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2023 USAMU Reunion

Join us for the 2023 USAMU Reunion on **Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14, 2023** at the Round House, Pullum Finals Hall and Hook Range Shotgun Pavilion. Come join us!

The first USAMU Reunion was held in 1994. Additional reunions were held every two years through 2018. We were supposed to have one in 2020, but the COVID-19 epidemic has kept us from enjoying one until we gather this year.

We will be dedicating the Pullum Finals Hall, inducting COL (Ret) Stanley J. Parmentier in the USAMU Support Hall of Fame and inducting MAJ (Ret) Michael Anti, LTC (Ret) Wanda Jewell and COL (Ret) Bruce Meredith in the USAMU Hall of Fame.

We hope to also be able to dedicate the 50m/300m building of the Pool International Shooting Complex as "Wigger Hall" in memory of LTC Lones W. Wigger, Jr. The process to get Wigger Hall named has cleared the Fort Moore Memorialization Committee and is waiting for approvals from the Garrison Commander and Commanding General.

There will be a shotgun demonstration, a demonstration of the capabilities of the Pullum Finals Range and all MMA shooters will be able to shoot one shot on the Commemorative Schuetzen Target. The National Infantry Museum will have a firearms display and you can sign up for a guided tour of the National Infantry Museum on Saturday morning. We will also have USAMU/US Army Shooting Team logo items for sale. The ranges, Custom Gun Shop and the Reloading Section will be open Friday morning.

The address of the Round House on Hook Range for your GPS, Google Maps, Mapquest or iPhone is 7676 Alamo Road, Fort Moore, GA. There are many hotels and motels in Columbus, GA. We have a block of rooms at a reduced rate near Fort Moore. Go to our website and click on the "Reunions" button to book a room at the Hampton Inn Columbus South Fort Moore. This hotel is next to the National Infantry Museum. The address is 2870 South Lumpkin Road, Columbus, GA 31903. Phone 706-660-5550. You must book by September 30, 2023 to get the discounted rate of \$159 for two queen-size beds per room. . There is no cost for any of the activities on Friday. There is a \$20 charge for MMA members on Saturday that covers the cost of the BBQ and one MMA Challenge Coin. The non-MMA member and guest cost of the BBQ is \$20 and the coins are \$10 each.

Please fill out the attached Registration Form to help us manage the reunion.

MMA President's Report



I wanted to thank all of the members of the MMA Executive Board for all of their hard work in keeping the MMA alive. We need some new members to keep our work going. Everyone except for the Treasurer can live anywhere in the country and serve. We need the Treasurer to be able to get mail from our P.O. Box and deposit any funds.

Please come to the 2023 USAMU Reunion October 13-

14, 2023. Friday afternoon will include the dedication of the "Pullum Finals Hall", the induction of former USAMU Commander COL Stanley J. Parmentier into the USAMU Support Hall of Fame and the induction of Mike Anti, Wanda Jewell and Bruce Meredith into the USAMU Hall of Fame. We hope to get approval to dedicate the 50m/300m range building as "Wigger Hall" after LTC Lones W. Wigger, Jr. We may not find that out until just before the dedication as the Garrison Commander and Commanding General both have to approve it first. Then we will have any attending MMA members fire one shot each at a Commemorative Schuetzen Target at 50 meters. No shooting will be allowed on Saturday.

The MMA Annual Meeting is at 1130 hours on Saturday and the BBQ will follow. Please visit. We will have some USAMU/US Army Shooting Team logo items and clothing for sale.

I will still be involved in the MMA Executive Board as the Past President and will keep writing some articles and keep up the website. It has been a pleasure to work with this organization.

Ray P. Carter, MMA President

The MMA Board consists of:

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| President | Ray Carter | 603-957-0377 |
| Vice President | Eric Uptagrafft | |
| Treasurer | Lyman Grover | 706-536-5093 |
| Secretary | Norman Anderson | 706-593-5255 |
| Historian | Bruce Meredith | 706-594-1603 |
| Membership Director | Ken Johnson | |
| IT Officer | Sandra Uptagrafft | |
| USAMU Liaison | Robert Aylward | 706-617-9962 |
| Past Vice President | Nicole Haggman | |
| MMA Times Editor | Vacant | |

USAMU Commander's Report



Military Marksmanship Association Members,

The MMA Reunion is coming soon and we look forward to welcoming you back home for some well-deserved Hall of Fame Inductions, camaraderie, and many tall tales. While you're here, help me in welcoming some of our newest arrivals to the Army Marksmanship HQ that arrived this past summer with the Army PCS season.

We are excited to have a new HHD Command Team comprised of CPT Joshua Raftopoulos and 1SG Alexander Roysden. CPT Raftopoulos is a former Infantry Officer (now Military Intelligence) and was most recently assigned to the 1st Armored Division in Korea and is a recent graduate of the Military Intelligence Captain's Career Course. 1SG Roysden is a career Infantryman and was previously the Senior Military Science Instructor for the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M. We look forward to the leadership and contributions they will provide during their tenure with the USAMU.

Additionally, we welcomed a new Supply NCOIC, SGT Zahra Fuentes, who is also joining us from Camp Humphreys, Korea. SGT Fuentes fills a much-needed role as the position had been gapped for several months with our previous NCOIC being selected for Warrant Officer training.

The Instructor Training Group conducted nearly 20 different training events over the summer with a direct impact to over 1000 Soldiers across the DoD for Army and Navy Special Operations Forces, medics, IN and AR units, and many more. More importantly is the trickle-down effect of many of their missions. The ITG validated marksmanship instructors for the Cadet Summer Training at Ft Knox and West Point which resulted in over 12,000 cadets receiving shooting instruction and qualifying on their primary weapon system. Additionally, the ITG is providing regular training at the Drill Instructor Academy to ensure every new Drill Instructor is qualified provide high quality marksmanship instruction to every basic trainee. I am incredibly proud of the work they do and the contribution they make to our military with every training iteration they provide.

The soldiers in the AMU don't only shoot, train, and compete; they also hone their skills as a profession of arms and a great example of this is SPC Samantha Simonton volunteering for and completing the Army Airborne Course. In addition to her many shotgun accolades, she can add Airborne Qualified to the list. Silver wings upon their chest . . .

Home of Champions,

Casey Mills
LTC, SF
Commander
U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit



MEET MMA Treasurer

Lyman Grover



Lyman Grover has been Treasurer of the MMA since 2018. He has also filled in as the Editor for the *MMA Times* since March 2022 doing the layout, printing and mailing of the *MMA Times*. He also has all the MMA merchandise and helps order, organize and sell those items. He became a Life Member of MMA in 2011.

Some people join the Navy to see the world, but Lyman did a pretty good job of it by joining the Army in 1990. He first attended Basic and AIT to become a Bradley Vehicle Mechanic at Fort Knox, PLDC at Fort Lewis, BNCOC at Fort Knox and Drill Sergeant School at Fort Leonard Wood. He has served in Iraq for Operation Desert Storm, followed by Mannheim, Germany, Fort Lewis, Camp Stanley, Korea, Fort Carson, Bosnia, Fort Knox (as a Drill Sergeant) and finally Fort Benning in 2005. Many of his assignments were in the Heavy Vehicle Recovery sections tasked with finding, repairing and/or towing tanks back to the maintenance area. He retired in 2012 as a Staff Sergeant.

He began shooting as a hobby in the 1980s and earned the Bronze Excellence-in-Competition Badge at the 2005 All-Army Rifle Championships. He was picked up as a new shooter in Service Pistol in 2005 and was assigned to the USAMU Service Pistol Section after that summer. He has earned the Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge and the President's Hundred Tab. He has set numerous individual and team national records. He shot on numerous winning USAMU Blue pistol teams at the National Trophy Matches, the NRA National Pistol Championships and the Inter-service Pistol Championships.



He is a DA Civilian member of the Test and Evaluation Group that works with the Shop and Team Leaders to provide the shooters of the USAMU and Army with the most up-to-date equipment and ammunition. He may be loading ammunition, testing guns, sighting-in rifles, collecting data from the electronics or analyzing data, plus other odd jobs that pop up on any given day.



Volunteers needed for MMA Executive Board

The Military Marksmanship Association needs your help. We need some volunteers to step up and serve on the MMA Executive Board. We currently have one telephone meeting a month and exchange emails on items that come up otherwise. Every position can be remote except for the Treasurer.

We need a new:

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| President | Secretary |
| Membership Chair | IT Chair |
| Treasurer* | |

(*this person needs to be local to Fort Moore to check the mailbox and deposit checks)

MMA Times Editor— mainly putting together the MMA Times newsletter about four times a year — you don't have to write the articles, but you can write some if you wish. We have a laptop and the publishing program for you to use.

Ray Carter will move to the Past President position and still run the website. Ken Johnson has agreed to move up to the Vice President position so we can keep his association knowledge. Bruce Meredith has agreed to run for Historian again as he has the most association knowledge. We thank Eric Uptagrafft, Sandra Uptagrafft, Lyman Grover, Norm Anderson and Nicole Haggman for the years of service that they have put in. We need some of you to step up and help the association out.

If you have any questions about a particular position, please feel free to reach out to current board members.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

SFC (Ret.) Theresa Wentzel DeWitt



SFC (Ret) Theresa Wentzel DeWitt was born at Fort Bragg, NC and learned to shoot with her father at the Fairfield Sportsmen's Association in Cincinnati, OH. She eventually trended to Bunker (International Trap) shooting.

She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Natural Resources from The Ohio State University and a Master of Sport Science/Sport Coaching from the United States Sports Academy. She was known as Theresa Wentzel, until marriage to former AMU gunsmith Robert DeWitt in 1995.

She enlisted in the U. S. Army in 1991, attended Military Police training at Fort McClellan, AL and was assigned to the USAMU Shotgun Section, Fort Benning, GA. Her specialty became Trap and Double Trap. She was a six-time National Champion with five national records. She won 16 individual and team World Championship and World Cup medals. She won an Olympic quota slot for the USA in 2006. Her last international competition was the 2010 World Shooting Championships in Munich, Germany. She was awarded U. S. Distinguished International

Shooter Badge #374 in 1994. She was a member of the 1996 Olympic Team competing at the Wolf Creek ranges in Atlanta in Women's Double Trap where she placed 4th. As a result of her accomplishments, she was acclaimed the Armed Forces Female Athlete of the Year.

Along the way, she shot in 16 nations, including the 1995 Pan American Games in Mar Del Plata, Argentina and several World Cup Finals in Belarus, Spain, Italy and Kuwait. After her Army retirement in 2011, she accepted a position as Program Manager for the Midway USA Foundation in Columbia, MO. Then in 2017, DeWitt was named Head Coach of the Scholastic Clay Target Program's (SCTP) International Team and in 2022, became the SCTP's Director of Development for the Southeast Region. She is also on the Advisory Committee of the Higgins Branchini Shooting Foundation.

Currently, she lives with her husband and four dogs in Russell Springs, KY and when she is not traveling to coach or to conduct tournaments, she can be found working in her garden, walking her dogs, or enjoying a good book and a glass of wine. She is an MMA Life Member.

Taps - Present Arms

We regret to inform you of the loss of these former friends.

Please visit <https://militarymarksmanship.org/taps.html> to see their obituaries.

COL (Ret) Kenneth Buster

SGM (Ret) Theodore "Bud" Benard

MSG (Ret) Wayne J. Voter

SFC (Ret) Arthur E. Austin

Victor Polansky

Mary Kay Wigger

John M Dorsey

George A. Mangus

Judy Boyd

2023 National Trophy Matches, Camp Perry, OH:

The 2023 National Trophy Individual Pistol Champion (General Custer Trophy) was SFC Ryan Franks with a 295-13x, while the 2023 National Trophy Team Pistol Champion (Gold Cup Trophy) was USAMU Blue with a 1130-34x.

The 2023 National Trophy Individual Rifle Champion (Daniel Boone Trophy) was SSG Ben Cleland with a 496-28x. He also was the high shooter in the National Trophy Team Match (Pershing Trophy) with a 499-26x and had the best combined score in NTI and NTT (US Forces Command Trophy) with a 995-54x. He also had the high score in Aggregate of NTI, NTT and President's 100 (Mountain Man Trophy) with a 1292-67x. The 2023 National Trophy Team Rifle Champion (The National Trophy or informally known as the "Dogs of War Trophy") was USAMU with a 2963-124x.

The USAMU did not participate in the NRA National High Power Rifle Championships, the NRA Pistol Championships or the NRA Smallbore Rifle Championships at Camp Atterbury, IN, so there were no new NRA National Champions for the USAMU this year in those championships.



The 2023 President's Rifle Trophy was won by SSG Verne Conant with a 399-20x (299-11x, plus shoot-off score of 100-9x).

2023 ISSF World Shooting Championships, Baku, Azerbaijan held

August 14 to September 1, 2023:

USA Shooting athletes medaled in the following:

- Gold in Men's Skeet Team: Vincent Hancock (former USAMU), Christian Elliott (USAMU) and Dustan Taylor (USAMU)
- Gold in Mixed Skeet Team and a new world record: Vincent Hancock (former USAMU) and Austen Smith
- Gold in Women's Skeet Team and a new world record: Dania Vizzi, Austen Smith and Samantha Simonton (USAMU)
- Gold and a new world record in Women's 50m Rifle 3-Position: Sagen Maddalena (USAMU), Sarah Beard (former USAMU) and Mary Tucker
- Gold in Men's Trap Team: Will Hinton (USAMU), Derrick Mein and Derek Haldeman (USAMU)
- Silver in Women's Skeet: Dania Vizzi
- Silver in Mixed Trap Team: Rachel Tozier (USAMU) and Derrick Mein
- Bronze in Women's 50m Rifle 3-Position: Sagen Maddalena (USAMU)
- Bronze in 300m Standard Rifle, Men's 300m Prone Rifle: Tim Sherry (USAMU)

Jay Waldron (former USAMU) was the Skeet Coach.

Team USA athletes set three new world records. The Mixed Skeet Team set a new record after Hancock shot a 74 in the qualification round combined with Smith's 75 to equal a total of 149/150. The duo then shot the gold medal match where they triumphed over the Ukrainian Team.

Smith also helped set a second world record with teammates Vizzi and Simonton in the Women's Skeet Team event. Vizzi shot a 122/125, while Smith fired 122/125, and Simonton 121/125, giving them a combined score of 365/375, enough to best the Italian team in second place with 360/372.

The Women's 50m Rifle 3-Position Team World Champion title was earned by Sagen Maddalena, Mary Tucker and Sarah Beard. Their three qualification scores not only earned them gold, but also set a new team world record of 1774-102X. Their individual scores were Maddalena 594-42X, Tucker 592-32X and Beard 588-28X.

The Shooting Paralympic Sports World Championships takes place in Lima, Peru from September 19-29, 2023. After the Paralympic World Championships, Team USA will head to the 2023 Pan American and Para Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile.

2023 Reunion Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct 13, 2023

| Time | Location | Event |
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| 0930 to 1200 hours | Round House, Hook Range | Registration. Sign up for National Infantry Museum guided tour. |
| 0930 to 1200 hours | Round House, Hook Range | Firearms Display by the National Infantry Museum. |
| 0930 to 1200 hours | USAMU ranges | Shooting Sections open. |
| 0930 to 1200 hours | Building 243 basement | Custom Firearms Shop open. |
| 0930 to 1200 hours | Parks Range | Reloading Section open. |
| 1200 to 1300 hours | Local restaurants | Lunch on own. |
| 1300 to 1330 hours | Hook Range | Shotgun Demonstration |
| 1400 to UTC | Pullum Finals Hall | Finals Demonstration by International Rifle Section |
| | Pullum Finals Hall | Dedication of Pullum Hall, Speaker Gary L. Anderson, DCM Emeritus |
| | Pullum Finals Hall | Dedication of Wigger Hall, Speaker Ray P. Carter, MMA President (if approved) |
| | Pullum Finals Hall | Support Hall of Fame Induction of COL (Ret) Stanley J. Parmentier |
| | Pullum Finals Hall | 2022 MMA Persons of the Year Awards |
| | Pullum Finals Hall | USAMU Hall of Fame inductions of MAJ (Ret) Michael Anti, LTC (Ret) Wanda Jewell and COL (Ret) Bruce Meredith. |
| | Pool Outdoor Range | Shooting of Commemorative Schuetzen Target by MMA members. One shot each. |
| | | Dinner on own. Sign up at registration for different locations. (IR and RT are going to Café Amici, 2301 Airport Thruway #E2, Columbus, GA.) |
| Circa 1600 hours | Various local restaurants | |

Saturday, Oct 14, 2023

| Time | Location | Event |
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| 0900 to 1030 hours | National Infantry Museum | National Infantry Museum guided tour for those that signed up Friday morning. |
| 1130 to 1200 hours | Pullum Finals Hall | MMA Annual Meeting and Election of Officers |
| 1200 to ? | Hook Range Shotgun Pavilion | BBQ |

MMA Reunion Registration Form

13-14 October 2023

at Hook/Pool Range Complex, Fort Moore, GA

Cost for attending MMA members is **\$20** which will include meal and one new coin.

I plan on attending the Reunion (circle one) YES NO

Your Name (please print) _____

Telephone: _____

Email address _____

I will have _____ guests at **\$20** each for meals but no coin.

I will like to buy _____ additional coins at **\$10** each.

I will be unable to attend the reunion but will like to purchase _____ coins at **\$10** each.
Packing and shipping will be an additional fee of \$10 for up to 10 coins per package.

My address for shipping:

Please mail application to:

Military Marksmanship Association
P.O. Box 52025
Fort Moore, GA 31995-2025

Or email application to :

sgt_g@hotmail.com
Lyman Grover, MMA Treasurer



Membership Application Form

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Annual Membership Dues: \$20 /Life Membership: \$500 (\$400 if over 70)

Make checks payable to Military Marksmanship Association, Inc.

Instructions: Check **Life**, **New**, or **Renewal** membership block. Check a **Years** block if you checked either the **New** or **Renewal** membership block. Check the **Veteran** block if you are a past or present member of the U.S. Armed Forces. Check the **Non-Veteran** block if you have no military service and you are not a cadet or a spouse, widow, widower, ancestor, or lineal descendant of a veteran or cadet. Check the Cadet block if you are a Cadet (ROTC or armed services academy). Check the **Spouse, Widow, Widower, Ancestor, or Lineal Descendant of a Veteran or a Cadet** block if you are a spouse, widow, widower, ancestor, or lineal descendant of a veteran or a cadet. Enter your **Past or Present Branch of Service** and enter the dates of your **Military Service**. Enter your **Past or Present Rank**. Enter your personal information and check your assignment or shooting discipline. Sign form, enclose dues, and mail to the above MMA address.

Check Membership: Life ☐ New ☐ Renewal ☐ Years: 1 yr ☐ 2 yr ☐ 3 yr ☐ 4 yr ☐ 5 yr ☐

Check Status: Veteran ☐ Non-Veteran ☐ Cadet ☐

Spouse, Widow, Widower, Ancestor, or Lineal Descendant of a Veteran or a Cadet ☐

Check Past or Present Branch of Service: USA ☐ USAR ☐ ARNG ☐ ANG ☐ USAF ☐ USAFR ☐
USCG ☐ USCGR ☐ USMC ☐ USMR ☐ USN ☐ USNR ☐

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Check your assignment or shooting discipline (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | International Pistol | <input type="checkbox"/> | Service Pistol |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | International Rifle | <input type="checkbox"/> | Service Rifle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Instructor Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shotgun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Moving/Running Target | <input type="checkbox"/> | TDY (Summer Pick-up) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | MTU (Army Area-Post Teams) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Fill in): |

I certify I have not been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions and the information I provided above is correct to the best of my knowledge. By submission of this application and membership dues, I agree to read and abide by all provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Military Marksmanship Association.

Signature of Applicant _____

Information provided on this form is for the use of the MMA. The information provided will be added to the MMA membership database for the purposes of compiling membership directories and email lists, and used to notify members of MMA activities or items of interest to members.