



USAMU LOOKING FOR PISTOL SHOOTERS

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good shooters. The highly competitive unit is putting out its annual call for Soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions in the summer of 2007.

"We do this every year," said Sergeant First Class Jason M. St. John, NCOIC of the USAMU Service Pistol Team. "Soldiers who wish to represent the U.S. Army in pistol competition, marksmanship instruction and recruiting assistance are welcome to apply. This is a highly visible, fast-paced mission."

Formed in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to raise the standards of marksmanship throughout the U.S. Army, the Army Marksmanship Unit is assigned to the Accessions Support Brigade of Fort Knox, Kentucky, which is under the U.S. Army Accessions Command.

The Marksmanship Unit trains its Soldiers to win competitions and enhances combat readiness through train-the-trainer clinics, research, and development. The world-class Soldier-athletes of the USAMU also promote the Army and assist recruiters in attracting young Americans to enlist in the Army.

The Army Pistol Team is always looking for active Army soldiers who are highly motivated, disciplined and competitive by nature, St. John said, adding that no previous competitive shooting experience is required.

Soldiers in the rank of staff sergeant and below with fewer than 15 years of service who obtain approval from their commanders can travel to Fort Benning in April at the expense of USAMU to participate in the initial training. The Soldiers are trained in advanced marksmanship skills.

Once that is complete, pistol team officials will select shooters to participate in the Interservice Championships in June and the National Matches in July.

After the three-month tour, Soldiers return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training that can be harvested by unit trainers to improve the marksmanship skills of their Soldiers, St. John said.

Soldiers who are interested in the developmental pistol shooter program can contact St. John at (706) 545-7022 or 545-3893 or DSN 835-7022 or e-mail Jason.StJohn@usaac.army.mil.



Doctrine Corner

Here is the latest list of newly published U.S. Army field manuals (July-October 2006):

- FM 4-02.51- Combat and Operational Stress Control
- FM 4-30.51 - Unexploded Ordnance Procedures
- FM 3-04.104 - Tactics, Techniques and Procedures for Forward Arming and Refueling Points
- FM-I 4-30.50 - Modular Explosive Ordnance Disposal Operations
- FM 3-19.50 - Police Intelligence Operations
- FM 4-20.197 - Helicopter Sling Load
- FM 3-04.300 - Flight Operations Procedures
- FM 4-20.105-1 - Air Drop of Supplies and Equipment: Volume I
- FM 4-20.105-2 - Air Drop of Supplies and Equipment: Volume II
- FM 3-04.500 - Army Aviation Maintenance
- FM 3-09.8 - Field Artillery Gunnery
- FM 3-05.160 - Army Special Operations Forces Communications Systems Support
- FM 5-19 - Composite Risk Management
- FM 7-15 - The Army Universal Task List, change 2
- FM 3-05.40 - Civil Affairs Operations
- FM 4-30.31 - Recovery and Battle Damage Assessment/Repair
- FM 1-06 - Financial Management Operations
- FM 3-05 - Army Special Operations Forces
- FM-I 6-02.70 - Army Electromagnetic Spectrum Management Operations
- FM 2-22.3 - Human Intelligence Collector Operations
- FM-I 6-02.60 - TTP for Joint Network Node - Network
- FM 3-20.96 - Reconnaissance Squadron
- FM 3-06 - Urban Operations
- FM 6-22 - Army Leadership

INFANTRY SCHOOL:

- FM 3-90.6 - The Brigade Combat Team
- FM 3-21.10 - The Infantry Rifle Company FM 3-22.9 - Rifle Marksmanship, change 4
- FM 3-22.27 - MK 19, 40mm Grenade Machine Gun, MOD 3, Change 1
- FM 3-25.26 - Map Reading & Land Navigation, Change 1

These publications can be viewed on AKO at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/136361> which will direct you to "TRADOC - Doctrine New/Revised Announcements" site.

29TH INFANTRY REGIMENT OFFERS MTTs

The following mobile training teams (MTTs) are currently available through the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 29th Infantry Regiment

1/29

- Master Gunner M2A2
- Master Gunner M2A3
- Mechanized Leader M2A2
- Mechanized Leader M2A3
- Stryker Leader
- Stryker Transition



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- Sniper
- Sniper Employment Leader
- Long Range Marksmanship
- Small Arms Weapon Expert
- Advanced Infantry Marksmanship Standards and Strategies
- Combatives Level III & IV
- Infantry Mortar Leader
- Javelin
- Anti-Armor Leader

Timeline/Process:

- Unit checks MTT POI fact sheet/POI to determine ability to meet minimum support requirements
- May be able to tailor some courses to meet needs such as LRM with 5.56mm only or SNIPER shooting, ballistics, and no stalking; ***note ASI may not be awarded***
- NLT 90 days out: Contact 29th Infantry Regiment S3 for possible open dates and more information concerning MTTs; priority goes to deploying units
- Send official request thru FORSCOM G3 for TRAP (Training Resource Arbitration Panel)
- FORSCOM G3 forwards to DA G3 and monthly TRAP Council
- If TRAPed, resources allocated; unit informed thru FORSCOM; 29th IN informed thru TRADOC to USAIS who inputs into ATTRS (700 series [on site] or 500 series [resident - Fort Benning])
- If not TRAPed and unit still wishes to conduct, all resources (funds/ammo/etc...) will come from unit; CDR 29th IN GO/NO GO for course on case-by-case basis
- During 90-day period, 29th will provide POI and requirements and conduct concurrent planning; to include a recon visit ~1 month out to ensure facilities meet requirements

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Army Seeks Recommendations for MCOE Patch, Crest, Motto

The Army is accepting design ideas through March 31 for the shoulder sleeve insignia, distinctive unit insignia and motto for the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCOE).

The Infantry and Armor schools will collocate and become the MCOE at Fort Benning, Georgia, during the next five years. The center will be responsible for all Army land-based maneuver training development, doctrine, and capabilities development for armor and infantry pronencies.

“Throughout the history of modern warfare, Infantry and Armor have fought side-by-side as brothers in arms,” said Major General Walter Wojdakowski, Chief of Infantry. “With the creation of the Maneuver Center of Excellence, Infantry and Armor will now train together forging an Army Strong partnership which produces America’s best Soldiers, more capable than ever. The selected patch, crest and motto must reflect the historic strength of this partnership and the future strength of our Army.”

Personnel assigned to the Infantry and Armor Schools will continue wearing current shoulder sleeve and distinctive unit insignias that reflect the contributions, sacrifices and spirit of each branch.

Soldiers assigned directly to the MCOE will wear the new insignia.

“The challenge in designing the new insignia will be to capture the historic essence of each branch and their collective embodiment of maneuver as a principle of war,” said Major General Robert M. Williams, Chief of Armor. “We’re looking for innovative ideas to capture the significance of both Armor and the Infantry lineage.”

Current and retired military personnel and Department of the Army civilians may provide input for just one or all of the items.

Submission guidelines:

Requirements

A clear, hand-drawn or electronic sketch of the shoulder sleeve insignia, distinctive unit insignia, and a short, succinct motto. The motto must be written in English and is limited to 26 characters (letters and spaces). Individuals may provide a suggestion for just one or two of the desired items if they prefer.

Format

Designs should be drawn on paper or provided as electronic files. Electronic files should be in JPG or BMP format, and may be sent on diskette or CD-ROM via normal mail or as an e-mail attachment. All submissions must include the name, phone

number, e-mail address, and mailing address of the individual submitting the designs and motto.

Submissions

Submissions will be accepted through March 31, 2007, and may be sent via e-mail (no larger than 3 megabytes) to: ***MCOE_Insignia_Suggestions@knox.army.mil***

Alternatively, input may be sent via normal mail to either:

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ATTN: ATZK-DAS-A (MCOE Patch)

201 6th Ave., Ste. 373, Building 1109A

Fort Knox, KY 40121-5721,

OR

Headquarters, U.S. Army Infantry Center

ATTN: ATSH-ATH

Building 4, Room 451

Fort Benning, GA 31905-5000

Selection process

Submissions will be screened by the Maneuver Center of Excellence Board of Directors, which is chaired jointly by the Chief of Armor and the Chief of Infantry. The most suitable and acceptable concepts will be considered for forwarding to the Institute of Heraldry for final production of the patch and crest.

Acknowledgement

The individuals who submit the shoulder sleeve insignia, distinctive unit insignia, and motto design that are selected by the board of directors will receive a framed final patch, while the top entries in each category will also receive an MCOE coin with certificate of recognition for top entries. These acknowledgements will be issued in the fall of 2008.

Disclaimer: *The Department of the Army (Army) will acquire ownership of all entries, and each submitter agrees that submission of a design constitutes (1) assignment to the Army of any and all rights in the design, including copyright, and (2) a disclaimer of any trademark rights. All entries become the property of the Army, and the Army will have the sole right, at its discretion, to alter or modify any submitted design. By submitting a design, the submitter warrants that the design is original; that it has not been previously published; and that it does not infringe upon the copyright of any other person or entity.*

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All of our issues dating back to 1982 are posted at <https://www.infantry.army.mil/magazine> (AKO login required). There is also an index where articles are listed by topic and author.

NEWS BRIEFS

Center Announces Writing Competition — The Army Center of Military History invites Army officers in the rank of major or below (including warrant officers) to take part in the 2007 James Lawton Collins Jr. Special Topics Writing Competition.

Participants can submit original, unclassified essays that describe the actions of a small U.S. Army unit or team, no larger than a company, engaged in the Global War on Terrorism. The essay should focus on a discrete action, such as a single patrol, firefight, battle, convoy, air support mission, advisory team operation, medical mission, or engineer support action, but the effort discussed need not involve combat. Papers should generally not exceed 5,000 words and may not have been published or submitted for publication elsewhere. Submissions from multiple authors will be accepted.

The essays will be evaluated by a panel at the center. The first prize winner will be awarded \$500 and the winner of the second prize will receive \$250. Submissions must be received by April 1, 2007. Competition enrollment forms and further information about the competition are posted at www.army.mil/cmh-pg/2007Contest.htm.

2007 Best Sapper Competition set — The Sapper Leader Course will host the Best Sapper Competition May 1-3 at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The competition's events will include MOUT breach missions, weapons and grenade ranges, and a demolition calculation written exam among other events.

For more information, visit www.wood.army.mil/sapper.

Registration open for 2007 Bataan Memorial Death March — Registration is now open for the 2007 Bataan Memorial Death March, to be held March 25 at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

Participants may choose either the 26.2-mile route or the 15-mile route. For information, call (505) 678-1256 or visit the march's website at www.bataanmarch.com. Questions and comments may be e-mailed to bataan@wsmr.army.mil.

SOLDIER WHO SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR CREW RECOMMENDED FOR MOH

STAFF SERGEANT W. WAYNE MARLOW

FORWARD OPERATING BASE LIBERTY, Iraq — Specialist Ross McGinnis could become the third U.S. servicemember to be awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Officials at the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, and McGinnis's battalion, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, confirmed that a recommendation has been forwarded to posthumously award McGinnis America's highest honor for heroism in battle.

McGinnis, a private first class at the time of his death in Baghdad Dec. 4, has already been awarded a Silver Star for the deed that cost him his life, and was posthumously promoted to the rank of specialist.

McGinnis and his team were on a mission in the Iraqi capital's Adhamiyah section when an insurgent tossed a grenade from a nearby rooftop. McGinnis, who was manning the gunner's hatch of the squad's high mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle (HMMWV), tried in vain to deflect the deadly missile, which passed through the hatch and into the vehicle, lodging near the radio mount.

Platoon sergeant Sergeant First Class Cedric Thomas recounted what happened next.

"PFC McGinnis yelled, 'Grenade! ... It's in the truck,'" Thomas said. "I looked out of the corner of my eye as I was crouching down and I saw him pin it down."

McGinnis did so even though he could have escaped.

"He had time to jump out of the truck," Thomas said. "He chose not to."

"He gave his life to save his crew and his platoon sergeant," Thomas said. "He's a hero. He's a professional. He was just an awesome guy."

Lieutenant Colonel Eric O. Schacht, commander of the 1-26th, spoke during the memorial, and had high praise for



McGinnis

McGinnis's courage.

"Specialist McGinnis did what I consider the most selfless act of any man I have known," Schacht said. "He willingly sacrificed his life to save the lives of the rest of his crew. What an absolutely incredible, selfless act to protect his comrades. There is no doubt in my mind about the personal courage displayed by Ross McGinnis."

The award of the Silver Star puts McGinnis in the ranks of an elite group of Soldiers. According to records kept by the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, of the quarter million-plus wartime awards presented in the Army for OIF through July 2006, only 201 have been Silver Stars.

If McGinnis is awarded the Medal of Honor, he would join an even more elite group. U.S. Army Center of Military History records list more than 3,400 Americans honored with the medal since the Civil War, but McGinnis would be just the third servicemember to earn it for combat action in Iraq. All are posthumous awards.

Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith of the 3rd Infantry Division was awarded the honor in April 2005 for his actions during combat in the opening weeks of OIF, and President George W. Bush announced last month that Marine Cpl. Jason L. Dunham will be awarded the medal for saving the lives of fellow Marines by covering a grenade with his body in April 2004.

Because the recommendation process involves strict accuracy and intense scrutiny, it could be months or even years before such an announcement could be made for McGinnis. Smith's Medal of Honor was awarded two years after the action for which he earned it; the announcement of Dunham's came two and a half years after the Marine's death.

(Bill Roche of the V Corps Public Affairs Office also contributed to this story.)