

# **Retired Army NCO, Air Force Reservist make Olympic Trap Team**

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KERRVILLE, Texas - The Trap portion of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Shooting (Shotgun) concluded March 12 with retired Army Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson, Air Force Reserve Maj. Dominic Grazioli and Corey Cogdell of Eagle River, Alaska, being selected to the 2008 U.S. Olympic team in Men's and Women's Trap.

Retired from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., Erickson, a three-time Olympian, will represent the USA on his fourth Olympic Team in Beijing this August after finishing the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in first place for Men's Trap with a final score of 499 targets. The second U.S. Olympic team spot for Men's Trap came down to the final shot between Grazioli and John Mullins of Bremerton, Wash., with Grazioli claiming the spot with a total score of 491 targets, while Mullins finished in third place with 490 targets.

Three-time Olympian and 1996 Bronze Medalist Lance Bade of Vancouver, Wash., finished in fourth place with 488 targets, while Staff Sgt. Matthew T. DePuydt and Sgt. Matthew T. Wallace of the U.S. Army Marksmanship finished in fifth and sixth place with 485 and 484 targets respectively.

In Women's Trap, Cogdell, the 2007 Pan-American Games and World Cup Korea Bronze Medalist, held on to her lead to win the competition and secure a spot on the 2008 U.S. Olympic team in Women's Trap with a final score of 475 targets. Sgt. 1st Class Joetta R. Dement of the Army Marksmanship Unit finished in second place with 463 targets. Susan Sledge of El Cajon, Calif., took third place with 457 targets.

Kelsey Zauhar of Lakeville, Minn., finished in fourth place with 454 targets, while 1996 Olympian Sgt. 1st Class Theresa E. DeWitt of the Marksmanship Unit took fifth place with 453 targets. Collyn Loper of Indian Springs, Ala., a 2004 Olympian, finished in sixth place with 447 targets.

For complete 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Shooting (Shotgun) results, visit [www.usashooting.org](http://www.usashooting.org).

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