annual active member dues are \$15.00 initial fee and \$10.00 for subsequent renewals. Corporate member dues are \$30.00 per year. Honorary members pay no dues.

Pre-approval of disbursements: The Treasurer or President can disburse funds for \$100 or less without pre-approval from the Board. This allows purchase of operating supplies, postage, etc., without having to call a meeting or conduct a phone poll. At each monthly Board meeting, the Treasurer presents a financial statement detailing all incomes and expenses. The Board is required to pre-approve all disbursements for amounts in excess of \$100.00.

Awards/Gifts: Original Constitution allowed presentations of awards only to Army Marksmanship Unit personnel or Association members. The words, "...other worthy recipients approved by the Board or membership." were added so that we can recognize others who you deem worthy.

One part of the Constitution that we are required to include is a statement that each member must read and agree to comply with the Constitution and Bylaws. Since some of you may not have had the opportunity to do that, we will mail them to you as soon as we get them approved. In addition, we are working now to develop our own web site on the Internet. As soon as we get that done, we will include a link that has these documents in them. That will likely take some time, but I believe we will get there before spring of 2000.

Speaking of the Internet, several of you have asked about email addresses for other Association members. Your Membership Committee chair, Roman Wojciechowski, also maintains the database from which we print the annual directory. He says that he will produce a directory supplement listing email addresses for all of us who want them published. We will also modify our membership application form to include space for email address.

As noted elsewhere in this edition of the *Times*, you can email me your address and I will get it to Roman or you can snail mail it directly to him.

Some of you may have heard that we were directed to change the Association name in order to be in compliance with new Department of Defense rules. We were. However, after discussion with the Fort Benning administrative law expert, he concluded that our current name is not in contravention and can remain unchanged.

Finally, three points:

January membership meeting: We need to all work on being there. Put the sticky note on your fridge, write it on your calendar, tell all members you see, arrange your travel accordingly, do whatever you can to make this the largest membership meeting ever. You don't often get a chance to attend a Constitutional Congress—this is it!

Olympic Year Shooting Events: The AMU will be hosting several matches this year in preparation for the Olympics. We need to volunteer to help! You are the real backbone of competitive shooting in America, let's help make America's current crop of shooters the best in the world. Please contact Ms. Wanda Jewell at (706) 545-3534 and ask her how and when you can help. Spread this message to everyone you know. There are lots of jobs at each match that simply require people power—they don't have to know anything about shooting to help our Olympians.

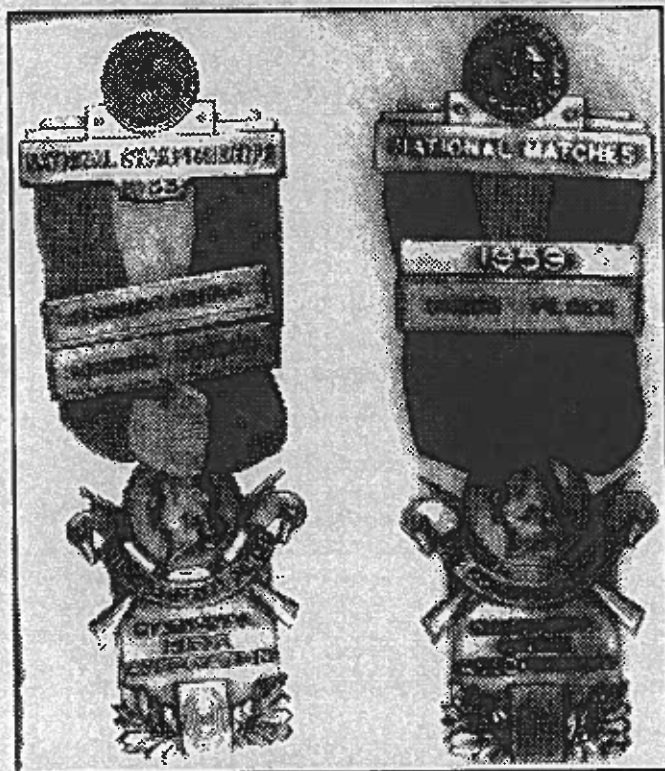
President

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AMUA Membership: I would like for each of you to consider yourself a member of the Membership committee. If you look in your directory and they are not listed as members, contact your old shooting buddies and put the heat on them to send in their membership application. Get businesses to join as corporate members. Get anyone who is willing to support Army competitive shooting to join (let them know that we usually comprise about one third to half of America's Olympic shooting team). There are membership applications in the back of your directory—use them all up and call Roman for more!

Thanks for letting me serve!

Emerson Questions



LTC (Ret) William K. Emerson is writing a book on US Army shooting awards. The tenth chapter also covers some of the trophies and medals given out at Camp Perry. Colonel Emerson is seeking answers to a few questions from AMU Association members to see if some of us can help him. The above photographs show two medals given out at the President's match. The top brooch of the left medal has the year, 1953, while the medal on the right does not. What year did the NRA change from one style to the other? Does any one have similar medals between these two dates that might help answer the question? The 1959 medal was awarded in a clear Lucite block. What was the first year this was done for the President's match? If you can help, please write Bill at 124 Kensington Drive, Madison, AL 35758, or call evenings, (256) 461-8782.

Keeping In Touch

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• A 9 June 1999 letter from member Vince Greiner makes the following claims: From bullets to lasers, gun powder to CO2, from the hot Ft. Benning ranges to the air-conditioned training rooms. Former Army Marksmanship Unit members are using their expertise to develop training simulators for the Armed Forces and Law Enforcement Agencies around the world. There are now 9 employees at FATS Inc. (Atlanta GA) that are former members of the AMU. FATS Inc. is the recognized world leader in small arms simulation and has installed over 1700 systems in 32 countries. Established in 1984, FATS began development of basic interactive law enforcement systems for judgmental shoot-don't shoot training. Today FATS produces the most sophisticated simulators available and can provide training for one to fifteen shooters simultaneously.

• **Ed Schumacher** - International Distinguished Shooter, Distinguished Rifleman, and member of the President's 100. Ed's first assignment to the AMU was from 1970-1972. In 1970 he was a member of the Service Rifle team and 71-72 the International Rifle Team. In 1972 Ed went to Germany where he was assigned to the USAREUR MTU, where he stayed until 1975. Ed returned to the AMU International Rifle Team in 1984 and was assigned to Service Rifle as the OIC in 1985 where he remained until retirement in January of 1988. During Ed's years in the AMU, he won a Silver medal in the 1974 World Championships, 13 National Titles, including the 1985 National Individual Trophy, and 7 National Records. Ed can also lay claim to being an Inter-Service "ALL-STAR" softball pitcher 3 years in a row. Ed is the charter member of AMU North with over 11 years. His position at FATS is Director/Manager of Training and Development.

• **Allie Harrison** - Distinguished Rifleman and member of the President's 100. Allie started as a shooter with the 25th Div. (Hawaii) AMTU in 1974 and continued on through 1977. In June of 81 Allie joined the AMU Service Rifle Team at Ft. Benning as an Instructor/Shooter, and a couple of years later became the NCOIC under MAJ. Schumacher. He left the unit in 1986 for Germany and returned in 1989 to take over coaching duties as well as NCOIC until retirement in December of 1991. Allie made his way north to FATS upon retirement, and with the exception of a brief break he has been with FATS for 6 years working as an International Marketeer.

• **Vince Greiner** - Distinguished Rifleman and member of the President's 100. Vince started as an Instructor/Shooter at the AMU Service Rifle Team in 1983 and left for 5th MTU Ft. Riley KS in 1985. In 1986 he left the Army to pursue an education. In June of 1988, Vince found his in his 6 ½ years with FATS as an assistant manager and Training Specialist, he has won 13 National Titles including National Civilian Service Rifle Champion in 1992, 94, 96, and 98.

• **Jimmie McCoy** - International Distinguished Shooter, Distinguished Pistol Shot, member of the President's 100, and member of the AMU International Pistol Hall of Fame. Jimmie was first

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assigned to the AMU Pistol Team in 1978 and then in 1986 Jimmie was sent to Korea where he became an Instructor at the 2nd ID Sniper School. From 1987-90 Jimmie was assigned to the AMU pistol team as an Instructor/Shooter. In 1990 Jimmie was re-assigned to the International/Action Pistol team where he assumed NCOIC duties until his retirement in October of 1992. During his stay at the AMU he accumulated 7 National Championship titles, 10 National Records, and became the 1991 World Champion of the Soldier of Fortune 3 gun competition. Jimmie has used this experience for 6 ½ years at FATS as a Military Training Specialist.

• **Dan Herman** - Distinguished Rifleman and member of President's 100. Dan's first experience with the team was as a pick-up shooter out of Ft. Bragg in 1987. From that year Dan was assigned to MTU #1 Ft. Bragg where he became the Rifle Sections NCOIC. In 1990 Dan "went on the trail" in Ft Sill and then was assigned to AMU Service Rifle Ft. Benning in 1995. He assumed the NCOIC duties until 1998 and Dan retired in Feb 1999. During his time at AMU he was a firing member on the record setting, winning Infantry Trophy team at the Inter-service championships. Dan as a team captain and shooter tallied 4 National Titles. Dan is the newest Military Training Specialist of the FATS family with 8 months.

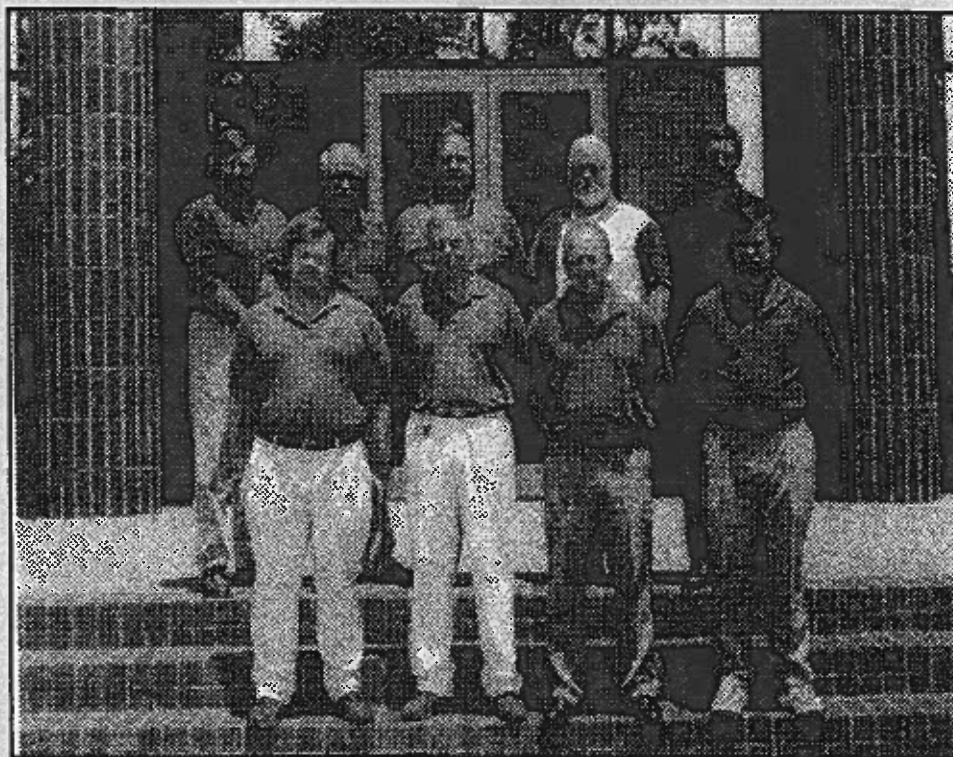
• **Steve Cerny** - Distinguished Rifleman and member of the President's 100. Steve came out of the 101st as a combat shooter in 1984 and was picked up for the summer service rifle team. Steve repeated this process until the 1986 season. In 1986 Steve won the 101st Championships, 18th Airborne Corps Matches, and the All Army Championships, where he beat Capt. Schumacher's record that had stood since 1973. Steve was then assigned to the AMU Service Rifle from 1987 to 1991 where he won 2 National Titles and was on 3 Winning teams in Inter-Service competition, including the 10-man Team championship in 1990. Steve has been using his expertise at FATS for 7 years as a Military Training Specialist.

• **Jesse Waugh** - Jesse started at 3rd Army MTU in 1973 as a shooter and stayed on until 1975. The next time he returned to the team was as a Coach and NCOIC for the Panama Canal Zone MTU, where he served from 1978 to 1980. From Panama, Jesse traveled north to 5th MTU Ft. Riley KS, and served there as a Service Rifle Coach until retirement in 1982. Jesse is using his experience in the Service Rifle world to manufacture weapons at FATS, a job he has performed for over two years.

• **Terry "TD" Duling** - Distinguished Rifleman and member of the President's 100. TD started with the 25th ID MTU as an Instructor/Shooter in 1975. TD fired on the summer pick-up team 75-78, and

was transferred to the AMU in 1978. TD had two tours with the AMU as an Instructor/Shooter with Service Rifle; 78-85, and then again in 87-92, with a trip to Germany in between. TD retired in 1992, and during his years with the Team he compiled 4 National Titles, and 1 National Record. He has been using his years of marksmanship knowledge at FATS for 7 years in the position of Military Training Specialist.

• **Richard Wyckstandt** - Distinguished Rifleman. Wyck was first assigned to AMU Service Rifle Team in 1989, where he coached until 1994, when he took over duties as the Unit's First Sergeant, the position he held until retirement in June of 1995.



Courtesy Photo

Front, left to right - Steve Cerny, Vince Greiner, Allie Harrison, Richard Wyckstandt. Back, left to right - Jimmie McCoy, Ed Schumacher, Jesse Waugh, Terry "TD" Duling, Dan Herman.

During his time at the Unit he coached Army teams to 9 National Titles, and 1 National Record. Wyck has been at FATS as Service Parts Manager for over 4 years.

Taps, Present Arms

David Cartes expired September 28th, 1999. David was one of the initial Service Pistol shooters assigned to USAMU in 1956-57. He earned the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge and the Distinguished International Shooters Badge. David was a member of the United States Shooting Team at the 1958 World Championship. He won the individual gold in Rapid Fire Pistol and a gold medal on the Center Fire team at the 1959 Pan American Games. David was one of the first shooters to fire "Double" 45 caliber pistol in a 3-gun 2,700 aggregate, and won the First Interservice Pistol Championship in 1958 with a 2,645. David was selected to command an Infantry company in the elite Berlin Brigade during the Berlin Wall crisis. LTC (Ret) Cartes was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on November 12th, 1999.

Reminiscing

W. Michael Griggs

After the completion of the Infantry Officers Basic Course I was assigned to the USAMTU. Nearly all my duty was performed in fatigues from the time I reported for duty in June 1962 until New Years Day, 1963. On New Years day, all officers were to make a formal call to the Commanding Officers quarters in the dress blue uniform. This was the first time that I had a chance to wear that uniform and that alone made it a big event. Once inside Colonel Montgomery's quarters there was the most astonishing sight I had ever seen. Assembled there was the biggest number of

Distinguished Badges, Combat Infantrymen's Badges, decorations, campaign ribbons, battle stars, oak leaf clusters and arrowheads, plus foreign decorations that I had ever seen! Nearly all of the senior leaders had seen combat in both World War II and Korea and the Captains and Majors had been in Korea. I can clearly recall Colonel Montgomery, Lt Colonel Brophy, Major Pullum, Major Gyzen, Captain Lang and Mister Weinmeister. Of course there were others too. Even inside, their awards seemed to glitter and sparkle. In great awe and with tremendous respect I stood among those soldiers and shooters and was proud to be able to be in the same room with them. That scene was imprinted in my mind then and it has become a vivid and powerful memory.

AMUA Annual Meeting

22 January 2000

3 p.m., Pool International Shooting Complex

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