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## 44th USAMU Reunion

### USAMU PAO

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and the Military Marksmanship Association gathered together on 6 and 7 October to hold a reunion celebrating the 44th anniversary of the activation of USAMU. Over 350 MMA members, USAMU soldiers, USAR International Rifle Team members, families, and guests attended.

The reunion included the rededication of Hook Range, induction of three former unit members into the USAMU Hall of Fame, inducting three Sydney Olympians into the International Rifle Hall of Fame, and the establishment of a USAR International Rifle Roll of Honor. "The Military Marksmanship Association Reunion honored the shooters, gunsmiths, and staff who made the USAMU great, and provided an opportunity for the shooters of the past to meet the shooters of the present," USAMU deputy commander Robert Aylward said.

**Range Rededication** - Medal of Honor recipient retired Col. Robert B. Nett was the guest speaker at the Hook Range Rededication Ceremony on Oct. 7th. "It's great to be back at the Home of the Infantry," Nett said. "I'm grateful to be here today for the Hook dedication and to recognize the world's most outstanding marksmen." Col. Nett and USAMU Commander Col. Arch Arnold unveiled a portrait of Lieutenant Alfred J. Hook, painted by USAMU graphic artist Charles Pagan. Then, the USAMU 44th anniversary cake was cut by the youngest member of the MMA at the ceremony, 18-year-old USAMU action shooter Pfc. Max Michel, the oldest MMA member in attendance, 84 year-old Walter Schneider, and the MMA member who traveled the farthest to attend the reunion - Rocky Marchioli from Luxembourg.

**USAMU Hall of Fame Induction** - Maj. Gordon R. Roberts, the only active duty Medal of Honor

recipient, was the guest speaker at the USAMU Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Oct. 7th on Pool Range Ceremony Hill. Maj. Roberts is assigned to the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning. "It is a great pleasure to induct these three national treasures into this esteemed Hall of Fame," Roberts said. "The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit has given us the skills to serve our country well. We need to focus on what the Army Marksmanship Unit has done for the Army - its legacy carries on today. You're a very important part of the Army's one team dedication to the pursuit of excellence."

Inducted into the Hall of Fame were former Maj. Lanny Bassham, retired Lt. Col. Francis B. Conway and former 1st Lt. John R. Writer.

Bassham, who won an Olympic Gold Medal in 1976 and an Olympic Silver Medal in 1972, was unable to attend the ceremony. However, his son, USAMU international rifle shooter Sgt. Troy A. Bassham, accepted his award for him.

Conway, a former USAMU gunsmith and rifle shooter and former commander of the U.S. Army Europe Marksmanship Unit, was present to accept this award and encouraged all the support personnel of the Army today to do the very best job that they can do because of its importance to the Army's mission.

Writer, a 1972 Olympic Gold Medalist and 1968 Olympic Silver Medalist was also unable to attend. His former coach, retired Lt. Col. Bill Pullum accepted his award for him.

**Olympians Honored** - Three USAMU Olympians who competed in Sydney last month - Maj. Michael E. Anti, Staff Sgt. Kenneth A. Johnson, and Sgt. Jason A. Parker - were inducted

## MMA Officers 2001-2002

**Newly Elected MMA Officers:**  
Rick Hawkins, Vice President; Red Mosely, Recording Secretary; Phil Cannella, President, and Sam Hunter, Treasurer pause and pose at the 44th USAMU Reunion and USAMU Hall of Fame barbecue.

USAMU Photo

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## USAMU Commander's Report

Col Arch Arnold

There is a "nip" in the air, leaves falling, deer acting foolish, and the AMU refitting and rearming after a truly great season. Some highlights follow:

### Olympic Games

What excitement! My palms have never been in such a sweat...day after day. All would have been very, very proud of the performances of each of our 10 great troops on the scene. I will never forget watching SFC Todd Graves run his last 50 skeet targets (while many frontrunners choked) to position to win the bronze medal. New answer to the old question: "When did AMU last win an Olympic medal?" is 2000 !!!

### 44<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend

It was great to see the record-breaking attendance here on 6-7 October. Thanks to all for providing such a warm greeting to our new commanding general, MG Dennis Cavin. Congratulations to our newest inductees to the Hall of Fame: Lanny Bassham, Frank Conway and John Writer. Each exemplifies the very best of our championship tradition. Thanks go to the MMA staff that helped us get organized (Red Mosely, Ken Hamill, Jerry Lebish, and Phil Cannella) and our Medal of Honor recipients whose words inspired us all: COL(R) Bob Nett and MAJ Gordon Roberts.

### Retiring Coaches

As Bill Krilling (International Rifle) and Burl Branham (Shotgun) ride off into the sunset, it is fitting that their teams performed so well in their farewell seasons. The International Rifle Team filled all the U.S. men's slots on our Olympic team and SFC Todd Graves won a shotgun bronze medal. Both accomplishments pay appropriate tribute to two men who have been "institutions" at this unit for over half a century. They will be missed!

### Recruiting Support

We are very pleased to report that we exceeded our FY00 goal of collecting the names of over 6,000 young American's interested in enlisting in the U.S. Army. In the process, each of our soldiers spent an average of four weeks on the road at high schools, malls, air shows, and fairs talking up the U.S. Army. Next year our goal is to generate even more enlistments in the Army while spending about the same time away from home and shooting. We'll just do it smarter based on this season's lessons learned. We seem to have proven that great shooting soldiers make great ambassadors of goodwill for the U.S. Army.

### Congratulations

To our new MMA president, Phil Cannella, and vice president, Rick Hawkins! We look forward to keeping up the momentum of our great association under your leadership.

### Thanks

To our outgoing president and vice president, Mac Johnson and Phil Cannella, for their superb leadership and service to our association over the last two years. They have left an indelibly positive mark on the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit. We salute them!

FROM THE WORLD'S GREATEST SHOOTING TEAM:  
BEST WISHES TO ALL ALUMNI IN HAVING A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

## MMA President's Report

Mac Johnson

The 44<sup>th</sup> Army Marksmanship Unit reunion was a great success! It was a delight to be there and it was made all the more so by the large number of you who were able to attend. Thank you for coming.

We owe a special debt of gratitude to the soldiers and civilians of the United States Army Marksmanship Unit for all their magnificent contributions to the reunion. On behalf of the Association's membership, I sent a letter to the Unit commander thanking him for the Unit's hard work and professionalism.

And thanks as well to the members of your Executive Board and other volunteers who put lots of time and energy into making sure every person in attendance had the opportunity to enjoy being there. Phil Cannella, Sam Hunter, Red Mosely, Ken Hamill, Richard Rebidue, Loyd Crow, Jerry Lebish, and others really worked hard to make it all come together.

During the reunion and in accordance with Association rules, we elected a new slate of officers who will begin their term of service when we hold our general membership meeting in January 2001. Congratulations to President-elect Phil Cannella, Vice President Rick Hawkins, Treasurer Sam Hunter, and Recording Secretary Red Mosely. All of these men except Rick Hawkins have already served one term as an elected officer of the Association and have proven enormously capable. The future of the Association is in good hands.

One of the subjects about which any Association must be concerned is the size of its membership. During the reunion there was some discussion concerning our shrinking pool of former shooters. There simply are not very many soldiers involved in competitive shooting in today's military. That is one of the reasons why last January we changed our criteria for becoming a member of the Military Marksmanship Association. You do not have to be a former member of the Unit to join the Association. You do not have to be a former shooter. You do not even have to be an ex-military person. ANYONE who supports the goals and objectives of the Association can join.

Our goals and objectives are clearly stated in our Constitution, which each of you has and which can be seen on the Internet at our web site. Familiarize yourself with them and start recruiting new members! Your neighbors, friends, co-workers, shooting club, and bowling team can all join. The \$15 initial fee and \$10 annual renewal fee are low by most standards and permits the new member to support competitive military shooting sports by helping the Association help the Unit. Like every other member, they can also attend our reunions, see Fort Benning, the Army Marksmanship Unit, and the finest military marksman in the world—past and present. Help us increase national support for military marksmanship by getting out there and recruiting new members!

On a different subject, good luck and God speed to two of the finest men to ever coach competitive shooters. Burl Branham has already retired from the Army Marksmanship Unit and Bill Krilling is right behind him. Very few people can lay claim to having coached as many shooting champions as these gentlemen. Their contribution to the sport of shooting, to the Unit, and to the lives of the soldiers they coached has been nothing short of magnificent! For three years I worked with Bill and Burl on a daily basis. For another five years I observed from a more detached view the results of their talent and dedication. I have great respect for them as individuals, as coaches, and as consummate professionals. It is difficult to overstate their impact on the success of the Army Marksmanship Unit. They will be missed!

This is my last opportunity to provide a few notes as your President. The members of this Association share a bond of individual, team, and unit achievement unlike anything else. It is always a pleasure to deal with men and women who were and are the best at what they do. Thank you for letting me serve.

## Donations / Thanks

Thank you to **Michel Dunia** of Mill Valley, California for donating the 1964 photo of the International Rifle Team at the National Matches, Camp Perry, Ohio. Team members in the photo are Jack Foster, Mike Dunia, Bob Davenport, William Pullum, Carl Pritchett, William Carrion, Chuck Finn, Lones Wigger, Peterson, Don Adams, Leonard Willis, Cecil Stevens, Rusty Kingeter, Verle Wright, Warren Gandy, Dennis Dingman, Martin Gunnarsson, Pres Kendall, Tommy Pool, Bill Krilling and 7 unknowns. Mike also made the comment that he had the honor of signing out of the unit about one hour after Coats Brown. Coats had written in the sign out book "God Bless Our Soldiers and The United States Army".

Thank you to **Waymond L. Alvis** of Columbus, Georgia for donating the framed photograph depicting the 1972 National 3 Gun Pistol Team Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio. The ten smiling faces belong to Laurence K. Mosley, Barbara J. Hile, Emil W. Heugatter, Bonnie D. Harmon, CPT Glenn L. Frazier, Robert D. Whitacre, Waymond L. Alvis, Grady Cowan, Harland V. Rennolds and an unknown two or three star general.

Thank you to **Robert "Mike" Bach** of Owingsville, Kentucky for donating sixteen 8" X 10" photos taken in the mid 1960's. Subjects include Parks Range butts, targets, interior of the firing line enclosure and an aerial view of the complex. Personalities include Col Joseph Peot, Margaret Thompson, Don Adams, Bruce Meredith, Jack Foster, Dale Red, Lones Wigger, Bill Pullum, Ray Campbell, Ken Hamill, Harry Sharp, Bill Yearwood, James Lenon, Jim Cerenio, Tank Green, William Thornton, Marcus Hayes, Edwin Frankowski, Bryant Shuler, Walter Keener, James McQuien, Rusty Anderson and the 1967 Service Rifle Team.

Thank you to **Lewis White** of Friendsville, Tennessee for donating a photo and loaning us the 1961 NBPRP National Trophy Match and 1962 Rifle Preliminary Bulletins for reproduction. The 8" X 10" photo shows the 1961 Fifth Army Rifle Team at the National Matches, Camp Perry, Ohio including Jack Crowe, John Matthews, McFarley, Bass, Earl Napier, Floyd Williams, Lewis White, Rusty Kingeter and 3 unknowns.

Thank you to **Tom Militano** of Jacksonville, Alabama for donating the attractive and favored keepsake - United States Army Europe Rifle and Pistol Team Hat Badge.

Thank you to **Richard H. Pate** of Sherman, Texas for donating the wide angle photograph of the 1959 All Army Pistol Team at the National Championships, Camp Perry, Ohio. Richard was a Private First Class out of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division while a member of the 1959 All Army Team.

Thank you to **Bobby G. Tubbs** of Oxford, Mississippi for donating eleven 8" X 10" photos, two smaller photos and seven newspaper articles pertaining to rifle shooting successes. The achievement photos show Bobby with Colonel Montgomery and Colonel Peot. The fishing photos include Bobby, SGM Henry Hand, Tommy Mills, William R. Lee of the unit and young Robert Cole, son of the unit Operations Sergeant, Harold Cole. The winning team photos include Major Clinton Carr, Don Burger, Herb Fields, William Griffin, Leonard Harmon, Al O'Neill, Tony Miranda, Harold Stafford, Clifford Wilson, Jim Tuck, Cecil Stevens, Robert Ferguson, Norm Skarpness, George Ivy, General Bruce Clarke, Roy Ambler, Ken Evans, Ken Gilbert, Marvin Fitzpatrick, Clyde Burns, Captain Milo Foster, Jack Teague, Roy Garrido, and Edwards.

Thank you to **Jeremiah M. McKenzie** of Athens, Tennessee for donating USAMU clothing, memorabilia and a unit wives cookbook. Recipes for the cookbook were contributed by Leigh Adams, Carrie Archer, Mary Brown, Judy Dunia, Margaret Enterkin, Sue Frazer, Carolyn Gillson, Mary Haig, Martha McKenzie, Skip Peot, Sara Sharpe, Marian Surls, Christa Wentworth, Janet Wright and Mary Wigger. The unit back patch, pocket patch, pocket badge, cuff links, tie pins and clasps, embroidered blazer pocket patch, shooting pins and shotgun shooters sweater will make excellent display material for the museum.

Thank you to **John Loomis** of Salinas, California for donating 32 sets of TDY and Attachment orders, with dates ranging from March 1959 to June 1965. The orders were cut by Fort Ord, Fort Lewis, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, 25<sup>th</sup>.

## USAMU coach retires after more than 50 years of service to Army

USAMUPAO

He'll be 70 years old January 24th, but you'd never know it. He comes to work every day with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye, and gives soldiers less than half his age a run for their money. Don't let the white hair and weathered brow fool you. The man still has a spring in his step and knows how to get things done.

Burl Branham, coach of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Shotgun Team, retired November 3 after 52 years of federal service. Retrospectively cleaning out his desk, he sifted through decades of photographs, paperwork and memories. Master Sgt. Rodney G. Pinkston, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the Shotgun Team, helped Branham sort through years of awards, gifts and memorabilia and pack away the last 22 years of his life into cardboard boxes.

"You just can't say enough about Coach Branham," Pinkston said. "He's never missed a day of work. I know during quail-hunting season he walks 8 to 10 miles a day; for a 70-year-old, that's pretty remarkable."

At his retirement ceremony, the afternoon of October 26th, the self-proclaimed "unemotional kind of guy," bade farewell to his shooters with his no-nonsense advice on what is to be expected of them in the future. Forcing back the tears, the shooters, who see Branham as not just a coach and mentor, but as a father, hugged him and wished him well.

"I've been a disciplinarian, an organizer and a teacher to the soldiers; I'm a father to them and a grandfather to their kids," Branham said. "The Shotgun Team is my extended family; most of the soldiers are like my own children and I treat them that way. I took care of their kids when they had to shoot overseas. I love them all."

After serving nearly 28 years on active duty, including two combat tours in Korea and one in Vietnam as a sniper, Branham retired in 1977 as a Master Sergeant with the Silver Star for valor, the Bronze Star Medal for gallantry and three Purple Hearts. But don't call him a hero.

"Basically, I just did my job," Branham said. "All the heroes are dead and buried. They paid the ultimate price for their country. You can't replace those guys. I consider them heroes."

His association with the USAMU started in 1958 as a service rifle pick-up shooter. His last seven years as a soldier were spent at the Army Marksmanship Unit as a shooter and coach. In 1978, he came back to the USAMU as a civilian to coach the Shotgun Team. In the past 22 years, he has coached 19 Olympians — four of them Olympic medalists, including Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class James "Todd" Graves, the Skeet Bronze Medalist in the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

"I don't want to take credit for what my shooters have done," Branham said modestly. "As a coach you have to know your people; reading people is your best asset. Know what they are capable of doing. I was very confident about Todd getting a medal; he did a tremendous job."

"In my eyes, he's one of the best coaches in the world and a father to all of us," Graves said. "He helped me get to where I am today. He pointed me in the right direction, coached me and was there for me, no matter what."

Having coached more than 30 national champions, Branham knows what it takes to excel in the shooting sports.

"I don't believe anyone has ever been born a champion," Branham explained. "The road to becoming a champion is paved with intelligence, patience and dedication. The shooter must master both the physical and mental aspects of the game during training to succeed in competition. You win an Olympic Medal during your training before you get to the Olympics."

In the half century of his federal service, Branham has been around the world and back, many times over, but he still plans to travel in his retirement.

"I don't need to go anywhere else in the world. Been there, done that," Branham said. "I've been to Europe, the Far East, South America...just about everywhere. Now that I'm retired, I'll go where I want to go — to Kentucky to visit my 90-year-old mother."

The Paintsville, Ky., native, plans to stay in the Columbus area with his wife, Yvonne, after his retirement.

"I'll miss all of it, especially the people, but I'll come back to visit," Branham said. "I don't intend to just sit down. I'll do some quail hunting and consulting to gun clubs."

"The Army Marksmanship Unit is the best place in the Army to work; I'll remember it fondly," he said. "I hope they'll remember me as a good coach and for being helpful to people."

But before he left his office for the last time, Branham gave his soldiers this advice: "As you are now, I once was. As I am now, you one day will be. Do not waste the time in between. Use it effectively."

### Keeping in Touch

Glenn L. Frazier of Grass Valley, California started shooting service pistol at Graf in 1961 with Bonnie Harmon. Remembers cleaning Bonnie's clock when both were new shooters. Big guns there at the time were EP Carter, Mike Machuca, Bozeman and Richard Stineman. Retired from the Army in 1978 as a Captain. Lost his wife in an auto accident in 1984. Was a guide in Alaska for a couple of years after losing his wife. Currently remarried to another wonderful woman. Invented and currently selling Shred Vac machines used for landscape contracting, grounds maintenance, waste management, recycling, erosion control, weed control, revegetation and construction. Glenn sends his regards to all of his old teammates.

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into the USAMU International Rifle Hall of Fame Ceremony on Oct. 7th at Pool International Shooting Complex. "It's a real honor for me to be inducted in the Hall of Fame," Parker said. "I want to thank my coach, Mr. Bill Krilling; without him, I wouldn't be here."

Being in the Army Marksmanship Unit is the best job in the Army," Anti said. "I want to thank the USAMU commanders and my teammates — the best team ever assembled at the Army Marksmanship Unit — and Mr. Krilling who has coached me since I was a junior." Ken Johnson was unable to attend the induction ceremony so Coach Krilling accepted Johnson's award for him.

**USAR International Rifle Roll of Honor** — Following the USAMU International Rifle Hall of Fame Ceremony, retired Army Reserve Col. Bruce Meredith — also a participant in the 2000 Olympic Games — inducted 12 U.S. Army Reservists shooters into the USAR International Rifle Roll of Honor. Inductees attending were Kurt Fitz-Randolph, Ray Carter, Gloria Parmentier, David Kimes, and Bruce Meredith.

**MMA General Membership Meeting** — Following the USAMU HoF Ceremony, the Military Marksmanship Association held a general membership meeting and election of new officers. Association President, Lory "Mac" Johnson thanked USAMU for their support in organizing the joint Reunion and Hall of Fame Ceremony. At the meeting, the President noted that membership in the Association was open to all that supported the goals of the Association. He noted that an audit of the Association's financial records had been completed and found to be in order. He thanked "Jack" Homer, the Association's Treasurer for the past six years for a job well done. The current Treasurer, Sam Hunter, told the members that the Association was in good financial shape and explained how a members annual dues were spent. After all business was conducted, the slate of new officers was presented and elected by acclamation.

The new officers take office in January 2001 for a two year term. The Association's new officers are Phil Canella, President, Rick Hawkins, Vice President, "Red" Mosely, Recording Secretary, and Sam Hunter, Treasurer. Beautiful weather, good food prepared by the Fort Benning - Columbus Shriners, and a lot of story swapping rounded out the remainder of the 44th Reunion.

## Taps, Present Arms

### Oscar K. Weinmeister, Sr.

Chief Warrant Officer Oscar K. Weinmeister, 84, died October 27, 2000, in Columbus, Georgia.

Weinmeister began competitive shooting in 1937. In 1940, he was selected for a tryout with the U. S. Army Infantry Pistol Team. He secured a berth on the team and participated at the National Pistol Matches earning his first "Leg" toward Distinguished designation.

During World War II, Weinmeister served in the European Theater of operation as a Combat Command Sergeant Major with the 7th Armored Division where he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service.

At the end of World War II, he was assigned as an instructor at the Armored School, Fort Knox, Kentucky, and subsequently was promoted to Warrant Officer.

In 1951, Weinmeister was chosen to be a member of the U. S. Army Pistol Team and earned his Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge that year. He was again selected in 1952, 1953, and 1954 to represent the Army as a firing member of U. S. Army Pistol Team at the National Matches. From 1955 through 1957 his duty assignment was manning a Surface-to-Air missile site on the perimeter of Washington, DC.

Weinmeister was transferred in January 1958 to Fort Benning, Georgia, and assigned to the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit as Head Coach of the USAMU Pistol Team. He was tasked to fashion a training program to develop championship caliber competitive shooters. To accomplish this, he had to train coaches, devise training methods, and mentally condition the USAMU Pistol Team to assume a winning attitude. As a result of CW4 Weinmeister's monumental efforts throughout this tour, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

Weinmeister was the driving force in the development and publication of the USAMU Advanced Pistol Marksmanship Guide. He taught that winning scores were the result of careful prior planning and that shooters could consistently duplicate their performance by executing one shot and one string at a time. His methodology can still be traced in the training of today's shooters.

CW4 Weinmeister retired from the Army in 1965. He returned to the USAMU as a civil service employee in 1966 and served as the Continental Army Training Coordinator until his retirement in 1982. In 1993, Weinmeister was inducted into the USAMU Support Hall of Fame.

### Charles "Charlie" Kalani

Sergeant Charles "Charlie" Kalani, 70, died August 22, 2000 in Lake Forest, California. Charlie was born in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Kalani was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1955 and served until 1966. In the mid-sixties, he was a member of the USAREUR Pistol Team and was selected after the "All-Army Matches" to compete with the Army Pistol Team at the National Matches.

After his Army service, Kalani entered professional wrestling in 1967 where he took the ring name of Professor Toru Tanaka. He assumed the role of a villain and he won a series of tag-team championships from 1969 to 1977. Charlie also acted in a number of films as Professor Toru Tanaka. Notable among these are: *Perfect Weapon*, *Running Man*, *Last Action Hero*, and *Missing in Action 2*. He has also appeared in a number of television series, including *Airwolf*, *The A-Team*, *The Fall Guy* and *Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer*.

On the screen, Charlie was best known as a villain but for those who shot with him; we will remember him as a happy-go-lucky, gentle-giant with a smile for everyone. Aloha, Charlie!

### Raynold S. Dobak

Raynold S. Dobak of Grayland, Washington recently passed. LTC Dobak was a Distinguished Rifleman, great coach and leader. Very well liked and respected. He coached one of the two big Army Teams in 1957 and was Team Captain of the big Army Team in 1958. He and Coats Brown switched positions those two years and won the National Trophy Team (Dogs of War) Match both years. LTC Dobak retired from the Army and USAMU as OIC of the Service Rifle Section in the mid 1960's. He moved first to Olympia, Washington, and then to the coastal town of Grayland where he bought a fishing boat. He spent a lot of time in his boat fishing the Pacific for Salmon and other choice fish. He fished regularly until 1997 when his age started slowing him down and he sold his boat. A reunion application was sent to his address this fall and was returned marked "Deceased."

A phone call to his residence brought a recording "Phone number disconnected." Members who might know what happened to our dear and respected friend are encouraged to inform the Editor, MMA Times.

## DONATIONS / From Page 3

Infantry Division, USARHAW and USAMTU. These orders added 65 names to the Service Pistol List, 5 names to the Service Rifle list and 121 names to the Unknown Discipline list. Also, for the time and effort spent identifying individuals in the 40 year old photographs of the Sixth Army Rifle and Pistol Team. John had contributed these photos at the General Membership meeting at Fort Benning in January 2000.

Thank you to **Frank Conway** of Las Cruces, New Mexico for donating 3 service rifle bulletins and approximately 75 great 8" X 10" photos. The 1955 Southeastern Regional Match bulletin fired at Fort Benning lists 282 competitors entered with Thomas W. Atwood as champion and Frank Conway placing second. The 13 July 1957 Fort Niagara bulletin lists Sp3 R. Kelly as first, Sp2 D. Jones as second and 1Lt R. Hinkle as third place. The August 1957 Northeastern Regional Match bulletin fired at Fort Dix lists 293 competitors with Frank Conway as high service shooter. The 1963 Quantico Interservice Match, Southeastern, Northeastern and Fort Niagara bulletins will remain on file in the USAMU Library. The photos cover a wide range of subjects. At Fort Myer presenting Chief of Staff of the Army, General Maxwell D. Taylor with trophies won at the 1955 & 1956 Nationals. Frank shooting rifle and pistol and receiving awards at several military and civilian ranges. USAMU shop tours and great gunsmiths Jack Maple and Frank Conway, reloader Bob Hansen, and test personnel Ray Orton and Donald Baker.

Thank you to **Jack Maple** of Smiths Station, Alabama for donating several photos including a wide angle shot of the U.S. Team in the 1970's at the Benito Juarez Match in Mexico City. Eight 8" X 10" photos show individual winners and the winning team at the 1956 Midwinter's Match, Sixth Army teams at Fort Lewis and Miami, Florida in 1957, the 1961 graduating class of the National Match Pistol & Rifle Maintenance Course, the top USAMU pistol shooters taken in the 1960's, the 1971 Pam American Games and the 1965 & 1980? Pistol Teams at Camp Perry. Individuals depicted in these photos include Jack Maple, Hershel Anderson, Jim Carter, Emil Heugatter, Red Mosely, James McNally, Ralph Thompson, Henry Weinbrecht, Fred Keifer, Merriweather Jones, Harland Rennolds, Bill Blankenship, Bob Whitacre, Aubrey Smith, Charley Barnett, Kurstin, John Davis, James Christolos, Galloway, Richard Amundsen, Dolphis Smith, Donald Jaynes and Jim Wade.

Thank you **Mike Machuca** for the time and effort spent identifying individuals on the 1957 All Army Pistol Team Photograph taken at the National Championships, Camp Perry, Ohio. Mike identified these old teammates while attending the MMA Reunion and USAMU celebration of their 44<sup>th</sup> very successful years at Fort Benning, Georgia on 6 & 7 October 2000.

**NOTE: Thank you donors.** The most material ever donated at one time was handed over at the last reunion, October 2000. The remainder of these donations should be categorized, captioned, etc. in time for the donors to be recognized at the next printing of the MMA Times

## A Little Humor

As told to the Historian by Emil Heugatter

Emil tells a story that happened in the late 1950's when he was a young soldier and shooter assigned to the U.S. Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit. A dozen or so temporary wooden structures housed the unit in a cluster located between Infantry Hall and McAndrew Range. Emil, young and single lived in the barracks with Jim Tuck, Ray Calvez, Gary Anderson, Roy Ratliff, George Ferguson and a few others. George Ferguson, holder of the DSC, a much shot up soldier, and pistol shooter was the unit Sergeant Major at the time. Ferguson joined a young troop detail painting the barracks interior. Ferguson and a couple others were painting the latrine. Heugatter was sitting on a toilet seat enjoying the daily paper and dump when Ferguson said "Lean forward Gator". Gator thought Ferguson had to paint the area behind him and obliged. Instead of the wall, Ferguson painted both cheeks of Emil's butt. A humorous event to everyone present except Emil.

NOTE: George Ferguson later made E-9, the first to do so on Fort Benning. He retired around 1961. He was admired and respected as a soldier, shooter and leader. He died a few years ago. There are many untold stories out there involving George Ferguson. Please send your tales involving George Ferguson to the editor of the MMA Times so that we can share them with the membership.

MMA Directory changes were too numerous for an update for this issue of the *Times*. The 2001 MMA Directory will be published in January 2001.

## Conway Chronicles

Francis B. Conway

Old timer brought a nicely stocked 1903 Springfield to the bench and said it must finally be shot out. I looked at the beautiful 1929 star gauged barrel and could see nothing wrong. I started to check the guard screws and noted some black material under the Weaver scope bases. I asked about it. He said "Oh, I put on a new scope and the eyepiece hit the bolt handle, so I put some neoprene pads under the bases to raise it up"! Needless to say, the scope was free to go where it wanted. I sent him into town for a set of high rings, installed them for him, got him on paper and the rifle shot just over a one inch five shot group at 100 yards!

## Reminiscing

Glenn L. Frazier

I was traveling with Dee Stolp in 1966, I think it was and we were shooting a match in South Bend, Indiana. Dee and some of the other guys were playing their guitars and fiddles in the evening when shooting was over. Old coach Pappy Sutherland was playing his fiddle and we were all enjoying the music and a few beers. Since Pappy was playing, his friends would bring him a beer in a big pitcher. Seems as though these same friends would also drink his beer from the pitcher and when the musicians stopped for a breather, the pitcher was usually dry. Pappy being the great mind that he was decided he had enough of the dry pitchers. Pappy asked me to refill the pitcher, which I did. Then much to everyone's surprise and his own delight, he pulled out his false teeth and dropped them into the pitcher of beer. Needless to say, no one drank from that pitcher again that night except Pappy Sutherland.

**ANNUAL MEETING  
3 P.M. 20 JANUARY 2001  
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