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## Annual Meeting: New Association Officers Installed, Soldier of the Year Recognized

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AND THE WINNER IS! - Nominees for MMA Soldier of the Year pause for a group photo. (L-R) SSG A. Ayala, SFC D. Szarenski, SFC K. McMahon, SPC M. Michel, SSG J. Parker (Our SOY), SSG T. Rose.

USAMU Photo

USAMU hosted the Military Marksmanship Association annual meeting 25 January at Pool International Shooting Complex. A small crowd of members and guests enjoyed an afternoon of formalities and fun.

Outgoing President, Phil Cannella opened the meeting, thanking all those in attendance. After roll call for those members, friends, and family who had passed away, he asked for a moment of silence.

First on the agenda was USAMU Commander, COL Robert Hoidahl. He recognized each MMA Executive Board member, commended them for their service, and pledged continued USAMU cooperation and support. He continued by summarizing the accomplishments of each one of the USAMU sections and highlighted a number of outstanding individual performances. COL Hoidahl remarked that USAMU is routinely visited by high ranking guests. He noted that USAMU ranges would be used to host a World Cup event in May 2003. Finally, he announced that he would be retiring and that a change of command ceremony would be held in June 2003.

The President reported that IRS tax-exempt status was nearing completion. He told the membership what efforts were made during the past year to increase membership and that the association was now at a high of 504 members.

The President remarked that he felt that

there were persons associated with the USAMU in its early years who had not been fully recognized. He pledged to continue his efforts to have the accomplishments of these individuals recognized.

Each association Officer and Committee Chair addressed the membership and presented a brief summary of activities within their areas of responsibility.

The President noted that the Association was on solid footing and that the Officers and Chairpersons had accomplished much as previously reported. The President reviewed the accomplishments made by the association during the year and highlighted MMA activities. He noted that the 46<sup>th</sup> Reunion and Hall of Fame Ceremony was a success and thanked USAMU for their cooperation and support. He also noted that the Golf Scramble was enjoyed by the MMA members who participated in the event.

The President introduced nominees for Soldier of the Year and displayed a slide showing their accomplishments. He announced that the Executive Board had selected Staff Sergeant Jason A. Parker as the association's Soldier of the Year for 2002. The award for Soldier of the Year is a pistol donated by Smith & Wesson Corporation.

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## USAMU Commander's Report

Col Robert L Hoidahl, Jr.

It was good seeing so many of you at the annual meeting in January. The strong positive feelings of USAMU retirees were especially touching. It is interesting to note that with all the careers and all the various units and combat time represented that you all affix your heart and memories to USAMU. It is a special place and I thank you for supporting the unit. I would like to take this time to thank Phil Cannella and his staff for their hard work over the past two years and have faith that Arch Arnold and his new crew will continue where Phil has left off.

I was reviewing the history of the USAMU the other day in preparation for a visit of 33 representatives of the US State Department. I would like to use that history as a background for my article. President Eisenhower's prime objective for the unit back in 1956 was two fold: 1) to have the best marksmen in the world as US Army soldiers and 2) create a repository of knowledge for small arms marksmanship. I believe the President would be proud that over the past 47 years USAMU has become the home of the best marksmen in the world and is the only repository of its kind of small arms knowledge. In concert with the President's objectives, USAMU soldiers have earned 20 Olympic Medals, 46 Individual World Championships, 27 CISM Team Championships and continually dominate the Service Pistol and Service Rifle Competitions. USAMU is continually asked to present clinics and train the trainer classes. Why? Because this unit is recognized

as the only unit of it's type that can provide this assistance. The Custom Firearms Shop is in high demand to assist various units from the Rangers, Special Operations Forces and to USASOC. The shop team has taken the knowledge it learns from competitions and translates it into equipment that can be used by the force. I overheard a question the other day during a tour for the State Department visitors in our shop questioning a soldier as to why he needs all this equipment. The soldier replied that the unit needed this equipment to make the precision guns and in regards to the project he was working on (equipment for USASOC) precision was needed to provide the combat soldier the best equipment possible in order to "save lives." That's the business we're in. We win the competitions, and by doing so, we earn the respect and reputation as the "GO TO" unit that uses the knowledge gained in competition, to assist the combat soldier, and **save lives**

I will be retiring this year...it's time to "fade away." But I would like to use this opportunity to thank you for your support and can assure you that your UNITED STATES ARMY MARKSMANSHIP UNIT is strong, productive and remains a vital asset to our Department of Defense. I hope to see all at the Change of Command, 4 June 2003. Remember: "I am a shooter. I shoot where I'm told...I win where I shoot." Hooah!

### *Congratulations, MMA Soldier of the Year Nominees*

*International Pistol - SFC Daryl Szarenski*

*Running Target - SSG Armondo Ayala*

*Shotgun - SFC Todd Graves*

*International Rifle - SSG Jason Parker*

*Service Rifle / Custom Firearms Shop - SFC Kevin McMahon*

*Service Pistol - SSG Thomas Rose*

*Action Shooting - SPC Max Michel*

## MMA President's Report

Arch Arnold

I feel very honored and privileged to be called to serve as President of our association. It was not a responsibility that I sought, but one that could not be refused when I was asked. On behalf of myself and our new and very able Vice President, Bruce Meredith, I pledge our best efforts to ensure that this great organization will continue to grow and succeed in all its very worthy endeavors.

Congratulations and thanks are due to our outgoing leadership team, Phil Cannella and Rick Hawkins, for taking such great care of the Military Marksmanship Association over the past few years. They have selflessly provided the leadership and hard work essential to leading us into the new century. In doing so, they have left behind a very healthy organization that is poised to be even more successful in the years ahead. So again, to Phil and Rick, thanks to you from all of us for a job so very well done.

I would be remiss if I did not also congratulate and thank our recently re-elected recording secretary, Red Mosely, and treasurer, Sam Hunter. After just our first board meeting this February, it became immediately obvious to me that these two gentlemen are the true "heavy lifters" in leading our organization. Red is really our Chief of Staff as he is the focal point for all communicating and organizing actions. Similarly, Sam holds our purse strings most tightly and with a degree of attention to detail that is most impressive. These two men have been and will continue to be indispensable to keeping the MMA ticking.

In the near term, we are focused on gaining tax-exempt status for the MMA from the Internal Revenue Service. Once completed, this will allow individuals to make monetary contributions that are deductible on tax returns. Assuming that this change will lead to more contributions, the MMA should be in a stronger position to positively impact the USAMU and the objectives of our organization more than ever before. Ultimately, this change in tax status has the potential to greatly increase the power and influence our organization has. Rest assured we would do our best to manage this change carefully and to our best advantage.

Longer term, it is not too soon to start looking forward to the USAMU 48th Anniversary and our next reunion in the fall of 2004. We realize that the great success of the 2002 reunion and those previous did not happen by accident. There is a lot of planning and hard work ahead to ensure that 2004 is as well done and enjoyable for all us in years past. We will keep you posted on the plan as it develops.

Finally, as our new board begins its watch over the MMA, it is a particularly good time for us to hear from all members your comments, criticisms, and ideas about where the MMA is and should be going in the future. There is always room for improvement so please help us keep up the momentum of our good cause. Please call, write, e-mail, or visit anytime the spirit moves you.

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### MEETING / From Page 1

Phil Cannella thanked the members for attending. He specifically thanked CPT Kim Howe, SFC George Frazier, and the USAMU Operations Section for their assistance and thanked Smith & Wesson Corporation for their donation of the pistol for the Soldier of the Year award. Drawing for a number of unique and gag items concluded the business portion of the meeting.

The outgoing President recognized the new Vice President, Bruce Meredith, and the new President, "Arch"

Arnold. He then turned the meeting over to the new President.

The USAMU Commander thanked Mr. Cannella for his cooperation with USAMU and presented him with a photo plaque from the USAMU. Arch Arnold presented a hand made knife with stand and engraved plate on behalf of the membership. The knife was made and donated by MMA member Thomas Militano. The formal meeting was then adjourned and food, socializing, and story telling began.

## Thanks / Donations

© The following people have spent time and effort putting a name to a face on several archive photos: Charles Davis, Loyd Crow, Willis Powell, Richard Rebidue, Jerry Lebish, Wayne Voter, Henry Mele, Marvin Warren, Glenn Nelson, Red Mosely, Sam Hunter, Bill Blankenship, Frank Briggs, Phil Cannella and Doug Duncan of Columbus, GA.; Coats Brown of Dacula, GA; John Davis of Maryland Heights, MO; Emil Heugatter of Waco, TX; Aubrey Smith of Locust Grove, GA; Jack Maple of Smiths, AL; Marshall Anderson of Prairie Village, KS; Hershel Anderson of Tracy City, TN; Donald Jaynes of Rising Star, TX; John Loomis of Salinas, CA; Bruce Meredith of LaGrange, GA; Stanley Parmentier of Alexandria, VA; Gloria Parmentier of Lebanon, TN; Robert Pruden of Owingsville, KY; Lewis Sharp of Piggott, AR; Bill Jenkins of Medina, OH; Dennis & Carol Dingman of Sioux Falls, SD; Patrick Boyle of Sioux Falls, SD; Roy Combs of Cusseta, GA; Bob Mitchell of Littleton, CO; Stuart Watkins of Tucson, AZ; Marylouise Hinds of McLouth, KS; Pat Boyle of Alamogordo, NM; Ron Hoggatt of Leesville, LA; Tom Militano of Jacksonville, AL.

© Thank you to Marylouise Hinds of McLouth, Kansas for donating 8" X 10" photographs, a match bulletin and news releases. A 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regimental Combat Team, Camp Otsu, Japan newspaper called the Hitching Post, dated 1 March 1957 and two other news releases highlight an invitational match fired on Fushimi Range between the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division, 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. Shooter names include Arthur G. Klein, William H. Beatty, Melvin E. Mortimer, Sidney R. Hinds Jr, Gora E. Elzworth, Stanley Donowski, Dwayne D. Ward, Jack V. Stuart, Richard G. Hinkle, C.C. Ball, W.E. Ball, James D. Hale, G.H. Espey, Nick J. Basio, Henry Haste, James C. Bartonek, Henry H. Rhode, J.C. Honeycutt, Everett H. Goettsch, Charles D. Davis, Joe E. Sharp, Manuel Perez, Douglas Mehio, Donald E. Turner, Franklin D. Lemon, Gerald G. Tisdale, Stanford S. Brantley, James R. Sellers and Donald W. Ring. Coaches names include Dennis M. Blanton, Dale R. Ketchums, Robert A. Bonner and Thomas Reed. A 1996 Columbus Ledger Enquirer news release focuses on BG Sidney R. Hinds, Sr and his 1924 Olympic medals which are displayed in the National Infantry Museum. An Atsugi NAS news release covered a pistol match naming Thomas Axtell, Sidney R. Hinds, Howard Vann, Dwayne Ward, J.C. Honeycutt, Charles Ellis, Ova B. Craft, William Beatty and Richard Dennison. Two 1957 news releases report the results of the Eighth Army Rifle and Pistol Matches naming William F. Deans, Joseph E. Kelley, Sidney E. Mason, Keith J. Warren, Edmund L. Fuchs, Robert A. Bonner, Gora E. Elzworth, Arthur G. Klein, Melvin E. Mortimer, Marvin D. Hamilton, Troy D. Oney, James H. McNally, Claude F. Bennington, Wayne D. Findley, Sidney R. Hinds Jr, William J. Wolcott, William E. Ball, Harry C. Enos, Chester F. Hamilton, Richard G. Hinkle, Harold H. Hay and Webster D. Mclen???. A 1957 Eighth Army pistol bulletin names the Open Winners as M.D. Hamilton, C.A. Bennington and S.R. Hinds Jr. A 1957/58 photo depicts four pistol shooters, perhaps at Benning, including Sidney R. Hinds Jr and 3 unknowns. A 1957/58 photo of 12 Third Army Pistol Team members including Sam Gullickson, Dan Huntley, Herman Gano, Sidney R. Hinds Jr, Roy Ratliff and 7 unknowns. A 1958 shot taken at Camp Perry shows Capt Sidney R. Hinds, Jr posing with the Dupont Trophy. A mid 1950's photo depicts a winning rifle team including Harold Hankins, R.F. Schroeder, James G. Brannon, Sidney R. Hinds Jr, WO Fristic and one unknown. A 17 July 1958 photo taken at Fort Meade, Maryland shows the Second Army AAMU .22 Caliber Pistol Red Team including Daryl Booker, Sidney R. Hinds Jr and three unknowns.

© Thank you to Henry Mele of Columbus, Georgia for donating an 8" X 10" photograph taken in 1958 at a Camp Smith, New York rifle match. It features USAAMU members Beetle Bailey and head coach Coats Brown, both wearing a smile under their Stetson campaign hats.

© Thank you to Patrick J. Boyle of Alamogordo, New Mexico for donating news releases, match bulletins and photographs. The March 1966 Longhorn, Air Force versus Army, Rifle Match held at Camp Bullis, Texas lists Pat Boyle as individual champ with 400-45V followed by James McQuien with 400-43 and the team champs as Army Red with a 1493-146V composed of Ray Campbell, Herb Duncan, Ray Calvez, Pat Boyle, James McQuien and Al Falcon. A news release for the 1966 Southeastern Regional at Fort Benning has a bolt rifle team coached by Pappy Drake and Roy Combs firing a fantastic 999-134V. Shooters were Carl Pritchett, Pat Boyle, Willis Powell and Cecil Stevens. Another 1966 news release from the Nationals, Camp Perry, Ohio identify the Army Blue team as champs with a 1485-139V. Coached by Pappy Drake and Captained by Fernando Muniz, shooters were Pat Boyle, William Mullis, Willis Powell, Ken Hamill, Buckley Norris and Tony Anthony. An awards banquet schedule from the 1966 Interservice Rifle Matches at Quantico lists Al Falcon winner of a 600 yard phase with 100-24V. Bob Meeks shot a 100-87V to win the any rifle at 600 yards match. F.G. Snipes won with a service rifle at 1000 yards with 100-17. Herb Duncan won with a bolt gun at 1000 yards with 100-26V. The 1000 yard championship was won by James McQuien 200-33 and Pat Boyle 200-42. The 1000 yard team champs 600-108V was won by Army shooters Ron Menz, Roy Ambler, Wm R. Lee, Tony Anthony, Ronald Turner and Ray Campbell. Army #1 won the Infantry Trophy match with a score of 1306. Coached by J.D. Mercer, firers were Herb Duncan, James McQuien, D.L. Smock, Tolani Teleso, A.R. Griffith and Richard Rebidue. The 1974 Interservice Rifle Championship Bulletin lists Army as winner of the 10 man team match with a score of 4881-153X, coached by Roy Combs and Burl Branham, captained by Jesse Causey, firing members were Boyd Goldsby, Edward Schumacher, James McQuien, Clinton Stephens, Pat Boyle, Martin Edmondson, Wm R. Lee, Terry Daugherty, Joe Gapol and Earl Waterman. Ray Carter got a silver leg. The CGMCDCEC team match was won by Army Blue composed of Schumacher, McQuien, Edmondson, Gapol, Daugherty and Boyle. The 1000 yard service rifle team match was won by Army Silver with a score of 586-59V composed of J. Benjamin, S. Soriano, W. Sawvell, E. Fountain, J. Reiber and S. Peregrine. Schumacher won the 1000 yard any rifle aggregate with a score of 299-47V. Dougherty won the service rifle 1000 yard aggregate with a score of 296-18X. Schumacher won a 1000 yard any rifle match with a score of 100-38V. J. Reiber won a 1000 yard service rifle match with a score of 100-16. Martin Edmondson won a 600 yard match with a score of 200-16X. H. Skinner won a 600 yard match with a score of 196-9. Boyd Goldsby was the individual champion with a score of 979-30X. Goldsby won a 600 yard phase with a score of 199-8X. Schumacher won 300 yard rapid fire with a score of 200-Moving target photos include John P. Rusty Kingeter as the National Running Boar Champ in 1967. The 1969 CISM awards ceremony at Granada, Spain. The team of Charles Davis, Willis Powell, Pat Boyle and Norman Skarpness. Pat Boyle receiving an award from COL Piper. Pat Boyle demonstrating a running boar firing position. Gibbs Running Boar Range, Fort Benning in 1973. The team of Ed Moeller, James Reiber, Mike Theimer, Pat Boyle and Charles Davis. A 1966 photo has Pat Boyle shooting 50 meters standing as a member of the USAMTU International Rifle Team. Service rifle photographs include a 1975 training aid consisting of a 600 yard target fired on by the Army Team at Quantico. Shooters were Clinton Stephens, James McQuien, Martin Edmondson, Pat Boyle, Wm R. Lee and Earl Waterman. Coaches were Jesse Causey, Burl Branham and Roy Combs. A 1966 photo shows Pappy Drake with his team scope on McAndrew Range. 1967 National Matches, Camp Perry, Patrick J. Boyle, high shooter in the National Trophy Individual match with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division trophy. A 1967 photo shows infantry trophy

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team practice on McAndrew Range, Fort Benning. Roy Combs and Fernando Muniz coached shooters Tony Anthony, Dick Rebidue, Pat Boyle, Bob Lancaster, Bob Meeks and Jim Tuck. There are photos of the 1965 and 1967 Army Rifle Teams at the National Matches, Camp Perry. An early 1970's photo shows the Army Rifle Team posed in front of the Army Shop Van. Winners of a Enlisted Mens team match – Dick Rebidue, Felix, Hector Andujar, Paul Bailey, Vernon Read, Pat Boyle, Deiter Neumann and Sonny Nainoa. Winning Roumanian Team – Herb Duncan, Cecil Stevens, Wm R. Lee, LTC James Lenon, Patrick Boyle, Chester Hamilton, Robert Meeks and Leslie Pappy Drake. A 1966 winning team at Quantico – James McQuien, Herb Duncan, Tony Anthony, Leslie Pappy Drake, Pat Boyle, Wm R. Lee, MAJ Willis Powell and LTC James Lenon. A 5" X 7" group photo includes Pat Boyle, Burl Branham, Jesse Causey, Roy Combs, Martin Edmondson, Charles Davis, Boyd, Earl Waterman, Joe Gapoi, Terry Daugherty, Tommy Pool, Boyd Goldsby and James McQuien.

☉ Thank you to Bruce Meredith of LaGrange, Georgia for donating a 1959 Small Arms Firing School (SAFS) text. The school was conducted by the United States Army Infantry School at Camp Perry, Ohio during the National Matches. BG Larsen conducted the opening ceremonies. Major McNulty was Director. There was a Pistol and Rifle course, with each offering an advanced, intermediate and basic course. There was also a Police Pistol course. Certificates were issued on the fourth day of the school. Instructors Certificates or Certificates of Attendance could be earned. Sgt Ralph E. Bole was an assistant instructor in the 18 man Pistol Instruction Section. Sgt Delbert Puckett was an assistant instructor in the 20 man Rifle Instruction Section. 2200 people attended the 1958 SAFS Rifle Phase.

☉ Thank you to Ronald L. Hoggatt of Leesville, Louisiana for donating twenty 8" X 10" photographs. A 1967 photo depicts the Blue infantry trophy team composed of Paul Parker-coach, Glenn Adkison-coach, Tony Anthony, Jim Tuck, Herb Duncan, Ronald Hoggatt, Bob Meeks and Tolani Teleso. Three photos from the 1968 All Army Matches show Ronald Hoggatt accepting trophy from COL Treadway of the 197<sup>th</sup>; the infantry trophy champs composed of Vernon Read, Barnett, Marvin Warren, Ronald Hoggatt, Bishop, Clifford Wilson, Lejack & with COL Treadway presenting the trophy; the Third Army winners Bishop, Soriano, Glenn Nelson, Ronald Hoggatt, Jesse Causey, Lejack & eight unknowns. Two photos from the 1970's show Ronald Hoggatt receiving an award from his commander and a Fifth Army winning group composed of Brasher, Stipes, Ronald Hoggatt and Five unknowns. Fourteen photos show the Americal Division Sniper School cantonment area, training area and cadre giving individual coaching to students training in a variety of positions, triangulization exercises and firing the M21 using day and night telescopic sights. Cadre members include Pete Peredo, Hook Boutin, Earl Stokes and Ronald Hoggatt.

☉ Thank you to Donald W. Jaynes of Rising Star, Texas for donating the 1963 Gold Cup trophy plaque won at the National Pistol Matches, Camp Perry, Ohio by U.S. Army Western with a record score of 1158-36X. Firing members were Donald W. Jaynes, Alvin J. Moore, Bonnie D. Harmon and James D. Cook. Roy D. Duncan was team captain and Elgin P. Carter was the team coach.

☉ Thank you to Bill Jenkins of Medina, Ohio for donating a SAFS text, news release and 36 eight by ten photographs. The 1960 Small Arms Firing School text contained four pages pertaining to the history of Fort Benning. The 18 June 1965 Bayonet story written by Lee LaCombe included photos of the SAFS Director LTC Jeremiah M. McKenzie, the pistol instructors Ross, Bunting, Stineman, Snavelly, Rabb, Salmon, Sharp, Blankenship & Thompson and the rifle instructors Voter, Surls, Lassauer, Anthony, Atkins, Farmer, Atkinson, Muniz, Tharp,

McNerney, Meredith, Dunia & Hamill. The captioned photographs follow: Maurice Belisle at the 1959 Pan Am Games. Joe Benner and Lt Col Mason. Maurice Belisle and Lt Col Sharpe. John McGinness. Lt Clark at Fort Benning. Emil Heugatter with his revolver. Bill Blankenship and Sallie Carroll with a beauty queen? Mack Salmon receives the .22 team trophy at Lackland AFB on 19 February 1959. David Cartes wearing a Stetson. Joe Benner with two officers. Ken Muir, Donald Pentz and Bill Blankenship at Fort Riley on 6 October 1964. Camp Perry, Ohio, August 17, 1958, MG Dabney presents the .45 team championship award to U.S. Army Gray, composed of Frank Graham, John McGinness, Victor Maass, Roy Ratliff, Rodney Kyle and Nelson Lincoln. Nelson Lincoln at the 1959 Pan Am Games. Cpl Grant wearing a Stetson. The 1967 All Army Pistol Team at Fort Benning – Barbara Hile, Aubrey Smith, LTC Bull, COL Peot, Bill Blankenship, Emil Heugatter, Sallie Carroll, Bob Whitacre, Robert Pruden, Henry Weinbrecht, Laurence Mosely, Ralph Thompson, Merriweather Jones, Bonnie Harmon, ? , ? , and Harland Rennolds. Roy Sutherland at the third Pan Am Games held in September 1959. Nelson Lincoln with the USAAMU exhibit at the Pentagon Concourse October 1958. Bob Whitacre, Bill Blankenship and Hamilton USN among the first 2670 shooters. Joe Benner receiving a plaque from Clem Theed of the Flamingo Open Championships. The 1966 2650 Club included Henry Weinbrecht, Emil Heugatter, Hershel Anderson, Bonnie Harmon, Merriweather Jones, Bonnie Harmon, Ralph Thompson, Bill Blankenship, Bob Whitacre and Dick Stineman. Six time National Champion William Blankenship. A 1957 group including Sexton, Barnett, Belisle and Cartes. March 1952 squad at the Mid-Winters – Weinmeister, Vase, Benner, Swindler, Moore, Lea, Knight, Curtis, Sharpe, Smith and Keifer. Lt Col Hancock, Jim Clark and Dick Stineman. The 1964 Army Pistol Team at Camp Perry. An October 1964 coaches clinic at Fort Riley – Oscar Weinmeister, Mack Salmon, Dick Stineman, BG Stone, William Blankenship, Art Purser and Ralph Thompson.

☉ Thank you to Emil W. Heugatter of Waco, Texas for donating his General Custer Trophy Plaque won in 1976 at the National Pistol Matches, Camp Perry, Ohio.

☉ Thank you to Wayne J. Voter of Columbus, Georgia for donating flags and a trophy. The two Third U.S. Army Rifle Team flags came with four streamers. The embroidered streamers read: 1954-55 All Army Champions; 1958 U.S. Army Rifle Champions; 1958 Short Range Team Champions; 1960 Infantry Trophy Team Champions. The trophy plaque was won in July 1975 at Oak Ridge, Tennessee with a new service rifle 1000 yard record score of 761-19X. Team shooters were Phil Cannella, Elmer Mondon, Hector Andujar and Terry Daugherty. Ed Schumacher was team captain; Wayne Voter was team coach.

☉ Thank you to Thomas V. Militano of Jacksonville, Alabama for donating several historical 8" X 10" photographs as follows: The 1906 Wimbledon Trophy Match at the National Rifle Matches, Sea Girt, New Jersey. The U.S. Infantry Team at Camp Perry in 1913. The 1915 Infantry Team. Two shots taken in 1929 of pistol and smallbore rifle in progress and the tentcamp that housed 6,000 people. Five members of the U.S. team at the World Championships including Gunnery Sergeant Calvin Lloyd. Seven 1929 shots that show - Colonel H. B. Myers and his staff at the National Matches. Infantry team members dry firing at Camp Perry. The Small Arms Firing School with Walter Layman instructing. Colonel Osman Latrobe congratulating Sgt Reginald Herin of the Mississippi National Guard for winning the Presidents Hundred Match. Postmaster G.L. Quigley of Summerville, NJ at the Police phase of the SAFS, Camp Perry. Colonel Harrison Smith of the organized Reserves and Captain Clearfield P. Wade of the 316<sup>th</sup> Infantry at Camp Perry. The Sixth Corps Rifle Team consisting of 15 soldiers. Sitting position training at the 1930 SAFS. Mr. S.B. Fann, a Tennessee Mountaineer and his eight-foot musket at the 1930 National Matches.

# USAR Shooter Profile - - Joe Berry

Past articles have presented the biographies and achievements of USAMU shooters who have continued their shooting activities in the Army Reserve once they left Fort Benning. The man that had the foresight to initiate a program to gather the talent and put it to good use for the Army Reserve and the USA was LTC (Ret) Joseph B. Berry. He was then working on the staff of the first Chief, Army Reserve, MG William Sutton, himself a holder of the Distinguished Rifleman Badge - Don't see many Generals or Colonels with Distinguished Badges any more.

Born 13 April 1923, Joe Berry entered the Army as a Private in 1943 with the 10th Mountain Division. He graduated from OCS and served as a Platoon Leader, Executive Officer and Company Commander with his unit in the mountains of Italy. After WWII, he graduated with a BA Degree in Economics from the University of Nevada. He was recalled to active duty to serve as a Battalion S-3 with the 7th Infantry Division in Korea.

His decorations include the Purple Heart, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with two clusters and the Combat Infantryman Badge with star. He is a Distinguished Rifleman and holder of the President's Hundred Tab.

He was All Army Service Rifle Champion in 1957 and Head Coach and Officer in Charge of the Service Rifle Team in 1961-62. He was the US Army Marksmanship Officer for CONARC in 1962-65. His last assignment prior to leaving active duty in 1967 was Director of Civilian Marksmanship. Working out of the Pentagon, Joe Berry managed all shooting programs for the Army Reserve for 17 years. Joe's unparalleled enthusiasm, encouragement and detailed coordination contributed to a winning attitude and an extraordinarily high level of success for his teams. With his unwavering support, numerous USAR shooters were able to achieve positions of envy on USA Olympic, World Championship and National Teams. His intelligence, attention to detail and ability to motivate made him a sought after talent. He was the Team Leader for the United States of America for the Championships of the Americas, Mexico City 1973; World Shooting Championships, Switzerland 1974; Pan American Games, Mexico City 1975; Olympic Games, Montreal 1976; Championships of the Americas, Mexico City 1977; World Shooting Championships, Korea 1978; Pan American Games, Puerto Rico 1979; Pan American Games, Venezuela 1983; Olympic Games, Los Angeles 1984; World Shooting Championships, Sweden/GDR 1986; plus Assistant to Team Leader for the 1987 Pan Am Games in Indianapolis and 1980 Olympics in Moscow, which were boycotted.

Joe Berry served in numerous positions of responsibility to include: Director, U S Shooting Teams 1980-83; UIT Judge 1972-97; U S Olympic Shooting Committee 1967-1976; Shooting Delegate to the USOC House of Delegates 1981-83; Confederation of the Americas Executive Committee

1973-1990; Chief of Support to the 40th World Championships in Phoenix, AZ in 1970. In addition, he served as long-time member of the NRA International Competitions Committee and Chairman of the NRA ICC Pistol Committee, Judges Committee, Training and Eligibility Committee, Nomination Committee and a member of the Executive Committee. And yet, there he was carrying gun boxes in the storage room every day for the shooters as a volunteer at the Atlanta Olympics in 1996. This man worked it all, from the bottom to the top. It would be hard to find anyone who has contributed more to the shooting game. He is certainly a Distinguished Graduate of the U S Army Marksmanship Unit. Joe and his wife Eileen can be reached at 1108 East Augusta, Spokane, WA 99207, Tel: 509-483-1963.

## USA Shooting Names USAMU Shooters as America's Shooting Athletes of the Year

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado- USA Shooting recently named its top athletes of the year. In individual shooting disciplines, the Male Pistol Athlete of the Year is Daryl Szarenski of Saginaw, Michigan. A 2000 US Olympian currently shooting for the US Army Marksmanship Unit, Szarenski kicked off his 2002 season with a gold medal in free pistol and pair of bronze medals in air pistol and center-fire pistol at the US National Championships. Making the US World Shooting Championship Team in four events, Szarenski brought home an Olympic quota in air pistol from Lahti. A gold medal in free pistol and a silver in air at the Fall Selection matches capped his season.

Male Rifle Athlete of the Year is Jason Parker of Cusseta, Georgia. He shares the honor with Matt Emmons. A 2000 US Olympian and the former world record holder in men's air rifle, Parker shoots for USAMU and began his 2002 season with a gold medal and a quota slot win in that event at the Atlanta World Cup. Parker followed with another win in the same event at the US National Championships, and took the silver behind Emmons in 3x40. Making the US Team for Finland in three events, Parker brought home the individual gold in air rifle, and helped the USA take both a team silver in 300m standard rifle and a team bronze in air rifle. Parker ended his year with gold medals in both air rifle and 3x40 at the Fall Selection match.

The Male Shotgun Athlete of the Year crown for 2002 goes to Todd Graves of Laurel, Mississippi. A three-time US Olympian and the skeet bronze medalist in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, Graves currently shoots for USAMU. He kicked off his season with a silver medal in skeet at the Sydney World Cup, followed by a silver medal in the event at the US National Championships. Graves' top-dozen finish helped the USA to a skeet team silver at the World Shooting Championships in Finland, and he then brought home both the skeet gold and a quota for the USA from the Santo Domingo World Cup. Graves capped his competition year with a skeet gold medal at the invitation-only World Cup Final in Lonato, Italy.



## Coats Brown, A Legacy

Ken Hamill

This series is about the life and times of a shooting legend. At 94 years old, Coats Brown still has a remarkable memory. If you shot or worked for Coats Brown, please send any memories you have of those times to the Historian so the membership can share or relive those memories.

**Myrtlewood, Alabama.** The weather in Myrtlewood was usually hot or mild. Coats remembers one exceptional winter when he was seven years old. In March 1915 a serious blizzard hit Myrtlewood. It was a heavy snowstorm with a frigid wind from the north that lasted all day. Snowdrifts covered cattle fences and yard fences. It was so cold that pine trees would freeze and split with a loud bang.

Coats Brown got his start in marksmanship at age 8 by selling Cloverine Salve door to door. After selling 50 boxes of Cloverine Salve, he received a Hamilton single shot .22 rifle. Coats hunted squirrel and rabbit. He would kill a maximum of 1 rabbit or 4 squirrels for home meals. His mother had taught him not to waste.

Coats saw his first movie when he was around ten years old. A traveling movie showman set up a projector and hung a sheet for a screen in the schoolhouse. A kids admission cost five cents and adults cost a quarter. About fifty people crowded into the room with several standing. A silent film with subtitles was shown. One time the cellophane film caught on fire with a flash of flame and a lot of smoke and created pandemonium. Coats and several other kids went out the open windows. The film was destroyed, but no one was hurt and the schoolhouse was not damaged. A backup western film was shown to the crowd.

Five men from Myrtlewood volunteered and served in World War I. One was a mustard gas casualty who lived a couple of years after returning home from the war.

Mrs. Brown made all the kid's clothes. Except for shoes which were bought and worn to church and other special occasions. The family attended Baptist church every Sunday, making the round trip in a horse and buggy. Women in general and all mothers of the time were very proficient homemakers and worked hard at keeping their families clothed and fed for very little money.

Coats' Mom had very neat penmanship. The kids enjoyed watching her write and then reading the finished longhand. They sometimes shared the table with her while they did their homework. She had an accomplished writing style. Her Spencerian style of writing formed the letters and words to be upright. She passed this art style on to her youngest son. Coats enjoyed writing. He eventually developed an ornamental style of forming the words with a flourish. Paper was expensive. Coats practiced his writing on any kind of scrap paper he could find. Some people wrote in two directions on a single sheet of paper. In this case, a sheet would be filled with horizontal text, then rotated 90°

and the text continued in a perpendicular direction to the initial writing. Coats said it was easy to read.

Age was catching up with the sharecropper, he needed help working the farm. Coats finished the 6<sup>th</sup> grade when he and his brother Robert quit school to work. They worked mostly on the farm. When farm requirements allowed, they would work odd jobs, painting, installing shingles or whatever work they could find. Sister Louise was allowed to get her high school diploma. Coats took some home correspondence courses in writing and industrial drafting which later served him well.

## Keeping In Touch

© A fairly new member - **Bill Jenkins** of Medina, Ohio - who attended the last reunion and has done considerable research on the Unit sent the Historian several dozen shooter photos from the past. He wonders if the MMA membership can solve a couple of mysteries.

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Send any information you may have on these questions to the MMA Historian at the Association address. Thanks!

© New member **Bruce Chreene** announces, "Reports of my death are exaggerated." He was erroneously listed in the deceased section of the Association directory.

© **Editor's Note:** LTC Clyde Chadwick, former MTU 6 Commander, underwent an emergency foot amputation last year. The association recently received this update from his wife.

Dear Friends,

My husband has appreciated all the calls and letters from you. He hopes to get a letter off to you soon.

We've had some dark and black times but hope we've seen the light at the end of the tunnel.

Last Thursday (March 13<sup>th</sup>) he received the final prosthesis and is trying to get used to it. Driving a car is still down the road apiece.

Thanks so much for caring and for all your prayers.

Sincerely, Mary K. Chadwick

**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.

**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.

**GENERATIONS /FAMILY**

Bruce, Terry, and James Meredith - Brothers from West Virginia who shot for USAMU. All became Distinguished Riflemen. Three Mountaineers = six Distinguished Badges.

**Taps, Present Arms**

The association has learned of the passing of **Harry A. Willsie**. Harry, age 74, of Canada and Florida, died peacefully at his home in Lake Worth, Florida, on January 3rd and was buried on January 8th at Clifton Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, Missouri. Funeral arrangements were conducted by Million-Taylor-Patton Funeral Home, Huntsville, Missouri. (660) 277-3218.

Harry was a U.S. Marine, an Olympian, an active Clay Target shooter, a Skeet and Trap Hall of Fame inductee, and a frequent competitor at Fort Benning shotgun matches.

The Military Marksmanship Association announces with sorrow the passing of **LtCol Rex Ellis, USAF (Retired)**. LtCol Ellis, 82, died in Columbus, Georgia, on Thursday, January 16, 2003. Rex Ellis was the USAMU Public Affairs Officer in the sixties.

A tribute to Rex was published in the Local Section of the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer Newspaper on Tuesday, January 21st. The article notes that he was a POW in WW II and of the part he later played in building the National Prisoner of War Museum in Andersonville, Georgia.

**CONWAY CHRONICLES**

**Francis B Conway**

After WWII, I was stationed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Maryland up until the mid 1950's. I would try and get home to my folks in Worcester, Mass at least once a month. My Dad and I would go hunting woodchucks and crows on Saturday during the summer. He had lost both legs in a Navy plane crash but was really good with the spotting scope from the car window. One time we saw a chuck sitting up across two ponds and it was quite a way off. The road had just been graded and had a lovely shoulder piled up. I set the 20X scope for 500 yards on my 300 H&H Mag and held about a foot over the chucks head. My Dad said "You hit just about his height down the bank". I compensated that much more. He fell down the bank and a line of blood ran down! I told a couple of my gun club members about the shot and they said "You mean that one across the two lakes west of Oakham"? "You have to be kidding". A couple months later when I saw them again, they said the chuck was 746 yards from where I had laid down on the shoulder of the road! I asked how they could be so precise? They had set up a transit with a 100 foot base line and measured it three times! Both were professors at Massachusetts Polytech and taught civil engineering and surveying! That was my longest kill on anything.



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