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President's Report: Focus on Membership and 50th Reunion

Bruce Meredith

The shooting season is coming to an end and those of you who had the good fortune to compete, or somehow take part in a competition, are the envy of those that did not. Just being on an active range will bring out the desire to once again take part. It brings back memories of the great times of the past to many of our members.

The MMA is your professional organization. The membership bar chart maintained by Dick Rebidue reflects that the membership growth is flat. The goal is to grow the numbers and move the direction upwards.

All involved in the preliminary planning for the 50th reunion believe the event will be a significant and memorable milestone. My greatest fear is that for a time period immediately after the reunion, and for many more years following, people are going to come out of the environment complaining that they never got the word and lamenting the fact that they missed an opportunity to take part.

We need everyone to implement more "word of mouth". We do not maintain an address/telephone data bank for every person that ever belonged to a military shooting team. Help us find the right people. Being around the shooting ranges, especially the practice days of the Service Rifle times of my shooting career, I know for a fact that we have some of the greatest word of mouth people in the world. Such Bull Shooters! Put it to work for a membership drive.

I want to welcome and thank the first group of MMA Life Members. Their names are reflected in a special section of this issue. They made a contribution to the organization. There was no calculation as to what is the least expensive way for me to belong to the MMA. I encourage you to consider joining the group. Over the years, most of you benefited sufficiently from TDY pay and awards to be thankful for the shooting sport.

The Board of Directors wishes to make attendance at the reunion as convenient as possible. We do not want financial difficulty to preclude anyone from attending. We realize that travel expenses are a burden. The cost of attending is going to be relieved as much as possible, within reason, when putting together the price of attending. The AMU and the MMA are going to carry the greatest burden of the expense. It will, however, not be a totally free show. It will be very enticing. We had flyers announcing the reunion posted at Camp Perry, Quantico, Vandalia and other event locations. Help us and do all you can. Your efforts will contribute to a team success.

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USAMU 50th Anniversary Reunion
October 18-21, 2006

USAMU Commander's Report

LTC David J. Liwanag

Your Shooting Teams have had an awesome summer racking up some very respectable champion titles.

To begin, 19 year-old PFC Josh Richmond won the title of World Double-Trap Junior Champion at the World Championships in Lonato, Italy back in May, with SFC Todd Graves taking Bronze in Skeet. Brigade has added more emphasis on direct support to the Army Recruiter, ROTC and JROTC, and help to Drill Sergeants, and Shotgun has jumped in literally with both barrels blazing. SGT Ryan Hadden and SFC Shawn Dulohery earned the Army some outstanding prime-time footage on ESPN and ESPN2 for the Great Outdoor Games. Unfortunately the weather down in Florida didn't cooperate and all "Great American Outdoors Games" rifle and shotgun events got weathered out. The boys made us proud.

Richmond won the National Double-Trap Champion title, and is joined by teammates SGT Ryan Hadden and SSG Bill Keever on the US National Team after the Army made a "Clean Sweep" of all USA Shooting Double-Trap Team Matches.

The Service Pistol Team started the year off strong, with SSG Adam Sokolowski and SPC Sean Watson shooting several personal best performances throughout the season. SSG Keith Sanderson took the Interservice Individual Champion title, the first time for a Regular Army shooter in 22 years. The combined Service and International Pistol Teams combined into a single US Army Pistol Team for the Interservice and Nationals and did us proud. Weather abbreviated our team's performance at Camp Perry, but I am confident they are on the edge of greatness. They are now shifting gears back to CISM, Training-the-Trainer, and Combat mode, preparing for the Australian Army (Combat) Skill at Arms Meeting.

Our International Shooters are joining the Service and Combat shooters by earning Excellence-in-Competition "Leg" badges and The President's Hundred tab. Notable is SPC Hank Grey (International Rifle) earning another Bronze at Camp Perry; SFC Darryl Szarenski (International Pistol) shooting a ball gun and earning a leg badge and his President's Hundred; and SSG Janet Sokolowski earning the Atlantic Fleet's 3rd Gold and legging out at the Atlantic Fleet Matches. SFC Eric Daniels is just a few points shy of being triple Distinguished.

SFC Tom Tamas is the US National Smallbore Champion, and SGT Shane Barnhart is the National 3-Position Smallbore Rifle Champion. The Army took the 3-position and prone iron and scope team national champion titles.

SSG Max Michel is the US Practical Shooting Association National Open Action Pistol Champion for the second

year in a row, and he finished fourth in the World Shoot in Guayaquil, Ecuador. SPC Travis Thomasie is the USPSA Limited Class Pistol Champion, and he won a Bronze Medal at the World Shoot.

Service Rifle continues to dominate the Interservice Championships and the National Matches. The US Army now holds the record for the six-man, 10-man, and Interservice Rattle-Battle matches. Several of the finest riflemen in the country have also remarked to me, "The Army's back in Long Range." SFC Norm Anderson is only the fourth shooter in 103 years to win both the President's Hundred and National Trophy Individual matches the same year. We have a Service Rifle Team with enough youngsters in line to ensure the US Army can establish a highpower rifle dynasty against all military and civilian challengers.

The CMP is actively supporting the Army's need to provide trained Known Distance Marksmanship Instructors to augment our Advanced Rifle Marksmanship and Designated Marksman Mobile Training Teams. No less than guys like MSG (retired) John Chubb are among the riflemen volunteering their time to help train up NCOs from Hawaii to Fort Stewart to shoot to 500 and 600 yards with rack-grade M16s, M4 Carbines, and M14s.

Our gunsmith and reloading staff is completing a mandated military-to-civilian conversion that loses nothing in talent and competency. On the contrary, our weapons and ammunition have never been better, and are the standard for all other gunsmiths — they take away the technical excuse and leave it for our coaches and shooters to work on shooter excellence. We are advancing the art every day, and the Big Army has taken notice of several of our weapons, mods, and ammo loads.

SFC Brent Erickson, one of Olympic Shotgun shooters, is retiring to Texas after a full and honorable military career. He'll still shoot for a position on the summer 2008 Beijing US Olympic Team.

On a final note, several of our Soldiers and civilian staff have families who were affected by Hurricane Katrina. We were blessed with no fatalities or major injuries, but a few of their families have lost their homes and businesses. We are Soldiers and we are champions, but most of all we are family. Please keep them in your prayers as they slowly rebuild their lives and households.

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.

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. Captain Winslow, the white haired Commanding Officer of K Company ran the Civilian Military Training Corps (CMTC) during the summer of 1935. Approximately 500 college men were taught most of the basic military skills during a concentrated 2-week period. The commander needed a map of the training area. Coats attempted to draw the map. He measured a test area, walked that area and determined that he had a 30" stride. He paced and measured the area to be mapped while shooting angles to known objects with a compass. He then transposed the distances and angles with the alidade to the schematic and ended up with a map drawn to scale. The industrial drafting course and penmanship training from his youth, with the map drawing instruction provided by Supply Sergeant Turner made it possible. The CMTC tent area was located about one mile from garrison. Approximately fifty concrete slabs, leftover from World War I, formed floors for some of the required tents. About half of the required tents had dirt floors. When Coats finished the map, he showed it to Sgt. Turner. Turner looked at the map closely and patted Coats on the back without saying a word. Coats knew that was a compliment and he had done a good job drawing the map. Coats was directed to deliver the map to the Colonel.

K Company soldiers saw how Coats addressed his mail to his Mother and family. Everyone admired his neat and ornamental style of addressing an envelope. It wasn't long before friends starting asking Coats for printing favors. The artistic ability of Coats Brown would become quite well known to the people of Fort McClellan. Ornate and official discharge certificates were provided each soldier when their term of enlistment expired. The soldier's name, rank, dates of service, location, bad time served and expert weapons qualification were typed or annotated on each certificate. Coats started making Honorable Discharge Certificates for K Company soldiers and ended up making certificates for everyone on Post that needed them. These certificates were hand printed in Coats own style of ornamental writing and then signed by the appropriate official. Hand printed certificates were common in the Army those days. Soldiers wanted something ornate and special, rather than a plain typed document. Senior ROTC training was also conducted at Fort McClellan later that summer.

Coats was promoted to Private First Class on or about December of 1935. The number of soldiers with stripes on their arms was limited in each company. A PFC stripe became available when PFC Wooten, with eleven years in grade got drunk on duty. Wooten was called in front of the Company Commander and reduced to Private. He would earn PFC back in about 18 months. Private Brown was called in front of the Company Commander and promoted to PFC. A promotion board was not commonly used at the time. On going discussions between the NCO's and First Sergeant of K Company formed the evaluation process of

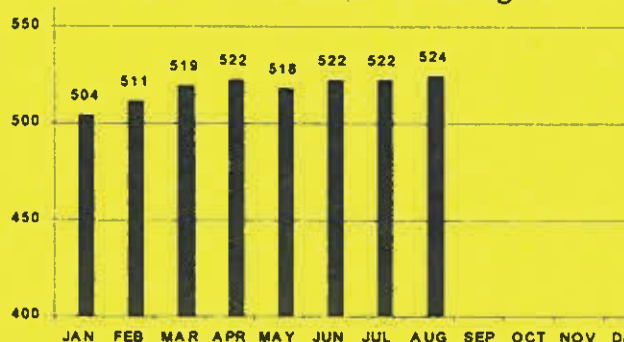
unit soldiers. The Commander was informed of the most qualified people for promotion.

Coats has fond memories of K Company during drill and ceremonies. It was fun to be a part of the old drill, "squads left", "squads right", "squads about". A squad of eight men usually marched in two ranks of four. The squad leader held down the right front position. The BAR man held down the left rear position. There was more squad, platoon and company drill movements in the old days. First Sergeant Bull Johnson would sometimes drill K Company for an hour prior to retreat. Bull was excellent, squads and platoons marching in different directions while he boomed out commands from the center area. It was a beautiful sight to behold. Drill and manual of arms competitions among the companies of Fort McClellan were held on the main parade field. Coats remembers drill and manual of arms demonstrations and competitions inside of armories and on theater stages. These shows had a recruiting purpose. The Marines sometimes entered these competitions.

Welcome New Members

Anna K. Burchett	Stratham, GA
Karson L. Carpenter	Ann Arbor, MI
Pershing D. Gervais	Portage, MI
William J. Henderson	St. John, VI
Craig S. Jahelka	Tehachapi, CA
Jerome E. Kusy, Sr.	Jacksonville, NC
Deono D. Miller	Olivet, SD
Daniel J. Pressler	Steven Hills, OH
David J. Pressler	Stow, OH
Steve F. Reiter	Tucson, AZ
Edward C. Shelley III	Clinton, AR
Jack R. Vincent	Canyon, TX
Robert V. Walsh, Jr.	Peachtree City, GA
Jerry L. Wilder	Birchwood, WI
John H. Writer	Columbus, GA

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MMA Life Members

Gary L. Anderson Phillip F. Cannella, Jr.
 Archibald V. Arnold III Donald L. Harmon
 Bruce A. Meredith

Life Membership is only \$300



Donald Harmon firing a Remington .308 with Anschütz sights at the 1969 USA National 300 meter Championships at Phoenix, AZ. Don is Distinguished Rifle and International (Running Target). He is also a MMA Life Member.



2LT Mike Griggs, National Running Deer Champion 1964 at Hibbs Range, Fort Benning, GA. He holds a Remington 760 Rifle Cal .222 with Hart barrel.

VINTAGE PHOTOS:

Donald Haldeman poses with his Gold Medal won in Trap Shooting at the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Canada. He is Distinguished International and a USAMU Shotgun Hall of Fame member.



USAMU Memories

MSG John D. Martin (one of the USAMU founding members, 1956) is presented a USAMU plaque by COL E. R. Mason and COL Thomas J. Sharpe. The plaque reads: United States Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit - MSGT John D. Martin - 1957. He was also picked up by the "Provisional AMU" in 1954 and 1955.





Herb Duncan firing a Winchester 30-338 Rifle with Unertl scope. His 1000 yard winning score was 100-26V at the Interservice Championships at Quantico, VA in 1966. He was also the 1958 All-Army Individual Champion firing the M-1 Garand. Herb is a Distinguished Rifleman and President's 100.



Emil Heugatter takes aim with a .38 cal Colt Officer's Model revolver at the Balboa Gun Club in Panama in 1956. He won the 1958 National Center Fire Championship at Camp Perry with this gun. He is Distinguished Pistol and International and President's 100 and was the 25th Division Sniper School NCOIC in Vietnam 1969-1970.

Conway Chronicles

Francis B. Conway

Sight In Days: A man brought up a Remington model 700 with open bolt. He said there was a live round in the chamber, which would not fire and also would not extract. I took the bolt out and using a square ended rod, tapped it gently and the round fell out. It had rifling marks on the bullet from the throat of the rifling. So I asked for another round, loaded it and closed the bolt on it, it also stuck in the chamber. About this time he said he had gotten a face full of gas on the first shot! As I took out the second round, I glanced at the marking on the barrel and it said "7mm Remington Magnum". He had given me a 7mm Remington Express (the old .280 Remington under a new name). So he had shot a 30.06 sized case in a magnum chamber. We went up and got his ejected first case and it was split end to end and expanded to fit the oversized chamber. He said he thought "magnum" and "express" were the same thing! Lucky, lucky!

USAR Shooter Profile: David Johnson, Int'l Rifle

David Johnson will apparently be the last of the shooters inducted into the USAR International Rifle Roll of Honor, unless something changes. The Chief Army Reserve eliminated the team almost ten years ago. I am biased of course, but I believe the facts speak for themselves. The team was the best of any reserve team from any service, any gun. The members of this team won more Olympic and World Championship medals, international matches, national championships, national records, etc. than any other starting in 1968. David Johnson's performances have been emblematic of this success. He was born 29 May 1964 in Mt. Holly, NJ. He started shooting at age 9 with the Langley Junior Rifle Club. He was a Sub-Junior National Champion. He attended West Virginia University on a rifle and ROTC scholarship and won the NCAA individual championship and helped the team win three NCAA national championships. He was a four time All American in Smallbore and Air Rifle. He joined the USAR International Rifle in 1984 while assigned to the 354th Ordnance Co. in Morgantown, WV. Commissioned a 2LT in 1986, he graduated from the Infantry Officer Basic Course and the Jungle Training Center in Panama and was sent to the 3/87th Infantry, Pueblo, CO. He became a Resident Athlete at the U S Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs. He made the every U S Shooting Team from 1990 to 1995. Along the way, he won six World Cup medals, two Olympic quota slots and several national and Interservice championships. In 1983, while still in college, David made the US team to the Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela where he won the silver individual medal in Air Rifle and a gold team medal in Air Rifle and Three Position shooting. This entitled him to wear the Distinguished International Badge on the uniform. In 1986, he made the USA team to the World Air Gun Championships in Mexico City. In 1988 he became Distinguished in NRA Smallbore Rifle. In 1989, Johnson made the team to the World Air Gun Championship to Sarajevo, Yugoslavia and in 1990, he shot in the World Championships in Moscow, Russia. He won gold individual and silver team medals in the Pan American Games in Havana, Cuba in 1991. His air rifle talents took him to the World Air Gun Championships in Stavanger, Norway.

At the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain, Johnson shot both 10 meter Air Rifle and 50 meter Smallbore 3 Position. David shot in the 1994 World Championships, Milan, Italy. David won a silver individual and gold team in fifty meter 3x40 shooting in the Pan American Games in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1995. David Johnson has shot in World Cups, which are qualifying events for the Olympics, and won medals in most of them in Zurich, Switzerland, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Munich, Germany, Beijing, China and Hiroshima, Japan. He completed the NRA Smallbore Rifle Prone badge in 2000. David was selected to be the assistant coach for the USA National Team from 1996 to 1998. He moved next to be the rifle coach at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, where they were collegiate team champions. David is currently the coach of the USA National Rifle Team at the Olympic Training Center, Colorado Springs. He is a Major serving in the World Class Athlete Program. He can be contacted at (719) 866-4630 or david.johnson@usashooting.org.

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. MMA Times Editor, PO Box 52025, Ft Benning, GA 31995-2025.

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