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Hello Fellow CARGO Members,

The next meeting will be held at Napoli's on Thursday, January 18th.

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 offense 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.

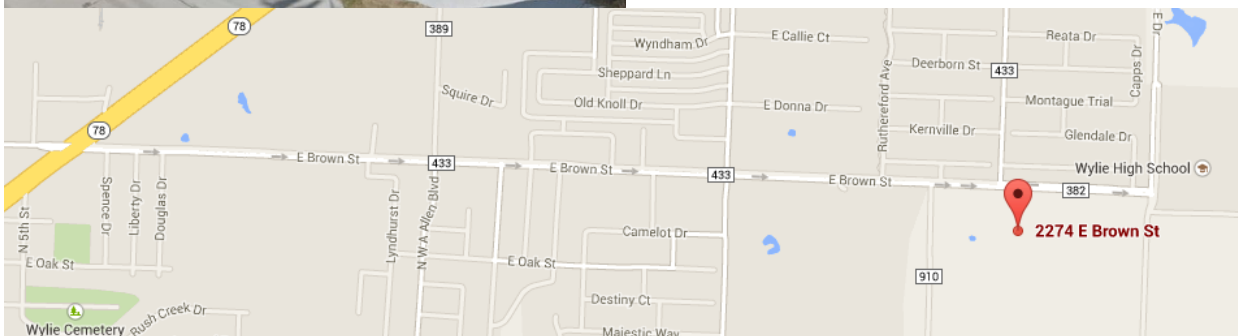
Member Don Bridges has volunteered his shop for the meeting. **There are a very limited number of chairs at the shop, so please bring a camp chair for the meeting.** We will meet there from 7:00 (ish) until 9:00 (ish)

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:

- For show and tell, if you have any firearms manufactured by the following:
- **Wilson Combat** is a custom pistol manufacturer located in Berryville, Arkansas, that specializes in customizing and manufacturing M1911A1s.[1] First started under the name "Wilson's Gun Shop" in 1977, Bill Wilson started his new gunsmith business in the back of the family jewelry store, "Wilson's Jewelry" on the corner of Berryville's public square.
- **Jennings Firearms** was founded in 1978 by Bruce Jennings, the son of [Raven Arms](#) founder George Jennings. After declaring bankruptcy, the company was renamed Bryco Arms,^[2] but the Jennings name was retained for many years even while Bryco Arms used its own brand name for firearms.
- **Freedom Arms** is a Freedom, Wyoming based firearm manufacturing company, known for producing powerful single-action revolvers. The company was founded in 1978 by Wayne Baker and Dick Casull to produce the Mini revolver then later a revolver chambered in Casull's powerful .454 Casull chambering. This 5-shot revolver was the Model 83. Freedom Arms currently makes a single-shot pistol in addition to their revolvers
- **Kimber** was founded as "Kimber of Oregon" in 1979 by Greg and Jack Warne in the small town of Clackamas, Oregon.
- **Norenc** The China Ordnance Industries Group Corporation also known as China North Industries Group Corporation officially abbreviated as Norinco. Established in 1980 with the approval of the State Council of China, Norinco is an enterprise group engaged in both products and capital operation, integrated with research and development, manufacturing, marketing, and services. Norinco mainly deals with defense products, petroleum & mineral resources development, international engineering contracting, optronic products, civilian explosives and chemical products, sports arms and equipment, vehicles and logistics operation, etc. Norinco has been ranked among the forefront of China's 500 largest state-owned enterprises in terms of total assets and revenue.
- **Cimarron Firearms** is an American firearms importer that has been in operation since 1984. The company's field of specialty is reproduction firearms from the American Civil War to the end of the Old West period. Founded by Mike Harvey in Houston, Texas, the company is now based in Fredericksburg, Texas.[1]
- **Kahr Arms**, an innovative firearms manufacturer, was founded in 1985 on fifteen years of manufacturing service in precision metalworking industries. Kahr incorporates the inherited professional, technical expertise into all of its operations.
- Have anything non-firearms related to share? Got a great knife that you just picked up, an air-rifle or Pistol, a new tactical flash light or red-dot scope? The club always enjoys seeing this as well.

I have been approached by members of CARGO and the community at large about more advanced / intensive training for folks that choose to carry a concealed handgun. As the CHL instructors can attest, many CHL holders fire their handguns when they certify and then very infrequently after that point. With the Texas church shooting, many churches are allowing their members to carry while at church. This is a situation where additional training may make the difference in a life or death situation. I have reached out to two CARGO members Scott Phillips and Larry Browning who both provide advanced pistol training.

Both have offered discounts to CARGO based on the volume of students that we sign up. We are trying to target a Saturday in January or February depending on range availability.

This is information from Larry's classes:

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- Principles Of Marksmanship
- Presentation From Concealed
- Weapon Failures & Malfunctions
- Reloading Techniques
- Engaging Multiple Threats
- Failure To Stop
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- 1) Primary Handgun (Secondary Handgun If Necessary) (NO Derringers, NO Rifle Round Handguns)
- 2) Minimum 2 Magazines (Three Preferred)
- 3) Minimum 1 Mag Pouch (Two Preferred)
- 4) Quality Strong Side ONLY Holster (NO Crossdraw, SOB's, Shoulder Or Tac Rigs)
- 5) Dress Accordingly For The Weather (Ball Cap, Sun Screen, Jacket, Light Rain Poncho)
- 6) Cover Shirt or Garment (Sport Vest Will Suffice)
- 7) 400 to 700 Rounds Of Factory Target Ammo --- Depending on 1 or 2 day class
- 8) 2 or 3 Snap Caps For Your Caliber Handgun
- 9) Eye & Ear Protection (Eye Glasses or Sun Glasses Will Suffice --- Plugs or Muffs)
- 10) 1 Roll Of 1 Inch Masking Tape (Cream Color)
- 11) Lite Lunch/Snacks, Water/Soft Drinks (NO Alcohol) --- Folding Lawn Chair (Optional)
- 12) Leave your “unloaded” firearm in your vehicle – Do NOT preload your weapon or mags
- 13) Tactical Flashlight w/on-off pressure switch (tail or top) (Maglite, Streamlite, Surefire, or clone)
- 14) If Possibility Of Inclement Weather - Verify Class The Day Before, We Will NOT Call You

Normal Class Duration is 6 to 8 hours – 1 Day Class (\$450) 12 to 14 hours – 2 Day Class (\$600)

Larry Browning – 972.989.327

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Larry's has offered a discount to the club / group. Normally the class costs \$450 however, if we have 1-5 students sign up the cost is \$400 for 6-9 students and \$350 for 10 students and above.

I will share the details of the other class option as soon as I get them. Scott's class is the same one that a number of CARGO members have taken in the past initial pricing is \$400/student.

If you have any suggestions for future speakers or topics please send your feedback to 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.cargogunclub.org

<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/01/08/dem-ordered-study-to-expose-illegal-online-gun-sales-backfires.html>



Dem-ordered study to expose illegal online gun sales backfires



By [Brooke Singman](#) | Fox News



The Government Accountability Office said they were largely unsuccessful in attempting to illegally purchase guns online. (Reuters)

A Democrat-backed study meant to expose illicit online gun sales instead seemed to show the opposite -- with hardly any sellers taking the bait when undercover investigators tried to set up dozens of illegal firearm transactions.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., as well as Sens. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., and Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii, had commissioned the Government Accountability Office report to look into how online private dealers might be selling guns to people not allowed to have them.

Their efforts were based on a 2016 report from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), which claimed that “anonymity of the internet makes it an ideal means for prohibited individuals to obtain illegal firearms.”

“Congressional requesters asked that GAO access the extent to which ATF is enforcing existing laws and investigate whether online private sellers sell firearms to be people who are not allowed or eligible to possess a firearm,” the GAO report said.



Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., led the charge for GAO to commission the report. (AP)

Over the course of the two-and-a-half year investigation, agents tried to buy firearms illegally on the “Surface Web” and the “Dark Web,” generally by sharing their status as “prohibited individuals” or trying to buy across state lines.

But the [GAO revealed](#) that their 72 attempts outside of the dark web were all “unsuccessful.”

“Private sellers on Surface Web gun forums and in classified ads were unwilling to sell a firearm to our agents that self-identified as being prohibited from possessing a firearm,” the GAO reported, noting that in their “72 attempts ... 56 sellers refused to complete a transaction once we revealed that either the shipping address was across state lines or that we were prohibited by law from owning firearms.” In the other cases, the investigators' website was frozen or they encountered suspected scammers.

On the dark web, GAO agents successfully purchased two guns illegally, as the serial numbers on the weapons were “obliterated” and “shipped across state lines.” But in the attempt to purchase, the GAO agents “did not disclose any information indicating they were prohibited from possessing a firearm.”

Based on the findings of the study, the GAO said it is “not making recommendations in this report.”



Sen. Elizabeth Warren joined with Sen. Brian Schultz, D-Hawaii, and Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., to commission the GAO report. (AP)

Cummings, Warren and Schatz did not immediately respond to Fox News’ request for comment on the GAO’s findings.

The National Rifle Association seized on the report to claim that online sales are in fact regulated, calling the study an "embarrassment" for the gun control lobby.

“GAO’s findings showed nothing so much as that private sellers advertising online are knowledgeable about the law, conscientious, and self-policing,” [The National Rifle Association](#) said, adding that online gun sales are “subject to the same federal laws that apply to any other commercial or private gun sales.”

The NRA described the study as an attempt to model the findings of former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s 2015 report, titled [“Point, Click, Fire: An investigation of illegal online gun sales.”](#) which found that 62 percent of private sellers were willing to proceed with a sale, even if the prospective purchaser could not pass a background check.

My guns or my ganja? Firearm-owning pot fans face a choice

• **BY MARK SCOLFORO, ASSOCIATED PRESS**
HARRISBURG, Pa. — Jan 14, 2018, 4:30 PM ET

The federal government says grass and guns don't mix, and that is putting gun owners who use marijuana — and the strongly pro-gun-rights administration of President Donald Trump — in a potentially uncomfortable position.

As gun-loving Pennsylvania becomes the latest state to operate a medical marijuana program, with the first dispensary on track to begin sales next month, authorities are warning patients that federal law bars marijuana users from having guns or ammunition.

"They're going to have to make a choice," said John T. Adams, president of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association. "They can have their guns or their marijuana, but not both."

That's the official line, but the reality of how the policy might be enforced in Pennsylvania and other states is a little muddier. That includes the question of whether people who already own guns might have to surrender them, instead of just being prohibited from making new purchases.

The political sensitivity was underscored Friday when Pennsylvania regulators reversed themselves and announced its registry of medical-pot patients will not be available, as was previously planned, through the state's law enforcement computer network.

Phil Gruver, a professional auto detailer from Emmaus who received a state medical marijuana card in mid-December, is weighing what to do with his .22-caliber rifle and a handgun he keeps for home defense.

"It's a violation of my [Second Amendment](#) rights," Gruver said. "I don't know of any time anyone's been using marijuana and going out and committing acts of violence with a gun. Most of the time they just sit on their couch and eat pizza."

State laws allowing medical or, more recently, recreational use of pot have long been at odds with the federal prohibition on gun ownership by those using marijuana. But the government has

traditionally taken a hands-off approach. Since 2014, Congress has forbidden the Department of Justice from spending money to prosecute people who grow, sell and use medical pot.

The picture has become murkier under Trump, a Republican whose attorney general, Jeff Sessions, has long denounced the drug. Sessions recently rescinded a Barack Obama-era policy that was deferential to states' permissive marijuana laws. Now, federal prosecutors in states that allow drug sales must decide whether to crack down on the marijuana trade.

It's not clear what impact the new policy will have on gun owners who use cannabis as medicine, or even how many people fit the bill. Nor is it clear whether any people who use legally obtained medical marijuana have been prosecuted for owning a gun, although the existence of medical marijuana registries in some states, including Pennsylvania, has some patients concerned.

More than 800,000 guns are sold or transferred in Pennsylvania annually, and more than 10,000 people in the state have signed up for medical marijuana. The registry change on Friday makes it much less likely the state's medical marijuana users will be flagged when going through a federal gun sales background check.

A spokeswoman for Dave Freed, the new U.S. attorney in Harrisburg, said only that criminal investigations and prosecutions "will be based on a fair and transparent fact-intensive inquiry of individual cases." State police said it's up to prosecutors to decide when to bring a case.

The Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has left no doubt where it stands. Last year, the ATF spelled out the marijuana prohibition in boldface type on gun purchase forms.

"Any person who uses or is addicted to marijuana, regardless of whether his or her state has passed legislation authorizing marijuana use for medical purposes ... is prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition," ATF spokeswoman Janice L. Kemp said in an email to The Associated Press.

A spokeswoman for the Justice Department referred questions about medical marijuana and guns enforcement to local federal prosecutors and a recent memo from Sessions that does not specifically address the issue.

In Ohio, which has authorized a medical marijuana program, [the office](#) of the U.S. attorney for the northern part of the state, Justin Herdman, has said Sessions' guidance won't change his case-by-case approach.

The gun-ownership ban has withstood at least one legal challenge. An appeals court in San Francisco, rejecting a challenge on Second Amendment grounds, said in 2016 that Congress reasonably concluded marijuana and other drugs raise the risk of unpredictable behavior.

Meanwhile, some state and local officials, particularly in law enforcement, have sought to crack down.

William Bryson, chairman of the Delaware Police Chiefs' Council, told state lawmakers in December that people who use marijuana for medical or recreational purposes should be required to have a designation on their driver's licenses. That would make it easier, he said, for police to enforce the ban.

And last month, a police chief in Hawaii publicized and then quickly rescinded a directive that medical marijuana patients had to give up their handguns. Two people turned in their weapons.

But marijuana activists predict a backlash should federal prosecutors begin going after gun owners who use legally obtained medical marijuana.

The issue has been largely theoretical, but there would be quick pushback if the federal government took a more aggressive stance, said Paul Armentano, deputy director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

Between 1998 and 2014, nearly 100,000 prospective gun purchasers went home empty-handed because they were flagged as using illegal drugs, according to the ATF. But the agency could not say how many of those used medical or recreational marijuana.

Dean Hazen, an Urbana, Illinois, businessman who helps broker online gun purchases, said a 75-year-old client with a medical marijuana card was turned down when his state firearm-owner identification card was run through the federal background check system.

"He's got a collection of guns at home," Hazen said, "and he's a model citizen."

Even before his administration took the medical marijuana registry off the Pennsylvania law-enforcement computer network, Gov. Tom Wolf, a Democrat, sought to assure people the state has no plans to take their guns. And last week, state House Republican Leader Dave Reed urged residents to call their congressional representative and "urge them to make gun ownership legal for medical marijuana card holders."

Kim Stolfer, head of the Pennsylvania organization Firearms Owners Against Crime, pointed out that people who drink heavily or use potent but legal drugs such as [opioids](#) or antidepressants can still own a gun.

"You have people that are advancing up in age that need medical marijuana and might have, say, 50 firearms and just realized they sacrificed all of those," Stolfer said. "Where are they going to turn them in and how are they going to get rid of them?"

<http://www.thefirearmblog.com/blog/2017/11/28/cmp-set-recieve-10000-surplus-1911s/>

CMP Set to Receive up to 10,000 Surplus 1911s

November 28, 2017



Back in [July we reported](#) that the Civilian Marksmanship Programme was in line to receive 10,000 newly surplused [M1911A1](#) pistols in 2018. With the United States Senate [passing the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act \(NDAA\)](#) on the 18th November the bill will now be sent to the President's desk to be signed into law.

For collectors, 1911 fans and the shooting community a couple of sections of the NDAA are important. First, [Section 348](#) 'Repurposing and Reuse of Surplus Army [Firearms](#)', this states that in an effort to minimise [storage](#) costs all firearms "no longer actively issued for military service" currently held at the Defense Distribution Depot in Anniston, Alabama are to be repurposed or reused. How will the surplus small arms be repurposed? According to Section 348 they'll be used in "the reforging of new [firearms](#) or their components" or melted down to make "force protection barriers and security bollards."



[Marines](#) with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit's maritime raid force fire M4 carbines and M1911A1s, during exercise Eager Lion 2013. ([DoD/Sgt. C.Q. Stone](#))

But the good news is there are some important exceptions to the directive with “M-1 Garand, [caliber .45 M1911/M1911A1 pistols](#), [caliber .22 rimfire rifles](#)” all being exempt from destruction. According to [Section 1091](#) of the NDAA some of these weapons are destined to be transferred to the [CMP](#).

Section 1091 calls for the “Transfer of Surplus Firearms To Corporation For the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety”. While the NDAA does not stipulate the transfer of any of the Army's remaining surplus Garands, it explicitly mandates the transfer of at least 8,000, but no “more than 10,000 surplus [caliber .45 M1911/M1911A1 pistols](#)” during the 2018 fiscal year through to 2020.

At the same time the 2018 NDAA also repeals the [2016 pistol transfer pilot program](#). The Civilian Marksmanship Program are ready and waiting for the surplus 1911's. On the 11th October, the CMP's Chief Operating Officer Mark Johnson [gave an update](#):

We are waiting patiently and quietly to see how the NDAA 2018 turns out. All prescribed steps have been taken by CMP to fulfill the mandated requirements for receipt of the 1911s from the [United States Army](#). CMP is in a constant state of readiness. The CMP has no further information at this time.

With the passage of the bill and its imminent signing into law it looks like thousands of surplus 1911s will finally become available on the civilian market. But just when is unknown as the transferred [pistols](#) will need to be inspected, graded, test-fired and inventoried before they [can](#) be offered for sale.

New from Palmetto State Armory: American Made MP5

BY [NICK LEGHORN](#) |
JAN 10, 2018



In advance of SHOT Show, Palmetto State [Armory](#) has been teasing all week about the possibility that they will soon introduce an MP5 clone into the US market. That seems to have been confirmed at this point, [thanks to an ARFCOM post](#) their official account has posted these photos of their new MP5 receiver.



PSA expanded out of their [AR-15](#) related niche a couple years ago with their [PSAK-47](#), moving from machined receivers to stamped [receivers](#) to generally positive reviews and with downright reasonable price points. It looks like the MP5 will be their next platform to [target](#), probably attempting to under cut other players in the field such as Brethren Armament and POF.

ATF Arrests Man For eBay Silencer Sales

August 30, 2016

[Part 1 of our 'Build Your Own Silencer'](#) series is my most-read article that I've had the pleasure of posting here at TFB. And I think that's great – the more people we have interested in purchasing, owning, transferring and making suppressors *legally* the better. So as I work on Part 2 of the BIY series, be prepared to see yet another set of warnings and disclaimers. After that we are going to walk you through the ATF "Form 1" application, and then talk about [parts](#) suppliers. One of which is [eBay](#).


As we've previously discussed, the rules, regulations and laws surrounding silencers is tricky at best and downright scary at their worst. The fact that a single baffle is considered a silencer within itself is still, well, baffling. However, these are the laws here in the US, and until we get them changed or repealed, we all have to follow them or face the repercussions. Apparently, one Ohio man decided to push the boundaries of the law and caught the attention of the ATF when he was selling [muzzle](#) brake variations on [eBay](#).


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Disclaimer: I'm not positive this [eBay](#) item is the one in question, but there are some parallels that can be drawn with the defendant's situation.

This listing was ended by the seller because the item is no longer available.

1" x 6" 18 PORT SUPER GILLED MUZZLE BRAKE 1/2x28 Pitch Recoil Reducer break [See original listing](#)



Item condition: **New**
Ended: Aug 09, 2016, 2:56PM
Price: **US \$65.00** [17 sold]
Shipping: **\$3.00** Standard Shipping
Item location: East Palestine, Ohio, United States
Seller:  (224 ★) | [Seller's other items](#)

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Delivers a nice low tone and reduces felt recoil / push back. 7 ports on EACH SIDE = A Total of 14 slanted gas ports. This Muzzle Brake is 6 Inches long...

VERY intimidating look. This muzzle brake is Guaranteed to make a statement wherever it is used, contact for other threads and bores

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For our Nebraska CARGO members:

<https://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/nebraska-bill-would-ban-bump-stocks-and-suppressors/>

Nebraska Bill Would Ban Bump Stocks and Suppressors

by S.H. BLANNELBERRY on JANUARY 4, 2018



State Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks. She wants to make Nebraska safer by turning law-abiding gun owners into criminals. Makes perfect sense. Right?

State Sen. Patty Pansing Brooks wants to ban suppressors and bump stocks in Nebraska.

This week, at the start of the 2018 Legislative Session, Brooks introduced [LB 780](#). A bill to prohibit “the manufacture, import, transfer, and possession of multi-burst trigger activators and firearm silencers.” If enacted, offenders would be slapped with a class IV felony. Which means that gun owners could receive as much as two years in prison for possessing what is currently lawfully-owned property.

Funny how that would work. Perfectly legal one day. Outright illegal the next. Talk about infringement.

Ms. Brooks told the [Omaha World-Herald](#) that banning these devices would make the state “safer.” Right. Because there is a rash of gun violence in Cornhusker land involving bump stocks and gun mufflers.

What’s interesting is the timing of the bill. The Democrat from Lincoln is in her last year of her first term.

“If I’m not re-elected, I think I would walk away from here thinking, ‘You did nothing about the proliferation of guns in your community,’ ” she said.

My take is she's probably after that [Bloomberg money](#). Bloomberg's gun control organization, Everytown for gun safety, is known for donating to candidates that push gun control in their state. Re-elections aren't cheap. To score some Bloomberg bucks might help the cause.

Or, maybe she is really delusional enough to believe that range novelties and gun suppressors are a threat to public safety.

The question is, how so? Suppressors simply lower the sound of gunfire to hearing-safe levels. Myths about the "danger" they pose have been thoroughly debunked. Not just by me. But by unbiased publications, like [PolitiFact](#).

As it relates to bump stocks, one could ostensibly argue bump stocks increase the lethality of a rifle by accelerating its rate of fire. But anyone in the know also recognizes that an increased rate of fire comes at a price. Usually, a higher rate of fire means the rifle is less accurate and harder to control. Which, compromises its effectiveness. Thus, making it less lethal.

Not to mention the fact that one doesn't need a bump stock to bump fire. Workarounds involving belt loops and other common household items can be used to rapid fire a rifle. Point being, banning bump stocks won't put a stop to bump firing.

Then, there's the question of whether a determined killer is even going to follow LB 870 if it's enacted. The answer, heck no. So, basically, the real-world effect of LB 870 isn't to increase public safety. Nor is it to stop bad guys from taking innocent lives. It's to turn law-abiding gun owners into criminals.

LB 870 faces an uphill battle. Republicans in the Legislature outnumber Democrats by a ratio of about 2-1. Let's hope lawmakers recognize it for what it is. And let's hope voters remember who sponsored it come November.

https://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/wilson-combats-new-458-hamr-hot-hybrid-cartridge-pushes-the-limits/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=20180105_FridayDigest_155&utm_campaign=/blog/wilson-combats-new-458-hamr-hot-hybrid-cartridge-pushes-the-limits/

Wilson Combat's new .458 HAM'R – Hot Hybrid Pushes the Limits

by MAX SLOWIK on JANUARY 4, 2018



Wilson Combat is pushing ARs to the limit with the new .458 HAM'R cartridge. (Photo: W.C.)

Hunting cartridges often fall into two different classes, light and fast or heavy and slow. Wilson Combat just developed a new cartridge that asks why not both?

Their [new .458 HAM'R is a high-pressure thumper](#) that pushes a 300-grain bullet at 2,000 feet per second generating over 3,000 foot-pounds of force at the muzzle — in an AR-15-size package with an 18-inch barrel. This puts the .458 HAM'R at the top of big-bore cartridge family, beating .450 Bushmaster, .458 SOCOM and .500 Beowulf for sheer power.



.458 HAM'R is not safe to use in .458 SOCOM rifles and will not chamber correctly. (Photo: W.C.)

“The HAM'R is designed from concept to completion to be the hardest-hitting, most powerful AR-platform carbine ever produced,” states Wilson.

“The .458 HAM'R is more than capable of cleanly killing any animal in North America, stopping a vehicle or blasting through a brick wall. Using a purpose-designed ‘hybrid’-length receivers, bolt carrier groups that are .75-inches shorter than a standard AR-10 and feeding from a Lancer AR-15 magazine, Bill Wilson and the Wilson Combat engineering team have produced the ultimate heavy-hitting semi-auto carbine.”

The .458 HAM'R cartridge is essentially a .458 SOCOM Magnum with a longer case shoulder loaded to as much as 46,000 PSI. By comparison, .458 SOCOM's max pressure load is 35,000 PSI.

Wilson pulls this off by using an oversize AR-10-based bolt and barrel extension sized to fit in an AR-15-length receiver.

Right now the company's offering two .458 HAM'R rifles, the Tactical Hunter and Ultimate Hunter. They also have [two loads ready to go](#), a lower-cost ball load and an all-copper hollow point for taking game. Wilson Combat uses Starline brass with Barnes and X-Treem bullets for their ammo.

Like a lot of Wilson products, these are high-end, semi-custom rifles with a lot of parts designed and built in-house. In addition to the specialized bolt and barrel components, they also have custom buffers and machined billet receivers.

Despite all the over-built components the rifles still manage to weigh less than 8 pounds. Without optics the Tactical Hunter weighs 7 pounds 11 ounces unloaded. Thanks to carbon fiber components the Ultimate Hunter weighs even less at 7 pounds 4 ounces.

See Also: [Wilson Combat's EDC X9 Brings the 1911 into the 21st Century](#)



The Tactical Hunter, top left, and Ultimate Hunter, bottom right. *(Photo: W.C.)*

The main difference between the models are the stock assemblies. The Tactical model has a telescoping carbine-style Rogers/Wilson Super-Stoc while the Ultimate rifle has a fixed skeleton carbon fiber stock fitted with a Limbsaver recoil pad. The tactical model also has a threaded barrel.

Both models have fluted barrels with adjustable mid-length gas systems. They also come standard with Wilson Combat triggers set at 4 pounds. They both use the same 14.6-inch modular M-Lok free-floating handguards.

Pricing on these guns starts at \$2,905. Other accessories including scopes are not included.

While that's on the high side for an AR-based rifle, these guns aren't like anything else on the market. And because they're made by Wilson Combat, they're also built to a standard few companies can match.

Trijicon RMR Type 2

by Chris Mudgett | December 27th, 2017



It's no secret that miniature red dot sights (MRDS) mounted on pistols are blazing a path toward the future. I've been carrying them on various carry pistols for the last 20 months. I have *no* plans to go back to irons because the benefits are too numerous, especially if you're dedicated to practice.



During the last 20 months, optic manufacturers have been working toward developing and enhancing a better sight. Almost all MRDS were originally designed for use on long-guns, generally as secondary roles. Companies did not anticipate that these would be mounted on reciprocating pistol slides that transfer far greater G-forces through the circuitry of the optic.

Trijicon's Ruggedized Miniature Reflex (RMR) has become one of the most popular MRDS options. Based on their own testing, Trijicon engineers felt that the RMR's electronics (specifically the battery contact of their LED powered sights) could be improved. Hence, a new model is now available. It's called the RM06 RMR Type 2 and it features upgraded electronics and a battery contact designed for semiautomatic pistols.

Trijicon RM06 Type 2 RMR	
Power:	1X
Objective:	22x16mm
Elevation Adjustment:	1 mil per click
Windage:	1 mil per click
Reticle:	6.5 MOA dot
Length:	1.8 in.
Weight:	1.2 oz.
Eye Relief:	Unlimited
MSRP:	\$650
Manufacturer:	Trijicon, 800-338-0563 trijicon.com

My preferred RMR is the RM06, which is a manually adjustable, LED-powered sight with a 3.25-MOA dot size. The controls are mounted on either side of the protective hood and are quick to adjust if needed.

The RMR is machined from a block of aluminum, and the hood of the sight is designed to transfer energy from a hard impact down the side of the hood walls into the base, which minimizes the chance of cracking or dislodging the lens. The area between the emitter and the glass is stepped down to reduce glare. A plethora of power options and dot sizes are available to suit your desires.

November 20, 2017



[Armalite](#) AR-10 found at Bushell's Home (Kent Police)

A 74 year old, self-proclaimed history buff, [has been jailed](#) in the UK when his collection of nearly 200 firearms was discovered after a fire at his home.

Paul Bushell's collection was discovered by firefighters back in May when his home in Gillingham, Kent caught fire, while he was at a friend's 70th birthday lunch. On hearing about the fire he allegedly told a friend "I have done something wrong. I might be in a lot of trouble." It took police teams four days to complete their search and catalogue approximately 160 [firearms](#) and a stock of ammunition – luckily, none of which was touched by the fire.



Bushell's garage workshop with numerous 19th [century](#) revolvers, spent cases and percussion [pistol](#) cylinders (Kent Police)

Senior Investigating Officer, [Detective Inspector Susan Smith said](#): "Bushell had a staggering collection of [guns](#) which if they were to get into the wrong hands could have been catastrophic"

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The impressive cache of weapons included everything from 19th [century](#) pocket revolvers to an [Ingram](#) M10 [submachine](#) gun, a Sten gun, various patterns of AK and even an Armalite AR-10. None of the guns were secured in cabinets or safes and they were found throughout Bushell's home – some of them loaded.



Bren [Gun](#) found at Bushell's home (Kent Police)

Bushell, a grandfather and a regular volunteer with the charity Samaritans, pleaded guilty to seven offences of possessing prohibited weapons and six of possessing [ammunition](#) without a valid firearms certificate. His family said that his collection had grown to become an obsession but that he had no connections with crime or the dark web.



An [Ingram](#) M10 found loaded at Bushell's home (Kent Police)

The sentencing judge told Bushell ““You did everything you could to enhance your collection without due regard for the real importance of complying with the law,” concluding that “It doesn't take an enormous amount of imagination to see the risk that would take place within the community as a whole if your home had ever been burgled.”



South African Kommando SMG (Kent Police)



One of several AK-pattern [rifles](#) found in Bushell's collection (Kent Police)

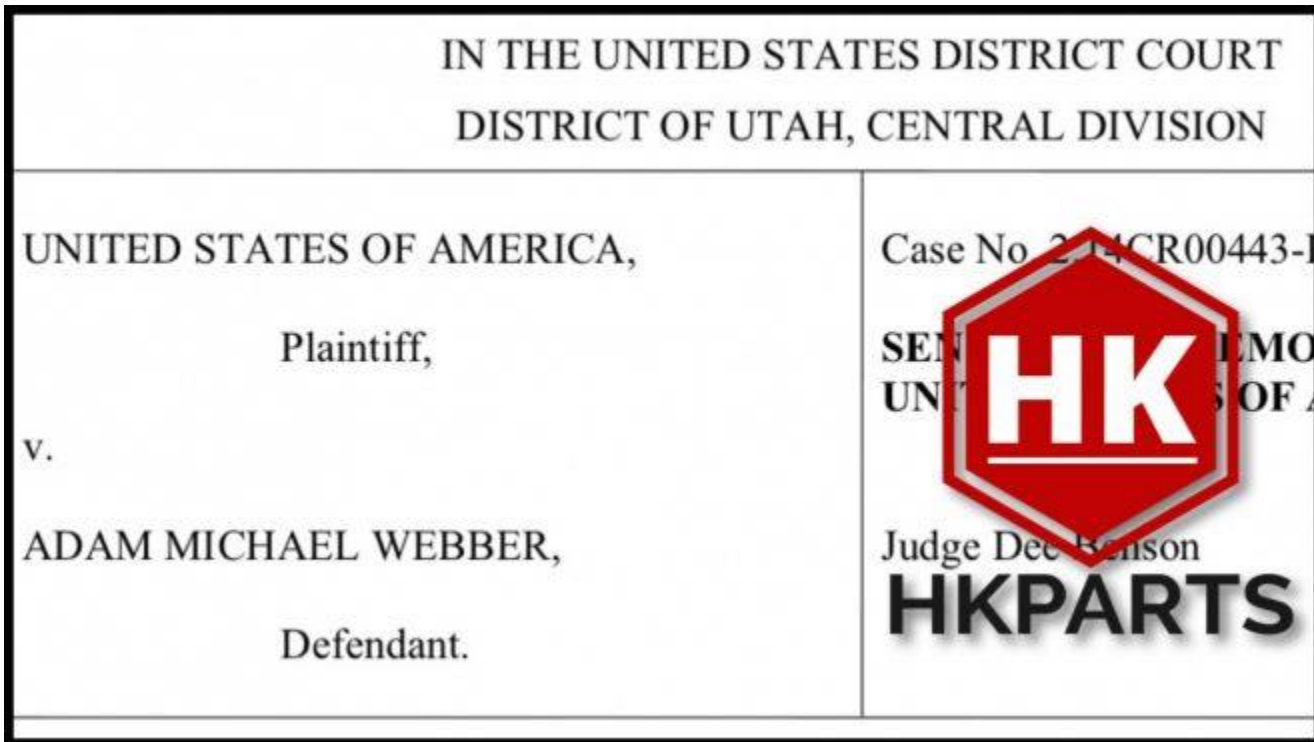


Czech CZ [Model](#) 25 (Kent Police)

Despite his defence pleading for a lenient sentence due to the defendant's advanced age, it seems the judge felt Bushell had to be made an example and was sentenced to five years in prison – the minimum for the offences committed. Despite the likely destruction of some of Bushell's collection Kent Police hope to retain some for museum display.

HKParts Owner Adam Webber Sentenced To 48 Months In Prison

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As I have stated many times in the past, I take no pleasure in reporting bad news. Yesterday a [federal](#) judge sentenced Adam [Webber](#), owner of HKParts, to four years in prison starting at the end of January. Details of the hearing can be found in the below excerpt from the *Salt Lake City Telegram*.

I, along with most HK and HK-style firearm owners, have made many purchases from HKParts over the years. Hopefully, as difficult as the past years have been, the sentencing yesterday allows everyone involved to move forward.

[HKPARTS: Utah businessman convicted of tax fraud, selling firearms without a license is sentenced to four years in federal prison](#)

U.S. District Judge Dee Benson was unmoved by a crestfallen apology from a Salt Lake County businessman on Thursday.

“I think deceit is one of his most apparent characteristics. I’m not even sure about the speech he gave me today,” Benson said of the apology before sentencing 40-year-old Adam Michael [Webber](#) on one count of dealing [firearms](#) without a license and five counts of tax fraud.

He sentenced Webber to four years in a federal prison and a \$100,000 fine, shocking family and friends who sat behind the defendant in the courtroom to offer their support. They had submitted letters calling Webber generous and charitable. Those letters, Benson said, painted a picture inconsistent with the person he became acquainted with over the past three years.

“I appreciate the effort,” the judge said, “but I don’t believe a lot of it.”

The prosecution had asked for 37 months and a \$250,000 fine.

[Webber](#) was convicted by a jury last year of selling [firearms](#) without a license and tax fraud. Initially, he had also been accused of smuggling and gun trafficking. Those counts were thrown out because of what the judge said were mistakes made by the prosecution.

And, after the conviction, Benson himself made an error in the jury instructions, the judge said Thursday, noting that he granted [Webber](#) a new trial on the count of dealing in [firearms](#) without a license. In May, however, Webber pleaded guilty to the charge.

Prosecutors initially said Webber had acquired more than 2,000 firearms between 2008 and 2012 to be sold. After the plea deal, the number was adjusted down to “well over 200” firearms, court documents state. Federal investigators seized 369 [firearms](#) from a warehouse and 11 from Webber’s home, according to court documents.

In 2007, [Webber](#) and his brother had agreed to never apply for a federal firearms license or deal in weapons. The agreement was part of a civil settlement with the U.S. government after federal agents seized several [firearms](#) that belonged to Webber in 2005.

The same year, Webber operated HK Parts, an online market for unregulated [firearm parts](#) and accessories, out of the basement of his Rose Park home. In 2008, he added firearms to the product line, according to prosecutors. In addition to selling firearms online, he met with customers in a parking lot to sell [guns](#), according to court documents. [READ THE REST HERE.](#)

Sig Sauer to Offer Commercial Version of Army's New Sidearm



The U.S. Army's full-size XM17 MHS. Sig Sauer plans to sell a version of this pistol on the commercial market. (101st Airborne Division photo)

9 Dec 2017 By Matthew Cox

Sig Sauer, the maker of the [U.S. Army's](#) Modular Handgun System, intends to sell a special, commercial version of the full-size MHS 9mm pistol.

"We are planning to do a limited release of about 5,000 of the Army variant of the M17 for the commercial market," Tom Taylor, Sig Sauer's chief marketing officer and executive vice president for commercial sales, told Military.com. "The timing is not finalized yet, but it looks to be late spring."

The Army awarded Sig Sauer the MHS contract worth up to \$580 million in January. The service launched its long-awaited MHS competition in late August 2015 to replace its Cold War-era [M9](#) 9mm pistol.

The selection of Sig Sauer formally ended Beretta's 30-year hold on the Army's sidearm market.

The 10-year agreement calls for Sig to supply the Army with full-size XM17 and compact XM18 versions of its 9mm pistol. The pistols will become the M17 and M18 after they are type-classified.

Each commercial MHS will be serialized and have serialized matching coin as well as a letter of authenticity from the CEO of Sig Sauer, Taylor said.

Sig Sauer would likely be able to sell more than 5,000 of these pistols, but Taylor said, "we just wanted to make it really special. ... And once they are out there, the owners will be privileged to own the actual gun."

The commercial version will be almost identical to the Army-issue, full-size MHS, except it will not have the anti-tamper mechanism for the striker action, nor will it have the special coatings on some of the internal parts that help it maintain lubricity under harsh conditions, Taylor said.

The Army MHS comes standard with a frame-mounted thumb safety. The commercial version will be available with or without the thumb safety, depending on customer preference, Taylor said.

Sig Sauer has not yet decided on a price tag for the endeavor.

"It's high in demand, but if we price it too high, they will say 'I really want it, but it is just too expensive.'"

In addition to Sig Sauer, Glock Inc. told a German publisher in August that it plans on selling its MHS variant on the commercial market as well.

Glock, FN America and Beretta USA, makers of the current M9 9mm pistol, all lost to Sig Sauer, but selling their versions of the MHS may allow them to recoup the money they invested in the high-profile endeavor.

Richard Flur, head of international sales for Glock GmbH, based in Deutsch-Wagram, Austria, told Stephan Dorler, managing director of European Security and Defence, a publication based in Bonn, Germany, about Glock's plans to sell its version of MHS on the commercial market.

A Glock official in the U.S. said, however, there is no timeline yet for such a plan.

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German Police chose Heckler & Koch SFP9TR. Replaces SIG Sauer

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The Police in Berlin, Germany, chose the [Heckler & Koch SFP9 TR](#) as their new service [pistol](#).

Unsure what the [SFP9](#) is? Relax, it's what's called the [Heckler & Koch VP9 in the United States](#).



[SFP9](#)

I would think the possible confusion and need for different names in different markets is due to the [B&T VP9 \(Veterinary Pistol\)](#).



[VP9](#) (USA)

The contract was awarded on December 11, 2017 and is about no less than 24,000 [pistols](#).

The “*Landespolizei Berlin*” are currently using the [SIG](#) Sauer P6 (a version of the SIG Sauer P225) in 9×19 mm.

The [SFP9](#) has the same caliber as the SIG P6, but **the magazine capacity almost doubles from 8 to 15 rounds**, plus one in the chamber for both of course.



[SFP9](#)

The change to Heckler & Koch will start from around the middle of 2018, with delivered of about 2,000 pistols per month until completion of the contract.

For what I presume is for undercover Police and similar needs, they have also ordered 450 [SFP9 SK, sub-compacts](#). This [pistols](#) takes from 10 rounds in the [magazine](#).



[SFP9 SK](#)

[Heckler & Koch SFP9](#)

The modern SFP9 [Striker](#) Fired Pistol is a fully pre-cocked system with single-action trigger in calibre 9 mm x 19. The pistol's standard features include unique characteristics and innovative details. Patented charging supports at the rear of the slide simplify and assist charging without injury. The disassembly process requires no tools and guides the user through a mandatory course of action, offering maximum safety to prevent accidents. The weapon cannot be disassembled unless the [magazine](#) has been removed. Unlike comparable [models](#) of pistols, the weapon automatically de-cocks itself when disassembled. In addition, the trigger need not be pulled before disassembly. The magazine and ergonomics concept of the P30 were transferred to the new series of [pistols](#). Not only does the SFP9 use P30 magazines, it also features interchangeable back straps and grip shells to provide a total of 27 individual grip shape combinations. Its excellent trigger characteristics promote maximum accuracy during rapid fire sequences. It is based on a well-balanced relationship between hand position, light trigger pull and short [trigger](#) travel and reset.

For [SIG](#) Sauer this means another lost contract, [after they withdrew from the tender for the next service rifle for the German Army](#).

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This New Russian Sniper Rifle Is Redefining 'a Safe Distance'

A new report warns that a new new Russian sniper could change the shape of future battlefields.



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By [David Hambling](#)

Dec 8, 2017

Common Russian battle tactics, currently on display in Ukraine and elsewhere, uses three rows of snipers in battle. Although the first two rows present a challenge for even the best marksmen, it's the back row—which can be around 2,000 yards away from a target—where Russia places its most elite. Now [a U.S. Army report](#) says that this last row of warriors have become even more deadly, thanks to a new weapon—the T-5000 Tochnost rifle.

The report, called the “Russian New Generation Warfare Handbook,” warns that Russian snipers are “far more advanced than the precision shooters U.S. formations have encountered over the last 15 years” and can't be thwarted by usual anti-sniper tactics of locating and pinning down the sniper. To be put simply, the Army is being outgunned.



The view through a Dragunov sniper rifle, October 2017.
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Before the T-5000, Russia used the [Dragunov](#), a good quality rifle but with poor optics. Where the American [McMillian TAC-338](#) could hit a target at 1,700 yards, the Dragunov maxed out at just 800 yards.

The T-5000 doesn't share those limitations. Using the .388 Lapua Magnum ammo, replacing the Dragunov's old ammo that's been around since Imperial Russia, the rifle delivers 5,000 foot-pounds of energy. A familiar round used by the Army, it delivers twice the amount of energy as the rifle that came before it.

ORuzejnyje SISTemy ([ORSIS](#)), the Moscow-based designers of the rifle, started production in 2011. The company benefits from expertise from Russia's hardcore [National Federation of High-Precision Shooting](#) and has shown uses the most advanced technology available in the world. ORSIS claims to have [unique tools and equipment](#), including machine tools which can carve metal into very precise shapes, digitally-controlled ovens, a cryogenic chamber, and "the only [cutter-grinding machine](#) in Russia with a video measuring system."



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The T-5000 is made with metals from Germany, Austria, and the U.S., and The Firearm Blog, which [isn't always polite](#) about Russian-made guns, [applauds the rifle's build quality](#).

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Better materials, better ammo, and better optics means a sniper that's vastly more accurate and can put a bullet inside a one-inch circle firing from 200 yards. This "0.5 minutes of arc" means the T-5000 remains deadly accurate at 2,000 yards, which is likely why it's also [becoming a favorite](#) at international shooting competitions.

Marco Vorobiev, former member of an Soviet Spetsnaz special forces unit, now a [firearms and tactics instructor](#) and [author](#), describes the T-5000 as a gun "that can compete with any custom-built bolt action precision rifle out there...It is well designed and built in small batches. More of a custom rifle than mass produced."

And those small numbers have appeared in conflict zones around the world, including Iraq and Ukraine. [It's now being bought up](#) by Russian regular army and the Federal Security Service (the old KGB), the Federal Protective Service (like the U.S. Secret Service), and the National Guard. Deliveries were originally due in 2020 but have been brought forward, with some units receiving their rifles this year.

For now, the solution is simple—run.

In an era of 122mm rocket launchers and drone strikes, being pinned down by a sniper may not seem like a big deal. But on the battlefield, it can mean a unit being annihilated by a rocket strike within minutes. As described in the "Russian New Generation Warfare Handbook," teams of snipers pinned down opposing forces, and when immobilized, were then attacked from multiple rocket launchers.

For now, the solution is simple—run. The report advises breaking contact immediately when a unit is engaged by a modern Russian sniper. Any hesitation will mean more casualties, either from sniper fire or from artillery. This disadvantage of this tactic is that "any enemy marksman in an established position will create a minimum of two casualties per engagement with little to no repercussions."



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The report also says the Army needs improved tactics to handle the new threat. These new ideas could include smoke grenades, issuing troops with special weapons, or relying on portable tactical drones like the [Switchblade](#) to find and attack snipers.

But the T-5000 is really only beginning, even more powerful snipers are currently in the works. [Lobaev Arms](#), claimed a world record with a Sumrak (Twilight) rifle, hitting a target from [3,720 yards away](#) in 2015. Last month, the company topped this with a [4,600 yard](#) shot. Although requiring detailed knowledge of the exact winds as well as a correction for the rotation of the Earth, these snipers will redefine the idea of “a safe distance” and become new masters of the battlefield.

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