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USAMU Photo

### Soldier of the Year:

MMA President Phil Cannella presented the Smith & Wesson Model 22-A trophy pistol to MMA Soldier of the Year SSG Jason Parker as Col Robert I. Hoidahl, USAMU commander looked on in a ceremony at the USAMU.

## MMA Annual Meeting 2002: Fun and Fanfare

### MMA

The afternoon of 26 January was packed with fun and fanfare as well as the normal business at the annual Military Marksmanship Association meeting at the Pool Indoor Shooting Complex. Our Association President, Phil Cannella presided over the meeting.

Opening moments were spent in silence as we remembered our members and friends who have passed on and the victims of the 11 September 2001 tragedy. Phil then passed the podium off to the USAMU commander, Colonel Robert I. Hoidahl, Jr., for his update on the unit status.

Col Hoidahl said that the unit has been running hard since he accepted command in April. There are two new coaches on board. At last the CISM dueling pistols trophy for Best Shooting Nation have returned to the safekeeping of USAMU. All shooting sections enjoyed another highly successful summer. The commander closed with an expression of thanks to the Association and all its members for all their support.

The President addressed "Old Business" issues. We attained Incorporation and tax exempt status effective 17 October 2001. Membership remains open to anyone

interested in promoting the goals and objectives of the Association. Phil continues to keep his eye and efforts on getting more people in the section and unit Halls of Fame.

As part of the "new business" agenda the current Executive Board members were nominated for and approved as the Corporate Board of Directors as required by our new status.

Following the President's briefing annual reports were briefed by elected officers and committee chairs. Highlights of these reports are on page 5.

After introducing all the 2001 MMA Soldier of the Year nominees, SSG Jason Parker was announced as the winner. Jason was at a European shooting competition so the trophy pistol, a Smith and Wesson 22 Match Pistol donated by Smith and Wesson, was presented at a later ceremony.

The formal part of the meeting concluded with a summary of MMA activities and events that took place during the past year.

The Military Marksmanship Association is deeply grateful to Smith and Wesson Corporation for again donating the Association Soldier of the Year trophy pistol.

## USAMU Commander's Report

Col Robert I. Hoidahl, Jr.

By the time this issue reaches you, I'll have been in command of USAMU for about a year. During that time I have received cards, letters and phone calls from many of you welcoming Leann and I to the unit. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and must say "thank you" to all for creating this extraordinary unit. Our unit is a national treasure and in the last year I have come to appreciate it for what it is; great history, great mission with the most outstanding soldiers in the Army. Thank you for your labors and, I assure you, our unit is still moving forward.

As you know in January MMA had its annual meeting. I was impressed with the member attendance and professionalism/dedication of the MMA primary leadership. MMA could not be in better hands with President, Phil Cannella leading the charge; VP, Richard Hawkins; Treasurer, Sam Hunter; Secretary, Red Mosely; Ken Hamill, Historian and Carter Berry as editor in chief of the MMA TIMES. Through this team you can be very proud of the work the entire MMA is doing for the nation, the Army and USAMU.

Included in the MMA annual meeting was the MMA/USAMU Soldier of the Year presentation. I'd say this was a good month for SSG Parker. He earned the MMA title, was named the Army's Male Athlete of the Year and also got promoted to the rank of SSG. All of this was done during the same month he fired a pair of 599's during a European air rifle competition. Not too shabby!

During your time in USAMU, I'm sure you acted as host to many visitors. That part of the mission has not changed. Recently, we had the

pleasure of hosting Brigadaire General Bernardo Negrete who is the Deputy Commanding General, East for our higher headquarters, USAREC. Coincidentally, BG Negrete fired on the Vanderbilt Rifle Team from 1969-1973. He remembered firing against the local colleges that included Middle Tennessee and USAMU alumni's Dick Floyd and Tennessee Tech's; Ray Carter, Ed Etzel and Bob Aylward. He remembers his days on the rifle team and has become a great friend and supporter of USAMU.

During the month of March our "host" mission will not slow down. We will host the Chief of Staff of the Singapore Army and over 50 defense attaches. These groups will get to see the unit as well as being able to shoot shotgun with the best shotgun team in the world.

In closing, I had the pleasure of attending CPT Glenn Dubis' retirement party the other day. Glenn retired from the U.S. Army on 1 March. A four time Olympian, a multiple world champion and a wonderful representative for the United States on the world stage. We wish Glenn God's speed and Best of Luck in all his future endeavors.

Future highlights include the World Shooting Championships this July in Lahti, Finland as well as several World Cups in such desolate places as Sydney, Australia; Shanghai, China and Munich, Germany. This year we will host the Service Pistol Interservice Championships on Phillips Range in June. If you are in the area it would be great to see you at this event.

**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.

## MMA President's Report

Phil Cannella

The Holiday Season went by too fast – by the time you get adjusted to all the pomp and circumstance, the great aroma in the kitchen, children, grandchildren, and stepping on the cat, the air and the festive environment becomes clear and quiet – only the memories tend to linger for awhile. Yet, the Spirit of Christmas remains with us throughout the year. For many, this year was a Christmas of memories and families once united. We must remember the Spirit of Christmas brings us all hope for the future and a special blessing to those suffering life's deepest pains.

As I look from my window, I can see the first signs of spring. The trees are starting to bud and the Azalea's are already in bloom! That's Columbus, Georgia, for you. It looks like spring but don't take your coat off yet! Those of us that live here know what I mean: the temperature goes to up and down extremes this time of year. T-shirt one day, long handles the next. Still, I look forward to spring and the nice life outdoors.

Our Association is in good shape. Your Board of Directors reports at the Annual General Membership meeting held the 26th of January at the Fort Benning Pool Complex reflected positive growth for us. We must now learn to operate as a Corporation. This will become clearer to us once the Director of Community Activities at Fort Benning gives us guidance under the new Army Regulation 210-22. Private Organizations on Military Installations. Red Mosley and I will try to flush the changes out and get us in-line with the Army's policy. Reflecting of our General Membership Meeting, it was nice to see the approximately 60 members at the meeting. Generally, what was presented to the membership was approved. Nothing overly exciting, but I'm still concerned about keeping our membership up. We must do all we can to keep our dues paid up and look for the many old USAMU shooters that are out there and are not a member. My guess is that there are approximately 1,000 former MTU/AMU shooters, coaches, and support personnel who have not become members. LET'S FIND THEM and get them on board! As we grow in size, we can take on AMU SHOOTING projects. More members mean more money. Speaking of money, if you wish to donate funds, we are now a 501(c)(3) corporation under the IRS Code. This means you can write your monetary donation to the Association as a TAX WRITE-OFF!

It was a great pleasure for me to present, in a ceremony at the USAMU Headquarters, a trophy pistol to the MMA Soldier of the Year for 2001. The recipient this year was SGT Jason A. Parker from the USAMU International Rifle Section. All the candidates and their accomplishments were highlighted in our last *MMA Times Newsletter*. It was a difficult matter for the Board members to select a winner – they are all winners! SGT Parker not only became the MMA's Soldier of the Year but was named the male Army Athlete of the Year. Colonel Michael "Gunner" Rose, Support Brigade Commander, U.S. Army Recruiting Command made the presentation. SGT Parker was promoted to Staff Sergeant at the presentations and was pinned by his wife Andrea and his former coach Bill Krilling. The pistol presented was a caliber .22 Smith & Wesson model 22-A donated by Smith & Wesson Corporation. On behalf of MMA, I thank Smith &

Wesson Corporation for their donation of the trophy pistol and for their continued support of our Association.

Service Rifle camaraderie continues to be. The 11th of February was another occasion for the old crew to gather around at the Shriner's Club here in Columbus for BBQ, beer (make that tea), and stories. The hosts for the event were Willis Powell, Jerry Lebish, Marvin Warren, Doug Duncan, and Ken Hamill. Country BBQ catered food and drink. Special THANKS go to Service Rifle Coach Donnie L. Heuman, his NCOIC SSG Kyle Ward, and outstanding shooter SFC Grant Singley for up-dating us "Old-Timers" on what Service Rifle training is like today. Can any of you recall the morning eye exercises under the tutorship of Jake Sevilla? How about the Isometric/Isotonic exercises and Bob Lang's Army Log Drills for the International Rifle Shooters? We all had a good time and Norm Skarpness still can keep you laughing at a drop of a hat. I've asked you several times, PLEASE write up and send your shooting stories to us via mail or website. I was thinking about what happened the other night, while playing Pinochle with, Frank Dodd, Dug Duncan, and Hector Andujar. Seems Andy was getting hungry so he got up to make himself a bologna sandwich. He cuts a generous slice of baloney, lays it aside, snatches a couple slices of bread, cuts and places onions on the bread, and tops it with mustard. A few minutes later he makes the statement, "the baloney was tasteless" and then we hear a loud "DAMN!" Seems he forgot to put the cut slice of bologna in the sandwich. You'll just have to visualize him standing there with the slice of "baloney" in one hand and a two-thirds of an eaten sandwich in the other. We laughed for about 5 minutes. There are a lot of stories out there that need to be shared. Send them in NOW!

While I'm thinking about it, for all you Boo-Ray players, I finally located a REAL rulebook. I think of the many times I played and how it seemed like I was always being Boo-Ray-ed, or called for "reneging" or for the "Locks" or I "didn't play the automatic," and it went on and on – no two games seem to be played alike. Everyone seemed to know the rules but they kept changing! I recall many such authorities of the game, "Pappy" Drake, Jim Tuck, Jesse Causey, Jack Hyder, and you know who the rest of you are. Well, thanks to Joe Harless, I've recently become knowledgeable of the game (still can't win). Bouré, the official name, is a French game of many years that became known in the Cajun country of Louisiana. The game is a social game that is played for fun (and money) and its intent is to Boo-Ray the other until you're the winner. This means Boo-Raying friend and foe alike, no favoritism, no "forcing the dealer" in as a third player just to see or have a chance for the pot to split or, as it is stated: Split-Pot. The idea of remaining in the game for the next deal because of a Split-Pot is not in the rules. However, the book does indicate Bouré is a friendly game. The rules can be modified in several ways, but whatever variation – *it must be agreed upon* by all playing in the game *in advance* of the first deal. The book and other data can be found on the Internet. Thanks Joe – anyone for a game of Boo-Ray?

**PRESIDENT** / From Page 3

While you are near paper and pencil, or have a chance to pick up a "Hello" or special occasion card, call or write some of the gang that are becoming more and more glued to their homes. I recently called Coats Brown and he is doing well. He told me he how appreciative he is to received those communications from some of you since his departure from Columbus and he invites more of the same. Others such as Bill Pullum, the families of those USAMU/MTU deceased members are all grateful to hear from us. You can find their addresses and phone numbers in our new 2002 Membership Directory.

Finally, the next USAMU Reunion will be the topic of discussion for the Association's Board and the USAMU staff at the next couple of meetings. We are waiting to learn what the 2002 major shooting schedule is and when and whether events will be hosted at Atlanta's Wolf Creek Range or at Fort Benning's Pool Complex. Please sign-on to assist in running these major shooting events with your association or the USAMU S3 section (707)-545-1410.

## A European Training Trip

Bill Morris

Shotgun shooters Jack Horner, Jim Clark, Bill Morris, Kevin Onka, and others were shooting a match in Germany. During the match we all watched the large German rabbits — I think they called them Hase (hares) — playing around about 150 yards in front of the firing line. One day after the days shooting was finished; someone on the US team asked a group of German range officers if we could shoot at the rabbits with our shotguns. They kind of laughed and one said, "Ja, Ja, but that's a little too far for a shotgun." Evidently, they were not aware that if you cut a shotgun shell in the right place, the shot load goes down range like a slug. Anyway, we all cut a few shells and stood on the firing line at the same time and somebody yelled, "fire." When the dust started flying around the rabbits, we had some pretty excited German range officers yelling, "Nein, Nein!" We didn't hit any rabbits on the first barrage and the Germans didn't give us a second chance as they walked away muttering, "Verrückter Amerikaner!" (Crazy Americans!).

## Conway Chronicles

Frank Conway

Four young fellows came in two pick-ups, but were going to work together too get sighted in. They asked if they could put up their own targets. Fine with us. So they went to the last target, 324 yards away, and proceeded to unroll a four foot wide roll of brown wrapping paper, and extend it across the two panels giving them a target four feet high and sixteen feet wide! This they marked with red and black magic markers to give themselves aiming points. It was suggested that they start at the 50 yard targets but "they had the proper sight setting for the 300+ yards". Three relays later, with target changes in between, when all had fired their rifles, they came and asked if they could use 50 yard targets, as no one had hit the 4' X 16' panel yet!

## Webmaster Notes

The follow members e-mail address listed in the association's e-mail database are being returned as not deliverable because the address is incorrect, no longer in service, or the mail box is full:

Daughtery, Lynette	Leuttenegger, Larry
Daughtery, Terry	Miller, Nathan
Freouf, Duane	Proctor, David
Harbison, Robert	Simoneaux, Whitney
Jacobson, Roger	Slack, Barry
Jaynes, Donald	Wilson, Gregory
Lear, Jeffrey	

If you desire to continue to receive MMA e-mail messages or if your e-mail address was not listed in the 2002 Membership Directory, please go to the MMA website:

<http://www.militarymarksmanship.org>  
and click on Join E-Mail List from menu then submit your current e-mail address.

Please note that members who had **@home.com** as their Internet Service Provider (ISP) must submit a new e-mail address when their service is assumed by a new ISP.

## ANNUAL REPORTS and Annual Meeting Information

### Old Business

Tax Exempt Status (update):

Effective 17 October 2001

Operational January 2002

Membership

Halls of Fame

### New Business

Corporation vote in Board of

Directors

Officer/Committee Reports

Soldier of the Year Award

Reunion 2003? (HoF Goal)

### Treasurer

Balance as of 31 Dec. 2000: \$19,742.40

Year 2001 Receipts: \$6,392.41

Year 2001 Disbursements: \$5,629.07

Balance as of 31 Dec. 2001: \$20,505.74

Liabilities: \$3,030.00

Net Worth: \$17,475.74

### Where Dues Went ( Based on 500 Members)

Printing and Mailing: \$5.38

Web Site: \$0.23

Liability Insurance: \$0.67

Membership Card: \$0.07

USAMU Activity Support: \$3.60

Miscellaneous: \$1.52

**TOTAL: \$11.47**

### Recording Secretary

Web Site (update)

- Online March 2000, now 150+ pages & 65 images
- Almost 11,600 "Hits" to Date

E-Mail

- 240 Subscribers
- Forum for Immediate Member Feedback/ Input

Cost: \$8.95 per month

### MMA Activities Events 2001

USAMU Oct. Golf Competition

Bill Krilling's Retirement, Columbus Iron Works

Funerals/wakes

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## TIDBITS

**Jim Rose** will be at Fort Benning in June to watch his son Tom Rose shoot at Interservice Championships. He asks, "Am I correct in claiming to be one of a few who has had two generations assigned to AMU — myself and both of my sons Tom and Dave?" I retired from AMU, Dave who was assigned is now out of the Army, and Tom is still assigned. They were both assigned at the same time. I am not really bragging, just a lot of pride.

**Editors note:** The association would like to know who else fits in this category? Please write or e-mail us.

Ray Carter sent the following:

**Gloria Parmentier** is going to be inducted in the East Tennessee State University Athletic Hall of Fame in Johnson City, TN on April 6, 2002. Diana Timberlake (Zimmerman) LeFrancois (USAMU 1974-76) is the only other rifle shooter in that Hall of Fame. Gloria was a four-time All-American (1977, 78, 79, 80) before going to the USAMU.

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**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.



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