

***ARMED
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SKEET
ASSOCIATION***



HALL OF FAME BANQUET

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Jacksonville, Florida*

2017 ARMED FORCES SKEET ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME Banquet

The Armed Forces Skeet Association annually honors outstanding individuals whose shooting achievements or service to the Armed Forces Skeet Association qualify them to enjoy a position of honor and esteem as members of the Armed Forces Skeet Association Hall of Fame.

Tonight, during our annual Hall of Fame Banquet, we have the honor of inducting three new members. John Culpepper and Brian Moore for their shooting achievement, and John Ulsher for his superior service and dedication to our sport. Each will receive a plaque and badge signifying their induction into the Armed Forces Skeet Association Hall of Fame.

Sequence of Events

Welcome

Introduction of AFSA and NSSA Officers & Directors
Recognition of AFSA and NSSA HOF Members

Special Recognitions
Recognition of Service Teams

Blessing
Chow Line Open

Induction of AFSA HOF Members
Capt Brian Moore USAF
CMSgt John Culpepper USAF
CW4 John Ulsher USA (Pletcher Award)

Silent Auction

Recognize 20, 28, .410, & Doubles
CH and Team CH

Door prizes

End of Mission

AFSA HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

1990

Lt Gen Kenneth E. Pletcher, USAF**
CPO Allen Buntrock, USN**
MAJ Ken Gilbert, USA**
Maj E. K. Griswold, USMC**
LtCol Winn M. Thurman, USMC**
CWO George A. Young, USMC**

1991

LtCol Lawrence T. Drennan, Jr., USMC
MSgt Jack E. Johnson, USAF**
LTC Jim Leer, USA**
CDR M.L. "Cotton" Talbott, USN
LtCol Edward J. Hughes, USAF*

1992

MSgt Mike Brazzell, USAF
SCPO Daniel L. Mitchell, USN
CMSgt Donald M. Snyder, Jr., USAF
TSgt Cecil Trammel, USAF**

1993

Capt Allen W. Morrison, USMC
MSgt Harold E. Myers, USAF**
Col Arthur L. Sideras, USAF**
MGySgt R. Lee Christensen, USMC**

1994

Col R. Gregg Paillex, USAF
CPO Donald "Mac" McKown, USN*

1995

MSgt Carl Poston, Sr., USAF**
SCPO Frank Potts, USN
LTC Jim Leer, USA**

1996

CPO Virgil J. Carter, USN
CDR Jamie Gaines, USN
LtCol Steve Roberts, USAF**

1997

SMSgt James D. "Doug" Coulter, USAF
LtCol Lawrence T. Drennan, Jr., USMC*
SCPO Al King, USN

2017

CMSgt John Culpepper USAF, Capt Brian Moore USAF, CW4 John Ulsher USA*

1998

MCPO Grant Morrison, USN
COL Clyde Simmons, USA
LtCol Marshall Goodwin, Jr., USAFR**

1999

LTC Carl N. Poston, Jr., USAF**
Col William R. Holgate, USAF**
LTC Patrick K. Knutson, USA*

2000

SGT Michael E. Schmidt, Jr., USAF
LtCol Richard A. Rowden, Jr., USAF**
Capt Kenneth L. Wilson, USMC
Col H.W. "Bubber" Youngblood, USAF*

2001

CDR Patricia "Trish" Bruck, USCG*

2002

SgtMaj Lee H. Marshall, USMC
CDR Jamie Gaines, USN*

2004

CWO4 J.R. Hunts, USA*

2005

MSgt John Barnes, USAF
MSgt Joe Pierce, USAF*

2006

LTC David A. Wood, USA*

2009

MSgt Stuart Brown, USAF

2010

MSgt William Jones, USMC
CDR Robert U. Myers, USN

2011

MWO Doug C. Burdett, RCAF

2016

Maj Minka Williams, USAF

**K.E. Pletcher Award Winners **Deceased*

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Capt Brian Moore USAF



Brian's childhood past-times of hunting and fishing tied directly to his love for the game of skeet. Like most of us, he used skeet to improve his averages in the hunting fields. Before Brian became an officer in the United States Air Force, he served ten years in the United States Army as an infantryman. While on active duty with the Army, he discovered competitive marksmanship while competing in Corps level rifle matches at Fort Lewis, Washington. His abilities with the rifle earned him the silver Excellence in Competition Badge and a position on the 2D Infantry Division's Sniper School. It was not until 1991 that Brian learned about competitive skeet, while stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Brian was discharged from the Army in 1995 in order to pursue his Bachelors of Science in Nursing from the University of Tennessee.

In 2003, as a recent college graduate, and a newly minted 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force, Brian returned to active duty, and the game of skeet. It was during this time that Brian was introduced to Minka Williams. This introduction led to Brian trying out for the Air Force Skeet Team, and he was promptly given the opportunity to shoot for them. Brian represented the Air Force for the next nine years, despite his numerous duty station changes and deployments.

During his time with the Air Force Team, Brian says he was blessed to practice and compete with fellow Air Force greats John Barnes and Stuart Brown, learning much from their styles, and improving his own ability. Brian earned designation as the Air Force Skeet Team Captain, and remained there until he retired in 2013.

Brian's twenty-six-year shooting career include (11) Gold, (16) Silver and (8) Bronze Medals in World Championship events. He has been selected to (11) All-American Teams and won four-gun championship titles in the Armed Services Skeet Championships. Additionally, Brian has won (13) state champion titles; three HOA and HAA state titles; two-gun champion titles at the Krieghoff Masters and was part of the team that set the Five-Man World Military Doubles record in 2009.

CMSgt John Culpepper USAF



John is a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant whose duties, prior to retirement, were primarily in the Personnel Career Field. It wasn't long before his management skills and "can do" attitude were realized, and he began getting picked for prestigious assignments such as HQ Strategic Air Command, HQ U.S. European command (SHAPE/NATO), and HQ USAF Southern Command.

Chief Culpepper was introduced to clay targets by LtGen Ken Pletcher and LtCol Steve Roberts at Offutt AFB, NE (1970). He was adopted by these two special gentlemen with their friendship lasting until their passing in recent years. They went out of their way to introduce John to AFSA icons Ed Hughes, Cotton Talbott, and LtCol Jim Lear in 1972, John's first ASSC attendance.

Chief Culpepper is a three time ASSC Champion in 12 Ga (1973) and HOA CH (1975 and 1981). Culpepper was HOA in all 3 years of the Panama /IZ State Skeet Championships while stationed there (1974, 1975 & 1976).

During the 1978 AFSA Shoot, John was a member of the newly established "World Military 5-man Team" that scored 998/1000 in the 12 Ga. Team comprised of Talbott, Ellis, Woods, Barrowman, and Culpepper. 2-man teams of Talbott-Woods and Culpepper-Ellis both had scores of 400/400. In addition, Culpepper-Ellis had a 2-man team score of 200/200 in the 28 Ga. which tied an AFSA record. Both records in their era.

He won Georgia State HOA Championships in 1986 and 1987. John won the Georgia State 12 Ga. Gun Champ twice, the 20 Ga. twice, winning 28 Ga. and .410 once each. Zone 4 HOA Runner-up in 1986, losing 1st place to the famous Chip Youngblood of Florida in a .410 shoot-off.

In World Shoot competition Chief Culpepper was the 12 Ga. World Retired Military Champion, 1983. He was the 20 Ga. World Retired Military Champion in 1986. He was also HOA-Runner-up World Retired Military Champ in 1986. He won the 12 Ga. World Retired Military Championship in 1988. John has scored 250/250 in the 12 Ga. in each of his 3 World Shoots. He has earned 16 All-American Team honors including two Open teams.

CW4 John Ulsher USA



John Ulsher started shooting competitively after joining the US Army in 1954. He was a member of the Army Marksmanship Unit shooting rifle and pistol. He was subsequently assigned to Ft. Richardson, Alaska, in 1954 where he shot on the post rifle team. There were no skeet or trap fields back then. John transitioned to trap shooting while stationed in South Korea in 1971.

John attended flight school at Ft. Walters, Texas, and then Ft. Rucker, Alabama, in 1965 and after a tour in Vietnam was stationed back at Ft Richardson as the Brigade Aviation Pilot flying H-13 (Sioux) and H-21 (Shawnee) helicopters in 1967. He didn't shoot skeet then; mostly rifle and pistol along with caribou and moose. He started shooting skeet while assigned to Ft. Huachuca, Arizona, in 1972. He was thoroughly dedicated to skeet shooting and encouraged many Soldiers and civilians to join him at the skeet range. He became a NSSA certified referee in 1973.

He was reassigned to Ft. Rucker, Alabama, for one year in 1975 where he was very involved in the skeet range and shot registered targets at Postal Point Club at Eglin AFB, Florida. Skeet shooting and reloading remained a staple of his life as he enjoyed the sport, comradery and working with others to improve their shooting skills.

John returned to Alaska in 1976 with the 120th Aviation Company as the Maintenance Officer and Test Pilot for UH-1 Huey helicopters. When not flying, fishing or hunting he was shooting skeet or trap. John served as the President, Fort Richardson Rod & Gun Club for three years. As President, he worked hard to get Soldiers great deals on firearms, shooting supplies, and outdoor equipment. Serving the troops, not the bureaucracy, was his goal. The Rod & Gun Club was known for its outstanding deals under his leadership. John also served as the President of the Chugach Skeet Association for several years. The Association ran skeet shoots for many years before dissolving and reemerging as the Alaska Skeet Shooting Association. He worked getting troops involved with all shooting sports at Ft. Richardson to include skeet, trap and sporting clays. Whether it was providing free shooting lessons, starting and

promoting skeet leagues or setting up various fun shoots, John took the lead. Shooting in Alaska is a year-round sport. John is a proud member of the -40* club having shot skeet at Ft. Greely at -40*. It doesn't matter if it's sunny, raining, snowing, sleeting or windy out you'll find John Ulsher shooting skeet.

John isn't just involved with the shooting side of the sport. He also has helped countless new military and civilian shooters learn to reload. Whether it's finding them a good deal on a used re-loader, setting up a new re-loader, or fixing them, John is the go to guy in the Anchorage area for help. He's also volunteered for many years to support the Youth Shooting Program and other shooting programs.

John has been the State of Alaska NSSA Skeet Director for many years and made the Alaska State Skeet Team many years. He's been inducted into three Alaska Hall of Fame for skeet and trap shooting.

John is a member of the Alaska Armed Forces Skeet Association Hall of Fame, inducted 1991, Alaska State ATA Hall of Fame, inducted 2011 and Alaska Skeet Shooting Association Hall of Fame Inaugural Inducted, 2015.

