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USAMU Photo

CISM Champions:
The 2001 CISM Team poses outside Sharpe Hall, "Home of Champions", before their victorious trip to Finland.

U. S. wins CISM: Dueling Pistols Return Home

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For the first time in a decade, the United States triumphed over more than 40 other countries to win the Conseil International du Sport Militaire Shooting Championships. July 19, the U.S. Shooting Team took overall honors at the CISM World Military Shooting Championships and was awarded the Dueling Pistols Trophy for having the best rifle and pistol teams in the world.

The U.S. CISM Shooting Team is made up of five male and three female rifle shooters and five male and three female pistol shooters. The CISM male rifle shooters are USAMU international rifle shooters Maj. Stephen C. Goff, Capt. Glenn A. Dubis, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas, Sgt. Jason A. Parker and Spc. Shane M. Barnhart, and the CISM female rifle shooters are Spcs. Mary K. Elsass and Karyn E. Manges of USAMU and U.S. Navy Midshipman 4th Class Marta Jung.

The men's CISM Pistol Team is made up of U.S. Army Reservist Lt. Col. Terry M. Anderson and USAMU's Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski, Staff Sgt. Eric G. Daniels, Staff Sgt. Carl W. Trompeter and Spc. Grant E. Saylor. The women's CISM Pistol Team members are U.S. Army Reservist Maj. Rhonda L. Bright, U.S. Marine Chief Warrant Officer 3 Roxane Conrad and Navy Reservist Petty Officer 3rd Class Sandra Uptagrafft.

Accompanying the U.S. Shooting Team to Finland were: USAMU Commander Col. Robert I. Hoidahl Jr., as the CISM chief of mission; USAMU gunsmith Sgt. 1st Class Charles P. Gartland as the women's team captain and gunsmith; USAMU International Rifle Team Coach Richard N. Hawkins as CISM rifle coach; USAMU International Pistol Team Coach Frank Briggs as CISM pistol coach; Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Newby, a member of the CISM Pistol Jury; and USAMU Chief of Competition Michael J. Behnke as the men's team captain and a CISM 50-Meter Classification Jury member.

The U.S. Rifle Team of Goff, Dubis, Parker and Barnhart, won the Gold Medal for the USA and set a new world record in the Standard Rifle Three Position Match July 16. Goff was the winner in the Individual Standard Rifle Three Position Championship Match, in which Dubis took the Silver Medal.

The U.S. Men's Rifle Team, won the Silver Medal in the Military Rapid Fire Match, in which Parker was awarded the individual Silver Medal. Additionally, Parker won the title of overall Best CISM Rifle Shooter. The U.S. Pistol Team got the Bronze Medal in Rapid Fire Pistol. Although the U.S. Women's Rifle Team finished tied for fifth place in the Three Position Sport Rifle Match, Manges received the individual Bronze Medal.

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MMA President's Report

Phil Cannella

The summer, thus far, has been a rough one here in Columbus, Georgia. With the heat almost unbearable, your Executive Board decided to eliminate the June monthly meeting. The needed break gave some of us a chance to get out of the office, locate the family, and squeeze in a short vacation.

I was looking forward to visiting Korea with my wife and laughter for 30 days. Just a few short days into our visit, I learned my mother passed away so I returned home to Virginia for the funeral. While in Virginia, I was informed of Fred Keifer's passing. Fred was part of the AMU's Property Book. He was an AMU family member as long as I can remember: pistol shooter, coach, team OIC, and later as a civilian employee. As International Coordinator, Fred took care of us and was always ready to assist the traveling teams. He made it much easier for the shooter to concentrate on just the shooting. I still see him, as we boarded the aircraft for Egypt, with 6-8 cameras around his neck taking the team photos for the shooters making the trip. He was a dedicated marksman. His training with a metronome always intrigued me. I've said it before, we must communicate with each other more often. Life is just too short!

We have been working toward obtaining Tax Exempt status. Most likely, by the time you receive this copy of the MMA Times, incorporation and Tax Exempt status will be in the hands of an attorney. As for membership enhancement, we have tried a couple of things to attract membership growth. We have targeted membership growth primarily to military from other services and civilian shooters at several National and International events. Our sampling, thus far, reflects no real interest to join our association. If we remain military oriented in membership, we can figure the association will remain a "good-old-boy" shooters fraternity! On the other hand, getting membership for membership sake, I feel, is not the way to go. Please advise me as to your personal thoughts on the subject. No, I've not given up on the USAMU "Halls of Fame" induction for many who were once members of AMU and are now long retired or have passed on to the big "KD" range in the sky. The USAMU staff is willing to work with us on the matter. We are tasked to come up with the biographical sketches and 8x10 photos. In this regards, please look in your old photo shoebox and see if you can locate a photo, preferably a facing shot, of MAJ Dobak and LTC. Palmer. I plan to gather a few of the older types, with a mix of shooting discipline and support representation, at a meeting or two, to come up with a suggested

list of former shooting, support greats for Halls of Fame consideration.

Bob Aylward, USAMU Deputy, presented us with a dilemma at our last association meeting. It seems the USAMU has been displaying the Army Flag with most of the battle streamers for as many years there was a Commander for the Unit. The problem: Colonel Hoidahl cannot find in the records or regulations where it was authorized for the Unit. If you can shed some light as to how, when, and where the Unit acquired or was authorized the Army Flag for the commanders office, please contact me. Maybe one of our more mature past AMU member or Commander will have the answer.

The MMA has learned that MSgt Jerold J. Kozuch has been in the hospital. For most of us, we remember him as a Marine and the Custodian of the MCDEC Rifle and Pistol Club, Quantico, Virginia. Jerry is also remembered for the kind and courteous service he provided the Army Service Rifle Team upon arrival at Quantico for the Virginia State and Interservice competitions. Please take a few minutes of your time to wish him well and to thank him for his assistance to many Army Teams. His address: Jerold J. Kozuch, 2 Foxwood Drive, Stafford, Virginia 22554.

I had a heart-warming telephone chat with Coats Brown the 25th of July. Coats is doing fine—just slowing down a little bit. He would very much like to hear from us and he provided me with his address: Coats Brown, 2925 Cammie Way Road, Dacula, Georgia 30019. If you wish to call him, please find the number in the latest updated MMA directory. If you do call, I recommend early afternoon or take a few minutes to send Coats a card.

The Unit has several major matches coming up. Bob Aylward announced that the 300-meter National Championship is scheduled for late August, international Fall Selection matches during the latter part of September, and the Championships of the Americas match in October. There will be a need for some MMA volunteer range support. If interested, contact the AMU S-3 or any of your Executive Board members to have your name added to the list. THANKS!

Until next time, stay cool, send us your old shooting records and documents to include match bulletins, orders, and as many photos as you can. Please send them to Ken Hamill, MMA Historian, at our MMA Newsletter address. Take care!

Conway Chronicles

Francis B. Conway

I usually ask people if they need to get their sight collimated and a high percentage take advantage of it. However one fellow said he was OK. I just happened to be looking at him when he fired his first shot. I was located behind our raised firing line and saw his scope come spinning through the air, end over end. So I went over and picked it up. It had Weaver mounts and bases, but only one screw and it was sheared off! So I took it up the bank to him and asked "Why only one screw"? His answer was "It was the only one that lined up!"

Information for the "Keeping in Touch" column needed

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 Times Historian, PO Box 52025, Ft Benning, GA 31995-2025.

Over The Hill Gang

Robert L. Pruden

The Over The Hill Gang (OTHG) team entered the National Pistol Championships at Camp Perry, Ohio, this year. This would be a test to see just how well they remember how to shoot. The eyes didn't focus quite as well, and there were to be a few creaks and pops anytime one of them got up from a lawn chair, but they went. Hershel Anderson, Merriweather Jones, Ralph O. Thompson, and Robert D. Whitacre did the shooting with Aubrey E. Smith functioning as the Team Captain and Coach. The only match the OTHG did not enter was the National Trophy Team Match. Reason: they couldn't find a "New Shooter".

The OTHG assembled for a warm up match at a Regional in Wilmore, Kentucky. Andy did right well firing a 2633-125 to take second. He had an outstanding 886-50x in the .45 caliber aggregate. The team took second in Center Fire, .45 caliber, and Team Aggregate. Smitty made one of the longest trips of anybody to reach Perry. He returned from Argentina to join the team. At the National Matches Andy was the Civilian Champion with a 2621. The OTHG won the .45 team match in the Clubs and Associations category but the real fun was being at Camp Perry one more time. Ralph said, "Our reception was amazing." Shooters stopped and talked to them even when they were sitting behind the line waiting, and they were asked to pose for pictures with them. They were surprised that they were still remembered, but they really were. Ralph told me, "They felt like a king for several days." Bill Blankenship and Colonel Walsh (now 94) took them to dinner and some story telling. They had a ball, and now they want to go back next year! Want to come along? Are there any Service Rifle shooters interested in forming a team?

The Over The Hill Gang started spontaneously in a couple of places. Merriweather Jones sent me an e-mail in the fall of 2000 saying he would like to get a group together and go shooting again. About the same time, Don Whitacre had the same idea. At last fall's reunion Aubrey Smith, Hershel Anderson, Don Whitacre and myself kicked the idea around and we all decided to form a team. Ralph Thompson quickly joined in when he heard about it, and we were off and running.

We had to have someplace to call "home" in the sense that we needed a base - we were from Texas, Tennessee, Oregon, Wisconsin, Georgia and Kentucky - where we could be organized. Since I had already done this sort of thing in Kentucky, we decided to incorporate. We became the Over The Hill Gang - a Kentucky nonprofit corporation. We set the rules for membership so that anybody who has ever been assigned as permanent party with the Army Marksmanship Unit (whatever it might have been called at the time) and is sixty or older is eligible. We set the dues

as minimal, \$10 for life membership. You get a laminated membership card to show you are part of this mature group. You can tell we're mature because we have a dinosaur on the membership card!

The purpose of incorporation is to provide an umbrella that covers anybody who would like to try shooting again. In order to compete as a team, all members have to be members of an organization that is affiliated with the National Rifle Association. Well, the Over The Hill Gang is such an affiliate. So all members of the Over The Hill Gang can compete in any NRA competition as a team. This includes rifle and pistol events. If any rifle shooters would like to get together to compete at Perry or anyplace else under the banner of the Over The Hill Gang, just sign up.

There is one special little item about the Over The Hill



The Over the Hill Gang - Hershel Anderson, Aubrey Smith, Merriweather Jones, Ralph Thompson, and Robert Whitacre.

Gang, and this is truly special. Since we are a "War Veterans" organization, all contributions to the organization are tax deductible. That's right, tax deductible. *Hint!* Any contributions you make to the Over The Hill Gang Corporation, which are subsequently used to pay entry fees, are deductible as charitable contributions if you itemize deductions on your income tax return. Think about this and then send your contribution. The

stipulation is that the corporation has to use the contribution for entry fees.

What makes us a "War Veterans" organization? Well, if 90 percent of the members have served on active duty during WW II, the Korean War or in Vietnam, the organization qualifies (Actually service in the Spanish- American War or WW I also qualifies). Since you have to be 60 or older to be a member, the chances are you served during at least one of these periods.

The umbrella of OTHG, Inc., is broad enough to cover any former permanent party member of the AMU who is age 60 or more. If there is any group of rifle shooters who want to get together as a team, they're as welcome as the flowers in May. It costs only \$10 to become a life member of OTHG, Inc. Membership applications are available for the asking. The address is 116 Rocky Lane, Owingsville, KY 40360-9052.

Member Updates

Raymond B. Burton of 6270 Millbranch Road, Columbus, Georgia 31907, a shooters friend and former Personnel Sergeant at USAMTU, is undergoing treatment at the Amos Cancer Center in Columbus.

Jerry J. Kozuch, Secretary of the Marine Corps Distinguished Shooters Association and long time Chief Range Officer at the Camp Perry National Rifle Matches, suffered a stroke. He lives and rehabilitates at McGuire VAMC, 1201 Broad Rock Blvd, Unit 2 B Room 153, Richmond, VA 23249.

Keeping In Touch

© **Walter L. Cline** was born and brought up on the Anadarko Indian Reservation in Oklahoma. Walter joined the Oklahoma National Guard and then the Regular Army at Broken Arrow, OK in December 1955 when he was 16 years old. Following basic at Fort Chaffee, AR he was assigned to the 82nd Abn Div at Fort Bragg where he attended Jump School. Walter started shooting service rifle competitively in 1956. He made the Third Army and All Army teams. Walter stayed in the 82nd Abn Div until 1958. He spent 1959 in Korea. He was in the 101st Abn Div 1960-61. Walter married his wife Nancy at Fort Campbell in 1960. He earned his first leg in 1961 and became a Distinguished Rifleman in 1962. He was assigned to USAMU in 1961. He was with the 11th Air Assault and 1st Cavalry Divisions at Fort Benning and Vietnam 1963-66. He was with 1st Special Forces Group on Okinawa from 1966 to 1970. He returned to Fort Bragg and the 82nd Abn Div in 1970 where he stayed until his retirement in 1979. He started a Bail Bondsman business while still in the Army in 1975. He bought an old building less than 2 blocks from the old Slave Market in downtown Fayetteville and fixed it up. Business has continued to flourish. He has 13 employees and does business in 4 Counties. Him and his wife Nancy have several rental properties in Fayetteville. They have one son, one daughter and one grandchild. Walter spends his vacations along the eastern corridor, New York, Detroit, Philadelphia, Miami chasing bad guys as a bounty hunter.

© **Patrick J. Vigoletti** of Fayetteville, North Carolina joined the Army in Hazleton, PA in January 1948. Following basic at Fort Dix, he was assigned to the 505 Parachute Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg and went to Jump School at Fort Benning. Patrick remained with the 505 until 1959. He started shooting service rifle competitively for the 82nd Abn Div in 1954. He got his first leg in 1955 and the Distinguished Badge in 1957. He was assigned to the 8th Infantry Div in Germany in 1959. He shot and coached for USAREUR 1960-61. He returned to the 82nd Abn Div 1961-65 and quit shooting in 1965. He stayed with the 504 from 1965-68 including a foray into the Dominican Republic in 1966 where he made E8. He spent 1968-69 as a First Sergeant in the 187 and 502 of the 101st Abn Div in Vietnam. He made SGM and advised an USAR unit in Raleigh, NC from 1969-73. He spent his last year in the Army as CSM of 2nd Bn, 26th Inf in Mainz, Germany and retired in 1974. He worked for Cumberland County, NC Social Services from 1974-1994 and retired completely. He has 4 bird dogs and still hunts and does some trout fishing. Patrick lost his wife Gloria in February 2001, she had been on dialysis four years. Patrick has three daughters and six grandchildren.



Left to Right - Walter Cline, Patrick Vigoletti, and Bill Brushwood identify old shooter photos during All-America Week at Cline's place in Fayetteville, N.C.

Thanks / Donations

© Thank you to **Francis B. Conway** of Las Cruces, New Mexico for donating photos and information pertaining to the joint effort of USAMU and the Hi Standard Corporation in developing a satisfactory rapid fire pistol during the period 1967 – 1969. There are 13 photographs of the rapid fire pistol in its early and later versions featuring the Hi Standard Aluminum frames, vented barrel, barrel weights and a conversion kit to allow firing of .22 short or long rifle ammunition. There are 8" X 10" photos of Mr. Lutz Hombesen and Mr. Grady Kirkland, USAMU Shop Foreman working on pistols. There is correspondence and a shipping order from Hi Standard addressed to Col Bayard and Maj. Conway of TUSAMU. There is a list of 20 people representing Hi Standard, and the Marksmanship Units of the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy who attended a 25 February 1968 meeting about the new pistol. There is also an after action report prepared by Maj. Francis B. Conway, Ordnance Officer of TUSAMU pertaining to the display, test and evaluation of several models of Olympic Rapid Fire pistols during the period 24 – 26 February 1968.

© Thank you to **Mrs. Oscar Weinmeister** of Columbus, Georgia for donating 29 great 8" X 10" photographs. The oldest photo depicts a very young Oscar Weinmeister dressed in O.D. blouse, O.D. shirt and tie, wearing the old service cap with branch braid sewed to the brim. My guess is this photo was taken during or just after WWII. The other photos were taken between the 1950's and 1980's and depict Oscar and his teammates on the range and at Camp Perry; Oscar as the pistol coach, referee and OIC; Oscar as a U.S. Team official at international events and with his old teammate from the 1930's – Joe Benner. Thanks also to Forest R. Smith for arranging the loan of these great photographs.

© Thank you to the family of **LTC Fred Keifer** for donating several items representing Fred's participation in pistol and international events over the years. A list of these items will be published in a later issue of the Times when the inventory is complete.

Speedy Gonzalez Had Nothing on Him

Samuel W. Hunter

Before Roy L. Sutherland came back from retirement, made E-8, joined the National Trophy Group as a pistol coach and became known as "Pappy" (see "Reminiscing" in the Nov00 MMA Times), MSG (E-7) Sutherland was one of the mainstays of the USAMU's Free Pistol effort and was known as "Hoss". This was more because of personality than physical stature since he was relatively short, but wiry. And to hear him tell it, when he was young, he was fast, especially if he was scared.

During a break on Parks Range sometime in 1958 or 1959, Hoss was telling one of his war stories. He said that when he was one of the first U. S. troops in North Africa during WWII, his unit, which had encountered overwhelming German forces, was ordered to retreat. He recollected as how he was running down a road when a Messerschmidt suddenly buzzed down from behind, strafing the road. As the plane made the turn for another run, he decided that he would duck behind an eighteenth century style pole wall that he had suddenly noticed to his left. When he slowed down enough to make the turn, he realized that it wasn't a wall at all, but simply a line of normally spaced telephone poles. Now, that's fast!

Taps, Present Arms

Frederick J. Keifer

Lieutenant Colonel Frederick J. Keifer, U.S. Army, Retired, 81, passed on June 28, 2001 in Martinez, Georgia.

LTC Keifer, a graduate of the United States Military Academy, served as an Infantry Officer in World War II, Korean Conflict, and Vietnam War. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman B, and Bronze Star Medal for heroic action in the European Theater of Operations during World War II.

He began his competitive shooting career in 1940 as a member of the United States Military Academy Pistol Team. He shot on U.S. Constabulary Pistol Teams in Germany from 1947 to 1949 and "All Army" Pistol Teams in 1949 and 1950.

After returning from Korea in 1951, he was assigned to the Infantry School as an instructor in the Weapons Department. Between 1951 and 1955, he was selected as a member of the U.S. Army Pistol Team to compete at the National Matches.

From 1956 to 1959, he was assigned to the 7th Army NCO Academy as an Instructor and Student Director. During this time he fired as a member of the first Conseil International du Sport Militaire (CISM) Pistol Team in Athens, Greece, and the third CISM Team in Oslo, Norway. Since 1959 he was a Team Manager for nine other U.S. Armed Forces CISM Shooting Teams and was the Technical Advisor for four CISM Shooting Championships hosted by the United States.

LTC Keifer retired from the Army in 1965. In 1966 he assumed the duties of USAMU International Coordinator where he organized travel and competitions for both United States and foreign teams. He retired as USAMU International Coordinator in 1990 after 24-1/2 years service with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and 51 years of military and civilian service to the United States Army and the United States.

After retirement Fred continued to serve as a NRA referee and UIT jury member for International Shooting competitions.

Fred was inducted into the USAMU Support Hall of Fame in 1993.

Bob Day, Air Force gunsmith, and Bobby Steitler, USAF Team member, died July 22, 2001, in a private aircraft accident. Bob Day was also known for his custom gunsmith business in San Antonio, Texas.

Career Highlights of LTC Keifer

1952 - U.S. Army Infantry Center Pistol Champion
 1954 - Earned the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge
 1963 - Officer-in-Charge of the U.S. Army Pistol Team
 1964 - USAMU Executive Officer
 1964 - U.S. Olympic Shooting Team Manager
 1965 - Chief of USAMU Competitive Division
 1966 to 1990 - U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit International Coordinator
 1967 - Pan American Shooting Team Manager
 1982 - World Shooting Team Manager
 1983 - World Air Gun Shooting Team Manager
 1984 - Chief Pit Officer, 50-Meter Shooting Range, Olympic Games
 1985 - Operations Coordinator, IV Championship of the Americas

In a letter to the MMA President, Naomi Sharpe wrote in part, "We were so sorry to learn of Fred's passing. He was one of my late husband's closest friends and a wonderful friend to me and my children." She continued, "Since Fred loved shooting and his life was intertwined with the shooting world, I am enclosing a donation to the Military Marksmanship Association in his memory." The association thanks Mrs. Sharpe for sharing her remembrances of Fred and for her generous donation to the association in his honor.

Member Updates

Rose and Folke A. Ahlquist celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 2, 2001.

Doris Tew Smith died June 25, 2001 after an extended illness. The association offers its sympathy to Shelve R. "Smitty" Smith for his loss.

Emil Heugatter reports that he completed a six-month post surgery checkup with flying colors.

The David I. Boyd Memorial Trophy was inaugurated this year. The trophy is awarded to the Service Champion in the National Smallbore Rifle NRA 3-Position Championship.

The association offers its condolence to our President, Phil Cannella, for the passing of his Mother.

Thomas R. Sharpe, Jr., son of Colonel Thomas "Tom" Sharpe, recent joined the association.

Bruce Elliott wrote the following with his address change, "Began my career in the Army in 1978 at Hook Range on the Shotgun Team as a 2LT -- now a COL heading to the Pentagon."

Welcome New Members

Nancy B. Behnay	Thomas L. Raby
Peter M. Benvin	James L. Sarros
William R. Childers	Thomas R. Sharpe, Jr.
Raymond C. Hasegawa	

U. S. Army Reserve Shooters Profile MMA

This is first in a series of articles to profile USAR Roll of Honor members. In addition to an overview of the USAR program this article profiles Bruce Meredith.

The new motto of the Army may be "An Army of One," but for years it has been "One Army" — the phrase that reminds us that the Active Army is joined by the Army Reserve in peace and war. Ever since the founding of the AMU, there have been shooters who "learned the trade" of polished marksmen but elected not to make the Army a career. After their departure from the AMU, many continued to compete as civilians.

One of those was Bruce Meredith. He shot Service Rifle in 1958-59-60 as a ROTC cadet with the Second Army Team. Upon entry to active duty in 1961, he eventually shot with the ARADCOM and All Army team at Fort Niagara and Camp Perry in 1963 and then with EUSA/USARPAC/All Army in 1964-65. In September 1965, he transferred to the International Rifle Team and won the National Smallbore Rifle Prone title in 1967 and made the Pan American Games team that won the gold in both rifle events that same year.

Upon leaving active duty as a Major in 1968, he was recruited by Joe Berry (then LTC Berry), who was running the Army Reserve program, to start an International Rifle Team for the USAR. Meredith recruited all the ex-AMU shooters who were now citizen soldiers and formed a strong team of competitors. "What better farm system could I have than the AMU?", he said. He eventually expanded the team to include Women's Rifle and Running Boar. At its peak in the 1970s, the squad carried 30 shooters. Over the 18 years that COL Meredith was OIC of this group of elite shooters, the winnings in the Olympics, World Championships, Pan American Games, Championships of the Americas, National, Inter-Service, and State championships became too numerous to keep up with.

The AMU supplied the USAR team with guns, ammunition, equipment, and shop support. The USAR supplied the funds for travel and training. The shooters worked their regular jobs and would head for the airport on Fridays to go to the matches and run

for the airport on Sundays to head for the home and regular job again. There was no comp time. Their vacations were spent on active duty at shooting competitions. They were all highly motivated and dedicated to the sport. In many cases this hectic and intense schedule ruined family relationships and civilian careers. But they persevered and were a group to be reckoned with in the shooting world. The AMU and USAR were fierce competitors but joined as one when the National Team was formed to represent the USA at the big world level events.

MAJ William Beard, LTC David Cramer, LTC Robert Mitchell, and LTC Wanda Jewell followed COL Meredith's tenure as OIC. Because of monetary cut backs, the USAR disbanded their International Teams in 2000. Through the years, the 84 members of the USAR International Rifle Teams, although highly successful, were never eligible to be inducted into the USAMU Section Halls of Fame if their significant achievements occurred while with the USAR. After many years of patiently waiting, COL Meredith was finally able to negotiate with COL Arch Arnold III, USAMU commander, to create a USAR International Rifle Roll of Honor. The induction ceremony was conducted on 7 October 2000 during the MMA reunion weekend.

Those inducted were Victor Auer, William Beard, Joseph Berry, Ray Carter, David Cramer, Edward Etzel, Jr., Kurt Fitz-Randolph, David Johnson, David Kimes, Bruce Meredith, Gloria Parmentier, David Ross III, Sue Ann Sandusky, and Philip Whitworth. The plaques, photos and achievements hang in the 50/300-meter range at the Pool Complex now joining their ex-teammates of the AMU who have been there for years.

Bruce Meredith is Distinguished in six disciplines: Service Rifle, Service Pistol, International, Smallbore Rifle Prone, Smallbore Rifle Position, and Modern Crossbow. He won the President's Hundred Tab in Rifle and Pistol. Having reached the age of 64 in April of this year, he is still actively shooting in his 50th year of competition. His only regret is that his USAR shooters were never permitted by Department of Defense to shoot CISM, even though other nations used reservists on their teams. Still another wall to come down to become completely "One Army."



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