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## MMA Annual Meeting: 2007

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**CONGRATS -**  
Bruce Meredith,  
Military Marks-  
manship Asso-  
ciation President  
presents a Smith  
& Wesson M&P  
40 pistol to the  
MMA Soldier of  
the Year, SFC  
Shawn Waller.  
SFC Waller is a  
USAMU machin-  
ist/gunsmith.

Over one hundred members attended the Military Marksmanship Association meeting January 19, 2007 at the Pool indoor Range. The crowd began gathering and signing in about 2:30 and the meeting was called to order at 3:15.

MMA President Bruce Meredith welcomed and thanked those attending the meeting. He remarked the 50th Reunion was a total success. He thanked the USAMU commander and his staff and soldiers for their support and assistance. He also thanked members of the MMA Executive Board for their work leading up to and during the reunion. He made special note of Phil Cannella for coordinating the refreshments for the reunion and this meeting and also thanked him for again donating the many door prizes. The President then recognized the USAMU Operations Officer.

Captain Barrow noted that the USAMU Commander was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. He relayed the commander's pledge of continued USAMU cooperation and support of the MMA. He also thanked the MMA for helping the USAMU celebrate the 50th anniversary of the unit.

The President noted that the MMA had an active web site and email list managed by Red Mosely which allows members to contact their Executive Board. He also stated that the MMA was financially solid in the good hands of Sam Hunter. The President thanked Dick Rebidue for his service and noted that MMA membership was at 656 and we now have a Life Membership category. He thanked all 64 MMA Life Members. Carter Berry was recognized for his outstanding skill in publishing the *MMA Times* and cited the recent 10-page reunion issue as an example. He also thanked anyone not mentioned by name for his or her support and contribution in making the reunion a success. Last he mentioned that the 50th anniversary book was scheduled for a late March delivery.

MMA Soldier of the Year nominees were introduced with a slide show listing previous year recipients and listing current nominee accomplishments. He made a special point to tell the attendees how qualified each nominee was and how much deliberation took place by the MMA Board before a winner was chosen. He then announced Sergeant First Class Shawn Waller, Custom Firearms Shop, as the 2006 MMA Soldier of the Year. SFC Waller was

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## USAMU Commander's Report

LTC Charles "Ty" Connett

Greetings fellow MMA members and friends of the Army Marksmanship Unit. As usual lots of things are going on here at the AMU. Since our last correspondence we have conducted multiple matches here at the AMU/ Fort Benning. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 3-Gun Challenge on the newly refurbished Krilling Range was a huge success. Approximately 200 national (and some international) competitors and over 30 volunteers came to Krilling Range for 3 days of "runnin' & gunnin'" action shooting competition. Jim Scouten and his Shooting USA film crew were on hand to catch the action. By most accounts this 3-Gun Challenge is unrivaled and will be a must attend event next year.

The Fort Benning Commanding General's Pistol and Rifle Matches were also very successful. The number of participants doubled over last year's competitions. Congratulations to all competitors and we look forward to next year's matches. At present we are conducting the 2007 All Army Pistol and Rifle Championships and preparing to host an ISSF World Cup and USA Shooting Spring selection.

We have a number of new folks here at the AMU. I invite you to welcome them at your earliest convenience. They are:

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Mrs. Brenda Gibson    | S-1 shop             |
| SSG James Henderson   | Service Pistol       |
| SGT James Ruiz        | International Pistol |
| 2 LT Lucas Leinberger | International Rifle  |
| SPC Jeffrey Holguin   | Shotgun              |
| PFC Glenn Eller       | Shotgun              |
| PFC Thomas Marshall   | Custom Firearms Shop |
| PFC James Travillian  | Custom Firearms Shop |

I am sorry to announce that I will be leaving the AMU this summer. The Army has decided that I am to take command of another battalion in Germany this June 07. We scheduled a AMU Change of Command to take place at 0900 hours on 23 May 07. MMA members are of course invited to attend the ceremony and welcome the incoming commander. The incoming commander will be LTC Frank Muggeo. Muggeo is a Special Forces Officer currently assigned to STRATCOM in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I know that you will welcome and give him all of the great support that you have given me during my time here. As I said, my family and I are sorry to be leaving. We have made some good friends here, and being assigned to the AMU has been a distinct honor and privilege. We will miss this place and everyone here.

Soon we will be well into our spring/summer competition season full bore. I know you will continue to pull for our shooters during what will no doubt be a great marksmanship competition season. All the very best.

## MMA President's Report

Robert "Bob" I. Hoidahl, Jr.

Let me first say that it is a distinct honor to become the President of our organization and to again serve ALL members of USAMU both past and present. The Military Marksmanship Association is relatively new compared to USAMU but no less important. But, of course, without USAMU we would not continue to add to our rolls. Ron Martere, our new Vice President, and I look forward with great excitement to our term of service. Again, it's a great honor to serve and thanks for your vote. My second order of business is to recognize the other members of the Executive Board for their untiring dedication to our organization.

Red Mosely, our Secretary, has been instrumental in keeping the new President and VP on the correct azimuth. He also runs our superb website that keeps us all informed.

Sam Hunter, our Treasurer and number cruncher extraordinaire, runs a tight checkbook and maintains outstanding accountability of all our assets.

Dick Rebidue, our membership mister, continues to update our ever increasing membership directory and constantly searches for new members. We could probably do away with Dick's job if we were ALL life members !!

Carter Berry, our newsletter editor, took on the tasks of publishing our newsletter in spite of having a full time job. Our MMA Times maintains the connection to our extended MMA family around the world. The newsletter adds a great touch of class to an outstanding organization.

Phil Cannella, a past MMA President, continues to advise the board and provides untiring behind the scenes logistical support to our organization. We could not execute our mission without volunteer support such as Phil's.

Steve Goff, our Historian, has a lot of work ahead to keep track of ALL the great accomplishments both past & present. Thanks for serving as the past VP.

Arch Arnold, the direct past MMA President (2003-2005), continued to advise the board and provided valuable behind the scenes support wherever he was needed.

Last but not least is our outgoing President (2005-2007), Bruce Meredith. Bruce will continue to advise the new President in the upcoming term but I'd like to comment on his superb leadership over the past several years. Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion was simply spectacular. The entire organization un-tiredly supported his efforts which resulted in a great weekend of events, culminating with an outstanding banquet at the Iron Works in downtown Columbus, Georgia. Bruce led the reunion committee and never looked back to include the initiation of the Life Member program for the organization. His efforts produced 63 LIFE members by the reunion timeframe.

## 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 them.*

**Fort McClellan, Alabama.** In 1936 PFC Brown and a slightly younger Joe Benner became high shooters in 3rd Battalion. Joe Benner had the best score by one point. Coats had the second highest score in the battalion. Joe Benner transferred to tanks soon after and was issued a service pistol. Sergeant Tumblin was a fine pistol shooter and coach and was a member of 4<sup>th</sup> Tank Company. Tumblin was influential in getting Joe Benner assigned to his unit. Tumblin and Benner became very close friends. Joe as a young soldier was a small man who appeared to be very young. Joe might have joined the service under age. Joe was a very hard worker and popular. Everyone liked Joe Benner. Joe was feisty and friendly. Joe would challenge the best shooters at Camp Perry by needling them with, "Come on up on the firing line so I can whip your butt." Joe went on to become a premier pistol shooter winning All Army, National and International Championships including an Olympic gold medal.

Prior to World War II, Staff Sergeants and Technical Sergeants worked at Battalion Headquarters under the Battalion Sergeant Major. A Service Company Master Sergeant handled transportation, another Master Sergeant handled communications. The Battalion S-4 was a Master Sergeant.

During the summer of 1936 a military plane crashed in the mountains several miles from Fort McClellan. K Company was ordered to guard the downed aircraft. A Corporal and 2 or 3 man detail were sent to the crash site. Later that day, PFC Brown was tasked with carrying blankets to the K Company detail. Coats carried the blankets in an old Army truck and after a two hour drive located the crash site. No one was there, the Corporal and detail had abandoned the plane and returned to Post. The Corporal was later reduced to Private. Coats Brown with his service rifle guarded the plane alone. The following day, a Corporal and 2-man detail from Battalion arrived. The detail kept the blankets and relieved PFC Brown of his guard duty. The Battalion Commander promoted Coats to Corporal and transferred him to Headquarters Company. Coats with approximately 2 years in service became head of the Intelligence Platoon consisting of 4 men and himself. The 5 men studied Field Manuals pertaining to intelligence work, questioning POW's, etc. and trained each other by reading. Their Company Commander, Major Drake,

would also assign them intelligence related field problems that required night compass work and patrolling. Coats continued to produce hand printed honorable discharge certificates for the soldiers of Headquarters Company and K Company. Their popularity continued to grow. Soon Coats was hand printing a certificate for every soldier on Fort McClellan due to be discharged. Coats still has the orders promoting him to Corporal. The document reads – Headquarters, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment Special Order 75, Office of the Regimental Commander, dated 3 August 1936, promoted Private First Class Coats Brown 6381989 to Corporal. The orders were annotated by order of COL Baltzell, MAJ John W. Mott, Adjutant.

Sgt Granger had the Weapons Platoon of Headquarters Company. The Weapons Platoon had the Stokes Mortar and the 37 mm Cannon. Sgt Hand assisted Sgt Granger with the Weapons Platoon. Headquarters Company Mess Sergeant was Sgt Sull. Sgt Nyquist was the Supply Sergeant of Headquarters Company. Corporals and Sergeants performed the duty of Company Charge of Quarters. The First Sergeant and Supply Sergeant and Mess Sergeant were exempt from CQ duty. The CQ spent most of his time in the Orderly Room. He would issue passes to men requesting them. He made sure each man signed his pass out correctly when going to town and signed in correctly when he returned. There was no bed check, reveille was the required return time. A Corporal was detailed to act as temporary CQ during required absences of the Charge of Quarters. The CQ checked the area occasionally. He turned the lights off in the sleeping bays at 1000 and in the dayroom at 1100. The hallway and orderly room lights remained on all night. The CQ remained awake and alert. He woke the cooks in the morning and the troops when it was time for them to get up.

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He also continues to coordinate the publication and delivery of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book which, as of our last meeting, should ship to us by the end of March 2007. Bruce, thanks for your untiring support and I look forward working with you in the future.

Some upcoming projects MMA will undertake include:

- Maintaining the MMA Membership Directory, recently mailed FEB 2007
- Over watching the publication of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book, MAR 2007
- Attending the Distinctive Unit Insignia, Guide-on, and unit colors ceremony
- Soldier of the Year Ceremony, JAN 2008
- Input to the USAMU Hall of Fame criteria
- USAMU Hall of Fame selections and 2008 reunion
- USAMU Change of Command, 0900 hours, 23 MAY 2007

Again, thanks for your confidence; I look forward to a bright future for our association.



**MMA Presidents Robert Hoidahl (Incoming) and Bruce Meredith (Outgoing) cut the ceremonial Military Marksmanship Association cake at the 2007 Annual Meeting.**



**MMA President Robert Hoidahl presents a Crosman Phantom Air Rifle to Specialist Matthew T. Wallace, a member of the USAMU shotgun team.**

## 2007 MMA Annual Meeting



**MMA Soldier of the Year nominees - (Left to Right) SSG Robert Park - Service Pistol, SFC Thomas Rose - International Pistol, SFC Theresa DeWitt - Shotgun, SFC Shawn Waller - Custom Firearms Shop, SFC Lance Hopper - Service Rifle, and Specialist Michael McPhail - International Rifle.**

## USAMU machinist named MMA Soldier of Year

USAMU

**FORT BENNING, Ga.** - Sergeant First Class Shawn Waller, a machinist with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, has been selected as the Military Marksmanship Association Soldier of the Year for 2006.

MMA president, Bruce Meredith, made the announcement at the MMA Annual Membership Meeting Jan. 19 at the Pool International Shooting Complex. Meredith presented the Soldier of the Year Award to Waller - a .40-caliber Military and Police pistol donated by the Smith & Wesson Corporation.

A native of Garfield Heights, Ohio, Waller graduated from Garfield Heights High School in 1988. He received a diploma from Cuyahoga Joint Vocational Machine Trades School in 1988 and is furthering his education through the Army's online college program.

**"SFC Waller performed his duties in an exemplary manner and distinguished himself by impacting every competitive team in the unit."**

Waller joined the Army in November 1989 and attended Basic and Infantry Training at Fort Benning. He was assigned to the Army Marksmanship Unit as a shotgun shooter and later joined the Custom Firearms Shop as a gunsmith and machinist in 1992. He and his wife Debbie live in Phenix City, Ala., with their two children, Colby and Chelsea.

Waller expressed gratitude to the MMA for the award and thanked all the members of the USAMU Custom Firearms Shop for their contributions. "I'd like to share this award with all 30 members of the Shop because we all work together as a team," Waller said.

"SFC Waller performed his duties as a machinist and gunsmith during 2006 in an exemplary manner and distinguished himself by impacting every competitive team in the unit," said Sgt. 1st Class Steven C. Young, noncommissioned officer in charge of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Custom Firearms Shop. "This award is very well deserved. As a USAMU machinist for the past 15 years, SFC Waller has probably made a bigger impact on the unit than any other Soldier."

According to Young, Waller fabricated course, trophy and long range barrels used by the USAMU Service Rifle Team, which dominated the 2006 Interservice and National Matches to include setting a new 1,000 yard team national record. Waller also produced bushing and sights, machined and ground slides in the accurizing of M-9 pistols for the Service Pistol Team, which resulted

in the first clean sweep of the Interservice Pistol Championships by USAMU in over two decades.

He was also instrumental in the development and production of a modular rib sight system for the USAMU Shotgun Team's Trap Team that resulted in a team Gold Medal at the World Championships.

Waller fabricated several .22-caliber rimfire barrels for the USAMU International Rifle Team that were used to win numerous medals and championships including a Silver Medal at the World Cup Finals. He also chambered barrels for the USAMU International Pistol and the Action Combat Pistol teams, which enabled them to have tremendously successful seasons, according to Young.

"Adding to these extraordinary accomplishments was his ability to assist the unit in its other two mission objectives of enhancing combat readiness and promoting the Army," Young added. "SFC Waller helped to fabricate over 100 barrels used in the technical inspections of the 3rd Infantry Division's Squad Designated Marksman Rifles in support of their redeployment to Iraq."

**Thanks to Smith & Wesson Corporation for their continued support and for donating the pistol awarded to the MMA Soldier of the Year**

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presented a Military and Police model, caliber .40 pistol donated by Smith & Wesson Corporation.

The President again thanked all members for attending and also thanked the USAMU Operations Section for their assistance. He specifically thanked William "Doug" Duncan and Phil Cannella for ordering and setting up the refreshments. Bruce thanked the MAA for all the support given to him over the past two years and asked incoming President, Bob Hoidahl, to chair the rest of the meeting. The new President presented the other officers of the MMA Executive Board: Ron Martere, Vice President; Red Mosely, Secretary; and Sam Hunter, Treasurer. He noted that Carter Berry, *MMA Times* Editor, and Dick Rebidue, Membership, had agreed to continue their volunteer services. Finally, he presented Bruce Meredith with a "token" gift from the Association.

Members enjoyed a few laughs and a number of unique door prizes were awarded. The grand prize was a caliber .177 air rifle donated by Crosman Corporation. Specialist Matthew T. Wallace of the Shotgun Section was presented the rifle by the MMA President.

The formal meeting adjourned at 4:00 and membership was invited to the refreshment tables.

## Reflections on SGM Henry J. Hand

*Some recent emails reflected on the character and leadership of SGM Henry Hand, USAMU SGM in the early 1960s.*

Norm Dauer wrote:

SGM Hand was at the unit when I was there from 1963 through 1965. He was a great guy, always looking out for the troops. I remember several incidents:

One was at the unit in Fort Benning. Some of the guys living in the barracks went to the consolidated mess to eat one Saturday evening, it was steak night but they arrived about 10 minutes before closing and were told that the mess had run out of steaks and so were served tube-steaks (hot-dogs). They mentioned this in passing to SGM Hand. He did not take to this incident kindly. He went down to visit the mess Sgt. and told him in no uncertain terms that the US Army ALWAYS supplies enough food to feed EVERY man coming through the mess line, the same stuff, the first man to the last man. And if it ever happened again that he would personally see to it that the mess Sgt. would have another career in the Army. By the way, I lived off base at the time and a mess Sgt. lived in the same development as my wife and I and he was rather overweight and also driving a brand new Cadillac.

Another incident occurred at Camp Perry. The men, of course, were on TDY and the pay-station was now to be handled by the Camp Perry paymaster. On Friday morning, one of the Lt.'s strapped on his .45 and went to the paymaster to pickup the unit members' pay for the month. The Lt. returned about an hour later and told SGM Hand that the paymaster didn't have enough money and would not be able to pay the men until next week. This again did not sit well with the SGM. He got on the phone, called the paymaster station and told them in no uncertain terms that his men had worked all month, that the US Army owed these people a months pay and that today was payday and that they will be paid today and not next week. Go to the local bank if you have to and do what you have to do but my men will be paid today. SGM Hand sent the Lt. back to the paymaster who returned later with everyone's pay envelope.

Again, he was a great guy and to me the personification of what a true US Army Sergeant Major was all about. I had heard many years ago that SGM Hand died in a jeep accident but never found out any more details than that. If you know of the details surrounding his death, I would appreciate it if you could let me know.

Emil Heugetter wrote:

I also thought SGM Hand was a great SGM. I know a lot of stories about him since he, Harold Cole and Jim Riley were great friends and I lived next door to Harold and him and Mildred, his wife. They were like another set of parents to Bonnie and me when I was with at Camp Perry in '63 and '64 shooting with All Army as a member of the USAEUR pistol team. We would check our gun-boxes into the orderly room after a all day hot exhausting day on the range. SGM Hand had a supply person make a beer run every day to fill up a big ice box with ice and beer. It was 16 ounces of a local beer and we were charged 25cents per bottle. It was the coldest and best I ever had. He did not make any thing, just enough to keep it going. We did not just want a cold one, we needed a cold one. Also, when I rejoined the unit in 1965 after returning from Germany, SGM Hand was still there. We would have unit parties a couple of times a year and SGM Hand would send a vehicle to Florida to pick up a load of shrimp to go along with the steaks. No tube steaks for his parties!

Jim Riley was a retired SSG, WWII vet of the 82nd. He jumped into Sicily, Normandy and Belgium. He was a really good person and nice guy. He, SGM Hand, and MSG Cole were great friends. After Jim retired, Harold got him a job in the unit. He worked in supply and where ever they needed him. He was from Andalusia Alabama and claimed to be from LA, Lower Alabama. He used to put snares out behind Parks Range to trap deer and caught someone's bird dog one time. Regrettably, the three have gone to their Maker. I drank a lot of Jim Beam with those guys since I lived next to Harold. I usually was the only one sober enough to make the trip to McRae's Liquor Store when we needed a re-supply. They had some great tales to tell.

SGM Hand retired to Selma, Alabama where he was from. He had a small farm and did a lot of hunting and fishing. He was getting ready to go hunting one morning and dropped dead of a heart attack. It was only a couple years after he retired. He was badly injured in a jeep wreck while in the unit. He recovered and went to Korea then came home and retired. RIP

## TAPS, PRESENT ARMS

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) **John E. "Jack" Parks**, 77, died October 13, 2006, after a long illness related to Agent Orange exposure in Viet Nam.

Jack began firing a rifle when he was seven years old and attended the Camp Perry matches as a child when his father fired with the Kansas State pistol team. He was on the winning 1947 Junior NRA rifle championship team from his high school, Stephen F. Austin, in El Paso, Texas. While in college, he continued to compete in NRA rifle matches and he shot with the Army Rifle team at Camp Perry from 1955 to 1960.

Jack was assigned to the U.S. Army Advanced Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning, Georgia, from January 1959 to August 1960 where he won and placed in numerous matches. His wife, Anne Parks, noted that one of the awards Jack was most proud of wearing on his dress blue uniform was the President's Hundred brassard. His wife also noted that he was equally proud of his gold Distinguished Rifleman badge, which was awarded to him in 1959.

Jack was at his best when firing in National Infantry Trophy Team (Rattle Battle) matches and was on the winning National Infantry Trophy Team in 1956 and 1958. In 1957 and 1958 he was on the winning Army 10-man rifle team at the National Matches.

Jack reluctantly left the USAAMU rifle team, as a military career choice, to return to the MP Corps. After retiring from the Army, he was employed by the City of El Paso, Texas, in the Office of Emergency Management. In 1988, Jack was inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

*Editor's note: In the 1950s, a bronze metallic President's Hundred brassard was awarded rather than the present day cloth tab. His wife also wrote that "Jack" enjoyed getting the newsletter from the association, and she read them to him at the end when he was so ill.*

Master Sergeant (Retired) **Glenn E. Nelson**, 71, died Saturday, February 17, 2007 in Columbus, Georgia. MSG Nelson was born in Dexter, Ohio, on March 19, 1935 and lived in Columbus, Georgia for the past 50 years. MSG Nelson was a Service Rifle shooter and later a rifle gunsmith with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit. Glenn was awarded the U.S. Army Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1962. MSG Nelson retired from the U.S. Army with 22 years of service having served in the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. After his military career, he was president and owner of Nelson's Custom Gun Shop for 30 years

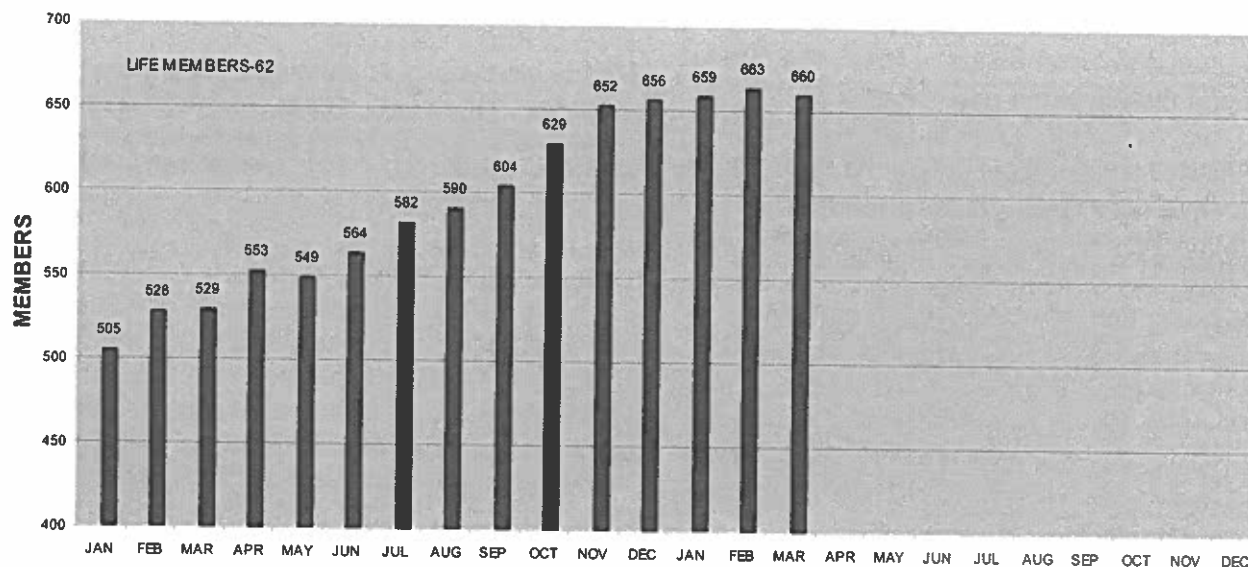
Sergeant First Class (Retired) **Clifford E. Wilson**, 80, died in Phenix City, Alabama, on Sunday, February 25, 2007. SFC Wilson was USAMU Service Rifle shooter in the mid-1950s through the 1960s. He was awarded the U.S. Army Distinguished Rifleman Badge in 1957 and won the President's Hundred Tab at the National Matches in Camp Perry, Ohio.

SFC Wilson served in the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Air Force, and retired from the U.S. Army. In retirement, Columbus Foundries employed him in their maintenance department and he was a member of several fraternal organizations and veterans associations. SFC Wilson was also an avid golf player and the recipient of two Hole-In-One awards.



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## Conway Chronicles

## Francis B. Conway

Back in the early 50's, the Greyhound Bus Line Depot was on Main Street about two blocks north of Las Cruces Ave., as best I remember. Almost all cross country buses were checked by the Border Patrol. One midnight bus, coming from the west coast was checked by a local agent named Darrel Warren. There was a man in the first seat by the door that Darrel determined to be an illegal. Darrel told him to wait and found that the other passengers were OK. He told the man to follow him to the Border Patrol car parked in the lot behind the depot. At the car he shook the man down and found he had a Hitler Youth knife on one side in his belt and a Colt Super 38 on the other side! He told Darrel that his friends back in California had told him with all the money he had earned in the fields; he had better carry some protection. So he bought the weapons! If he had had any evil intentions Darrel would have been a dead agent. He always said that was the last time he ever told anyone to follow him. The pistol was confiscated and the illegal was escorted to the border

## Keeping In Touch

**LTC Randy Stewart**, USAR Retired, OIC of the Running Target Section from 1978-1986, wants the members to know why he missed the 50th reunion. He was involved in the last two weeks of campaigning for a seat in the Arkansas House of Representatives. Randy won his election by a 3 to 1 margin and was sworn in on Jan 8th for a two-year term. He is currently a high school biology teacher in his home town of Kirby, AR.

Randy also wants to announce he is a Papaw. Grandson Noah was a year old in January. Papaw has already bought Noah a Marlin Model 1897 .22 made in 1903.

LTC (Retired) **Thomas Gillmore**, former Shotgun OIC, is now at home recovering from a nearly fatal series of events. Tom said that he went into a hospital for routine procedure and ended up in a five-week coma. He said, "It will be a while before I have my strength back but with plenty of therapy and hard work, I'll make it." He thanked those who called while he was ill and thanked all for their prayers and well wishes



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