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Hello Fellow CARGO Members,

The next meeting will be held at Napoli's on **Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**.

We will meet at Napoli's in Wylie.

Napoli's  
701 N Highway 78 # A  
Wylie, TX 75098

For the dinner portion of the meeting, we will be in the meeting room between 5:45 and 7:00 for food and fellowship. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and run until about 9:00.

Under the new Texas Open Carry Law, you could be committing an offence if you remove your pistol from its holster while open carrying. While at Napoli's DO NOT remove your pistol from its holster unless it is an emergency.

Member Don Bridges has volunteered his shop for the meeting. There are a very limited number of chairs at the shop, so please bring a camp chair for the meeting. We will meet there from 7:00 (ish) until 9:00 (ish)

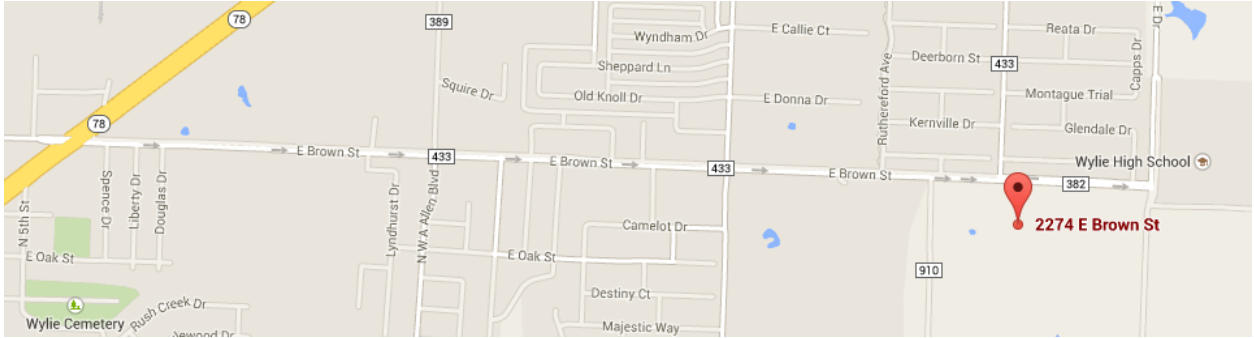
The address is:

2274 EAST Brown Street in Wylie

While heading east on Brown Street, it is 1/2 mile past stop sign that's at the intersection of Brown Street and Kreymer Lane on the right hand side.

The shop is behind a small white house with a picket fence around the front yard.





### Meeting gun topics:

- Last month we ran long at Napoli's and didn't make it to the shop for "Show-and-Tell" we will carry over last month's topics:
- Remember when you could go into any hardware store, Wal-Mart or sporting goods store and simply ignore the piles of .22 Long Rifle ammo sitting on the shelf? Those days are long gone but part of the reason is the staggering number of choices in .22LR firearms available today. Dig in through your collection and bring any .22 that you have to share with the club.
- Do you have a single action anything? A Single Action Army, 1911 or external hammered 12 gauge coach gun? Bring any single action anything to share with the club.
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### Additional discussion topics / guests:

- If you know any candidates that would like to talk to the club, please have their offices contact us at [CARGO@att.net](mailto:CARGO@att.net)
- This is an excellent 30.06 / 30.07 resource: <https://www.texas3006.com/map.php>

If you have any suggestions for future speakers or topics please send your feedback to [CARGO@att.net](mailto:CARGO@att.net).

When was the last time you visited our web site? Please take some time to go to the CARGO website at [www.cargoclub.org](http://www.cargoclub.org)

<http://bearingarms.com/senate-overrides-governors-concealed-carry-veto/>

## **West Virginia's Senate Overrides Governor's Concealed Carry Veto**

Posted by [Jenn Jacques](#) on March 7, 2016 at 8:36 am



West Virginia's senate voted 23-11 to override Governor veto on the conceal carry bill on Saturday. The measure was passed along after the house also voted to override the veto by a vote of 64-33. The measure makes it no longer necessary to apply for a permit to have a concealed weapon.

The legislation provides a \$50 tax credit for anyone who voluntarily undergoes gun training and persons between the ages of 18-21 must still obtain a permit.

“As the chief legal officer of the state and the person in charge of criminal matters for the state at the WV Supreme Court and in federal courts, I know that this legislation will not impact public safety,” West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrissey said after the veto. “If this bill is enacted, we will not only expand freedom, but we will keep our citizens protected.”

“Self-defense is a fundamental right that must be respected,” [said Chris W. Cox](#), executive director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action. “Law-abiding West Virginians are now free to choose the method of self-defense that best suits their needs. The NRA and our five million members are pleased that the legislature voted in support of West Virginians' Second Amendment freedoms.”

“This is a big win,” said Second Amendment Foundation’s [Alan Gottlieb](#). “Not just for gun rights but for the freedom movement in the battle against billionaire elitist gun prohibitionists like Michael Bloomberg. West Virginia just told him he can’t buy away our Second Amendment rights.”

Of course, there were no shortage of ignorant and inflammatory responses from the left.

“It’s unfortunate that the concerns of officers from every law enforcement branch in the state, including the West Virginia State Police and university campus police officers, have been ignored by today’s action,” Governor Tomblin said.

“I can hear them (drug runners) up in Detroit, Michigan....I can possibly hear the cheers going up,” Sen. Mike Woelfel (D-Cabell) said.

Perhaps he didn’t hear that right.

“I can hear freedom knocking at the doors in West Virginia. That’s exactly what this does,” Sen. Craig Blair (R-Berkeley) said.

West Virginia Senate President Bill Cole (R) delivered a moving statement following the veto, saying in part,

“The Senate today, in a broad bipartisan vote, defended the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding West Virginia citizens by overriding Governor Tomblin’s veto of House Bill 4145.

This bill allows West Virginians to protect themselves without the government’s permission. It has been improved from the bill vetoed last year by creating three new criminal offenses. The new felony offenses come with tough penalties for using a concealed deadly weapon during the commission of a crime, and for carrying a concealed firearm if you are not legally permitted to do so. We are also creating an incentive for training courses, which I believe will go a long way to encourage people to be properly trained on the safe use of their weapons.

I am proud of this version, and I am pleased that today we were able to stand up for the constitutional rights our citizens hold so dear.”

The law is set to go into effect on May 26, making West Virginia one of eight states to allow permit-less concealed carry. Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Maine, Vermont, and Wyoming are so-called constitutional carry states. In Wyoming, the law applies to residents only.

Tags: [carry permits](#), [Gun Rights](#), [West Virginia](#)



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## Scalia's Legacy on Gun Rights: Unfinished Business

by S.H. BLANNELBERRY on FEBRUARY 18, 2016

This past week, many conservatives mourned the loss of Antonin Scalia, the Supreme Court justice who was the father of "[originalism](#)," a rubric for interpreting the Constitution as a dead letter as opposed to an evolving document.

Scalia died last Saturday, while on a quail hunting trip at the Cibolo Creek Ranch in Shafter, Texas. He was 79. Reports say he died of "natural causes" while sleeping. No autopsy was performed, and there were "[no signs of foul play](#)," according to the county sheriffs who arrived on scene.

While Scalia certainly has a special place in the hearts of many right-wingers, he also has a special place in the hearts of many gun owners, that is because he penned what is arguably the most important Supreme Court ruling on the Second Amendment in recent history.

In the landmark case [District of Columbia v. Heller](#), Scalia wrote the (5-4) majority opinion which found that the Second Amendment was an individual right not contingent upon militia service. This was HUGE! For obvious reasons. Gun-grabbers have long argued (and continue to argue) that the 2A is a right that was conferred only within the context of militia service, ergo if you or I did not belong to a civilian militia, we did not have an un-infringeable right to keep and bear arms.

This ass-backward reading of the Second Amendment was very troublesome, but it prevailed for years, until Heller, and it allowed certain big cities and federal enclaves, e.g. D.C., to enact various draconian gun laws, including bans on handguns and concealed carry.

But after Heller, after it was made clear that the Second Amendment was, indeed, an individual right, everything changed. It was a watershed moment. Gun prohibitions began to fall like dominos. State and municipal governments who wished to limit one's right had to reckon with the gravity of Heller (and McDonald v. Chicago, which extended the Heller decision to all the states in 2010). It didn't take long for anti-gunners to realize that they were now fighting a losing battle. The 2A was here to stay!

Yet, it wasn't all good news. Scalia, in the majority opinion, unfortunately, left the door open for narrowly tailored restrictions on the Second Amendment:

Although we do not undertake an exhaustive historical analysis today of the full scope of the Second Amendment, nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms.

Adding in a footnote, "We identify these presumptively lawful regulatory measures only as examples; our list does not purport to be exhaustive."

An honest look at this implies that the government can still create gun-free zones, regulate the firearms industry and, although it's not explicitly stated, pass laws limiting gun ownership — remember, what was mentioned was not "exhaustive." Take, for instance, the issue de jour, bans on black rifles. Are those supported by Heller?

The answer is, well, it's not quite clear. Heller states that the Second Amendment protects weapons "in common use at the time" and that this frame of reference is supported by the "historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of 'dangerous and unusual weapons.'"

The key questions courts are now debating is whether AR-15s, AK-47s and others are "in common use" or whether they are considered to be "dangerous and unusual." With 5 million or more black rifles in circulation, one can safely conclude that they are commonly owned and widely popular. But since Heller didn't explicitly address this question, gun-grabbers have seized on the opportunity to exploit this loophole.

This was something Scalia was keenly aware of. In the interview with Fox New's Chris Wallace, he explains how this particular issue will "have to be decided."

"Yes, there are some limitations that can be imposed," Scalia, said. "What they are will depend on what the society understood was reasonable limitation" during the founding and framing of the Constitution. Scalia gave a historical example, a "head axe," which was banned under an affrighting statute that prohibited weapons designed to intimidate and/or scare people.

Wallace then asked about high-powered black rifles, which can fire “a hundred shots in a minute,” and whether or not those can be banned by state governments and municipalities without violating one’s right to keep and bear arms.

“The [2nd Amendment] does not apply to arms that cannot be hand-carried.” Scalia said. “It’s to keep and bear. So, it doesn’t apply to cannons. But I suppose there are handheld rocket launchers that can bring down airplanes that will have to be — it will have to be decided.”

Scalia knew that there was unfinished business. He knew the high court would have to take up a case addressing this specific issue. In fact, this past December, [the high court passed up an opportunity to take on such a case](#), to the dismay of both Scalia and justice Clarence Thomas.

The case involved an Illinois city’s gun ban that prohibits the sale, purchase and even possession of “assault weapons” as defined by local Highland Park law. Included on that list of banned items were AR-15s, AK-47s, AK-pattern rifles by name, you know, the usual suspects.

The high court did not give a reason on why it rejected the case, but in a [6-page dissent](#), written by Thomas and signed by Scalia, the two men made their displeasure known.

“Based on its crabbed reading of Heller, the Seventh Circuit felt free to adopt a test for assessing firearm bans that eviscerates many of the protections recognized in Heller and McDonald,” wrote Thomas. “If a broad ban on firearms can be upheld based on conjecture that the public might feel safer (while being no safer at all), then the Second Amendment guarantees nothing.”

Scalia (and Thomas) wanted to set the record straight. He wanted to take Heller to its logical conclusion, which is to protect the millions of black rifles in common use. Sadly, he will not have that chance. It’s a case of unfinished business.

Looking ahead, president Obama will likely appoint someone to replace justice Scalia. Yes, given the 5-4 split decision on Heller, I know what you’re thinking: God help us!

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## Philly Gun Owner Saves Cop from Throng of Rowdy Teens

by S.H. BLANNELBERRY on FEBRUARY 10, 2016



Upper Darby Police Superintendent Michael Chitwood. (Photo: [UDPD.org](http://UDPD.org))

An armed concealed carrier rescued a police officer last Friday from a throng of rowdy teens near Upper Darby High School, [Philly.com reports](#).

“There were 40 kids. If it wasn’t for the good Samaritan stepping forward, he’d have been dead meat,” Upper Darby Police Superintendent Michael Chitwood told the paper. “There’s no doubt they would have attacked him.”

Each afternoon, as the school day ends, upwards of 4,000 teens take to the streets. Many times, there are no altercations. But last Friday, for whatever reason, three fights broke out near the school.

One of the fights took place on Wayne Avenue near Marshall Road. The responding officer initially succeeded in breaking up the fight. However, it didn’t last long as one of the combatants began attacking the officer.

“As he breaks up the fight, he takes one kid and then the other jumps [on] him. Now he’s fighting two of them and he’s calling for an assist officer at the same time,” Chitwood said. “There’s a crowd of 40 or 50 kids watching the fight, and they all move in towards the officer.”

But when seconds counted, the officer’s backup was minutes away. Thankfully, a good Samaritan saw the incident from his home not too far from the scene and decided to come to the officer’s aid.

“He had the gun in his hand, but he didn’t point it at the kids, he just told them to back off,” Chitwood said. “If this guy didn’t come out and come to the aid of the officer, this officer would have had significant problems.”

The gun owner has not been identified, but according to reports he is a 35-year-old Upper Darby resident with a valid concealed carry permit.

The responding officer suffered significant “hand injuries,” according to Chitwood, and another officer, who heard the call for backup, also suffered an injury to the leg after one of the teens kicked him.

The two students who fought were arrested and charged with aggravated assault on police, riot, harassment and other related offenses. They were taken into custody at the Delaware County juvenile detention center.

In total, eight students were arrested in the various fights around the school. Six of the eight attend Upper Darby High.

“There’s thousands of kids that walk to and from that school without a problem, but every once in a while you get these wannabe gangsters, and if they want to be gangsters, we’ll treat them like gangsters,” Chitwood said.

Police have increased the after-school patrols twofold following the Friday afternoon fights. “Our goal is to make sure these kids get home safe,” Chitwood said. “I can’t emphasize it enough, but the majority of these kids are decent kids.”

<http://rockwallconservative.me/2016/03/13/what-legal-recourse-to-false-accusation-of-open-carry-violation/>

From John White, President of CARGO Rockwall:

## What Legal Recourse to False Accusation of Open-Carry Violation?

March 13, 2016 AD



**Open-Carry: Lawful in Texas since January 1, 2016**

[Photo by](#)

[TheTruthAboutGuns.com](http://TheTruthAboutGuns.com)

If a licensed open-carry Texan is falsely accused, what should be the remedy?

Look to the Bible for an appropriate response to someone who maliciously lies about you and your open-carry firearm to get a policeman to come to the scene.

I quote [Deuteronomy chapter 19, New Living Translation](#):

16 “If a malicious witness comes forward and accuses someone of a crime,  
17 then both the accuser and accused must appear before the LORD by coming to the  
priests and judges in office at that time.

18 The judges must investigate the case thoroughly. If the accuser has brought false  
charges against his fellow Israelite,

19 you must impose on the accuser the sentence he intended for the other person. In this way, you will purge such evil from among you.

20 Then the rest of the people will hear about it and be afraid to do such an evil thing.

21 You must show no pity for the guilty! Your rule should be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Applying the above to contemporary law and courts, I see a two point remedy to false accusations.

First, it is unlawful to make a false report to law enforcement. The offender (the liar who makes a false report) must be prosecuted under [Texas Penal Code, Title 8, Section 37](#) which states:

Sec. 37.08. FALSE REPORT TO PEACE OFFICER, FEDERAL SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEE. (a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to deceive, he knowingly makes a false statement that is material to a criminal investigation and makes the statement to:

(1) a peace officer or federal special investigator conducting the investigation; or

(2) any employee of a law enforcement agency that is authorized by the agency to conduct the investigation and that the actor knows is conducting the investigation.

(b) In this section, "law enforcement agency" has the meaning assigned by Article 59.01, Code of Criminal Procedure.

(c) An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

Second, applying Deuteronomy chapter 19, the falsely accused must seek an attorney to sue the person who made the false accusation. You would do this after the District Attorney files charges against the accuser, which charges result in a conviction. By following the criminal process, you will have ample grounds for a lawsuit in which you recover your good name and financial restitution.

The above is my opinion and my plan of action and is not intended to be a substitute for professional legal advice. You should consult an attorney for legal advice.

John White  
Rockwall, Texas

[http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/03/10/chief-says-dead-intruder-may-be-escaped-murder-suspect.html?intcmp=ob\\_article\\_footer\\_text&intcmp=obnetwork](http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/03/10/chief-says-dead-intruder-may-be-escaped-murder-suspect.html?intcmp=ob_article_footer_text&intcmp=obnetwork)

## Miss. homeowner kills escaped murder suspect after week-long manhunt

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[FoxNews.com](http://FoxNews.com)



Rafael McCloud. (Warren County Jail)

A capital murder suspect who busted out of a jail in Mississippi last week tied up a family at a home in Vicksburg Thursday morning before one of the homeowners broke loose and killed the intruder, investigators revealed.

Police said the unnamed homeowner shot Rafael McCloud in the head. The entire encounter lasted roughly three hours.

McCloud fought with the husband and wife, stabbing the man in the shoulder, Vicksburg Police Chief Walter Armstrong said. The wife also had injuries, but not enough to go to the hospital. The toddler was not hurt.

At some point after being tied up, one of the couple managed to get a gun they had at the home and shot McCloud, the chief said. He did specify exactly who got free and how they did so.

Warren County Sheriff Martin Pace confirmed McCloud was the intruder. Police were called around 7 a.m. to the house in northern Vicksburg, where the homeowner told police he had been attacked by the man who broke into his garage around 4 a.m.

Police did not know of any connection between McCloud and the family, who lived on a street of small homes that runs along a ridge north of downtown Vicksburg.

Investigators found McCloud's body in a bathtub, according to [The Vicksburg Post](#). His death ends the manhunt that started when the 34-year-old escaped the Warren County jail March 2.

McCloud used a homemade shank to get the jump on a jail officer, Pace said. McCloud forced the officer to give up his keys, radio, pants and jacket, and went out a door to escape. The century-old jail in downtown Vicksburg has no perimeter fence.

Officials combed the town on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River for days, interviewing family members and friends of McCloud and poking through abandoned buildings. Schools bolstered security, and Vicksburg police warned people to bring in guns from vehicles and make sure their houses hadn't been forcibly entered.

McCloud was indicted on murder and rape charges in the January 2015 death of Sharen Wilson. He had been held in the jail since his June 29 arrest, and has prior felony convictions for auto burglary, grand larceny and armed robbery.



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## Hillary Confuses Declaration of Independence with Constitution When Pushing Gun Control

by S.H. BLANNELBERRY on FEBRUARY 25, 2016

The video above will most likely elicit one of two reactions. Either (a) it will confirm in one's mind that when it comes to the Constitution, that critically important document that limits the powers of government and codifies the rights of the people, Hillary Clinton doesn't know her butt from a hole in the ground. Or (b) one will defend Hillary, and argue that it was an honest mistake.

So, here's what happened. While appearing on the Steve Harvey Show, or whatever it's called, Hillary Clinton started to pitch her anti-gun agenda to the audience, suggesting that it's time for people to take on the National Rifle Association and remind it what the Constitution says.

"We've got to say to the gun lobby, you know what, there is a constitutional right for people to own guns, but there's also a constitutional right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness that enables us to have a safe country where we are able to protect our children and others from this senseless gun violence," she said.

Clinton is, of course, confusing the Declaration of Independence with the Constitution. The Declaration of Independence states, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Putting the conflation aside, Clinton is wrong that these two ideas are in conflict with one another. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, the Second Amendment is what safeguards one's unalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Remember, government is the biggest existential threat to one's liberties — not some gang banger with a gun. Yes, we all want to keep guns out of the hands of prohibited persons, but not at the expense of one's right to keep and bear arms. If we disarm America — or [subarm America](#) — as Hillary wants in a futile effort to keep bad guys from obtaining guns, we will inevitably lose those unalienable rights stated in the Declaration of Independence to government tyranny. And we will also lose all the rights codified in the Constitution: free speech, religion, due process, etc., to government tyranny. Not to mention the fact that without the 2A we will be defenseless against the very gang-banger we tried to disarm via Hillary's gun-control agenda in the first place. Gun control is a lose, lose proposition.

Our founders and framers knew how critically important an armed America was to preserving freedom. It's why they included the Second Amendment. Hillary should know this. She's running for president! But then again, maybe she doesn't really care about what the Constitution says.

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## Free Local on GunsAmerica – How Will It Work?

by PAUL HELINSKI on FEBRUARY 25, 2016

This is close to what the homepage will look like with the new Local listings. All local sales will be completely free on GunsAmerica. No posting fee. No aftersale fee. Ads will last 30 days, and you can renew them twice. You can run five per month, and if you decide to go national, there will still be no fee if a local buyer happens to buy it. Ads will be listed by date, much like they are on a Facebook board, so even if local dealers load up the whole store using our bulk upload utility, new private ads will be on top as they come in, yet you'll be able to search local, regardless of the age of the ad. It's a cool system and we think everyone is going to love it.

Monday we leaked the news that GunsAmerica will be implementing a new policy change in the coming days. You will get a special email about it, but since we didn't get it out for this week (squashing the bugs still), I thought some explanation was in order.

Most of you reading already know that a couple weeks ago Facebook announced a new policy prohibiting the sales of firearms on their boards. I am a member of two boards in South Florida, and I watched the admins first change the names of the boards, then make them "hidden," as if Facebook doesn't know what they are. Unfortunately what escaped most of the commentary on the issue was that Facebook was just replicating a long time Paypal policy, because, drum roll please, Facebook launched a competing payment system to Paypal in December. Like always, it isn't about politics. It is about money.

Fortunately, the Facebook guns for sales boards were also about money, your money as a private seller, trying to sell your privately owned firearms to another private citizen. When most people sell a gun, it is because they need the money, and the Facebook boards were a way to turn your gun over into cash without having to pay a GunsAmerica or Gunbroker aftersale fee.

## Helping to Keep you Safe

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### Regulated Goods

We prohibit any attempts by unauthorized dealers to purchase, sell, or trade prescription drugs, marijuana, firearms or ammunition. If you post an offer to purchase or sell alcohol, tobacco, or adult products, we expect you to comply with all applicable laws and carefully consider the audience for that content. We do not allow you to use Facebook's payment tools to sell or purchase regulated goods on our platform.

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**[Regulated Goods](#)**

Facebook has lumped guns in as a “regulated item,” but it was really about their new payment system they are rolling out to steal market share from Paypal. The for sale boards are a ready made platform to take payments. Paypal commands more than 80% of online credit card payments, and they have notoriously forbid guns since they were purchased by Ebay, who themselves banned guns in 1999, two years after GunsAmerica launched as America’s first automated guns for sale website.

There were some weaknesses to that system. The big one is that on Facebook you have to use your actual name, so posting a gun for sale was inviting a burglary, and that actually happened more than you would think.

So we had been considering making local sales free on GunsAmerica for some time. This was enough of a push to make it finally happen.

## How it Works

All local sales are now going to be free on GunsAmerica, but not all ads are going to be exposed to a national audience. You can choose to display your ad to everyone, or to limit it to only local buyers. If you select “Local Only,” we will hide your ad from everyone who is further than approximately 50 miles away from you. This is done through a location finder based upon the person’s IP address, or by the zip code field for people who are logged in. IP lookup isn’t perfect due to mobile devices, but it should work pretty well from our testing. If you choose the local option, we will not display shipping information to the buyer, so even if someone changes their zip code manually, they still will

only be able to pick up local. Obviously your name and address will not be exposed without you giving it out yourself, which allows you to use a local dealer to do the transfer if you so choose.



I am a member of what is now the South Florida Sportsmen board, but the URL is still SouthFloridaGunTraders, and it still says “This group is for buying and selling guns and ammo.” Like Facebook doesn’t know that guns are still being listed for sale. If you click to make it bigger, you’ll see that the board is now “Secret,” which means that the natural churn on Facebook will eventually kill it. But the bigger picture is that posting guns for sale in a certain town with your real name was really risky to begin with. GunsAmerica has been wrestling with Free Local for years, and it is the best thing for everyone, now completely FREE to all.

There will be a posting limit of 5 local ads per month. This is to discourage abuse from people who are actually breaking the law and doing business in guns without a license. Obama’s “executive order” didn’t change anything. The ATF has been monitoring online sales since the Patriot Act, and all of the internet sites, including GunsAmerica, periodically get official requests for records. (The Facebook boards have been a source of investigations as well.)

The local ads will be alive for 30 days, and you will be able to renew them twice. This is similar to “bumping” posts on the Facebook boards, and of course this is also the way Craigslist works. If you

don't sell it within 3 months, you are asking too much, or you need to expose the listing to a national audience if you want to find a "seat for your saddle."

National ads will also show up in local, and there will be no aftersale fee if the item is sold to a local buyer. If a national buyer grabs it first, then there will be our standard aftersale fee of 2%/1% min \$20/\$10, depending on your account type.

Gun dealers, who of course would rather sell their guns local, will be able to use this to display shop inventory. National ads that display in local will not go away after 30 days. As long as you have the gun on your shelf as a viable national listing, it will be shown for sale locally to local buyers.



It is tragic to see people insist on using the now banned Facebook boards to get less and less for their guns. There are only a handful of people still offering to buy the guns being advertised. Apparently people are afraid of breaking the policy by buying, not just selling. This guy probably won't sell his Taurus Curve on Facebook, and he could probably get his price for the gun on GunsAmerica in a matter of hours locally.

But as a buyer, the nice thing is that the newer listings will be shown first, by date. You will be able to search local for what you are looking for, but also enjoy checking the website for deals you can snag first.

## **What About the Lost Fees?**

Don't worry, there is no "catch." GunsAmerica has always taken the position that 99% of guns should be sold locally. I gave a speech about this at the 2009 Shot Show, just to give you an idea of how long "free local" has been on the table. GunsAmerica has always been primarily a dealer services website. You may not realize this, but there are a large number of local dealer websites running right now on the GunsAmerica automation system. We have a system similar to Wix and many other website automation tools, but ours if of course made for gun dealers.

Our industry advertisers also should be thanked in pulling this new system off. And in part, we also need to thank you for clicking on those ads. There is no way we could afford to do this without the success of our advertising campaigns for industry partners. The firearm industry is a very small family, and we are all in this together.

Part of this new system, you'll notice, is also a completely new shopping cart purchase system. Gone are the old "Offer to Buy" messages, that stretched all the way back to 1997, before Amazon, and when GunsAmerica was the only automated site online to buy and sell guns. These days people are used to "Buy It Now" and shopping carts, so it is time to move on from the way we used to have to treat internet sales before everyone bought stuff on the internet.

As I said, you'll be getting a dedicated email on this before we launch the new system, and the dealers will be getting a special email as well.

And thanks as always for being part of GunsAmerica. -ph@ga

[https://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/trump-second-amendment-trust/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=20160226\\_FridayDigest\\_18&utm\\_campaign=/blog/trump-second-amendment-trust/](https://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/trump-second-amendment-trust/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=20160226_FridayDigest_18&utm_campaign=/blog/trump-second-amendment-trust/)

## Do You Trust Trump with Your 2A Rights?

by S.H. BLANNELBERRY on FEBRUARY 24, 2016



Trump, do you trust him? (Photo: Slate.com)

This article boils down to one simple question, do you trust Donald Trump with your Second Amendment rights?

Before I answer that question, let me just say that I like Trump. The real estate billionaire is a wild card, and his “insurgency” (as the talking heads are calling it) within the GOP has really made this political season fun to watch. Trump has everyone on their toes, and for good reason. Not only is he leading in the [polls](#) but his refusal to toe the politically-correct line in the debates and in conversations with the media may be a testament to his commitment to buck establishment trends and shake up Washington. Many of us believe that the country is headed down a wayward path, that the federal government is broken. Trump just may be the transformative figure we need to, well, as he likes to say, “Make America Great Again!”

But I’d be doing you a disservice if I didn’t acknowledge that Trump has some serious warts on his record. To start with the obvious, he’s donated to every politician under the sun, including cutting a

\$250,000 check to the [despicable Bill-ary \(Clinton\) Foundation](#). Now, Trump side-steps this criticism by saying that his past donations were a function of his business agenda — not a function of his personal politics. He donated to numerous (pro-gun control) politicians so that they would owe him favors in the future.

“I gave to many people before this,” Trump said at the GOP presidential debate in Cleveland. “When they call, I give. And you know what, when I need something from them two years later, three years later, I call them. They are there for me.”

For a mover and shaker and a deal-maker like Trump, it makes sense that he would try to get as many politicians in his back pocket as he possibly could. When everyone owes Trump a favor, he can pretty much do what he wants to do and, subsequently, the expansion of his business empire will go virtually unchecked. But there is a real cost to doing business this way. That is, by empowering people like the Clintons via donations, Trump has contributed to the demise of this country. That is correct. When one gives money to candidates committed to squashing our Constitutional rights and individual liberties then that person bears responsibility for the policies those candidates enact. If you donated to Bill Clinton, if you voted for Bill Clinton, then you are — in part — responsible for the anti-gun measures Bill enacted, which brings me to wart number two.

Trump used to support banning black rifles. Back in 2000, in his book “The America We Deserve,” the Don wrote, “I generally oppose gun control, but I support the ban on assault weapons and I support a slightly longer waiting period to purchase a gun. With today’s Internet technology we should be able to tell within 72-hours if a potential gun owner has a record.”

To be fair, it helps placing this quote in a historical context. At that time, the Clinton-era Assault Weapons Ban was the law of the land. It wouldn’t expire until 2004. Crime rates were dropping and gun-control proponents were quick to point to the ban as a causal factor. However, [research](#) would later show that the Clinton-era AWB had no statistically significant effect on crime reduction. Even after the ban expired, crime continued to drop leaving any sensible person to conclude that banning modern sporting rifles was a feel-good proposal that did nothing to reduce crime, but instead, only limited the rights of the law-abiding by restricting their access to an optimal tool for home defense: AR/AK-platform rifles.

As far as the longer waiting periods, the FBI's NICS system was launched in Nov. of 1998. It was about a year and half old when Trump made that statement. It's come a long way since its inception and has really done a pretty good job of instantly determining whether a prospective buyer is a prohibited person.

## **SEE ALSO: [HOW THEY ARE TAKING OUR GUNS: THE BLUEPRINT FOR CONFISCATION](#)**

All this to say that Trump's position on firearms back in 2000 was probably more mainstream than anything else. I'm sure he wasn't the only gun owner (Because of his power and influence he was able to obtain a concealed carry permit in NYC), circa 2000, that wanted longer waiting periods and thought the AWB was a good idea. However, he still has a record of supporting black rifle bans. The gun-rights purist in me cannot overlook that. I know that as Churchill said, "change is the price of survival," and like I alluded to, Trump's evolution on this issue [mirrors a larger shift in public sentiment toward black rifles](#), but still, he supported banning firearms which is — regardless of the historical context — contrary to the intent of the Second Amendment.

Is it an unforgivable sin to evolve on this issue? No. And for the record, Trump couldn't be any clearer in his support for the 2A now that he is a presidential contender.

"The Second Amendment to our Constitution is clear," says Trump's [official statement on the Second Amendment](#). "The right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed upon. Period."

As it relates specifically to prohibitions, Trump states, "Gun and magazine bans are a total failure. That's been proven every time it's been tried. Opponents of gun rights try to come up with scary sounding phrases like 'assault weapons', 'military-style weapons' and 'high capacity magazines' to confuse people. What they're really talking about are popular semi-automatic rifles and standard magazines that are owned by tens of millions of Americans. Law-abiding people should be allowed to own the firearm of their choice. The government has no business dictating what types of firearms good, honest people are allowed to own."

But yet, and to circle back to the initial question, I'm not sure I trust Trump to do right by gun owners. He's just not a gun guy. While I don't think he'll sell us down the river, [like Obama clearly did](#) in his second term, I'm also not sure he wouldn't, in an attempt to make a deal, concede

something to the anti-gun lobby. So, yes, call me gun-shy on Trump. In my book, he's fidelity to his business empire has given him a schizophrenic track record on the issues, so I guess as a presidential candidate I see him more as a self-interested pragmatist than a principled reformer. Is Trump going to really look out for the American people? Or is he going to continue to do what he's always done, build up the Trump empire.

I don't have an answer to those questions. And I'm not saying I won't vote for the guy. I just really need to think things through. And here is where I need your input. What are your thoughts? Do you support Trump? Do you trust him with your 2A rights?

From Member Danny Goad:

From the [SOGForum.com](http://SOGForum.com):

I was digging around online today, and came across some photos that I found interesting. I figured I'd share.



The M1 Carbine was adopted in October 1941, and was first issued in mid-1942 to units in the European Theater. The first combat users of the M1 Carbine were some of the men participating in Operation Torch, the Allied invasion of North Africa in November 1942. Included in that group were the men of the 509th Parachute Infantry Regiment, who would become the first US paratroopers to perform a combat jump when they were dropped to seize two Algerian airfields on November 8th, 1942.

I found some photos taken in England during fall 1942, just prior to Torch, in which members of the 2nd Battalion, 509th PIR are showing off their equipment for visiting dignitaries, including Eleanor Roosevelt. What's especially interesting is the M1 Carbine shown being carried by the 2-509th's commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Edson D. Raff.





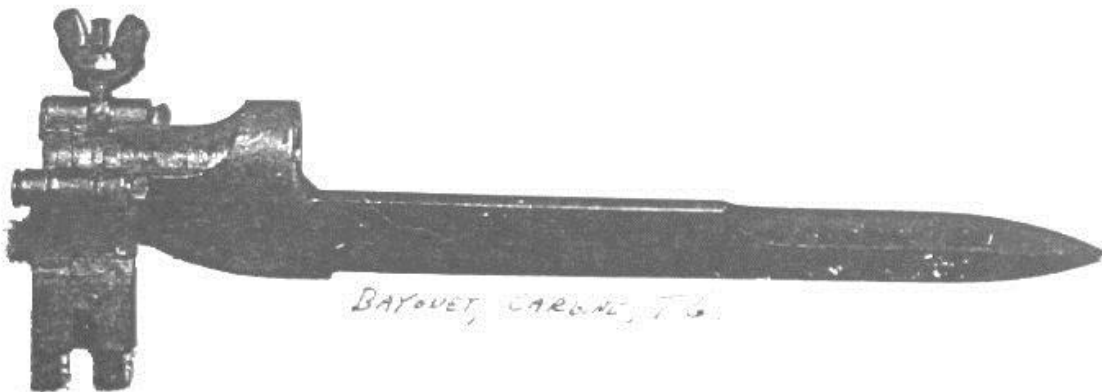
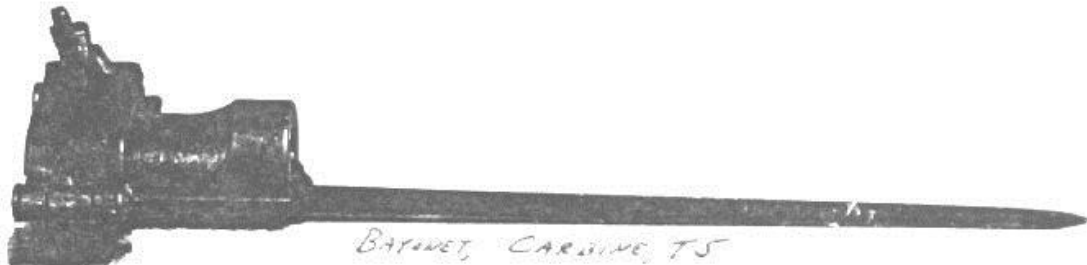
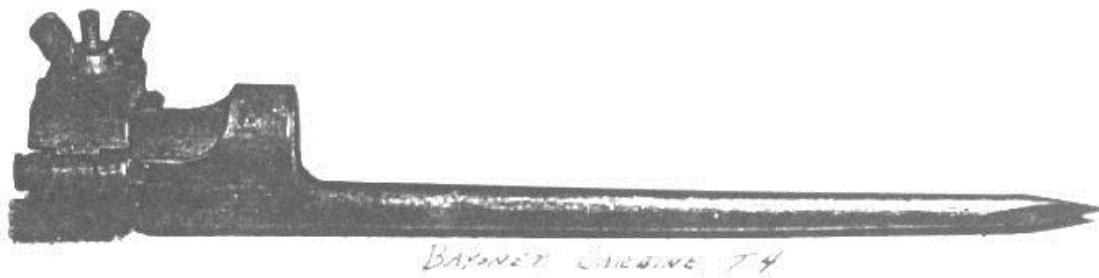


The M1 Carbine originally had no provisions for a bayonet. Raff apparently found that to be unacceptable, and had a local English machine shop custom-make a handful of spike bayonets and barrel fittings for his personal M1 Carbine and a few of those carried by his subordinates. Reports are that less than 6 total custom spike bayonets were produced.



Above is another photo of Raff with his custom bayonet peeking over his shoulder, while being decorated with the French Legion of Merit following the Operation Torch invasion, during which he and the other members of the 2-509th performed two combat jumps, one on November 8th and another on November 15th. Colonel Raff would go on to command the 82nd Airborne's 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment in Normandy. After Normandy, the 507th PIR was reassigned to the 17th Airborne Division, and Raff again led them on a combat jump into Germany known as Operation Varsity, which was the final US combat drop in the ETO. Thus, Raff took part in both the first and the last US combat drops in the ETO, and earned both a Silver Star and Bronze Star during WW2. After WW2, Raff commanded the 77th Special Forces Group (later renamed the 7th SFG), one of the earliest Green Beret units.

These custom bayonets produced for Raff prior to the Torch jump represent the first bayonet produced for the M1 Carbine. The US military didn't begin designing and testing an official M1 Carbine bayonet until October 1943, one year later. Like Raff's prototype, the first official prototypes tested were also spike bayonets, although these were shorter and bolted around the front sight.



While these were found to be adequate as bayonets, they had no other utility as a standalone knife. So these spike designs were abandoned in favor of modifying the existing M3 Trench Knife into what would become the M4 Bayonet, which required fitting the M1 Carbine with an updated barrel band with integral bayonet lug. The M4 bayonet was adopted in May 1944, but only saw limited WW2 combat use at the very end of the war in 1945, during the late PTO fighting on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.



<http://www.guns.com/2016/03/09/cabinet-of-rifles-hidden-for-100-years-pops-up-in-northern-ireland-4-photos/>

## Cabinet of rifles hidden for 100 years pops up in Northern Ireland (4 PHOTOS)

3/09/16 | by [Chris Eger](#)



“We were worried at first, as it is not every day that you open a cupboard and you see rifles and ammunition staring back at you,” said Ronnie McDowell. (Photo: [Belfast Newsletter](#))

Ten antique Steyr Mannlicher M1895 rifles believed to have been smuggled into the country from Germany in 1914 were recently discovered in a cupboard.

While the catholic IRA gets all the attention in the news, these guns were part of a shipment of some 25,000 rifles bought in Europe just before the beginning of World War I by the “Red Hand” protestant Orangemen to equip the Ulster Volunteer Force, a group who was the arch nemesis of the IRA and aimed to keep Ireland part of the UK by bullet and bomb if needed.



The guns were marked with the traditional “Red Hand” of the Ulster Volunteers

The guns came from Germany on the freighter *SS Clyde Valley* as part of what is known as the **Larne gun-running scheme** that included purchases of 11,000 new Mannlicher rifles from Austria; 9,000 surplus German army Mausers; 4,600 Italian Vetterli-Vitali rifles (which were antiques even then); and 5 million rounds of ammunition.

Stashed since 1914, the 10 Steyrs were found in a dusty cupboard at the Orange Order Hall in Belfast, Northern Ireland back in December, but shown off for the first time this month.



Can you say CLP and a good cleaning rod?

“We opened one of the cupboards expecting to find minute books and banners inside,” Order member Ronnie McDowell told the **BBC**. “We were worried at first, as it is not every day that you open a cupboard and you see rifles and ammunition staring back at you.”

An Orange Order spokesman told the ***Belfast Telegraph***, ““The weapons were found in a part of the hall that was rarely used and they were clearly not meant to be found.”



Police briefly impounded the guns, but returned them to the Order after it was verified they were pre-WWI antiques, which are legal to own in the UK.

The Orange Order will display them in their museum.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/family-semantha-bunce-north-carolina-mom-fired-back-to-protect-infant-in-home-invasion-shootout/>

By Crimesider Staff CBS/AP November 9, 2015, 6:07 PM

## Family: Mom fired back to protect baby in home invasion



**CHARLOTTE, N.C.** -- Police have charged a man with attempted murder after an alleged shootout with an Army National Guard combat medic in the stairwell of her Charlotte, North Carolina home.

The medic's husband says 21-year-old Samantha Bunce was feeding her baby just before 10 a.m. Tuesday when intruders knocked on the front door, rang the doorbell and kicked in the door. Paul Bunce says his wife grabbed her gun and exchanged gunfire with them before they fled.

Samantha Bunce was shot several times and is recovering in a hospital. The baby wasn't injured.

The woman's father-in-law, Paul Bunce Jr., [told CBS affiliate WBTV](#) she was forced to defend her family.

"I think it was a shock to the intruders just as it was to her," Bunce said. "Samantha is not out of the woods yet. Everybody is concerned about her."

Neighbors told the station Bunce's husband was at work and her other child, a toddler, was at school when the shooting happened.

Bunce's husband told the station his wife is a fighter.

Local media outlets report that 23-year-old Reco Latur Dawkins Jr. is charged with attempted murder, felony breaking and entering, and conspiracy. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police say he turned himself in Sunday morning.

Hollie Ritchie, a family friend who served with Bunce in the National Guard, told WBTV that Bunce is receiving visitors, eating, talking and walking.

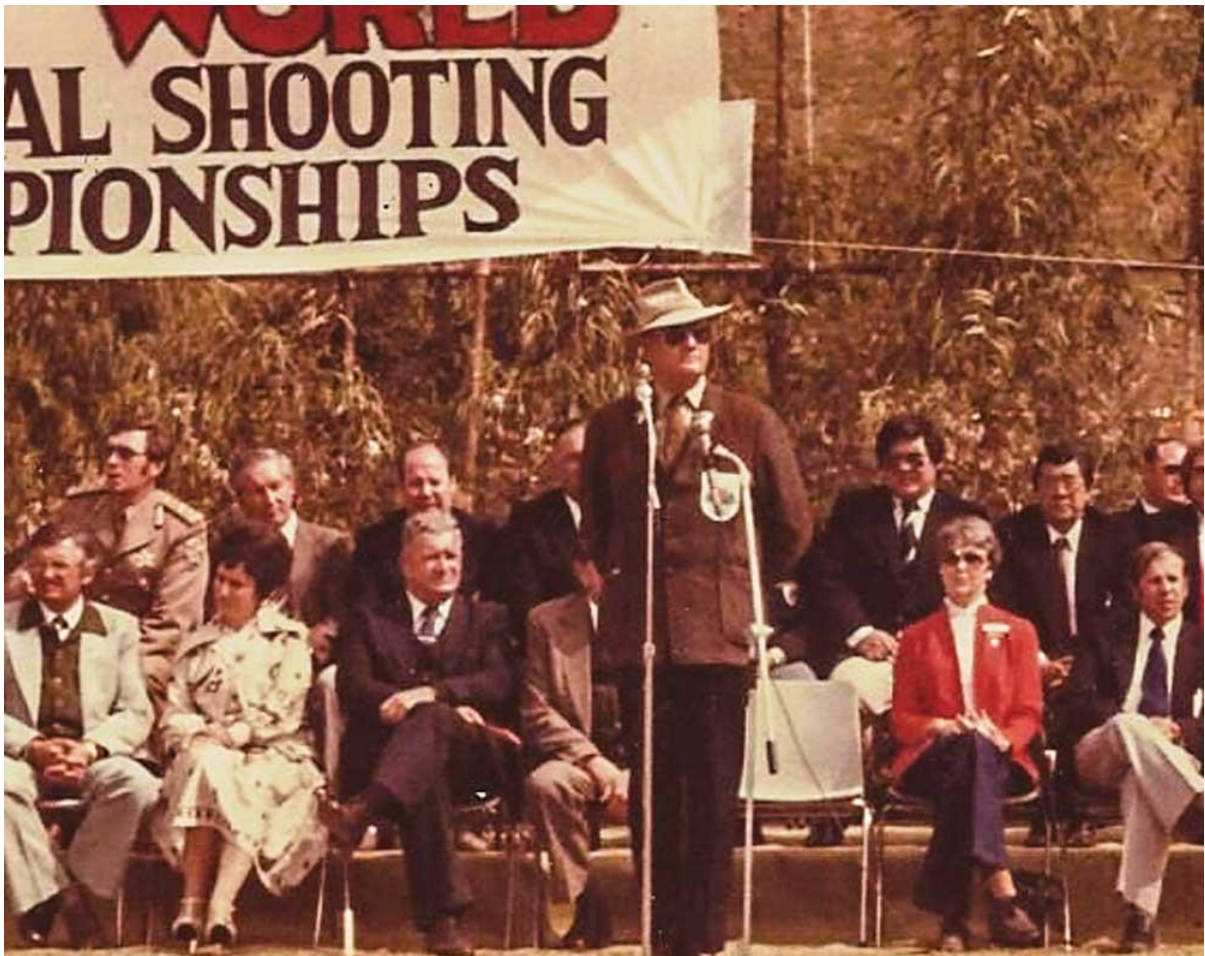
Dawkins is being held in jail.

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## Jeff Cooper — The Founding Father of Firearms Martial Arts

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Cooper speaking at the 1979 World Practical Pistol Shooting Championships (IPSC) in South Africa.

**Although you may have never considered it, the use of the defensive handgun is a martial art. Martial arts are the codified systems and traditions of combat practices. The term is derived from Latin and means “arts of Mars,” the Roman god of war. The handgun evolved into a true fighting tool about the time of the American Civil War, but it would be**

another hundred years before anyone truly elevated its application to true martial art status. That man was Jeff Cooper.

Jeff Cooper was a Stanford graduate and a Marine Corps officer who served in WWII and in the Korean War. Between 1957 and 1976, Cooper began writing for Guns & Ammo magazine and started handgun competitions at Big Bear Lake in California. An intellectual and studious man, Cooper began to study the methods of shooting a handgun. He eventually codified its combat application in what is known as the Modern Technique of the Pistol.

Cooper's observations were very pragmatic and at the time revolutionary. He was soon invited to teach his techniques all over the world. It started in Guatemala for the bodyguards of the newly elected president and continued in El Salvador, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, South Africa and Rhodesia. Cooper became the professor of the art of weaponry, and his contributions are many.



Jeff Cooper passing out graduation certificates at Gunsite Academy, the firearms training center he founded.

His book, "The Principles of Personal Defense," was the forerunner to the Cooper Color Code, a system that has become the standard for teaching mental conditioning as it relates to individual combat. He established the four basic rules of firearm safety, which are taught worldwide. And, he coined the acronym DVC. In Latin, this stands for *diligentia, vis, celeritas*. Translated it means, accuracy, power and speed—a triangular relationship that must be balanced by every pistol shooter.

This triangular concept was the foundation of the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC), which was established in 1976. Cooper was

the first president of IPSC, and it became the governing body of practical pistol competition all over the world. IPSC was also the forerunner and guiding light for all of the modern, dynamic combat-type shooting competitions like IDPA and 3 Gun. Without Cooper, it's questionable if any of these would exist.

But Cooper did not stop there. In 1976, he also established the American Pistol Institute (API) at what he called his Gunsite Ranch in Paulden Arizona. Instituted to allow students to travel to Cooper as opposed to him traveling to them, API was created on the principle of another Cooper triangle: the Combat Triad. The Combat Triad is the equilibrium of mindset, gun handling and marksmanship needed to employ a handgun effectively in a defensive situation.

You might say that Cooper was the prophet of shooting, a sensei of the martial art of firearm combatives, the guru of guns. A very important element of all Cooper's work related to firearms training was that his school was intended to educate the citizen. Sure, soldiers, sailors and police officers were welcome to attend, but Cooper strongly believed that, as Robert Heinlein put it, "An armed society is a polite society."

Cooper continued to live on the ranch at API, which became Gunsite, until his death in 2006. His contributions to the application of the firearm are legion and were brought about by observing, learning, experimenting and then codifying what worked. Every year, Gunsite Academy continues to expose thousands of students of good character to the Cooper doctrine. Those interested in perfecting the martial art of the pistol should attend what many consider to be the preeminent introductory course to the defensive handgun: the Gunsite Academy 250 Pistol Class.

The 250 Pistol Class is designed to take a student who's never fired a handgun and prepare them to defend themselves with it while engaged in a violent encounter. Students are grounded in Cooper's Modern Technique of the Pistol, which is based on the Weaver stance, proper handgun presentation, the flash sight picture and the compressed surprised break, all with a heavy-duty pistol. They will also be conditioned to the elements of the Combat Triad and DVC.

This is a five-day course during which you will fire in excess of 1,000 rounds from your handgun. You will learn how to shoot a pistol. You will learn if your pistol works. You will learn to perform under stress, how to manipulate your pistol, how to move with a pistol, how to utilize cover and concealment, how to shoot in low light and how to use a flashlight. And, how you think about defensive handguns and street survival will change.

When you walk through the Gunsite gate, leaving as a graduate of the 250 Pistol class, you will have a renewed peace of mind. You will be stronger, more alert and conditioned to respond instantly to any threat. You will

**believe you can prevail in any encounter, and you will have the skills to do so.**



Ladies-only courses are becoming popular at Jeff Cooper's Gunsite Academy. As more women become interested in personal protection, they are wisely seeking training.

**You can read all of the books you like, watch all the DVDs and YouTube videos you want and even attend other handgun training courses. You'll learn something, but will it be the something that saves your life?**

I've often said, "The farther you get from Gunsite, the less faith you can have in your training." This is not meant to defame or degrade other schools; there are lots of talented instructors out there, and many worked under Cooper or trained at Gunsite. What I mean by this statement is that if you want to get the message, the unpolluted sermon, the time proven truth, go to the source. Cooper's Gunsite Academy is the oldest civilian firearms training school in the world. They've been at it for 40 years. You don't do that by doing something wrong.

Now you know who Cooper was, but to really appreciate his contributions and to understand their importance, you must make the trek to Gunsite Academy. The staff there still teaches as though Cooper is watching over their shoulders, and the message is clearly Cooper.

**Jeff Cooper was the founding father of the martial art of the firearm.**

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## Everyday Carry Means Everyday Awareness

By [Dave Dolbee](#) published on February 2, 2016 in [Safety and Training](#)

The new year is upon us, and it's time to steer people into enlightenment and out of the old ways. While fate looks after some who do not wish to be bored with the facts, the facts are not in your favor if you don't consider your everyday carry (EDC) gear and learn to use it well. Gear should be chosen after more than a 15-minute investigation.



If you carry a snubnose .38 in the pocket as EDC, perhaps you should practice firing through the jacket sometimes. Get a beater jacket from Goodwill, and spare the North Face garments.

I am certain some of you are fearless young pagans who wish to see what happens when you pull a tiger's tail, while the rest of us find comfort in arriving home, starting a fire in the hearth and relaxing in comfort. It takes mental stimulation to enjoy life. After some of the incidents I've survived, I find comfort in what I have learned and am able to teach.

While such incidents may do more than lower the golf handicap, I do not jerk and gasp when someone slams the door too hard—but I have not forgotten. There are incidents that come upon you in the night and keep you company until the morning. They are best avoided. So, let's pull ourselves together, confer rationally and find a skein of thought.

What do you carry every day? What should you carry? Everyday carry means you carry it at the least on a consistent basis. Our needs and world view affect the EDC gear. Our capabilities are not measured by what we carry, but in a real sense the limits of our capabilities are found in the EDC gear. Every day we deal with the mundane. The extraordinary should not be left to deal with us. We should be prepared. We have to consider the available space.

Most of us have about a yard of belt space, some less, some more. We have to use this space wisely with a proper allotment and balance. A good [gun belt](#) is essential. This is the primary load-carrying device and not the place for false economy. Next, we have the pockets. All gear should be chosen on a basis of quality and reliability, though a light weight is also important. Just do not lose your life for a few ounces of comfort.



How does your EDC gear stack up every day, say, at the grocery store? Go to the range, and find out.

Some vote for versatility, others as much specialization as possible. The [knife](#), as an example, should be dedicated for personal defense and need not be a [multitool](#). For some, a multitool is essential for their daily walk. There is no single solution for everyone, but there are tools and weapons that most of us will be able to use well. There is a balance between weight, effectiveness, and expense. We are dealing with the meanness and sordidness of life and the

former or future denizens of the 51<sup>st</sup> state (the U.S. prison system). Let's look hard in order to improve our situation.

## **Do Not Carry Situationally**

The bad guys, in my experience, carry situationally. Very few carry a gun every day and every time they leave their home. They do, however, put a handgun in the belt—usually behind the belt buckle without a holster—just before they commit a mugging, robbery or assault. The rub is that we cannot see it coming and must be armed at all times. This doesn't mean only packing the iron when traveling, going to the corner *stop-and-rob* or when out late at night. This means carrying the handgun at all times every day, not just when the idea strikes us. Only then will you be prepared to face an assault.



The [Galco Double Time](#) is a great dual-purpose holster. Note the flashlight in the pocket.

What do you carry every day? Your wallet, keys, cash, credit card, perhaps eyeglasses, and a handkerchief most likely. What if you left your wallet at home? How would your day go? Not well, probably. You might miss lunch for want of cash or not be able to badge in to work. A license check would be bad news. Have you ever wished you had brought less gear with you during the day or on a trip? Probably not. A plan and commitment are vital. Start planning today, and make EDC gear second nature.

I recommend researching the daily routine and likely scenario and carrying everything you need and nothing you don't. As an example, a spare [magazine](#) or [speedloader](#) is important. Two spare magazines, probably less so. If I felt the need to carry two spare magazines for a [Smith &](#)

[Wesson Shield](#) 9mm, as an example, I would probably think I need a Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm compact with a higher magazine capacity than the Shield. (I subscribe to making the rounds in the gun count. The fight will probably be over in the first three shots, and you either got your man or he got you.)

While probabilities of certain problems are low, possibilities are limitless. EDC must become part of the daily routine and the gear and its deployment second nature. You will practice accessing the gear and the items you deploy most often will have the strongest muscle memory for rapid acquirement. You will reach for your wallet many times during the day, and it is thus second nature. The handgun and holster combination must be learned by practice, as you will not be drawing it as a matter of course during the week. Keys, cell phone and other gear also have a high likelihood of strong muscle memory. Consider the circumstance of the typical day, and do not arrange your EDC gear in such a way that it will interfere with your emergency gear.



Typical essential gear includes a ring of keys, a truck key, a good knife and a dog whistle. Do not leave it loose in the pocket.

EDC gear may vary from time to time. Whether you are in an urban or rural environment, traveling or seated most of the day must be considered. Evaluate your needs and make the EDC as simple as possible. As an example, a ring of keys is simpler than a number of loose keys, and if your job demands it, a ring of keys on the belt makes sense. While repeatability is important, the climate introduces variations. Your covering garments affect your EDC carry, at least the mode of carry. Do you leave your gear in the vehicle at times? Is the EDC handgun too valuable to lose? (All are too valuable to lose, but a [Glock](#) is more easily replaced than a custom-grade handgun or Grandfather's Detective Special.) Some tools are an acquired taste, and others are easily used by the majority of trained people.

## Every Day Carry

1. **Wallet** – This should not be too big, bulky or overstuffed. It should be carried on the opposite side of the gun hand.
2. **Cell phone** – This should be kept most accessible; the front of the belt is good. It is essential for emergency communication.
3. **Light** – A good, small light is indispensable.
4. **Cash** – Credit cards are not useful in an emergency such as a power failure. Cash is a must.
5. **Emergency medicine** – If you a condition that requires medication, never leave home without your prescriptions (at least a two-day supply).
6. **A good knife** – The [CRKT BT 70](#) and Steel Will Onrush are at the top of the list, though others will suffice.
7. A suitable handgun and holster.
8. **Keys** – Keys to your home and vehicle. Spares are well worth their weight if secreted on the person.

There are other items. Some will add some form of [pepper spray](#). I prefer the knife, from hard experience. Non-dedicated attackers can be dissuaded by gas.

The handgun is often a compromise of weight, caliber, and size. Quality should never be compromised. The Glock 19 is a baseline and a very good one. The Glock is affordable. You can spend more—a lot more—but the Glock is reliable. You can spend less and get a lot less handgun. The Glock is useful by a trained shooter. The 9mm cartridge is the baseline for defense use. The Glock 19 9mm, in the opinion of many, is the baseline for comparison. Compare your EDC carry with this piece, and make an honest appraisal.

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest. –Benjamin Franklin

This isn't a complete directory of EDC gear, but it's a beginning. Study your individual needs and situation, and go from there. You may need more or less than I have enumerated. Consider the weight/benefit trade-off. Also, wear the gear in a realistic scenario, bending and walking and performing daily chores. The arrangement must be reasonably comfortable and the balance of speed and access understood.

## Postscript

At present, there are legislators making up bills as pretty as can be with bolstered embroidery on beautiful paper with the desire to deprive us of our liberty. I am one of those who already feel overprotected against myself. If you wish to keep carrying and owning handguns, support the NRA and vote. At present, we seem to have two parties, the democrats and the Americans. Choose accordingly.

**What do you carry as your EDC? Share your thoughts and opinions as to the EDC items we should all have in the comment section.**



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## H-S Precision PLR Rifle Review

By: **Eric Conn** | February 18, 2016

Topped with Swarovski's X5 scope and launching 140-grain Nosler AccuBond bullets in 6.5-284, the H-S PLR is a long-range machine.

It took a bit of last-minute heroics and a single shot from the H-S Precision PLR to seal the deal on an unforgettable elk season.



“Oh my God, dude, you almost got him! You’re so close! Come up five clicks and right four more!” Adrenaline surged through my veins as Josh Cluff, the nearly-always-animated director of sales and marketing at H-S Precision rifles, called adjustments from behind the spotting scope as we honed in on a prairie dog some 800 yards distant on the South Dakota prairie. The wind rose and fell like the tide as I cranked the windage and elevation adjustments into Swarovski’s new X5 5-25×56 long-range scope.

The summer sun baking and the chiggers biting, I took a steadying breath, put the crosshairs on that tiny black spec of a prairie dog, applied pressure to the trigger and felt the concussion of that H-S rifle chambered in 6.5 Creedmoor. Hornady’s V-MAX bullet sent the dog into the customary triple back flip with a full twist, while Josh erupted in a raucous dance around our encampment of shooting benches and Suburbans, high-fiving and shouting as he went. It’s not every day you nail a prairie dog at 803 yards.

A shot like that is probably out of the question with a middle-of-the-road rifle and low power scope, but for an H-S built VAR chambered in 6.5 Creedmoor and topped with Swarovski’s uber-impressive X5 long-range scope, it was a semi-regular occurrence that made the typical 400-yard shot seem like child’s play.

While H-S builds custom-style rifles off a number of platforms, the VAR features a heavy fluted barrel that dissipates heat, provides additional stability and reduces muzzle jump for consistent follow-up shots. The barrel features H-S Precision’s signature 10X cut rifling, which makes for some of the most accurate, reliable barrels in the industry. According to Josh, each barrel takes about an hour and a half to produce, something the company proudly does in house. In fact, every part on the Pro-Series 2000 rifle is made by H-S, including actions, triggers (2.5-5 pounds, adjustable) and stocks. Even the parts used to make rifle parts are made by H-S; that’s how dedicated the company is to quality production.

As a result of its ability to manufacture top quality barrels, H-S is also a leading supplier of ballistic test barrels worldwide, including applications for the U.S. Marine Corps and major manufacturers like Remington and C.Z. U.S.A. The company has also forged a reputation for producing excellent synthetic stocks for hunting and tactical applications. While it produces about 600 custom rifles a year, H-S makes roughly 30,000 stocks—a testament to the quality behind its design. Each rifle is tested for accuracy at 100 yards in H-S Precision's world-class underground range and guaranteed to shoot ½-inch groups at that distance.

## Optical Superiority



The H-S PLR comes with a detachable box mag.

The other equally important part of the equation is Swarovski's new X5 scope (also available in an illuminated version). The scope I used in South Dakota was the 5-25x56mm with ¼ MOA adjustments and Swaro's 4WX reticle (windage and elevation hash marks). The X5 comes with four different reticle options, and for a fall elk hunt in Colorado I went with the 4W because it utilizes thin, sharp crosshairs that don't obstruct the target and a simple hunting-style reticle with windage hash marks along the horizontal axis. As always, Swaro's Austrian glass is among the very best in the world: unmatched clarity, superb light transmission in low-light settings, crisp reticles and superior engineering. The main problem with Swarovski? It's hard to use anything else after experiencing that kind of optical superiority.

The 4W reticle allows the shooter to adjust for elevation utilizing the Ballistic Turret (BT) and compensate for windage either with the BT or more rapidly via the reticle. The elevation turret allows for 20 MOA per full turn, with a maximum of four turns (80 MOA adjustment overall). For windage, the turret rotates 2.5 full turns, 20 MOA per turn and 50 MOA total.

To simplify the process for calculating MOA adjustments, Swarovski has a customizable online Ballistic Program and an app in the App Store that works with iPhone and iPad. While the online program has already been updated for the X5, the new iPhone app should see an upgrade by the end of 2015 that includes ballistic data for the new scope.

Once you've entered your scope configuration, ammunition and atmospheric conditions, the app produces a chart with proper MOA adjustments at different ranges based on your zero. Superior glass on a superior rifle, along with a proven long-range cartridge—those Dakota prairie dogs didn't stand a chance.

## Switching Gears



Sub 1-inch groups at 100 yards, not too shabby.

After an impressive showing with prairie dogs, I decided to put an H-S Precision PLR and X5 scope up against an animal on the opposite end of the body-size spectrum: I'd be hunting for a bull elk during first rifle season in Colorado with a PLR chambered in 6.5-284 Norma. A one-time wildcat turned Norma-standardized cartridge, the 6.5-284 is a favorite among long-range shooters and is capable of pushing a 140-grain Nosler AccuBond bullet at 2,750 feet per second (fps) from the muzzle.

At 300 yards, the 140-grain projectile drops roughly 7½ inches and holds about 1,560 ft.-lbs. of energy. By way of contrast, the venerable .270 Winchester in 140-grain AccuBond leaves the muzzle at 2,950 fps with 2,700 ft.-lbs. of energy, retaining 2,162 fps at 450 yards and 1,453 ft.-lbs. of energy. By 400 yards, the Nosler factory-loaded, 140-grain AccuBond has dropped to 2,082 fps and 1,347 ft.-lbs. of energy. With handloads, the 6.5-284 becomes roughly equivalent to the .270 Win. in terms of ballistic performance.

One of the most heated firearms-related discussions you'll probably ever have is about what qualifies as a viable elk cartridge. Interestingly enough, the elk capital of the world—the State of Colorado—lists in its big game guide the minimum requirements for centerfire rifles on elk as: 6mm (or .24 caliber); a 16-inch barrel; expanding bullets no smaller than 85 grains; and at least 1,000 ft.-lbs. of energy at 100 yards. Those are some pretty anemic numbers, for sure, but it does put the conversation in perspective. While you probably can kill an elk with a cartridge like that, it doesn't mean it's a great idea. It does mean, however, that the 6.5-284 is more than capable of putting down an elk at reasonable ranges, especially when a quality bullet like Nosler's AccuBond is used.

When considering the performance of the 6.5-284, I decided before I'd set foot in the woods that 300 yards and closer was ethically viable for me—with a good rest and the animal facing broadside—and that 350 yards would be pushing it. The drop in performance with the 140-grain bullet between 300 and 400 yards is significant enough—dropping roughly 22 inches over those 100 yards and losing about 200 ft.-lbs. of energy—that I opted to stay within the bounds of my own personal maximum effective range. If I saw anything past 350 yards, I'd utilize calls and get closer.

## **Last-Minute Heroics**



Nosler's 140-grain AccuBond bullet is an elk stopper.

I spent four days of the five-day season in the wilderness chasing elk with my dad and brother, without any success. We shifted locations for the final two days of the hunt and picked up the expertise of my friend, Toby, a modern day elk whisperer. We spotted several bulls at over 1,200 yards from a ridgeline with Swarovski's 30-70x95mm ATX spotting scope and strategized with Toby about how to get in position for the last day of the hunt. As Toby, who's looked through his fair share of glass as a guide and obsessive hunter, put it, "This scope is ridiculous. To say it's good is the understatement of the century. I feel like it's ruined me."

We spent the entire day in the field, and about an hour before last shooting light we located the herd and a big 6x6 bull bugling at least 1,000 yards off. I grabbed my rifle, began cutting through the suffocating oak brush, and found a clear cut around a fence line running along the mountainside. My brother and I ran flat out, packs and rifles in tow, until we'd reached what we thought was the vicinity of the bugling.

"Stop!" my brother whispered frantically. "There's a bull staring right at us!" About 200 yards behind us a bull stood frozen as daylight began to fail. We'd overrun our mark and stumbled right into the midst of the herd. The bull spooked, but reacting quickly, my brother blew his cow call and stopped that bull and three others—two spikes and a 2x2—at least for the moment giving us another chance. We'd made it to the "X" within the last 15 minutes of the season, and I could hardly believe it.

I worked to a seated position just around the corner of some oak brush and located the 5x5, which was almost directly facing me. I realized it was now or never, and while it wasn't the ideal shot, it was acceptable given the distance. I touched off a round and watched as the bull crumbled to the ground.



I sat for a moment, the pulse pounding in my temple so hard I thought the sound was coming from something outside of me, trying to fathom the weight of the moment. It was the equivalent of a last-second Hail Mary, a shot and a prayer that connected for a game-winning moment we would remember forever. By the end of the day,

which came in the early hours of the next morning after we'd packed just part of that sucker out, I'd walked over 25 miles, every one of which was earned.

Later, when I was butchering the meat around the hindquarter, I found the AccuBond bullet. Most impressively, the jacket and lead core were still intact and the bullet, now weighing 90 grains, had kept about 65 percent of its mass. The shot had struck the bull just to the inside of its right shoulder—almost center chest—had passed through the vitals and ended up in its rump. That's a lot of penetration from a quality bullet that held together for the entire ride.

Yet another DIY, public-land elk season confirmed what I've always found to be true in all my years of hunting: There's no easy bull. There are, however, custom rifles, world-class optics and unbreakable bullets that make the job a whole heck of a lot easier.

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## Review: Gemtech GM-22 .22LR Suppressor

by TOM MCHALE on FEBRUARY 20, 2016



The exceptionally light GM-22 on a Smith & Wesson M&P 22 Compact

The first thing you notice about the [Gemtech GM-22](#) is its amazingly light weight. While the GM-22 is approximately the same size as other .22 rimfire suppressors on the market, the all aluminum construction shaves a lot of weight from the package.

I recently got my hands on one to check out thanks to our friends at [Silencer Shop](#). Let's take a closer look.

The GM-22 is a two-piece suppressor – the exterior tube housing and the monolithic baffle stack. As a result, disassembly and reassembly couldn't be simpler – just unscrew the baffle stack from the tube and slide it out. The direct thread mount is part of the baffle stack and uses standard (for most rimfire applications) 1/2×28 tpi threading.



The GM-22 uses a one-piece baffle stack.

The overall length is five-inches, and diameter of the tube is one-inch. The overall weight is just 2.5 ounces, which makes the GM-22 an especially good solution for .22 pistols. The light weight has minimal impact on the overall feel and balance of a handgun. The entire unit is made from 7075 aluminum. The exterior tube is finished with matte black Cerakote, which apparently helps to reduce the infrared heat signature in case you're trying to be all ninja-like.

The GM-22 is rated for .22 LR, .22 WMR, and .17 HMR. It's not certified for the higher pressure .17 WSM cartridge, so be aware of that. For .22 LR, it is good to go for fully automatic operation.

According to Gemtech, this suppressor will lower noise at the muzzle by 36-39 decibels.

## **Shooting the Gemtech GM-22**

I used the Gemtech GM-22 on two different Smith & Wesson guns, an M&P 22 Compact pistol, and an M&P 15-22 Performance Center AR-type rifle.

The M&P 22 Compact comes with a threaded barrel, but since the barrel is completely contained within the slide, you need an adapter that attaches to the internal threads and offers a 1/2x28 tpi mounting segment that extends past the slide. The GM-22 was a perfect addition to this light and compact pistol. The combination was not any larger overall than many target pistols without a suppressor. Function with about a dozen types of .22 LR ammo was perfect. Most of what I shot was the new CCI Suppressor ammo. Of course, it's subsonic, rated at 970 feet per second on the box, but that's for a rifle. From this pistol, with the GM-22 installed, I recorded an average velocity of 835.7 feet per second using a Shooting Chrony Beta Master Chronograph placed 15 feet down range. Probably needless to say, this combination was quiet. One more thing to note about CCI's suppressor line. It's all subsonic by design, but CCI also uses lower flash and cleaner burning powders to help minimize filth buildup in the suppressor.



The GM-22 was a great fit for the Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22 Performance Center. The loudest noise when shooting this CCI Suppressor ammo was the bolt closing.

The other guns I tested was a Smith & Wesson M&P15-22 Performance Center Model. This rifle is a souped up AR-type rifle chambered in .22LR. It comes with a threaded bull barrel, so it was ready to go with the Gemtech GM-22 out of the box. On this rifle, there is a rubber gasket between the

thread protector and the barrel, so be sure to remove that before mounting a silencer. I shot a variety of ammo with this rifle as well, but again, mostly CCI's Suppressor 40-grain. I didn't have my chronograph the day I took this to the range, so I was not able to record average velocity from the rifle. The bullets clearly stayed subsonic, and the loudest noise was the bolt slamming back home after chambering the next round. That was pretty cool.

## A quick comparison to the SilencerCo Sparrow

On one of my range outings with the GM-22, I brought along a SilencerCo Sparrow .22 LR suppressor just to understand the differences. The Sparrow is ever so slightly longer and wider by about .08 inches in each dimension, but from a practical point of view, they're identical in size. The Sparrow is also noticeably heavier, weighing in at 6.5 ounces compared to the 2.5 ounces of the GM-22. That's because the Sparrow is made from stainless steel instead of aluminum. Shooting them side by side, the Sparrow sounded quieter to me from both rifle and pistol hosts.



The SilencerCo Sparrow (top) and Gemtech GM-22 (bottom) are about the same size, although the GM-22 weighs just over 1/3 as much as the Sparrow.

You'll also notice a different approach to design of the guts. Both suppressors use a monolithic (one piece) baffle stack. The big difference is that the Sparrow uses two clamshell inner baffle stack

covers. You snap those into place over the baffle stack, then slide the now fully enclosed baffle stack into the outer tube body. The GM-22 baffle stack slides directly into the suppressor body as is. The two approaches are apples and oranges really as they offer different pros and cons. The GM-22 is much lighter as a result of its simpler design. The Sparrow is heavier, but less likely to have disassembly and cleaning challenges. Let's talk about that next.

## Maintenance Tips

The GM-22 is a one piece baffle stack and mount that slides into the outer shell. It's nice and simple, and easy to clean, provided you pay attention to frequent maintenance. If you leave this type of suppressor on your .22 LR for an extended period, hundreds and hundreds of shots perhaps, lots of gunk will build up inside. Since the gas, lead residue, and carbon goo will coat both the baffle stack and the interior of the body tube, it's possible that the two will become bonded together via the filth that hardens. Combine this with a small surface area to grab onto for disassembly, and you can get yourself into some trouble when trying to pull the baffle stack out for maintenance.



Be sure to take the GM-22 apart and clean frequently so the baffle tube doesn't get stuck inside the body.

Fortunately, this is no big deal. Just keep on top of cleaning and maintenance. At minimum, I would unscrew the baffle stack from the body tube after every range outing just to make sure parts aren't stuck and will still move easily. Every few hundred rounds, take it fully apart and clean the interior.

Last, keep it lubed with a quality lube that's optimized for high temperature. I like FireClean for suppressor interiors, but there are plenty of good options out there.

Is this a bad thing? Not at all. You get a much, much lighter suppressor in return for paying a little more attention to cleaning and maintenance. That's the price of the weight savings. As long as you know that going in, you'll have no trouble.



The muzzle cap is even integrated with the monolithic baffle stack.

## **Closing thoughts**

I liked the GM-22, especially when I mounted it on the Smith & Wesson M&P 22 Compact. That's a small and light pistol that paired well with the ultra-light GM-22. This suppressor didn't turn the M&P 22 Compact into a big heavy gun – it remained compact and easy to handle.

You also have to appreciate the price. With an MSRP of just \$395, it's one of the most affordable rimfire cans on the market. They're [on sale now at Silencer Shop](#) for \$300.

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## Colt's Battle-Proven Workhorse — the M45A1 CQBP

By: **Drew Warden** | February 3, 2016

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The battle-tested M45A1 gets an even more durable and wear-resistant Decobond Brown coating for 2016

### **The battle-tested M45A1 CQBP has received a new coat of armor for 2016.**

The original 1911 and 1911A1 were the workhorses of the battlefield in their extensive service over much of the 20th century. The 1911 served U.S. soldiers in two World Wars and several other major conflicts, and all the while provided reliable stopping power that could be counted on in the time of need.

While the U.S. military largely moved away from the 1911 in the 1980s, many specialized units preferred—and still prefer—the more potent energy and stopping power of the .45 ACP to that of the NATO standard 9mm cartridge. For this reason, several of these special branches of the military have continued to field the 1911 or at least modernized versions of it.

One of these modern 1911s currently in service is [Colt's](#) M45A1, a tan cerakoted and modified version of the company's previous Rail Gun. In 2012, after a rigorous selection process, the United

States Marine Corps (USMC) selected to adopt the M45A1 as one of its pistols under the Close Quarters Battle Pistol (CQBP) designation.

Today, the M45A1 is still in use with the Marine Corps, and it has also become popular on the civilian market. For 2016, Colt is making an improvement to the already stellar handgun: It is swapping out the tan cerakote coating on the M45A1 for an even more durable Decobond Brown coating that will reduce the signs of wear even more.

This new addition is a running change, and will not alter the price of the gun or its features. The same elements that made the M45A1 a great option for the battlefield or the home will continue to be found on the updated version.

The M1913 Mil Spec Picatinny rail will remain, allowing users to customize their handgun with laser sights, flashlights and other accessories for whatever tactical situations they might encounter or for whatever home defense needs they might have.

Likewise, the M45A1 retains its Novak Tritium Front sight and Novak Low Mount Carry three-dot night sights. The G-10 tan checkered grips are the same, and the frame and slide are still manufactured from stainless steel. The trigger remains set between 4.5 and 6 pounds, and the pistol keeps its ambidextrous thumb safety and upswept Beavertail grip safety.

Importantly, the newly upgraded version of the M45A1 pistol still utilizes the excellent Dual Recoil spring system. This system allows for reduced recoil impulse—an important consideration with the .45 ACP—while also extending recoil spring life dramatically. Recoil reduction with the Dual Recoil spring system is noticeable, and it allows shooters to quickly reacquire their sights and target after firing for improved follow-up accuracy, which is where many shooters may fail with larger caliber pistols.

The updated M45A1 CQBP features a 5-inch polished stainless steel barrel for an overall length of 8.5 inches, and its unloaded weight is 40 ounces. This durable, duty-oriented handgun comes with two magazines and is available for \$1,699.

**Colt M45A1 CQBP Specs:**

**Type:** Semi-auto

**Caliber:** .45 ACP

**Barrel:** 5-in., stainless steel, polished

**Overall Length:** 8.5 in.

**Overall Height:** 5.5 in.

**Overall Width:** 1.25 in.

**Slide:** Stainless steel

**Frame:** Stainless steel

**Weight:** 40 oz. (unloaded)

**Trigger:** Solid aluminum, 4.5 to 6 lbs.

**Sights:** Novak tritium front, Novak Low Mount Carry 3-dot night sights

**Finish:** Brown Decobond

**Magazine Capacity:** 7+1

**MSRP:** \$1,699

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## Long-Range Game-Changer: Hornady ELD-X Long Range Bullets

By: L.P. Brezny | February 3, 2016



**The result of extensive testing with ultra-modern Doppler radar, the new Hornady ELD-X bullet takes long-range shooting to the next level.**



The new ELD-X bullets will be available in some of the standard longer range cartridge options at first, with more becoming available over time.

It was mid-winter 2014 as I steadied my CZ American custom .300 Win. Mag. across the end gate of the pickup truck while my mind raced for the exact range, level of movement forward and downhill angle required to make a shot on a nice mule deer buck at just over 325 yards. In my rifle was a new cartridge featuring a prototype bullet Hornady Ammunition had been working on for several years.

Hornady had sent out teams of hunters across the country, even as far as Africa, to gain real-time information on just how effective this new 200-grain big-game bullet was downrange, and I was one of these testers. The new bullet had no name at the time save for the term “experimental,” and my job was to shoot a deer with it and to photograph and make notes of what the bullet did at the exact range it met meat and bone.

With a muzzle velocity of 2,800 feet per second (fps) and carrying a ballistic coefficient (BC) of .598, this heavy game cartridge retained plenty of velocity and energy, and as my rifle turned loose that big, heavyweight bullet, the mule deer lurched forward, covered about 5 yards in the knee deep snow, then dropped stone dead.

This had been the beginning of a major sojourn into the world of industry-directed long-range rifle ballistics. I had spent exactly two rounds of the research ammo, with one round put on my 200-yard zero prior to hunting and the second into that mule deer buck.

The following spring, I tested some of the new prototype ammunition on 1,000-yard steel with my Armalite M-30 A-1 and Savage 110 BA rifles. These long-range rifles sported Steiner military MILRAD optics and Weaver’s new military-grade sniper optic system. The ammo performed very well to say the least, and after several weeks of shooting at our club’s 1,000- to 1,500-yard steel plate range, I knew that Hornady was onto something big.

Sometime later, Hornady’s project came together in Grand Island, Nebraska, with a dozen writers and ballistics engineers getting together on a 1,500-yard range near the Hornady ammunition plant. The task was to take part in educational theory regarding Hornady’s newly named ELD-X bullets.

What made these pills so special in relation to previous projectiles, you ask? Well, hang on because the answer to that question gets a bit involved.

The first thing to note regarding these new bullets is that development stops at or about 6.5mm.

That's because the 6.5 Creedmoor is the development baby of Dave Emery, Hornady's top ballistics engineer. In effect, the 6.5mm is at about the bottom of lightweights in ELD-X design because the jacket design requires a bullet of enough material substance so as to allow the jacket to be formed and function correctly. This bullet retains a consistent mushrooming system that works at 100 yards but also expands under control at 800 yards.

In the past, we have seen bullets that are great at 200 or 300 yards but fail at 500 yards when designs don't allow the jacket and core material to flow back and drive killing kinetic energy in mass. In other cases, some bullet designs are great against steel or paper targets, but lack expansion capabilities when warm target tissue is involved at any range.

## Doppler Radar



The new Hornady ELD-X long range bullets feature a redesigned poly-blended cone tip that will not burn away at sustained high temperatures.

The second element of note came to Hornady engineers largely through the use of Doppler radar. I was introduced to Doppler about nine years ago during the research and development of some new shotshell designs. At that time we tracked payloads of shot about 200 yards downrange and, in the process, learned a lot about what pellets were doing as shot strings fell apart. Whereas a pattern board and chronograph gave a few measures of performance, the Doppler system fed back hundreds. Now I was back using Doppler, but this time observing the performance of a rifle bullet over a couple of miles, with thousands of data entries flowing into the system for future bullet design and development review.

What we could see by actual, hands-on, real-time Doppler test firing with a rifle in .300 Win. Mag. and the ELD-X bullets was that well downrange, as the bullet started to run out of velocity, the actual path of the projectile started to wobble and both rise and fall along the Doppler's projected ballistic curve. In other words, it was becoming less accurate, and some major energy decay became evident.

While this is expected with the radar tracing (painting) the bullet up to 2 miles downrange, what was a real eye-opener for Hornady engineers was that, when standard hollow point, and even V-Max type bullets were fired, some very different prints were coming back to the radar operator.

Now, small jumps and flight changes were common at what is considered working ranges for the .300 Win. Mag. at 300-plus yards and more. However, when searching for the exact causes for this projectile behavior, Hornady assessed that, as the bullet in a V-Max or any brand of plastic tip pill develops a heat range up to 1,000 degrees F for enough time, the plastic tip actually deforms or melts away in part. Solid jacket bullets with even a slight blemish will also display a similar reaction.

Therefore, the bullet tip and overall projectile condition needed to be further considered in the design of a more accurate and energy saving projectile. This doesn't mean you're now required to stop using V-Max, A-Max and related cartridges and bullets. The fast, lightweight varmint bullets are not affected to such an extent because they don't hang in the necessary heat range very long as they dump velocity and energy very quickly.

During hands-on testing of Hornady's prototype bullet, I had always thought that everything was being directed toward the actual physical bullet body design, I had never figured the plastic or poly tip needed some major attention as well. The new ELD-X carries a very special poly-blended cone tip that will not burn away, become soft and bend, thus, preventing a deviation in bullet trajectory.

## Downrange Performance

While I can give you 5,000 words of theory here, the real world comes together when bullets meet steel or paper downrange. When we tested the new ELD-X bullets on the rifle range near Grand Island, there was a damp, heavy fog, and the wind had started generating a 100-percent crossing left to right value. Luckily, the engineers were first up on the firing line.



The Doppler-based research that went into the ELD-X's design is set to change the way manufacturers develop bullets. The ELD-X will be a great option for anyone shooting or hunting at long ranges.

Two cartridges had been loaded with the new bullets. First was the 7mm Ultra Mag., and second was my go-to cartridge, the .300 Win. Mag. Both were great long-range cartridges and had proven themselves in previous testing with the prototype bullet.

Doppler produces a trace line indicating exactly what the bullet is doing over its total flight time. Shooting V-Max, A-Max and competitive brands downrange, we observed each wobble and

variation in the trajectory line to line, with results saved in the mother computer system built into the Doppler unit. With these 3,000 or so performance points measured over a mile downrange, it was obvious the study of bullet performance has come a long way over the years.

When it was the writers' time to get on the rifles, I selected a very nicely built Surgeon action .300 Win. Mag. The rifle featured a NightForce optic with MOA settings and a long-range, oversized turret with MOA adjustments to 1,000 without rolling past the first zero. My spotter was Dave Emery, and with the ranged targets previously doped for the new cartridge/bullet, we dialed for a 500-yard steel plate as Dave called wind corrections. I hit steel plates at 500 and 600 yards a few times to get a feel for the rifle's trigger before moving on to the 800-yard targets.

At 800 yards, headshots were the norm with the Surgeon rifle and high-grade optics. I was able to hit a large steel gong at 1,000 yards with ease; a cluster of bullets started forming a group of sorts. The accuracy of the new bullet was obvious as I shot 8-inch steel plates at 1,000 yards, and it continued to impress when I pushed the bullet to 1,200 yards against yet another steel target. While I didn't head-shoot my iron enemy, I did center mass him consistently.

Dave Emery indicated that this ELD-X bullet paired with a quality rifle will group within  $\frac{3}{4}$  MOA at 1,000 all day long. That is elk, deer and coyote accuracy in spades my friends.

Cartridges for the new bullet will be offered in current standard options at first and move into some of the exotics a bit later. Without question the new 6.5 Creedmoor is high on the manufacturing list, as is the .300 Win. Mag. and heavy 7mm cartridges. There is little doubt that the advanced development design of the ELD-X is going to be a game changer, and this change in the bullet-manufacturing segment is already taking shape.

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## Georgia Insurance Company Mandates Office Carry

by MAX SLOWIK on FEBRUARY 23, 2016



A Georgia aviation insurance company will not be made into a target anytime soon. Thanks to a new company-wide requirement, all employees at Lance Toland Associates must get a concealed-carry permit and work armed at all times, with a gun on the hip or in the desk.

Lance Toland not only instated the policy, he went the extra mile and bought all of his employees revolvers. "Everybody in my office has one of these in their drawer," [Toland told WSB-TV Atlanta](#). "It's a 5 shot .410, just like a shotgun."

"I would not want to come into one of my facilities," he added, for those intending to do harm.



These revolvers offer the option of using a wide variety of ammunition.

Once new employees receive their concealed-carry permit Toland buys them a Taurus Judge. Toland put the new policy in place after learning about several home invasions and assaults in the Atlanta area.

“They all literally had their concealed-carry permits within three or four weeks after me announcing that this was something you had to do,” he said. Toland has three offices in Georgia and everyone carries at all three locations. “With the presentation of their license, they all got a .410 Judge.”

Toland came up with the new office mandate after hearing about recent home invasions and violent crimes in the metro Atlanta area. He said he was concerned about his employees’ safety and decided to have his people take security into their own hands.

“I love it,” said Andrea Van Buren a Toland Associates agent. Van Buren said the policy was smart and that other companies should follow Toland’s example, provided everyone who carries gets proper training and becomes proficient with their firearm. “You have to commit to being ready to use it if you have to,” she said.

Toland said he expects other companies to put similar policies in place. “A lot of my clients are hifiving me when they hear about this,” he said, “They think that this is one of the best things they’ve ever heard; for a company to mandate gun ownership, to be licensed and to be responsible.”

The Judge has been a runaway hit for Taurus and the company currently offers more than a dozen variants of the shotshell revolver. In addition to .410-bore shells the revolver can chamber .45 Colt, a good self-defense round with a long history of success.

Still, with the sheer number of compact single- and double-stack semi-autos dominating the concealed-carry market, some may argue that the Judge is less than ideal for everyday carry. It’s large and has a limited capacity, and many .410 loads aren’t optimized for short barrels.

The only way to know for sure is to open a new branch that requires employees to carry 9mm pistols, and see how many employees put in requests to transfer.

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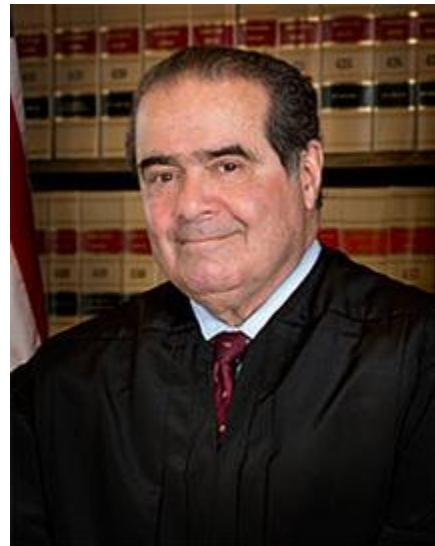
We as a community have done great things. Businesses have started and grown here, life-long friendships have been created all over the world, and more than I can count have been helped by our member's generosity.

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This year is going to require a great deal of participation in the upcoming elections. We were at a fork in our history in the last 2 elections, and will have spent 8 years going down the wrong path. The recent passing of Justice Antonin Scalia raises the stakes that much more.

This election will determine the future of our country more than any other in our past. The distance between the conservative and the liberal options are more significant than they've ever been. While there may still be time to correct the last 7 years of damage, unless we start reversing that damage in 2017, I'm afraid there will be no coming back.

I for one believe in the principles that founded this country and made it the greatest on the planet, and I know we can get it back. I urge you all to not just vote, but to make sure everyone you know gets out there in November. There's a lot of work to do, and the stakes couldn't be higher.



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## Primary Weapons Systems–Modern Musket Review

by JON HODOWAY on FEBRUARY 20, 2016

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The logo is smart, and pushes the point home.

### Concept of the Modern Musket

When Primary Weapon Systems introduced their Modern Musket, they were really trying to call attention to the rights that are guaranteed to us in the Second Amendment to the Constitution. As a matter of fact, their tagline was “It’s not a need. It’s your right.” Keeping with the theme of the musket, the value of this rifle is not measured only by its price, but what it could provide. The value of the musket was found in its ability to put game on the table, the tradition that could be passed down from generation to generation, and the means to cast aside the yolk of tyranny if called for. This is a pretty tall order if you ask me, but these are traits that we all want in our guns.



The rifles are available with 16", 14" barrels, and there are pistols versions, too.

## **When an AR is Not Just an AR**

It seems like these days you can have just about anything you want on the AR platform. But, as my dad used to tell me, "Just because it fits, doesn't mean that it's going to work well." The good folks at Primary Weapons Systems wanted to create a light, reliable gun that had all the key features of a modern musket, and none of the junk that we so often see stuck onto rifles just to increase the price.



The PWS MM Enhanced Bolt Carrier.

With this goal in mind, they started off with the PWS Enhanced Bolt Carrier, which is a precision-machined part. These bolt carriers have increased mass to extend the dwell time and delay the unlock. What exactly does that mean to the end-user? It allows for a lower chamber pressure, which translates into easier extraction. To reduce friction, they designed a custom bolt with fewer points of contact than a standard bolt carrier. The entire bolt carrier is coated in Isonite QPQ, which greatly reduces friction over standard parkerizing. A BCM Gunfighter charging handle is used to run the bolt.



The buffer tube.

This MM DI-16 comes equipped with the PWS Enhanced buffer-machined tube with an anti-tilt lip that has been fluted to reduce weight. The rifle also boasts a several QD mounts for quick sling attachment. This is not some rolled or extruded chunk of metal- this is a very nice piece of machine work in and of itself. The PWS DI hand guard is made from aluminum and allows endless possibilities for securing optics, lights, and slings; and yet it is extremely lightweight, at only 13.3 ounces, and almost indestructible. It also allows for a completely free-floated barrel. This hand guard features their key system, which allows you to add accessories anywhere along the hand guard without Picatinny rails running the entire length of it.



The barrel.

PWS turns all of their barrels in-house to assure the highest quality possible. They feature a one and eight twist, which works well for ammunition weighing 55 grains or more. They are also chambered in the .223 Wylde, which will allow you to shoot your choice of 5.56 NATO or .223 Remington rounds. One of the gems in this rifle's design is the profile that they cut out of the outer barrel to reduce

weight without compromising maximum strength. The machined PWS DI gas block significantly reduces the weight on the end of the barrel. On this rifle in particular, the barrel is topped off with PWS's FSC series muzzle device, which is a combination muzzle brake, flash hider and suppressor mount.



Though the rifle makes use of some atypical design features, the controls are very traditional.



We've got no complaints about the way this gun runs.

## **On the Range**

Prior to taking this rifle to the range, I mounted a Surefire X300 light, Magpul MBUS backup sights, and an Aimpoint Micro H1 2MOA. These make up my standard accessory package for an AR 15 rifle. I purposely did not lubricate this rifle prior to going to the range. I did a cursory disassembly and inspection just to take a look at the fit and finish, threw it back together and in the truck it went.



Topped with a Aimpoint H1, the rifle did very well at ranges out to 100 yards.

I fired approximately one hundred rounds at distances from 7 yards to 200 yards during my first day at the range with this gun. This gave me an appreciation of how the rifle would function under the conditions in which I would expect to potentially deploy it. The MM DI-16 was remarkably accurate, easy to handle and operated without a hiccup. My next opportunity to un-sheath this modern musket was during a night carbine class I was attending, and it happened to be raining outside. I fired an estimated 400 additional rounds through the rifle during a pretty significant downpour. Even under these circumstances, the rifle again performed flawlessly. As I had a long drive back from Ohio, the rifle was simply stuck back in the case wet when I was done shooting.

I skinned the poor PWS rifle from its case about a week later when I was teaching a class. Over the next several days, I and other instructors ran the rifle, demonstrating various shooting techniques. The only complaint, which was given by one of my instructors standing next to me in line, was that the muzzle blast was quite significant. The rifle again ran without operational issue. At this point, this rifle has run close to 2,000 rounds, fired by at least half a dozen different shooters, without any care or lubrication. I'm not a big proponent of the torture test (do you judge a car by how well it runs without regular oil changes?) and that's not what I set out to do, but I have certainly made this rifle

my beast of burden and it has not complained. I will eventually clean and properly care for this rifle, but its performance without being maintained is certainly worth noting.



Is the price worth it? There are certainly extras that the discerning shooter will appreciate, like the muzzle device.

## **When \$1,499.95 Looks like a Bargain**

Unless you've been living under a rock without Internet access for the last year, you're aware that the price of ARs has been in freefall. I can say without exaggeration that what used to be an \$800 or \$900 rifle is now easily found for \$600. Every day. Rifles that were previously unobtainable are now on bargain closeout websites. So how on Earth can this rifle be valued at close to \$1,500? When you compare it to any of the MK2 rifles that PWS makes in the \$2600 price range, or perhaps the MK1 rifles in the \$2000 price range, \$1,500 starts to look like a smaller number.

I think the folks at PWS are in the business of building rifles that are serious, purpose-driven guns. I've often suggested to many of my friends that although quantity has a quality of its own, most of us are not in a position as individuals to take advantage of that. The vast majority of us would be better off relying on limited amounts of high quality. To put it less poetically, instead of buying a bunch of cheap guns, by one really good gun, cause you can only shoot one rifle at a time.

## **Final Thoughts**

Has this gun from PWS set the standard of the modern musket? I think exploring the answer to that is compelling, but you're going to have to be willing to commit. There's an old adage: "The man with one gun probably knows how to use it." I would even go further and add "He knows what it's capable of, as well as himself." If you're looking for that "one gun," this rifle might just be for you.



Many of the features, like the stock and grip, can be found on the less expensive AR models, but that's about where the comparisons end.

## Specifications

- Weight – 6 lbs, 12 oz
- Overall Length – 33"
- Barrel Length – 16"
- Muzzle Velocity – 2993 ft/sec
- Muzzle Energy – 1233 ft-lbs
- Muzzle Device – [FSC 556](#)

The MM series bolt carriers are finished with ISONITE QPQ (Salt Bath Nitriding): The ISONITE QPQ process (AMS2753C) is a high-performance variety of salt bath nitrocarburizing. It is a thermochemical diffusion process whereby nitrogen-bearing salts generate a controlled release of nitrogen at the interface of a ferrous part.

## BENEFITS

- Improved Durability
- Corrosion Resistance Better than Chrome Plating
- Low Material Distortion
- Greater Resistance To abrasion And seizure
- Fatigue Endurance is Extended
- Heat Resistance
- Uniform Black Appearance



Though the gun is stripped down a bit, it still has QD points and a forward assist.

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## Honor Guard 9mm—Full Review

by DAVE HIGGINBOTHAM on FEBRUARY 21, 2016

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The Honor Guard from Honor Defense. A new gun from a new company. Made in Gainesville, Georgia.

Most of the time, when we review new guns, a manufacturer will send us one that has only been function tested once, if that. occasionally, we'll get guns that have been through the testing and evaluation pipeline. These will have higher round counts, but we're talking 1,000–2,000 rounds. This Honor Guard pistol is one that's been rung out pretty well already. It showed up with 6,500 + rounds

through it. Over the last week, I've run it out to the range and hammered away at it, and here's what we've found.

## Specifications

There were five models of the Honor Guard on display at the NASGW convention last October. They're pictured below. The main difference between the models has to do with length and the presence or absence of a manual safety. The one we have is the sub-compact without a safety. It is reasonably short, at 6.2" overall. The barrel itself is 3.2".

The guns are all single-stacks. The short mags hold 7 rounds. The extension adds a modest amount of length for an additional round. With one in the pipe, the 9 round capacity is decent for those looking for single-stack thinness. But like most of the other single-stacks on the market, thin is relative. This one comes in under an inch—so the description seems apt.



All five of the models. This photo was taken at NASGW, back in October. The guns are in distribution now.

## The features of the Honor Guard

The frame of the Honor Guard is unique. The FIST feature is likely to be the first thing you'll hear about. We haven't had the chance to try out the FIST model yet. The FIST is a protrusion that functions somewhat like a cattle-pusher on the front of a locomotive.



The FIST allows the gun to stay in battery, even when pressed into someone or something.



The FIST should make it easy to shoot from contact distances and from inside cover.

The second feature of the frame is the excellent texture. The thin frame has a stippled feel, but the texturing wraps all the way around the grip and up the frame (out past the trigger guard). This allows you to find extra grip for a shooting finger that is off the trigger, and for the support hand.



The texture wraps the frame and extends above the trigger guard.



The shape of the grip is really well executed.

The ergonomics are exceptional, and the gun has a much more aggressive texture than many of the others in this class. In fact, after putting 500+ rounds down range today, my hand is hurting. It is not sore from recoil, but just sensitive to touch from holding onto that wire mesh texture. My skin feels chapped—which means that pattern is effective, and I'm getting soft sitting in front of the computer.

I had a harder time dropping the slide with my thumb than I'd remembered. The slide drop is steel, and has a low profile. There's no texture there, either, so you really have to hit it. It is far from

impossible, but I found myself relying on the other hand hitting the slide, or the mag itself (popping the 7 round mag in dropped the slide—but the 8 round didn't).



The smooth strip both adds a bit of contrast and points the way to the over-sized mag release. And note the slight finger groove on the grip, and the indentation on the base-plate of the magazine (useful for ripping out a stuck mag).



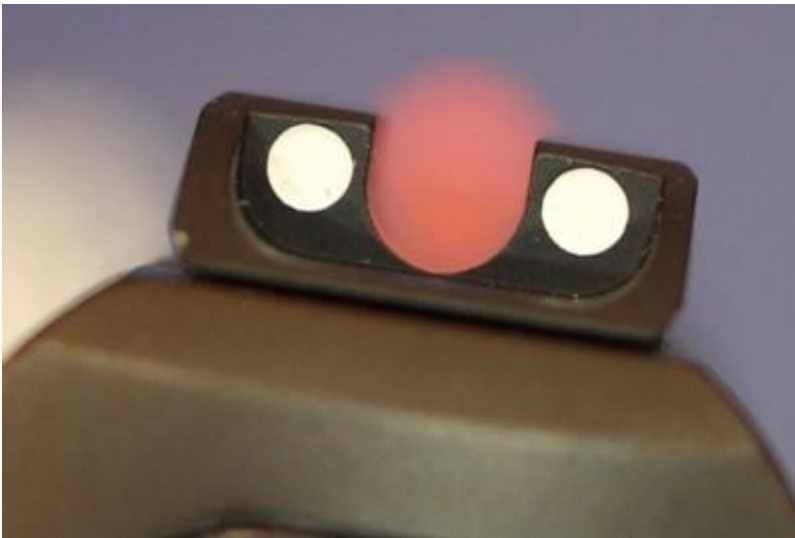
The controls are low profile, but still easily accessed.

The front sight on the Honor Guard is a big fat orange dot. As this is a pistol built for concealed carry, fast sights are a must. There's nothing subtle about the dot, and it is easy to pick up—even in the driving rain. The rear sight has two features that I like. The first is the shelf that allows for one-

handed manipulation. The second is the wing that wraps around the back of the sight. It offers a bit of protection for the dots themselves. They're aluminum, too—not plastic.



That big orange front sight is visible on almost everything that isn't orange.



Easy to see between the white dots.



The rear dots are protected by the sight's inset design, which is cut with the slant in the correct direction to prevent draw snags. Why is this so hard for other sight makers to grasp? The ramp should be on the back, not the front.



And the front edge has a nice flat ledge for one-handed manipulation.

One of the nicest features is the generous texture provided by the slide serrations. They wrap over the top. The slide itself has been milled to remove some of the bulk. The combination provides generous grip surfaces and weight reduction. But they haven't cut the slide down to a skeleton.



Front slide serrations wrap all the way over the top.



There's still a small gap in the back-strap.

While I'm focusing on the end-user, I'll sing the praises of the Honor Guard's take-down procedure. You don't have to pull the trigger to take the gun down. The benefits of this are obvious. Pulling the trigger when you don't intend to fire the gun can lead to issues. I know. I had a hard time counting to 7 once when reviewing a 1911, and I assumed the hammer was cocked because the gun had failed to lock back after that 7th round. So I just pulled the trigger to drop the old hammer. It is a miracle I still have all of my toes.

Once you get it apart, you will find dual recoil springs. The serialized portion is a frame insert, like on the Sig P320s, that would allow you to switch frames and barrels if needed or desired. The backstraps are interchangeable, and the texture pattern is matched well so it still looks like a solid grip.

The guide rod is 416 SS with a FNC (ferritic nitrocarburizing) finish. The barrel is 410 SS with heat-bath PX-5 finish. The slide is 416 SS also with FNC. After taking this gun down, I'm more convinced of the strength of the design. There's no discernible issues in a gun that's been fired more than 7,000 times.



The interchangeable back straps are executed flawlessly, and look good.



The slim strap and the curved strap.



The pin that holds the extractor on is not drilled through, so there's no way it can shoot loose and fall into the action.



And the claw is huge.



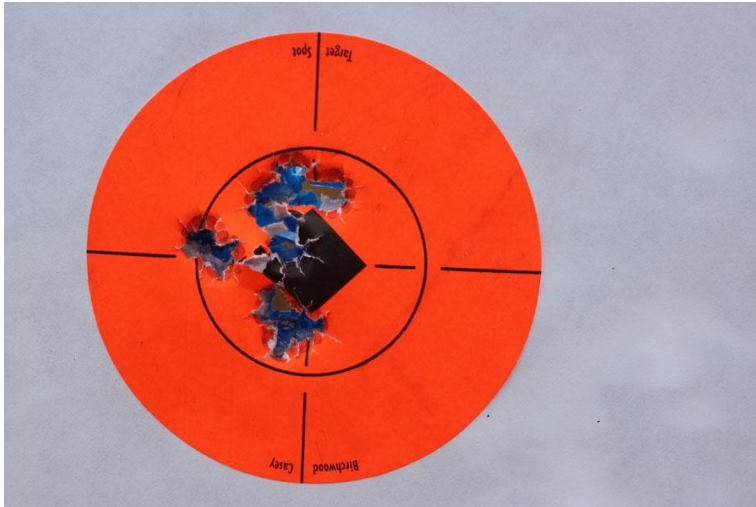
This is the serialized part.



It is easy to remove and clean.

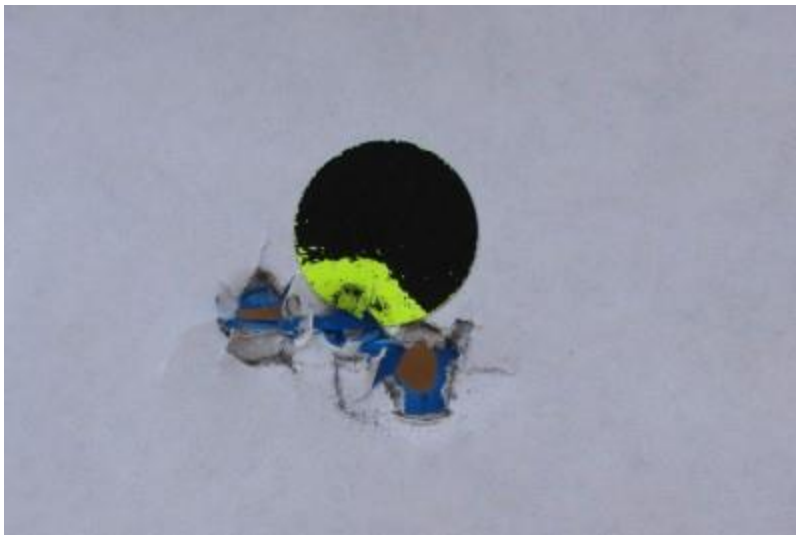
## **Shooting**

We've shot it now. I mean more than just a handful of rounds. It has lived up to my expectations completely. I'm going to run some photos below of what it can do. These are, of course, more about what I can do with it. Still. I'm pleased.

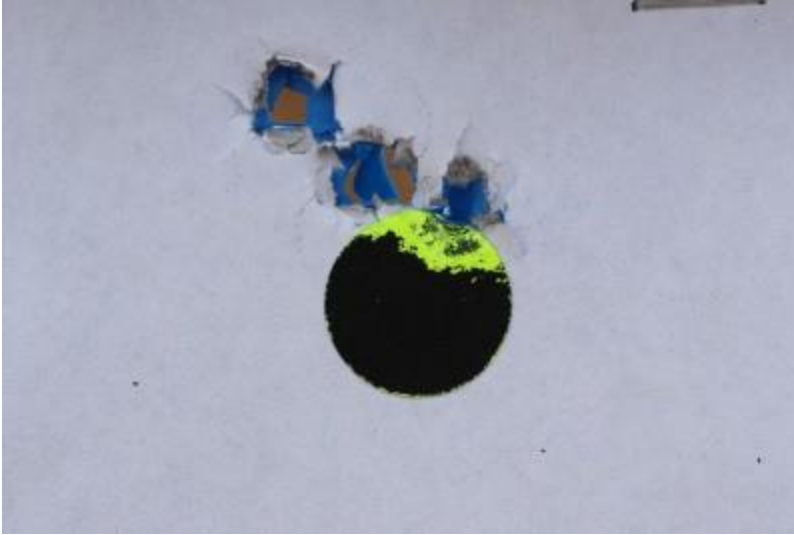


A full mag from 15 yards.

I ran my typical battery of concealed carry tests. I shot from contact distances. I pulled back to 10 feet, and then to 7 yards. After getting the feel for the sights at that distance, I moved back to 15 and 25 yards. The gun shoots well. I think I would be even more accurate with it if I could shave off a couple of pounds from the trigger. This one is breaking at just over 7 pounds. While that's not heavy, it isn't light.



Shooting dots is a great way to dial in the sights. 3 shots from 7 yards.



3 more shots, drifting high.

The trigger has a short reset. I was able to get ahead of it a couple of times. I'd run two rounds fast, and ride the trigger out after the second and have to move farther out to pick up the third. I think this would disappear with more training. The gun is fast, and the reset is short. As such, I'm inclined to push it. I want it to go even faster, which is a bit absurd, and I screw it up. Still, we're talking about fractions of a second.

I didn't have a holster for the gun, so I had to improvise. Rather than go with an elastic nylon one-size-fits-most model, I tried it in my regular Kydex rigs. I found that it fit well enough in the [Multi Holsters](#) GLOCK 19 holster (one made for a light). While it was by no means perfect, it was snug and safe and allowed for decent testing.

And what about the speeds? I ran a few rounds through the chronograph, just for averages. [The Hornady Critical Duty](#) was popping out at about 1050 FPS. [The Critical Defense](#) was about 1125 FPS. Typical 115 brass averaged 1150.



Seven single shots from the holster.



Leaning left, as usual when I run fast. I was dumping here practicing mag changes.

There are holsters available, now. [This list is from the Honor Defense website.](#)

The gun handled very well. I'm a huge fan of the texture. The ergonomics are also spot on. There's no place on the gun that I wanted to alter, the way there is on many of the other polymer pistols.

And, in the end, I only had two malfunctions with the gun. I fired three rounds with no mag in the gun. The first two extracted, but did not clear the chamber. The third fell through the bottom of the

mag well. As this is a last ditch method for firing the gun, and there were no available rounds to follow up with, it isn't a show stopper.

## Conclusions?

I'm still of the considered opinion that the Honor Guard is the single best out-of-the-box single-stack 9mm available. I've never found one with all of these features, and certainly not at this price. The sights alone would be enough for me. And then there's the texture. The accuracy is spot on, and the performance is exceptional. This is the gun you'd end up with if you bought some of the others and dropped another \$500 getting it upgraded. And the price for this American made pistol? It is still hanging in around \$450, but should be a bit lower once supply catches up with demand.

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The 7 and 8 round mags both functioned well.



Easy to service and clean.



The frame is simply a shell, but it is anything but simple. The feel is very similar to that of custom mods.



The box. Though simple, it is well branded and keeps costs down.



The barrel.



One captured spring inside the more traditional recoil spring.



The Hornady Critical Duty rounds performed well in the gun.



What's in the box?



Striker fired.



The rounds are easy to see in the steel mags.



9mm over-pressure test round. Do not reload.



The right side. Ambidextrous controls.



That odd cut-out is where a safety lever would go. That is a plug of sorts.



Nice crown on the barrel, and note the flared sides, which make holstering easier.



Trigger pull was very consistent. I'd like to see it closer to 6 pounds, than 7, but this one, even with the high round count, is consistent.



The guts come out of the polymer frame.

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## Century's C308 Rifle — The HK91 Clone

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The history of the roller cam-operated rifle, from the CETME to the HK91, is a thrice-told tale. German engineers' epic escape from Nazi Germany (just ahead of the Russians) and refuge in Spain led to the CETME rifle. The CETME (*Centro de Estudios Técnicos de Materiales Especiales*) was first adopted in Spain. The successful CETME served in a time when the M14 and [FN FAL](#) were in wide use. The rifle was adopted by a re-arming Germany as its [G3](#). The rifles also become known commercially as the [Heckler & Koch HK 91](#). The G3/HK 91 has served long and well and achieved recognition as both an accurate and reliable firearm.



The Century C308 rifle is an attractive and functional clone of the HK91 rifle.

The rifle operates by use of a roller-cam mechanism. Rather than using gas operation or a recoiling barrel, the HK 91-type rifle operates by use of cams on the bolt that run into a trunnion inside of the receiver. When the rifle fires, the bolt is held steady by the force of the bolt on the roller cams. Once the bullet exits the barrel and pressure subsides, the bolt unlocks and operates in the normal fashion, moving to the rear under spring pressure, then traveling forward to strip a round from the magazine. The spent case is ejected during the bolt's travel, and the new cartridge is fed into the chamber. This occurs much faster than I can describe here.

With the high price of the original HK 91 moving it out of the reach of many of us, there have been a number of attempts to produce a clone of it. Some of these clones use surplus military parts from nations that once used the HK 91. Others are built on modern machinery. The [Century International Arms](#) C308 is a combination of surplus and new parts. The C91 is a 9½-pound rifle with an 18½-inch barrel chambered for the [7.62 NATO or .308 Winchester](#) cartridge. The rifle uses 20-round box magazines. The C308 and the virtually identical C91 rifle are good all-around

shooters for those of us wishing to obtain and use an HK 91-type rifle without paying thousands of dollars to do so.



The HK-type battle sights are excellent for use inside 100 yards and useful at longer range.

The C308 has advantages over the earlier yet similar CETME rifle. The rifle is assembled from surplus parts. The receiver is welded, and there is evidence that the receiver was originally a fully automatic type, but the selector switch is removed or modified. The rifle's safety is an ergonomically designed lever on the left side of the receiver. The fitting of the bolt, cams and trigger mechanism seems good. The rifle features HK 91-type sights and the same stock configuration as the HK rifle.

The CETME was generally serviceable. However, the [flip-up rear sights](#), with an open aperture for short-range use and a smaller aperture for long ranges, are not as useful as the HK 91-type drum sight. The HK 91-type sight uses an open sight for short-range use and smaller apertures for 200 to 400 meters. This is among the best combat sights ever used on a battle rifle, in my opinion. The front sight is a shrouded post. The longer-range settings offer a tight sight picture for precision shooting.

To use the rifle, first lock the operating handle to the rear. The operating handle is beside the barrel. The handle is raised, and the operating rod is moved to the rear. This moves the bolt to the rear and cocks the action. The bolt may be locked to the rear with the operating rod by moving the rod handle into a mortise in the barrel cover. A loaded magazine is then inserted. The operating rod is released, and the bolt travels forward, stripping a cartridge from the magazine and into the chamber. The operating rod does not reciprocate as the rifle is fired. The rifle's safety is then placed in the Safe position after loading. The bolt does not lock open on the last shot.



Be certain to seat the magazine properly. HK91-type rifles can be finicky with the many magazines available.

The synthetic forearm features vents to facilitate barrel cooling. There is a checkered portion of the forend about 4¼ inches long that offers excellent adhesion when firing. The firing grip features a modest thumb riser that allows excellent handling. This handle fits most hands well. The stock is adequate for most uses, with a 14¼-inch length of pull. The magazine well allows rapid magazine changes with practice. The magazine release is positive in operation. Trigger compression is heavy but relatively smooth and consistent. The [RCBS registering trigger pull gauge](#) reads 10½ pounds.

There is little takeup in the trigger action, and reset is rapid. In firing quickly at close range and at man-size targets to 100 yards, the trigger and fixed sights gave good results. When firing for absolute accuracy off of a solid [benchrest](#) firing position, the rifle gave credible results. The Century rifle is comfortable to fire and use. It is recommended that it 100 rounds or so be fired for a break-in. This is a common requirement for roller cam-operated rifle actions, including the C308, the PTR 91 and the HK 91. However, many will come out of the box running. One of the author's rifles did so, but another required a modest break in. The second rifle suffered short cycles during the first 60 rounds, then operated normally. This is SOP for HK 91-type rifles. Also, all magazines do not fit, function and lock properly. Magazines specific to the C308 are best. The original G3 featured a paddle release similar to the HK P7M8 handgun. Parts kits that end up as the C308 feature the push-button release.

Among the primary loads used in this test was the [Winchester White Box USA 147-grain](#) loading. Accurate enough for most chores, clean burning and reliable, this is a good resource for initial tests of any military-grade rifle. Also fired was a quantity of Portuguese surplus loads. This ammunition is comparable in quality and accuracy to commercial ammunition. Despite the power

of the .308 cartridge, recoil remained manageable. The roller cam action seems to soak up a portion of the recoil of this powerful rifle cartridge. When firing offhand, the rifle proved lively, tracking targets quickly and responding to a trained shooter. When firing from the benchrest for absolute accuracy, the 200-meter aperture was used, although we fired at 50 and 100 yards. This was for best accuracy. However, the rifle fired several inches high with this setting. When firing for accuracy at 50 yards, the rifle exhibited excellent accuracy. Firing off of the bench with a heavy trigger and iron sights produced average groups of 2 inches. A few, with the [Winchester 168-grain Match](#) load, were better.



The Magpul stock gives shooters many options.

We also fired a number of three-shot groups at a long 100 yards, using my handloads with the [Sierra 168-grain MatchKing](#) and Varget powder. The effort showed that the rifle has good accuracy potential, with a 2.5-MOA group. Most groups, however, were in the 4-inch range at 100 yards. Quality optics would change the equation. I simply cannot hold what it should accomplish at football-field range. During one exciting effort, I did slam three of the Winchester Match loads into 2¼ inches.

The military stock is OK as far as it goes; however, I elected to go for improved fit in chasing greater accuracy potential. The [PRS2 stock from Magpul Industries](#) allows adjustment of the length of pull from about 15 to 16¼ inches. The cheekpiece allows changes up to 1.8 inches vertically and fore and aft adjustment of .65-inch. The C91 class of rifle has a forward weight bias, and the heavier-than-standard Magpul stock results in an excellent feel. After some adjustment and range work, I rate this stock a first-class addition to the C308. For those wishing to mount optics and use the rifle for precision work, including hunting, the PRS2 is a good option.

After using the rifle for several months, I am impressed. The C308 is military grade and heavy duty, the build quality seems good, and the rifle is a link with the great rifles of the past. This is a good all-around .308 for those preferring the roller-cam system.

**How does Century's C308 rank among battle rifles in your book? Are you a .308 fan? Share your opinion of, or experience with, the C308 or HK91 in the comment section.**



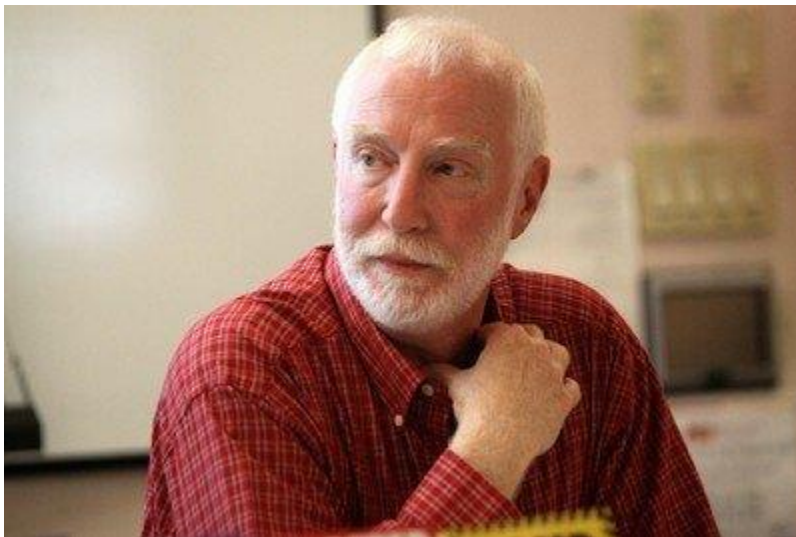
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## Korwin: Obama Announces Gun Confiscation List

by S.H. BLANNELBERRY on FEBRUARY 15, 2016



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Say what? What's really insane is that the all-democrat audience applauded wildly when the person currently in the White House said it. What did he say? "Right now, people on the no-fly list can walk into a store and buy a gun. That is insane. If you're too dangerous to board a plane, you're too dangerous, by definition, to buy a gun." That's a direct quote from Barack Hussein Obama.

This person took an oath “to preserve, protect and defend” our Constitution. Yet he would deny people their fundamental constitutional human and civil rights based on, what, exactly? It’s a list maintained by his administration with no known parameters for adding people to the list. It was started by George W. Bush after the Muslim jihad struck the World Trade Towers in 2001, with about 400 names. Under Obama, the list grew to 10,000 names in 2011, 21,000 in 2012, and 47,000 in 2013, according to Wikipedia. The separate Terrorism Watch List reportedly had more than one million names by 2009 — and the lists are mutually exclusive, you can be on one and not the other.

What are people on the no-fly list charged with? Nothing. Convicted of anything? No. How do they get on the list? It’s a secret. I asked FBI agents at the Las Vegas SHOT Show in January 2016 about all this and confirmed those answers.

Who maintains the list? Police. Federal police actually, from the Terrorist Screening Center, an FBI branch you can’t deal with. They prefer to be called agents. A secret police list (we’re not supposed to have secret police anything here in this supposedly free country) denies your rights, and Obama’s side — the Democrats — are cheering. Half the country, give or take, votes democrat. For shame. This man’s proposal is a disgrace, a violation of his oath, grounds for removal from office, according to leading experts.

## **How Does This No-Fly List Work?**

People have not even thought about the mechanics of this. Can people on the no-fly list just walk past the TSA checkpoint, screening devices, bomb swabs and X-rays with a gun, or knife or bomb? Normal people can’t (or so we’re told). Don’t those safeguards work on them-is that why we even need a no-fly list? Maybe checkpoints are just a feel-good scam to keep us in line like the skeptics say, and the no-fly list makes sense?

Obama didn’t say, and “reporters” didn’t ask. It must be too obvious to question. Either the devices don’t work at all, or those people are really dangerous-they could down an aircraft with a karate chop. Who are these people? (It’s a secret, don’t ask.)

If they’re that dangerous, why are they still walking around free? (Oh, that’s easy, they haven’t been convicted of anything, or even charged.) Can they still take Amtrak to Cincinnati, or a bus, or car, or walk? Yes. So they just can’t fly there-they’re free to go, just not by plane. Why, that doesn’t even

make sense! Don't ask. You might end up on the secret list. Actually, the list of false positives is huge. I met one, a three-year old girl. Everyone knows Ted Kennedy was listed.

Mr. Obama wants to turn an arbitrary no-fly list into an equally arbitrary no-buy list, he announces it publicly with a straight face, and calls you insane if you object. Are there no limits to the man's hubris? He cannot possibly be too dim to fail to understand what he is doing. Are his supporters really brain dead like Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership (jpfo.org) suspect?

**SEE ALSO: [PRO-GUN GROUPS SUE FED OVER 'NO-FLY' LIST GUN-GRAB](#)**

And by implication, if you can't buy a gun, you certainly can't have any of the guns you already own, right? Those must be contraband under the same logic, and should be confiscated, by the same agents who carefully put you on the list in the first place.

This is a flat-out attempt to confiscate guns based on a government list with no controls, no due process, abrogation of the rule of law, and wild cheering support from one side of the political aisle.

The analogy is to a colored-shirt movement last century in Europe that led to World War II.

If ever we had a criminal mentality in charge, there it is on a platter.

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## **Everyday Carry–Truck Edition**

by JON HODOWAY on FEBRUARY 13, 2016

### **My Philosophy**

At any given moment, I am roughly 3 minutes from my truck. 3 minutes might not seem like much, but that's a lifetime during a gunfight! I'm not one to say "My handgun is there for fighting my way to my rifle"; if the fight happens with zero notice, you will be fighting with what you have on your belt. The gear in your truck comes into play for an entirely different reason. Most of the time, if we are even remotely self-aware, large-scale events develop over minutes or hours, versus seconds. We have to have a pre-emptive plan in place for responding to potential large-scale, non-personal events that will inevitably impact our lives, travel plans and get-home routes.

### **The Reality**

I want to talk about two events that caused me to develop a sense of urgency towards developing response plans like these. Both of these events were real, and drastically affected peoples' ability to get home and escape very real threats.

First: September 11th, 2001. Following the attacks, we saw all non-military air travel come to an abrupt halt, leaving thousands of people stranded with no alternative. While I wasn't on that end of Manhattan, I was close enough—and far from home. All of the rental cars in the area were almost immediately called-for. I was working as Director of Sales for a large company at the time, and resorted to renting U-Haul trucks to get my people home. Had social unrest escalated further, even keeping a personal vehicle in its owner's possession could have become... problematic. This scenario makes it quite clear that normal transportation can be completely cut off with very little notice.

The second event was the recent unrest in Ferguson, MO following the one year anniversary of the shooting of Michael Brown. A gathering of protesters blocked the freeway—entirely, for almost an hour. Thankfully, this did not erupt into a full scale riot, but it could have with just one spark. Imagine

being one of the thousands of people stranded on the interstate in that scenario with no response plan. What would you do?

## What I carry–The Rifle:

Smith & Wesson AR15 Viking Tactics in .223. Targeting is handled by Magpul MBUS sights along with an Aimpoint® CompM4. I choose a Surefire X300 Ultra to let me see in the dark.

Buy one on GunsAmerica: <https://www.gunsamerica.com/Search.aspx?T=smith%20ar%2015>



A good rifle and plenty of ammo, but keep them secured in a way that isn't eye-candy.

## What I carry–The Shotgun:

Remington 870 12 GA. This gun was special-made by Vang Comp Systems and Robar.

Buy one on GunsAmerica: <https://www.gunsamerica.com/Search.aspx?T=870>



When it comes to shotguns, I prefer the classics. This is my 870.

- **Ammunition:** I carry 7 MAGPUL PMAG 30 GEN M3 window-loaded with 28 rounds in each. I also carry roughly 30 rounds of shotgun ammunition, both on and in the gun, along with a carrier.
- **Medical Kit:** Basic field surgery tools, a crash kit, and basic first aid supplies. I have an IBD with quick-clotting agent imbedded in it.
- **Go Bag:** This is where everything else goes. I have tools for repairing gun malfunctions. I also have tools for removing brush and limbs, and building shelter. 24 hours' worth of food and water round out my Go Bag.
- **Slings:** I have Magpul slings that can work in either 2 or 3-Point configurations. I have a low-profile case from Comp Tac that makes my long gun look like a racket sport accessory.



Basics for field trauma.



Basics for first-aid.



Some of the extras that can come in handy.



A good knife with some ability to pry is useful in and around a vehicle.

## How to store

Storage can be easy, but you pay the price in usability of your vehicle. I have chosen to keep my gear under the rear seat in a DU-HA under-seat storage unit. This allows me to keep everything secure, but easily-accessible. Because of this, my truck can fulfill everyday needs.



Give extra thought to how you will carry supplies. It is all well and good to have gear in your vehicle, but how much can you take on foot?

## **How to carry**

While all of this gear allows us to establish very thorough response plans, keep in mind that you will only have what you carry on your person if you are forced to abandon your vehicle. With that in mind, I have a series of bags that I can choose to deploy based on function. I have a Blackhawk magazine carrier that stores AR-15 magazines. All of my medical kits fit in a bag that can be carried over my shoulder. The Go Bag can also be carried over my shoulder, and can absorb the magazines or shotgun ammunition.

## **Only what you can use or share**

I have chosen my gear based on this mentality: if the SHTF and I have some company, I can quickly draft them to my cause with minimal training, and without giving up my gear, as part of my response plan. Sure, I could make them a beast of burden, but arming them with a shotgun does wonders for our survivability rating.



Keep ammo organized and easily accessed.



Organization is key. Well packed items are easy to find, easy to access, and easy to carry should that need arise.



Everyday carry has many components, and it isn't always what you have on you—but with you that matters.

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## New Magpul Products for 2016

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In 2016, Magpul is building out and up with the launch of a brand-new product section dedicated to clothing. In addition, they've also released new and improved products that build on the company's earlier successes in polymer magazines and firearm accessories.

### Magpul Clothing Line

New for 2016, Magpul is offering a full line of gloves, belts and [other clothing options](#).

The company is offering six different types of gloves suited for different end user situations. At the basic end of the line, Magpul is offering technical gloves, which offer abrasion protection with maximum dexterity. The technical gloves offer durable synthetic construction for a second-skin fit, along with terry-backed thumbs and touchscreen capability. The technical gloves are available at a suggested price of \$24.95.



The other five options offer different levels of protection all the way up to Magpul's FR Breach gloves. The FR Breach gloves are the most protective hard-use

gloves in the lineup. They incorporate hard knuckle armor, digital pattern reinforced leather palms and touchscreen capability. They are also reinforced by Kevlar and have added protection in an additional Nomex layer. They retail at a suggested price of \$119.95.

Magpul is also offering two different gun belts for concealed carry holders: the Tejas EI Original and the Tejas EI Burro.

The EI Original is crafted from a combination of premium grade bullhide leather and reinforced polymer. The belt is strong enough to carry any kind of holster/handgun combination, water-resistant and is made in Texas. The suggested retail on the EI Original is \$84.95.

The EI Burro is an all-purpose belt that is less rigid than the EI Original and is suited for inside-the-waistband carry. The belt is more flexible for added comfort and is waterproof. The belt is constructed from single-ply reinforced polymer and uses non-ferrous custom hardware. The EI Burro retails at a suggested price of \$54.95.

Magpul is also now producing its own T-shirts in-house from scratch. The company is offering three different kinds of shirt construction: fine cotton, megablend and superweight.

The fine cotton shirt is 100 percent ring spun cotton that is designed, engineered and patterned by Magpul and printed in the USA. the Megablend is crafted from a combination of cotton, poly and rayon to offer a more athletic and breathable feel. The superweight is another 100 percent cotton shirt, but is built heavily with a 7.5 ounce weight to offer warmth, durability and concealment.

All three shirts will be available with Magpul's signature graphics, which will be available for selection on the [company's website](#).



## **Hunter 700 Stock**

Made from reinforced polymer and a machine-finished, anodized A380 cast aluminum bedding stock, the [Magpul Hunter 700 LA stock](#) offers shooters a fully adjustable length of pull, comb height and enhanced ergonomics. Compatible with all Remington 700 Long Actions, this stock requires no bedding and is a true “drop-in” solution for the end user.

This stock is M-LOK compatible to accept a broad range of accessories. Also available is Magpul’s Bolt Action Magazine Well LA, which allows the rifle to be used with detachable box magazines without the need for custom inletting.

The Hunter 700 LA stock is available in black, field dark earth, olive drab green and gray. The suggested retail price is \$279.95. A short-action version of the Hunter stock is also available in the same colors at a suggested price of \$259.95. In addition, Magpul also offers an X-22 Hunter stock for Ruger 10/22 rifles that retails for \$139.95.



### **PRS3 Rifle Stock**

The [PRS3](#) is a field precision stock for AR15/M4 and AR10/SR25 platforms, featuring tool-less length of pull and cheek piece height adjustment. The PRS3 is adjustable for length of pull and cheek height via aluminum detent knobs.

The stock installs on rifle-length receiver extensions as well as mil-spec and A5-length carbine receiver extensions and includes a cant/height-adjustable rubber buttpad and rotation-limiting QD sling cups as well as M-LOK slots on the bottom for rear monopod mounting.

The PRS3 is available in black, field dark earth, olive drab green and gray. The suggested retail price is \$254.95.



## **UBR 2.0 Carbine Stock**

The [UBR 2.0](#) is an adjustable stock for the AR15/M4 platform designed to offer the same strength and stability as a fixed stock with a consistent and comfortable cheek weld in any position.

An update of the Utility/Battle Rifle stock, the UBR 2.0 features a fixed cheek weld piece that provides a consistent cheek weld in any of its eight positions and is compatible with A5-length buffer systems.

Designed to accommodate large-bore AR calibers and withstand severe impacts, the UBR comes standard with front and rear QD sling attachments, a recessed footman's loop, the ergonomic MOE SL angled-toe rubber butt-pad and a storage compartment. The buffer tube is included and is compatible with A5-length springs and buffers as well as carbine springs and buffers (using the included spacer).

The UBR 2.0 is available in black, field dark earth, olive drab green and gray. The suggested retail price is \$199.95.



## **PMAG D-60 Drum Magazine**

The [PMAG D-60](#) is a durable, lightweight, highly reliable 60-round 5.56 NATO polymer magazine for AR15/M4 compatible firearms.

With a larger capacity than previous PMAGs, the PMAG D-60 gives a shooter 60 rounds of ammunition, effectively allowing the same round count as two standard capacity magazines without requiring critical reloading time.

The unique drum configuration keeps the height of the magazine manageable, allowing for prone firing and easier storage. The D-60 features a paint pen dot matrix for easy marking and a rear window for instant capacity indication.

The PMAG D-60 is available in black and carries a suggested retail price of \$129.95.



## **GL9 PMAG**

The [GL9 PMAG](#) is a Glock 9mm handgun magazine featuring a new proprietary all-polymer construction for flawless reliability and durability over thousands of rounds.

The GL9 offers a high-visibility controlled-tilt follower, stainless steel spring, easily removable floorplate for cleaning, paint pen dot matrix for mag marking, ridged floorplate edges for better grip and capacity indicator windows. The magazine easily drops free from a mag well, whether it's loaded or unloaded, with the same reliability as an OEM Glock magazine.

The GL9 comes in four capacities. The lowest capacity is 15 rounds and is made for compact and subcompact Glock handguns. There are also 17-round, 21-round and 27-round magazine options for full-size and compact Glocks.

Color availability is limited to black, and the GL9 is only available for 9mm. Suggested retail prices range from \$15.95 for the 15-round magazine to \$21.95 for the 27-round magazine.

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## Colt LE6920 Magpul Upgrade Introduced

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The Colt LE6920MPS' name is already a bit of a mouthful, but the company has added another few letters at the end: MOE SL.

Colt's standard AR now comes with Magpul's MOE SL furniture, upgrading the already industry-leading rifle with customizable options from the MOE line.

Magpul's Slim Line furniture comes in either black or flat dark earth. The handguard comes with M-LOK mounting slots at two, six and 10 o'clock positions, and the buttstock features an anti-snap dual-side release latch.

The rifle also comes with an M-LOK vertical grip, MOE trigger guard, MBUS Gen. 2 flip-up rear sight and a 30-round PMAG.

"This is an evolutionary step for our Magpul Series," Colt Product Director Justin Baldini said. "Magpul continues to offer a truly functional, durable line of products, which we're able to kit with our standard LE6920 to afford our customers an incredible value. This is a great opportunity to own a quality factory-customized rifle right out of the box."

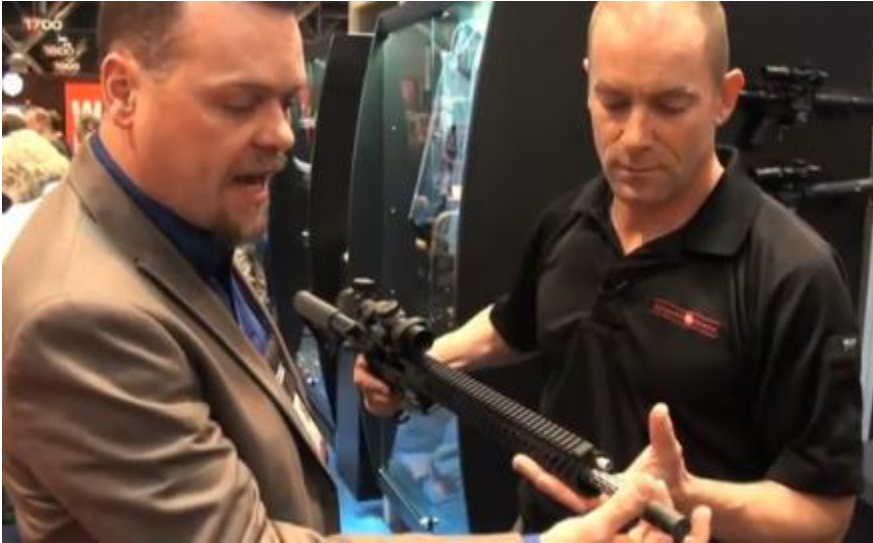
Colt's baseline LE6920 rifle retails at a suggested price of \$999, while the Magpul-equipped version is being sold at a suggested \$1,049. At Brownells.com, an MOE furniture kit retails for \$99, excluding the M-LOK vertical grip which comes with the Colt.



First Look: Colt CRP-18 Pro Competition Rifle



First Look: Colt CR-Pro .308 Rifle



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Thomas Jefferson wrote that "A bill of rights is what the people are entitled to against every government on earth, general or particular, and what no just government should refuse."

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