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## George and the Lady Champion

Sam Hunter

George C. Ferguson was an impressive individual, not only in personality but in appearance as well. He was tall with a striking countenance but not one most women would think of as handsome. He had a rather sloping forehead and his nose extended his profile in a slight arc to well in front of the rest of his face. This much-wounded sergeant major didn't limp but he had a gait that was uniquely his own. When he stood at ease, as when telling a joke, he would cock his hips in a somewhat odd manner.

He had long fingers on his big hands - both of which he used perfectly normally, but one hand seemed unusually long. You didn't realize why until you saw that there were only three fingers along with his thumb on that hand. The heel of the hand ran alongside the ring finger but looked perfectly normal. There was no nub of the missing little finger, only an unnoticeable scar running from his wrist to where the web would have been.

At one of the National Mid-Winter Pistol Matches in Tampa in the late 50s (maybe the same one when George upstaged the chaplain, see the March, 2001 MMA Times) there was a young lady shooting either to retain or to regain her Mid-Winter Ladies Champion status. We won't name her here but she did win the Ladies Championship at Camp Perry at least twice in the early 60s.

Statuesque, with reddish-blond hair and always neat, this pretty, single lady was much admired by the rest of the shooters - especially the men. However, she seemed quite unapproachable. Always very businesslike on the line, and usually accompanied by her father, she seemed rather aloof. In truth though, she was simply somewhat shy despite working for

one of the Florida law enforcement departments.

George just had to meet her. He approached her one day introducing himself as the Sergeant Major of the Army Team and she cordially shook his outstretched hand. When she turned loose the handshake after the normal interval, he held onto her hand and began a long spiel about how much he admired her prowess and accomplishments with the pistol, how everyone did so, how nicely she looked, and some things about the Army Team and himself. After couple of weak attempts to withdraw her hand from his, she politely resigned herself to allowing the hand holding until he let go.

Finally, George said that he passed very well as human but he wasn't really human. With his hips cocked in that odd way and with a glance drawing her attention to that three-fingered hand, he said that he was actually a Martian. He mentioned several ways that Martians were just like humans and then said that the only real difference was in the way they made love.

"We do that by shaking hands - and I thank you," he said, loosening his grip on her hand.

They say that she almost dislocated her shoulder jerking her hand away.

### USAMU 46th Reunion and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony 18-20 OCT '02

Registration with refreshments on Friday,  
Activities, Meals, Socials on Saturday  
and Sunday

Open Ranges, Demos, HoF Induction  
Ceremony and General Membership  
Meeting with election of officers

Invitations and details in the mail  
NLT September

## USAMU Commander's Report

Col Robert L. Hoidahl, Jr.

Over the past year I have attended several shooting competitions and am continually impressed with the shooting talent of our soldiers, as I am also delighted with their professionalism. You, the forerunners of the USAMU, can be very proud of the standards of excellence you have set for USAMU soldiers of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. When I signed on to be the commander, they didn't tell me this job would have so many rewards. USAMU certainly lives up to our motto, "I am a soldier. I shoot where I'm told – I win where I shoot."

As I am writing this, the trials for the 2002 World Shooting Championships are coming to a close. Fourteen soldiers have risen to the top and have been named to the World Championship Team: MAJ Anti, SFC Graves, SFC Dulohery, SFC Erickson, SFC Dewitt, SFC Szarinski, SFC Tamas, SSG Parker, SSG Dement, SGT Kever, SGT Ayala, SPC Elsass, SPC Saylor, and PVT Wallace, will all represent the United States and the United States Army at the World Championships in Lahti, Finland. Again, a superb showing by our military shooters.

Service Pistol will conduct it's interservice matches at Phillips Range from 16 to 21 June 2002. Until last year this competition had been hosted by the National Guard at Camp Robinson. In 2001 the National Guard requested the USAMU take over this mission which we gladly accepted. The National Guard has seen that it is to their benefit to again take back this mission so, in 2003 the competition will revert back to Camp Robinson. I encourage all of you that can attend to stop by and see what great Service Pistol shooters the services have to offer.

The Service Rifle team has again demonstrated that their sport is not an event for those that don't like to bake in the sun. I am impressed every day as to the ability, professionalism and stamina of our service rifle team. They start early in the day and don't leave the range until late in the afternoon when the sun is high and the sweatshirts are soaked. During one of the teams latest competitions in Oak Ridge Tennessee, SSG Hopper fired a 796X800 to win the competition. When I congratulated the coach on his shooters performance, I was told that this was an excellent score but on any given day this score could and is fired by several members of the team. The marines are tough but when the 10 man team match happens this July, your service rifle team will be ready for the challenge.

Naturally, our Custom Firearms Shop has touched all of the equipment used to shoot and win. They can always be counted on for their expertise in "fine tuning" our competition equipment, to include the Colonel's guns.

USAMU is improving every day. We can also be proud of their soldier skills as evidenced by SPC Hattie Ponti (International Rifle) being selected as the Recruiting Support Brigade, US Army Recruiting Command, Soldier of the Quarter. She received this honor representing her section and the unit, demonstrating that a USAMU soldier of today can not only hold their own against the best soldiers of any unit in the Army, but come out on top with the championship as well. Great job Hattie!

Our prayers are with all service men and women deployed throughout the world fighting the war on terrorism. We enjoy the comforts of home while others carry freedom's mantle. May they all return safely to their families.

### SNIPER INFO REQUEST

I am a police detective and SWAT Sniper with the Port Arthur, Texas Police Department. I am a published author and am also on the advisory board of the American Sniper Association. I have been a Police Sniper for 13 years and have been shooting since childhood.

I am attempting to contact as many of the Army (and Navy) Snipers from the Vietnam era that I can, especially those who operated in the Mekong/Riverine areas of VN. The Marine Corps snipers history is well documented. However, the Army and Navy stories are still basically untold. Many of these veterans are passing from us and I wish to contact them before their information is lost forever.

Snipers, by nature, are a quiet lot, often cautious and cynical due to the nature of their jobs. Many do not wish to discuss the things they have seen through their scopes. I understand this because I am a sniper myself. Any information received would be treated with the utmost respect and professionalism and not published without the express permission of the person giving the information.

Please circulate this throughout the AMTU community. Any names, numbers and most especially ANY Sniper photos from the VN era would be very much appreciated. I would love to speak with any former Snipers, Sniper COs and Sniper instructors during this period.

There are many books on sniping. My hope is that this one, which may prove to be an extensive work, will be 100% accurate. Sincere thanks for your time and service.

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## MMA President's Report

Phil Cannella

As I write this report, I recall the smell of gunpowder as though I was on a rifle range. That special aroma of cordite seemed to linger on the range – especially during this time of the year. All the individuals working so hard to make the teams bound for International, Interservice, and National shooting competitions. If you take a moment to think about it, you too will remember the smell of gunpowder, the heat and sweat of training at Fort Benning, and the effort you put into keeping the Army and the USAMU at the top of everyone's list as the Best Marksmen in the World.

Since my last report in the MMA Times, we have not had any major changes in the status of the Association. We still have a few administrative items to accomplish in completing the Tax Exempt status and we are in the process of tying up the loose ends.

Once again, sadness has fallen upon us. The Association expresses its condolences to Ken Hamill and his family. Ken's wife, Yasuko (Jeanie), passed away and was interred at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Jeanie was a wonderful woman and mother. She watched her three sons graduate from the Academy. I am especially grateful to her (while Ken was assigned as the Academy's Rifle Team Coach) for watching over my son, David, during his time at the Point. Her presence was always positive, generous, and supportive of USAMU soldiers. We will miss her.

I read in the local newspaper that First Sergeant (Ret) James B. Manning passed away on the 21st of April at age 84. ISGManning was a great straightaway Infantry Trophy shooter from the early to mid '60s. It was a great pleasure to have known him and shoot with him on several record setting "Rattle-Battle" Infantry Trophy teams. He was as good as they get, always serious and quiet – a great soldier. We pray for his wife Reata and his family. Once again, if you know of a former member of the Unit who is not a member of our association, please let me know. It is an uncomfortable feeling to know Jim lived in the Columbus area and had little or no communication with his former teammates or with the Unit because he was not aware of our association. If you knew Jim, Reata would like to hear from you. Red Mosley or Dick Rebidue have Reata's address and phone number on file.

The March issue of the MMA Times was at the printer and we were not able to include the following Taps. Present Arms: SFC Norris Domingue, 72, died March 15, 2002, in Phenix City, Alabama. SFC Domingue was a pistol shooter with the Third Army MTU and the USAMU National Trophy Group. He was awarded the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge in 1965.

The Association was informed about the passing of SFC Vincent Angus on May 23rd in Columbus, Georgia. Vincent was 66. He served with the Third Army MTU and the USAMU National Trophy Group as a pistol Gunsmith.

Additionally, we learned about the passing of Pasquales "Pat" Melaragno on May 24th in Rhode Island. Pat was a long time member of the USAR Pistol Squad. More info about Pat can be obtained by e-mailing Chuck Wheeler at: [CEWheeler@aol.com](mailto:CEWheeler@aol.com). The Association expresses its most sincere condolences to the respective families.

On the brighter side, we congratulate Gloria Parmentier for her April 6th induction into the East Tennessee State Athletic Hall of Fame. Congratulations also to Wanda Jewell for her promotion from Rifle Coach to Operations Director at USA Shooting.

I noted with envy Colonel Parmentier's traveling and hunting agenda for the year announced in his post dated Christmas Letter. I will always remember the great hunting sessions we had at the Unit during his tenure as Commander – and especially, the CISM trip to Egypt! I still think it was the ice-cubes Sir!

The Association thanks USAMU Commander Colonel Hoidahl and his outstanding staff – especially Operations Officer Captain Howe and her staff – for the great golf outing on the 3rd of May. The event was set up as a scramble, best ball, nine-hole, four-man team event. It was the first time I witnessed a par on a hole even though three members of the team put their ball in the pond. If it were not for Rick Hawkins – our ringer – we would have never gotten 2d place! The Colonel tells me we will have another chance at the Fall Shootout golf event.

After 20 years of being the best day-to-day marksman in the world, we wish Captain Glen Dubis the very best in his retirement. Glen was a four time Olympian and the most dominate rifle shooter in the history of CISM. Maybe the CISM Rifle Trophy should be renamed the Dubis Trophy? Coining a recent Army recruiting slogan, thanks Glen for showing us how to be "All You Can Be."

I ran into Charlie Davis at the Fort Benning PX Mall and we spent some time telling old shooting stories. Charlie is part of the AMU history book – a great guy to reminisce with. As a Service Rifle and Running Target shooter, Charlie certainly "has been there and done that." He had a significant hand in the development of the Running Target Section. He noted that this small group of dedicated shooters accomplished so much because there was great camaraderie and team effort within the Section. By-the-way Charlie, what happened to the truck Martin Edmondson built on the RT range?

For those who have shooting memorabilia stashed away or photos that have been lying around the house for many years, I strongly encourage you to do yourself and your family a favor by sorting them out. Pass the items on now to your grandchildren, the MMA, or the USAMU before you are assigned to the "Big Team in the Sky." I was deeply saddened to see Fred Keifer's collection of shooting memorabilia recording the 50 years he was part of USAMU being set aside for the trashcan. At least I was able to obtain some of the remaining items for the Association.

The USAMU Command and Staff and your Executive Board are planning for the 46th USAMU Anniversary and MMA Reunion. The dates are the 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of October 2002 at Fort Benning. An information flyer and registration form will be mailed mid-summer with more details to be published in our September MMA Times. We will also post information and a registration form on our web site. We are working on the program of events so stay tuned and get yourself and your family ready for the trip to Fort Benning.

Some of the more mature Service Rifle shooters got together for a BBQ meal at the Shriner Club of Columbus on the 10th of May. Kudos to the Shriner organization for allowing us the use of their facility and a special thanks to Jerry Lebish, Willis Powell, Marvin Warren, and William Duncan for setting it up. Country's Barbecue of Columbus handled the catering.

The USAMU will retire the unit's Army Flag with battle streamers in a special ceremony at our upcoming Reunion. Many of us old timers recall it but cannot pinpoint the specifics of how it was obtained. The plan is to encase the flag in a sealed case and display it in

## USAR SHOOTER PROFILES:

### Ray P. Carter

Ray P. Carter was born on Christmas Day 1950 at Fort Belvoir, VA. He started shooting with the Fort Belvoir Junior Rifle Club the night his father left for Viet Nam and became a stalwart of the famous Acoms Junior Rifle Team. Ray attended Tennessee Tech University on a rifle scholarship where he was a four year Collegiate All American and National Collegiate Service Rifle Champion in 1972. He was inducted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame in 1985. Commissioned a Regular Army Officer in 1973, he graduated from the Airborne School and Field Artillery Course and was assigned to the 197th Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning. He was a member of the 1974 National Trophy Championship Team and was assigned to the AMU International Team in 1975. His first individual medals came at the CISM Championships in Finland in 1975 in the 300 meter events. Leaving active duty and shooting for the USAR. Ray won gold team medals in the Championships of the Americas in Mexico City in 1977 in 50 Meter Prone and Air Rifle. He made the World Championship Team in 1978 to Korea where he won three gold and one silver team medals in 300 meter events, in 1979, at the same location, his silver team medal came in the Air Rifle event at the World Air Gun Championships. In 1981, he was again a member of the USA team to the World Air Gun Championships in the Dominican Republic.

Ray's largest medal haul came at the Championship of the Americas in Brazil in 1981 where he won four gold and one silver medal in events as diversified as 10 meter Air Rifle, 50 meter smallbore and 300 meter Standard Rifle. In 1982 he again displayed his diversified strength by bringing home four medals in the 50 meter and 300 meter events from the World Shooting Championships in Venezuela. His contribution to the USA continued at the 1985 Championship of the Americas held at Fort Benning (gold 300 meter team) and the 1986 World Championships in Sweden.

Major Carter's strength with the Service Rifle was a contributing factor again to the US Army victories of National Trophy Teams in 1974 and 1976 and the USAR victory in 1978. He was a member of three Ten Man Team victories at the interservice match at Quantico, VA. As a phenomenal display of his skills with the M-14 Service Rifle, cal. 7.62, he fired in 4 National Trophy Team Matches at Camp Perry and 4 interservice Ten Man Team matches at the Quantico Marine Base, and never lost a point in the standing position! And that's on the decimal target, not the 5-V target, you old geezers who may be remembering the 5-V target of your days on the range. Ray is International Distinguished, Distinguished Rifle and holder of the President's Hundred Tab along with the NRA Smallbore Distinguished Prone and Position.

Ray Carter's talents were further displayed in his 1977 wins of the British smallbore prone and position championships while a member of the Lord Earl Roberts team from the USA competing at Bisley Camp.

### David J. Cramer

David J. Cramer was born in 1943 in Indiana, PA, David began shooting in the NRA junior program in high school. He attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania becoming the first Collegiate All American in the school's history. He received a degree in Education with a major in Biology. For many years he shot in the Greater Pittsburgh Gallery Rifle League. This was historically one of the strongest indoor rifle leagues in the USA. Shooters like Barry Trew, Victor Polansky, Bruce Meredith, Jack Writer, Dean Bahrman, Ed Etzel, and Elliott Hutchinson, prior to their entry into the Army, would travel to sign up with one of the teams such as Waynesburg or Frazier-Simplex for the weekly match. It was a great recruiting area for the AMU. Dave Cramer became National Indoor Champion in 1967 as a civilian/ROTC Cadet shooting for the Frazier-Simplex Team. He eventually won the same title ten years later for the USAR.

LTC Cramer was commissioned in the Quartermaster Corps in 1967 and assigned to Fort Lee, VA. He served with the Americal Division in Chu Lai, Viet Nam, 1967-68. Upon return from Viet Nam, he was assigned to the Fort Benning and helped organize the Post Marksmanship Detachment that dominated the 1969 Third Army Championships. He was subsequently assigned to the AMU International Rifle Team later in 1969.

David Cramer left active duty in 1970 and was recruited to shoot with the USAR International Rifle and Service Rifle Teams. He did an excellent job as coach of the International Rifle Team and subsequently went on to be the OIC of that team and then the OIC of all USAR Rifle Teams 1992-94. He retired in 1994 with 26 years of combined active and reserve service.

Dave became International Distinguished when he shot on the USA World Championship Team to Switzerland in 1974, winning the bronze individual and the silver team medal in the men's air rifle event as well as the silver team medal in the 50-meter Standard Rifle event. In the 1975 Pan American Games in Mexico City, he was a member of the gold medal team in the Air Rifle event and then the silver team medal in that event in the 1979 World Air Gun Championships in Seoul, Korea. He was also a member of the USA Pan Am Team to Puerto Rico in 1979.

Dave was a member of the Army Reserve Team that won the National Championship at Camp Perry in the 1,000 yard any sight team match in 1983. Thus, he proved his talent with any rifle from air rifle to magnum. He is a Distinguished Rifleman and holder of the President's Hundred Tab. He won the National Trophy Individual rifle match at Camp Perry in 1972. He competed in three National Sports Festivals and holds 78 National Record Certificates. He is also is Distinguished in NRA Smallbore Rifle Prone and Position, and won the Distinguished Armbrust Badge by shooting with the USA bronze medal team in the World Modern Crossbow Championships in Switzerland in 1981.

**CARTER** / From Page 4

He also won the Canadian Smallbore Rifle Championships 1980. His Distinguished Crossbow status in 1981 at the IAU World Championships in Switzerland rounded out a wonderful competitive history.

Major Carter, upon leaving active duty in 1977, became the Rifle Coach at East Tennessee State University. He, as many other AMU trained competitors, contributed to the sport by serving in positions of leadership. He filled the NCAA Rifle Chair 1979-80 and Secretary - Rules Editor until 1983. He received his Master of Business Administration in 1983 and went to work for USA Shooting in Washington, D.C.,

and later in Colorado Springs. He was on the USOC Board of Directors in 1994 and later as Deputy Director of the Civilian Marksmanship Program. He retired from the USAR in 1994 and is currently working for an internet hosting company. Ray can be contacted at 1 Brookside Drive #9, Exeter, NH 03833. Tel. (603) 772-2358. E-mail is raypcarter@mediaone.net.

**CRAMER** / From Page 4

Dave completed the Command and General Staff College prior to his retirement. He has served on the NRA International Competitions Committee and is currently on the NRA Smallbore Rifle Committee. Being a well-liked individual with a pleasant personality, he has always been helpful to the juniors and civilians in his home area where he is looked up to as a shooting hero. He constantly gives great shooting advice and encouragement. The Duquesne University Rifle Team is proud to claim him as their coach for the 29th year. He recently retired as a high school Biology Teacher. Dave struggled for a couple of years with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma which now is in a dormant stage. He is easing back into shooting with the local gallery league and said, "I have a 300 attitude but a 290 hold." Dave is hoping to shoot some matches on the Florida prone circuit this spring and we all hope to see him back to full strength at Camp Perry in 2002. David Cramer has paid his dues, won his share, and is a great contributor to the shooting sport. The MMA is proud to claim him as a member. You can write to him at 2308 Smith Avenue, Aliquippa, PA 15001 or e-mail DAVIDJCRAMER@yahoo.com. Tel. (724) 3784203.

**PRESIDENT** / From Page 3

the USAMU Headquarters front lobby. Did you know the U.S. Army Flag was first unfurled in Washington, DC, on 12 June 1956?

You will soon receive a ballot to vote for the next group of USAMU Hall of Fame inductees. Please remember this is a not an MMA ballot. Also, understand the ballot only list candidates that are already in the section Halls of Fame.

Back in my era, the emphasis was placed on team shooting – win the National Trophy Team Match and Beat the Marine Team at Camp Perry. The criterion today has shifted to recognizing individual performance. I am still doing what can be done to have several of the earlier USAMU shooters and support personnel recognized in the USAMU shooting Halls of Fame. Nominating our best individual shooters for induction into the Halls of Fames is based on objective criteria. We have an acceptable set of rules for that in the USAMU SOP. However, nominating individuals for their value as a team performer or for their contribution to marksmanship is subjective and therefore not easily defined. I am working to remedy this oversight.

As noted, an individual must be in a section Hall of Fame to be eligible for the USAMU Hall of Fame. There has been very little activity in adding more individuals into the section Halls of Fame. I believe it is beneficial for the section coaches to perpetuate the accomplishments of past shooters assigned to their section so they can challenge their new shooters to surpass the accomplishments of those honored in the sections Hall of Fame. I challenge all section coaches to identify a list of candidates for induction into their section Hall of Fame. The MMA Historian can provide you with institutional memory and photographs.

Finally, take some time to communicate with each other especially our senior members and those who are now without a spouse. Sometimes, a word or two, over the phone or through the mail, will brighten a dark day. Take care!

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

**Taps, Present Arms**

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**1SG James B. Manning**, 84, died April 21, 2002, in Columbus, Georgia. 1SG Manning was a Service Rifle shooter and was a member of several record setting Infantry Trophy teams. He was awarded the Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1959.

**SFC Vincent Angus**, 66, died May 23, 2002, in Columbus, Georgia. SFC Angus was a pistol gunsmith with the Third Army MTU and the USAMU National Trophy Group.

**CWO Pasquales "Pat" E. Melaragno** died on May 24, 2002, in Rhode Island. Pat was a long time member of the "All" USAR Pistol Squad. He was awarded the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge in 1962.

## HALL OF FAME NOMINEES CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

**HERSCHEL ANDERSON:** Service Pistol Shooter won the National Pistol Championships in 1973 and 1974. Interservice Pistol Champion in '73, 74 and 75. Won 10 Pan American Games medals. Currently holds the three gun 2700agg record at 2680-159X.

**RAYMOND BEHNAY:** Master Gunsmith customized the rifles used by countless worldclass shooters to win most of the international rifle medals won by USAMU shooters in the 1960's and 1970's.

**ERICH BULJUNG:** International Pistol Shooter won 31 Gold medals, 16 silver medals and 7 bronze medals in international competition; Was 1988 Olympic Silver medallist; Set two individual world records.

**DANIEL CARLISLE:** Shotgun Shooter won the 1975 Pan American Games Trap Gold medal; 1982 World Skeet Champion; 1983 Pan Am Gold medal (trap); 1984 Olympic Bronze Medal (trap), 1987 Pan American Games trap Gold medal.

**MATT DRYKE:** Shotgun Shooter was the 1981 World Record Skeet; 1983 Pan American Games and World Moving Target Champion; 1984 Olympic Gold Medal; 1986 World Skeet Champion.

✓ **JACK FOSTER:** Running Target and International Rifle Shooter won 15 gold, 14 Silver and 1 Bronze Medal in international competition. Set 2 individual and 3 team world records.

**MARTIN GUNNARSSON:** International Rifle Shooter was a 1964 Olympic Games Bronze Medalist. Earned 2 gold and 2 bronze in international competition. Was a member of one world record setting team.

**DONALD HALDEMAN:** Shotgun shooter was the 1975 International Clay Pigeon Champion; 1975 Silver medallist at Pan American Games; Olympic Gold medal in 1976.

**BONNIE HARMON:** Service Pistol Shooter was four time Camp Perry Pistol Champion; Five time Interservice Pistol Champion; Two-time CISM Pistol Champion and winner of a Silver and Bronze at the 1974 World Championships.

**FRED KEIFER:** 1963 OIC of Pistol Section; 1964 AMU XO; 1965 Chief of Competitive Division; 1966-1990 AMU International Coordinator; Team Manager of 1964 Olympic Team, 1967 Pan American Team; 1982 World Shooting Team 1983 World Air Gun Shooting Team

**JAMES LAGUANA:** Service Pistol Shooter won the 1984 National Pistol Championships. Member of three victorious CISM teams and winner of the 1987 All Army Pistol Championships.

**TROY LAWTON:** Running Target Shooter, Dominated RT in the late 80's and early 90's winning 4 national championships and a bronze medal in the 1991 Pan American Games.

**WILLIAM LEE:** Service Rifle Shooter won three All-Army championships, two interservice championships; member of three record-setting National Trophy Teams, and member of the 1976 PALMA team.

**JIMMIE MCCOY:** International Pistol Shooter was a three time Indoor national champion in free and standard pistol; Member of 1982 Silver medal Free Pistol Team at the World Championships. And 1991 National Standard Pistol Champion.

**JAMES MCNALLY:** International Pistol shooter and member of 1968 and 1972 Olympic Team; 1962 Bronze Medallist at World Championships and two time National RF Pistol Champion.

**DANIEL PUCKEL:** International Rifle Shooter won 4 gold, 5 silver and 4 bronze medals in international competitions. Set 2 individual world records and one team world record.

✓ **WILLIAM PULLUM:** Coached and managed literally thousands of competitors who have won over 250 gold medals in national and international rifle competition.

**GREG STROM:** Only Service Rifle Shooter to win all three major matches (U.S. Army, Interservice and National Championships) in the same year. Won the Presidents match twice, two interservice titles, and member of two winning ten-man teams.

✓ **MICHAEL THEIMER:** Running Target shooter won 6 national championships during his 7-year career. Won ten international medals and has the U.S. highest Running Target finish (8<sup>th</sup>) in history fired during the 1976 Olympic Games.

**EARL WATERMAN:** Service Rifle Shooter and winner of two Interservice Individual Championships and the 1975 National Service Rifle Championships. On 4 national record teams, two national and 5 interservice Infantry trophy teams, and 6 winning ten man teams.

**OSCAR WEINMEISTER:** Member of several national records setting pistol teams. Was head coach of USAMU Service Pistol Team from 1958-1966.

**ROBERT WHITACRE:** Service Pistol Shooter was a three time National indoor pistol champion; member of gold and bronze medal team at 1971 Pan American Games; Member of 2670 Club.

**ROGER WILLIS:** Service Pistol Shooter was the 1983 National Pistol Champion; Firing member of the 1981 "Clean Sweep", Shot a high score of 2675X157.

**THOMAS WOODS:** Service Pistol Shooter was a two time National indoor pistol champion; Won the 1986 National Pistol Championships; Member of eight CISM Pistol Teams; Winner of 1977, 1986 President's Hundred Match.

**VERLE WRIGHT:** International Rifle Shooter won 8 gold, 7 silver and 4 bronze medals in international competition. Set 1 individual and 2 team world records.

## Wanda Jewell Promoted

MMA

USA Shooting announced on April 12, 2002, that National Rifle Coach Wanda Jewell has been promoted to Director of Operations for the organization, and University of Alaska Fairbanks Rifle Coach David Johnson has been named as the new USA Shooting National Rifle Coach.

Jewell, the bronze medallist in women's 3x20 rifle at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles and a several times world shooting champion assumed her new duties upon her return from ISSF World Cup competitions in Sydney, Australia, and Shanghai, China. She will be responsible for many of the day-to-day planning, logistic and administrative functions of the national shooting sports organization.

**Photos needed:** 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, PO Box 52025, Ft Benning, GA 31995-2025. Photos received will be captioned, placed in document protectors & notebook binders and stored in the USAMU Photo Archives.

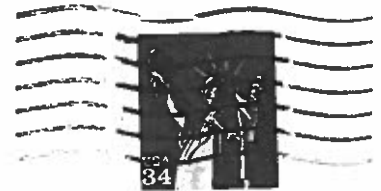
**Information for the "Keeping in Touch" column needed:** If you shot for the Army, your old friends want to hear about you. Send us a description of your experiences, when and where you shot, coached, accurized weapons, or other duties. When did you get out of the Army? What did you do? School? Work?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

## Bits n' Pieces

Congratulations to **Herb and Bea Fields**. The couple celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on June 15, 2002.



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