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MMA 2001 Soldier of the Year candidates named

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The Military Marksmanship Association Soldier of the Year for 2001 will be named at the Annual meeting on 26 January 2002.



The International Rifle candidate is Sergeant Jason Parker (Above photo). SGT Parker was the 2001 Championship of the Americas Silver Medalist and member of the Gold Medal world record setting team. Additionally, he was the 2001 World Military Rifle Champion. He won the Gold medal and set a world record at the 2001 CISM Standard Rifle 3x20. SGT Parker was also the 2001 Milan World Cup Gold medalist. He won individual and team Silver Medals in Rapid Fire at CISM and Individual and team Gold in Rapid Fire at the CISM preliminary. His other accomplishments include two Silver, Air Rifle in Norway, Gold Medals in Air Rifle and Three Position at the Rocky Mountain Shooting Championships and a Silver medal, Air Rifle at the National Sectionals.

Sergeant Armando R. Ayala (Right photo) is the Running Target candidate. He won four medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver, and 1 Bronze) at the Championship of the Americas. He also was the 2001 50-meter 30+30 National Champion and the 10-Meter 30+30 Silver medalist. SGT Ayala also won Gold at the Louisiana State Championships and a Silver Medal at the International Competition in Germany.



Sergeant First Class Grant Singley (Above photo) is the Service Rifle candidate for Soldier of the Year. SFC Singley became the only soldier to ever win the National Service Rifle Championship three times with his performance at Camp Perry this year. He also captured the 2001 Interservice Championship at Quantico. He finished second in the National Match Rifle Championship. Other 2001 accomplishments include being a member of the winning National Infantry Trophy team and member of the winning Interservice 10-Man and 1000-Yard Magnum teams.



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MMA President's Report

Phil Cannella

The September 11th tragedy has left this soldier with much pain in his heart for all the families and individuals who lost loved ones, friends, or acquaintances. The loss of so many Policemen, Firemen, and Emergency personnel is sad. The outpouring of support and assistance from the American people and foreign governments is truly heartwarming. If there is to be a silver lining in all of this, I hope it remains one of unity within the USA and a collective conscientiousness for closer communications with our allies and a better understanding or more friendly relationship with those foreign governments that have been in opposition to our American ideals.

It has been said, when it rains it pours. Such has been the case in this reporting period. We lost a friend in Arpod Tamas. He passed away on the 30th of August. Arpod worked hard at being a USAMU soldier and was one of our finest Infantry Trophy team shooters in the mid-seventies. I have fond memories of Arpod and will remember his pleasant smile and cocked look he would give you when he would question what you said but would give no response. We will miss him.

Our condolences go to Carter Berry and his family for the passing of his wife Karin. She passed away the 25th of September. Carter is a member of the MMA Executive Board and is responsible for the publication of the MMA Times newsletter.

The Association's belated condolences go to Margaret Thompson Murdock and her family. Margaret lost her mother Louise Annen Thompson January 12th and her father Robert Dean Thompson on the 27th of August. Her father encouraged and trained hundreds of young shooters in both marksmanship and weapons safety from 1952 through early 1960s and worked closely with the Junior Division marksmanship programs in vicinity of Topeka, Kansas.

Bill Pullum has been hospitalized with severe back pain. He is expected to remain in the hospital until the end of November. Bill also celebrated his 81st birthday on the 7th of October so let's cheer him up with some belated birthday cards or get well cards. His home address: 49 Laurel Ridge Court, Dadeville, Alabama, 36853.

Raymond E. Campbell passed away on the 7th of November. He was an outstanding USAMTU Service Rifle marksman during the late 50s and early 60s. Raymond was the shooter that team members rallied around during team matches.

The MMA wishes Coats Brown a belated Happy Birthday. Coats was 93 years young on the 13th of November. Again, Coats would appreciate hearing from us. His address: 2925 Cammie Wages Road, Dacula, Georgia, 30019. Phone: (678) 377-9839. If you call, I recommend calling him in the mid-afternoon.

We need to thank them all for the great job they do to keep this country safe and free.

Your Association is now incorporated. There are a few things to clean up yet, such as adding the "Inc." to our name in the Constitution and Bylaws, changing the Executive Board to a Board of Directors, and obtaining a new Federal Tax ID number. Thanks to Gus Youmans and Bob Bowman who have been professionally helping us with the legal paperwork and applications. Although we are now incorporated, we will not begin to function as a Corporation until we get approval from Fort Benning. We hope to have most of this cleaned up by the Annual Membership meeting. I will provide you with an update at that meeting.

Our Annual meeting will be held at 1500 hours, Saturday, January 26, 2002, at the Pool Complex Range, Fort Benning, Georgia. We also will post the date on our MMA web site.

The Association THANKS "Arch" Arnold, former USAMU Commander and current USAMU Commander, Colonel Robert Hoidahl, Jr. and his Staff — especially the S3 Section — for the fun golf tournament and BBQ local members enjoyed on the 25th of October at the Fort Benning Golf Club. A special thanks to Judy Boyd for volunteering to keep the golfers in line. The only downside seemed to be some sore backs and a FEW lost balls.

Bob Aylward, USAMU Deputy, tells me he will need more MMA assistance with shooting events in the future. Wolf Creek (Atlanta Shooting Complex) has closed and USAMU is planning to host some critical International and National shooting events in 2002. Kudos go to the host USAMU staff and USA Shooting's operational staff for the conduct of the Championship of the Americas match held at Fort Benning in early October. Bob Mitchell, Lones Wigger, Gary Anderson, Al Harry, and their staffs did a great job. MMA members Sam Hunter, Ken Hamill, Bonnie Harmon, and Bill Krilling volunteered to assist in range operations. Call the USAMU S3 shop at (706) 545-1410 to volunteer and have your name added to a list to support future events. THANKS!

I'm looking for any information on Raynold Dobak and Frank Palmer. Additionally, if you have a photo, please send it to me. I will return it after making a copy.

Red Mosley and his wife, Traudel, just returned from a vacation to Germany. He tells me Space-A is wide open. Have you been thinking a Space-A trip? Do it!!!

With Thanksgiving and Christmas season now upon us, take some time to think about our Service members around the World, especially those most recently called to arms, and make contact with their families here at home. A letter, a card, a phone call, a visit to the family's home, a gift or two for the children or an invitation to dine with you during the Holidays will go a long way to boost their morale. Have a great Holiday Season. I hope to see many of you at the Annual meeting in January. Until then, take care, help a military family, and wave the flag. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Donations / Thanks

© Thank you to Larry J. LaCau of Vista, California for donating several great photographs. Jim LaCau, Larry's son sent these photos over the Internet. They are all quite clear and printed out to approximately 8" X 10" size. A 7 September 1956 photo taken at Camp Perry has the Rumbold Trophy winning team composed of Tony Miranda, Laurence Takahashi, Marvin Fitzpatrick, Edwin Crowley, Jasper Kleinjan, Willis Powell, Coats Brown and William Brophy. One photo shows the Army Rifle Team in discussion at Camp Perry perhaps at a dry firing session - shooters include Denton Nichols, Charles Davis, Marvin Fitzpatrick, Harold Stafford, Martin Gunnarson, George Thorson, Otis Higginbotham and Robert Lowe. A pre-campaign hat photo at Camp Perry shows Marvin Fitzpatrick and several unknown dependent family members in the Army Team assembly area. A 2 September 1957 photo shows Marvin Fitzpatrick coaching Jack Beach in the sitting position during a dry firing session at Camp Perry. An undated photo has six 250 Club Members wearing new campaign hats - Ronald Turner, Francis Conway, Harold Stafford, Kenner Ravenscraft, Marvin Fitzpatrick and Charles Orr. A 5 November 1957 photo catches the presentation of a Canadian Plaque to the Fort Benning NCO Club - including Marvin Fitzpatrick, Canadian WO Lucky Rowell, the Club Manager and Canadian Sgt Young. Another shows a record breaking rifle team at a Regional including Marvin Fitzpatrick, Ronald Turner, George Thorson, Eugene Spradlin and the coach LTC Tom Sharpe. Three 9 October 1958 photos taken at a Pentagon exhibit depicts USAAMU members N. Lincoln, Marvin Fitzpatrick, G. Kuffel, Charles Orr and Jack Beach. The 1958 Nevada Trophy winning team is shown accepting their awards from 2nd Army CG, LG George Read - CPT Milo Foster (coach), Marvin Fitzpatrick, Fred Eysel, John Parks and James Tuck. A 1 May 1960 photo shows Marvin Fitzpatrick checking the scoreboard at the Arizona State Championships, Fort Huachuca. A 3 May 1961 shot taken at Fort Richardson, AK depicts Harold Hankins, Marvin Fitzpatrick and CPT Billy Brown of the USARAL AMU with Maurice Ryan of D Co., 9th Inf., and MG Michaelis, CG of USARAL. The 1962 winning Infantry Trophy team at the Interservice Matches at Quantico is shown with USA Western OIC, MAJ Milo Foster - Robert Lancaster, Leonard Harmon, Bobby Davenport, Delbert Cox, Robert Baker, Peter Giuchici, Leonard Willis, Joseph Vig, Donald Smock and Marvin Fitzpatrick.

© Thank you to George H. Jahelka of Jessup, Maryland for donating sixteen great 8" X 10" photographs. One photo is of a late 1960's All Army Rifle Team at Camp Perry. LT Dorian is shown receiving an award from MG York at Fort Benning. A November 1955 photo depicts COL Keefe, Chief, Maryland Military District presenting Marksmanship Course certificates to John Pennocke, Charles Brown, Clarence Tyler and Nicholas Rossman. A 30 April 1958 photo shows Second Army team winners CPT William Bassham, Tony Miranda, Allen Davis, Joseph Komisar, Robert O'Hara and Nicholas Rossman. A 6 May 1957 photo shows the Maryland Military District Rifle Team at Fort Meade - of the 8 shooters, only Rossman is identified. A 6 October 1966 photo shows Nicholas Rossman being congratulated by 1LT James Cook for his promotion to Staff Sergeant. A late 1960's photo shows First Army AMU enroute to San Antonio

including James Cook, Johnie Smith, Nicholas Rossman, Ray Renschler, Paul Parker, Sam Hardy, John Nettles, Harris, Laurence Cooper, Deiter Neumann, Walter Zdon and Melbourne Tuten. A 22 May 1956 shot shows CPT William L. Bassham and SP3 Nicholas Rossman receiving shooting awards from COL King of the MMD. A 17 June 1958 photo shows Nicholas Rossman and Allen Davis on the Fort Meade Range. A 17 May 1959 photo shows Nicholas Rossman receiving marksmanship awards from COL Keefe of MMD. A 4 October 1966 photo shows Nicholas Rossman and Johnnie Smith air gauging M14 rifles. An undated winning team depicts Clinton Stephens, Bob Billman, Hector Andujar, Marvin Warren, Roger Stanley, Curry, Albert Corioso and one unknown. A winning team somewhere consisted of Bryant Shuler, Kenneth Denton, Elmer Mondon, Terry Daugherty, Ben Smith, Mensch and two unknowns. A 16 February 1959 photo depicts 23 staff and student members of the Springfield Armory Pistol and Rifle Maintenance Class - Bill Reitz, Clyde Malphus and Nicholas Rossman are recognized. A 3 February 1965 photo of the Springfield Armory Pistol and Rifle Maintenance Class depicts George Kennedy, Clayton Curran, John Kendrew, LTC Harold Jurgens, Donald McCarley, Bernard Welsh, David David, Nicholas Rossman, Jerome Lompis, Johnie Smith, Robert Tucker, John McMurray, Marvin Broach, Tank Green, Shelve Smith, Marcus Hayes, Paul Teter, Glenn Nelson, Doyle Cook and John Nostin.

© Thank you to Michael Theimer of Allen, Texas for donating a photograph, several schematics and targets relating to moving target shooting. The great 8" X 10" photo depicts the old running deer 100 meter range as seen from the pit. It shows the sandbag berm and the gravity powered wheeled target carrier. Several copies of two large schematics depict a double running boar range with front, side, top and overall views of the range. These schematics were originally drawn by Mr. Coats Brown. Michael sent these schematics to people, clubs and the media to help them understand range dimensions when he was a member of the USAR Running Target Team. He also sent us a couple of Running Rabbit targets he picked up from the Columbian Shooting Federation while competing there in 1975.

© Thank you to John R. Foster of Wilsall, Montana for donating Army paperwork and 35 mm color slides. One photo depicts a 1959 Joe Brown with his 8' Boa Constrictor and Sam Spradlin in the background. The other slide shows Paul Volkman and his pup "Spike" shooting 300 meters. The October 1976 Indorsement and Disposition Form from DCSOPS to DCSPER pertain to COL Hind's recommendations that an officer's and enlisted persons career field for marksmanship be developed.

© Thank you to James A. Eberwine of San Antonio, Texas for donating a keepsake from the 1958 World Championships. The single page green and black on beige illustration depicts a kneeling rifle shooter superimposed on a 50 meter target surrounded by ivy and bold Russian Lettering and the Large Title : "MOCKBA 1958". Bill Krilling identified this to mean "MOSCOW 1958". Several great pistol and rifle shooters signed their names inside the one, two, three and four scoring rings as follows: Bill McMillan, Jim Eberwine, Glenn C. Baker, John C. Herr, Verle Wright, Offult Pinion, Huelet Benner, William B. Blankenship Jr, Gordon J. Taras, Jim Carter, Dan Puckel, Ray L. Sutherland, Jack R. Beach, Justus A. Allen, Paul H. Schultz, H. Moars, David Cartes, A. W. Hauser, J. E. Riggs Jr, and N. H. (Abe) Lincoln. Please pardon any misspellings and inform the editor so we can run a correction.

© Thank you to the family of LTC Fred Keifer for donating a considerable amount of memorabilia spanning the many years of Fred's competing, coaching and officiating. Among the dozens of awards and commemorative mementos donated are: 3 plaques-one from Seoul 1988

USAR Shooter Profile: SFC David Kimes

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This is a continuation in the series of articles to recognize the members of the USAR Roll of Honor inductees from the International Rifle Team. This issue highlights the accomplishments of Sergeant First Class David Kimes. When the criteria for selection to the USAR Roll of Honor were formulated in a point accumulation format, SFC Kimes had twice as many points as the next shooter in line. He was the stalwart for the USAR International Rifle Team for many years.

SFC David Kimes, born 1941 in California, learned shooting from his father and started his competitive career in a junior rifle league in the Los Angeles area. He shot on the University of California at Berkeley rifle team the two years he attended the university and was twice an All American selection. Drafted into the Army in 1963, he set a basic training record with the M-14 at Fort Ord, California, and soon thereafter was assigned the AMU at Fort Benning, Georgia. He lived in the old WWII wooden barracks at the original AMU headquarters and trained with the AMU International Rifle Team at Parks Range. He made his first World Championship USA team in 1966 during his last year with the active Army. When COL Bruce Meredith formed the USAR International Rifle Team in 1968, Kimes was the first shooter he recruited. Kimes proceeded to have an amazing accomplishment of making every World Championship Team for the USA in the following years: 1966-Wiesbaden, Germany, 1970-Phoenix, USA, 1974-Thun, Switzerland, 1978-Seoul, Korea, 1982-Caracas, Venezuela, and 1986-Skovde, Sweden. He was also the individual World Champion in the 300 meter Standard Rifle event in 1974 and 1978 with a new world record both times.

In 1978, he took a two-year leave of absence for from his job as a computer programmer at North American Rockwell to train for the 1980 Olympics. Living without income, except the minimal amount of pay from sporadic periods of training duty offered by the US Army Reserve rifle team and the USAR Hospital unit to which he was assigned in California, he proceeded to become National Champion in 1980 in the 50 meter Prone Rifle event and, thus, made the USA Olympic Team — only to have the disappointment of not being able to compete for a medal because of the boycott by the USA of the Moscow games.

SFC Kimes also was a member of the Championships of the Americas USA Teams in 1973 and 1977 plus the Pan American Games Team in 1979, winning individual and team medals in several events. With a pleasant personality, he was always a polite, well-liked member of the team and always offered assistance to teammates without hesitation. In addition to winning the U.S. International Distinguished Shooter Badge and the Distinguished Smallbore Prone and Position medals, he was a solid contributor to the USAR Service Rifle team and earned the U.S. Army Distinguished Rifleman Badge and President's Hundred Tab. David won the 6th Army Service Rifle Championship in 1970 and he fired on the USAR Tennan Team that won the Interservice

Championship at Quantico in 1982. David said, "Highpower shooting helped my 300 meter international shooting." Additionally, during his journey of success, Kimes won a number of domestic national championships and Interservice awards. He loved to shoot.

Co-founder of the United States Armbrust Association, he competed in three World Championships of Modern Crossbow and won medals in the individual and team events at 30 meters thus earning the Distinguished Armbrust Medal. He also served as Vice President of the International Armbrust Union. Kimes was elected to the U S Olympic Committee Athlete Advisory Council representing the sport of shooting from 1980 to 1988. SFC Kimes, citizen soldier, was and continues to be a credit to the U S Army and the USA.

Taps, Present Arms

Raymond E. Campbell

Sergeant First Class Raymond E. Campbell, USA Retired, passed on November 7, 2001, in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Ray was a Distinguished Rifleman and decorated soldier. He will be remembered as a feisty individual and great competitor.

Ray shot on numerous winning teams from 1958 to 1968 while assigned to USAMTU and USAREUR. He was a firing member of the winning National Trophy Team at the Nationals in 1962 and 1963. He also won the Pershing Trophy and Leech Cup in 1963.

Upon retirement from the Army, he was a JROTC instructor and worked for General Electric. Additionally, he umpired baseball, softball, and volleyball games for 30 years.

In May 2000, Ray proved his mettle once more. An armed robber attempted to hold up a Wachovia Bank in Wilmington while Ray was inside on business. Ray took on the thug and disarmed him. The robber was later sentenced to prison.

Ray will be sorely missed by those who competed and served with him. Our association and our nation mourns the loss of a great American and soldier.

Hats off to Mrs. Cordy Arnold for donating her valuable time and effort to MMA and USAMU history. Cordy typed the 1960 All Army Rifle and Pistol Competitor Lists and saved the competitors names for historical purposes on a 3 1/2 inch floppy disc. The breakdown by discipline for the 958 competitors was 458 service rifle, 331 service pistol, 90 automatic rifle and 79 international pistol entries in the 1960 All Army Matches. This was Cordy's second volunteer effort for MMA. She had also typed the 1956 All Army Rifle and Pistol Competitor Lists.

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The Service pistol candidate for 2001 is Sergeant First Class Roger Jacobson (above photo). He was a member of the 2001 National Center Fire Pistol Championship Team and the 2001 FORSCOM trophy winner. He was also a member of the 2001 Interservice Pistol Championship team. SFC Jacobson finished third in the Interservice Pistol Individual Championship and won the Tennessee regional Championship. He was the winner and set a new National record at Fort Benning.



Sergeant First Class Darryl Szarenski (Above photo) is the International Pistol candidate. He was a member of the winning 2001 CISM team and won six medals (3 individual Silver and 3 team Gold) at the 2001 Championship of the Americas. SFC Szarenski won Gold medals in Air Pistol and Center Fire and a Silver medal in Standard Pistol at the national Championships. He also won Silver at the Liberation Grand Prix in Czechoslovakia and finished fifth at the Munich Air Gun Competition and the Atlanta World Cup.



Action Shooter Maxient Michel (Above photo) is the 2001 candidate. He was a 2001 European Championships Silver medalist. He was also the 2001 Area 6 Champion and the 2001 Area 4 Regional Champion. Additionally, he finished 3rd at the national Championships, was the National junior champion, and the national Military Champion. He won State Championships in Alabama, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

Come see all the Soldier of the Year candidates for 2001 at the

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at the Pool Indoor Shooting Complex, Fort Benning Georgia.



Sergeant First Class Shawn Dulohery (Above photo) is the Shotgun candidate. SFC Dulohery was the 2001 World Skeet Champion and U. S. Olympic quota slot winner. He also won the Bronze Medal at the NSSA World Championships in Atlanta. His other accomplishments include the Team Silver medal at the World Cup in Italy and Bronze at the SE regional Trap Championships.



Staff Sergeant Joe Harless (Above photo) is the Custom Firearms Shop candidate. He specializes in service Pistol gunsmithing and contributed to winning and championship efforts in National and Interservice matches.

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and a DDR 1977 desk plaque. 3 small memento wood or lucite items. A 10" silverplate award from Wiesbaden 1965. A 3" X 5" lucite block from the ROK Army 1988. A metal plate from Egypt. A 4" paper-weight from Seoul 1988. A small ashtray from Columbia. 5 small metal plates from 1975, 1976, 1977, 1977 Finland and 1978. A CISM circular lucite block. A 3" silver plate from Mexico and 5" silver plate from Spain. A 3" X 5" silver box from Columbia. The Commemorative Coins, some unprotected or in envelopes, wrapped in tissue, or boxed include a 1984 CISM coin - medal; 3 shooting event coin mementos; 1981 USAMU coin; Schutzenbund enameled coins from 1974, 1977, 1978, 1979; CISM coins dated 1973, 1976, 1979 and 1986; coins from Los Angeles 1984, France, Portugal, Australia, Finland, Germany, Germany 1977, Santo Domingo. There are 148 Commemorative Pins, 8 Russian of regimental crest size and another 140 various shooting pins from all over the world. There are Cufflinks from CISM, Ararat, Canada and Australia. 18 commemorative keyrings and keychains. 8 commemorative tie clasps. 7 commemorative tie pins and 3 western style rope ties. There are 5 neckwear medals including a 1988 CISM neck medalion, a 1988 neck medallion from Spain and a Arabic neck medallion. There are 3 lapel pins and miniature lapel medals-one from Sweden. There are 4 commemorative belt buckles, a letter opener, bottle opener and watch fob. There are several fabric wall hanging pieces, including a large CISM banner from Nigeria. 4 Remington lithographs, 3 other lithographs, Paris lithograph, USMA lithograph. There are 6 embroidered shooting patches; U.S. Army Shooting Team pocket badge; F J Keifer silver chain bracelet; 4 KEIFER name tags and plates; 6 scoring overlays and 6 scoring templates in caliber's .22, 32, 38, & .45. Several Australian shooting medals and stamps from Peter Anderson. There is a map of Tokyo and several books including Battle Experiences In Europe; Battle Experiences In the Pacific; Tokyo Olympic Year 1964; Wiesbaden 1965; Japan By Sanyo; Spain; 23rd CISM; Munich Olympics; 2 Cosmonaut Books; Camping; The 53 Stages of the Tokaido; and Clay Pigeon Shooting at the Tokyo Olympics.

There are Military Athletes and 1993 International Shooting Sports magazines, 1967 Pan Am Games and London pamphlets. International Sports Newsletters and Pistol Coaches worksheets. There are Basic Pistol, Counter Sniper, USAMU Program of Instruction and International Skeet and Trap Guides, a Duty, Honor, Country DA Pam February 1961; TC 23-14 Sniper Training October 1969, Match Programs from 1984 Bucharest, Romania and 1991 and 1992 National

Championships Prado Tiro, California. A match bulletin from the 1991 CISM, an ISDF Bulletin and Edwin L. Teague shooting results from Japan. There are shooting forms; National Development Team and National Training Team member addresses from 1984, 1985 and 1986; and various correspondence including a 1972 COL Harper letter to the NRA. Papers included Marksmanship Mediations, Officer Evaluation Report Terms, They Were Not, 7th Army NCO Academy, Constructing Multiple Choice Questions, Planning a Battalion Attack, The Part Motivation Plays in Leadership. Certificates and Letters of Appreciation from Department of the Army, 1980 Olympics and CISM, 1984 UIT, 1985 Championship of the Americas and from Col Peot. Newspaper Clippings and Marksmanship information. There are several 5" X 8" and a few 8" X 10" photos. 1989 and 1990 USAMU Rosters. 1 package of Thailand postcards and 6 packages of Peoples Republic of China postcards. Included in the donated garments are several T shirts from various international shooting events, a USAMU Pistol Shooters uniform, Pistol Coaches jacket, 1964 Olympic white dress hat, USAMU black knitted Army Team sweater, red USA Shooting Team warm-up jacket and 1984 Olympic blue blazer with pocket patch.

Conway Chronicles

Francis B. Conway

Several years ago a club member asked me about barreling a Mauser in 6.5 X 57. I had read about this cartridge for some time and thought it worthwhile. I ordered a reamer and headspace gauges from Clymer and three nine inch twist barrels from Douglas. Fast twist for heavy bullets as it's really a big game cartridge. The rifle turned out to be a tack driver and the owner was very pleased with it. Several years after the owner had moved out of the area, he came into my shop and said, "Frank that 6.5 X 57 has gone to hell. You will not believe the size of the groups it shoots." I had him bring it in and checked the guard screws and scope mounts but found nothing wrong. I asked if he had any targets which he did not. So I said, "How big a group are we talking about?" He replied, "I killed a coyote south of Lordsburg, an elk up in the Gila, an antelope by Socorro, a deer in Cibola and another antelope near the bottomless lake east of Roswell. Those bullet holes have to be 350 miles apart. The biggest five shot group I have ever fired in my life!" He had really put it to me!



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