

*United States
Combined Services Rugby Tour*

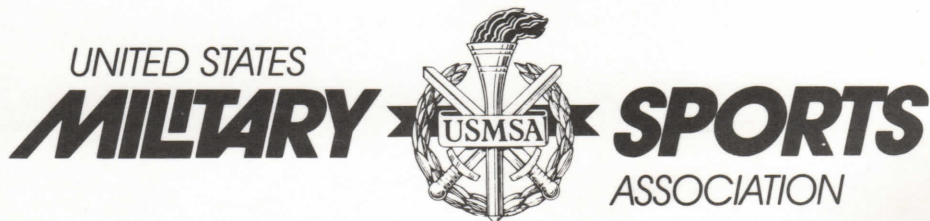


*Australia
1990*



**USMSA salutes
participants in the
United States
Combined Services Rugby Tour**

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18 May 1990

National Military Select Side
Combined Services Committee
USA Rugby Football Union

Dear Team Members,

Congratulations! A great challenge and opportunity awaits each of you as you go "down under" to participate in the first United States military rugby tour of Australia. It's competition on a real world playing field--continuous play with no time outs or substitutions. You need fitness, courage, teamwork and a strong desire to win. I know you each have all of those attributes. They are the traits of the member of the U.S. Armed Forces.

During this trip, be fierce combatants on the playing field. Kick, dribble, pass, tackle and run to victory. Off the field, serve as ambassadors of good will to our friends and long-standing allies. You represent your Service and your Nation. Do them proud!

Please give my best wishes to the members of the Australian military who are your hosts. We may live on different continents but we have the same goals and objectives. May your rugby competition further cement the strong personal ties between our people and our countries.

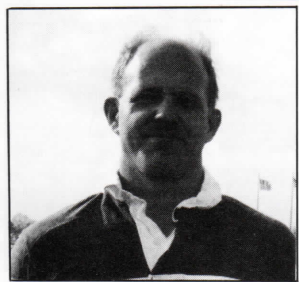
Sincerely,

COLIN L. POWELL
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

Itinerary

10 June	Arrive Sydney
11 June	Arrive Brisbane Accommodations at Enoggera Barracks
12 June	Training
13 June	Combined Services vs. Southern Districts at Ballymore
14 June	Training
15 June	Training
16 June	Training
17 June	Combined Services vs. Queensland Sub-Districts at Ballymore Preliminary match before France vs. Queensland
18 June	Sightseeing
19 June	Fly to Sydney Travel by bus to Orange for training
20 June	Combined Services vs. Central West Zone Team at Orange
21 June	Travel by bus to Canberra
22 June	Training at Royal Military College
23 June	Training at Royal Military College
24 June	Combined Services vs. Australian Services at Canberra
25 June	Travel by bus to Sydney Accommodations at Randwick Barracks
26 June	Training
27 June	Combined Services vs. Sydney Metropolitan Selections at Sydney
28 June	Free
29 June	Depart Sydney

Tour Party



LT John E. Long
U.S. Coast Guard
Loose Head Prop
New Orleans RFC
Age: 29 Ht: 6'2" Wt: 210
Yrs. playing rugby: 11
Job: Helicopter Pilot



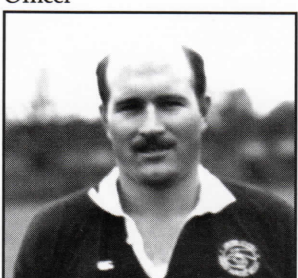
2ndLt James A. Snyder
U.S. Air Force
Loose Head Prop
Sacramento RFC
Age: 23 Ht: 6'0" Wt: 215
Yrs. playing rugby: 4
Job: Communications
Officer



2ndLt Richard A. Covenor
U.S. Air Force
Hooker, University of Utah
Age: 24 Ht: 5'10" Wt: 175
Yrs. playing rugby: 5
Job: Helicopter Pilot



1stLt Timothy H. Diemer
U.S. Air Force
Hooker, Redlands RFC
Age: 26 Ht: 5'8" Wt: 190
Yrs. playing rugby: 14
Job: Jet Pilot



LT Brad J. Suchanek
U.S. Coast Guard
Tight Head Prop
Age: 30 Ht: 6'0" Wt: 225
Yrs. playing rugby: 12
Job: Naval Engineer



LT Gary Stasco
U.S. Naval Reserve
Tight Head Prop
OMBAC RFC
Age: 29 Ht: 6'3" Wt: 240
Yrs. playing rugby: 11
Job: Air & Naval Gun Fire
Coordination



Sgt Vince E. Brown
U.S. Marine Corps
Tight Head Prop
Camp Lejeune RFC
Age: 26 Ht: 5'7" Wt: 230
Yrs. playing rugby: 4
Job: Embarkation Chief



SGT Jeffery Shipp
Ohio Army National Guard
Lock, Cincinnati
Wolfhounds RFC
Age: 26 Ht: 6'5" Wt: 255
Yrs. playing rugby: 8
Job: Water Purification



Capt Kevin R. Swords
U.S. Air Force
Lock, Beacon Hill RFC
Age: 29 Ht: 6'5" Wt: 240
Yrs. playing rugby: 11
Job: Foreign Military Sales

Tour Party



2ndLt Dan M. Drummond
U.S. Air Force
Lock, Sacramento RFC
Age: 22 Ht: 6'3" Wt: 220
Yrs. playing rugby: 4
Job: Adjutant



ENS Gene Adgate
U.S. Coast Guard
Flanker, OMBAC RFC
Age: 27 Ht: 6'2" Wt: 195
Yrs. playing rugby: 7
Job: Helicopter Pilot



2ndLt David A. Gaines
U.S. Air Force
Flanker, Belmont Shores
RFC
Age: 23 Ht: 6'4" Wt: 220
Yrs. playing rugby: 4
Job: Astronautical Engineer



LT Pat E. Lien
U.S. Naval Reserve
Flanker, Severn River RFC
Age: 30 Ht: 5'11" Wt: 195
Yrs. playing rugby: 11
Job: Radar Interception
Officer



1stLt Daniel J. Miller, Jr.
U.S. Air Force
No. 8, Old Puget Sound
RFC
Age: 26 Ht: 6'2" Wt: 205
Yrs. playing rugby: 7
Job: Missile Crew
Commander



1stLt Eric Wikstein
U.S. Marine Corps
Flanker, Camp Pendleton
RFC
Age: 25 Ht: 6'1" Wt: 192
Yrs. playing rugby: 8
Job: Financial Mgt. Officer



LT Mark Pitcock
U.S. Navy
Scrumhalf, OMBAC RFC
Age: 27 Ht: 5'10" Wt: 180
Yrs. playing rugby: 7
Job: Helicopter Pilot



LT John J. Hickey
U.S. Coast Guard
Scrumhalf, Old Blues RFC
Age: 26 Ht: 5'10" Wt: 180
Yrs. playing rugby: 8
Job: Civil Engineer



1stLt Bruce Ellis
U.S. Air Force
Flyhalf, Spokane RFC
Age: 27 Ht: 5'9" Wt: 165
Yrs. playing rugby: 7
Job: Jet Pilot

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LT Chris Shay
U.S. Navy
Flyhalf, Norfolk City Blues RFC
Age: 27 Ht: 5'10" Wt: 170
Yrs. playing rugby: 8
Job: Jet Pilot



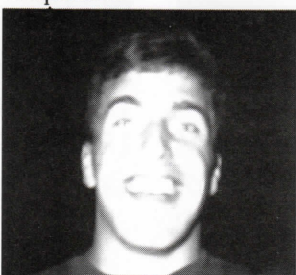
Capt Michael D. Murray
U.S. Air Force
Center, Cincinnati
Wolfhounds RFC
Age: 27 Ht: 6'2" Wt: 210
Yrs. playing rugby: 9
Job: Weapons Systems Acquisition



LT John Lang
U.S. Coast Guard
Center, Corpus Christi RFC
Age: 29 Ht: 5'9" Wt: 180
Yrs. playing rugby: 9
Job: Helicopter Pilot



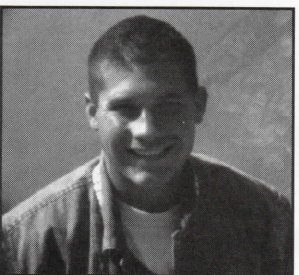
LT Edward P. Nagle
U.S. Coast Guard
Center, New Orleans RFC
Age: 28 Ht: 5'8" Wt: 175
Yrs. playing rugby: 7
Job: Marine Engineer



2ndLt Timothy H. Bohman
U.S. Air Force
Wing, U.S. Air Force Academy RFC
Age: 21 Ht: 5'10" Wt: 180
Yrs. playing rugby: 3
Job: Student Pilot



2ndLt James Moad II
U.S. Air Force
Wing, Washington RFC
Age: 23 Ht: 5'9" Wt: 180
Yrs. playing rugby: 4
Job: Jet Pilot



2dLt Blair Estep
U.S. Marine Corps
Wing, Quantico RFC
Age: 22 Ht: 5'9" Wt: 160
Yrs. playing rugby: 12
Job: Infantry Officer



2ndLt Mark A. Bissell
U.S. Air Force
Fullback, University of Oklahoma RFC
Age: 25 Ht: 5'11" Wt: 170
Yrs. playing rugby: 5
Job: Jet Pilot



CPT Marcus J. Michles II
U.S. Army
Fullback, Fayetteville RFC
Age: 28 Ht: 5'9" Wt: 180
Yrs. playing rugby: 8
Job: Attorney

Tour Party

Staff



Colonel Richard Battock
U.S. Air Force
Chairman, Combined Services
Committee



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U.S. Air Force
Coach



Capt Jeffery Sands
U.S. Marine Corps
Assistant Coach



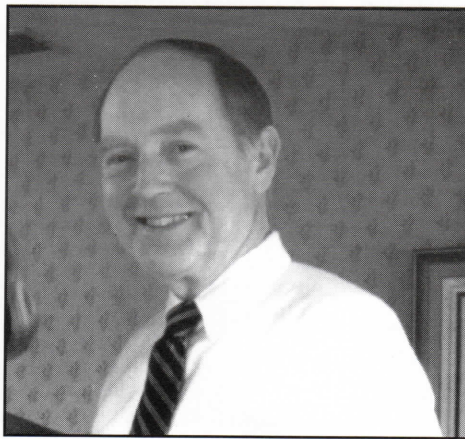
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Assistant Manager

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Staff



Lt. Col Michael G. Malone
U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)
Manager



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Representative, U.S. Military
Sports Association

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United States Military Rugby

Military rugby in the United States is a player's game. The 86 military clubs registered with the Combined Services Committee of the United States of America Rugby Football Union are kept alive by active-duty military players who coach and administer their teams. U.S. military clubs exist in Germany, England, Japan, the Philippines, Guam, Panama, Hawaii, Alaska, the continental United States and on several ships at sea. Because no military rugby league yet exists, each of these clubs plays within the local union where it is geographically situated.

U.S. military rugby gets its players from three sources. First, there are players who joined the military with rugby-playing experience. Usually these players learned rugby while attending college, but more are now joining the military with high school experience. The second source is players who learned rugby at the various military service academies: the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.; the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn. Each of these academies supports a healthy rugby club which plays against other college teams. The third (and largest) source of players for U.S. military teams is active-duty personnel taught by their local military club. The majority of U.S. military rugby teams are composed of these homegrown players who enjoy less than three years' rugby experience. The mixture of experienced and new-to-the-sport players produces an exuberant style common to all U.S. military rugby teams.

Each of the five U.S. military services faces a unique challenge in encouraging rugby to grow as a sport. The Army and Marine Corps are attempting to build their programs from the ground up through on-base competition in intramural leagues. The Navy and the Coast Guard depend on their service academies and the talents of high-caliber military players who are members of civilian clubs. The Air Force has a large number of bases in remote locations far from active civilian clubs. Like the Navy and Coast Guard, it monitors the skills of its academy players, and is currently

attempting to build on-base teams to improve the performance of its top players. All of the services, by operating together through the Combined Services Committee, share friendly competition and support each other's efforts.

Since 1980 the Combined Services Committee has published a quarterly newsletter and helped sponsor coaching clinics. Annually, the committee hosts a club championship in May and an interservice select-side competition in September. Since 1984, the committee has also sponsored an overseas tour (held every two years) to raise the performance level of U.S. military rugby. The 1984, 1986 and 1988 trips were to Great Britain. With the 1990 tour of Australia, the United States Combined Services Team soars to the greatest height of its 10-year existence.

COMBINED SERVICES

1983

14-3 Oklahoma City
14-6 Tulsa
10-12 Dallas Harlequins
8-3 Fort Worth
4-13 Oklahoma University

1984

4-22 Deep South
0-33 Florida
17-16 Baton Rouge
0-22 Crescent City
16-9 Welsh Fusiliers
4-21 RAF Halton
3-30 Salisbury
4-6 42nd Survey Regiment
6-13 Royal Artillery
13-15 RAF Brize-North
12-34 Clifton
6-13 Wichita
26-3 Oklahoma City
16-6 Oklahoma City
20-0 Fort Sill Beavers

1985

20-17 Deep South U-23
0-20 South B
4-31 Texas
6-7 Western B

1986

13-4 Texas U-25
19-24 West U-25
43-6 Deep South U-23
35-10 RAF Brize-Norton
13-26 Clifton
16-19 Royal Artillery
46-10 REME Arborfield
11-15 REME Corps
12-14 HMS Portsmouth

1987

12-9 Texas
32-8 ERU Excalibur
16-18 Midwest II
25-18 Royal Marines
50-3 Dutch Students

1988

34-8 Midwest
24-19 ERU Excalibur
12-13 New England PFU
41-3 BAOR
0-21 Royal Marines
24-10 Royal Artillery
13-4 East Kent Selects
10-10 Royal Engineers
30-4 Ohio Selects
10-16 Junior Eagles

1989

10-16 Rugby East Juniors
6-30 Rugby East
6-13 West
40-8 ERU Excalibur
0-16 West
12-10 Royal Engineers

1990

15-18 West
32-16 ERU Excalibur
10-17 Midwest
38-4 Rugby East
21-11 Royal Engineers

EAGLES SELECTIONS

Bill Fraumann (USN) 1976, 77
Lin Walton (USN) 1981, 82
Kevin Swords (USAF) 1985-90
Tony Ridnell (USA) 1985-88

JUNIOR EAGLE SELECTIONS

Tony Ridnell (USA) 1985
Gene Adgate (CG) 1988
James Reed (AR) 1988

Rugby in the United States

The national governing body for rugby in the United States is the United States of America Rugby Football Union, Ltd. called USA RUGBY. Below the national level, rugby in the United States has three levels of management: club, local Union and territorial. Counting the three independent unions and four overseas military rugby unions as a part of USA RUGBY, the 1311 rugby clubs in the United States are organized into 41 local unions and four territorial unions.

The four territorial unions the local unions divide themselves into are Rugby-East, Midwest, Western and Pacific. These territorial unions oversee the operations of the clubs, referees discipline, tours and competition in their area. The territories organize individual players into select-side teams for annual competition at the National All-Star Championship held in late May and oversee a club championship which begins in October and concludes in early May. By observing players during these two competitions the national team of the United States, the Eagles, is selected.

The two largest parts of United States rugby are the 413 city clubs and 392 college clubs. Masters rugby for players 35 years old or older is supported by 129 independent sides. Women have 162 clubs which compete among themselves at a high standard of play. High schools field 101 teams for boys age 18 or younger across the United States while 28 professional schools support teams. Proudly, 89 military rugby clubs take part in USA

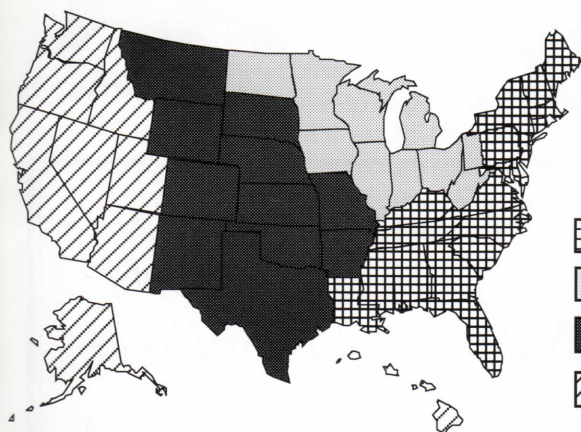
RUGBY.

Of the local unions, New England is the largest, followed by Northern California, Eastern Pennsylvania, Metropolitan New York and Southern California. It is worth noting that Boris Karloff, of movie fame, founded the Southern California Rugby Union in 1935.

Foreign teams which desire to tour in the United States should coordinate their trip through USA RUGBY which can be reached at 830 North Tejon Avenue, Suite 104B, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903. The office phone number is (719) 632-1022. Inquires concerning military teams may be directed to Colonel Richard Battock, P.O. Box 15161, Tucson, Arizona, 85708, phone: (602) 886-7003.



Territorial Unions of the USARFU



-  Eastern Rugby Union (Colonials)
Colors: Green & White
-  Western Rugby Football Union
(Mustangs); Colors: Light Blue & White
-  Midwest Rugby Football Union;
Colors: Green & White
-  Pacific Coast Rugby Football
Union (Grizzlies); Colors: Maroon & White

1990 U.S. Rugby Clubs by Category

	Clubs	Military	Pro Schools	College	High Schools	Masters	Women	TOTAL
Deep South Rugby Conference	10	2	0	8	0	0	0	20
Eastern Penn Rugby Conference	21	0	7	27	9	4	10	78
Florida Rugby Conference	15	0	0	4	0	5	3	26
Georgia Rugby Conference	7	3	1	7	0	4	1	23
Met New York Rugby Conference	27	0	8	18	5	10	6	74
New England Rugby Conference	22	00	2	58	7	6	34	129
New York State Rugby Conference	13	1	1	30	0	1	9	55
North Carolina Rugby Conference	8	5	0	13	0	1	1	28
Palmetto Rugby Conference	5	1	0	3	0	0	0	10
Potomac Rugby Conference	17	1	0	15	7	10	9	59
Virginia Rugby Conference	10	0	0	13	0	6	7	36
USA RUGBY EAST	155	13	19	196	28	47	80	538
Allegheny Rugby Union	7	0	0	11	0	1	0	19
Chicago Area Rugby Union	12	0	1	5	0	4	2	25
Illinois Rugby Union	2	1	0	5	0	1	1	10
Indiana Rugby Union	6	1	0	7	0	0	2	16
Iowa Rugby Union	18	0	1	4	0	0	3	29
Michigan Rugby Union	8	0	2	9	0	3	3	20
Mid-South Rugby Union	9	1	0	9	0	2	0	21
Minnesota Rugby Union	7	0	0	13	0	2	10	32
Ohio Rugby Union	16	1	1	22	0	7	4	51
Wisconsin Rugby Union	11	0	0	11	0	2	2	26
MIDWEST RUGBY UNION	96	4	5	94	0	22	28	249
Eastern Rockies Rugby Union	12	2	0	9	15	4	7	49
Great Plains Rugby Union	5	2	0	3	0	2	-	12
Heart of America Rugby Union	12	1	0	7	4	5	2	21
Missouri Rugby Union	7	1	0	6	2	1	2	19
Ozark Rugby Union	5	1	0	6	0	3	5	20
Rio Grande Rugby Union	7	2	0	4	3	1	0	17
Texas Rugby Union	17	3	1	13	1	9	5	49
WESTERN RUGBY UNION	65	12	1	48	25	25	21	197
Arizona Rugby Union	8	3	1	4	1	2	2	21
Great Basin Rugby Union	6	0	0	3	4	0	0	13
Northern California Rugby Union	22	1	2	11	24	10	11	81
Oregon Rugby Union	6	0	0	8	5	5	5	29
Southern California Rugby Union	24	3	0	16	5	11	8	67
Washington State Rugby Union	8	2	0	8	9	4	7	38
PACIFIC COAST RUGBY UNION	74	9	3	50	48	32	33	249
Alaska Rugby Union	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
Hawaii Rugby Union	7	1	0	2	0	0	0	10
Montana Rugby Union	8	0	0	2	0	2	0	12
INDEPENDENT RUGBY UNIONS	23	2	0	4	0	2	0	31
Overseas Independent Military Rugby	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Pacific Command Rugby	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Panama Rugby	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
U.S. Forces - Europe Rugby Union	0	25	0	0	0	1	0	25
COMBINED SERVICES RUGBY	0	46	0	0	0	1	0	47
OVERALL TOTALS	413	86	28	392	101	129	162	1311



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We wish you all our best for a successful
Australian Tour.*

Cheers to all!

The competitors and administrators

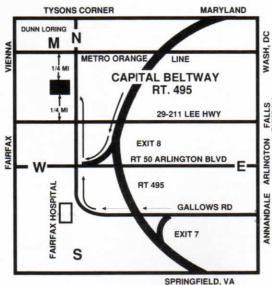
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RUGBY STATEMENT

The United States Military Sports Association is pleased to have this opportunity to sponsor the U.S. Armed Forces Select Rugby Team on its initial tour of Australia.

It has been clearly demonstrated over the years the sport is one of the most effective means of bridging cultural barriers, promoting friendship and mutual respect, and contributing towards a more peaceful world. We trust that good sportsmanship will prevail and that a close camaraderie will develop between U.S. and Australian ruggers. Also, we hope that your opponents will find a way, in the not too distant future, to visit our country and play a rematch.

The Australian and American peoples have had close ties both in times of war and peace and we sincerely hope this relationship will endure indefinitely.

Thomas L. Moore
USMSA President



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
COMBINED SERVICES COMMITTEE



POST OFFICE BOX 15161
Tucson, Arizona 85708

14 May 90

Gentlemen:

As the United States Combined Services Rugby Team embarks on its fourth international tour it is appropriate to consider the progress of military rugby in the United States.

In just seven short years our Combined Services Team has progressed to play at the top level of select sides in our country. We have had tours to Great Britain in 1984, 1986 and 1988. Since 1985 two Combined Services players, Tony Ridnell and Kevin Swords, have represented the United States as members of the Eagles. Four more have been selected for the Junior Eagles. Military players are on each of the four territorial select sides and three of the four clubs which have played in the finals of the National Club Championship in 1988 and 1989. This tour of Australia is another step in our progress.

I charge each member of this tour to recognize the importance of his presence on this team. Representation of country and service is an honor to proudly carry. Upon return to the United States fellow players, military contemporaries and commanding officers will inquire of your success. Be able to say that you learned, gave your best at all times and well represented United States military rugby.

Richard D. Battock, Colonel, USAF
Chairman, Combined Services Committee
United States of America Rugby Football Union

RUGBY MILESTONES

1823

Willam Webb Ellis displays a fine disregard for the rules of football, as played in his time, taking the ball in his arms and running with it, thus originating the distinctive feature of the Rugby game.

1829

First rugby in Australia played at Sydney soldiers barracks.

1874

Harvard University plays first recorded rugby game in United States.

1899

First Australian international team formed.

1908

Australia wins Olympic gold medal in London.

1912

Australia tours U.S. compiling 10-2 record.

1920, 1924

The United States wins Olympic gold medals in Antwerp and Paris.

1949

Australian Rugby Union is founded.

1975

United States of America Rugby Football Union (USARFU) is founded.

1977

The U.S. national team, the Eagles, makes first international tour to England.

1980

Combined Services Committee of USARFU formed to organize military rugby.

1983

First Combined Services Select Side plays at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

1990

Combined Services tours Australia!

