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USAMU 52nd Anniversary Reunion

USAMU PAO



Hall of Fame!
The 2008
USAMU Hall of
Fame inductees
were honored
on Ceremony
Hill during the
USAMU 52nd
Anniversary Re-
union activities.
Pictured (L-R) -
Burl Branham,
Sally Carroll,
Glen Dubis.

More than 300 Soldiers, civilians, and family members, past and present, of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit gathered together to celebrate the USAMU's 52nd birthday this past October. The Military Marksmanship Association conducted a reunion in honor of the 52nd anniversary of the founding of the Army Marksmanship Unit Oct. 16 to 18 at the USAMU Headquarters and ranges.

The biennial reunion affords USAMU alumni a chance to reminisce with fellow former shooters and gunsmiths and meet the new USAMU Soldiers and personnel. The Army Marksmanship Unit held an open house Oct. 16 and 17 and there were range activities with displays, demonstrations and competitions.

USAMU Commander LTC Frank Muggeo presented several awards to outstanding AMU Soldiers at the Reunion Welcome Ceremony Oct. 17, including Letters of Congratulations to the 2008 USAMU Olympians from U.S. Congressman Sanford D. Bishop Jr. from Georgia's second district.

At the general membership meeting, Military Marksmanship Association President Robert I. Hoidahl, Jr., a former USAMU commander, conducted the MMA election of officers. Newly re-elected officers are: President Hoidahl; Vice President Ronald F. Martere; Secretary Laurence "Red" Mosely; and Treasurer Sam Hunter. Executive Board Committee Chairmen were also reappointed by the MMA President: Historian Stephen C. Goff; Membership Chairman Richard D. Rebidue; Public Affairs Officer/MMA Times Editor Carter Berry; and Refreshments Coordinator Phil Cannella.

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USAMU Commander's Report

LTC Frank Muggeo



Hello to all and I hope your Thanksgiving was peaceful and tasty. Again it has been a busy quarter for the members of the AMU. Shortly after the Olympics, the USAMU produced a team to compete in what is known as the Conseil International Du Sport Militaire (CISM-A.K.A. Military Olympics). This event pits the world's

militaries against each other under the banner of, "Friendship through Sports". The US team consisted of 14 Servicemen and women; 1 Marine, 1 Army Reservist, 1 Navy, and 1 Soldier from the National Guard with the other 10 coming from the AMU. While the events that are fired at CISM are not events that the AMU trains for regularly, we still took "Best Nation" honors in a very close competition. This just reinforces the importance of the fundamentals of marksmanship.

With the holidays upon us 2009 is shaping up just like 2008. While we have already conducted numerous courses (SDM, CQM) for War Fighters here at Ft Benning and at their home stations, we continue to learn through our "Competition to Combat" methodology. SFC Jason St John from Service Pistol and SFC Robbie Johnson from Action Shooting became the first team to win the International Best Sniper competition consecutively. The Combat Shooting team is just returning from their version of the Olympics which was held in Bali. SFC Tomasie and SPC Eusebio took the Gold in their events Silvers went to SSG Michel and SPC Balsley.

You all know that the tasks that the Soldier of AMU performs are varied. You also know that the Soldiers of the unit take pride in exceeding the requirements placed upon them. While we continue to win the events we enter into we also train the force and help the recruiting effort. This quarter we are going to come out with a series of marksmanship DVDs. These DVDs will be sent to Army units and can be

MMA President's Report

Bob Hoidahl



As in years past, I again overindulged during the Thanksgiving holiday! Hopefully, you all had a great "Turkey Day" and are looking forward to the Christmas and Hanukkah holidays. I want ALL our MMA membership to enjoy this holiday season with family or friends. On behalf of the entire MMA Executive Board, we wish

you a joyous holiday season and a great start to the New Year.

USAMU/MMA Reunion 2008: WOW!! It was great to see all those smiling faces at our 52d bi-annual reunion. We hit our magic planning figure of 300 participants and witnessed another great weekend of activities: starting with Team dinners on Thursday; range firing, general membership meeting, welcome picnic on Friday; and Section Halls of Fame induction ceremony, shotgun shooting demo...thanks Todd, USAMU Hall of Fame induction ceremony, followed by the USAMU/MMA Reunion barbeque. If you were unable to attend, a great time was had by all. Superb support from our AMU soldiers/civilians and great chow provided by Huckleberry's. Mark your calendars now for the 54th Reunion!

USAMU Hall of Fame: Congratulations to all Section HOF inductees and to the HOF Class of 2008: LTC (Ret) Sallie Carroll, CPT (Ret) Glenn Dubis and MSG (Ret) Burl Branham.

USAMU Soldier of the Year and MMA Annual Membership Meeting, 22 JAN 2009, 1500 hours: Mark your calendars for this event located at the Pool Indoor Range.

50th Anniversary Commemorative Book: Good news, Turner Publishing has delivered 200 copies of the book. We sold 13 copies at the reunion

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.

Camp Perry and Erie Ordnance Depot: A 1000-yard dry-firing session was almost a disaster one day. The team was all on line and starting to dry-fire. It was normal procedure for the coaches to stand in front of the firing line and observe each shooter dry-fire. Major Easley usually started at one flank and Captain Maertens on the other flank and they would move toward the center checking each man. Major Easley was done checking a shooter and was about to step in front of a 18th Infantry shooter, Sgt. Mutik. When suddenly – POW!, Sgt. Mutik fired a live round. It became deathly quiet. Mutik must have waited to begin dry-firing until being observed. Major Easley said, “Sergeant Mutik you did not clean your rifle last night,” That was the last thing said. Mutik worried for a long time what his punishment would be. The team members frequently gave Mutik the raspberry for not cleaning his rifle and for pulling such a stupid stunt. That was Mutik’s only year on the Infantry Team. Coats Brown wanted to emulate Major Easley’s ability to teach and coach shooting to an individual on a one to one basis. Coats said he often copied Easley’s organizational skills and methods of training a rifle team. Coats remembers M/Sgt. Otis Lowe from Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas as a great line coach. He was a whiz at reading the wind. Otis was a distinguished marksman who had earned 17 leg medals. Coats attributes his wind reading expertise and ability to promote calmness in a shooter to Otis Lowe. There was only one place to earn a leg medal and become distinguished those days – the National Matches at Camp Perry. A shooter could earn two legs at the nationals. The National Trophy Individual match provided one opportunity. The National Trophy Team (NTT) match provided a second chance. Shooting members of a team that placed in the top percentage of the NTT match received a leg medal. Infantry Team shooters and coaches came from small posts located all over the continental U.S.A. Nelson, Gallman and Phelps were from 1st Infantry, Felty and Duke from 20th Infantry, both units located at Fort Francis E. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Maserik was from 2nd Infantry, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. Gordon, Belson and Svela were from 3rd Infantry, Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Ambler, Sarmon, and Wilson were from a battalion of the 4th Infantry, Fort Mizoula, Montana. Wright was from another battalion of the 4th Infantry, Fort George Wright, Spokane, Washington. Jenkins, Giacobbe and Duke came from the 5th Infantry, Maine. Lane was from 6th Infantry, Fort Hayes,

Ohio or a fort in St. Louis, Missouri. Kaminsky was from 7th Infantry, Missouri. Pettijohn and Sharp were from 8th Infantry, Fort Screven, Tybee Island, Georgia. Otis Lowe, Kerry Berry, Byas and Cherry were from 9th Infantry, Gothard, Willy Doucet, Umberger and link from 23rd Infantry, both units located at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. Clark was from 10th Infantry. Hansen, Culver and Baker were from 11th Infantry, Fort Thomas, Kentucky. Hilderton and Murkley were from 12th Infantry, Fort Howard, Maryland. Lt Fellenz was from 13th Infantry. White was from 15th Infantry. Yensus was from 16th Infantry, Fort Jay, Governors Island, New York. Davis was from 17th Infantry, Fort Crook, Omaha, Nebraska. Clausen, Ference, Barger and Mutik were from 18th Infantry, Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn and Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York. Broadus and Lt McCrary were from 1st Bn, 22nd Infantry, Fort MacPherson, Georgia. Brown, Guerin, Orton, Benner and Tumbler came from 3rd Bn, 22nd Infantry, Fort McClellan, Alabama. Edwards, Berien and Allen were from 24th Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia. Major Easley and Captain Maertens were also assigned to the 24th Infantry on paper but were for duty with the Infantry School. White and Seaward were from 25th Infantry, Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Cool was from 26th Infantry, Plattsburgh Barracks, New York. Sid Hinds was from 28th Infantry, Fort Niagara, New York. Clement, Ed Doucette, Deveroux, Hansen, Hamscher, Palmer and Wilson were from 29th Infantry, Fort Benning, Georgia. Huntington was from 30th Infantry, Presidio of California. Miller was from 34th Infantry, Fort Douglas, Utah. Topper was a member of 67th Infantry and F. Smith a member of 66th Infantry, both units thought to be developing Tankers for the future Armored Branch of the Army. Fort Lewis, Washington and Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana were also represented.

MMA Annual Meeting
Thursday, January 22, 2009
Pool Indoor Shooting Complex

HELP NEEDED FOR RESEARCH ARTICLE

Any information about Winchester single shot / free rifles made between 1956 and 1968. Anything at all, no matter how trivial it may seem would be greatly appreciated. I have been engaged in this research for approximately a year and a half. I have obtained a substantial amount of information, but many key elements remain. Please contact Ned Buehler - 716-954-3190 or e-mail at nedb@roadrunner.com
Thanks!

PRESIDENT / From Page 2 _____

for \$50 cash & carry. You can now purchase the book for \$50 plus shipping/handling of \$14. Red Mosely, our secretary, has attached a link on our MMA website to place orders or you can use the order form attached in this MMA Times issue. This book would make a great New Year's gift.

MMA War Veterans Status: Several months ago I reported that MMA War Veterans status had changed. After further discussion with the Internal Revenue Service, MMA will withdraw our request for War Veteran status change and again be recognized as a War Veterans Organization. What this means is that a charitable donation to the MMA will again be tax deductible to the donor under IRS Code section 170(c) (3). So, send Sam Hunter, our treasurer, your check payable to the MMA and take a deduction!

USAMU Ball, 23 JAN 2009: All members of MMA are cordially invited to the 2d Annual USAMU Ball, 23 Jan 09, Columbus Iron Works. See commander's invitation in this newsletter.

MMA Life Membership: It's never too late to commit to a Life Membership. See our newest Life members in this newsletter. Hooah-way to go!

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used as an additional aide to marksmanship instruction. These DVDs are a CMP and AMU initiative that we hope will help the Army master the fundamentals of marksmanship.

Those of you who attended the first AMU ball last year will be happy to know that we are going to do it again this year. 23 Jan we will hold the second annual ball at the Iron Works in Columbus. Once we have done it twice it will officially be a tradition, one that we hope continues for a long time. Hope to see as many of you there as possible. Have a safe and happy holiday.

"The Service Rifle Shooters that attended the October 2008 MMA Reunion would like to thank **Gary E. Panzer** of Elm Grove, Louisiana. Gary took the time and effort to design and order several dozen miniature distinguished badges at his own expense. Gary then made these beautiful badges available to us long barrel veterans. Hooah, Gary Panzer!"

TAPS, PRESENT ARMS

SFC (Ret) **Buford B. "Buff" Cobb** died September 20, 2008. SFC Cobb was a pistol shooter, coach, and gunsmith assigned to the Military District of Washington (MDW) Marksmanship Team.

Mary Joe Motes Chreene died September 23, 2008 in Coushatta, Louisiana. Mary Joe was the wife of USAMU Pistol Team and MMA member SSG (Ret) Bruce K. Chreene.

SFC (Ret) **Floyd D. Oliver**, 82, died October 10, 2008. SFC Oliver was a member of the USAMU Pistol Team.

CSM (Ret) **William H. Brushwood** died October 12, 2008. CSM Brushwood was a member of the USAMU Service Rifle Team.

SFC **Brent Lantagne**, NCOIC of the USAR Service Pistol team, died November 4, 2008.

SGM (Ret) **Byron T. Akers**, 80, died November 9, 2008, in Columbus, Georgia. SGM Akers was a member of the USAMU Shotgun Team.

2008 USIS Hall of Fame Inductees

Former USAMU SSG. **Daniel T. Carlisle** and retired U.S. Army Reservist SFC **Ruby E. Fox** will be inducted into the 2008 U.S. International Shooting Hall of Fame. Carlisle is one of the most successful shotgun shooters in history. He started shooting American Trap competitively at the age of 14. In 1975, at the age of 18, Carlisle joined the USAMU and later that same year won the Pan-American Games.

He was a member of two Olympic teams, claiming the Bronze Medal in Men's Trap at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. At the Seoul, Korea, Games of 1988, Carlisle competed in both the Trap and Skeet events, where he finished fourth in Skeet and ninth in Trap. Fox was one of the nation's leading pistol shooters and the foremost female pistol champion. During her international shooting career, which spanned from 1974 to 1992, Fox earned a total of nine Gold, four Silver and four Bronze medals in international events.

She is the only woman pistol competitor in the USA to win an Olympic Medal, claiming the Silver in Sport Pistol at the 1984 Games in Los Angeles, and to win an Air Pistol World Championship in Korea in 1979 and claim a Gold Medal in Sport Pistol at the 1987 Pan-American Games along with setting a new Pan-Am Record.

Carlisle and Fox will be presented with a bronze plaque during the U.S. International Shooting Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Jan. 16 at the 2009 SHOT Show in Orlando, Fla.

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The morning of Oct. 18, USAMU hosted its Sections Halls of Fame Induction Ceremony at Sharpe Hall. Four personnel were inducted into the Support Hall of Fame and six into their respective shooting section halls of fame. Inductees were: "Red" Mosely, Bill Reitz, Marvin O. Aldrich and the late Robert Walsh, Sr., Support Hall of Fame; Max Barrington, Service Pistol Hall of Fame; SFC Shawn C. Dulohery and SFC James Todd Graves, Shotgun Hall of Fame; Lance S. Hopper, Service Rifle Hall of Fame; and Ed Suarez and SFC Daryl L. Szarenski, International Pistol Hall of Fame.

After lunch SFC Graves and SSG Matthew T. DePuydt conducted a shotgun demonstration at Hook Range. It was Graves' last trick-shooting demonstration here as the Olympic Bronze Medalist is set to retire soon.

The demonstration was followed by a National Infantry Museum Korean Battlefield Soil Presentation Ceremony and USAMU Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at Pool Range.

Former Fort Benning Commanding General retired MG. Jerry White, president of the National Infantry Association and chairman of the National Infantry Foundation, which is overseeing the construction of the new National Infantry Museum, participated in a ceremony at the Pool International Shooting Complex in which he accepted a donation of Korean battlefield soil from the USAMU.

Szarenski, a three-time Olympian, lead the USAMU Honor Guard in the Battlefield Soil Presentation Ceremony and presented the Korean battlefield soil to White for the new museum. He is the son of SGT Frank Szarenski who served during the Korean War as a forward observer.

The USAMU honor guard consisted of Graves, Distinguished Service Cross sniper William E. Krilling, Silver Star sniper Burl Branham and William Thornton, who participated in Task Force Smith and is a Distinguished Service Cross recipient.

The soil was collected from various Korean battlefields by Soldiers of the USAMU on behalf of all U.S. Army Infantry Soldiers. Both Krilling and Branham were veterans of the Korean War and Graves patrolled the Korean demilitarized zone.

"USAMU Soldiers are the pride of America and the pride of the U.S. Army," said White, the guest speaker at the USAMU Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. "They are the keys to recruiting and

bringing in Soldiers and to contributing to combat readiness of Soldiers. With their help we will succeed on the battlefield."

The three people who were inducted into the 2008 U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Hall of Fame were Burl Branham, former Shotgun Team Coach, Sally Carroll, former International Pistol shooter and Glen A. Dubis, former International Rifle shooter.

Conway Chronicles

Francis B. Conway

At our last club meeting, Frank gave a very interesting talk about hunting in Germany and showed a movie that really added to the talk. Few of us had any idea how really big the European Hare is until we saw one next to a fox, the hare was easily as big as the fox and made our jackrabbit look like a small bunny! Frank and Ed brought their drillings, which are commonly used, for hunting in Germany. Frank's was less common because it was two rifle barrels in a caliber similar to our 45 – 70 over a 12-gauge barrel (16 gauge is most common in Europe). Ed's was two 16-gauge barrels over a rimmed 8 X 57 caliber barrel. The name drilling comes from the German word for three, drei. Both guns had engraving that was awesome.

***The Commander of the
United States Army Marksmanship Unit,
Cordially invites you to attend the
2nd annual AMU Ball,
A Formal all ranks Dining – Out***

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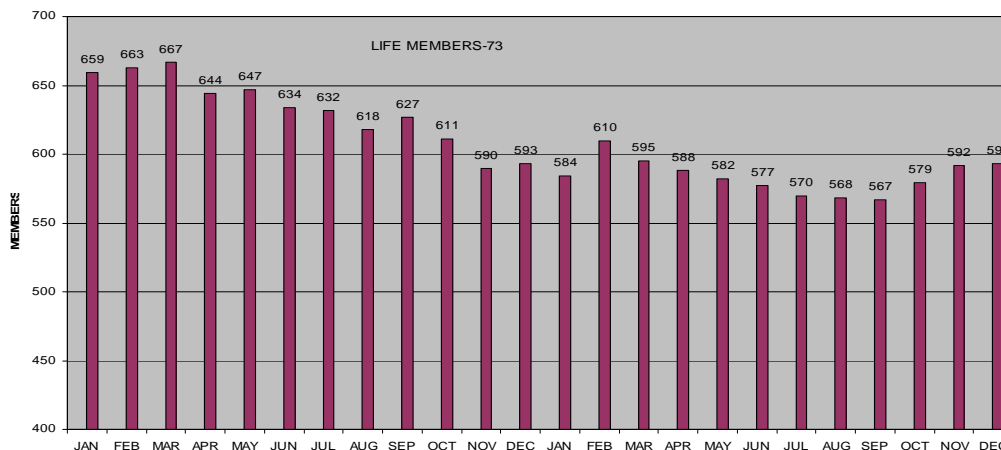
NEW LIFE MEMBERS!

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