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All Smiles: Executive Board members for 2000 (L-R) Ken Hamill, Phil Cannella, Mac Johnson, Sam Hunter, and Red Mosely.

Association gets new name at

## Annual Meeting 2000

New Constitution and Bylaws adopted

MMA

The Year 2000 annual meeting for your Association was chock full of exciting events. Association President, Mac Johnson, opened the meeting with a warm greeting for the near standing room only crowd. He presented John Loomis with an AMUA logo hat for traveling the farthest (all the way from San Jose, CA) to attend the meeting. Initial remarks by the President were followed with a presentation by COL Arch Arnold, Commander of USAMU.

COL Arnold noted the big event for USAMU was the assignment on 1 October 1999 to the Army Recruiting Command. He highlighted the year for the Custom Firearms Shop and each shooting section and looked ahead at the coming competitive season.

Elected Officers and Committee Chairmen then presented their reports. Summaries of these reports are found elsewhere in this issue of the *Times*.

The matter of "tax exempt status" was then reviewed. Approval of this status required a review, revision, and adoption of the Constitution. Membership approved expenditures to seek and obtain the exempt status from IRS.

The President then presented New Business to the membership. First order of busi-

ness was the necessity to change the name of the Association due to changes in DoD regulations. Several new names were discussed before consensus was reached on the Military Marksmanship Association (MMA). Our goals, objectives, and focus on USAMU will remain the same; only the name has changed.

Constitution and Bylaws changes, as discussed in the last issue of the *Times*, were then presented. Changes regarding membership categories, election of officers for two year terms, and annual meeting dates were unani-

mously approved by the members present. Membership also approved expenditures to cover publication and mailing of the new Constitution and Bylaws, the *Times*, and a new Membership Directory. Reunion setup costs were also approved.

After introducing Soldier of the Year nominees, Mac Johnson presented a Smith & Wesson Model 22A Target Pistol to Sergeant Julie Goloski of Action Pistol. Her story is elsewhere in this newsletter.

After a report from the nominating committee and nominations from the floor, a new slate of officers was unanimously voted in. Your officers for 2000 are: President - Lory M. (Mac) Johnson, Jr., Vice President - Phillip F. Cannella, Jr., Secretary - Laurence K. (Red) Mosely, and Treasurer - Samuel W. Hunter. Mac Johnson then thanked outgoing Officers Al Mullins and Jack Horner for their exceptional services.

Door prizes were awarded throughout the meeting. The grand prize, a \$400 custom made knife - made and donated by Billy Snow, was won by Ken Hamill. Other prizes included hockey tickets, AMUA caps, clocks, pocket

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## Commander's Report:

Exciting and Successful '99 and '00

Col Arch Arnold

1999 will go down in AMU history as one of the most exciting and successful years ever! Our service pistol and rifle teams continued their dominant winning ways at both Interservice and National Championships. On the international side, our results have us on track to Olympic gold next fall in Sydney. Look at these terrific FIRSTs accomplished during the 1999 season:

**FIRST World Cup gold medal by any U.S. shooter in Running Target (SGT Ayala).**

**FIRST back-to-back World Cup Final Champion (SFC Tamas, Int'l Rifle Prone).**

**FIRST consecutive Interservice Service Rifle Champion streak to four years (SGT Tippie).**

**FIRST sweep of Army Male and Female Athletes of the Year [SSG Johnson (Int'l Rifle) and SGT Goloski (Action Shooting)].**

**FIRST National and World Action Shooting Champion (SGT Goloski).**

These records tell us that we are getting better every day and justify our optimism about the '00 season.

### YEAR 2000

The new season is shaping up to be one that will be forever remembered for our Interservice dominance and Olympic Gold!

Our service teams return lots of "lettermen" from their great 1999 teams. Camp Robinson, Quantico, and Camp Perry are on the horizon.....and our shooters are licking their chops to win.

On the international side, this Olympic year will be quite special. Good news is that we have true medal contenders in all four disciplines. Look for us to double AMU representation on the U.S. Olympic team relative to 1996. Please come out and watch this happen at the Olympic Team selection matches at Fort Benning (25 April-7 May) and Atlanta (23 June-1 July).

### Being All We Can Be!

AMU will also emerge as champions in the field of Army Recruiting in the '00 season. Our shooters and gunsmiths will somehow find time to go all across America on over 100 trips in support of our new higher headquarters, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. We realize that success in this new and very challenging endeavor will be vital to our future contributions to the U.S. Army.

### AMUA Meeting - 22 Jan

It was great to see so many distinguished alumni at the recent annual meeting at Pool Range. We really appreciate the support and hard work of the AMUA board so ably led by Mac Johnson. As always, we remain inspired by the great traditions and example set by all who have served at AMU in the past 44 years.

Best wishes to you all for a healthy and successful '00 Season!

## President's Report

Mac Johnson

Thanks to all of you who came to the general membership meeting in January. We had a lot of Association business to accomplish and I think we got it all done. Changes to our Constitution and Bylaws were approved and we did some business that will put us on a solid glide path for a successful future for the Association. As those of you who were there know, we were required by the Department of Defense to change our name. While nobody liked doing it, we voted in a name that will serve us well without changing the goals and objectives of the Association. In addition, as the Military Marksmanship Association, we can broaden our membership base and appeal to other service members and civilians.

The general membership meeting was a landmark for other reasons as well. Jack Horner, Roman Wojciechowski, and Al Mullins decided to step down from their positions on the Executive Board. Jack was Treasurer for the Association from the beginning and Roman is the only Membership chairman we have ever had. They both felt that it was time for new blood to take over. Al served as our Vice President for the past year and found that the press of his new career did not allow him to devote the time to the Association he thought was necessary. I will personally miss their great expertise, their work ethic, and their opinions. Let me assure you that they served the Association well and faithfully.

The good news in the departure of these great Americans is that other old soldiers stepped forward to take their places. We welcome Phil Cannella as our new Vice President, Sam Hunter as our new Treasurer, and Rich Rebidue as the Membership committee chair! We look forward to working with these men for the good of the Association. If you have ideas or comments about how the Association should be conducting its business, please let them know.

One of the things we have needed to do for some time is to establish a web site so we are accessible via the Internet. We are there! There is an article in this newsletter that talks about the web site and gives an address. Take a look at this site. It has the minutes of our general membership meeting, our new Constitution and Bylaws, and a wealth of other information. Much of it is still under construction, but as it is it is very useful. We all owe a great debt of gratitude to Red Mosely for this outstanding effort. He has invested many long hours in bringing us into the technological era. Red is our webmaster, so if you have suggestions for the site, let him know what you think.

Start planning on attending the Association Reunion which will take place this coming October. More later on exact dates, but the Columbus Day weekend is in first place right now.

Since both the US Army and our membership have approved our new Constitution and Bylaws, we are going to start the

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## Officer / Committee REPORTS

### History Efforts 1999

Numerous photos were received by the Association this year. A caption was added to each donated photo if the people, place, event, and date were known. The photo binders are now stored in Room 209 (the USAMU Library) of Sharpe Hall.

Our inventory of the American Rifleman increased eleven issues this year. Our biggest void of issues is 1952. We have no copies on file for that year.

Numerous donations have come in this year. Specific donations were annotated in previous issues of the Times. Thanks again to our donors:

Ron Menz of Sandusky, OH  
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Charles D. Davis of Columbus, GA  
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*The complete Historical Report is on the Association website.*

### Membership

Association membership is open to individuals and corporations supporting the goals and objectives of the Association. **Active** membership is \$15 for the first year and \$10 for each additional year. **Multi-year** memberships are desired. **Corporate** membership is available for \$30 annually. The Association continues to award **Honorary** membership to individuals making significant contributions in support of Association goals.

Association statistics for the end of 1999:

392 members  
1094 names in our data base  
95 deceased  
245 membership renewals  
70 members did not renew  
47 new members

Multi-year memberships account for the differential.

If you know a previous member who has not renewed, have him rejoin. Ask a friend who is not a member to join. The Year 2000 Reunion is coming - invites go out to all current members.

### Treasurer

The financial status of the Association remains solid. Income exceeded expenditures by over \$2000 including 229 years of advance paid dues.

Since Executive Board approval in March of 1999 assets have been divided among one year and six month Certificates of Deposit and a Money Market Account to draw interest. A normal checking account is maintained for routine business and if funds are needed at short notice.

Income is derived from dues, donations, and sales of pins and patches. Expenditures for 1999 were routine, postage, Times publication, Directory publication, mailing, and miscellaneous administrative supplies.

Income in 2000 is expected to be down from 1999 because of advance payment of dues. Capital accounts are sufficient to cover normal expenses.

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process of attaining tax exempt status as an organization. This will allow us to actively seek donations that we can then use to make significant contributions that support the mission and goals of the Marksmanship Unit. During the January meeting, the general membership approved this course of action and approved funding to make it happen. As we progress, we will keep you informed.

Don't forget that the Marksmanship Unit is hosting several major matches this spring as our shooters tune up for the Olympics. They need our help in conducting these competitions. Contact Wanda Jewell at 706-545-3534 for exact dates and to volunteer your services.

### New Officers for 2000

President - Lory M. (Mac) Johnson Jr.

Vice President - Phillip F. Cannella Jr.

Secretary - Laurence K. (Red) Mosely

Treasurer - Samuel W. Hunter

## Taps, Present Arms

Sergeant Major Huelet "Joe" Benner died in December 1999. SGM Benner was one of the initial U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Hall of Fame inductees.

Joe was synonymous with Army marksmanship for over three decades. He was 15 time Army Pistol Champion and six time National Pistol Champion. SGM Benner also served from 1953 to 1963 as the first Pistol Coach at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York.

SGM Benner's greatest shooting achievement was in 1952. He fired a world record to win the Rapid Fire Match at the Word Championships in Oslo, Norway, then two weeks later he won the Olympic Gold Medal in the Free Pistol event at Helsinki, Finland. During 11 years of international competition, Joe won 13 gold, 6 silver, and 6 bronze medals.

Additionally, Joe earned the U.S. Army Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge in 1940 and was retroactively awarded the United States International Distinguished badge for his 1952 Olympic medal performance.

The Association, the Army, and the shooting community mourn the passing of one of this nation's greatest marksmen. Those who competed with "Joe" Benner will remember him as a true champion both on and off the pistol range.

Sergeant Major Leonard Ross, 75, died February 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Simons Island, Georgia. SGM Ross retired in 1972 after 30 years of service. He was a veteran of World War II, the Korean Conflict, and Vietnam.

SGM Ross was assigned to the USAMU Pistol Branch in 1960 as a Shooter/Instructor and Pistol Coach. He was a Distinguished Pistol Shot and 2600 shooter. SGM Ross later served as the Pistol Coach at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, from 1967 to 1972.

In 1975 he became Chief of the Firearms Division, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Brunswick, Georgia. Additionally, he later had oversight responsibility for anti-terrorism training in the Security Specialties Division at the Training Center.

Guy R. "Pat" Patterson of Richland, Georgia died in St. Francis Hospital, Columbus, Georgia on 15 January 2000. Removal of a cyst in December led to the discovery of extensive cancer in several internal organs. Pat had shot and coached pistol. He worked and enjoyed life until nearly the end of his 69 years on earth. He will be sorely missed for his wit and good sense of humor.

James T. Huber of Springfield, Missouri died on 31 January 2000 of heart problems. Jim was a CIC agent at Grafenwohr and shot his way back to the states on the USAREUR team two times. Jim in retirement did some beautiful wood carving, specializing in fire place mantels.

Floyd "Bud" Dalrymple died on 1 March 2000 of cancer at his home in Columbus, Georgia. Bud had been the ROTC Rifle Coach at Norwich University, Vermont; the manager of Blue Trail Range, Wallingford, Connecticut and was a firearms instructor for Shooters of Columbus.

Jimmy Clark from Shreveport, LA, the well known gunsmith and National Pistol Champion, died in January. Jimmy worked with USAMU gunsmiths in the late 50s and early 60s in developing the AMU Super .38 caliber pistol. The pistol was a .45 pistol converted to fired .38 caliber wad-cutter ammunition and replaced the "wheel-gun" revolver in Center Fire matches. Jimmy was also known for fixing other competitor's pistols between relays—even when he was in a position to win the match. A true champion respected and remembered by his competitors.

## Keeping in Touch

Ken Hamill

© **R. Michael Bach** lives in Owingsville, KY. Shot international rifle 1969-1984. Assigned to USAMU 1969-1973 except for the year with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. Div. in Vietnam. Then shot with the USAR, while he sold farm equipment out of Louisville, KY for 5 years, then farmed in Owingsville, KY. Shot service rifle for the USAR 1984-1995. Credits wife Mary, a schoolteacher with holding things together while he farmed, soldiered in the reserves, shot with the reserve service rifle team and was a student in C&GSC. Became OIC of the USAR service rifle team and XO of a USAR School in Lexington, KY, retiring as a LTC in January 1996. Farms 1000 acres full time now, raising tobacco, beef cattle, hay and corn for silage and a lot of hell sometimes. Son Steven graduated from the University of Kentucky. Mike credits Ken Evans, his old team NCOIC of keeping him straight as a Second Lieutenant. Takes great pride in having been a member of the finest unit in the Army.

© **David M. Emerson** lives in Eagle Creek, OR. Remembers a very brave Sallie Carroll winning the Women's National Championship despite the pain of a back injury in 1964. She had surgery immediately after Camp Perry. David reported to unit in September 1995 expecting to serve under Joe Watson and Okie Weinmeister. Joe transferred and Okie retired, so David with Mack Salmon's assistance ran the team. LTC Bull arrived in the summer of 66 and graciously allowed David to run things through the nationals. It was a magical year - our team won the Interservice matches and our blue and gray teams swept the national team matches. David earned the distinguished badge and broke 2600. A lot of stripes came down and several deserving people were promoted.

© **Walter R. Moody** lives in Vero Beach, FL in winter and Kentucky in the summer. Worked in stat office during All Army Matches in mid 1950's as a Cpl assigned to 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry. One of 3 people with arms room keys, locked up some weapons, turned in his keys and went on 14-day leave. A Lieutenant stole some weapons. Walters fingerprints were freshest on door and CID greeted him when he returned to his Company. Walter and a few people took a lie detector test and the Lieutenant owned up to the theft. Shot service rifle at Ft Jackson 1958; 3<sup>rd</sup> Army 1959; 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Div. 1962; USAREUR 1962/63; USAMTU 1963-66. Credits LT Willis Powell with helping his shooting more than anyone. Went USAF Nov. 1966 and coached them until team disbanded in 1969. He won Southeastern Regional 1960, Southwestern Regional 1967. Distinguished Army 1960, Air Force 1967, Presidents Hundred a few times. Marksmanship NCOIC at Patrick AFB, FL 1969-71. Cross-trained to Club field. NCO Club manager at Patrick 1971/72; O Club NKP, Thailand 1972/73; 'Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 1973/74; and retired in May 1974. Walter farmed in Kentucky for 4 years. Moved to Melbourne, FL 1978 and drove 18-wheeler gas tanker until retiring in 1990. He drives a dump truck in summer. Walter and Faye, his wife of 33 years fish every day in Florida Oct - Apr.

© **John D. Martin** lives in Westcliffe, Colorado in summer and Corpus Christi, Texas each winter. John was taught to shoot using a 03 during WWII by the Marine Corps. He shot rifle at Fourth Army in the mid 1950's and was assigned to USAAMU 1956-1959. He shot on several winning teams, enjoyed instructing marksmanship and participated in Post intramural sports during the off-season. John attended missile school at Fort Bliss in 1959 and stayed in that field until he retired in 1970. He did serve on a marksmanship team in Korea in 1961. John built a Real Estate business in Westcliffe, Colorado, a town of 3000 people without traffic lights or parking meters. John totally retired in 1996 and turned his business over to his son. He still walks and hikes extensively and occasionally shoots some shotgun at a local gunclub in Texas. John sends his regards to Coats Brown and all of his old teammates



## Donations

Thank you to **Walter J. Zdon** of Churchville, MD for donating 8" X 10" photos and military orders. The 1961 Second Army Team photo at Camp Perry includes several old timers including Zdon and LTC Joe Smith. The October 1966 photo of First Army enroute to San Antonio includes Tutan, Hardy, Harris, Rossman, Parker, Renschler, Zdon, Cooper, Neumann, Nettles, Cook and Smith. SO 129 dated 131 Sep 65 awards Zdon and two others the distinguished badge. It also awards nine others including Norm Dauerer with points toward the badge. TDY orders dated 17 May 66 sends 26 shooters to Oak Ridge and Fort Benning including Mason, Nettles, Parker, Stephens, and Zdon. USAMTU attachment orders 6-7 dated 14 Jun 66 attaches 89 shooters to the All Army Rifle Team for 80 days including Menlove, Altizer, Green, Hamilton, Ragland, Snipes, Whittaker, Willard, Ambler, Bailey, Ball, Barkman, Bootle, Carrion, Causey, Carter, Cooper, Corioso, Domingues, Hakala, Meeks, Menz, Mullis, Nettles, Norris, Panzer, Parker, Smith, Smock, Turner, Zdon, Troyer, Werner, Cheseck, Evers, Slinkard, Price, Thornton, Varner, Harden, Hyder, Keeling, Neumann, Peterson, Jordan and Raby.

Thank you to **Charles D. Davis** of Columbus, Georgia for donating several items. The 8" X 10" photo copies include the Argentina team at the Concorso De Tiro, Panama, Charlie's two Wimbledon wins, presentations to the Secretary of the Army at Fort Myer, receiving the Daniel Boone Trophy at Camp Perry, the 1971 National Trophy Team Champions, and running boar competitions. There are several text and photo, newspaper and magazine news releases pertaining to high power rifle wins, Sniping in Vietnam, Running Boar events, the 1972 Olympics and carrying the Olympic Torch in 1996. There are Running Boar Results from Germany, Mexico, Korea and Phoenix, Arizona. There are letters commending him for his performance in CISM Matches, congratulations from Sports Illustrated, a proclamation identifying 17 December 1969 as Charles D. Davis day in Hazard, Kentucky, and a letter from the Kentucky Governor naming Charlie a Kentucky Colonel.

Thank you to **Norman L. Skarpness** of Columbus, Georgia for donating copies of photos and a news release. The newspaper article pertained to a team record 999-134V fired by Carl Pritchett, Pat Boyle, Willis Powell, Cecil Stevens, coached by Pappy Drake and Captained by Roy Combs. The twenty one 8" X 10" photos depict Norman and the 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Rifle Team at Fort Riley and Germany including familiar people like Baker, Fraker, Willis, Hilker, Gilbert, Dennis, and Nesta; shooting as a member of USAMU; competing for the Army and the United States as a member of the Running Boar team including old hands Moeller, Crow, Bailey, Kingeter, Powell and a photo of the 1971 Rifle Team at the Nationals, Camp Perry, Ohio.

Thank you to **John D. Martin** of Westcliffe, Colorado and Corpus Christi, Texas for sending his article that appeared in the April 1959 Guns Magazine. John wrote the article entitled "The Army's Shootin'est Outfit" in 1957 while assigned to USAAMU. It was cleared for publication by USCONARC. The article adds valuable historical information about the unit's organization, missions, equipment, weapons and custom gunsmithing. It states that the first people assigned to the unit were outstanding soldiers, shooters and instructors. Photos in the article include John Kolb, Verle Wright, Glen Baker, Harold Hankins, Herman Gano and John Martin. John had sent photos and news releases in 1994. Some of which have been captioned and safeguarded in the photo archives.

Thank you to **Shelva Smith** of Seale, Alabama for donating thirteen framed service rifle team photographs taken at Camp Perry, Ohio. The earlier photos depict Shelva as a shooting member of the big Army Team. The later photos show Shelva as the service rifle gunsmith leader with the Army Team. Shelva retired in 1995 after serving for 30 years with USAMU as a soldier and civilian employee.

A couple people donated photos and other items at the general membership meeting at Pool Range on 22 January 2000. These gifts will be inventoried and the donors will be recognized in the next issue of the Times.

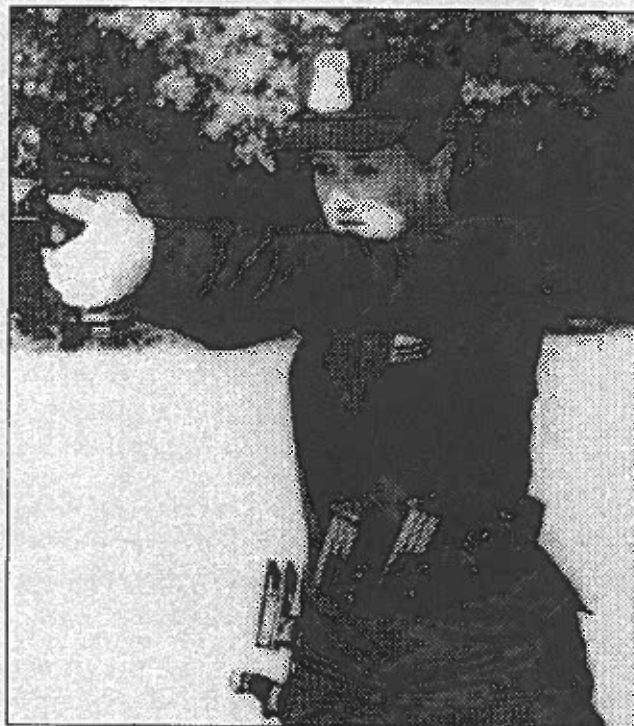


Photo by USAMU PAO

Sergeant Julie Goloski demonstrates the skills that earned her the AMUA Soldier of the Year award.

## Soldier of the Year: Sergeant Julie Goloski

USAMU PAO

SGT Julie A. Goloski, a member of the U.S. Army Action Shooting Team, was named as the 1999 Army Marksmanship Unit Association Soldier of the Year. She also recently won the titles of Army Female Athlete of the Year and Army Marksmanship Unit Female Shooter of the Year for 1999. The Association chose Goloski from a group of nine soldiers who were nominated.

Other nominees were: SSG Kenneth A. Johnson, the 1999 U.S. Army Male Athlete of the Year; SGT Troy A. Bassham, a 1999 Military World Games Gold Medalist; SGT Armando R. Ayala, 1999 USA Shooting Running Target Shooter of the Year; SFC Theresa E. DeWitt, 1999 Women's National Double Trap Champion; SFC Shawn C. Dulohery, 1999 National Skeet Champion; SGT Lewis A. Tippie, 1999 Interservice Service Rifle Champion; PFC Adam E. Sokolowski, 1999 National Junior Pistol Champion; and SSG Charles P. Gartland, 1999 Pan-American Games Pistol Gunsmith.

COL (Retired) Mac Johnson, Association President, presented Goloski the Soldier of the Year Award at the Association's annual meeting 22 January at Fort Benning's Pool International Shooting Complex. The prize was a .22-caliber match pistol donated by Smith & Wesson engraved with her name.

"Being named Soldier of the Year by the legends who have made the Army Marksmanship Unit an elite unit is an extreme honor," Goloski said. "Competition for the award was so fierce this year as

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## The Remarkable MSG Klues

Peter Giuchici

The following is not about individual accomplishments in marksmanship but about a man who dedicated his Army career to the improvement of marksmanship throughout the Army and touched the lives of thousands of marksmen. I first met MSG Joseph Klues in 1961 when I was assigned to the Fort Lewis, Washington Marksmanship Unit, where he was NCOIC. This unit was like no other marksmanship unit that I had ever seen in the Army. The unit headquarters was located in a large building consisting of 25 firing points, a C.O.'s office, 1SG's office, a large meeting room with a coffee pot, troop sleeping quarters, and toilets for men and women. It also contained an observation deck with mounted spotting scopes where one could observe marksmen firing. What really impressed me was the fact that the building was immaculate. Who ever heard of an indoor range with waxed and polished floors, including the range floor.

This range became a reality when MSG Klues was assigned to Fort Lewis in 1955 with the mission of developing a rifle and pistol marksmanship program. At the time, Fort Lewis had no indoor range and only a token marksmanship unit. MSG Klues was given the job of finding a suitable building on Post, to be made into an indoor range. He found a no longer used basketball gym in very poor condition, located in an obscure area. The Post Engineers asked Joe what he wanted and they gave it to him. DEH started the project in 1955, and the abandoned gym became the indoor range, opening for business in 1957.

In 1955 the army had embarked on a program to really boost marksmanship throughout the service, and to develop marksmen to compete at the national level. In the early stages of this program, the Army had very few men that knew how to teach marksmanship as we know it today. From this humble beginning in 1955, MSG Klues began to develop the marksmanship program. It was a slow and difficult process. The turning point came in 1960, when the Fort Lewis CG, General McGee visited the range. He studied the results of weekly Post Matches and questioned SGT Klues about units that did not appear on the scoreboard. The CG learned that these units had not entered any teams. The General left without saying anything. About an hour later, the range began to fill with more high ranking officers than one would expect to see in a lifetime. General McGee returned and delivered a very strong lecture about the importance of range training. From that day on, the outdoor rifle and pistol ranges were filled with shooters developing their skills.

When I arrived in 1961, I counted 125 soldiers on the rifle range receiving training from their unit coaches. This was marksmanship training at its best. About a week after my arrival, I stopped by the indoor range to visit Joe Klues. Several soldiers were present and shooting under the supervision of SGT Klues. I learned that SGT Klues had made the range available seven days a week, with a closing time of 9:00 PM. This meant that any soldier wanting to shoot, could stop by the range in the evening, check out a rifle or pistol with 50 rounds of ammo and practice. I learned that MSG Klues had been doing this since the range was



CourtesyPhoto

MSG Joe Klues on the left holding the pistol. CPT Pfill who was involved with Fort Lewis marksmanship on the right.

completed in 1957. One can only wonder how many thousands of soldiers took advantage of this opportunity.

Joe Klues was an infantryman who had seen his share of action. Joe at age 20 was with the 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry "Wolfhounds" at Schofield Barracks, HI on December 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. His barracks was strafed and two men in his unit were wounded. The one thing he remembers best about that day was the Regimental Bugler sounding the call to arms during the attack. Asked what he did during the strafing runs, Joe said he took cover in the well-built concrete and brick barracks. Joe remained with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and was later wounded during the retaking of the Philippine Islands. Joe earned his second CIB with the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Korea while serving as a Platoon Sergeant, Platoon Leader, First Sergeant and acting Company Commander.

MSG Joe Klues was an impressive man. He stood 6' 7" and weighed 280 lb.. He had a hand like a mitt, and a hand shake grip with the strength of a mule. He was called "Big Joe". I would like to comment that MSG Klues became a distinguished pistol shooter in 1958. He was double distinguished, rifle and pistol. He was advised to shoot pistol full time to attain maximum potential. He was considered to be a likely candidate for international pistol shooting, if he would give total focus to that effort. M/Sgt Klues decided that he would be of more value to the Army marksmanship program by training rifle and pistol marksmen, rather than competing himself. Joe truly set a great example by supporting the Army goals first, rather than shooting for personal recognition. There can be no doubt in anyone's mind, that MSG Joseph Klues fed more marksman into the Army program than any other individual. This is to mean from raw recruits to accomplished marksmen. "Big Joe" Klues remained NCOIC of Fort Lewis AMU until 1963. He transferred to Sixth Army AMU and then to Korea, as NCOIC of I Corps AMU. He returned to Sixth Army AMU in 1964 and retired from the Army to Hannibal, Missouri in 1965. He worked as a Certified Federal Officer in nearby Springfield, Missouri until retiring in 1982. I will close by saying thanks on behalf of thousands of marksmen whose lives you touched Joe. You were truly one of a kind.



## Conway Chronicles

Francis B. Conway

Shooters from all over the world used to come to Fort Benning, Georgia to compete in the All Army Matches. One year a shooter who was disgusted with his scores, threw his .38 sp auto down-range and shouted, "Anyone who has 10 dollars can have that SOB". As a good match pistol is worth several hundred dollars there were several shooters willing to take him up on his offer. Later that afternoon the shooter did the same thing with his .45 auto. It was quite apparent that the low scores were the fault of the shooter and not the gun. To quote another club member, "My low scores were not the fault of the gun but the fault of the jerk on the trigger".

LTC Francis B. Conway, USA Retired wrote several articles called "Anecdotes from the Colonel" for Picacho Gun Club of Las Cruces, NM and "Sight-In-Days" for the New Mexico Shooting Sports association. Frank has given our Association permission to print these articles in the *MMA Times*. These articles will appear in the *Times* under the heading "CONWAY CHRONICLES".

## Reminiscing

W. Michael Griggs

Many shooters can recall stories of Lones Wigger, but most of those are about things he did or said, after he was famous. He has been famous for such a long time; most don't remember a time when he wasn't famous. I first learned of Lones in 1955 when I read the results of the National Junior Championships. I placed in the top 10 that year and I was looking at the list to see who else was from the Western U.S. There were only three, and he was one, from Fort Benton, Montana. We later shot against each other several times when he was at Montana State and I was at Oregon State. He was five years older, so he was ahead in school. When I reported to Fort Benning for the Infantry Officers Basic Course in April 1962, Lones had been assigned to the USAMTU for about one year. We re-established contact and he and Mary Kay invited me to his house for dinner. While dinner was getting ready he took me into a back bedroom which had been made into a den. On a shelf, he took down four Blackington medals in their clear plastic boxes. He explained, "I've been here about a year and this is all I've been able to win". Looking close I could see they were for 2<sup>nd</sup> Master-Iron Sights-100 Yards; 1<sup>st</sup> Master-Any Sights-50 Meters and so on. To be sure I understood he said, "With guys like Puckel, Pool, Trew and Wright around here it is hard to win anything!" The following year he made the 1963 Pan American Team and from then on he made it hard for others to win anything.

If you remember a funny, inspiring or interesting shooting experience, please share it with us, so we can share it with the membership through the *MMA Times*. Please send your experiences or second hand stories to: MMA Times Editor, P.O. Box 52025, Ft Benning, GA 31995-2025.

## International Rifle Book Published

Margaret Murdock, a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit Hall of Fame, and her sister, Marie Alkrie, recently published Schiessportschule Dialogues II. This is a soft-cover book resulting from lectures by USAMU world and Olympic rifle champions at the 1978 elite development school organized by the United States Women's International Rifle Organization.

Chapters by Gary Anderson, Lanny Bassham, Ed Etzel, Bill Krilling, Margaret Murdock, Bill Pullum, and David Ross as well as discussions by Jack Foster, David Kimes, Karen Monez and Lones Wigger will be of interest to former USAMU rifle shooters. The entire "INCREASING HUMAN EFFECTIVENESS" seminar by Dr. William Cole of EDGE Learning Institute is also included.

For further information concerning the contents or to order the book, which is \$30, write to USWIRO, P.O. Box 865, Mesa, AZ 85201. You can reach Ms. Murdock on the Internet at [mgtmurdock@excite.com](mailto:mgtmurdock@excite.com).

## Tommy Pool Honored

The Globe-News of Amarillo, Texas, announced that the late LTC Tommy G. Pool has been selected as one of the *Top 100 Sports Legends of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*. Tommy was a world-class international rifle shooter assigned to USAMU and was in the group of first inductees into the USAMU Hall of Fame.

The newspaper's sport staff selected the top 100 all time athletes, coaches, and sports media personalities from the Amarillo area as part of the Globe-News Celebrate 2000 program. The Celebrate 2000 program includes recognizing individuals of the Texas Panhandle who have had an impact on the region.

Mrs. Nancy Pool, USAMU employee and EIC awards program manager, will accept the special crystal award at the Sports Legends banquet to be held April 1st at the Amarillo Civic Center.

If you shot for the Army, your old friends want to hear about you. Send us a description of your experiences, when and where you shot, coached, accurized weapons, or other duties. When did you get out of the Army? What did you do? School? Work? When did you retire? What are your hobbies? Please jot down some information about yourself and send it to: MMA Historian, P.O. Box 52025, Ft Benning, GA 31995-2025.

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knives, and pen sets. Total value of prizes was estimated at over \$1000. All winners seemed pleased with their winnings.

A buffet line of hero sandwiches, chips, dips, veggies, and other assorted goodies awaited the crowd upon conclusion of formal business. A good time was had by all. Hope to see you at our next annual meeting

## HOF / Reunion 2000 Planned

Plans are in the making for a Reunion 2000. It has been two years since we had a Hall of Fame ceremony and a reunion. We are focusing on a timeframe following the Olympics, probably in late October. In accordance with the revised Constitution this gathering will also serve as the Annual Meeting and election of officers for 2001 (two year term).

Details, invitations, registration forms, ballots, and other information will follow in future issues of the *Times* and in other mailings. Also, look for more information on our website ([www.militarymarksmanship.org](http://www.militarymarksmanship.org)).

Start planning now! Be there!

If you have a 8" X 10" shooting photo of yourself or a team, please photo copy it, identify the event, date, people and send it to: MMA Historian, P.O. Box 52025, Ft Benning, GA 31995-2025. Photos received will be captioned, placed in document protectors and the appropriate binder and stored in the USAMU Photo Archives.

## Collectors Items

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the unit had one of its most successful years. It brings me great pride to work with such great champions and to bring home the gold to the U.S. Army."

January 14, SGT Goloski and SGT Johnson traveled to the nation's capital where they were honored as the Army Athletes of the Year. The soldiers were presented their awards by Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. John M. Keane at the Pride of the Nation Banquet, hosted by the U.S. Military Sports Association.

Goloski was the 1999 Women's World Speed Shooting Champion, as well as the 1999 Open and Limited U.S. Practical Shooting Association Women's National Champion.

Although she is only 22 years old, Goloski became the first woman ever to win seven out of eight of the USPSA Area Championships in the United States, breaking the previous record she set last year when she became the first woman to win the majority of the area championships.

She was also this year's Military Division Gold Medalist and Female Silver Medalist at the Bianchi Cup, as well as winning Gold Medals at the Single Stack Classic, Kentucky State Championships, and the Golden Gate and Aware Invitationals.

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

"Through her determination, hard work and dedication, Julie has become the best female action shooter in the nation, as demonstrated by her many achievements this year," said USAMU Action Pistol Team Coach Ray Arredondo. "She won nearly every match in which she competed, something no other American female action shooter has ever done. She also keeps informed of the latest trends and developments to ensure that she is on the cutting edge of technology in her sport."

When she's not competing, Goloski trains U.S. Army rangers in pistol shooting to prepare them for the annual Best Ranger Competition, as well as doing numerous public appearances and media interviews to assist the Army's recruiting mission. She is single and lives in Columbus, Ga.

