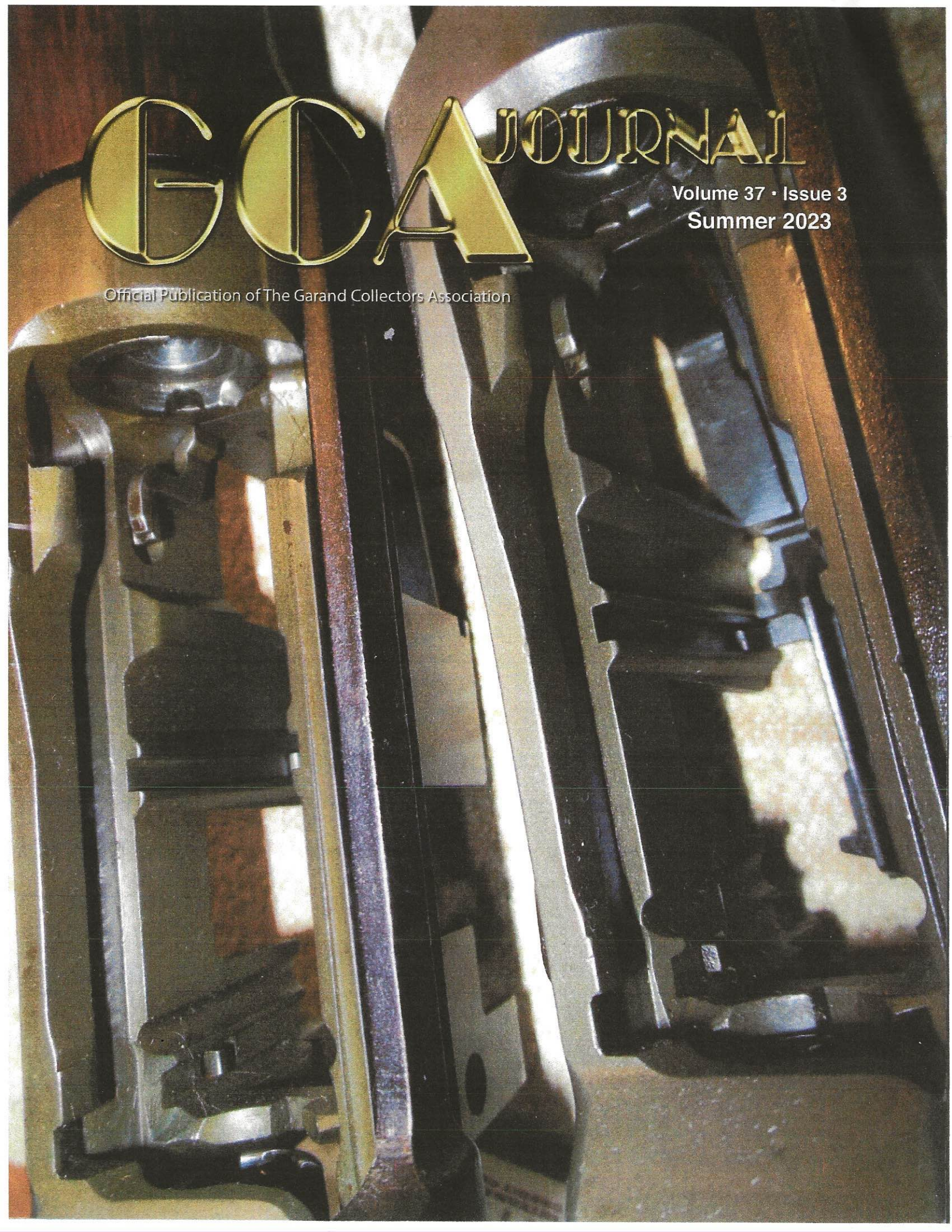


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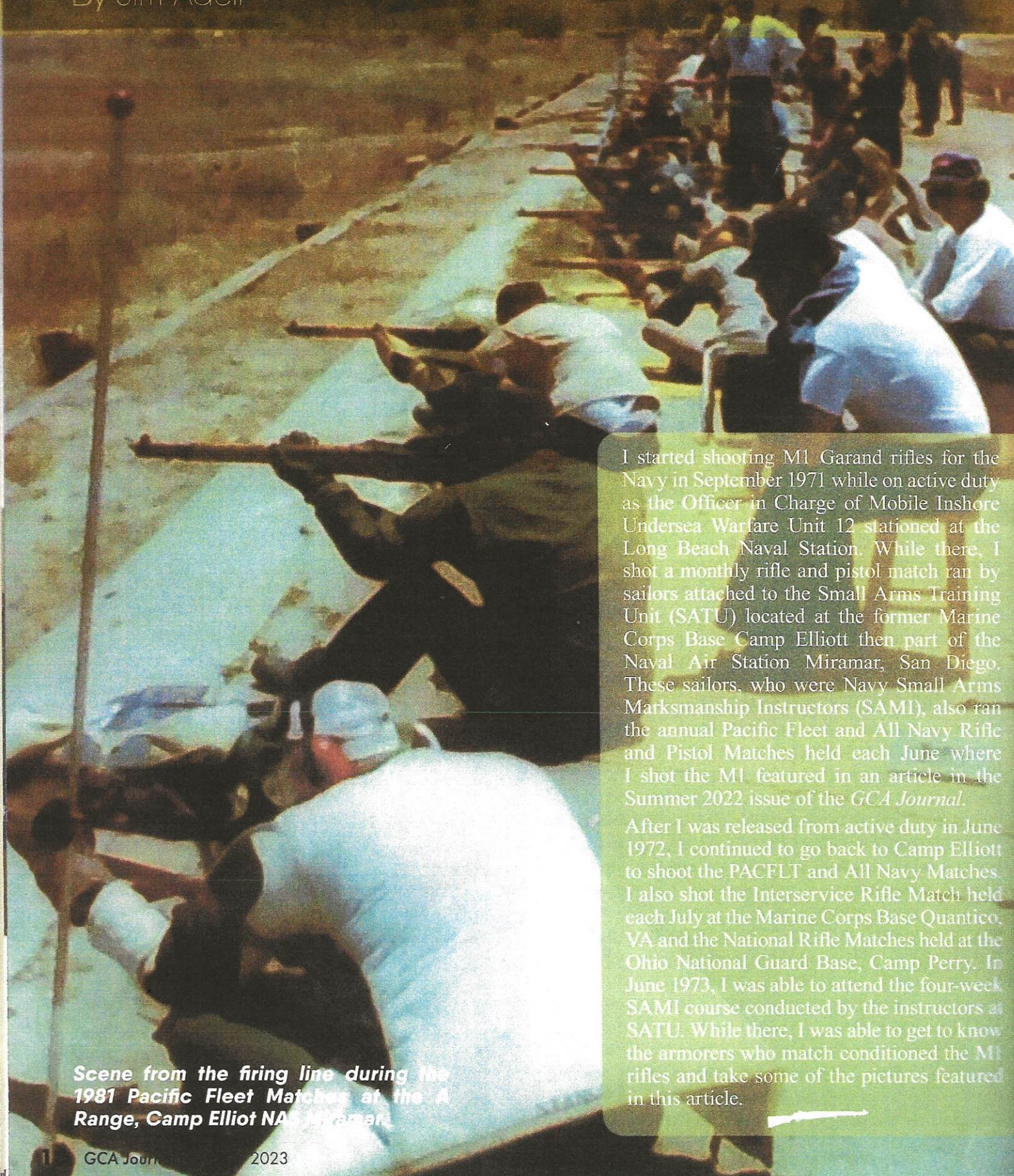
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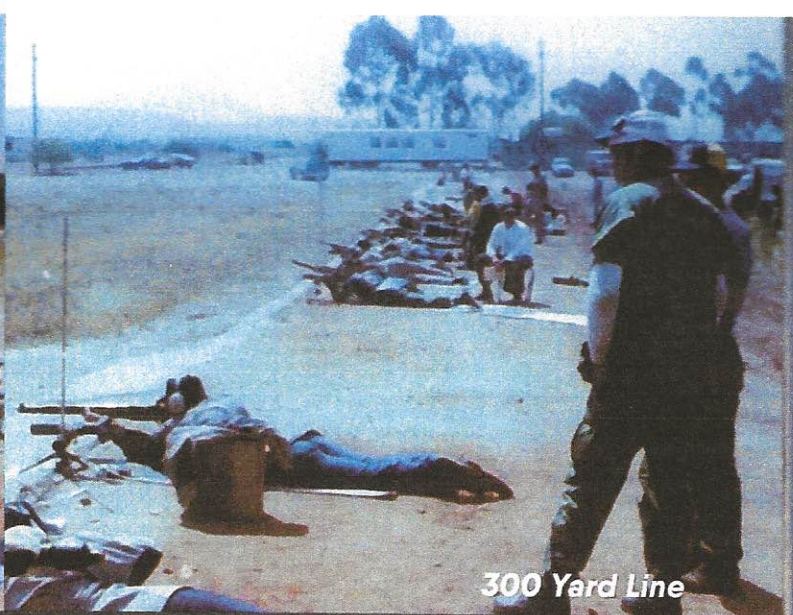
By Jim Adell



Scene from the firing line during the 1981 Pacific Fleet Matches at the A Range, Camp Elliot NA, Miramar.

I started shooting M1 Garand rifles for the Navy in September 1971 while on active duty as the Officer in Charge of Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 12 stationed at the Long Beach Naval Station. While there, I shot a monthly rifle and pistol match ran by sailors attached to the Small Arms Training Unit (SATU) located at the former Marine Corps Base Camp Elliott then part of the Naval Air Station Miramar, San Diego. These sailors, who were Navy Small Arms Marksmanship Instructors (SAMI), also ran the annual Pacific Fleet and All Navy Rifle and Pistol Matches held each June where I shot the M1 featured in an article in the Summer 2022 issue of the *GCA Journal*.

After I was released from active duty in June 1972, I continued to go back to Camp Elliott to shoot the PACFLT and All Navy Matches. I also shot the Interservice Rifle Match held each July at the Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA and the National Rifle Matches held at the Ohio National Guard Base, Camp Perry. In June 1973, I was able to attend the four-week SAMI course conducted by the instructors at SATU. While there, I was able to get to know the armorers who match conditioned the M1 rifles and take some of the pictures featured in this article.



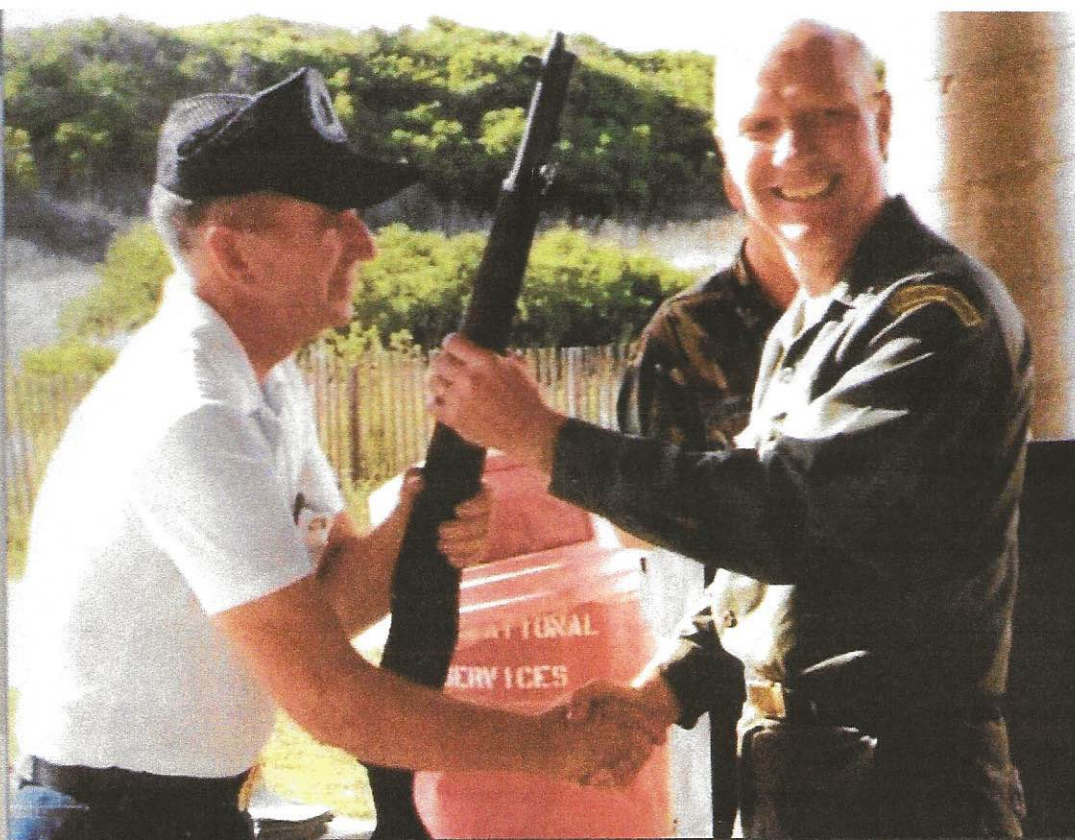
300 Yard Line



Awarding of the Secretary of the Navy Trophy Rifles at the 1985 Pacific Fleet Rifles Matches; L to R; CDR Jim Adell, Master Chief Petty Officer Ralph Leggler, CDR Norm Harris, Chief Gunners Mate J. Lindstrom, CAPT Gordon Nakagawa (one of the finest officers I have ever known), and an unknown Chief Petty officer who is wearing his Presidents Hundred Tab on his left shoulder.

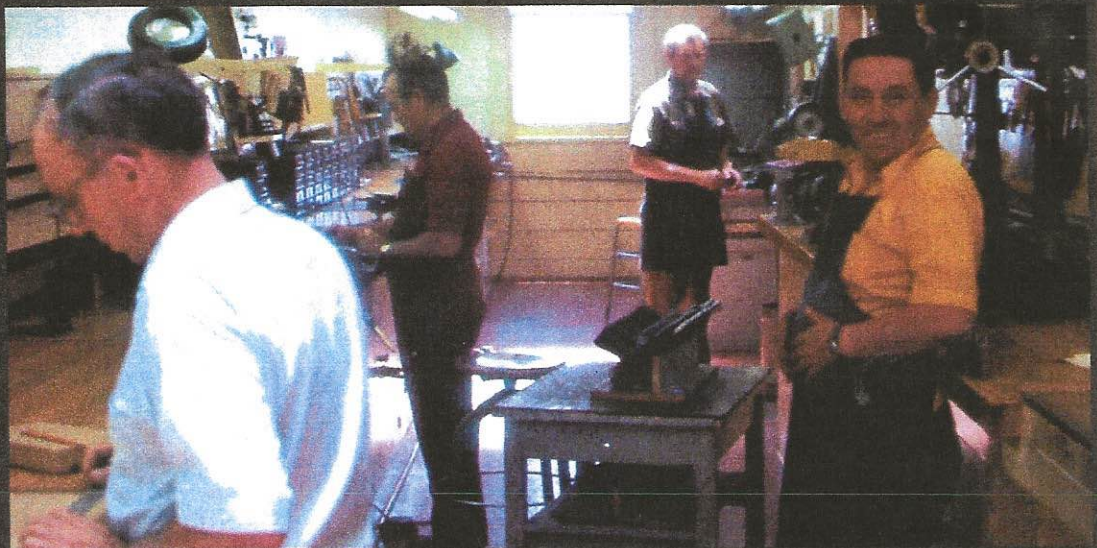
McCoy watching rapid fire sitting in 1981. Notice that M16 (M1A) rifles are starting to be seen on the range.





Gunnery Sergeant Carlos Hathcock presenting a SECNAV trophy M1 to CDR Jim Adell in 1988 at the All Navy Rifle Matches at the Fleet Combat Training Center Damn Neck, VA.

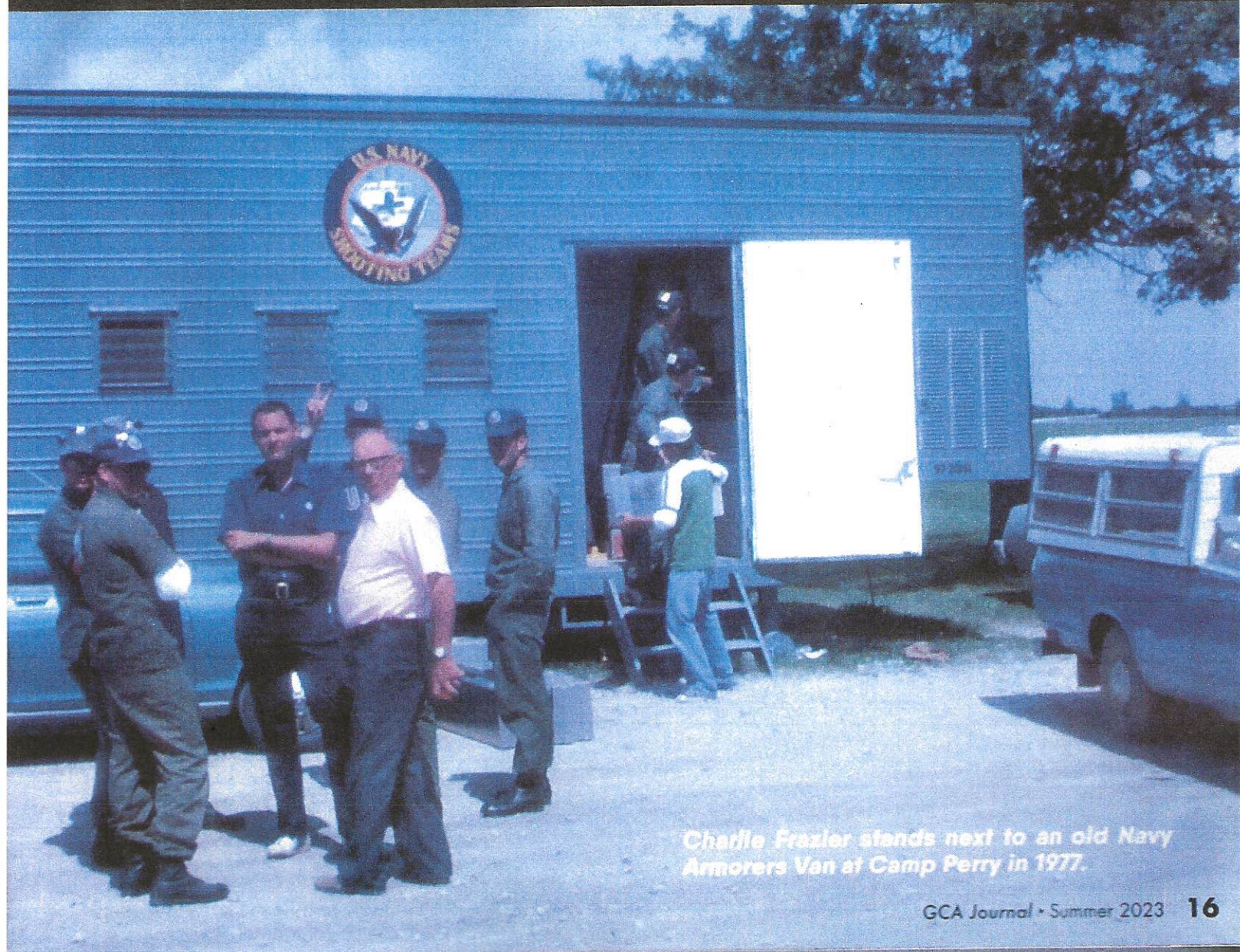
SAMCU supervisor, Charlie Frazier and Al Valdez in the pistol match conditioning shop 1973.



Don McCoy supervising Senior Chief Engineer Gary Wood shooting his McCoy M1 at the 200 yard line 1983.

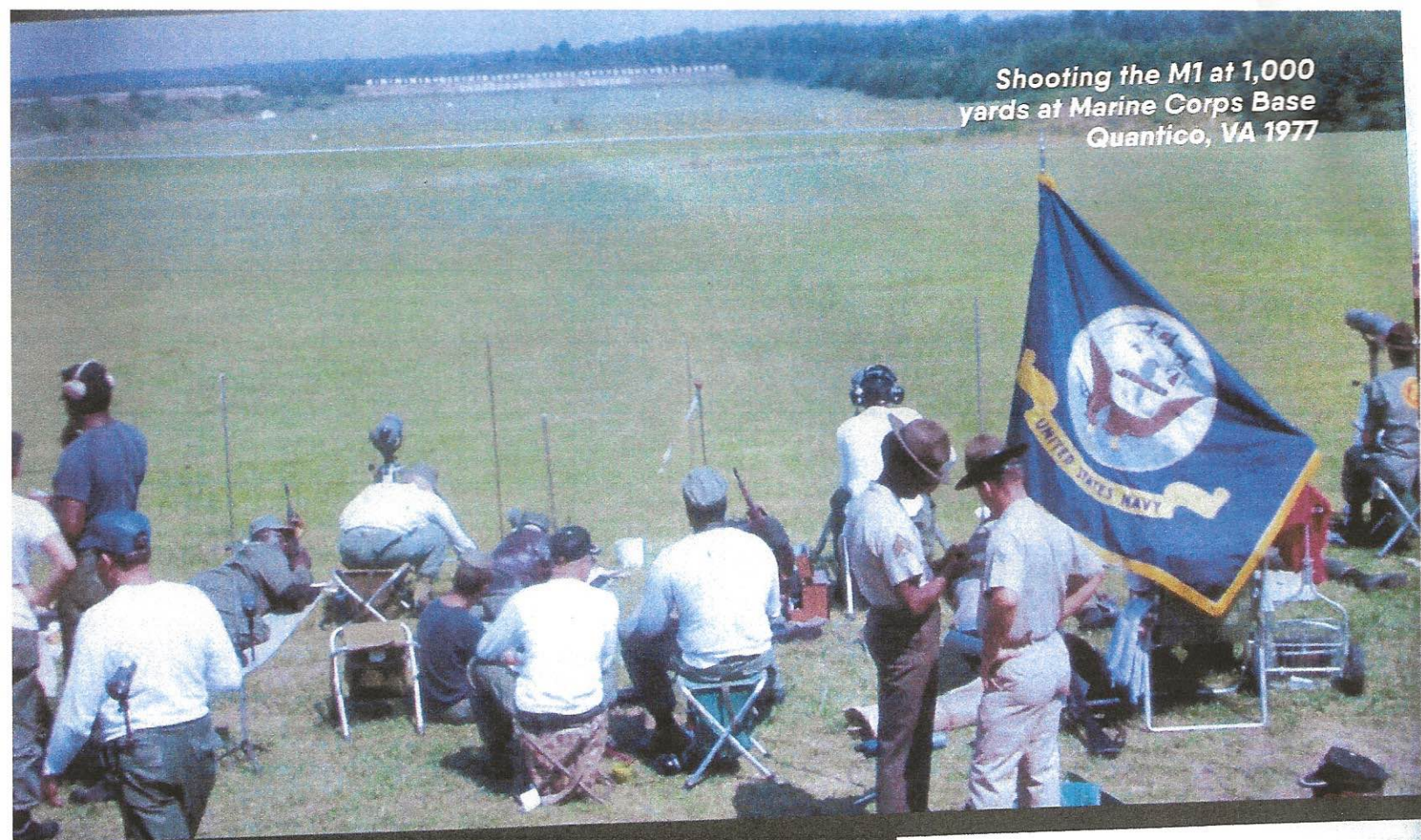


A view of another portion of the M1 Match Conditioning Shop.

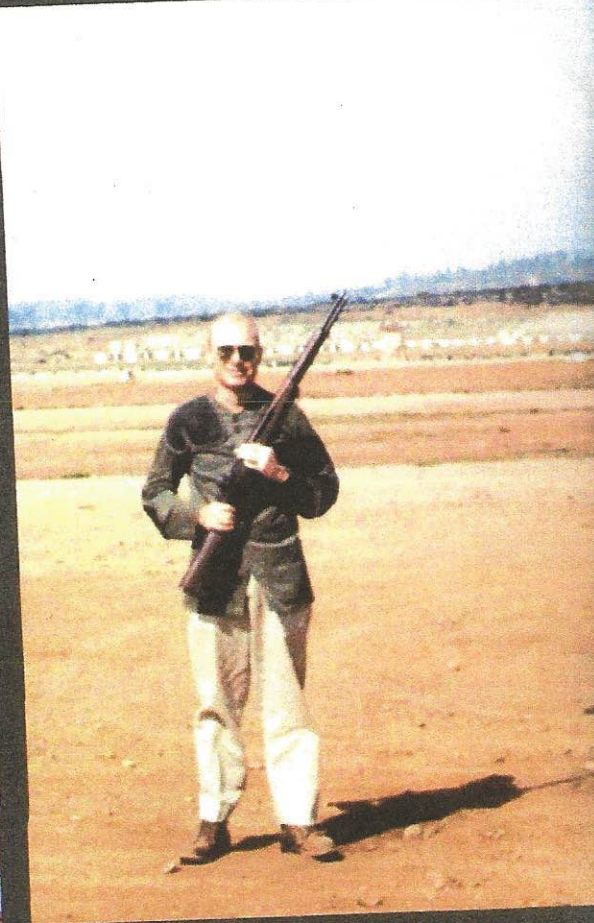
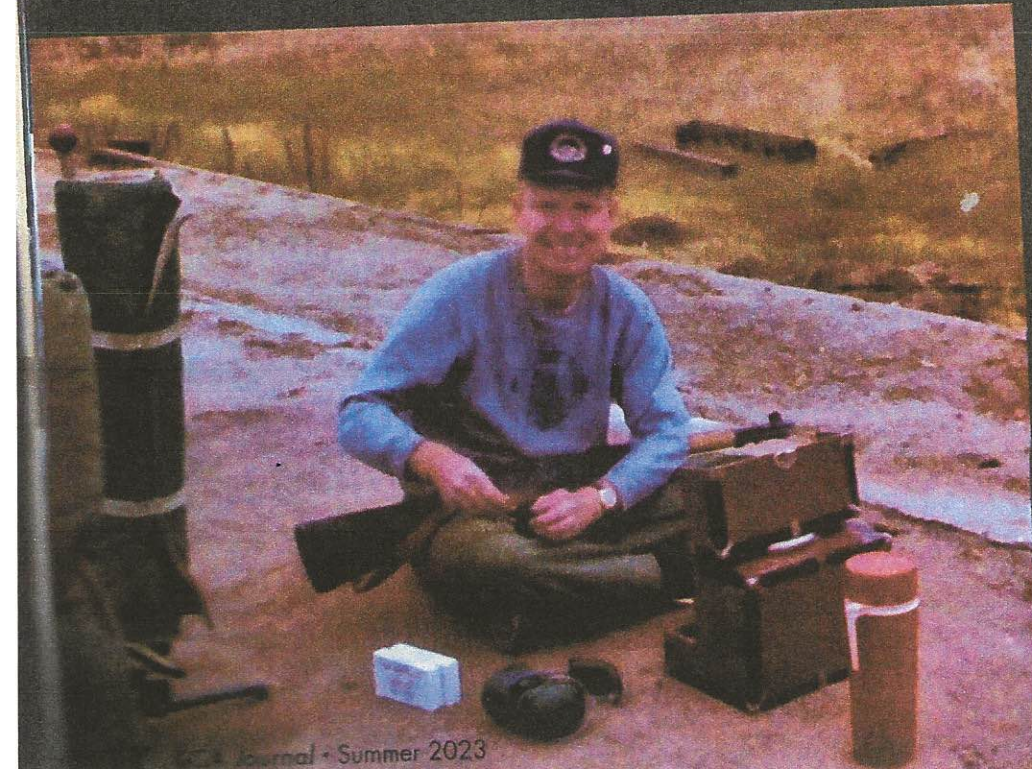


Charlie Frazier stands next to an old Navy Armorer's Van at Camp Perry in 1977.

Shooting the M1 at 1,000 yards at Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA 1977



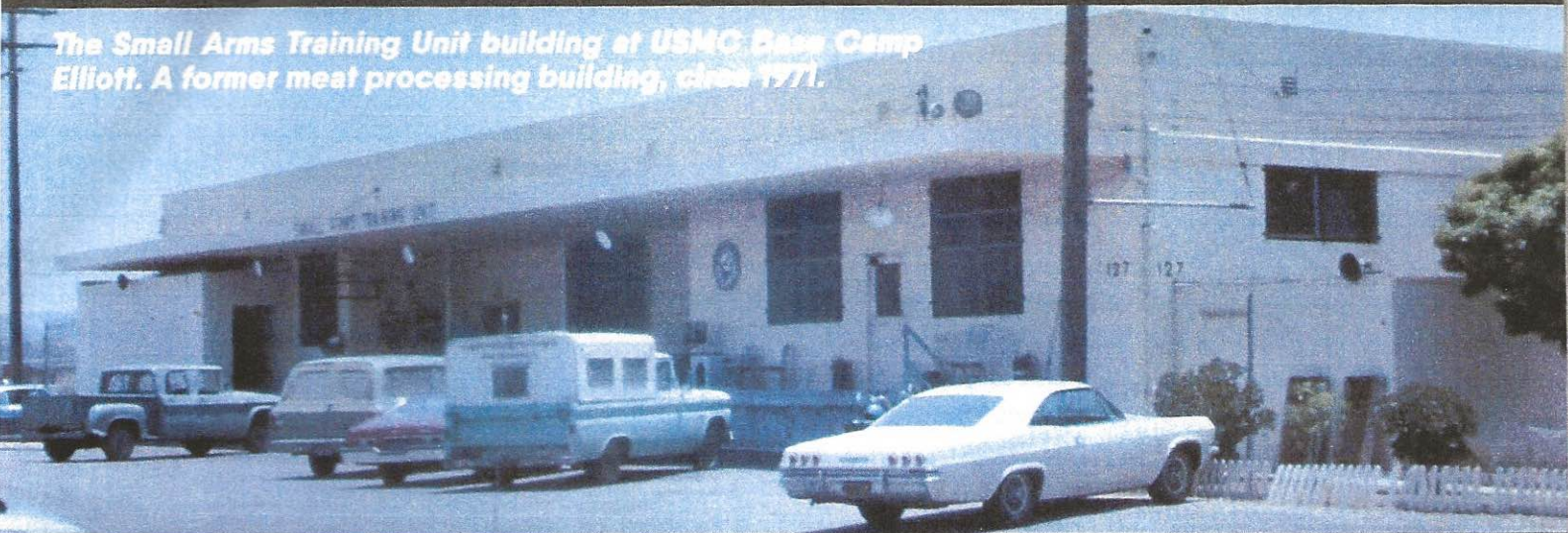
"LT" Jim Adell USN while on active duty in 1972 at the A Range, formerly USMC Camp Elliott, NAS Miramar with his standard grade M1. This range is 75 points back to 600 yards. If you went through Navy boot camp in San Diego in the 1960s and 1970s, you probably spent a week shooting M1s on this range.



LCDR Jim Adell getting ready to shoot, 1981.



Quartermaster Chief Petty Officer Jay Dugan adjusting his sling for sitting in 1981.

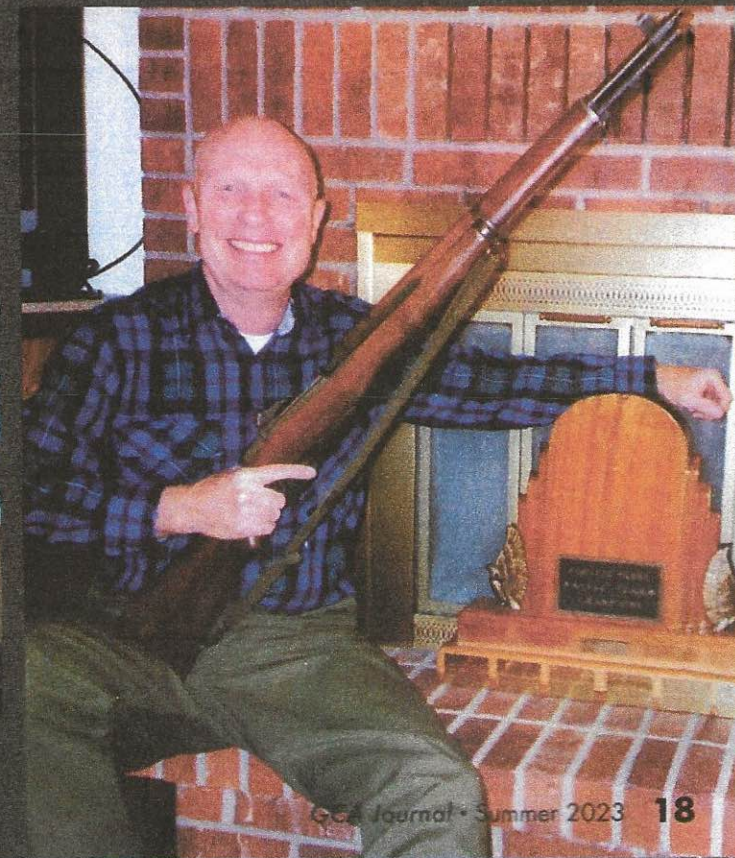


The Small Arms Training Unit building at USMC Base Camp Elliott. A former meat processing building, circa 1971.

The Naval Reserve Rifle Team won the Pacific Fleet Team Rifle Match three times during the 1980s. This picture shows the trophy along with a SECNAV trophy rifle that arrived via registered mail.



M1 Match Conditioning Shop, 1973.





1972



(1971 All-Smy 4-16 Rifle Team National Championships)

1971



1983