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## Olympic Trials: Ft Benning

USAMU Shooters Dominate Nearly 400 Competitors

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The first round of the 2000 Olympic selection trials was hosted by the USAMU at Fort Benning 19 April - 5 May. The second round is scheduled for 21 June - 1 July at Wolf Creek near Atlanta. The top qualifiers from both matches will represent the U.S. in the 2000 Olympics. USAMU shooters are in contention for over half of the U.S. Olympic Team quotas.

USAMU top qualifiers were:

Women's Trap - SGT Joetta Dement (1st) 237  
Women's Double Trap - SFC Terri DeWitt (1st) 264  
Men's Air Rifle - SSG Ken Johnson (2d) 1285.7  
SGT Jason Parker (3d) 1283.6  
Men's Rifle Prone - SFC Tom Tamas (1st) 1297.3  
CPT Glenn Dubis - (2d) 1294.3  
Men's Skeet - SFC Todd Graves (1st) 288  
Running Target - SGT Armando Ayala (2d) 1227.4  
SFC Lance Dement (3d) 1217.9  
Men's Air Pistol - SFC Daryl Szarenski (3d) 1249.3  
Women's Air Pistol - CPT Rhonda Bright (3d) 840.5  
Men's Free Pistol - SFC Daryl Szarenski (3d) 1191  
Men's 3x40 - MAJ Michael Anti (1st) 2437.3  
SGT Jason Parker (2d) 2429.9  
MAJ Stephen Goff (3d) 2429.0  
Men's Double Trap - SGT David Alcoriza (2d) 273

### MMA Volunteers

#### Shotgun

Marvin Warren

Jack Horner

#### Service Pistol

Bonnie Harmon

Tommy Mueller

#### International Rifle

Phil Cannella

Ken Hamill

#### International Pistol

Sam Hunter

Billy Snow

The 2000 Olympics shooting events in Sydney, Australia are scheduled 16 - 23 September.

### 2000 U.S. Olympic Shooting Team Slots

A number of USAMU shooters finished fourth through sixth in the competition and are in the running for nearly two-thirds of the U.S. quotas.

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|----------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Women's 3 x 20       | 3 | Women's Air Rifle      | 2 |
| Men's Trap           | 2 | Women's Trap           | 1 |
| Men's Air Pistol     | 2 | Men's 3 x 40           | 2 |
| Men's Double Trap    | 2 | Women's Double Trap    | 1 |
| Women's Sport Pistol | 2 | Men's Free Rifle Prone | 2 |
| Men's Skeet          | 2 | Women's Skeet          | 1 |
| Men's Air Rifle      | 2 | Men's Running Target   | 2 |
| Women's Air Pistol   | 2 | Men's Free Pistol      | 2 |



## President's Report

Mac Johnson

Every once in awhile great things happen when all you originally hoped for was good things. I am talking about the new faces that have taken on Military Marksmanship Association responsibilities in recent months. Like those who preceded them, Dick Rebidue, Sam Hunter, and Phil Cannella are working hard to make our Association into the professional organization that it can become. These guys have brought new skills and different viewpoints into the management of our Association at a time when that is just what we needed. I urge you to share your thoughts with them and thank them for their efforts on your behalf.

Carter Berry continues to do amazing things with the MMA Times. When you realize that Carter was raised and educated in Arkansas and spent his military career as an Infantry/Special Operations guy, you have to marvel at his ability to produce quality work with an old desktop publishing program on an outdated computer. Unlike some of us, Carter is employed fulltime. So he does all this in his "spare" time. Thanks!

Ken Hamill is the heart and soul of the history effort of the Association. His worldwide contacts and personal willingness to dig for historical gold have allowed us to capture many things that would otherwise be lost to future generations of military shooters. If you have records, match bulletins, old articles, photographs, or paraphernalia from the Army's competitive shooting past, please contact Ken and talk with him about it.

Time and technology have marched forward into the Internet age. Thanks to Red Mosely, our Association is in step. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to visit our web page. When you get there, you can get up to date on all we are doing, read our constitution and bylaws, check out the minutes of Executive Board meetings, and contact any of your Association officers via email links. As always, Red has put a first class effort into this project. He built it and maintains it on a completely voluntary basis. We now have a professional web page at a fraction of what it would have cost to have it done commercially. Thanks!

When the Fort Benning authorities recently reviewed our Association constitution and bylaws, they made an issue out of membership liability. Given the remote possibility that we could be sued for some unforeseen act of negligence, your Executive Board decided to procure general liability insurance for the Association. Accordingly, we now have a policy in effect for \$1 million. Given that we have so few "public" functions, the annual cost of this policy is quite low.

Thanks to those of you who supported the National Selection Matches held on the Army Marksmanship Unit's ranges. Such support is one of the things envisioned when our Association was founded.

Ms. Wanda Jewell has resigned her position as Chief of Competitions in the AMU. Wanda is a talented, dedicated staff officer and has an Olympic medal to prove she is a great shooter. We wish her well. She will be missed.

### Reunion 2000!

At our most recent Executive Board meeting, we began the process of planning the Fall Reunion. Put 6-8 October 2000 on your calendar and start preparing now to join us at Fort Benning. In addition to our reunion activities, we will once again take part in the Army Marksmanship Unit's Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Reunions and ceremonies do not happen by themselves. So if you can find the time to help us plan and execute these events, we need you. Join us in the AMU conference room at 4:30 PM, on June 7, 2000 for a planning session. Contact me if you have any questions or suggestions for the Reunion weekend.

We are thinking of selling hats and T-shirts at the Reunion. If you know someone who will make these for us at a reasonable price, let me know ASAP.

## Commander's Report:

Col Arch Arnold

The AMU Team is coming out of "spring training" fit, focused, and in mid-season form.....ready to "Be All We Can Be" in the first season of the new century!

### Olympic Hopefuls

The first half of the Olympic Team Selection Matches here 19 Apr to 5 May was spectacular! Our shooters are in a great position to make the team and the quality of the matches was excellent.

If the selection were over today, we'd have 10 soldiers shooting in Sydney this fall. That's significantly more than in '92 and '96. Even better news is that we have 10 others standing in the top 5 with a reasonable shot at getting in if the leaders falter. The second half of the selection later this month should be very exciting. On to Atlanta!!

We are also very pleased to report that the 400 shooters from across the nation who competed at our world-class facilities had uniformly great experiences. Credit the superb team that made it happen: AMU Alumni, computer operators, grounds keepers, Earl Waterman, and S3 staff running the show.

### Service Teams are Ready!

Coach Ray Arredondo has our Service Pistol Team trained to a razor's edge. With the nucleus that swept the '99 service pistol matches intact, the Blue Team, supported by a squad of pick-up shooters from across the Army, is well prepared to launch the '00 campaign at Camp Robinson Interservice Matches at Camp Robinson next month.

Likewise, Coach Rick Remily's Service Rifle Team is showing the early season form indicative of another successful shooting season. His "old" shooters are seasoned veterans who know how to win. Add the raw talent of 5 new shooters onboard in the last couple of years and a fire team of 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment pick-ups, and you have the recipe for interservice dominance and national team championships.

### Recruiting Mission Support

Now 9 months into our assignment to U.S. Army Recruiting Command, I am very pleased to report that we are well on our way to becoming champions in this new arena. In the last quarter alone, our soldiers executed 18 recruiting missions, appeared in over 50 schools, and collected names of over 5,000 young Americans seriously interested in enlisting in the U.S. Army. We are becoming indispensable to the success of the Army's recruiting mission!..... another way of adding value to the overall readiness of the U.S. Army.

### Army Shooting Adventure Package (ASAP)

What a great idea! On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June at the Wings of Eagles Airshow at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, our Action Shooting Team will debut its barnstorming show. Imagine a 28 foot trailer, wrapped in black and gold Army logos, with a bank of pop up/fall down targets to be engaged by our national and world champion action shooters armed with laser pistols! This is all part of the success in recruiting that will be essential to the long-term growth and prosperity of this unit.

### Thanks

Thanks again to the alumni that helped make our Olympic Selection Match a success:

Marvin Warren  
Bonnie Harmon  
Phil Cannella

Jack Horner  
Tommy Mueller  
Ken Hamill

Sam Hunter  
Billy Snow



## Donations

Thank you to **John D. Loomis** of Salinas, California for donating orders, photographs and mementoes. Included were brassards from the 1964 Kentucky Pistol Championships, 1963 NRA State Team, 1961 & 1965 Georgia State Matches at River Bend Gun Club, Fort Lewis Pistol Team, small Sixth U.S. Army brassard and a large back patch. Six 8" X 10" photos show a pistol range perhaps in Korea. A Fort Lewis Pistol Team photo includes Joe Klues, Merriweather Jones, Mike Machuca and 21 unidentified. An August 1961 photo of the Fort Lewis Pistol Team includes Capt Chadwick, Earl Richins, Boyce MacPhearson, Read Dice, Robert Woolverton, Raymond Hanson, William Cash, James Hanlon, Mercado Hilario, Francisco Kumangai, Arthur Klein, James Williams, Claude Bennington, Richard Halvorson, Jesse Jones, Emmett Roundtree, Garold Ross, Norman Banta, Donald Kelly, Clinton Verhaar, Kenneth Feters, Harold Lambert, John Loomis, Charles McComb, Richard Wong and Capt Gochrist? A photo of the 6<sup>th</sup> Army R&P Team includes Joe Klues, Peter Giuchici, Tank Green, Merriweather Jones, Barbara Hile, Groebl, Jim Cerenio, Blackwell, Pete Peredo and 24 unidentified. A 1963 6<sup>th</sup> Army Pistol Team at Camp Perry photo includes Bartlett, Frazier, Pierce, Williams, Crosswhite, Way, Wong, Figuracion, Roundtree, Maj Chadwick, Woods, Moats, Collins Braithwaite, Loveless, Loomis and Blyth. A 1964 USARPAC Pistol Team at Camp Perry photo includes Bill Horton, Charley Kalani?, John Loomis, Lt Feurbacher?, Bootle, Robert Jones?, Thomson and Maj Metts. Fifteen smaller photos show pistol shooters at Sixth Army and Korea. An 8<sup>th</sup> Army certificate identifies Loomis as placing third in the Pistol Championships. Ten sets of orders place John Loomis and others on TDY to Fort Ord, Sixth Army, Fort Benning, Camp Matthews, Camp Saint Barbara-Korea, Schofield Barracks-Hawaii for the USARPAC matches and then to the All Army matches at Fort Benning. There are dozens of familiar rifle & pistol shooter names on these orders. Thank you John.

Thank you to **Charles D. Davis** of Columbus, Georgia for donating photographs, USAMTU personnel rosters dating from 1966 - 1973, USAAMU Newsletters 1958 & 1960, Camp Perry Official Bulletins 1965 & 1967, a Small Arms Firing School POI, a 40 hour coaching clinic POI, 3 training texts, service rifle bulletins and individual averages from Fort Niagara & Fort Benning summers 1958-1967. Eight 5" X 7" photos include Herb Roberts, Harmon, Herrera, Thorsen, Ravencraft, COL Mason, LTC Sharpe, Generals York and Powell, Benner, Nichols, Puckel, Hankins and Williams. Fourteen 8" X 10" photos include 2600 shooters Stineman, Grant, LTC Hancock, Ratliff, Weinmeister and Dahl. Team Champs LTC Hancock, Capt McGinness, Salmon, Ratliff & 3 unknown. COL Peot and James Owen. Charles Davis and Secretary of the Army. COL Peot, Drake, Fields, McQuien and Owen. General Freeman, Col Mason and Lt Col Sharpe. General Taylor & Col Mason. General Freeman with Margaret Thompson & David Meredith. John Roka receiving a Model 70 from LTC Sharpe. Pres Kendall receiving an award. Neil Foster at Camp Perry. Myles Brown with a bolt gun. There are several 8" X 10" photos of Robert L. Meeks preparing to shoot, shooting and receiving awards.

Thank you to **Marvin H. Wing** of Columbus, Georgia for donating photographs and a newspaper clipping. The news release indicates in 1956 the 75<sup>th</sup> RCT on Okinawa also used Easley Range. One 8" X 10" photo taken in 1956 shows Marvin Wing, 3 unidentified and the 75<sup>th</sup> RCT Deputy Commander, LTC Robin Montgomery posing in the prone position with their M-1 rifles. 1956 and 1957 photo's taken at Fort Benning show the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Rifle Team including Marvin Wing, Chapman, Glisson, LaPlante, Waterfield, Dougherty, Smith, Kolb, Cole and Bryant Shuler. The 1963 Third Army Rifle Team includes, Wing, Rogers, Crowell, Fairweather, Ragland, Voter, Helms, Leslie, Dennis, Fraker, Wilson, White, Jahelka, Rebidue, Tuck, Sapp, Gapol, Kingeter, Strickland, Causey, Owen and Baxter.

Thank you to **Thomas W. Atwood** of Vernon Hills, Illinois for allowing us to make copies of six great 8" X 10" photographs. The 1960 International Rifle Team at Camp Perry includes Kendall, C. Davis, Gunnarsson, Hovorka, Britton, Krilling, Friend, Atwood, Rogers, Wright, Volkman, Behnay, Hawkins, Pool, COL Montgomery, Spradlin and Trew. The 1960 CISM Team at Athens, Greece includes Bill Krilling, Thomas Atwood, COL Montgomery, Charles Davis, Gordon Rogers, Tommy Pool, William Blankenship, Aubrey Smith and 3 unidentified. The 1960 CISM Team Champions include Tommy Pool, Charles Davis, Thomas Atwood, Gordon Rogers and William Krilling. The 1961 Caracas, Venezuela Invitational Winning Team includes Thomas Atwood, Gordon Rogers, Bruce Silvey and William Krilling. The 1961 CISM Team at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil includes COL Montgomery, Thomas Atwood, Gordon Rogers, Presley Kendall, William Krilling, Tommy Pool, Red Mosely, Gary Anderson, Bruce Silvey, Perry DeFino and two unidentified. Another shot of the 1961 CISM Team at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil includes Bruce Silvey, Gordon Rogers, Perry DeFino, Brazilian escort, COL Montgomery, Red Mosely, Thomas Atwood, Presley Kendall, William Krilling, Gary Anderson, Tommy Pool and 3 unidentified.

Thank you to **Loyd G. Crow** of Columbus, GA for donating several great photos, the 1967 Palma Team brochure with a team photo, an NRA Team Record Certificate and the October 1956 Army Magazine that recognizes his repeat win 1955 and 56 of the National High Power Rifle Championship and M/Sgt Francis B. Conway's repeat win 1955 and 56 of the Wimbledon Cup. Several photos were taken 18 November 1956 at Fort Myer and included General Maxwell D. Taylor, Frank Palmer, Loyd Crow, Frank Conway, Albert McClure, Bob Robinson and David Cartes. Several photos were taken at Camp Perry. One photo wishes Loyd good luck from LTC Keaton. Another shows COL Montgomery giving Loyd his Int. Distinguished Badge. Four photos show Lt. Hinkle and M/Sgt Fitzpatrick checking the scoreboard at Fort Huachuca and the winning team of Hinkle, Parks, LaCau, H. Fields and Coach Willard. Three photos show a Running Deer target and marking mechanism. Six photos show the U.S. team in San Juan, PR, Linz, Austria, Weisbaden and Fort Benning and include some Russians, Italians, Germans and Davis, Crow, Moeller, Kingeter, Tossas, Boyle, Skarpness, Powell and some unidentified shotgun shooters. A 1957 photo shows the 11<sup>th</sup> Abn Div Team at the Little Camp Perry Matches in USAREUR with Redfern, Crow, Gosney, Day, Powell and Kunde. Another shows the 1963 Fort Riley clinic with Mayer, Lee, Nelson, Rebidue, Muniz, Teague, Burns, Crow, Tuck, Tubbs, Redfern, O'Hara, and McQuien.

Thank you to **Aubrey E. Smith** of Locust Grove, Georgia for adding to our American Rifleman inventory. Aubrey donated several American Rifleman binders and magazines that had been missing from our collection. He donated Jan & Dec 1927; Apr, Oct, Nov & Dec 1928; all twelve issues 1929; all twelve issues 1930; January thru June 1931; and all twelve issues of 1952. Aubrey inherited these magazines from rifle shooting friend John Freitag of Chicago, Illinois.

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A list of Army shooters is being compiled. The Service Rifle list stands at 955 people. Every soldier, known to have competed for his Company, Battalion, Regiment or up through All Army will be added to the list. We guess 35,000 names are missing from the list. We need your help. Send your old photos and documents or copies of them to MMA Historian, PO Box 52025, Fort Benning, GA 31995-2025.



## A Little Humor

Kenner "Cracker" Ravencraft

**Fort Niagara, New York 1957 or 1958** - The head coach, CWO Coats Brown, had found a piece of leather sling cutoff and discarded. At his regularly scheduled critique of the days shooting that afternoon, Mr. Brown cautioned the team about waste and how another soldier might later need a sling, and if it had been cut off, it might not fit. Some one decided to give Mr. Brown the raspberry and went looking for an old BAR sling. An old sling was found, cut into pieces and placed the following day where the head coach would find them. Mr. Brown was suspicious that something was up but followed through with a very strong caution not to waste good leather slings at his next critique. Someone later came up to Coats on the range and admitted to planting the cutup sling in order to get a laugh. The story was shared with the team at the next critique and everyone had a laugh - the team and Mr. Brown. Coats remembers the event and thought it might have been Thorsen or LaCau or a conspiracy between the two. Larry LaCau, however, does not remember the story.

*NOTE: If any member remembers this event and could add to it, please send it to the historian. This will become a part of Coats Brown's life story.*

## Thanks

Thank you to **Aubrey E. Smith** for spending three hours identifying pistol shooters, places, events and teams from the USAMU photo archives.

Thank you to **Kenner Ravencraft, Frank LumLung, Petronello Montera, Leonard Letoto, Leon LaBang, and Raymond Hasegawa** for spending an hour or two identifying rifle or pistol shooters, places, events and teams from the USAMU photo archives.

## PRESIDENT, From Page 2

### More DOD Elimination of Marksmanship

We have been told that the Army Reserve has made the decision to completely abandon its competitive shooting program. I mention this because I believe it is important that we continue to let our elected officials know that small arms marksmanship will always be the foundation upon which any Army is built.

We have all read about the recent decisions to downsize the heavy armored forces of the US Army in order to field lighter, more deployable, more Infantry heavy troop formations. The primary and predominant weapons of these rapidly deployable formations will be rifles and pistols. How then can we justify eliminating one of the few remaining programs that fostered high level competence with our primary go-to-war weapons? Especially in Reserve units where they do not get frequent hands-on experience with weapons.

I encourage you to write your Congressmen and Senators, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of the Army with your thoughts on the value of high level competitive marksmanship as a means of retaining and improving general marksmanship skills throughout the United States military. As our Armed Forces get smaller and smaller, we must rely more and more on the proficiency of the few soldiers who remain. Competitive marksmanship efforts are an inexpensive and very effective way to retain the core skills needed to insure our forces can shoot. They also serve to increase the confidence of all service members by demonstrating that our individual weapons are capable of extraordinarily high levels of performance.

Thanks for letting me serve!

## Keeping in Touch

Ken Hamill

©A tip of the hat to **Kenner "Cracker" Ravencraft**, who graciously met, transported and steered this historian to a few old Oahu Army shooters. Cracker and his beautiful wife Alice still reside in their Hawaiian Homestead house with da kine lanai on three sides and the great view of Honolulu and the nearby Punchbowl. The immaculate house and well-groomed grounds make a perfect setting. He spends a lot of time with his grandson Ezra and plays golf three times a week. Coach Ravencraft sends his regards to all the old teammates of years gone by.

©**Petronello Montera** lives in Waianae, Oahu, Hawaii. Started shooting rifle in 1958 with the 14<sup>th</sup> Inf., continued in 1959 making the 25<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. team. In 1960 shot for the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav. and 8<sup>th</sup> Army through the USARPAC matches. 1961 shot 8<sup>th</sup> Army and USARPAC through Fort Niagara and Camp Perry. 1962 shot 4<sup>th</sup> ID/Fort Lewis, 6<sup>th</sup> Army and All Army Western. Received Distinguished Badge and Presidents hundred in 1962. 1963 - 1966 shot 6<sup>th</sup> Army and All Army Western. 1966 & 1967 went to Vietnam with the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division where he earned 3 purple hearts and a Silver Star and is thankful for his marksmanship training. 1968 - 1972 shot 6<sup>th</sup> Army and All Army Western. Set a NMC record of 492-14X at Mojave Desert match in 1969. 1972 - 1975 coached combat match shooting in Berlin and Germany. 1975 - 1976 shot 6<sup>th</sup> Army and All Army. Retired to Hawaii in 1977. Works at AAFES as warehouse foreman. Does some woodcraft in the garage. Scuba dives for fish on the Waimanalo side. Has 7 children and 7 grandchildren. Travels occasionally to the mainland to visit sons in Boston and Los Angeles.

©**Frank LumLung** lives in Waipahu, Oahu, Hawaii. Started shooting service pistol with the 27<sup>th</sup> Inf. Wolfhounds, then the USARHAW/25 ID team 1956-1958. Transferred to Korea in 1959 where he shot for 8<sup>th</sup> Army and USARPAC through Camp Perry. He got three legs in 1959 including an individual and team leg from the National Championships to earn his distinguished badge. 1961-1963 he shot with USARHAW and USARPAC through All Army and Camp Perry. 1964-1967 ROTC duty at University of Hawaii. 1967 in Vietnam with the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cav, 7<sup>th</sup> Squadron Blackhawks where he was burned and medivaced to Tripler Army Hospital. 1968-1971 on Okinawa. He retired from the Army at Fort Rucker in 1971 and returned to Hawaii. He worked as a heavy equipment operator for a construction company 1972 until he retired in 1991. He has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and one great grandson. He makes ukuleles and plays golf now and then. Frank sends his regards to all of his past teammates.



## Conway Chronicles

Francis B. Conway

A fellow came to the range with a Russian model 91/30, which uses the 7.62mm54R cartridge. He had asked for 7.62 Russian and the clerk in the gun store told him that the 7.62 NATO was what he wanted and just ask for .308 Winchester in the future! Of course the two cartridges are entirely different and certainly not interchangeable. He went back in and after several tries finally found some 7.62 Russian in town.

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".

## IN TOUCH, From Page 4

©**Leon LaBang** lives in Pearl City, Oahu, Hawaii. Started shooting smallbore and service rifle at SETAF, Italy in 1958. He shot with the 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry Golden Dragons, 25<sup>th</sup> ID and USARPAC 1960 and 1961. He served with the Vietnamese Self Defense Corps 1962-1963. Shot with 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and USARPAC through Fort Niagara and Camp Perry in 1964. He was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored Division Rifle Champion once and shot for USAREUR 1966-1968. Leon earned 28 points towards his distinguished badge. He served a second tour in Vietnam 1969-1970. He retired from the Army in 1970 to Hawaii. He played golf on a regular basis until diabetes and dialysis three times a week made him stop. He still reminisces with his friends frequently at the Navy – Marine Golf Course 19<sup>th</sup> Puka, Pearl Harbor.

©**Raymond Hasegawa** lives in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii. Started shooting service rifle in 1956 as a member of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Korea with Captain Hinkle. 1957-1959 he shot with the 27th Infantry Wolfhounds and the 25<sup>th</sup> ID team. 1960-1961 he shot with the Fort Ord Post team. 1962-1964 he shot with the 25<sup>th</sup> ID team. 1964-1965 he shot with 5<sup>th</sup> Army through All Army and Camp Perry. 1965-1966 with the Big Red One in Vietnam. Retired in 1975 to Honolulu. Worked as a security guard, then a ship painter in Pearl Harbor until retiring in 1985. He has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. He enjoys surfcast fishing and reminiscing with old friends at the Navy – Marine Golf Course 19<sup>th</sup> Puka, Pearl Harbor.

©**Leonard L. Letoto** started shooting at Saint Louis High School and later became a member of the Territorial Guard. He shot smallbore and service rifle with the 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry

## Taps, Present Arms

### David I. Boyd

Chief Warrant Officer 4 (USMC, Ret) David I. Boyd died May 22, 2000 in Birmingham, Alabama.

David, better known as D.I., was a familiar face on Fort Benning ranges. As a USMC international rifle shooter, he was attached to and trained with the USAMU international rifle team at Fort Benning from 1962 to 1965, and then as the Chief of Competitions, USAMU from 1993 until his retirement from Civil Service in 1998. D.I. was one of this nation's premier smallbore rifle, high power rifle, and international rifle competitors. He won several individual and team championships at World Championships, Pan American Games, and Championships of the Americas competitions. He also garnered a number of major US National Championship titles during his competitive career including 1972 National Smallbore Position Champion, 1973 National Indoor Smallbore Champion, 1977 National Service Rifle Champion, and 1981 National High Power Rifle Champion. One of the matches D. I. prized the most, however, was being the 1975 USMC Rifle Champion. He is a triple distinguished shooter earning the USMC Distinguished Rifleman Badge, USMC Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge, and the United States Distinguished International Shooter Badge.

After his retirement from the Corps, D.I. worked in the Competitions Division, National Rifle Association, Washington, D.C.. In 1993 he became the Chief of Competitions, USAMU, Fort Benning Georgia. Any Army rifle shooter who competed against D.I. will tell you that he was a tough Marine competitor. The Army was fortunate when he became Chief of Competitions for the Army Marksmanship Unit. While D. I. worked for the Army and guided Army shooters to new heights, he always remained true to the Corps.

Wolfhounds and USARHAW 1955-1961. He remembers prone smallbore matches at Koko Head. He remembers Hi Power matches at Barbers Point, Kaneohe and Schofield Barracks. Has fond memories of many fine shooters including Barenaba, Brown, Candalisa, Domingues, Kahoilua, Llanos, Lohmann, McFeeley, Miller, Nagrone, Nainoa, Ravencraft, Read, and Teleso. He was an advisor to the Vietnamese Self-Defense Corps 1961-1962. He was First Sergeant of A Co., 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 27<sup>th</sup> Inf. Wolfhounds in Vietnam 1966. He speaks very highly of the Wolfhound soldiers, especially great soldier and shooter Ronald Barenaba. He retired at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in 1975 because of illness in the family. He earned a silver leg during his career. He has 10 children and 21 grandchildren. He sings in the church choir, works as a church volunteer and is a Chaplain in the American Legion.

©**Donald V. Williams** of Beaverton, Oregon writes that he won two bronze medals at the New Zealand Masters games in Dunedin in February and worked the Sidney, Australia World Championships in April.

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.



## Reminiscing

As told to the Historian by Boyd Goldsby

In 1971 Major Willis Powell, OIC of the All Army Service Rifle Team asked a favor of Captain Boyd Goldsby of USAREUR Rifle. Powell wanted Goldsby to allow SP4 Stawski to ride with him from Fort Benning to Quantico and Camp Perry for the Interservice and National Matches. Boyd was a clean living guy who knew SP4 Joanne Stawski was a TDY shooter from Fort Bragg and he agreed to allow her to ride in his automobile. Their hours of riding together, eating meals together and catching an occasional evening movie grew into a friendship. Both were later assigned to USAMU, Boyd to International Rifle and Joanne to the Service Rifle Team. Goldsby's attraction for the highly respected Stawski eventually overcame his fear of fraternization and he started dating the good looking lady soldier. They openly dated when Joanne got out of the Army in early 1975. All of their friends and teammates were happy when they announced their wedding plans. They married on Armed Forces Day, 17 May 1975 in the Fort Benning Main Post Chapel. The pews were crowded with teammates and their spouses. The military wedding included saber bearers and crossed sabers bridged for their exit. Instead of throwing rice, the guests threw .22 brass at the newly weds. Beautiful wedding gifts are still proudly displayed in their dining room. The Goldsby family has many warm and wonderful memories of Fort Benning and the Marksmanship Unit. Their daughter was born on 24 December 1979 and now attends the University of Arkansas. Boyd has often said, "If the Army wanted you to have a wife, they would issue you one and USAMU followed through in my case."

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.

## CPT Henry Phillips

Emil Heugatter of Waco, Texas sent the winter copy of *Tropic Lightning Flashes*, the quarterly publication of the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association. The association president, Butch Sincock, had some very nice things to say about Captain Henry Phillips who was the USAMTU Adjutant prior to joining the 25<sup>th</sup> ID in Vietnam and the namesake for Phillips Range on Fort Benning. Extracted from the President's Corner: "I helped assemble a recommendation for the Medal of Honor for Captain Henry Phillips in late 1968. Henry was the finest officer I ever met and I had the great honor of serving with him in the Tomahawks. His feats of personal bravery were the stuff of legend and he was admired, respected and loved by officers and men alike. When he was killed, the entire battalion was in mourning. We set about to write up a Medal of Honor recommendation. We had at least two, perhaps three separate incidents, each of which, in and of itself, could stand alone for the Medal. The one I remember most vividly was his insistence on being inserted by helicopter into a small clearing under intense fire to personally rescue one of his platoons that was pinned down by a larger NVA force that had ambushed a resupply convoy. He jumped from the helicopter at a height of about 15 feet and sustained a painful ankle sprain. Regardless, he rallied his men and the MPs of the ambushed convoy. He stood up fully exposed in an MP jeep firing the M-60 machine gun while the driver charged an enemy machine gun position. We had three eyewitness statements and loads of documentation, including maps showing the location of each action. In all, this Medal of Honor recommendation was more than a half inch thick. It was a small book." Butch Sincock went on to say he left the Tomahawks shortly after the recommendation was submitted and learned about 15 years later that Captain Phillips received the Distinguished Service Cross rather than the Medal of Honor.



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