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**USAMU Reunion and Hall
of Fame Induction**
22-24 October, 2004

USAMU Soldiers going to Olympics

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Olympians! (L to R)
MAJ Michael E. Anti ,
SPC Hattie J. Johnson,
SFC Daryl L. Szarenski,
SFC Jason A. Parker,
SFC Charles P.
Gartland and SFC
James "Todd" Graves
are congratulated by
TRADOC GEN Kevin
P. Byrnes at Easley
Range.

USMAU Photo

When the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, kicks off Aug. 11, there will be eight Soldiers from Fort Benning there to represent the United States. Seven shooters and a gunsmith of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit have been selected to the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team.

Sgt. 1st Class Charles P. Gartland, 39, a USAMU gunsmith, was chosen by USA Shooting to be the official gunsmith for the 2004 Olympic Games. USA Shooting of 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, Colo., is the national governing body for Olympic shooting sports in the United States.

The following seven USAMU shooters will compete in nine Olympic shooting events: Maj. Michael E. Anti, Men's Prone Rifle and Three Position Rifle; Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson, Men's Trap and Double Trap; Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Duloher, Men's Skeet; Sgt. 1st Class James "Todd" Graves, Men's Skeet; Sgt. 1st Class Jason A. Parker, Men's Air Rifle; Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski, Men's Air Pistol; and Spc. Hattie J. Johnson, Women's Air Rifle.

For Anti, 39, this will be his third Olympics. The infantry officer is attached to the USAMU through the World Class Athlete Program. He shot in the 1992 and 2000 Olympics, finishing in 9th Place in 2000 in the Three-Position Rifle competition and in 18th Place in 1992 in the Prone Rifle event.

Erickson, 43, will be shooting at his third Olympics as well. He came in 20th in 1996 and in 16th in 1992 in the Trap competitions. This time, the mortarman will be competing in both the Trap and Double Trap competitions.

Parker, who turns 30 years old June 27, will be competing for the second time in the Olympics in Men's Air Rifle. The infantryman finished in fourth place in the 2000 Olympics, barely missing a medal by seven-tenths of a point.

The third time shooting in the Olympics in 2000 resulted in a Bronze Medal in Skeet for Graves, 41. He finished in 15th place in Skeet in the 1996 Olympics; in the 1992 Olympics, the infantryman took 11th place in Skeet and 29th place in Trap.

For Szarenski, 36, this will be his second trip to the Olympics but his first time competing in Air Pistol. The infantryman finished in 25th place in Free Pistol in the 2000 Olympics.

A medic, Johnson, 22, will be competing in Women's Air Rifle in Athens. The first-time Olympian is married to Staff Sgt. Robby Johnson of the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, of Fort Benning.

Duloher, 39, will compete in Skeet in the 2004 Games. This will be the first Olympics for the infantry Soldier who won the 2001 Skeet World Championship in Cairo, Egypt.

MMA President's Report

Arch Arnold

It has been an interesting few weeks at the unit as our great soldiers have been shooting their hearts out trying to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Team. As usual there has been much "thrill of victory" to go along with "agony of defeat" and, ultimately, the USAMU will be very well represented in Athens this summer. Meanwhile the Service Rifle and Pistol Teams are ramping up to dominate the Service and National Championships. It is an exciting time of year at Fort Benning!

MMA is Tax-exempt!

There is some very good and important news for me to announce to our association: we have finally been approved by the Internal Revenue Service to be a tax-exempt organization! After literally years of effort by this board dating back to Mac Johnson's presidency in the late 90s, we have "broken the code!" This status has many beneficial impacts on our organization and not the least of which is that we can begin accepting contributions that are tax deductible for the contributor. We plan to establish a special fund for such contributions and use the proceeds for the good of the association and the USAMU. While we have a lot of work to do to work out how this will all be managed, suffice it to say that we have gained the potential to be more effective in achieving the objectives of our association. Thanks for this excellent turn of events are due to all our Presidents and Executive Board members who persisted in this effort over the years and a very special thanks to our fine member and accountant, Gus Youmans, who did all the real work to make this pursuit successful. You can count on hearing more about our tax-exempt status as the situation develops.

Reunion Planning

Our 48th Year Reunion is right around the corner. I trust each of you has given careful consideration to each and every Hall of Fame nominee, marked the ones most deserving in your eyes and mailed in your ballot. The induction of our collective choices into the Hall of Fame will be the highlight of the reunion weekend in October.

We look forward to seeing you all at Fort Benning October 22nd and 23rd. Make your travel arrangements now!

USAMU Commander's Report

LTC David J. Liwanag

USA Shooting has established the 2004 United States Olympic Shooting Teams to compete at Athens, and the Army Marksmanship Unit has the great honor and privilege to be sending SFCs Todd Graves, Shawn Duloher, and Brent Erickson for Shotgun; SPC Hattie Johnson, SFC Jason Parker, and MAJ Mike Anti for International Rifle; SFC Daryl Szarenski for Air Pistol; and SFC Chuck Gartland as the US Team Armorer/Gunsmith. I am especially proud of Hattie Johnson — hired to the USAMU straight out of high school and going to the Olympics before the end of her first enlistment, she embodies the "Army of One" theme — "Who I am, with training, technology, and support is better than what I was." We are proud all our Olympians represent the "Big Green Machine," over a million soldiers deployed or set to deploy in defense of our country and way of life.

Our other International Shooters showed superior grit all the way to their last shots. SSG Joetta Dement showed the fight in all soldiers by going 660 competition birds and two final shoot-offs, grappling for a single Olympic quota slot. Sometimes fate comes down to only one bird, but what a performance! Our other Soldiers all had great runs, including Specialists Wallace, Hadden, Gathman, and Barnhart, and SGT Ennis, SSGs Holloway and Ayala, and SFC Tom Tamas.

Our International Shooters have gone straight back into training, prepping for Brazil and Italy World Cups, CISM competition in Turkey, and USA Shooting National Championships.

The summer pick-up program is testing the soldiers we've scouted from the force and the All-Army Championships to fill the ranks of Service Pistol and Service Rifle. The coaches are very happy with the direction we've set to replenish our ranks as several of our Soldiers and NCOs have started rotating back to the Big Army in Germany and Korea, the training base, Recruiting Command, and eventually back into the Global War on Terror.

Service Pistol and Service Rifle are decisively engaged in their respective shooting seasons with the Interservice and National Championships starting next week. Service Rifle is poised to have a superior year.

Coats Brown, A Legacy

Ken Hamill

This series is about the life and times of a shooting legend who became the first Service Rifle Head Coach of USAMU in 1956. If you shot or worked with Coats Brown, please send any memories you have of those times to the Editor so the membership can share or relive those memories.

Fort McClellan, Alabama. Every soldier maintained a wall locker and a footlocker. The footlockers were aligned at the foot of each bed. The wall lockers were placed against the Walls. Nothing else was placed on the walls. Uniforms were hung in the wall locker. Other clothing was secured in the footlocker. Shined footgear was aligned under the bed. The standards for the bed, foot and wall locker displays were especially high on Saturdays. A ten point smallbore range was in the attic. The bullet stop was steel and placed at an angle above a sandtrap on the floor. Lead from expended rounds could be collected from the sandtrap. Louvered windows in the attic range were adjustable and offered very good ventilation. A second floor L shaped back porch was accessible through side and back doors of the main living space. The two legs of the porch were approximately 50 feet and 30 feet long and extended out from the building 12 feet. K Company would conduct physical training on the porch during inclement weather. The unscreened porch was a favorite lounge area of the barracks soldiers. There were plenty of chairs, they could smoke, chew tobacco and talk. They were out of sight and could relax. Steam heat warmed the barracks and most Post buildings in winter. The Post steam system provided plenty of hot water.

The battalion-sized post of Fort McClellan was mostly woods at the time and had one hard top road that ran east and west through the main post garrison area. From garrison, that road led two miles east to the main gate. It was ten miles cross-country from garrison to the town of Anniston. The main road to the west led to the quartermaster area two miles away, and the ranges, training areas and mountains.

The garrison was formed generally like a rectangle that extended north and south from the main road. The Hospital, Headquarters and Chapel fronted the south side of the main road. The Post Headquarters building was the most prominent structure on Fort McClellan and housed both the 22nd Infantry Regiment and 3rd Battalion Headquarters. A "U" shaped road butted into the main road and framed a large Post Parade Ground. The grass parade area was structure free except for the rear of Post Headquarters and the Flag Pole. Several sets of officers quarters were located along the U shaped road across the street from the parade field. The officers club was centered among the officers quarters. It was a very pleasant scene.

The troop billets were located on the north side of the main road. A new PX and the barracks of Service Company, Mike Company, King Company and Headquarters Company fronted on the road opposite Post Headquarters. A large battalion parade ground formed a rectangle behind these barracks. Fourth Tank Company and their tank park was located on the northern side of the parade field in WWI buildings. Item and Love Companies were on the east end of the parade field. The Gym and Library were on the west side of the field. A wide concrete walkway was located behind the barracks and framed the south, east and west sides of the battalion parade field. The salute gun was located behind the library. Several WW I wood buildings were located north of the battalion area. The commercial dry cleaning establishment was located in one of these buildings. Some NCO quarters were located northeast of the Battalion area. The eastern leg of the concrete walkway became an old road leading to the main road and the main gate.

Battalion reveille and retreat formations were held daily. Service, I, L, M, K and Headquarters Companies formed on the south and east legs of the concrete walkway. 4th Tank Company formed on the northern side of the Battalion parade field without benefit of a walkway. The seven first sergeants formed the companies, announced daily business and took report or held muster. At the appropriate time, usually 0600, the Post Officer of the Day took the report of "All Present" or "So Many Men Absent" from each unit at reveille. The O.D. made any necessary announcements and returned the companies to first sergeant control. The Post O.D. also conducted daily retreat formation at 1700. This ceremony coincided with the lowering of the national flag and the bugle call "To The Colors". The battalion "Presented Arms" and the salute gun was fired. The battalion was brought to "Order Arms" when the flag was completely lowered down the flagstaff and the final note of music had sounded. On special occasions, like change of command ceremonies, the Battalion Commander would hold these formations. Coats Brown remembers two ceremonies when the battalion assembled on the Post Parade field between 1935 -1940.

**USAMU 48th Anniversary Reunion
and
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
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USAR SHOOTER PROFILE:

Gloria K. Parmentier, International Rifle

Born 22 March 1958 in Columbus, GA, Gloria stated shooting in 1969 at the Carlisle Barracks Rifle Club in Carlisle, PA where she earned the NRA Junior Distinguished Badge. Living next in Alexandria, VA, she became a member of the very successful Acoms Junior Rifle Club that won the 1974, 1975 and 1976 National Junior Rifle Team Championships and set national records. Gloria won several national individual championships including the National Women's Smallbore Rifle Position title at Camp Perry, Ohio in 1974. While still a high school student, she won a gold team medal as a member of the open 10 meter air rifle squad at the Pan American Games in Mexico City in 1975. That entitled her to be a recipient of the United States International Distinguished Shooter Badge. She won the NRA Distinguished Smallbore Rifle Position Badge the same year. She attended East Tennessee State University on a rifle scholarship. In the years 1977 to 1980, she was three times first team All American Rifle Team and once second team. She was twice first team All American with the air rifle. At Camp Perry in 1978, she again became National Women's Champion in Smallbore Rifle Position. Parmentier received the 1977 Award of Merit from Sports Illustrated. She was commissioned a 2LT in 1980 and graduated from the Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic School and the Airborne School and was assigned to the USAMU International Rifle Section in 1981 where she went back to Camp Perry with the Army to again prevailed in capturing the National Women's Smallbore Rifle Position Championship. At the 1982 World Shooting Championships in Caracas, Venezuela, she tallied a silver team medal in Women's Air Rifle and a bronze team medal in the 3 x 20 event. She proved that she could transition to a center fire rifle by winning a bronze medal in the 1982 Interservice 300 meter Standard Rifle match.

The year 1983 turned out to be a banner year for Gloria Parmentier. She was National Champion in the 3 x 20 event, won a silver individual medal and a gold team medal at the Pan American Games in Caracas, won a 3 x 20 gold medal in the CISM Games held at Fort Benning and was National Open Indoor Rifle Champion. At those CISM Games, she shot 300 meters slow and rapid fire. The two gold team medals came as a result of the two team records established by the USA. In 1983, she was Woman's Interservice Standard Rifle Prone Champion, Smallbore Free Rifle Champion and Air Rifle Sectional Champion. Yes, 1983 was a very good year.

At the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984, Gloria was 4th place in Women's 50 meter Standard Rifle 3 position event. Continuing into 1985, she was National Open Indoor Rifle Position Champion and

National Women's Indoor 4 position winner. In 1985, she was presented the Women's Sports Foundation Revlon Armed Services Award for Athletic Excellence.

In 1986, the CISM Games were held in Portugal. There the gold medal in the Women's 50 meter position rifle event became Gloria's. She, also, went on to capture the NRA Women's Indoor 3 position event in 1986. At the 1987 Pan American Games in Indianapolis, IN, she competed in the Women's ten meter Air Rifle Event.

Captain Parmentier shot with the Army Reserve Team from 1987 until 1992. She joined the select group of individuals that were inducted into the USAR International Shooter Roll of Honor at Fort Benning in 2000. During her career, she set more than 150 National Records. During her early shooting career, her parents were instrumental in getting her established with good basics in marksmanship. Her Father, COL Stanley Parmentier, also a distinguished shooter, was AMU Commander from July 1978 to August 1984.

Gloria currently can be reached at 760 Flatwood Road, Lebanon, TN 37090. Telephone: 615-444-0171 and Email gloria@QuestX.com.

Vic Auel says he enjoyed the last Profile, but corrections are needed. He was Junior Champ at Camp Perry in 1955 and was the National Collegiate Champion in '56 and '57. He was the Overall Champ in 1961.

He added you cannot imagine the fond memories he has of all of you and wishes all of life could give us such friends as we have in the shooting game.

MMA received a copy of William K. Emerson's book Marksmanship in the U.S. Army - A History of Medals, Shooting Programs, and Training. Thanks to all members who contributed to his efforts.

MMA Web Site at -

militarymarksmanship.org

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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.

Taps, Present Arms

Staff Sergeant **Richard A Lamb**, USAR, died April 26, 2004, in Fresh Meadows, NY. He was 56.

Richie was 2670 shooter and a top competitor for over two decades with the U.S. Army Reserve Pistol Team. He was a Distinguished Pistol Shot and a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War.

In his civilian job, Richie was a Policeman assigned to the 12th Precinct in New York City, NY. He was interred with full police honors at Rockville Centre, Long Island, NY.

Sergeant First Class (Retired) **John R. Mann**, 56, died May 1, 2004, in Fort Mitchell, Alabama.

SFC Mann was a Service Rifle shooter assigned to the USAMU Service Rifle Section and a member of the Service Rifle Hall of Fame. He was awarded the U. S. Army Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1980.

In Memoriam: SFC John Mann 1948-2004

Phil Cannella

I remember John as a quiet man with a homegrown country demeanor that was as nice as his always-pleasant smile. It was in 1974 during my second tour of duty with the United States Army Marksmanship Unit that I first had the pleasure of meeting him and came to know him over the next seven years. As the Officer-in-Charge of the Service Rifle Section, I was responsible for the summer shooting team known as the National Trophy Group (NTG). It was during these summer NTG sessions when John and I become co-workers and friends. John worked in the USAMU Shop under the Shop Officer but he would be attached to me to support the Service Rifle NTG team as the NCOIC of the gun truck with its 400 weapons and ammunition during Regional matches, the Interservice Championship, and the National Matches.

The task and responsibility John assumed was enormous. Not only was he responsible for the security of the weapons and ammunition—providing 24-hours a day security—he assured all weapons turned in to the gun van were safe and cleaned by the shooters. The security of the weapons was critical—it was the mid-70s when thieves wanting to get the military semiautomatic and automatic weapons broke into a number of arms rooms at National Guard armories. I can report that we never lost a weapon or a round of ammunition during John's watch.

John would banter about a lot of topics—in good humor. I especially recall his wanting to be a Service Rifle Shooter. John understood his duty to the NTG, which took precedence over his desire to shoot. With a chuckle he would say with his infectious smile, "Now, Colonel, I'm only asking you to allow me to shoot when you see fit." but he never pressed the issue. Of course, I would have liked to see him excel with the rifle but the safety, security, and responsibility for the summer mission came first. However, John was afforded the opportunity to zero a rifle or two to and prepare himself to participate in "Leg" matches.

Following my departure from USAMU in May 1981, John's enthusiasm and skill with the service rifle eventually paid off for him, the USAMU, and the Army. He became a National Service Rifle Individual Champion and later was selected to the USAMU Service Rifle Hall Of Fame.

John was a professional Soldier and friend. A friend is forever—I lost a friend with John's passing. John, I'll always recall the pleasant moments you gave to the team and to me.

Keeping In Touch

MMA member **Ray P. Carter** has created a website (www.usashooting.com/alumni/index.html) on the history of the U. S. Shooting Team that many MMA members will find interesting. It includes photos, articles, USA Shooting Hall of Fame members, a listing of USST officials, results of every USST member since 1896, a listing of World Records, a listing of USA World Champions, a listing of USA winners of Olympic Quota Slots, shooting website links, UIT/ISSF trophies and a complete listing of U.S. Distinguished International Shooter Badge winners.

Ray is looking for additional articles from current or former members of the U.S. Shooting Team. He would like it in a digital format like in the body of an email or as an attachment in MS Word (.doc) or text (.txt) format.

You can email him at raypcarter@comcast.net.

Member **Bob H. Yanagibashi** sent a short greeting with his dues. He said it's great to stay informed about the happenings at the USAMU since his departure during the COL Montgomery, SGM Henry Hand era. He has competed in many shotgun shooting sports as a civilian since then.

Member **Francis B. Conway** says he shot a new range record on Center Fire Hunter Pistol Silhouette on 7 March, exactly one month past his 85th birthday.

Weldon M. Griggs sent an interesting letter concerning a paper he crafted while at Fort Leavenworth. The paper argues for the position that Infantry units should have trained and equipped organic snipers. Extracts will be in the next issue of the *Times*.

USAMU / MMA REUNIONS

The USAMU 50th Reunion will be held in 2006 (USAMU was activated in 1956). We will have a 48th Reunion and Hall of Fame induction October 22nd through 24th, 2004. Any one with input of ideas and time-frame for the 50th anniversary should contact the MMA VP, Bruce Meredith at bameredith@mindspring.com or via mail at 103 Woodfield Circle, LaGrange, GA 30240.

Your input is important. We want to make these events special for all attendees. We hope to see a huge turn-out for both reunions. Tell your friends and plan to be there.

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.

Conway Chronicles

Francis B. Conway

When I got commissioned in January 1957 my first assignment was at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The area is fantastic for woodchuck hunting. My favorite sighting in area, north of the town of Aberdeen, in the short space of 7 years, was now a housing area! So I joined the Bel Air Gun Club which had a rifle range to 200 yards. One of the first people I met was a very active member, Larry Gau. Larry had been the chief pistol instructor for the Maryland State Police back in the 1930's, a good friend of General Hatcher and long time secretary of the club. He worked at Edgewood Arsenal across part of Chesapeake Bay from Aberdeen, had a reserve commission and came out of WWII as a Lt. Col. specializing in ammunition. Several months after we met he told me that General Hatcher had been by. He had told the general about how accurate my 375 mag was. The general said he had something I could use and would bring it by. Next time at the house Larry gave me 3 1/2 quart jars full of 270 gr. Winchester 375 bullets! Yes, I do still have some. A lieutenant that worked at Edgewood also told me that Larry had brought him to APG one day and on the way back had suddenly pulled off on the shoulder of US Hwy 40. He reached back, ran down the rear window, got his 220 swift off the seat and shot a buzzard on the chimney of a house diagonally across the highway! The buzzard fell down the chimney. Unconcerned, he continued on to Edgewood.

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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COMMANDER / From Page 2

Our schedule already has Warfighter Support high in priority. The 2nd Infantry Division in Korea is slated to get an AMU Marksmanship MTT prior to deploying its 2nd Brigade(+) to Iraq. Service Rifle is slated to run five Designated Marksman Instructor classes before next march's All-Army, and the shop has been tasked by TRADOC to produce 220 M16A2 Designated Marksman Rifles for the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division before they re-deploy to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom (Phase III). The Shop is also finishing prototype pistols we are submitting to be considered as the US Army Special Operations Command's next-generation .45 caliber pistol, complete with a noise suppressor.

AMU facilities remain the premier facilities of their kind in the United States and North America, and the jewel in the crown of the Army shooting program. We have taken ownership of a new range to host close combat training and Action Shooting, with 9 proposed handgun/shotgun/submachinegun training bays and a 300-meter rifle range. Vandals have started to damage AMU electronics, ranges and range equipment, and POVs. We will remain vigilant so the Army remains a viable training and competition host. Rest assured we will prosecute miscreants.

The All-Army Championships will be televised on the Outdoor Life Channel the first week of June and will help let the rest of the Army know that military competitive shooting for the force is back, at least for one major tournament per year.

I'm looking forward to the Reunion this October, as Ken Hamill has helped in an MMA-wide drive to get superior teams recognized in the "Big" AMU Hall of Fame. I think the Army Rifle Team that set a 25-year Interservice 10-man Team Record might be an appropriate start, but the call will be made by you — the men and women who set the tradition of pride we share by having been a part of "The Home of Champions."

