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## NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD TEAMS COMPETE AT WILSON MATCHES

From 9-16 October 1999, the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit (NGMTU), at Camp Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas, hosted the National Guard Rifle, Pistol, Light MachineGun and Sniper Championships. Twenty NYARNG and NYANG members competed against some of the finest combat marksmen in the world. New York finished 21st in overall team competition, out of 50 states represented. New York team members that compete at the Wilson Matches are mostly from battalion-size unit teams that have competed successfully at the Adjutant General's Combat Matches held at Camp Smith the last weekend in April each year. Some state-level composite team members also travel with the teams to augment the rosters and provide guidance and coaching. Given that New York draws most of the team members directly from the unit teams and not from composite state-level teams, a 21st place showing is significant. As a result, New York's program allows each and every NYARNG and NYANG member the opportunity to participate in state and national level competition, which supports the real purpose of the marksmanship program, raising the marksmanship training level of the individual soldier/airman.

### THE 21ST ANNUAL TAG COMBAT MATCHES

By now all units should have received a Match Program from the Small Arms Readiness Training Section (SARTS), MNAR-TR, Latham. The program contains the match rules and registration form. Units should register with SARTS as soon as possible to ensure a place at the Matches. If a unit did not receive a program, contact SFC Prue at DSN: 489-4650 or Commercial: (518) 786-4650.

MAJ Bruce Olsen  
State Marksmanship  
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#### Soldiers and Airmen that participated were:

SGT Henry Bunk (2/108th IN) 21st Place Individual Rifle  
Overall

SPC Steven Woodruff (342nd FSB) Rifle

SGT Joseph Dee (1/108th IN) Rifle

SGT Michael Molgaard (1/108th IN) 19th Individual rifle-

Novice

SFC David Evans (342nd FSB) Rifle

MSG Lance Robson (1/108th IN) Rifle

SSG Frank Somerville (1/108th IN) Rifle

SSG John Hegedus (1/108th IN) Rifle

SPC David Muniz (1/108th IN) Rifle

TSgt Terry Potter (109th SFS) 65th Place Individual Pistol

SFC Andrew Fegley (1/108th IN) Pistol

MSG Warren Christman (109th SFS) Pistol

MSG Kenneth Barnett (1/108th IN) Pistol

SMSG Joseph Fedor (109th AW/LG) Pistol

SSgt Joseph Neale (109th AW/LG) Pistol

SGT Dustin Larson (109th AW/LG) 22nd Individual Novice

SSgt James Vendetti (109th AW/LES) LMG MSgt Joseph

Califano (109th AW/LES) 20th Individual LMG

SPC Charles Crouchman (1/105th IN) 2nd Novice Sniper

PV1 Jamie Harrington (1/105th IN) Sniper



# SCHOOLS UPDATE

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## “Get Your Soldiers Trained Today”

The SARTS is encouraging each unit commander to establish a secondary duty position in his or her company, entitled Master Marksmanship Trainer, similar to the Master Fitness Trainer position. The NGMTU at Camp Robinson offers marksmanship schools designed to support unit commanders in this endeavor. **All MTU courses are centrally funded by NGB for all M-Day, Technician and AGR personnel in ranks E-5 to E-8.** The following schools are currently available:

**SAIROC (Small Arms Instructor Range Operations Course) 14-26 May 2000, 30 July -11 August 2000 and 21 August - 5 September 2000.**

The course provides an intense learning experience with small arms weapons proficiency, range operations skills, and instructional expertise. The course will prepare students to design training programs for unit and higher headquarters marksmanship qualification training. Graduates of the course will be prepared to be the Commanders expert on marksmanship issues. Officers must be in SARTS or in a position that requires them to run ranges. Training focuses on the M16, M9, M203, M249, M60 and the M2HB. POC is SFC Jim Green, DSN 212-4525.

**MMTC (Master Marksman Trainer Course) 2-14 April 2000, 18-30 June 2000 and 9-21 July 2000.**

Applicants for this course MUST have completed SAIROC. This course provides battle-focused combat marksmanship instruction to qualified trainers of the National Guard. This course is the next level beyond SAIROC, completing the education of the Master Marksmanship Trainer. POC is SFC Corky Thomas, DSN 212-4526.

**SCOUT/SNIPER 11-24 March (Phase 2), 29 April-12 May (Phase 1), 9-22 September (Phase 2).**

This course provides training in basic infantry sniper skills. Training is conducted in accordance with the US Army Infantry School Program of Instruction. The school is currently seeking the Bravo Four skill identifier from Ft. Benning. This is an intensive two-week course. Be prepared to stalk in your ghilley suit, engage targets up to 800 meters with your M24 sniper rifle and be involved in simulated scout/sniper missions. If the ARNG has a HUA school, this is it. POC is SSG Kent Gooch, DSN 212-4524.

**ESTOC (Engagement Skills Trainer Operators Course) 5-10 March 2000, 4-9 June 2000.**

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The cure for the most common errors on any zero or qualification range are the four fundamentals of marksmanship. The example shown here indicates that these basic principles still apply even though the weapon system

changes. **Steady Position:** A gunner on a automatic weapon must still be able to apply a steady position, this serves as the foundation. The better the body alignment and the steadier the grip the less dispersed the rounds will be.

**Aiming:** Correct sight alignment and sight picture go hand in hand. Do not sacrifice either one for the sake of delivering a greater volume of fire.

**Breath Control** must become rhythmic with the short pauses in firing.

**Trigger Squeeze:** Unlike a rifle's trigger squeeze, a gunner must pull and release the automatic weapon's trigger to gain fire control.

## MARKSMANSHIP TIP:



INCORRECT SIGHT PICTURE



INCORRECT SIGHT ALIGNMENT



INCORRECT SIGHT ALIGNMENT AND SIGHT PICTURE



INCORRECT GRIP, THE GUNNER IS NOT LOCKING HIS ELBOWS AND SHOULDERS PRIOR TO AND DURING FIRING



INCORRECT POSITION AND GRIP, THE GUNNER'S LEFT ELBOW MOVED. THE GUNNER SHOULD LOCK HIS ELBOWS AND SHOULDERS PRIOR TO AND DURING FIRING



INCORRECT POSITION AND GRIP, THE GUNNER'S RIGHT ELBOW MOVED. THE GUNNER SHOULD LOCK HIS ELBOWS AND SHOULDERS PRIOR TO AND DURING FIRING



IMPROPER TRIGGER CONTROL

### COMMON ERRORS ENCOUNTERED ON THE BASIC 10 METER SAW RANGE

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