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## USAMU Soldiers Represent Over 20% of the U.S. Olympic Team



**SGT Sagen Maddalena**

**SSG Kevin Nguyen**



**SSG William Hinton**



**SSG Rachel Tozier**



**SGT Ivan Roe**

## MMA President's Report



### June 2024 Newsletter – President's Report

Greetings fellow members,

In the March newsletter, I mentioned how the MMA Executive Board members continue to work on initiatives designed to enhance the benefits associated with MMA membership. An interesting aspect of one such initiative is that its success is dependent on our organization being able to add new members who are considered by IRS regulations to be “war veterans”.

For the MMA to receive tax-deductible contributions and donations, 90% of our members must be categorized as “war veterans”. Currently, 88% of MMA members are considered “war veterans”. To be considered a “war veteran” by the Internal Revenue Service, an MMA member must have been on Active Duty, or in the Reserves or National Guard during the period 5 August 1964 to 7 May 1975, or any time after 2 August 1990.

Q: Why strive to increase the percentage of our members who are “war veterans”?

A: So we can increase the benefits afforded the MMA member community through educational scholarships and high-value competition prizes! Program details are being developed and will be dependent on the level of new funding we are able to collect. To maximize funding for our new initiative, we need to be able to solicit tax-deductible contributions and donations.

Please consider inviting others to join who you feel may be interested in MMA membership – particularly if they would be categorized a “war veteran”. Simply send the following web address to them: [www.militarymarksmanship.org](http://www.militarymarksmanship.org). There will be a link to “Membership” on the left side of the page. In addition, you can share the information in the following paragraph with them.

The Military Marksmanship Association (MMA) has been the alumni group of the USAMU since 1994. Our association strives to keep former and current members of the USAMU informed about USAMU activities, as well as what former members may be doing. Some of the ways we support the USAMU include awarding the Shooter of the Year, New Shooter of the Year and Support Person of the Year awards, and financially assisting with the USAMU Reunions and the annual USAMU Ball. We also publish four (4) issues of the MMA Times each year, as well as maintaining the MMA website. You are encouraged to check out the MMA website at [www.militarymarksmanship.org](http://www.militarymarksmanship.org). and the wide range of information and resources we have assembled.

If you want to bring an idea, concept, or initiative to my attention, or if you want to make a comment or recommendation directly to me, I can be reached at [ron.plumb54@gmail.com](mailto:ron.plumb54@gmail.com).

Ron Plumb

MMA President



### For Those Interested in Following the Excitement

For information on the Olympic Shooting schedule use: [Paris 2024 Shooting Schedule](#)

For video of Finals and results use: [Olympic Results](#)

For information on the Paris 2024 Shooting Para Sport schedule use:

[Paris 2024 Shooting Para Sport Schedule](#)

## USAMU Commander's Report



Fellow Military Marksmanship Association Members,

The summer shooting season, and busiest time of the year for the USAMU, is in full swing and off to an incredible start.

The Service Pistol team recently returned from the Flagler and Bianchi Cup, two of the largest and most prestigious events for the Action Pistol portion of the team. It was near total domination. At the Flagler Cup, the Action Pistol team had a clean sweep of all divisions to include SSG Walter Johnson as the overall champion. SFC Ryan Franks became only the second shooter in history to shoot a perfect score in the Metallic division and set a new national record in the process. At the Bianchi Cup, the winning continued, this time with SSG Chris Hudock setting a new national record in the Production Optic division, beating his own previous national record by 10x. SFC Franks captured his third straight Bianchi Cup Championship in the Metallic division while SSG Walker Buckman secured a 1st place finish in the Pro-

duction category in only this third ever Action Pistol match. These competitors are literally the best in the world at what they do.

Since my last update, Olympic Trials have concluded and the USAMU will be sending five Soldiers to Paris to represent Team USA in the '24 Summer Olympics. The following Soldiers will be competing in the Olympics (26 JUL – 05 AUG):

SSG Rachel Tozier

- Women's Trap (shotgun)

SSG William Hinton

- Men's Trap (shotgun)

SGT Sagan Maddalena

- Women's 10M Air Rifle

- Women's 50M Smallbore

SGT Ivan Roe

- Men's 10M Air Rifle

- Men's 50M Smallbore

- Mixed Team 10m Air Rifle

And the following Soldier will compete in the Paralympics (30 AUG – 05 SEP):

SSG Kevin Nguyen

- 10M Air Rifle

- 50M Smallbore Prone

If you don't already, you can follow the USAMU at any of the below:

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Instagram: [www.instagram.com/USAMU1956](https://www.instagram.com/USAMU1956)

Stay tuned to see what the rest of 2024 has in store for this great team.

Home of Champions,

Casey Mills

LTC, SF

Commander

U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit

## Memories of Fort Benning 1962-65 as a Dependent by Ray Carter

I first arrived at Fort Benning, GA on Labor Day 1962. We had lived in Germany for the previous three years (Hanau and Kaiserslautern) and my father was assigned as the Commander of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Bn of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division at Sand Hill and then as the head of the Engineer Committee in Brigade and Battalion Operations of The Infantry School. Fort Benning became very crowded as the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Assault Division was stood up in addition to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division and all the normal training schools.

I started 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at the non air-conditioned Faith Middle School on Main Post where Abrams Hall is now. I thought I was going to die that first two weeks of school due to the heat and gnats as Germany was a lot cooler than Georgia. I played football on French Polo Field that fall and went hunting for the first time with my new Remington 870 20-gauge pump shotgun and my Sears Ted Williams tan canvas hunting clothes. We went to Hook Range and shot some skeet to get ready for quail season. There was a parachute covering the ceiling inside the Round House.

We saw a lot of Fort Benning over those three years of hunting squirrels, rabbits, quail, deer and turkey in our 1962 VW Beetle. I had to help push when we got stuck in mudholes in the trails. Only squirrels and quail were harvested, but it wasn't for the lack of trying. I remember going back behind the Dixie Road ranges and seeing mortar rounds just lying there. The next year a couple of my classmates were playing back there when one of them picked up a mortar round that went off. There was not much left of him. I was also in Boy Scouts and got to see some more territory during camping trips including visiting in what we called "Patton Lodge" on a bluff over Upatoi Creek.

By the next summer I had acclimated to the heat and was playing Little League baseball on Main Post and over in Custer Terrace. I rode my bicycle everywhere including to fishing locations on various ponds, Upatoi Creek and the Chattahoochee River catching mostly bream and catfish. Quite frankly, the smartest thing to do was to hang out at one of the swimming pools. Movies were 15 cents for kids.

I remember riding my bicycle across the pontoon bridge over the Chattahoochee by Lawson Airfield to buy firecrackers and M-80's in Alabama. I learned how to make a cigarette fuse for the M-80's so you weren't caught by the MP's. Cigarettes were 25 cents a pack in the machine at the big snack bar across from Gowdy Field and next to Bryan Wells Fieldhouse. There were a lot of World War II wooden buildings. I remember riding the "buddy seat" on the Jump Tower closest to the center of Main Post during one of Fourth of July Celebrations. They would pull you up and then you would drift down under the parachute although guided by wires so you didn't go floating off. That was fun, but I had more fun in 1973 when I went through Jump School and was by myself floating down from one of the other Jump Towers.

Most of our shopping was in the small PX and Commissary on post, but the real shopping was downtown in Columbus in stores like Metcalf's. The Columbus Mall was built in 1965 soon before we moved to Virginia. The Lindsey Creek Bypass had not been built yet and it was a chore to get to the mall. And there was actually a traffic circle where the main entrance of Fort Benning (Fort Benning Road) came out on Victory Drive and a small airfield on the right on Victory Drive before you got to the cemeteries closer to downtown. The Dolly Madison Bakery is on part of it as is the WoodSpring Suites.

I also remember segregation everywhere in the South, but although not on post. Every gas station or bus station or public building off post in the South had a Men's Room, Ladies Room and Colored. My best friend's father who lived two doors up from us on Rainbow Avenue was in charge of the troops that went to escort the Selma Marchers in March 1965.

There weren't any Interstate Highways back then and it took forever to get anywhere. You spent a lot of time in traffic.

I actually shot on Hibbs Range in a Junior Smallbore Rifle Course on a couple of Saturday mornings in Spring 1965 taught by soldiers wearing blue helmet liners, so I think they were from the Infantry School rather than the USAMTU. There was a concrete firing line with a roof and the Running Target Section later built their shooting house on it 1976-77.



## In Memoriam

CWO4 Raymond Anti, USMC (Ret)

Taps - Present Arms.

The shooting sports community is mourning the loss of CWO4 Raymond Anti, USMC (Ret), a longtime National Matches volunteer and U.S. Marine Corps veteran who sadly lost his battle with cancer. January 6, 1933 – April 19, 2024. He was 91 years old and a former MMA member.

Raymond Anti was born in Plymouth, Mass., on January 6, 1933. Double Distinguished in Service Rifle (1984) and Service Pistol (1987), Ray Anti proudly served more than 30 years as a Marine before retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. He also worked as a volunteer at the National Matches for 45 years, a feat that will likely be unmatched. At the National Matches, Anti held several jobs, including working as a line officer, a member of the awards office staff, referee and many other duties. Additionally, he was a former U.S. Naval Academy Rifle Team Head Coach for 12 years (1986-1998). The U.S. Naval Academy Rifle Team was 11-1 against the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with Ray Anti as the rifle coach.

Competitive shooting runs in the Anti family, as his son, MAJ (Ret) Mike Anti (USAMU Hall of Fame 2023), is an Olympic silver medalist and the current U.S. Naval Academy Rifle Team head coach, and grandson, Will, is the head coach of the 2023 NCAA Rifle Champion University of Alaska-Fairbanks Rifle Team. He also had two daughters that were trained in the shooting sports.



I regret to inform you of the passing of SFC (Ret) Jeffrey L. Lear on May 2, 2024. Jeff was my shooting partner when we won the 1976 National Trophy Team "Dogs of War Trophy" and he earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge. SFC Lear's military service spanned two decades, culminating in his retirement from the Army after serving with honor and distinction. A member of the esteemed 82nd Airborne Division and later the Special Forces, he embodied courage and valor in all he did. His annual pilgrimage to Normandy for the ceremonial jump in remembrance of "D Day" was a testament to his reverence for history and sacrifice. Lear's last tour was with the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

Beyond his professional endeavors, SFC Lear's true legacy lies in his role as a loving family man.

His ability to provide comfort, peace, love, and happiness knew no bounds. To his family, he was not just a husband, father, or grandfather - he was their hero. His grandchildren found in him not only a cheerleader at their sporting events but also a pillar of unwavering support and affectionate "POP POP."

Among his proudest accomplishments was his beloved family - surviving him is his loving wife of 51 years, Shelia Lear; his children Jennifer Marshall (Kyle), Jeffrey J. Lear (Samantha), Matthew Lear (Nikki); and grandchildren Jackson Tyson, Hudson Lear Max Lear, and Adlee Lear.

Farewell to a man whose heart was as vast as his love for his family; may his spirit find eternal peace as he embarks on his next journey beyond this realm. Services to honor the life of SFC Jeffrey Lynn Lear were conducted Thursday May 9, 2024. Graveside committal services followed at the Georgia National Cemetery with military honors being performed by the United States Army.



Holding the guidon

Ray P. Carter, MMA Membership Chair

## Meet the MMA Secretary – Wanda Jewell



Twenty-eight years as an active shooter and, to date, 26 years working in and with various organizations to improve and support the sport of shooting.

1970 was the start of my shooting career at a DCM club in Great Falls, Montana. I was 16 years old and within a few weeks of starting, I had decided I was going to go to the Olympic Games. The decision was helped by the fact that I was shooting just 25 miles from the home of Lones Wigger Jr and knew it was possible for a kid from Montana to do it.

Eastern Washington State College offered in-state tuition and the new ROTC program for women for me to come there to shoot. While shooting for

EWSC, I was a three year All American, secured an invitation to the 1974 World Championship Selection Match in Phoenix, Arizona, made the 1974 World Championship and traveled to Bern Switzerland with Lones Wigger Jr., Margaret Murdock, and all my heroes in the shooting world. The experience strengthened my goal to compete in the Olympics.

In 1977, newly commissioned and trained, I was assigned to USAMU for the first time. Over the years between 1977 and my last match in 1998 I shot for USAMU and the Reserve International Rifle Shooting Team. During that time, because of the high-level environment, resources available and opportunities I was able to meet my goals and compete in World Championships, Championships of the Americas, Pan Am Games, and two Olympic Games successfully. World Cups were not competitions at the time.



I joined USA Shooting in 2002 as the National Rifle Coach. During the years at USA Shooting, I moved to High Performance/Operations working with athlete development and responsible for meeting the US Olympic Committee performance requirements to earn six medals in Olympic Games. Those six medals were accomplished in the 2008 Olympic Games.

After retiring from USAS, I have spent my time being an International Sport Shooting Federation and World Shooting Para Sport Judge in several International Competitions.

Currently, I am a member of the ISSF Rifle Committee and the Chairman of the Sport Technical Committee for WSPS. Having been assigned to the 2024 Olympic Games as the Equipment Control Chairman and the 2024 Paralympic Games as the Technical Delegate for shooting, another goal for my life, contributing to sport, is about to be met.



!LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUMMER SEASON 2024!



## Membership Application Form

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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 ☐

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

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<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.



## Where are they now? – LTC Phillip F. Cannella, Jr.

LTC Phillip F. Cannella, Jr., USA Ret. is in the USAMU Service Rifle Hall of Fame and is an MMA Life Member.



He has served at Fort Benning in many capacities. He completed his Infantry Officer training, along with Airborne, Ranger and Pathfinder training. He has been a competitor and OIC of the USAMU Service Rifle Team, Chief of Competitions, President of the MMA as well as President of the Fort Benning Rifle & Pistol Club. He was always a contributor of door prizes at MMA annual meetings and Soldier of the Year events. He retired from the Army in 1986 and became a Regional Manager for Glock, Inc. He currently lives with his wife in Midland, Georgia. He has a son and daughter who also shot for the USAMU or the USAR in International Rifle.

A Distinguished Military Graduate of Presbyterian College in South Carolina, Phil was on the ROTC Rifle Team. As a young officer, he began winning rifle matches at Fort Riley, KS and then to Europe where he excelled in 1958 - 1960. He won medals with the 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in USAREUR Prix LeClerc, a shooting championship between NATO forces held at Grafenwohr, Germany. His first time back to the States and

All Army was 1961 with the USAREUR Team when he earned the Distinguished Rifleman Badge and the President's Hundred Tab. Returning to Germany, he continued to be a force in Service Rifle shooting with the USAREUR team at division and corps events.

He served in Korea and then in Vietnam with MACV in 1967 - 1968 (Tet), where he became a decorated veteran highlighted by a Bronze Star with 2V, Air Medal 4 OLC, MSM 5 OLC, VN Service Ribbon, VN Cross of Gallantry (4) and the Combat Infantryman Badge, Master Parachute Badge and Aviator Badge. He did a tour at USAMU from 1974 to 1981. Previous assignments included the Ranger Dept at Fort Benning, Psychological Operations at Fort Bragg and Okinawa, then again to Korea and Fort Eustis, VA before retiring.

He fondly recalls his teams at AMU that set new records. His Infantry Trophy and Interservice 10-Man Rifle Teams at Quantico were his champions. They worked hard to pull together and win. His teams at Camp Perry were constantly able to carry the winning flags of the Army at the National Matches. As Chief of Competition, he inherited the responsibility of organizing the All Army Matches and the Small Arms Firing School at Camp Perry. He and his team also conducted training of soldiers, law enforcement and civilians in sniper and counter sniper duties.



In 1979, at age 46, using an M-14 NM rifle, he shot a standing score of 200x11x at Quantico, VA. The record stood for 10 years. During his career, he made 9 CISM teams, twice becoming individual champion, where he excelled in 3-Position Rapid Fire. Being a well-rounded competitor, he also had fine results with an Air Rifle and the 1,000 yard Magnums.

He fondly recalls and honors the many past members of his teams at the USAMU who made the unit the "Home of Champions".