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USAMU shooters score victory at Pan-Am Games

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The 28-person U.S. Shooting Team that competed in the Pan-American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Aug. 2 to 9, included nine soldiers of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and two Navy Reservists.

The Pan-Am Games included an Olympic-style shooting championship for the Western Hemisphere, which is conducted every four years. Not only could shooters win medals and set world records at the Pan-American Games, but also the Pan-Am Games was virtually the last chance for shooters from the Western Hemisphere to win quota slots for their countries to compete in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

Members of the U.S. Pan-Am Shooting Team, their competition dates and results are:

Rifle

- Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, Free Rifle Prone, Aug. 7, Gold Medal and Olympic Quota Slot.
- Staff Sgt. Jason A. Parker, USAMU, Three Position Free Rifle, Aug. 9; Gold Medal.
- Spc. Shane M. Barnhart, USAMU, Men's Air Rifle, Aug. 2 and 4, finished in 14th place.
- Spc. Mary K. Elsass, USAMU, Women's Air Rifle, Aug. 2 and 3, made finals and finished in seventh place.
- Spc. Hattie J. Johnson, USAMU, Sport Rifle, Aug. 6; Bronze Medal.
- Navy Reserve Lt. j.g. Eric A. Uptagrafft, Longmont, Colo., Three Position Free Rifle, Aug. 9; Silver Medal.
- Former USAMU Staff. Sgt. Kenneth A. Johnson, Crawfordville, Fla., Free Rifle Prone, Aug. 7; Bronze Medal.
- Melissa Mulloy, Colorado Springs, Colo., Women's Air Rifle, Aug. 2 and 3, Silver Medal and Olympic Quota Slot.
- Sarah Blakeslee, Vancouver, Wash., Sport Rifle, Sport Rifle, Aug. 6., Silver Medal and Olympic Quota Slot.
- Bradley Wheeldon, Eubank, Ky., Men's Air Rifle, Aug. 2 and 4, Silver Medal and Olympic Quota Slot.

Pistol

- Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski, USAMU, Free Pistol, Aug. 5, Gold Medal.
- Navy Reserve Petty Officer 3rd Class Sandra Uptagrafft, Longmont, Colo., Sport Pistol, Aug. 8, Gold Medal and Olympic Quota Slot.
- Former USAMU Capt. John McNally, Heath, Texas, Rapid Fire Pistol, Aug. 6 and 7, Bronze Medal.
- John Bickar, Colorado Springs, Men's Air Pistol, Aug. 2, won Bronze Medal; and Rapid Fire Pistol Aug. 6 to 7, made finals and finished in fifth place.
- Janine Bowman, Rowlett, Texas, Women's Air Pistol, Aug. 3, made finals and finished in eighth place; and Sport Pistol, Aug. 8.
- Rebecca Snyder, Colorado Springs, Women's Air Pistol, Aug. 3, made finals and finished in sixth place.
- Jason Turner, Rochester, N.Y., Men's Air Pistol, Aug. 2, won Gold Medal and Olympic Quota Slot; and Free Pistol, Aug. 5, made finals and finished in seventh place.
- Shotgun
- Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Duloher, USAMU, Men's Skeet, Aug. 8, finished in 10th place.
- Staff Sgt. William H. Keever, USAMU, Men's Double Trap, Aug. 6, Silver Medal.
- Jeffrey Holguin, Colorado Springs, Men's Double Trap, Aug. 6, won Gold Medal and Olympic Quota Slot.
- Lance Bade, Colorado Springs, Men's Trap, Aug. 2 and 3, won Gold Medal.
- Chris Kiernan, Colorado Springs, Men's Trap, Aug. 2 and 3, finished in eighth place.
- Collyn Loper, Indian Springs, Ala., Women's Trap, Aug. 4, won Gold Medal and Olympic Quota Slot.

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MMA President's Report

Arch Arnold

I trust that all of you have had a very pleasant summer and are looking forward to the changing of the season..... for some cooler weather! Since retiring from the Army and the USAMU a couple years ago, it occurs to me ever more frequently now how short and very precious those "active duty" years were. At the same time, life does go on, and our lives spin off in many different directions. It is these "different directions" that us old timers seem to enjoy sharing at reunions and they make interesting articles for THE MMA TIMES.

We recently received the fascinating article below from Norm Dauerer, and I thought I might print it in the President's Report to encourage others to send in their stories. Norm was on the International Rifle Team ('63-'64) and Service Rifle Team ('64-'65). He was once the designated typist for the International Rifle Shooting Manual and earned his Rifle Distinguished Badge at Camp Perry in 1965. He lives in Hopewell Junction, N.Y.

Restored WWII Jeep

Nine years ago, I did a frame up restoration of a 1942 GPW (1/4-Ton 4x4 WWII Jeep made by Ford). I configured it to a full Cavalry combat vehicle and marked it for the 106th Cavalry Group. During World War II, the 106th Cavalry Group fought in Europe all the way from Normandy through Salzburg, Austria. On April 28, 1945, they passed through my uncle's farm/grist mill in the heart of Bavaria where I was living at the time. I was six 1/2 years old then.

Fifty years later, it took me six months of research to track down what outfit those soldiers belonged to. They were elements of the 106th Cavalry Group, which was attached to the 45th Infantry Division and part of the 7th Army.

For the past eight years, I've been attending the reunions of the 106th Cavalry Group. Their reunions are held on the last weekend in June. This year I hauled my WWII Jeep and 1/4-ton trailer to Urbana, Illinois, to honor the veterans of the 106th Cavalry Group.

For these veterans, the Jeep is like a mini time-warp machine. You can see the memory banks kicking into high gear as they eye the old restored warhorse - one like what they rode in and fought with so many years ago.

Editor's Note: Norm Dauerer notes that this is not a shooting story but his WWII Jeep keeps him hopping in retirement. We think it is a great story and hope that you will share with us what you are doing in retirement — shooting or otherwise.

Cold War certificates still available

Alexandria, Va. - Service members, veterans and federal employees who served between Sept. 2, 1945 and Dec. 26, 1991 are still eligible for a Cold War Recognition Certificate, said officials of the U.S. Army Personnel Command.

In fiscal year 1998, the secretary of Defense approved awarding the certificate to personnel who served during the Cold War. Thus far, about one million people have responded out of the 22 million entitled to receive the certificate, officials said.

An application for the Cold War Recognition Certificate can be found on the Internet at <https://coldwar.army.mil>. The Web site informs applicants about the correct procedures and the required documentation to receive the certificate. It also reminds you that the minimum turn around time is six months. Applications will only be accepted by fax or mail, officials said. More information on the certificate can be found on PERSCOM's Cold War Web site or by calling customer service at (703) 325-5864.

USAMU Commander's Report

LTC David J. Liwanag

Greetings from Fort Benning.

Our sights are set on the Olympics in Athens in August 2004. AMU shooters have earned a number of quota slots for the US Olympic Team, and I am looking forward to seeing a number of our soldiers earn Team slots. SSG Gartland is the US Olympic Team gunsmith. We will do our best to make sure the shooter at the top step of the riser wears USA, and you'll be able to hear "The Star-Spangled Banner" played in Greece.

The AMU had several outstanding individual and team performances this season, with several soldiers rising to meet challenges and set new records. AMU shooters set new Free Pistol, International Rifle, and Shotgun world records, and service Rifle set a new Interservice rapid fire record. SSG Keeve has qualified for the Distinguished International Shooter badge. SPC Bombardier is the first woman to win the Service Rifle Long Range aggregate trophy at Camp Perry.

Our primary mission remains winning where we shoot, and we are moving to make sure all shooters cross-train.

The Service Teams will shoot combat events in the bullseye off-season. We plan on providing Warfighter support by conducting Advanced Marksmanship training in Iraq and Afghanistan. Two AMU soldiers are in the Special Forces Sniper School, and Service Pistol will receive Close Quarters Battle Marksmanship training.

We are renovating Maertens Range, and we plan to hold an abbreviated version of the All-Army Matches at Benning, the first All-Army to be held since 1993.

Action Shooting will expand from IPSC pistol shooting to 3-gun combat shooting (rifle, pistol, and shotgun).

The Custom Firearms Shop prototypes weapons for the U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

We may also be sponsoring a new DCM week match at the 2004 Nationals, using rack-grade M16s and CMP-issued ball.

I am proud to represent you and the Army at all the matches we shoot. I'm especially proud of our soldiers who are following in your footsteps, setting records ever higher wherever we're sent.

Coats Brown, A Legacy

Ken Hamill

Myrtlewood, Alabama. There were no telephones in Myrtlewood until 1923. Coats remembers the first family phone as a large wall mounted device with a crank handle. One long turn of the crank handle would ring the central switchboard operator in order to make a call to a distant phone in another circuit. The operator would plug you into the switchboard and you would ring your party. To call people nearby did not require going through the switchboard. The user simply rang the proper number of short and long rings in the correct sequence. Perhaps ten to fifteen families in Myrtlewood had telephones in the 20s. Mrs. Miller, the Doctor's wife, was the Myrtlewood switchboard operator. There were no numbers to dial, or buttons to push on the old phones. They had a party line. Each party member had their own combination of long and short rings to answer. Of course some people were nosy and answered everybody's calls and listened in. Telephones were battery operated and when several phones were lifted off the hook, the circuit became weak, making it difficult to hear. Coats remembers an old man who was a distant relative having a problem with his party line members. He couldn't hear his party because too many people were listening in. He asked everyone to please hang up so he could hear. No dice, nobody complied. He placed the speaker near his derriere, ripped off a healthy fart, and said, "Get off the Damn Line". It worked. Party lines were common in some parts of the county right up to the 1950s. Party lines are no longer offered most places. Norman Skarpness, an excellent shooter from the 1950s to the 1970s has always had a party line. Party lines are less expensive. Of course, Norman hasn't had to share his partyline with anyone for several years.

The Myrtlewood country store was owned by J.D. Carter. The building was 50' wide and 100' deep with a front porch extending the width of the building. A small part of the structure housed the Post Office. During fair weather, men would gather on the front porch and play checkers on the three home-made and well worn checker boards. Coke bottle caps were used in place of checkers. One player placed the bottle caps up and the other player placed the bottle caps down. The store sold everything from soup to nuts, plow points, harness for horses and mules, food, fabric and some clothing such as overalls and socks. It had a huge fireplace that burned 6' long logs. In winter, farmers would gather 6 or 7 at a time in front of the fire, sitting on a barrel or anything handy, batting the breeze and spitting into the fire. Their aim was usually good and spit rarely hit the floor. One time J.D. Carter started missing items from the store and didn't know how he was being pilfered. Mr. Carter arrived early each day in winter to start the fire. One morning when he lit the fire he heard "Put that fire out", coming from the chimney. It was a burglar who was caught and jailed, ending the pilferage problem. Bib overalls were the main men's clothing attire at the time. Men worked in them every day. They brought their families to church every Sunday by horse and wagon, wearing clean, starched and pressed bib overalls with shirt and tie. That's all they had. A few farmers could not read or write. They would order one item at a time, take it to the wagon and return for the next purchase to make sure they did not get cheated. Most people did not believe in credit those days and paid cash for

everything. J.D. Carter allowed the local farmers credit. Some farmers charged everything at the country store and paid their bill when they sold their crops. Coats does not recall anyone not paying what they owed to Mr. Carter. Honesty and being honorable were important.

The tobacco habit was commonplace at the time. Some men chewed tobacco. Most men smoked tobacco in a corn cob pipe. A few smoked roll your own cigarettes. Most families had a small patch of tobacco cultivated to satisfy the tobacco habit. It was common to see older women smoking small, long stemmed clay pipes. There were no commercial packs of cigarettes, as we know them today, available in Myrtlewood at the time. The country store did sell cans of Prince Albert tobacco that was popular for pipe smoking. Bull Durham was sold in drawstring bags along with packets of cigarette papers for roll your own cigarettes. A handy tag was attached to the Bull Durham drawstring making it convenient to clamp one's teeth on the tag and pull the drawstring tight to make both hands available for rolling the smoke.

A Trip to Scotland

Al Coats (Service Rifle) and his wife Millie recently visited Scotland for a vacation and a shooting match. Al had this to say:

"It is a great place to visit and we had a wonderful time. I would highly recommend a vacation in Scotland as the country is very diverse and the people friendly. Millie returned home while I stayed and went to the matches at Bisley, England. I am the Adjutant for the USA Veterans Rifle Team that competed in the Veterans World Team Championship with six nations competing. The term "Veterans" in this case refers to shooters over 60 years of age. They are 10 man teams shooting Palma rifles at 300, 500, 600, 900, and 1000 yards. The course of fire was two sighting shots and 10 shots for record. The Great Britain team was first and the USA team second in a very competitive match."

Editor's note: Two USAMU shooters also competed in the International Long-Range Shooting Palma World Championships at Bisley, England (July 11 to 17). USAMU service rifle shooter **SSG Emil Praslick III** tied for second place but after the tie-breakers ended up in fifth place out of 1,800 of the world's best long-range shooters in the Empire Match. Praslick and **SGT Robert M. Mango** were members of the 12-person U.S. Team that received the Bronze Medal in the Overseas Team Match.

NPRC initiates online records request procedures

The National Personnel Records Center is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180 which can be downloaded from the online web site.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time. Also, because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. Veterans and next of kin may access this application at: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

USAR SHOOTER PROFILES:

Sue Ann Sandusky, International Rifle

Women shooters have contributed to the success of the Army and Army Reserve Teams. One of the plaques on the wall at Pool Range is dedicated to Sue Ann Sandusky who was inducted into the U.S. Army Reserve International Rifle Roll of Honor in October 2000. Sue Ann was born in Houston, TX 20 January 1952 and was introduced to competitive rifle shooting in high school in Findlay, Ohio. She shot in college with Texas Christian University where she was an All American selection in 1972-73-74. At TCU she received a B.A. degree in Journalism. She was National Woman's Air Rifle Champion in 1974. Sue Ann was recruited to join the Army Reserve and enlisted as a private in 1975 and began representing the USAR on the International Rifle Team and became National Woman Standard Rifle Prone Champion that year.

She won the Distinguished International Shooter Badge via her successes at the 1977 Championships of the Americas in Mexico City where she won the gold individual and team medals in the 50 meter Standard Rifle Prone event. A gold team medal in Air Rifle also went into her trophy case at that event. In 1978 she was again National Champion in Air Rifle and Standard Rifle Prone which won her a berth on the USA team to the 1978 World Championships in Seoul, Korea. Sue Ann became World Champion in 50 meter Standard Rifle Prone and led the team to the gold medal. She also added the gold Air Rifle team medal to her collection. In 1980 She was Women's Standard Rifle National Champion and won the NRA Smallbore Rifle Prone Distinguished badge.

In March of 1981, Sandusky accepted a direct appointment as a 1st Lieutenant in the USAR. She was promoted to Captain in November 1982 and entered active duty in the Army in January 1983. In 1983, the CISM Games were held at Fort Benning and CPT Sandusky won the silver medal in the Women's 3x20 50 Meter Rifle match. She was also a member of the USA team to the World Air Gun Championships in Innsbruck, Austria that same year. In 1987 She won the Distinguished Rifleman badge and the President's Hundred Tab. As a shooting administrator, Sandusky has served in positions with the U S Olympic Committee, the International Shooting Sport Federation (then the UIT) and the National Rifle Association of America.

Her civilian education continued to include the M.A. degree in East European Area Studies from the University of London and M. Phil. in Political Science from Columbia University.

Sandusky has served at the U S Military Academy at West Point as an assistant professor and Officer Representative to the Cadet Rifle Team. Her tours have included the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea and as a Foreign Area officer in Zimbabwe plus as a G-I Plans Officer in Germany, a Liaison Officer in Bosnia and as the Defense and Army Attache at the U S Embassy in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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.

Mike Griggs sends in the following news article excerpt which makes us all proud that Sue Ann served with us here.

From The Los Angeles Times (Solomon Moore).

MONROVIA, Liberia - U.S. helicopters beat through the sky and Harrier jets roared over cheering crowds Thursday, heralding the arrival of Army troops in this shell-shocked capital.

By mid-afternoon, more than 200 U.S. troops were creating checkpoints, opening bridges, preparing to fix the seaport and running off rebel fighters with a fearsome display of airpower in the first U. S. military intervention in Africa since 1992.

Fighters with the insurgent Liberation United for Reconciliation and Democracy, or LURD, continued to roam through Bushrod Island in overpacked cars, firing AK-47s skyward. They had promised to leave the area by noon so that peacekeepers would have an easy transition.

Their failure to leave angered U. S. military officials. As the deadline approached LTC Sue Ann Dusky, the military attache at the American Embassy in Monrovia, confronted GEN Sekou Fofana, LURD's top civilian official, at the city core and the LURD-held sector.

Sandusky told Fafana that the situation was an unacceptable breach of LURD's agreement, and thrusting a finger into Fofana's chest she warned him - "You are going to go before a war tribunal. You have 20 minutes to get it together."

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- Brandie Neal, Colorado Springs, Women's Skeet, Aug. 7, won Gold Medal and Olympic Quota Slot.
- Kimberly Rhode, El Monte, Calif., Women's Double Trap, Aug. 5, won Gold Medal.
- Randy Sotowa, Arcadia, Calif., Men's Skeet, Aug. 8, won Gold Medal.

Running Target

- Staff Sgt. Armando R. Ayala, USAMU, 10-Meter 30+30 Running Target, Aug. 7 and 8, Bronze Medal.
- Bill Johnson, Woodville, Miss., 10-Meter 30+30 Running Target, Aug. 7 and 8, won Gold Medal and Olympic Quota Slot.

Coaching Staff

- Army Reserve Maj. Dave Johnson, National Rifle Team Coach
- Retired USAMU Master Sgt. Erich Buljung, National Pistol Team Coach
- Retired Air Force Chief Master Sgt. Lloyd Woodhouse, National Shotgun Team Coach
- Sergey Luzov, National Running Target Team Coach

The following personnel won slots on the Pan-Am Team, but gave up their slots to fellow U.S. National Team shooters: USAMU's Maj. Michael E. Anti, Prone Rifle; Parker, Men's Air Rifle; Szarenski, Men's Air Pistol; Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Elizabeth Callahan, Sport and Women's Air Pistol; Jamie Beyerle, Sport and Women's Air Rifle; Glenn Eller, Men's Double Trap; and Emily Caruso of Fairfield, Conn., Women's Air Rifle.

News from Baghdad

Anne Pallotta, USAMU Commander's secretary recently wrote the following:

GREETINGS FROM BAGHDAD!

I was recently honored with being offered a position with the CPA (Coalition Provisional Authority) in Baghdad, Iraq. Needless to say, I immediately jumped at the chance to be a part of this fascinating time. Since leaving Fort Benning on 24 Aug 03, I have been to Fort Bliss, TX for CRC and then on to Baghdad via the long way around the world! I left Fort Bliss on Thursday and arrived in Baghdad on Saturday evening. What an experience already!

While here, I am serving as the executive assistant to Ambassador Slocumbe (Office of Security Affairs) and am enjoying every single aspect of this assignment. We all work 7 days a week and 12 hour days are more the norm than the unusual. Aside from what I do, I cannot tell you what it feels like, personally, to be a part of this history in the making and to see, not only our soldiers, but the soldiers and civilians from all over the world doing everything and anything they can to ensure the people of Iraq will enjoy the same privileges that the rest of us have been enjoying for decades. We all may speak different languages and have different customs but we are all here for one single purpose...the betterment of Iraq and it's people.

For those of us working and living at the palace, the conditions are improving daily. While some of the conditions are not what you hope for and may not have been what you were expecting, I have yet to hear anyone complain about anything. We all know why we are here and are doing everything we can to excel.

If you want to get goose bumps, just remember our soldiers who are here. I am constantly in awe of what they are doing no matter what their rank/position/assignment. For those who find their jobs are more geared towards the outdoors, they are out in the blazing sun with full gear, weapons, etc doing what is needed to accomplish the mission. The thing I find amazing is they always have a smile on their face...no matter what!

Some have been here for months...if they are not happy you would never know it. Just for the short time I have been here, I have been honored to meet active duty, reservists, national guard, etc and basically they are all the same...proud to be an American, proud to be doing what they have been trained to do and proud to be here. As a country, you have no idea of how lucky we all are in large part thanks to them.

As we all know, life goes on. Just in the few days I have been over here one of my cousins was hit by a car while bicycling and is in critical condition and my sister-in-law gave birth to a baby girl!

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

Mrs. Bibi Ogden passed away on March 28, 2003. Bibi was the wife of the 1960 era USAMU Pistol Shooter, Arthur Ogden (deceased).

Former assigned USAMU soldier, SFC (Ret) Albert K. Nainoa, died on June 12, 2003, and was buried in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was assigned to USAMU as an Instructor/Shooter with the Service Rifle Branch from September 1965 until his deployment to Vietnam. SFC Nainoa was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division Sniper School (1968-69) at Dongtam, Vietnam.

SFC (Ret) Wilfried K. Pohl, 73, died August 4, 2003, in Columbus, Georgia. He was a pistol shooter assigned to the Third Army Marksmanship Training Unit (MTU) and with the USAMU National Trophy Group in the mid to late 1970s. He earned the U.S. Army Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge in 1979. SFC Pohl retired from the Army with 21 years of military service. Upon his retirement from the Army, he was involved in a number of civic organizations including the Citizen's Law Enforcement Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 665, Heimatland Klub (German Club), South Columbus Concerned Citizens, and was a volunteer with the Columbus Sports Council.

SFC (Ret) John R. Kailer, Jr., died August 7, 2003, in Newnan, Georgia. He was a Service Pistol and International Pistol shooter assigned to the USAMU Pistol Branch from 1970 to the early 1980s.

SFC Kailer earned the U.S. Army Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge in 1971 and was awarded the United States International Distinguished Shooter Badge in 1981 for his medal winning performance at the Championship of the Americas in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

The Military Marksmanship Association announces with sorrow the passing of MSG (Ret) Henry Weinbrecht, 74, on August 10, 2003, in San Antonio, Texas. He is survived by his wife Mary. MSG Weinbrecht was a member of the Fourth Army MTU and then assigned to USAMU Pistol Team. He was awarded the U.S. Army Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge in 1961. MSG Weinbrecht was later selected to be the Pistol Coach of the U.S. Army Modern Pentathlon Team at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and was the Head Coach of the U.S. Pentathlon Team at the 1984 Olympic Games. He retired from the Army after 22 years of service.

Mrs. Billie "Willie" Mills passed away on July 26, 2003. Billie was an MMA Member and the wife of the former USAMU Range Maintenance Supervisor, Joe Mills (deceased).

USAMU / MMA REUNIONS

There will be a USAMU 48th Reunion in 2004! The exact date has not yet been selected. The USAMU 50th Reunion will be held in 2006 (USAMU was activated in 1956). Any one with input of ideas and time-frame for these should contact the MMA VP, Bruce Meredith at bameredith@mindspring.com or via mail at 103 Woodfield Circle, LaGrange, GA 30240.

Conway Chronicles

Francis B. Conway

Tales from Sight-In-Days: Fellow came up and said that he knew it was rifle day, but could I look at his Winchester model 12 pump shotgun. It did not want to feed or even release shells from the magazine. Upon disassembly there was a shot shell primer in the runway of the action bar which was stopping the action movement some 5/16" short of its rearward movement. With the primer removed, all worked perfectly. He loaded his own shells.

Tidbits

Hole-in-one: **Bill Blankenship** made his ace on August 8th at the Maple Ridge Golf Course in Columbus, GA. Bill used an 8-iron on the 155-yard 16th hole

Hole-in-one: **Herb Duncan** also got an ace on 15 August 15th at the Beaver Creek Golf Course in Columbus, GA. Herb used a seven wood on the 120-yard 3rd hole.

Pistol Coach **Harley "Doc" Nolden**, retired from USAMU in 1979. He sold insurance for a year and said, "That it was bummer: either feast or famine." He returned to Fort Benning as Gun Smith at Machine Shop #3. In 1989, he became a firearms instructor at the Department of the Treasury Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, Georgia. Finally, "Doc" retired completely in 1998 after 44-years of combined Federal Service. In retirement, "Doc" is very active in the American Legion, does a lot of fishing, and moderates a firearms research web page. <http://members.tripod.com/firearmsresearch>

The MMA thanks **Marylouise Hinds** for her generous donation in memory of MMA member Mrs. Billie Mills. Marylouise wrote that she had known her and had kept in touch with her since 1978. She said, "Mrs. Mills was very loyal to AMU and loved its activities." Marylouise also noted, "She was a true friend and will be sadly missed."

Col **Bruce Elliot** recently wrote: Mrs. Joe Mills, sadly will be missed by many.

Whenever visiting Columbus or TDY at Benning, I always took time to stop by and see Mrs. Joe and Short-circuit."

Whenever there was a match at Hook range, Mrs. Joe often came by and was never failing in bringing her famous Peanut Butter - Flakes with her.

Shotgun Coach Dean Clark recently related to me that Mrs. Joe attended the Fall Selections last year and did not forget to bring those wonderful peanut butter corn flake treats.

Mrs. Joe gave my wife the below recipe more than 20 years ago. I though I'd share it with everyone who would like to have it, I know Mrs. Joe wouldn't mind, she was just that kind of person.

Mrs. Joe Mills Peanut Butter-Flakes

1 cup sugar
1 cup Karo
1 jar smooth or chunky peanut butter
6 cups corn flakes

Bring sugar & Karo almost to a boil then stir in the peanut butter to almost a boil & well melted.

Pour over corn flakes in large bowl and stir - spoon on wax paper - be careful not burn your hands.

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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