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## MMA President's Report

Bruce Meredith

The MMA welcomes to the AMU the new commander, LTC Charles T. Connett. He is a graduate of the University of Northern Kentucky and comes to us with a well rounded military background. He is a Special Forces Officer whose most recent assignments were at Fort Carson, Colorado and Stuttgart, Germany. A "thank you" to LTC David Liwanag, as he leaves the unit for his next assignment at Norfolk, Virginia. Best wishes.

The time clock for the reunion is ticking and the event is quickly upon us. The interest is peaking as displayed in the membership graph. We will pass the 600 mark soon. Add spouses and guests to that, then calculate in an attendance factor to guess how many will be here. We have 31 Life Members and more arriving each week. Your support is terrific! The early registrations are a little slow and I encourage you to beat the lines at registration by sending in your registration/order form quickly. That also helps those doing the work. The forms and event schedule were mailed out in July and they are also on our web site. Questions have come in regarding non-members. Any member may invite a guest (s). We expect many to come help celebrate the occasion and be with their friends from the past and present. The selections for the section Halls of Fame are still being calculated.

We will have a round robin FUN shoot. Leave your guns and ammunition at home. All will be provided (and must be used) at the ranges. The course of fire is 10 shots double trap, .12 gauge; 10 shots service pistol, iron sights, 25 yards, NRA target, one or two hands; 10 shots .22 cal rifle, iron sights, 50 meters electronic targets, from the bench rest. After submission of the score cards, the five man teams will be formed by random drawing. Participate, enjoy the camaraderie and have FUN. Awards to the winning team.

Those of you who have not been here in years will be surprised by the construction and changes underway on post. New gas station, fire station, barracks, ranges, PX, etc. The Post Rifle & Pistol club has been moved and upgraded. Plan to tour main post, Sand Hill and Kelly Hill. Go look at our display in Infantry Hall (Building 4). Go to the Infantry Museum. Go on South Lumpkin Road to the site of the new Infantry Museum construction. Tour the AMU headquarters, shop, loading room and ranges. Get here early, relax and enjoy. Play some golf. Shoot the Round Robin. Visit with your friends. Do not try to rush through all of this. I have tried in the past. I found myself literally running from point to point to get it all in. Take all four days. That's why it is set up for four days. You requested it.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book deadline has passed. Thank all of you who contributed. A lot of work went in to this. The publisher now has it. We can not guarantee that the final book will be available for distribution at the reunion, but that is the goal we requested. To those of you, and others, that will not find yourself in the book, I can only say we really tried to reach out and pull you in. We looked, publicized and put the word out to the best of our resources. It will be a keeper. Buy two. The demand will be there from others for years.

For the banquet on Saturday at the Iron Works Convention Center, the commander of the AMU will set his unit's uniform standard. It is not announced yet, but will probably be class A uniform. Possibly dress blues at the head table. I plan to wear dress blues. The guidance I got from the unit is coat & tie preferred for men. No one is enforcing a dress code and no one is to be turned away. Come dressed as you feel comfortable. The Chief of Protocol on Fort Benning assures me that all retirees are entitled to wear their uniform (so long as it still fits properly), to events like this. Wear your distinguished badge on your jacket and let the guests see how many there are in the unit. There will be lots of photos taken all week. Bring your camera. The count down of days continues. Regards.

**Reminder: Deadline for registration for the 50th Reunion is 9 October . Send yours in today!!**

## USAMU Commander's Report

LTC Charles "Ty" Connett

Greetings MMA members and friends. First of all I want to say thank you very much to all of you for your support and presence at the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Change of Command Ceremony. Your presence helped make the event a success and my family and I greatly appreciate the warm welcome. We are excited to be here at the "Home of Champions" which enjoys such wonderful support from the MMA. I know that each of you also join my family and I in wishing the Liwanag's, Dave, Mary and their son Victor, the very best during their next assignment in Norfolk, Virginia.

The summer competition season has come to a close and I am very proud of our AMU shooters as they have performed in a superior manner in all shooting disciplines. Some individual wins of significant note are as follows:

- SFC Theresa DeWitt – Women's Trap Inter-service & Women's Trap National Champion
- SPC Mathew Wallace – Men's Trap Inter-service Champion
- SFC Shawn Duloher – Men's Skeet National Champion
- SSG William Keever – Men's Double Trap Inter-service Champion
- SFC Jason Parker – Men's Air Rifle National Champion
- PFC Nicole Allaire – USA Shooting 300 meter Sport Rifle Champion
- SFC Thomas Rose – Men's Air Pistol National Champion
- SSG John Ernis – Men's Rapid Fire National Champion
- MAJ Michael Anti – NRA Small-bore National Champion
- SSG Adam Sokolowski – CMP National Individual Pistol Champion
- SFC Lance Hopper – NRA National Individual Rifle Champion
- SGT Brandon Green (newly promoted) – CMP Service Rifle Individual National & Inter-service Rifle Individual Champion
- SFC Lance Dement – CMP President's 100 (Rifle) Winner

MMA members can rest assured that your proud legacy lives on in this generation of military marksmen. The AMU primary mission task remains to WIN.

AMU members are very much looking forward to the Unit's upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Planning is on track for what will no doubt be an exceptional time as shooters past and present gather at Fort Benning for common purpose this October. We will reflect on and honor the great accomplishments of some of our past shooters while at the same time renewing the sense of camaraderie and purpose in our present shooters. This gathering marks not only a 50-year proud unit history of service and accomplishment, but also the beginning of another 50 years of service and commitment to our Nation and Army.

It is my privilege and honor to take command of this great unit at this particularly significant time in unit history and I look forward to collectively achieving some 'World Class' accomplishments. As always the AMU doors are open to all in our shooting family. With the help of the MMA we will continue to succeed and set the standards of marksmanship for all.

## Welcome New Members !

Marie T. Alkire	Billy C. Atkins	Charley Barkman
Theodore B. Benard	Lindley A. Bonner	
George W. Carell, SR	Charles T. Connett	
Lisi S. Fatu	Milton Friend	
David A. Grimshaw	Allen W. Harry	
Helmut J. Hein	Thomas E. Henshaw	
Michael R. Jamison	William H. Kuhnke, JR	
James Lally	Jennifer E. Leong	
Stephen P. Nelson	Anthony T. Parish	
Joseph J. Pascarella	Marcus F. Rabb	
Andrew M. Reno	Joshua M. Richmond	
William R. Rigby	Alfred A. Sanders	
Bernard M. Shuman	Alan G. Toler	
Nathan J. Verbickas	Matthew T. Wallace	
	Mary Ward	

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## The Homecoming

Weldon M. Griggs

In late 1962, the Air Force held a big four day tournament called the "General Hap Arnold Match" in San Antonio. The International Rifle Team attended and by the time we traveled and practiced and shot the match, we were gone from home about two weeks. 2LT Charles Feuerbacher and I drove to the quarters of another teammate when we got to Fort Benning. (I'm going to withhold his name. He is a MMA member.) The teammate got out of the car and his wife met him on the sidewalk. Rather than stand there watching them, Charlie and I went around to the back of the car to start getting his shooting gear out.

We got his gear out of the trunk and started for the door and found they were gone. The door was locked and the blinds shut. We finally stacked the non serial numbered items on his porch and put his spotting scope and rifle back in the car to take with us for safe keeping. Even at the time we were in awe of the speed of events. As we headed for our quarters, we couldn't help but hope to get that kind of homecoming.

2LT Feuerbacher was a teammate with then CPT Phil Cannella on the CISM Team that went to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

## 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.** Part of the guardhouse contained a cellblock and up to a dozen prisoners were housed there. The prisoners were marched to Service Company for meals three times a day. The sergeant of the guard would place the men of one relief to the front, rear and flanks of the prisoner formation for movement to and from meals. The prisoners ate at the same time as Service Company soldiers, but they had their own section of the messhall. Formal guard mount was held on the Post Parade Field rather than the Battalion Parade Field. Formal guard mount involved a much more complex ceremony and was conducted in plain view behind the Post and Battalion Headquarters. The Post Officer of the Day conducted the ceremony armed with a saber. Lt Parham, the Post OD liked to demonstrate the West Point "about face". The West Point about face was a flashy and non regulation movement accomplished by extending the right leg forward, then spinning 180° clockwise on the ball of the left foot and dropping the right leg to resume the position of attention. Lt Parham was rather short and his saber appeared too long. His about face became a disaster when his legs got entangled with his saber and he ended up on his butt, ceremony or no ceremony, an unforgettable sight.

There might have been half a dozen lieutenants assigned to Fort McClellan in the late 1930s. They did not have jobs in Third Battalion like platoon leader and such. They may have had jobs at Battalion or Regimental Headquarters. Coats does not remember a captain or field grade officer ever performing the duty of Fort McClellan Post Officer of the Day. The few assigned lieutenants rotated the officer of the day duties among themselves. The Post OD duties changed hands officially each day at guard mount, 1100 and was performed for 24 hours. The main duties of the officer of the day was to conduct reveille formation, conduct retreat formation, conduct and inspect the guard mount. Coats remembers all the officers as capable and intelligent. There

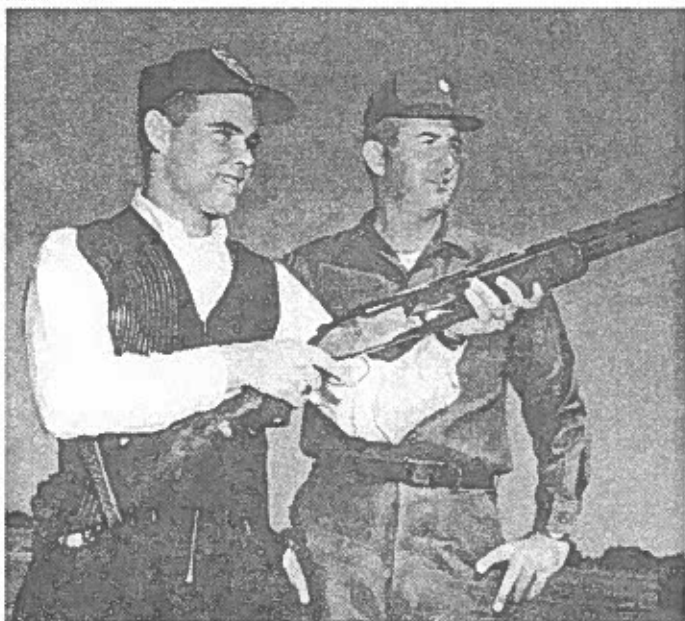
were some demonstrated exceptions. His unit was firing the Browning automatic Rifle on the known distance range. The bipod assembly and carrying handle had not yet been added to the BAR. Lt Herlong, an academy graduate, would fire on the relay following Coats, using the same BAR. Lt Herlong didn't like to listen and thought he knew it all. Coats finished his last rapid-fire string, cleared the BAR and placed it in a rifle rack. As the lieutenant approached the BAR, Coats said "Its hot Sir"! The lieutenant grabbed the BAR by its very hot barrel. His hand stuck to the barrel and he had to pull some skin off his hand to get his hand loose. Coats later read that Colonel Herlong fought in the Battle of the Bulge. Lt Shea was a very intelligent man but kept getting lost. He sometimes got in the Battalion Commanders way in the field. The Battalion Commander would send him with a couple of men on a mission, knowing he would get lost and out of his hair for awhile. Coats heard after the war that Colonel Shea was assigned as an Army Historian.

Most young soldiers of K Company were brought up on farms. Many had not finished high school. Two men signed the monthly payroll with an X because they could not write. The bulletin board would be read out loud by a friend of the two soldiers who could not read. Assigned details would be memorized and accomplished. The Stokes Mortar Section Leader in Headquarters Company had two gunners who were unable to read. He taught them gunnery by drawing schematics in the sand with a stick. Duds were not allowed. Standards of soldiering were high and these country boys became great soldiers. New men not used to regular baths had to adapt quickly. If a soldier had body odor, he might be carried into the shower room where GI soap and scrub brushes were roughly administered by his barracks mates. There were a variety of personalities among the enlisted men of K Company. Corporal Greer, the company clerk from Knoxville, Tennessee was the only enlisted college graduate in the company.

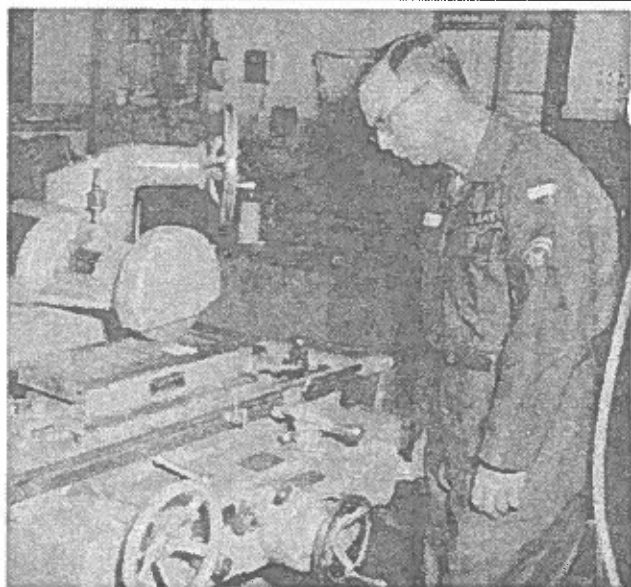
The Military Marksmanship Association sadly announces the passing of Coats Brown on September 1, 2006.

Also, we sadly announce the deaths of Payton E. "Gene" Ward and Dolphis Smith.

Obituaries for these great Americans are an enclosure in this issue of the MMA Times.



MAJ Tom Gillmore with PV2 Gene Lumsden in 1967.



Robert Walsh, Master Machinist who worked in the AMU shop from 1963 to 1973, with a tour to Vietnam in 69-70. Worked on sniper rifles and sights as well as match weapons. Died in Iran 1974 while serving with the U.S. Military Advisory Group. Interred at Fort Benning Cemetery.

Verle Wright - AMU Charter Member. 1956 Olympic Team, Melbourne, Australia. World Record 300 meter Kneeling plus two Team World Records. 1958 World Championships, Moscow, Russia. International Rifle Hall of Fame. Vietnam veteran.



## Vintage

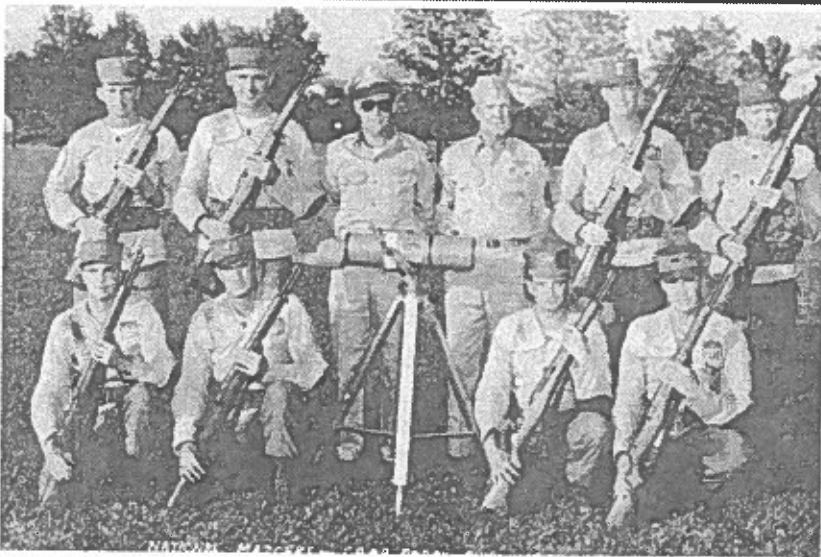
Robert Walsh, Jr., Graduate of USMA 1975. National Collegiate champions 1975. USAMU International Rifle Team 1978-1981. CPT Walsh coached the Ft Benning Junior Rifle Club two nights a week as an additional duty. Now a development engineer for an automobile air bag manufacturing company. Spent five years in Belgium.



U. S. Army Trap Team, mid to late 1960s era. (L to R) Soike, Leavendusky, Thole, Evans, Beck, Anderson, Lumsden, Gillmore (OIC).







National Matches, Camp Perry, OH, 1956. (Kneeling L to R) LT Orlando Rienze, MAJ Carl Byas, SFC Charles Finn, CPT John Asbury. (Standing L to R) MSG Willis Powell, SFC John Martin, MAJ Ray Orton, MSG Harold Hankins, CPT Richard Conley, SGT John Mooney.



LTC Thomas Sharpe, Team Coach records the scores of the 1957 U. S. Army Blue Team at Camp Bowie, TX. COL Sharpe became the second Commander of the AMU.

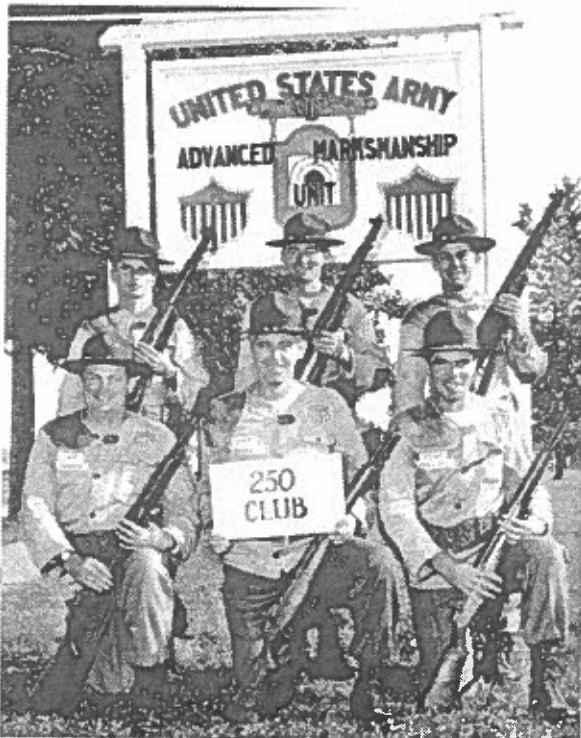
## Photos

Fort Niagra, NY, 1960. The Summer training site for the All Army Service Rifle Team prior to the Nationals at Camp Perry, OH. (Standing L to R) SFC Kenner Ravencraft, MSG Marvin Fitzpatrick, LT Charles Orr. (Kneeling L to R) SGT Ronald Turner, CPT Francis Conway, MSG Harold Stafford.



Camp Mathews, CA Marine Corps Base, 6th U. S. Army AMU Pistol Team members, 1960s. (L to R) SFC Merriweather Jones, SFC Don Kelley, CPT Clyde C. Chadwick.

Lones Wigger, Jr. shown with Olympic Gold Medal Score 1164 in Tokyo, Japan 1964. Also Gold Medal at 300 meters 3x40 at 1972 Olympics, Munich, Germany. Multiple time World Champion and National Champion. USAMU Hall of Fame and Vietnam veteran.



**October 18-21, 2006**

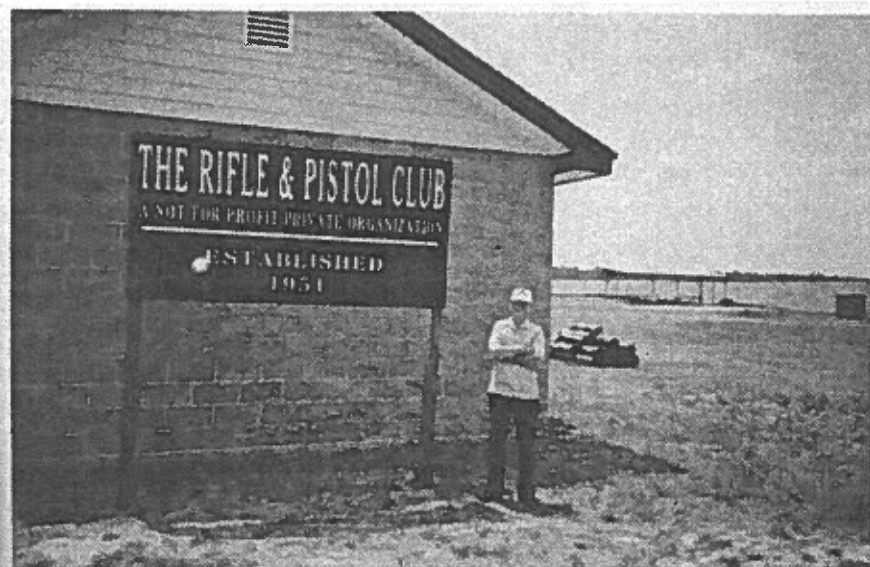
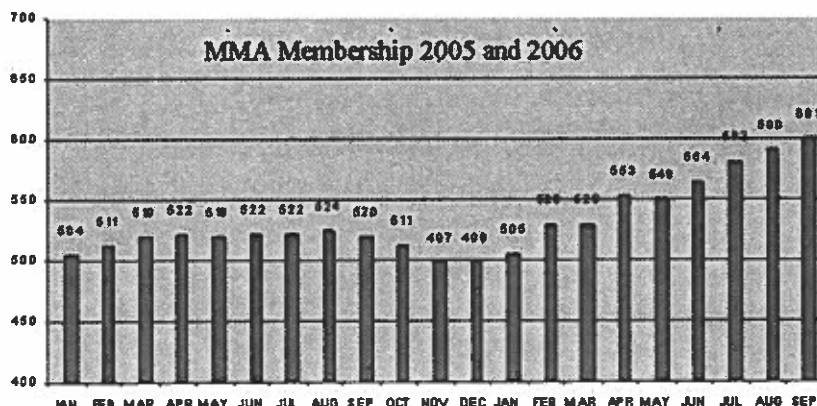
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**USAMU Hall of Fame shooter James McQuien at the new air-conditioned Rifle and Pistol Clubhouse on Shelton Range. He has been the Club Manager for 31 years. He is also a Service Rifle Hall of Fame member. Check out the developments on the ranges along Dixie Road while at the reunion.**



**Lloyd Crow receives the ISSF highest service award, The Blue Cross, from ISSF President, Olegario Vázquez Raña at the 2006 World Shooting Championships, Zagreb, Croatia. Horst Schreiber, Secretary General of the ISSF is to the right. Lloyd has served on UIT/ISSF committees and been a judge for 28 years. He was one of the few Americans to go to the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, which were boycotted by the USA. He is a member of the Service Rifle, Running Target and the USAMU Halls of Fame**



## USAMU Victories

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** - Soldiers of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

- **National Highpower Rifle Championships, Camp Perry, Ohio, Aug. 6 to 10** - USAMU service rifle shooter Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lance S. Hopper won the National Service Rifle Championship; Spc. Tyrel L. Cooper took second place and Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Grant L. Singley was third. Singley also won the Long-Range National Championship. Spc. Brandon K. Green won the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match, in which Hopper took third place. Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Lance D. Dement was the winner of the President's Hundred Rifle Match. Third place went to Staff Sgt. Daniel M. Pettry in the Members Trophy Match, to Singley in the Appreciation Cup Match, to Cooper in the Scott Trophy Match and to Hopper in the Nevada Trophy Match. Troy Lawton, USAMU chief of match ammunition research and development, was third overall in the National Highpower Rifle Championship; he also won the Nevada Trophy and finished second in the Vandenberg and Navy Cup matches.

The team of Hopper and Singley won the Hearst Doubles Match; the team of Cooper and Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Norman L. Anderson took second place. The USAMU Service Rifle Team, coached by Hopper, won the Infantry Trophy Team Match. The USAMU Team coached by Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jason M. St. John won the Enlisted men's Trophy Team Match, in which the USAMU Team of Sgt. Emil Praslick III finished second. St. John's and Praslick's teams took second and third place in the RNDC Trophy Team Match.

- **International Shooting Sport Federation World Championships, Zagreb, Croatia, July 22 to Aug. 5** - USAMU shotgun shooters Spc. Joshua M. Richmond and Staff Sgt. William H. Keever won the Gold Medal in the Double Trap Team Championship. International rifle shooter Spc. Nicole M. Allaire got a Team Gold Medal that set a new world record in the 300-Meter Prone Rifle Team Match. Spc. Michael D. McPhail won the Gold Medal in the Free Rifle Prone Team Match. Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jason A. Parker and McPhail also picked up a Team Bronze Medal in the Three-Position Free Rifle Team Match. Retired USAMU Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bret E. Erickson, who won the individual Bronze Medal in Trap, along with Spc. Matthew T. Wallace took home the Team Bronze Medal from the Trap Team Match.

- **U.S. Practical Shooting Association Three-Gun National Championships, Albany, Ore., July 27 to 30** - Action shooter Pvt. 2 Daniel J. Homer took second place in the USPSA Three Gun Tactical Championship, which was the highest ever finish for a member of the Army Team in a multi-gun competition.

- **National Smallbore Rifle Championships, Camp Perry, Ohio, July 19 to 27** - International rifle shooter Maj. Michael E. Anti won the NRA Smallbore Rifle Three Position National Championship and took second place in

the NRA Smallbore Prone National Championship. Sgt. Shane M. Barnhart took second place in the Three Position Match.

- **Service Rifle Interservice Championships, Quantico Marine Corps Base, Va., July 18 to 25** - Service rifle shooter Green won the Overall Interservice Individual Championship. Cooper won the Interservice Individual Long Range Aggregate. The USAMU Service Rifle Team, coached by Praslick, won the 1,000-Yard Team Match and the Commanding General Team Match. The USAMU Service Rifle Team, coached by Hopper, won the Infantry Team Match.

- **National Pistol Championships Camp Perry, Ohio, July 10 to 20** - Service pistol shooter Staff Sgt. Adam E. Sokolowski won the National Trophy Individual Pistol Match. The USAMU Service Pistol Team of Sokolowski, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Eric G. Daniels, Sgt. Robert S. Park II and Spc. Sean P. Watson won the Center Fire Pistol Team National Championship.

- **U.S. Practical Shooting Association Summer Blast, York, Pa., July 7** - Action shooter Staff Sgt. Maxient J. Michel Jr. won the Open Division and Pvt. 2 Kamille C. Eusebio took third place; Cpl. Travis E. Tomasie won the Limited Division.

- **USPSA Area 1 Championship, Wilsonville, Ore., June 16 to 18** - Tomasie won the Open Division.

- **USPSA Mason Dixon Three Gun Championship, Thurmont, Md., June 17** - Homer won the Tactical Division and Staff Sgt. Robby D. Johnson took second place.

## Keeping In Touch

Anthony T. Parish sent this brief update of what has happened to him after he had left the Unit. I was going to go to college and try to come back to the unit as an officer. However, shortly after getting out I found out that I had a brain tumor. And later, I found out that I had the tumor while I was on active duty while at the Marksmanship Unit. I was on the Running Target Team from November of '73 until August of '76. I tried to go back in the Army but they rejected me because of the brain surgery that I had. So I tried to get into Law Enforcement but I kept getting rejected until I came across a chief of police that had cancer and he hired me to work undercover. Who would ever thought that someone that had a metal plate in his head would be a cop? In my years as a peace officer, I have won many awards. I am one of the few living police officers that have received the Police Medal of Honor. I have also received the Police Purple Heart several times. I was admitted into Law school and finished the first year but because of the residuals from the brain tumor getting worse I had to quit Law School. I just thought that I would send you this note to let everyone know that it was not only my pleasure but also it was my honor to serve with the best that the U. S. Army had to offer, and that the high standards of the unit helped me later in my life reach goals that only people dream about. And if it had not been for my medical condition of the brain tumor while I was assigned at the unit, I feel that I would have made a better showing while assigned there.

## Conway Chronicles

Francis B. Conway

**Sight In Days:** A young man with a Winchester model 94 caliber .30-30 asked if I could move his rear sight as the rifle hit four inches to the right on his first shot at 50 yards. If you have "hit" enough sights, you get a feeling for it, so I moved it and told him to shoot it now and we would correct from there. He said no, he had only seven shells left and needed those to hunt with!

## USAMU 50th Anniversary

**18-21 October 2006**

**USAMU Hall of Fame Induction, Banquet  
Shooting Ranges, Picnic, Memories**

## Keeping In Touch

One of our members attended All American Week at Fort Bragg where the name Charlie Barkman was mentioned. Charlie had played Army football, shot service rifle for USARSO, made the summer All Army pickup team two or three times and got shot in the butt during the Panama uprising in 1963. Charlie was tracked down living in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He taught high school ROTC in Bowling Green, bought a farm, coached the high school football team and raised his family there.

One of our members attended the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division Association Reunion in Minneapolis, MN and ran into William Kuhnke and his wife Helga. Kuhnke had shot service rifle for the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, Third Army, USAREUR and made the summer All Army pickup team several times back in the 1960's. Kuhnke went to Vietnam with the First Air Cavalry Division, was shot up and medically retired from the Army. We hope to see Charlie Barkman and William Kuhnke and their wives and families here for the 50<sup>th</sup> in October 2006.

## USAMU REUNION HOUSING UPDATE - -

The Hilton Garden Inn has space at the last check. 1500 Bradley Lakes Blvd. Tel. 706-660-1000. Also, the Fairfield Inn by Marriott, 4510 E. Armour Road and the Residence Inn by Marriott, 2670 Adams Farm Drive. Tel 706-494-0050 for both.

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## **Taps, Present Arms**

### **Chief Warrant Officer 3 Coats Brown**

Chief Warrant Officer 3 (Retired) Coats Brown, 96, died in Dacula, Georgia, on Friday, September 1, 2006.

CW3 Coats Brown's distinguished shooting career began in 1935 with his enlistment in the 3rd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment. He soon established a reputation as the best marksman in the Regiment by demonstrating his proficiency with practically every weapon in the inventory including the 1903 Springfield service rifle, the caliber .45 service pistol, the Browning automatic rifle (BAR), and the caliber .30 water-cooled machine gun. As a result, he was assigned as NCOIC of the battalion rifle team. Brown's effective training enabled his battalion to achieve an overall 92 percent qualification rate, which was the highest in the Regiment.

In 1939, CW3 Brown won the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match over a field of more than 3,000 competitors in the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. He also won the Coast Guard Trophy Match and was a firing member of the team that won the Roumanian Trophy, Enlisted Men's Trophy, Herrick Trophy, and Infantry Squad Team Trophy. He was awarded the Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1939.

CW3 Brown was assigned as Head Coach of the newly formed Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle Team in 1956. Under his supervision, which included many long hours on the "Dry Fire" range, the Army won the National Trophy Team Match the following year at Camp Perry. CW3 Brown retired from the Army in 1965.

In 1965 he was hired as a Graphics Illustrator by the USAMU—a position he held for 17 years. It was during this period that he refurbished the many trophies won by USAMU shooters and teams and established the unit trophy room. Coats was also a national recognized calligrapher. He never sold his elegant calligraphy but gave them as gifts or donations. One such calligraphy of the Lord's Prayer that he donated to a Columbus, Georgia, charitable organization fetched over \$1,000 for the charity in a silent auction. Coats was inducted into the USAMU Support Hall of Fame and later into USAMU Hall of Fame. He was the senior member of the Military Marksmanship Association. Coats Brown's invaluable contributions to Army marksmanship as a shooter, coach, and graphics illustrator spanned a 47-year career. His training methods have influenced more riflemen than any other Army service rifle coach in history. *He taught would be rifle shooters to be extraordinary riflemen.*

### **Master Sergeant Dolphis Smith**

*Editor's note: The MMA belatedly received notice of the passing of MSG Dolphis Smith.*

Master Sergeant (Retired) Dolphis Smith, 84, died May 12, 2005, in Cleveland, Ohio. MSG Dolphis Smith was born December 20, 1920 to the union of Rev. Alberta and Queola Smith in Cherry Valley, Arkansas. He attended the public schools of Cherry Valley and the Brinkley Academy in Brinkley, Arkansas.

(Continued on reverse)

He entered the United States Army in 1942 and served honorably for twenty years. He retired in December of 1962 as a Master Sergeant. During the Korean Conflict he suffered a near fatal head injury. He survived this injury and returned to service. He was assigned to the All Army Pistol Team. He was an outstanding shooter and a member of the coaching staff preparing Army marksmen for domestic and international competition. His awards include the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge. After retiring from military service, he worked for the VA Hospital, Brecksville, Ohio, and then the U. S. Postal Service, where he retired after more than twenty years. Dolphis was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Jacob Harrison Consistory Lodge No. 85 in Columbus, Georgia.

After retirement from the Army in 1962, Dolphis became a deacon at Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church. Deacon Smith served as chairman of the Deacon Board for over thirty years until his health began to fail. Deacon Smith was supportive of his church, both spiritually and financially. He was a dynamic speaker and encouraged excellence from all around him.

Those who served in the Army with Dolphis will remember him as a soldier who pulled himself up by his bootstraps. He often addressed his fellow soldiers as "Citizen," and we will also remember "Citizen Smith" as being a great American soldier.

### **Master Sergeant Payton E. "Gene" Ward**

Master Sergeant (Retired) Payton E. Gene Ward, 72, passed away on Monday, August 28, 2006. He began his military career in 1950 with the Florida National Guard and transferred to active duty in 1952. For the next ten years, he served with the 11th Airborne Division, the 187th Airborne Infantry Regimental Combat Team, the 101st Airborne Division, and the 1st Special Forces Group. He participated in a variety of marksmanship programs in which he was awarded over 120 medals and trophies. He competed in the All Army Matches with the USARPAC Team in 1961 and later in the All Army Matches and National Matches at Camp Perry with the 3rd Army Pistol Team. As a U.S. Army Reservist, he managed the faculty certification program, lectured in the Command and General Staff College, taught the Military Police Course, and served as Chief Instructor of the NCO Academy. During Desert Storm Operations, he was responsible for the tactical preparation of Military Police personnel deployed to Saudi Arabia. He retired from the Army as a Master Sergeant in 1994, and was awarded the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal. In civilian life, he was a criminologist and educator. He earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Criminology, Education, and Administration from Florida State University. He was a Special Agent with the Florida Bureau of Law Enforcement, a Senior Staff Consultant with the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Washington, DC, a principal designer of Florida's strategic law enforcement plan and Director of the design team that established the Homer Garrison Memorial Training Center for the State of Texas. He was associated with a number of national and international organizations including INTERPOL, The Bolivian National Police, the Liberian National Police, The Dutch National Police, The National Police of Belgium, The Japanese National Police and The Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He also held academic appointments with three major universities.

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