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Hello Fellow CARGO Members,

The next meeting will be held at Napoli's on **Thursday, January 19th.**

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)

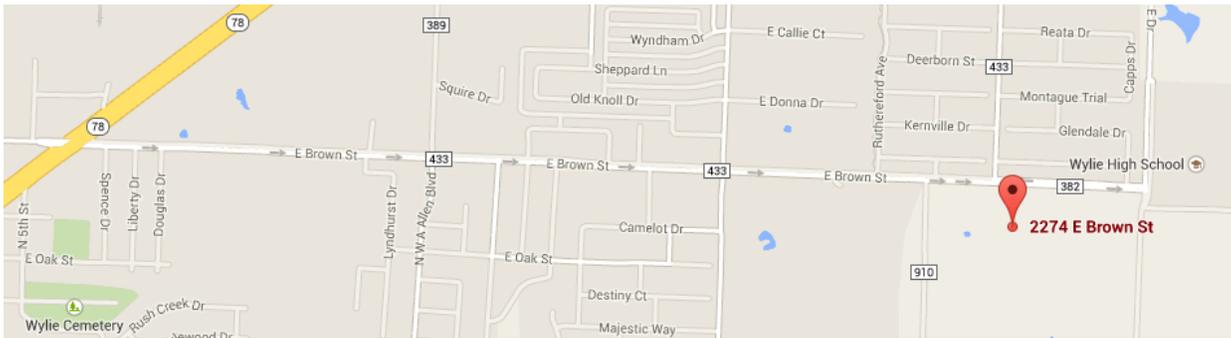
The address is:

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:

- We are going to try something new for show and tell this time. Firearms manufactures are some of the oldest commercial concerns on the planet. The Guinness book of world records lists Beretta as starting in 1526 followed 290 years later by Remington.
 - Please bring anything in your collection from either Beretta or Remington to share with the club.
- Was Santa good to you this year? Bring something that you received for Christmas to share with the club. It doesn't have to be this Christmas – just any Christmas present that you want to share.
- 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.

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

https://www.gunsamerica.com/blog/new-ffl-form-4473-for-background-checks-incoming/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=20161118_FridayDigest_96&utm_campaign=/blog/new-ffl-form-4473-for-background-checks-incoming/

New FFL Form 4473 for Background Checks Incoming

by Max Slowik on November 17, 2016

Firearms Transaction Record						
WARNING: You may not receive a firearm if prohibited by Federal or State law. The information you provide will be used to determine whether you are prohibited from receiving a firearm. Certain violations of the Gun Control Act, 18 U.S.C. 921 et. seq., are punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment and/or up to a \$250,000 fine.						Transferor's/Seller's Transaction Serial Number (If any)
Read the Notices, Instructions, and Definitions on this form. Prepare in original only at the licensed premises ("licensed premises" includes business temporarily conducted from a qualifying gun show or event in the same State in which the licensed premises is located) unless the transaction qualifies under 18 U.S.C. 922(c). All entries must be handwritten in ink. "PLEASE PRINT."						
Section A - Must Be Completed Personally By Transferee/Buyer						
1. Transferee's/Buyer's Full Name (If legal name contains an initial only, record "IO" after the initial. If no middle initial or name, record "N") Last Name (Including suffix (e.g., Jr, Sr, II, III))			First Name	Middle Name		
2. Current State of Residence and Address (U.S. Postal abbreviations are acceptable. Cannot be a post office box.) Number and Street Address			City	County	St	
3. Place of Birth U.S. City and State		-OR- Foreign Country	4. Height Ft. _____ In. _____	5. Weight (Lbs.)	6. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	7. Birth Date Month _____ Day _____
8. Social Security Number (Optional, but will help prevent misidentification)				9. Unique Personal Identification Number (Instructions for Question 9.)		
10.a. Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino		10.b. Race (In addition to ethnicity, select one or more race in 10.b. Both 10.a. and 10.b. are required.) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American				

The new form includes more details concerning the law and procedures. (Photo: ATF)

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives or more commonly the ATF has announced an update to Form 4473, the background check form. All Federal firearms licensees or FFLs will have to switch to the form on Jan. 16, 2017. The previous form, drafted in 2012, will no longer be accepted from that point on.

Anyone buying from or transferring a firearm through an FFL will have to fill out this updated form. The bulk of the changes to the form are small clarifications to how the background check questions are phrased but one change stands out noticeably.

Question 11.e asks if the person filling out the background check is "An unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana" among other controlled substances. It has a new warning that points out that marijuana use remains "Unlawful under Federal law regardless of whether it has been legalized or decriminalized for medicinal or recreational purposes" under state law.

This change reflects the ATF's longstanding position that local laws don't supersede the federal laws the ATF is tasked to interpret and enforce. As long as there are federal laws that criminalize the consumption or possession of marijuana it will be illegal for cannabis users to purchase firearms.

- and may proceed to question 11.b. (See instructions for Question 11.a.)
- b. Are you under indictment or information in any court for a **felony**, or any other crime for which the judge could imprison you for more than one year? (See Instructions for Question 11.b.)
 - c. Have you ever been convicted in any court of a **felony**, or any other crime for which the judge could have imprisoned you for more than one year, even if you received a shorter sentence including probation? (See Instructions for Question 11.c.)
 - d. Are you a fugitive from justice? (See Instructions for Question 11.d.)
 - e. Are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance?
Warning: The use or possession of marijuana remains unlawful under Federal law regardless of whether it has been legalized or decriminalized for medicinal or recreational purposes in the state where you reside.
 - f. Have you ever been adjudicated as a mental defective **OR** have you ever been committed to a mental institution? (See Instructions for Question 11.f.)
 - g. Have you been discharged from the Armed Forces under **dishonorable** conditions?
 - h. Are you subject to a court order restraining you from harassing, stalking, or threatening your child or an intimate partner or child of such partner? (See Instructions for Question 11.h.)
 - i. Have you ever been **convicted** in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence? (See Instructions for Question 11.i.)

In case there was any confusion — agree with it or not, says the ATF, right on the 4473. (Photo: ATF)



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It's not a legally gray area even if the enforcement of these and similar laws can sometimes be difficult or even impossible in these municipalities. This supports recent case law as well.

Recently the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that federal laws that prohibit drug users from purchasing firearms still apply to marijuana users, even in states where marijuana use has been decriminalized for medical or recreational use.

[See Also: Ninth Circuit Appeals Court Says No to Guns for Medical Marijuana Users](#)

Other changes to the form include a new format for filling out names for the background check process. Anyone with no middle name will have to mark the form NMN and anyone with only a middle initial must mark their initial with IO for initial only. Additionally, anyone with a name suffix like junior or senior will be required to include that information as well.

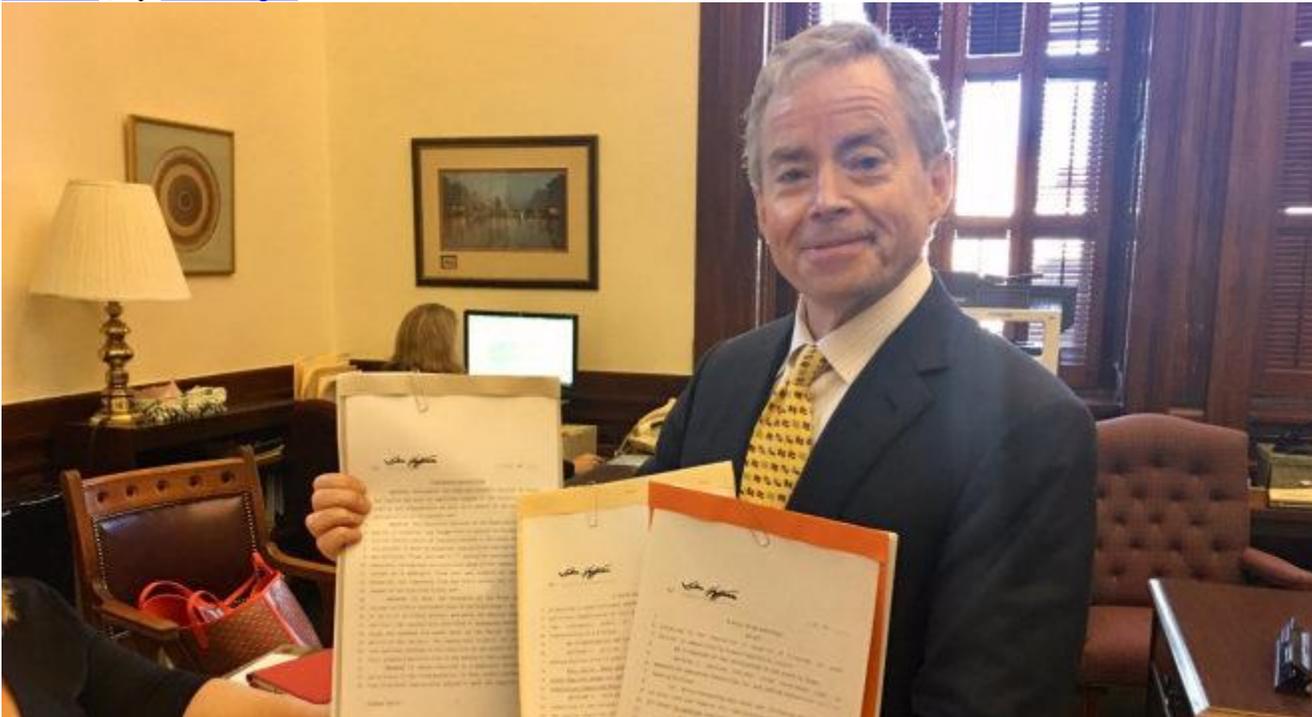
The new form uses the stricter term “sex” instead of “gender” for the purposes of identification and includes language detailing federal laws and definitions to help people correctly fill out the form. The updated form also includes instructions on how to proceed if a transfer is initially denied then overturned.

Legal experts at Orchid Advisors have a [detailed list of the changes](#) which number in the dozens. “If you have additional questions regarding the revised Form 4473, please contact your local ATF office. A listing may be found online (<https://www.atf.gov/contact/atf-field-divisions>).”

The new forms can be found online on [the ATF website](#).

Texas lawmaker introduces pro-gun 4-pack of bills in state Senate

1/12/17 | by [Chris Eger](#)



Huffines filed a series of gun rights bills this week in the Texas Senate. *(Photo: Twitter)*

Republican Sen. Don Huffines filed a package of legislation on Wednesday he argues will preserve Texans' Second Amendment rights for future generations.

Huffines, who represents part of Dallas county, introduced bills to block future gun registration, prevent local gun bans and taxes, keep carry permit holders from catching extra charges at DUI stops, and designate the Lone Star State's official gun to be the cannon.

"Second Amendment liberty is critical for the preservation of all of our other liberties," said Huffines in a statement. "Wherever state government interferes with that right, or unduly burdens it, it is my duty as a state legislator to fix it."

First on the list of proposals is an amendment to the state constitution, [SJR 30](#), which would prohibit Texas from ever establishing a gun registry. The move — if approved by state voters — could only be removed by a further ballot referendum, thus keeping lawmakers in Austin from being able to pass future gun registration schemes.

"It is critically important to make our constitution crystal clear on the subject so there's no sneak attack or backdoor, dark of the night attempt to create a gun registry," said Huffines.

Next, [SB 458](#) would clarify that a concealed carry license holder can only be charged with illegal possession of a firearm when intoxicated if they actually have a gun on their person. Huffines contends under current law, LTC holders are being hit with the charge at traffic stops even when their gun is locked in their car's trunk or out of reach. Further, some are only charged because the threshold for intoxication under current law is much lower for those carrying a firearm than for drunk driving.

Huffines' [SB 459](#) prohibits local politicians from taxing guns and ammo or regulating their sale or manufacturing without explicit state authority. He argues strengthening the state's preemption laws in such a manner will keep "a handful of liberal politicians in city halls and county courthouses" from moving to enact new taxes on guns at the local level.

Finally, [SCR 8](#) would enshrine the cannon as the state's official gun. The resolution's language gives a tip of the hat to artillery pieces key to Texas' history including the famous "Come and Take It" cannon at Gonzales, the bronze cannon from the Alamo, several guns on the ground of the state Capitol, and Smokey — the ceremonial cannon used by the University of Texas since 1954.

The bills have been received by the secretary of the Senate and are awaiting committee assignment.

Correction: This article has been corrected to show that Smokey is used, of course, by the University of Texas, not Texas A&M

Firearms History

- Beretta 1526
 - The earliest recorded mention of the arms company Beretta (Italy) came in 1526. The business has been passed down through 16 generations, but its headquarters are still based in the village of Gardone Val Trompia near Brescia, Italy.
- Remington 1816
- Colt Manufacturing Co. 1839
- Winchester 1866
- Walther 1886
- Fabrique Nationale d'Herstal (FN Herstal) 1889

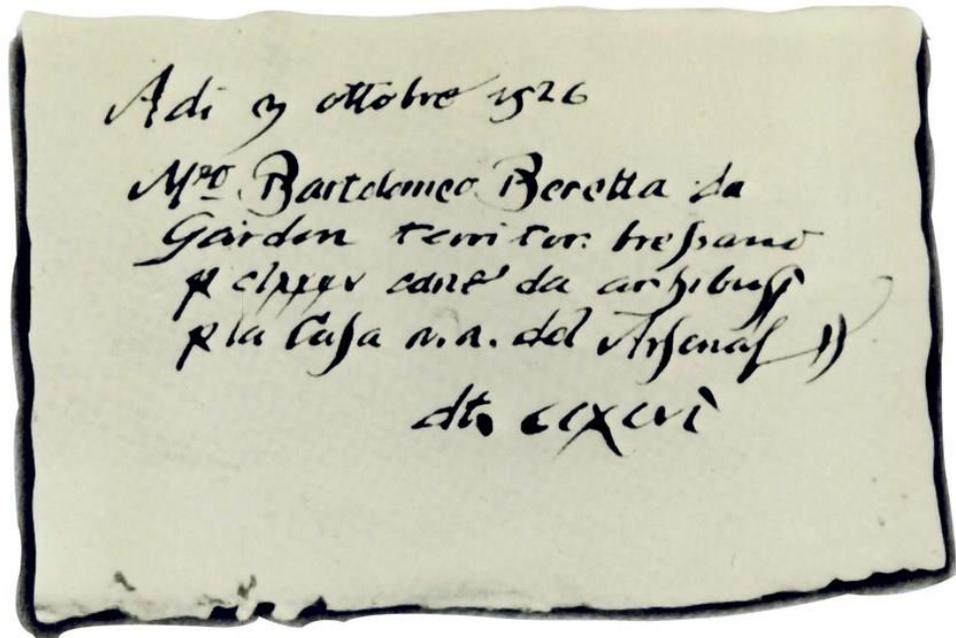
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Already in production in the early 1500s, Beretta products were chosen by the highly discriminating Republic of Venice because of their excellence. As the Beretta name became synonymous with uncompromising quality, design, materials, construction and performance, word spread beyond the Italian borders, establishing a tradition that has carried over, uninterrupted, through fifteen generations of Berettas.



The old Beretta logo, or rather the Beretta escutcheon with the "PB", dates back to the early 1800's.



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The trade secrets and attention to detail Jacopo (1520/25 – ...) inherited from his father Bartolomeo were passed on to his own son Giovannino (1550 – post 1577), then to his grandson Giovan Antonio (1577 – post 1649) – on and on from one century to the next.



In the early 1800s Pietro Antonio Beretta (1791 – 1853), in spite of difficulties arising from constant wars and foreign domination, traveled throughout Italy to demonstrate the superior quality of his products and collect orders. Pietro Antonio's son Giuseppe (1840 – 1903) continued the arduous effort begun by his father, creating new opportunities for the company through international distribution.

Early 1900's

In the early 1900s Pietro (1870 – 1957) took the Company reins, introducing modernized manufacturing methods, many patents for mechanisms and simplified construction, consequently establishing Beretta, the first Italian firearms maker, as one of the most modern firearms production facilities in the world. The modernization process was continued by the sons Giuseppe (1906 – 1993) and Carlo (1908 – 1984), securing the Company's multinational character with commercial and production activity in numerous European countries and the United States. These efforts created successful ventures in the military, law enforcement and private sectors.

Beretta Leadership Today

Today, under the leadership of Ugo Gussalli Beretta and his sons Pietro and Franco, Beretta embarks on the 3rd Millennium with the benefit of centuries of experience. That experience, combined with investments in technology, organization and growing product lines, has prepared Beretta for the demands of the global market of the 21st century. Quality Without Compromise. This core value of total commitment to quality was established by Bartolomeo Beretta almost five centuries ago, and continues to be the bedrock of our Company today. As a crucial part of our Mission, it remains the unchanging key to Beretta's worldwide success.



A brief history of Remington Arms

Remington Arms, which calls itself America's oldest gun maker, was founded in 1816 in Ilion Gulch, N.Y.

According to an [online company history](#), founder Eliphalet Remington II believed he could build a better gun than he could buy and began making firearms in his father's forge. In the fall of 1816, Eliphalet's handmade flintlock rifle claimed second place in a shooting match. Other contestants took note, and "before Eliphalet left the shooting field, he was in the gun business."

Almost 200 years later, the internationally-recognized company is poised to open a [new firearms production and research and development facility in Huntsville](#). Sources told AL.com over the weekend that the plant, to be located in a [vacant former Chrysler factory near the airport](#), will employ about 2,000 people.

Here are some other notable moments in Remington's history:

1828: Company moves its operations from Ilion Gulch to a site in nearby Ilion close to the newly-constructed Erie Canal. That firearms plant is still in use today.

1865: E. Remington & Sons is incorporated as a stock company. The partnership and succeeding corporation goes on to develop the first hammerless solid breech repeating shotgun, first hammerless auto-loading shotgun, first successful high-power slide action repeating rifle and first lock breach auto-loading rifle.

1888: E. Remington & Sons is acquired by sporting goods magnate Marcellus Hartley and partners. Company is reorganized as Remington Arms.

1912 - Union Metallic Cartridge Company of Bridgeport, Conn., which developed the first paper shot shells and first cartridges for automatic pistols, merges with Remington Arms. Company is renamed Remington U.M.C.

1920: In order to better utilize the excess manufacturing capacity created during World War I, Remington begins producing pocket and hunting knives, household utensils and cash registers. Remington enters the clothing and accessory business in 1926.

1933: With America suffering through the Great Depression, Remington management offers 60 percent controlling interest to E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. Later that year, Remington acquires Chamberlain Trap & Target of Ohio, whose "Miracle Trap" is the gold standard at trapshooting events.

1934: Remington purchases Peters Cartridge Company, which makes ammunition at a factory in Kings Mill, Ohio.

1936: Remington goes international, acquires the assets of Brazilian sporting ammunition maker Fabrica Nacional de Cartuchos e Municoes.

1940: With World War II looming, the United States asks Remington to collaborate on plan for expanding production of ammunition. This leads to construction of five new factories – in Lake City, Mo., Denver, Salt Lake City, Kings Mill, Ohio, and Lowell, Mass. – owned by the government and operated by Remington under fixed-fee contracts.

1950: Remington announces its new Model 870 "Wingmaster" shotgun, which goes on to become world's best-selling pump action shotgun.

1962: The new Model 700 bolt-action rifle is introduced, becomes an instant hit.

1970: Remington builds new ammunition plant in Lonoke, Ark. – a site considered to be near the "geographic center" of the sporting ammunition market.

1980: DuPont purchases the remaining shares of stock of Remington; company becomes a wholly-owned DuPont subsidiary.

1993: DuPont sells the assets of Remington to RACI Acquisitions, a company organized by the New York investment firm of Clayton, Dubilier and Rice, for approximately \$300 million on December 1.

1995: Remington opens new research and development facility in Elizabethtown, Ky., and announces plan to move its corporate headquarters from Wilmington, Del., to Madison, N.C. That same year, Remington leaves the apparel business.

1997: Remington opens new firearms plant near Mayfield, Ky., which begins producing the Model 597 rimfire rifle family.

2004: In an effort to broaden its core offerings to the domestic security marketplace, Remington announces plans to distribute advanced license plate technology and surveillance systems. A new subsidiary, Spartan Gunworks, is created to bring "quality, value-priced shotguns" to the U.S. market.

Colt Firearms – 1839

History

“Abe Lincoln may have freed all men, but Sam Colt made them equal”

This post-Civil War slogan would have been music to Sam Colt's ears had he lived long enough to hear it. Yet, even before his death at age 47, he knew that his invention of a weapon capable of firing without reloading would be a tremendous success throughout the world & would alter the course of history. As a result of his invention & marketing successes, Colt has played a prominent role in the development of America, and has become the most well-known name in firearms throughout much of the world.

Origins of the Company

The Colt revolving cylinder concept is said to have occurred to Sam Colt while serving as a seaman aboard the ship *Corvo*. He observed a similar principle in mechanical workings of the ship, generally believed to be the capstan or the windlass. It was on the ship that Sam carved the wooden representation of his idea. While the design was simple & applicable to both long arms & sidearms, his idea was not an instant success. Many people still preferred traditional flintlock muskets or pistols to the revolver.

In 1836, Sam's entrepreneurial career began at age 22, opening his first plant in Paterson, New Jersey with the help of a successful uncle. He soon developed & produced the pocket, belt, and holster model pistols along with two types of rifles. In these models, known as percussion guns, the gunpowder & bullets were loaded into the revolving cylinder, the primer was placed in a nipple on the outside of the cylinder, and then the primer would be struck by the hammer when the trigger was pulled. Despite favorable performance, sales were sluggish & the plant closed in 1842. After the closing of the Paterson plant, Sam began focusing on other ideas, including waterproof ammunition, underwater mines, and also worked with inventor Samuel Morse on the telegraph.

Early Successes

IN 1845, units of the US Dragoon forces & Texas rangers were fighting the Indians in Texas, and contributed their success to Colt's firearms. As a result, Captain Samuel H. Walker of the US Army collaborated with Colt in designing a new, more powerful revolver. Dubbed the "Walker", the US Ordnance Department ordered one thousand of the new pistols. Without a factory, Colt turned to Eli Whitney Jr. who had a factory in Connecticut, to fill the thousand gun order in 1847.

In 1851, Sam became the first American manufacturer to open a plant in England, solidifying his reputation in the international market. Sam also began purchasing land on the South Meadows, an area of Hartford on the Connecticut River. The factory became operational in 1855, incorporated as Colt's Patent Fire Arms Manufacturing Company. Colt, aware of the achievements made in New England's machine tool industry, specified interchangeable parts for his guns. Colt's aggressive marketing campaigns were just as important, and many of his highly decorated & engraved guns won prizes at international fairs, and were also presented publicly to heads of state, including Czar Nicholas I of Russia, King Frederick VII of Denmark, and King Charles XV of Sweden. By 1856, Colt was producing 150 weapons a day, and the reputation of models like the 1851 Navy and 1849 Pocket as accurate, reliable, and of the finest workmanship & design had spread throughout the world.

Colt's success brought him fame & fortune. He became one of the ten wealthiest businessmen in the US, became a pillar of the Hartford community, and was awarded the honorary title of "Colonel" by the governor of Connecticut. He and his wife Elizabeth built Armsmear, his private mansion with greenhouses & formal gardens at the western edge of the armory property, where it still stands today.

Civil War, Elizabeth, and the End of the 19th Century

Sam's health began to fail in 1860 as the country moved towards the Civil War. Prior to the formal declaration of war, Colt continued to supply his customers in the southern states. Once official, Colt supplied only the Union forces. By the end of 1861, the factory was running at full capacity with over one thousand employees and annual profits exceeding a quarter million dollars. On January 10, 1862, at age 47, Samuel Colt died,

having produced over 400,000 firearms and building a fortune worth fifteen million dollars, an incredible sum for the time.

Sam's early death left his industrial empire and fortune to his widow Elizabeth Hart Jarvis Colt. Elizabeth's inner strength and deep love for her husband gave her the determination to maintain ownership of the company and see that his legacy lived on.

In 1864, the Colt Armory burned to the ground, causing the suspension of all but limited military production for three years. Under Elizabeth's direction, the factory was rebuilt and made to be as fireproof as possible. Just after the rebuilding of the factory, Colt began building Dr. R.J. Gatling's machine guns, a semiautomatic firearm operated by a hand crank that turned a cluster of six to ten barrels while feeding ammunition into the breech.

Further change & growth came in the 1870's when Colt began to manufacture revolvers that used self-contained metallic cartridges. This change gave birth to the famous Colt Single Action Army Revolver, which was introduced in 1873. The Single Action Army was an immediate sales success and soon became known as "the gun that won the West". Between 1873 and 1941, Colt produced more than 350,000 Single Action Army revolvers, including about 40,000 of the .45 caliber model produced for the U.S. Government. Famous proponents of the revolver include Buffalo Bill Cody, Bat Masterson, General George Patton, and Teddy Roosevelt. Single Action Army production continues to this day. Product expansion continued through the end of the 19th century to include the Model 1877 and Model 1878 double action revolvers, the New Army & New Navy models with the first swing out cylinders, concealable derringers, shotguns, and rifles.

Early 20th Century & The World Wars

In the late 19th century, Colt began a long and profitable relationship with John Moses Browning, producing his many designs on machine guns, the Browning Automatic Rifle, the Model 1903 and Model 1908 Automatics, and most famously the Model 1911. Because of its effective stopping power & reliability, the Model 1911 became the standard sidearm for the Department of the Army in World War I, and as the Model 1911A1 in World War II. Colt delivered approximately 2.5 million 1911 & 1911A1 pistols to the US Government alone and also offered the pistol for sale commercially with tremendous marketing success. During both World Wars and subsequent US military actions, Colt was a major producer of sidearms, rifles, machine guns, and anti-aircraft guns for the US Department of Defense.

Post War through the 1990's

At the conclusion of the world wars, Colt continued to be at the forefront of innovation. This period saw the introduction of the Commander lightweight semiautomatic pistol, the Cobra lightweight revolvers, the Colt Commemoratives, and what many consider to be the finest revolver ever produced, the famous Colt Python. Another milestone in the history of Colt happened in 1960, when Colt introduced the AR-15 semiautomatic rifle, based on the design by Eugene Stoner. It was followed shortly thereafter by the M16 military full automatic version. The involvement of the US in Vietnam again put heavy demands on Colt to supply arms to the troops. To this day, the AR-15 platform continues to be the most popular rifle in the US.

The 1970's also saw many positive changes for Colt. The introduction of the Series '70 pistols, Sauer Rifles, and the Blackpowder reproductions continued Colt in a positive direction. Additionally, 1976 saw the official beginning of the Colt Custom Shop, expanding its staff of engravers to respond to increasing demand for engraved firearms.

The middle of the 1980's through the middle of the 1990's were a difficult time in Colt's history, with the U.S Government replacing the 1911 as the official sidearm of its armed forces and a 4-year strike, however, Colt persevered through these times and introduced new successful models, including the Double Eagle double action pistol, the Anaconda, and a redesigned Sporter Rifle.

Move to West Hartford to Present Day

In 1994, the Hartford Armory was closed and moved to its present day location in West Hartford. Commemorating the move from the armory, Colt unveiled "The Last Gun" in 1995, which was the last Single Action Army produced at the Hartford Army and elaborately embellished with engraving and gold inlays representative of the Colt family & company lineage.

Today, Colt continues to produce firearms for our military, law enforcement, commercial, and international markets. It is with pride in the legacy left by Sam Colt that we continue to carry on the tradition of producing quality firearms.

The Complete History of Winchester Repeating Arms

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS, 1866-2016

Take a Tour On The Winchester Timeline.



Innovation and a solid business sense. Oliver Fisher Winchester was an innovative and driven man who saw the future of firearms and built an industrial empire around the lever-action rifle. Born in Boston in 1810, Winchester's initial foray into business was as a maker of men's shirts. Seeing the economic potential of the fast-growing firearms industry, Winchester began to assemble investors and secure venture capital, and in 1857 bought a controlling interest in the Volcanic Repeating Arms Company from two inventive gentlemen named Horace Smith and Daniel B. Wesson.

Winchester continued to refine firearm designs with inventors Benjamin Tyler Henry and Nelson King, and on May 22, 1866, the Winchester Repeating Arms Company was born.



Oliver Fisher Winchester, founder of Winchester Repeating Arms Company

For the next 14 years, Winchester aggressively sought new markets, created new products and explored new opportunities for his lever-action rifles. With the opening of the American West to settlement, Winchester prospered, eventually becoming the iconic company it is today. Over time the history of Winchester evolved into two parallel histories: the history of Winchester firearms and the equally complex history of Winchester Ammunition.

We hope you enjoy studying this historical timeline of the Winchester brand and the company that made it all happen. Use the four time periods below to aid you as you search out the historical facts and exciting stories behind the 150-year history of Winchester. Click on the time periods below to explore the historical timeline for each time period.

Historical Timeline 1860-1899

1860s



1861-1865. Following the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860, a bitterly divided America engages in civil war. Early models of the lever-action repeating rifle prove highly effective in battle and set the stage for further post-war development.

- *Image source: National Archives, www.archives.gov*



1866. On May 22, 1866, Oliver Winchester establishes the Winchester Repeating Arms Company to build the finest guns and ammunition possible.

- *Image source: Olin Corporation*



1866. With its polished brass receiver the Model 1866 “Yellow Boy” lever-action rifle is the first gun to bear the Winchester name.

- *Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms*



1868. Engraving by L.D. Nimschke and the Ulrich Brothers elevate a utilitarian Winchester into a work of art.

- *Image source: Cody Museum Archive, Winchester Collector's Association*



1869. The transcontinental railroad is completed, opening the American West to settlement. This westward expansion will fuel decades of demand for Winchester firearms.

- Image source: Wikipedia

https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/f/f8/Golden_Spike_ceremony,_Promontory,_Utah,_May_10,_1869.jpg

1870s



1871. The National Rifle Association is founded in New York with U.S. Army General Ambrose Burnside as the organization's first president.

- Image source: National Rifle Association



1873. The Model 1873 lever-action rifle is introduced in 44-40 WCF. Known as the “Gun That Won the West,” more than 700,000 are produced.

- *Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms*



1875. Premium quality Model 1873s are marked “One of One Hundred” and “One of One Thousand,” making them among the most sought after by Winchester collectors.

- *Image source: Cody Firearms Museum*



1875. In the 1875 Winchester catalog William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody offers a personal testimonial, “...for hunting...I pronounce your improved Winchester the boss.”

- *Image source: Cody Firearms Museum*



1876. The Centennial Model 1876 lever-action rifle is introduced. It becomes a favorite of Dakota rancher Theodore Roosevelt who writes, “The Winchester...is by all odds the best weapon I ever had, and now I use it almost exclusively...”

-- *Image source: Olin Corporation.*



1876. Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer, along with 267 soldiers and scouts under his command are killed near the Little Bighorn River. The troopers are mostly armed with single-shot carbines, while many of the Indians are armed with Winchester repeating rifles.

- Image source: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/1/16/Custer_Bvt_MG_Geo_A_1865_LC-BH831-365-crop.jpg

1877. Winchester introduces the Rival line of shotshell components for reloaders.

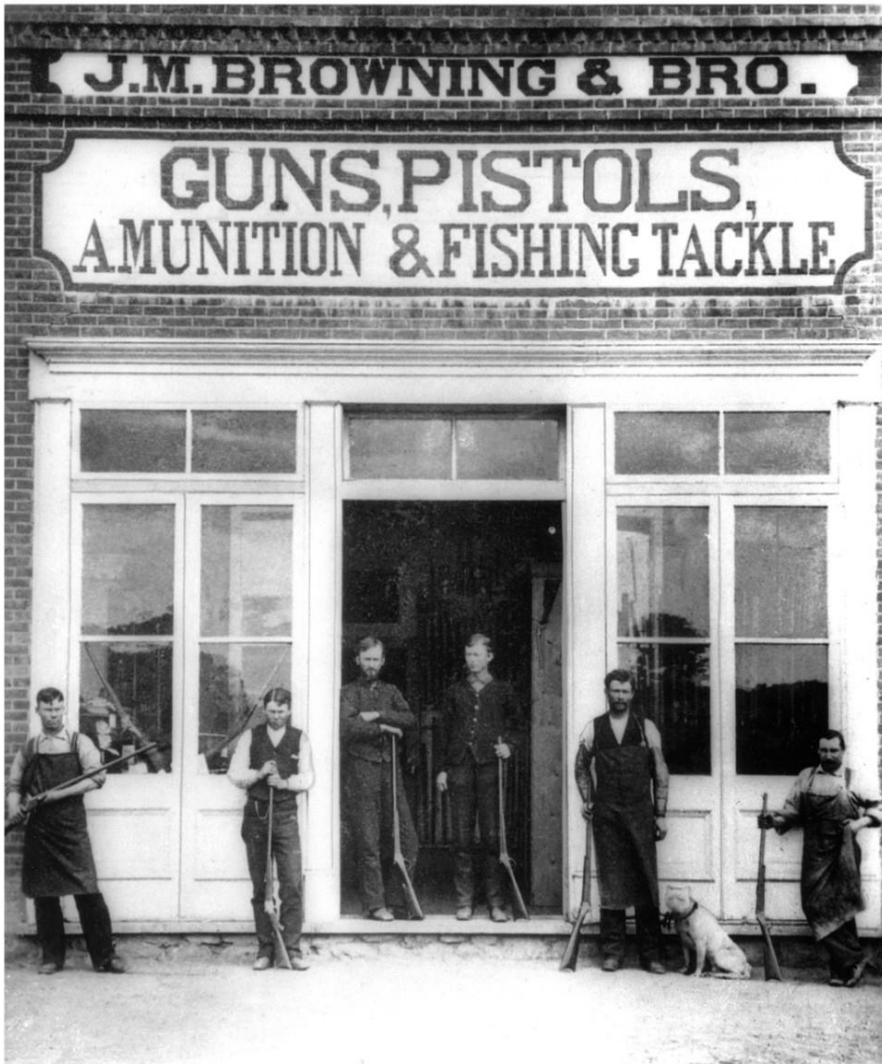
1880s



1880. Oliver F. Winchester dies at age 70 in New Haven, Connecticut.

1880. Armed with an 1873 Winchester rifle, teenager William H. Bonney (better known as Billy the Kid) poses for a tintype photo in New Mexico. The Kid will be slain in a shoot-out with Sheriff Pat Garrett only a year later.

- Image source: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/c4/Billy_the_Kid_tintype,_Fort_Sumner,_1879-80.png



1883. The company's first bolt-action rifle, the Model 1883 Winchester Third Model Hotchkiss Magazine Gun is introduced.

1883. After Winchester begins experimenting with revolvers, an informal "Gentlemen's Agreement" is reached - Colt will stick to making revolvers and Winchester will stick to making lever-action rifles.

1883. T.G. Bennett of Winchester purchases the manufacturing rights for a new single-shot rifle designed by John M. Browning.

- *Image source: Browning*



1883. Col. William F. “Buffalo Bill” Cody begins his traveling “Wild West Show” which includes cowboys, Indians and spectacular trick shooting by Cody, and soon, by Annie Oakley. Cody personally favors a smoothbore Model 1873 rifle for his trick shots.

- Image source, both: Cody Firearms Museum



1885. The Winchester Model 1885 Single Shot is introduced. Adapted to tiny rimfires and the largest and most powerful ammunition, it remains in production today.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms



1886. The Model 1886 lever-action rifle is introduced to handle the large cartridges like the potent 45-70 Government.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms

1886. Winchester enters the loaded shotshell market with Rival shells in 10, 12, 14, 16 and 20 gauge.



1887. The Model 1887 lever-action repeating shotgun and Model 1887 pump-action repeating shotgun are introduced.

- *Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms*

1887. Theodore Roosevelt helps found the Boone and Crockett Club to encourage wildlife conservation and fair-chase hunting practices.

- *Image source: Boone and Crockett Club*

1890s



1890. The Model 1890 pump-action .22 rimfire rifle is introduced, along with a new cartridge, the .22 Winchester Rim Fire.

- *Image source: Winchester Collectors Association / Winchester Repeating Arms*



1892. The Model 1892 lever-action rifle is introduced, chambered for popular pistol-class cartridges.

- *Image Source: Winchester Repeating Arms*



1893. Winchester begins loading sporting cartridges with the latest thing in ammunition - smokeless powder.

- Image Source: Olin Corporation



1894. The Model 1894 lever-action rifle is introduced, becoming the bestselling centerfire rifle in U.S. history.

- Image Source: Winchester Repeating Arms

1894. Winchester introduces the first gilding-metal jacketed bullets.

1895. Model 1895 centerfire rifle is introduced with an internal box magazine to safely handle modern pointed bullets. It's a favorite of Theodore Roosevelt.



1895. Winchester introduces its first commercial smokeless centerfire cartridges including the 30-30 Winchester. When paired with the Model 1894 its most famous deer rifle and ammo combination ever.

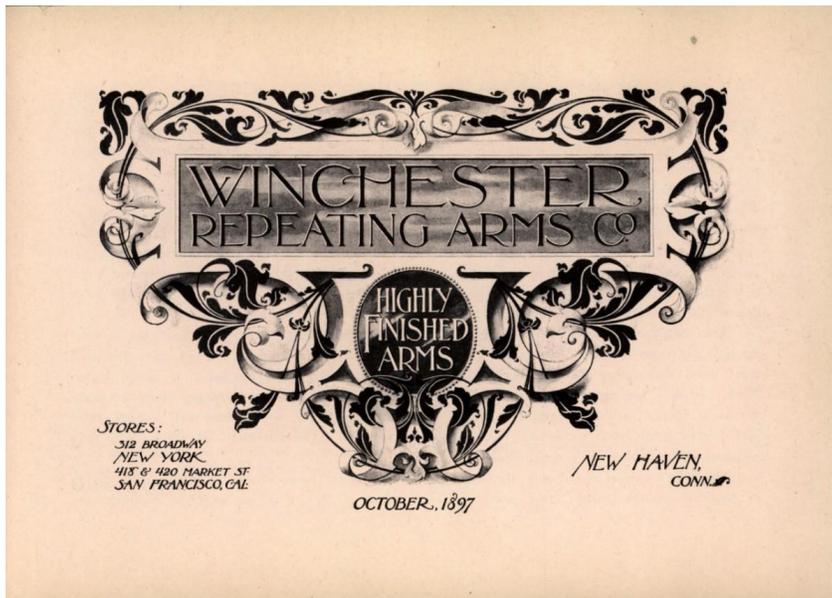
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1895. Winchester manufactures the 6mm Lee Straight Pull musket rifle for the U.S. Navy.



1897. The Winchester Model 1897 is introduced and becomes the best-selling pump-action shotgun on the market.

- *Image Source: Winchester Repeating Arms*



1897. Winchester produces its first custom-engraving catalog “Highly Finished Arms.” It remains a source of inspiration for today’s firearm engravers.

- Image Source: Cody Firearms Museum



1897. Winchester introduces New Rival factory loaded shot shells.

- Image Source: Olin Corporation



1898. The United States goes to war with Spain and gains control of Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines. Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt becomes a national hero leading his “Rough Rider” volunteer unit at San Juan Heights. Roosevelt reportedly loans his personal Winchester Model 1895 rifle to another soldier during the attack.

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1900s

1900. Tiffany and Company produces a magnificent silver embellished Winchester Model 1894 in the Art Nouveau style for the Paris Exposition.



1900. The first Grand American Trapshooting Championship marks the beginning of more than a century of Winchester support for the annual event.

- *Image source: ATA Trapshooting Hall of Fame*



1900. Winchester introduces Repeater waterproof paper hull shot shells.

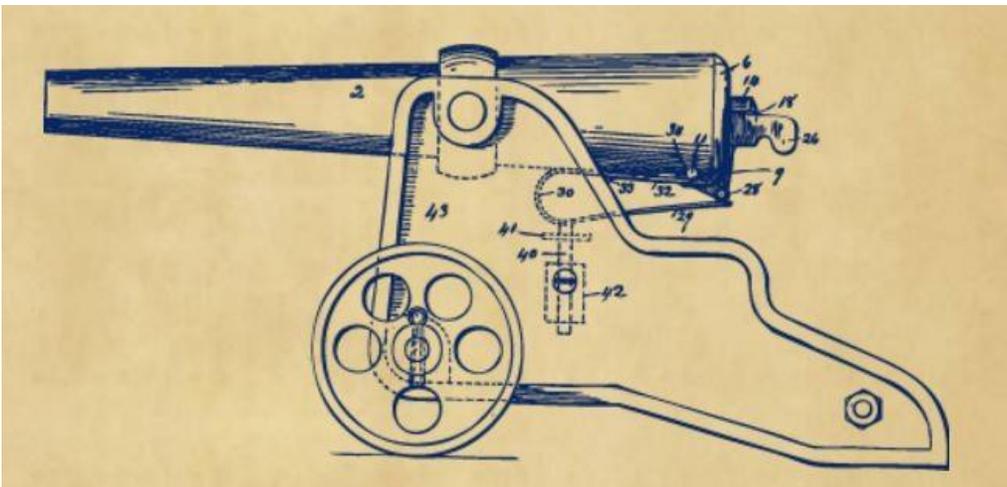
- *Image source: Olin Corporation*

1900. The U.S. Congress passes the Lacey Act, the beginning of the end of “market hunting” in the United States.



1902. The Model 1902 single-shot .22 rimfire rifle is introduced and becomes famous as part of the Winchester Junior Rifle Corps Range Kit.

- Image source: Olin Corporation



1903. The Model 1898 breech-loading signal cannon is introduced, chambered for 10-gauge blank shotgun shells. The Bellmore Johnson Company is the manufacturer, under exclusive license from the Winchester - Olin Corporation, of the Winchester Model 98 Breech Loading Signal Cannon.

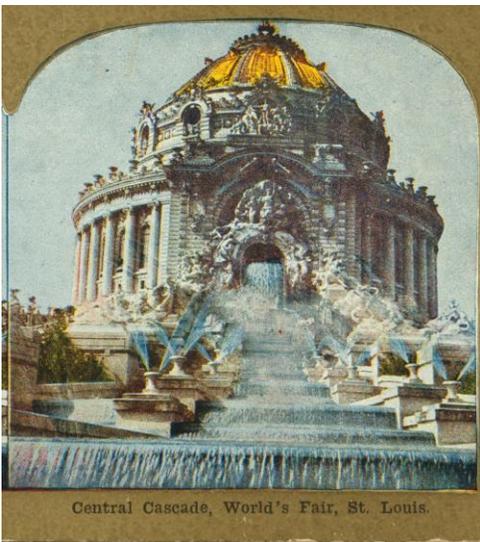
- Image source: Bellmore Johnson Company

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1903. Ad and Plinky Topperwein become exhibition shooters using Winchester firearms, ammunition and targets.

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1904. Ad and Plinky dazzle visitors to the 1904 Worlds Fair in Saint Louis.

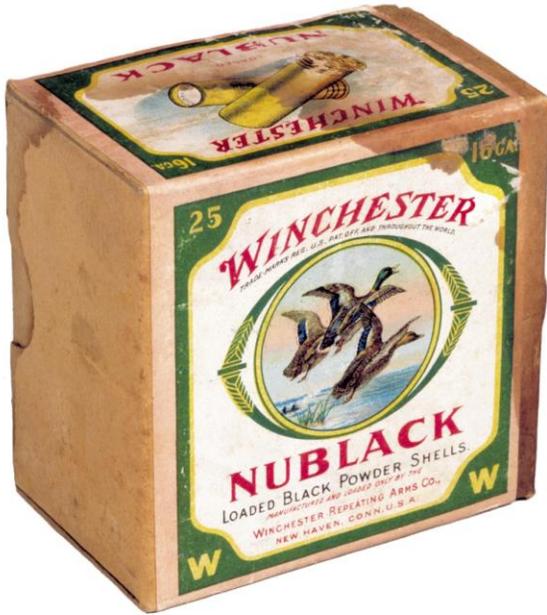
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1905. The Model 1905 is introduced, the first Winchester self-loading centerfire rifle and the first Winchester with a detachable box magazine.



1905. Winchester begins using the famous W/P oval proof mark called the "Hallmark of Quality."

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms



1905. Winchester introduces Nublack brand loaded black powder shot shells.

- Image source: Olin Corporation



1907. The Model 1907 semi-auto centerfire rifle is introduced along with the new .351 Winchester Self Loading smokeless cartridge. It's used by the U.S. Army Air Service during their pursuit of Mexican bandit Pancho Villa in 1912. France, Great Britain and Russia arm pilots and observers in their new fangled "aeroplanes" with the rifle during WWI.

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1909. Former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt and his son Kermit sail from New York Harbor. Their baggage includes 15 crates of brand new Winchester rifles, ammunition and spare parts for their year-long African safari sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution.

- Image source: *Olin Corporation*

1910s

1911. Winchester starts loading Lesmok powder in centerfire cartridges.



1912. The Model 1912 pump shotgun is introduced and becomes one of the world's most popular and respected designs of all time.

- Image source: Olin Corporation

1914. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria plunges Europe into World War I.

1915. Winchester begins production of nearly a quarter-million Enfield Pattern Number 14 bolt-action rifles to equip the British Army in Europe.



1915. Winchester begins production of nearly 300,000 Model 1895 Muskets for the army of Czar Nicholas II of Russia.(The photo of the Model 1895 shown is a studio shot that is the rifle. The photo is unretouched)

- *Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms*

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1917. Winchester modifies the Enfield Number 14 Pattern rifle to handle the U.S.-standard 30-06 Springfield cartridge, and builds more than a half-million U.S. Model 1917 Enfields. It becomes the most widely used rifle by American troops during WWI.



1918. Winchester produces more than 47,000 Model 1918 Browning Automatic Rifles (BARs) during WWI.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms



1918. The Winchester Model 1897 pump-action shotgun is modified and American soldiers soon come to love the “Trench Broom.” (Enemy troops understandably have a very different view.)

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms

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1918. Winchester ammunition engineers collaborate with John M. Browning to develop the legendary .50 caliber machine gun cartridge.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms

1919. The Model 52 rimfire bolt-action target rifle is introduced and it soon becomes the benchmark against which all others are measured.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms

- Image Source: Olin Corporation



1919. Winchester-branded consumer products including pocket knives, hand tools, flashlights, home appliances, roller skates and fishing reels are sold at Winchester stores and independent retailers.

- Image Source: Winchester Repeating Arms

1920s



1920. The Model 20, chambered for the .410 shotshell is introduced and included in the Winchester Junior Trap Shooting Outfit.

- Image source: Olin Corporation

1921. Winchester introduces the legendary Super-X brand shot shells.

1922. Winchester products are represented in 5,600 retail outlets, about 25% of all the hardware stores in America.

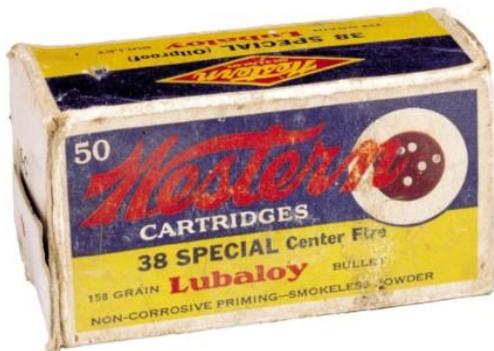
1923. The first Winchester 3" Magnum shotgun loads are introduced.



1925. The Model 54 centerfire bolt-action rifle is introduced, along with the 270 Winchester cartridge. The flat-shooting round becomes famous through the writings of Jack O'Connor.

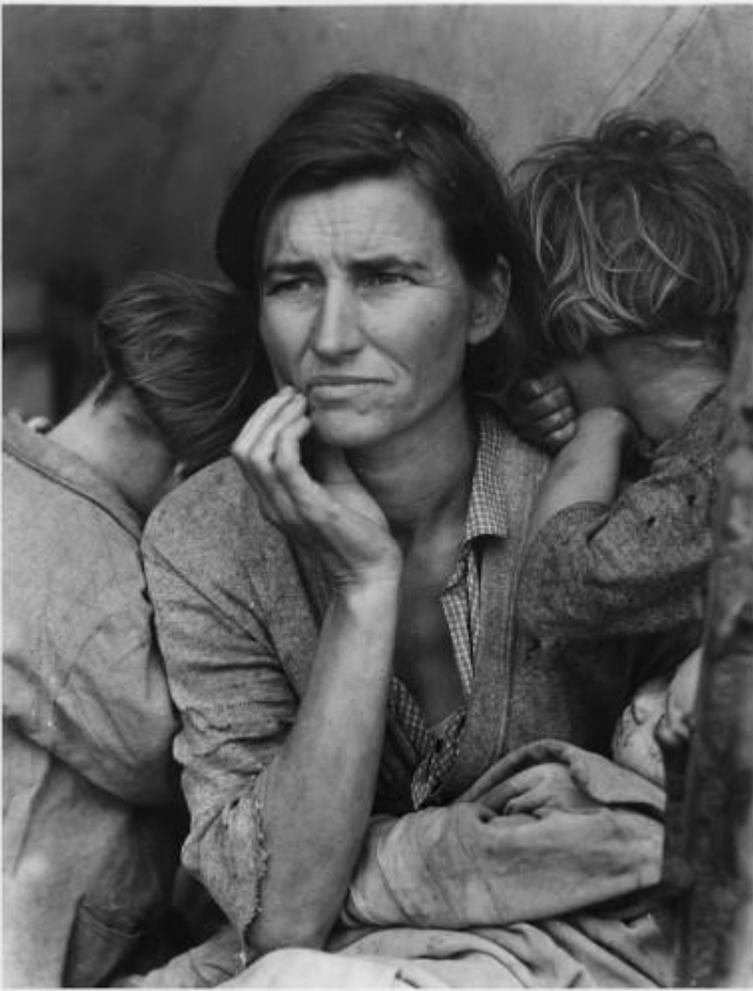
- *Image Source: Winchester Repeating Arms*

1925. Winchester introduces Ranger brand shot shells.



1927. Winchester introduces Lubaloy copper-plated bullets.

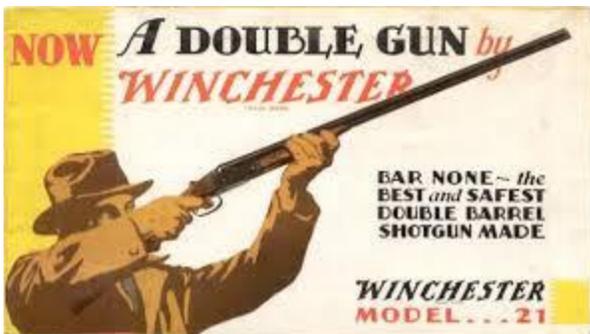
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1929. The New York Stock Exchange suffers a massive decline, ushering in the Great Depression.

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1930s



1931. The Model 21 side-by-side shotgun is introduced. Considered the premiere American-made double, it establishes Winchester's reputation for building top-quality sporting arms.

- Image source: Olin Corporation.

1931. Ammunition maker Western Cartridge Company purchases the Winchester Repeating Arms Company. Western Cartridge Company ownership provides the working capital that allows new firearm models to be developed under the Winchester brand.

1932. Winchester introduces the first non-corrosive, non-mercuric primers to shot shells.

1932. Dr. Fred Olsen patents a method for making smokeless powder underwater in small spherical grains. The new Ball Powder creates an instant competitive advantage for Winchester's ammunition operation.

1933. Three new guns are introduced; the Model 63 rimfire rifle, the Model 64 lever-action centerfire rifle and the Model 42 pump-action.



1934. The U.S. Government passes the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act to fund the protection of waterfowl habitat.

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1935. The Model 69 bolt-action rimfire rifle is introduced.

Ben Comfort's Marksmanship And Western Ammunition Win Wimbledon Cup



Ben Comfort and the Wimbledon Cup

THE Wimbledon Cup, non-printed trophy in the realm of long-range rifle shooting, passed into the hands of Ben Comfort of St. Louis, Mo., by an amazing victory in the 1915 National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.

Although a veteran rifeman, Mr. Comfort had never before competed in the Wimbledon. He designed the special match rifle, caliber .300 Holland and Holland Magnum, for which WESTERN ballistics engineers developed a super-

high-speed cartridge, using the special WESTERN 100-grain match bullet of .50 caliber.

Mr. Comfort's perfect score of 100 with 14 V's for 20 shots at 1000 yards, prone position, out-ranked 1480 other competitors. Truly a remarkable triumph for Mr. Comfort's skill, both as designer and rifeman! Likewise an epochal victory for the World's Champion Ammunition!

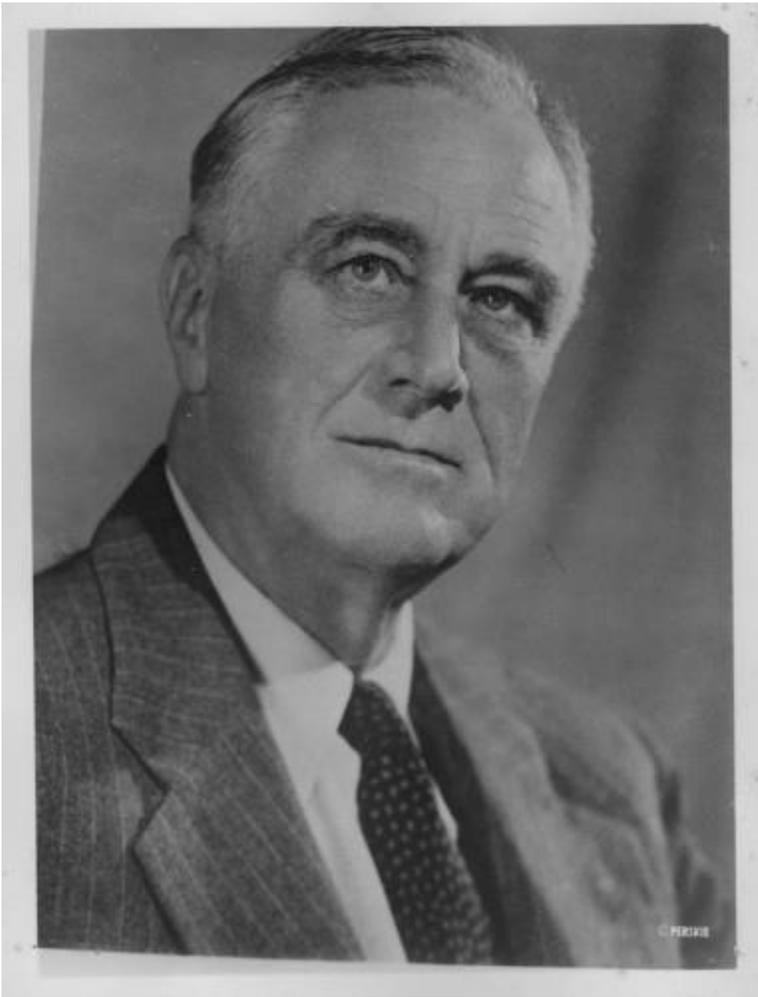
The winner's heavy match rifle was equipped with a Winchester barrel and carried a 5-power telescope.

Western
World's Champion Ammunition

1935. Ben Comfort of Saint Louis, Missouri, wins the 1000-yard Wimbledon Cup at Camp Perry, Ohio. Chambered in 300 H&H Magnum, Comfort's rifle uses a Winchester barrel and a Winchester 5-power scope. The "magnum cartridge" craze sweeps into the American shooting culture.

- Image source: Olin Corporation.

1935. Western collaborates with Smith & Wesson to produce the 357 Magnum cartridge. Based on a lengthened 38 Special case, it soon becomes one of the most popular magnum handgun cartridges in the country.



1935. U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt limits all shotguns used for hunting migratory waterfowl to three shells. Winchester begins fitting its repeating shotguns with the ubiquitous “duck plug.”

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1936. The legendary Model 70 centerfire bolt-action rifle begins production, the first centerfire bolt-action designed by Winchester specifically for sporting use. It instantly gains an international reputation for accuracy, reliability and soon becomes known as “The Rifleman’s Rifle.” Constantly improved and refined, total production of the Model 70 rifle now numbers in the millions. It remains a flagship product bearing the Winchester brand.

1936. The Model 71 lever-action centerfire rifle is introduced, along with the new 348 Winchester cartridge.

1936. The Model 37 single-shot shotgun is introduced, and is perfect for teaching young shooters the basics of shotgunning.

1936. Winchester Rifled Slugs are introduced, replacing traditional single round ball shotgun loads.



1937. During the Dust Bowl the North American waterfowl population plunges to unprecedented lows. Sportsmen respond by forming Ducks Unlimited to help preserve wetland habitat and rebuilt waterfowl populations.

- *Image source: Ducks Unlimited*

1937. The U.S. Government passes the Pittman-Robertson Act, imposing a 10% excise on firearms and ammunition with revenue earmarked to protect wildlife habitat.



1939. With war looming on the horizon, Winchester sets up tooling to fill an order for 65,000 M1 Garand rifles for the U.S. Military. During the war, Winchester will build more than a half-million such rifles. It is the only private firm entrusted with making the M1 Garand.

- *Image source: FDR Presidential Library*



1939. Winchester introduces “Silvertip®” rifle bullets

- *Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms*

1939. The German invasion of Poland plunges Europe into the second great war of the century.



1939. John Wayne rises to stardom in John Ford’s epic western film “Stagecoach.” Wayne’s large-loop Winchester Model 1892 carbine will become one of his lasting trademarks on the silver screen.

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1940s



1941. Winchester engineers develop a light military carbine and cartridge combination and deliver a working model to government evaluators in only 13 days. Now devoting virtually all production capacity to the Allied war effort, Winchester builds more than 800,000 of the six million M1 carbines manufactured during the conflict.

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1941. Japan launches a surprise attack on the U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbor, killing more than 2,400 U.S. servicemen. The following day the United States formally declares war on Japan.

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USS_SHAW_exploding_Pearl_Harbor_Nara_80-G-16871_2.png](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/b8/USS_SHAW_exploding_Pearl_Harbor_Nara_80-G-16871_2.png)*



1943. Winchester 's one-millionth Model 12 shotgun is presented to General Henry R. "Hap" Arnold, commander of the U.S. Army Air Forces.

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1944. In June Allied forces invade Normandy, marking the start of the final liberation of Europe.

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1944. General George S. Patton, Jr. declares the M1 Garand “...The greatest battle implement ever devised.” (Based on actual combat experience, millions of Allied - and Axis - soldiers would probably agree.) Winchester builds a special M1 Garand for Patton.

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- *Image Source: Cody Firearms Museum*



1945. After more than a half-decade of global war Allied armies are ultimately victorious over the Axis powers.

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1945. At the height of wartime production Winchester-related firms employ more than 60,000 workers. Some 15 billion rounds of ammunition are delivered to American troops from Winchester facilities and Winchester-managed U.S. Government plants.

1945. The Super Seal cup wad is introduced to boost shot load velocities and prevent gases from entering the shot chamber.

1949. Television becomes a part of the daily routine in the American home. The popularity of the primetime TV Western will continue for the next quarter century.

1950s



1950. North Korea invades South Korea. Millions of Winchester-made arms from prior wars are quickly pressed into service.

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1950. The western movie “Winchester ‘73” is released, starring Jimmy Stewart. Winchester’s wizard Herb Parsons fills in for Stewart during the film’s trick shooting scenes. Stewart’s rifle is an original Model 1873 loaned to the movie production from the Winchester Repeating Arms Company Museum.

- Image source: Olin Corporation

WANTED!

REPORT OF WHEREABOUTS OF THE 123 RARE, HISTORIC GUNS OF THE “ONE OF ONE THOUSAND” WINCHESTER 73 RIFLES



HOW TO IDENTIFY A “ONE OF ONE THOUSAND”
It must be a Winchester lever action repeating rifle Model 73, and MUST have the words “One of One Thousand” engraved on the top of the barrel.

The revolutionary Model 73 developed for Indian fighting and hunting has long been famous in history as “The Gun That Won the West.” Of 720,618 of these lever action repeating rifles which were made, only 123 were of the super-accurate variety known as the “One of One Thousand.” These were the most sought after guns of their time.

One gun of this variety appears as the “hero” with James Stewart and Shelley Winters in the new Universal-International motion picture “Winchester 73” which glorifies this famous rifle. This prized gun was borrowed for use in the picture from the Museum of the Winchester Repeating Arms Company of New Haven.

Because of their historic interest Universal is now conducting a nationwide search for the whereabouts of the other 122 “One of One Thousand” rifles manufactured from 1875 to 1881.

REWARD!... The first 20 persons reporting their ownership of an authentic “One of One Thousand” Model 73 will receive as a gift from Universal a brand new Winchester Model 94 deer rifle which is the modern version of the 73 if they supply the following notarized information: the serial number of the rifle, facts about its previous ownership or history if known, a photograph of the words “One of One Thousand” on the top of the barrel.

If you own one of these guns write to:
 Winchester 73 Dept., Universal Pictures Co., Inc.
 445 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The postmark will indicate your priority. After the serial number has been authenticated, a new Model 94 will be awarded to you.

This nationwide search began in May with an article in *The American Rifleman* and will close on Sept. 30, 1956. Remember, we don’t want your “One of One Thousand” Model 73. We are only trying to find out how many of them are still in existence.

1950. As part of the movie’s promotion Winchester and Universal Pictures launch a nationwide search for any of the 123 One-of-One Thousand Model 1873s that might still exist. The first 20 lucky owners who respond received a brand new Model 1894 from Winchester. More than two dozen previously unknown One-of-One Thousand guns are uncovered in America’s dusty attics, barns and cellars.

- Image source: Olin Corporation



1952. The Featherweight variant of the Model 70 is introduced, and its stock becomes the signature profile of The Rifleman's Rifle.

- *Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms*



1952. Winchester introduces the 308 Winchester cartridge that becomes the standard of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

- *Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms*



1952. NILO Farms (Olin spelled backward), a 640-acre hunting and shooting facility in Godfrey, Illinois, is created as part of Winchester's ongoing commitment to product development, field-testing and modern game management.

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1955. The Model 88 is introduced, breathing new life into the lever-action rifle.

1955. The 243 Winchester cartridge is introduced.



1956. The 458 Winchester Magnum cartridge is introduced.

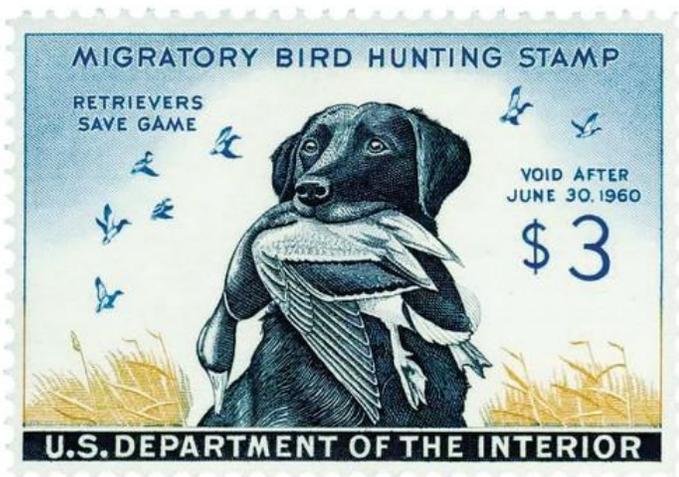
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Chuck Connors as Lucas McCain, The Rifleman © 2012 Levy-Gardner-Laven Productions, Inc. - all rights reserved

1958. Chuck Connors stars as Lucas McCain in the hit TV series “The Rifleman” which runs in primetime for six seasons. Conner’s chosen firearm is the Winchester Model 1892 with a large D-shaped lever loop.

- Image source: Photo courtesy of Levy-Gardner-Laven Productions



1959. Two-time national champion King Buck, the most honored black labrador retriever bred and trained at Nilo Farms and Kennels is the first and only dog to appear on the Federal Duck Stamp.

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1959. Winchester's exhibition shooting wizard Herb Parsons suffers an unexpected heart attack and passes away at age 51.

- Image source: Olin Corporation

1960s

1960. The Model 100 autoloading centerfire rifle is introduced. This trim rifle becomes instantly popular with hunters wanting faster follow-up shots.



1960. Winchester begins production of the new M14 rifle for the U.S. Military, ultimately building more than 350,000 of the total 1.3 million M14s made.

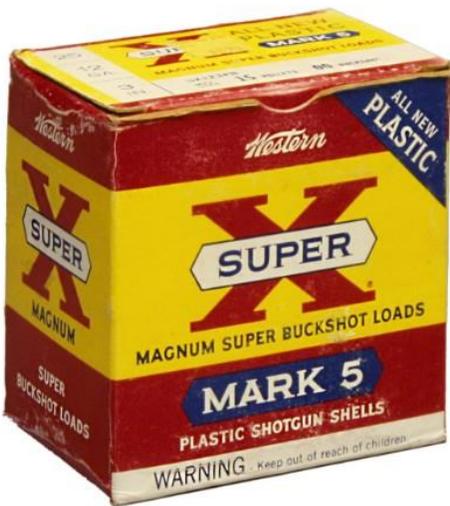
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1960. The 264 Winchester Magnum and 338 Winchester Magnum cartridges are introduced.



1961. The Power Point bullet is introduced, designed provide more rapid expansion on thin-skinned game.

- Image source: Olin Corporation



1962. The Winchester Mark 5 shot collar is introduced, enclosing the shot column and greatly improving patterning performance.

- Image source: Olin Corporation

1963. The 200 Series of rimfire rifles are introduced with different models offering lever-action, pump-action or autoloading operation. Magnum rimfire and deluxe models soon follow to fill out the 200 family.



1963. The Model 101 over-and-under shotgun is introduced and quickly becomes popular with clay target and upland shooters alike. Shown is 1968 catalog page.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms



1963. The 300 Winchester Magnum cartridge is introduced, filling an important performance niche between Winchester's 264 and 338 Magnums.

- *Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms*

1963. Winchester's introduction of Grex granular plastic buffer dramatically decreases deformation in buckshot loads.

1964. The Model 70 undergoes a significant redesign to adapt to a changing marketplace.

1964. The Model 1400 autoloading shotgun and the Model 1200 pump shotgun are introduced.

1964. The first of many Winchester Factory Commemoratives is a Model 1894 produced for the Wyoming Diamond Jubilee. It remains among the rarest of all the Winchester Factory Commemoratives, and establishes the Custom Shop as an important part of commemorative design and production.

1964. The United States makes a major military commitment to defend South Vietnam.



1965. Winchester introduces the legendary AA shotshell. Its durable one-piece compression-formed hull is ideal for reloading and quickly becomes the “go-to” shell for millions of clay target shooters.

- *Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms*



1965. While the “Horse & Rider” have been part of Winchester's brand since 1919 when it was used by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, it's not until now that the “Horse & Rider” trademark is officially registered.

- *Image source: Olin Corporation*

1965. Winchester introduces Double X, a high velocity game load with buffered, copper-plated hard shot.

1966. To mark the 100th Anniversary of Winchester Repeating Arms, a gold-tone plated Model 1894 named the Model 66 Centennial is introduced.

1966. SGT Carlos N. Hathcock II uses a standard Winchester Model 70 match rifle for sniper duty with the First Marine Division in South Vietnam. After two tours of duty and 93 confirmed kills he becomes the most well-know sniper of the conflict.

1967. The Model 190 autoloading rimfire rifle is introduced and more than two million are eventually produced.

1969. Winchester introduces WinChoke, one of the first interchangeable choke tube systems offered on a factory shotgun.

1969. John Wayne wins the Academy Award for Best Actor for his portrayal of Rooster Cogburn, the one-eyed U.S. Deputy Marshal in the classic western film "True Grit." In the film's climatic scene Wayne rides in a full gallop joust against a band of outlaws with the horse's reins in his teeth, twirling and firing his trademark large loop Winchester Model 1892 carbine with one hand.

1970s

1971. To mark the 100th Anniversary of the NRA, Winchester introduces a special Model 1894 Musket with full-length stock and a Model 64 rifle with a half-length magazine.

Model 9422 & 9422M

The leading new sporting arms of the 1970s that look, feel and last like the famous Winchester Model 94





1. Model 9422 Standard



2. Model 9422M Magnum

A choice of 22 rim fire Standard or Magnum cartridge capability.

- Coldformed Winchester Proof-Steel Barrel
- Forged steel receiver, frame, and finger lever
- Solid American walnut stock and forearm
- Side ejection
- Receiver grooved for scope mounting
- Traditional Model 94 styling
- Rim fire economy

introduced last year, the Model 9422 and Model 9422M have achieved instant success as the leading new firearms of the 1970s. The 9422s are winning public acceptance on every level from distributor to consumer and never has a lever action 22 rim fire rifle won a place in the gun cabinets of sportsmen so swiftly and surely.

Shooters asked us for years to make a rim fire rifle that looked like, felt like and tasted like the world famous Model 94. We did. The results of our efforts prove that here's Winchester, the way you want it. It wasn't easy to satisfy discriminating firearms buyers. In fact, both the 9422 in regular 22 and 9422M in 22 rim fire Magnum are built and tested by the most thorough and exacting standards ever devised by Winchester. It took five dedicated years of development with successive stages handled by the best Winchester engineers. We've come up with metal and stock finishes, coupled with precision wood to metal fit, to meet the most critical specifications and standards you expect from Winchester.

The 9422s are for sportsmen and hunters who appreciate the premium quality and workmanship that's built into these fine guns. The Model 9422s are made on the most modern machinery and by the most advanced techniques. Pre-introduction endurance and field tests were just part of the picture. Winchester's continuing program of quality control assures every Model 9422 is "right". We are proud of the 9422 success story and we're being as critical and thorough on every Model 9422 as we were on the first. We like all the praise these Winchester sporting arms are receiving and we're determined never to compromise on appearance, functioning and accuracy.

Let's take a close look at these exciting sporting arms. The rifles have an all-steel action and machined forged-steel receiver, frame, and finger lever. The Winchester Proof-Steel barrels are coldformed and every gun is fired for accuracy and center of impact. There's side ejection for a low scope mount and the matched polish of receiver and frame gives these 22s a handsome quality-crafted appearance.

The Model 9422s have been designed with a lever action that operates quickly and smoothly, with superior control during cartridge feeding. Both the Standard and Magnum rifles are grooved for scope mounting and include these most-wanted features: a front ramp sight with dovetail bead and hood. An adjustable semi-buckhorn rear sight. Sculptured tangs. And a solid American walnut stock and forearm. All important features when you buy a sporting arm.

The Model 9422M Magnum already has become a favorite sporting arm for those who shoot 22 Magnum cartridges and want to load up with this ammunition at an economical price. It has become an instant favorite as a turkey and varmint rifle. The 9422s combine the accuracy and traditional styling of the great Winchester Model 94 with the economy of a rim fire. Undeniable facts that have made them the leading new firearms of the 1970s and assures you continued pride of ownership year after year.

1. Model 9422 Standard. Magazine tube holds 21 Shorts, 17 Longs, or 15 Long Rifle Interchangeably.

2. Model 9422M Magnum. Magazine tube holds 11 22 W.M.R. cartridges. Gal. rear center line power and accuracy at an economical rim fire price.

Specifications

	9422	9422M Magnum
Caliber	22 Rim Fire	22 W.M.R.
Magazine	21 Short, or 17 Long, or 15 Long Rifle	11 W.M.R.
Overall Length	37 1/2"	37 1/2"
Barrel Length	20 1/2"	20 1/2"
Length of Pull	13 1/2"	13 1/2"
Drop at 1000'	1 1/2"	1 1/2"
Drop at 500'	3/4"	3/4"
Weight (incl.)	5 1/2	5 1/2
Mag. of Prod.	18	10

WOODCRUCE. Call him "woodcruce" or "greenhorn" — this shabby digger is prized by many hunters and admired by most farmers. Gamecube hunting is a sport game, the real woodcruce takes pride in his long-range rifle work, and demands top performance from rifle, optics, and his own ability. Such hunters are master hunters, but they haven't hurt the grounds' population much. Most woodcruces are not at long range in open fields and pastures where they are not very hard to hunt, but also on the wood line. The "thunks" talk to the woods, and evergreen hemlocks are clearly safe. It all adds up to hardwood sport, a service to the landowner, and no taking harm to the woodcruce race.

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1972. A rimfire version of the Model 1894 is launched. Called the 9422 it helps introduce a whole new generation to the Winchester lever-action mystique. 1973 catalog page shown.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms



1973. The National Wild Turkey Foundation (NWTF) is founded to help conserve the wild turkey and preserve the heritage of hunting. Winchester is one of the NWTF's first partners in conservation.

- Image source: National Wild Turkey Foundation

1974. The Super X Model 1 autoloading shotgun introduced - the first of the Super X automatic shotguns.



BUFFALO BILL CENTER OF THE WEST

1975. The Buffalo Bill Historic Center in Cody, Wyoming (now referred to as the Buffalo Bill Center of the West) begins negotiations to secure the Winchester Repeating Arms corporate gun collection. Thousands of Winchester guns (and millions of pages of important corporate documents) become the cornerstone of the new Cody Firearms Museum.

- *Image source: Cody Firearms Museum*

1976. The nation celebrates its 200th anniversary with fireworks and firearms. Winchester introduces the Bicentennial Model 1894 finished with an antique silver receiver, special engraving and an inlaid stock medallion.

1976. A team of six trapshooters uses six Winchester Super X Model 1s to set a new world's one-day record of 24,000 thrown targets, crushing the old mark by 9,000 targets.

1976. Winchester leads the industry by introducing the first non-toxic Steel Shot loads.



1977. The Winchester Arms Collectors Association is organized. Its thousands of members are devoted to the preservation, understanding and collecting of Winchester firearms and related products as well as the role these products had in forging America's heritage.

- *Image source: Winchester Arms Collectors Association*

1978. The Model 1300 pump shotgun and Model 1500 autoloading shotgun are introduced.

1978. The Model 23 side-by-side shotgun is introduced, the first production double in the Winchester lineup since the Model 21 became a custom order-only item in 1960.

1979. The first Matched Set of One Thousand commemorative in Winchester history is released. It pairs a Model 1894 and a Model 9422 rimfire carbine with matching serial numbers along with a gold-satin finish and special engraving.

1979. Silvertip high-performance defensive pistol ammunition is introduced in both 45 ACP and 9mm.

1980s

1980. Winchester sets a new industry standard by introducing the one-ounce rifled shotgun slug.

1981. Olin Corporation sells most of its Winchester Division firearm manufacturing assets to U.S. Repeating Arms Company, which will manufacture and sell Winchester brand rifles and shotguns through a trademark license agreement with Olin Corporation. Olin Corporation continues to manufacture Winchester brand ammunition.



1981. Winchester 209 shotshell primers are so reliable that NASA selects them to initiate the separation and parachute recovery systems on the Space Shuttle's solid rocket booster engines.

- *Image source:*

NASA - https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/4/4b/STS-114_Shuttle_launch_closeup.jpg

1983. The Model 9422 Annie Oakley rimfire commemorative carbine is released. It is the first Winchester brand factory commemorative to honor a woman.

1984. Winchester offers a reproduction of the classic Parker side-by-side shotgun. Production continues until 1989.



1984. Four avid hunters in Montana form the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, dedicated to elk, elk hunting and the protecting habitat they need to thrive.

- Image source: RMEF

1985. Winchester is awarded the contract to operate the government's Lake City Army Ammunition Plant in Independence, Missouri. Over the next 15 years the plant will deliver more than 8 billions rounds of mil-spec ammunition.

1986. The Kevlar®-reinforced WinLite synthetic stock is offered, marking another first for the Model 70.



1987. A group of private investors form a new corporation named U.S. Repeating Arms Company, Inc. and purchase the firearm manufacturing assets of U.S. Repeating Arms Company. A minority stake is taken by Fabrique Nationale (FN). Over the next several years FN through its Browning Arms Company subsidiary becomes the sole owner of U.S. Repeating Arms Company, Inc. U.S. Repeating Arms Company, Inc. manufactures and sells Winchester brand rifles and shotguns through a trademark license agreement with Olin Corporation.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms

1987. Winchester introduces Silvertip® Hollow Point Boattail rifle ammunition.

1990s

1991. The magnificent Model 70 Custom Shop Super Grade with controlled round feeding is the lead item in this year's catalog.

1991. Winchester introduces the Super-X BRI Sabot Slug, setting a new standard for shotgun accuracy and terminal performance.

1991. 90% of the small arms ammunition used in Operation Desert Storm is supplied by facilities owned or operated by Winchester.

1992. The Pre-'64 Model 70 action returns to general production.

1992. The Model 70 with a stainless steel receiver and barrel and a black synthetic stock is introduced, instantly making the legendary rifle as modern as tomorrow.

1993. The Model 70 Custom Sharpshooter is introduced. Fitted with a Schneider stainless steel barrel, it comes with a 1 MOA accuracy guarantee and is one of the world's first match-grade factory rifles.

1993. The Model 12 and Model 42 pump shotguns and the Model 52 rimfire rifle are reintroduced in the Winchester Classic Traditions line.

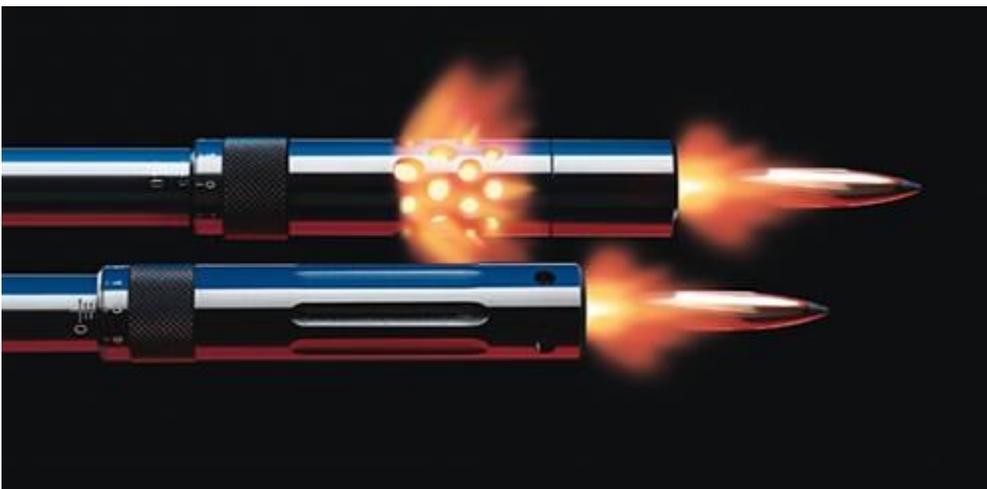
1993. High-performance, water-resistant Super-X Drylok Super Steel Waterfowl shot shells are introduced.

1993. Winchester introduces Supreme Fail Safe® rifle ammunition.

1994. The new firearms factory for making Winchester brand firearms in New Haven, Connecticut opens with great fanfare, including a horse and cowboy-costumed rider walking up and down the factory aisles.

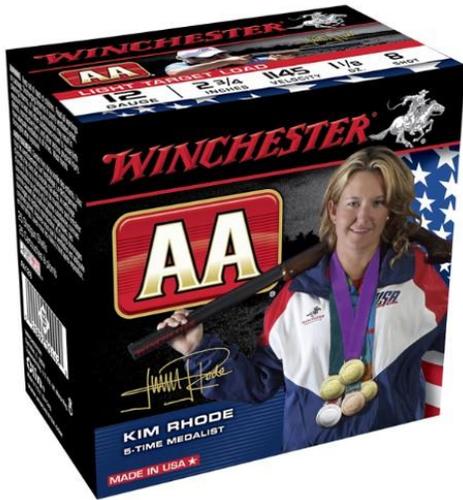
1995. After decades of absence from the Winchester brand product offerings, an engraved, limited edition 100th anniversary Model 1895 lever-action rifle is introduced.

1995. Winchester gives clay target shooters the performance edge with the new AA Super Handicap shotshell.



1996. The optional Ballistic Optimizing Shooting System (BOSS) is introduced. BOSS combines a barrel tuner and a choice of either a ported muzzle brake or non ported weight to allow the shooter to fine tune their rifle to get maximum accuracy with just a twist of the wrist.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms



1996. At 17, Kim Rhode becomes the youngest women's shooting champion in Olympic history in Atlanta, Georgia, and will go on to win individual medals in Olympic shooting in 2000, 2004, 2008 and 2012, the only American athlete ever to do so. Rhode has her sights set on winning an unprecedented sixth individual Olympic medal in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

- Image source: Olin Corporation



1997. The Model 1892 lever-action rifle makes its reappearance.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms

1997. Winchester introduces the Supreme line of ultra high-performance ammunition.

1998. A new era of autoloading shotgun performance begins with the introduction of the Winchester Super X2.

1998. For the first time since 1935 the Model 1886 is rejoins the Winchester line in a magnificent High Grade version, chambered in 45-70 Government.

1999. Winchester becomes the exclusive official shotshell supplier to the USA Shooting Shotgun Team.

2000s



2000. The Supreme over-and-under shotgun is introduced. Made in Belgium, this well-balanced smoothbore also represents the worldwide sourcing of firearms product manufacturing under the Winchester brand.

2000. The Model 1885 Low Wall rimfire rifle is reintroduced.



2000. The Model 70 named “Bolt-Action Rifle of the Century” by *Shooting Times*.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms

2000. Xpert® Steel Shotshells are introduced.

2001. The Model 9410 lever-action shotgun makes its debut.



2001. The 300 WSM (Winchester Short Magnum) cartridge is introduced, offering long-action magnum performance in a short-action rifle.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms

2001. Supreme® Partition Gold® High Velocity Sabot Slugs are introduced.

2001. During the first decade of the Global War on Terror, Winchester will deliver over two billion rounds of ammunition to support America’s Warfighters.



2003. Building on the “shorter is better” concept, the Winchester Super Short Magnums (WSSM) are unveiled.

- *Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms*

2004. The New Generation Model 1894 debuts with a top tang-mounted sliding safety.

2004. Winchester introduces AccuBond™ CT® rifle ammo and Super-Target® shot shells



2005. Winchester Ammunition celebrates its new rimfire manufacturing operations in Oxford, Mississippi. This location is also now home to one of the most state-of-the-art facilities in the world for centerfire rifle and handgun ammunition manufacturing.

- *Image source: Olin Corporation*

2005. The Winchester Super X2 autoloader sets the first of three new world records.

2006. Production ceases at the factory in New Haven, Connecticut operated by U.S. Repeating Arms Company, Inc. in producing Winchester branded firearms.

2006. The Super X3 autoloading shotgun is introduced. Its improved, self-adjusting Active Valve gas system gives outstanding reliability with virtually any factory shotshell.

2006. Supreme Elite™ XP³™ rifle is introduced.

2006. Supreme® Xtended Range™ Hi-Density turkey loads are introduced.

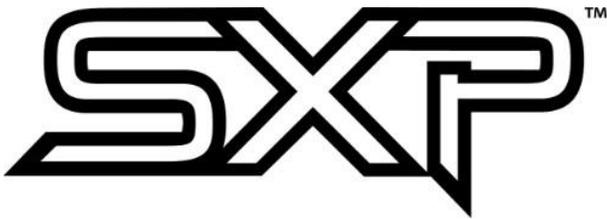
2007. The Select Model 101 is introduced with the added benefits of a low-profile receiver and the Invector-Plus interchangeable choke system.

2008. The Model 70 rifle returns to the market. It's equipped with the latest three-lever M.O.A. Trigger System and an improved three-position safety.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms

2008. Winchester® Supreme® E-Tip™ lead-free ammunition is introduced.

2009. Based on technology developed for the FBI, Winchester Ammunition introduces PDX1 Defender personal defense handgun ammunition.

The logo for Winchester's Super X Pump (SXP) shotguns. It features the letters 'SXP' in a bold, stylized, outlined font. The 'S' and 'X' are connected, and the 'P' has a distinctive shape with a vertical bar on its right side. A small 'TM' trademark symbol is located at the top right of the 'P'.

2010. The Super X Pump shotgun is introduced. Built using the latest manufacturing technology, the SXP offers all the features that have made Winchester brand pumps favorite among sportsmen for generations.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms



2010. In honor of the 200th birthday of Oliver F. Winchester, Winchester offers a special Model 1894 rifle and limited edition collectible ammunition.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms



2011. Winchester Blind Side Steel ammunition, with its ‘hex’ shape shot and diamond cut wad is named ammo product of the year by *Outdoor Life* and *NRA American Hunter*.

- Image source: *Olin Corporation*

2012. The legendary Model 71 lever-action rifle returns to production.

2012. Razor Boar XT ammunition debuts, the first Winchester product specifically designed for hunting wild hogs.

2013. The Model 1873 Short Rifle is introduced.



2013. The Gould Brothers begin shooting Winchester shotguns in their exhibitions.

- Image source: *Gould Brothers/Winchester Repeating Arms*

2013. The 17 Winchester Super Magnum debuts. At 3,000 feet per second it's the fastest rimfire cartridge in the world.

2014. Long Beard XR redefines turkey hunting ammunition. SHOT LOK technology uses a liquid resin that hardens, keeping the shot perfectly round as it travels down the barrel. It sets two new world records at the NWTf still target competition in Edgefield, South Carolina.

2014. Designed for the new shooter, Winchester's W Train & Defend ammunition is matched for range training and personal defense.



2014. The National Park Service finds an original Winchester Model 1873 rifle leaning against a gnarled juniper tree in a remote part of the Great Basin National Park in Nevada.

- Image source: National Park Service

2015. The introduction of the XPR rifle marks the first new Winchester brand bolt-action centerfire design in more than 50 years. It is a robust, reliable and affordable hunting rifle that's intended to carry the brand forward for decades to come.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms



2015. Deer Season XP rifle ammunition debuts, with a larger polymer tip for improved expansion.

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms

2015. This year marks 50th anniversary of Winchester AA shot shells.



2016. Winchester Repeating Arms proudly introduces a host of classic commemoratives including the Model 1866 Yellow Boy - the gun that started it all 150 years ago.

So, what's next? Just wait and see what great ideas Winchester Repeating Arms has in store for the next 150 years!

- Image source: Winchester Repeating Arms



Dear CARGO:

In the last week we have published four op-ed pieces. After the horrible attack in yet another gun-free zone at the Ft Lauderdale Airport in Florida, the CPRC has been busy trying to educate people on the dangers of gun-free zones and the real limits psychiatrists face in identifying people who are at risk of committing these attacks.

With murder in Chicago being in the news, we have also put together fairly dramatic research showing how law enforcement in Chicago began deteriorating when Richard M. Daley became mayor and how that deterioration had continued under Rahm Emanuel. Clearly the problems with Chicago aren't just something that has started over the last few years. Finally, we have an op-ed showing how gun control advocates really seem to want to ban gun ownership.

We have also done a half dozen radio shows (audio for two of them are provided) and a couple television segments.

Our end of the year media report for 2016 shows that we received 57% more media attention this past year than in 2015 (report [available here](#)). I believe no other organization with a budget of less than \$300,000 gets the media coverage that we do, and there are a number of organizations with budgets even 30 times larger than ours that don't have the impact.

Thank you very much.

Op-eds

[CPRC at National Review: "Psychiatrists Can't Predict Mass Shootings — Meanwhile, Let the Public Defend Itself"](#)

[CPRC at Real Clear Policy: "Chicago's Bloody Mess"](#)

[CPRC in Investor's Business Daily: "Gun Control Advocates Really Just Want To Ban Guns"](#)

[CPRC at the Daily Caller: "Another Gun-Free Zone, Another Mass Shooting"](#)

Radio

[CPRC on the Larry Elder Show to discuss the Ft Lauderdale Airport Shooting](#)

[CPRC on the Dave Elswick Show to talk about the shooting at the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport](#)

Television

[CPRC on the Gina Loudon Show to discuss the Ft. Lauderdale Airport Attack](#)

[CPRC on the One America News Network about racial discrimination problems caused by the gun background check system](#)

Media Coverage of the CPRC

[CPRC's Research on Policing Discussed in Walter William's latest Column](#)

[CPRC in the News: Fox Business, Yahoo News!, Daily Caller, Washington Examiner, Breitbart, The Blaze, and others](#)

Other

[UPDATED: Shooting at Fort Lauderdale airport in yet another gun-free zone, 44 states allow concealed carry at airports](#)

[Fort Lauderdale Airport Killer: Once again extensive interaction with mental health professionals failed to identify someone as a danger to others or himself](#)

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Congressional 2A Caucus Founder Talks Deregulating Suppressors, National Reciprocity

by S.H. Blannelberry on December 16, 2016



Congressman Thomas Massie (R-KY), the founder of the Congressional Second Amendment Caucus.

Oftentimes when we elect public servants they get into office and then they disappear. Not literally disappear — but figuratively, in the sense that everything they promised us they'd do once elected they never seem to get done.

It's rare that you meet a lawmaker who is actually doing something tangible to forward a cause near and dear to the hearts of the people. Well, I'm about to introduce you to someone who is doing just that: Congressman Thomas Massie (R-KY), who has recently (re)launched the Congressional Second Amendment Caucus.

What is the Second Amendment Caucus? Well, it's exactly what it sounds like, a group of ardently pro-gun lawmakers who are doing all they can to protect and promote Second Amendment rights. Founded back in 2004, the Caucus (which briefly changed its name in 2009 to the Second Amendment Task Force) stands behind the following founding principles:

- Unconstitutional impediments to exercising the Second Amendment make the country less safe and less secure.

- Gun ownership is an inalienable right that cannot be revoked, denied or stalled without due process of law.
- The Second Amendment isn't about hunting or sport shooting, but about the Citizen's right to defend his or her country and rights against a tyrannical government.
- Statistics continue to demonstrate that more firearms in the hands of law-abiding citizens lead to a reduction in violent crimes.
- A robust Fourth Amendment is essential to preserving the Second Amendment rights of all citizens.

The following congressmen are founding members of the caucus: Jeff Duncan (R-SC), Ted Yoho (R-FL), Brian Babin (R-TX), Paul Gosar (R-AZ), Mark Meadows (R-NC), Ken Buck (R-CO), Alex Mooney (R-WV), Justin Amash (R-MI), Jody Hice (R-GA), Dave Brat (R-VA), Warren Davidson (R-OH), Scott Perry (R-PA), and James Comer (R-KY).

Clearly for the last eight years pushing any type of pro-gun reform through Congress and pass the president's desk was going to be an impossible task. Obama made it known that he was an enemy of the Second Amendment, specifically in his second term when he called for a renewal of the Clinton-era ban on black rifles, among other anti-gun laws.

However, now with the Trump administration on the verge of taking back the White House and a GOP-controlled Congress taking over Capitol Hill, the landscape looks a lot different.

“The recent election results present us with a new opportunity to advance pro-gun legislation and reverse the erosion of the Second Amendment that's occurred over the last few decades,” Massie said in a press release. “I look forward to working with the new President and this determined group of conservatives to promote a pro-gun agenda,”

I wanted to get a little more clarity on what exactly the caucus could do as it relates to specific hot-button legislation, mainly a national concealed carry reciprocity bill that would allow licensed gun owners to carry concealed in all 50 states and the [Hearing Protection Act](#), which would remove suppressors from the NFA naughty list.

This week, I reached out to Congressman Massie and asked him about those particular bills. Since the new caucus won't meet until next year, it hasn't yet adopted formal positions on legislation but, on the whole, Massie told me that “It's safe to say that if legislation supports a citizen's right to keep and bear arms we will be for it. If it infringes, we will vigorously oppose it.”

Massie did, however, provide me with his personal perspective on these bills.

“I've held concealed carry permits in New Hampshire and Kentucky, and I would dearly like to see the day when any U.S. citizen can carry in every state,” said Massie on concealed carry reciprocity, noting that many caucus members have cosponsored [HR 923](#), [HR 986](#) and even [HR 4348](#).

As it relates to pulling suppressors from the NFA, Massie said, “A majority of our members have also cosponsored the Hearing Protection Act, HR 3799. In fact, I own a .223 caliber suppressor myself, so I'm familiar with the hassle that comes with the ridiculous over-regulation of these harmless devices.”

“Removing suppressors, and short barrel rifles (SBRs) for that matter, from the NFA registry is overdue in my personal opinion,” said Massie, who cautioned once again that this is his personal stance and not yet that of the caucus.

Skeptics may still ask the question, “Why do we need the Second Amendment Caucus?”

“Even though Republicans have controlled the House for six years, I haven’t seen a single pro-gun bill brought up in a committee for a hearing or debate, much less a vote,” said Massie in response to that very question.

“The Second Amendment Caucus can fill this void, while showing the American people that at least some members of Congress are truly dedicated to this issue,” he continued.

“If we raise the profile of all the great pro-gun legislation that’s been languishing in committees, and improve the language of the legislation by debating it in our caucus, perhaps we can compel the committees to act upon it, get it to the floor for a vote, and then send it to President Trump for his signature,” said Massie.

I don’t know about you but after corresponding with Congressman Massie I feel very optimistic about the chances of universal concealed carry reciprocity and deregulated suppressors becoming a reality in the next four years. Fingers crossed!

Big thanks to Congressman Massie for taking the time to answer my questions. It’s good to know that we have lawmakers who are truly interested in protecting, defending and expanding our right to keep and bear arms.

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Nebraska Supreme Court Basically Bans Guns-In-Cars for Non Concealed Carry Permit Holders

by Jordan Michaels on December 20, 2016



If your firearm is in plain sight, you *might* be okay as it would be considered “open carry,” however if it’s concealed in a case within your vehicle’s cabin, and you don’t have a valid concealed carry permit, you will run afoul of the law.

A Nebraska resident without a concealed carry permit may no longer be allowed to carry a gun anywhere in their vehicle’s cab.

The Nebraska Supreme Court passed down a unanimous decision this week that makes it a violation of the state’s concealed carry laws to have a firearm accessible anywhere inside a vehicle when the vehicle comes to a stop.

State law says a Nebraskan cannot have a hidden firearm “on or about his or her person” without a valid permit. In the past the Court ruled that a handgun must be “within immediate physical reach” to violate the law, but did not specify whether or not the gun owner’s vehicle had to be stopped.

In the latest decision, the Court ruled against Joseph D. Senn, Jr., who had a handgun in a case wedged between the passenger seat and the passenger door of his vehicle. The sheriff’s deputy who first noticed the gun case [said](#) it was “completely on the other side of the cab” and that Senn could not have accessed the firearm while driving.

An appeals court initially sided with Senn, but the state moved the case to the high court, where judges said Senn could have grabbed the gun after the car came to a stop.

“We conclude that the jury, as a rational trier of fact, could have found that the handgun was on or about Senn’s person, even though it was not within his reach while driving,” Supreme Court Judge Max Kelch wrote for the unanimous court.

Needless to say, the decision has gun owners concerned.

Senn’s attorney, Keith Kollasch, told the [Omaha World-Herald](#) that the ruling will make transporting firearms in the state of Nebraska extremely difficult without a concealed carry permit.

“How do you transport a firearm in Nebraska, then?” he asked. “You’re pheasant hunting, you’ve got a firearm in a case, outside your reach. Under this ruling, they could probably charge you with a concealed weapons charge.”

Even after Senn’s vehicle came to a stop, accessing his firearm would have required him to lean all the way across his car and reach down between the passenger door and seat. If Senn’s storage location is within “immediate physical reach,” keeping a firearm in a case or locked safe anywhere in a vehicle’s cab (including the back seat) could land gun owners in hot water.

Rod Moeller, president of the Nebraska Firearms Owners Association, told the Omaha World-Herald that Nebraskans have two alternatives if they don’t want to risk transporting a firearm within “immediate physical reach.”

They can keep the gun in plain sight so an officer can clearly see it when they approach the vehicle. That strategy, however, comes with a risk: Moeller said he’s heard of cases in which the open carry approach has resulted in a concealed weapons charge.

If Nebraskans wish to transport their firearms without any risk, the Court’s decision forces them to obtain a concealed carry permit or store their firearms in their trunk.

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7 Great AR-15 Magazines You Can't Live Without

by Jim Grant | May 29th, 2015



With any semiautomatic weapon system, the weakest link is the magazine. Even Russia's famously reliable AK-47 will choke with poorly built magazines.

This is doubly true for two classic American firearms: the M1911 and the AR-15. Thankfully for AR-15 owners, there are a myriad of inexpensive reliable magazines available today. With so many choices available, it's difficult to discern what magazines rock, and which sink like a stone.

Three qualities every worthwhile magazine must possess are durability, reliability and affordability. However, there is also an incalculable "cool-factor" that influences every shooter more than they'd like to admit.. Many available options master one or two of these guiding principles, but only a few have all. Here are seven magazines AR-15 owners can't live without.



7. Beta Company | C-MAG

Few magazines are as impractical on paper as a [BETA C Magazine](#). Shooters will swear up and down that they'll never buy one because they're too expensive, heavy or gimmicky. That is, until they actually use one. Then a small spark ignites inside them, and that eventually grows into a burning desire to own the magazine that instantly turns any AR15 to "eleven".

Impracticality aside, having 100 rounds of .223 at your disposal is an indescribable feeling and this magazine would top several lists if it weren't for a few hiccups.

The Beta mag isn't perfect, but with proper maintenance, it runs very well with most rifles. The biggest concern most people have when using one is ammunition consumption. Especially since the magazine doesn't last as long if left fully loaded. Arguably the ultimate fun-mag, the Beta has one downside: price. This double-drummed magazine retails for \$275.

Price: \$275



6. Brownells | 20-round Aluminum USGI Magazine

Call me nostalgic, but 20-round mags and triangular handguards make me feel all warm and fuzzy inside. Though that isn't why I'm recommending these [ultra-affordable magazines](#). Their straight-body design and truncated height increase both reliability and compactness over standard 30-round USGI mags.

Shooters interested in firing their rifles from the prone position will find 20-round mags perfectly suited for this purpose. They barely protrude more than two inches beneath the magazine well and fit perfectly into the palm of a support hand when firing from the standing position. Additionally, they are very useful for zeroing a rifle, as they don't impact the shooting when rested. Shooters living in ban states can easily find Vietnam-era pre-ban 20-round magazines and simply replace the follower and spring to produce a ban-compliant, reliable, standard-capacity magazine.

Price: \$12.99



5. Troy | 30-round polymer BattleMag

Polymer magazines are nothing new, but they have seen an unparalleled rise in popularity in recent years. Capitalism being what it is, several gun-accessory companies jumped on the bandwagon to take a swing at the polymer AR-15 magazine market. Many struck out, but market veteran [Troy Industries](#), known for their nigh-indestructible railed handguards, managed to crank one over the stands with their [BattleMag](#).

While at first glance, nothing seems remarkable about the BattleMag, it's the fine details and its planeness that make it so great. The featureless side wall surfaces make extracting the magazine from pouches all but effortless. Intelligently, the front and rear straps of the magazine are aggressively fish-scaled for increased grip. This combined with the included base-plate combination bumper/extractor make for one slick little mag that's easy to grip and hard to let go - especially at its low price.

Price: \$15



4. Elite Tactical Systems Group | AR15 Magazine

What [ETS](#) lacks in product-naming originality, they more than compensate for with the quality of their products. Their polymer-bodied, [translucent magazine](#) is tough as nails and takes a page from the G36's playbook and includes built-in mag-couplers.

Other desirable features include an anti-tilt follower, enlarged base-plate release button for easy cleaning and a reinforced body with overlapping polymer ribs. Available with or without its iconic semi-circle coupling device, these wallet-friendly polymer magazines were virtually unknown until last year.

Price: \$19.99



3. Hexmag | 30-round HX30-AR-15

It's not difficult to see why these polygonal magazines are called [Hexmags](#). What is tough to see is why no other manufacturer offered a magazine this cool before. Built from high-impact polymer and featuring an interlocking hexagonal outer pattern, these lightweight futuristic magazines exploded in popularity after touring the YouTube gun-reviewer scene last year.

And for good reason, the [HX30 Hexmag](#) is as durable and reliable as it is odd-looking. A closer look inside shows the magazine's bright-orange anti-tilt follower that provides positive cartridge feeding and allows shooters to instantly identify the condition of the magazine. Hexmag also offers their eponymous magazine in various other follower-colors ranging from Zombie Green to Nimbus Blue.

Price: \$14.99

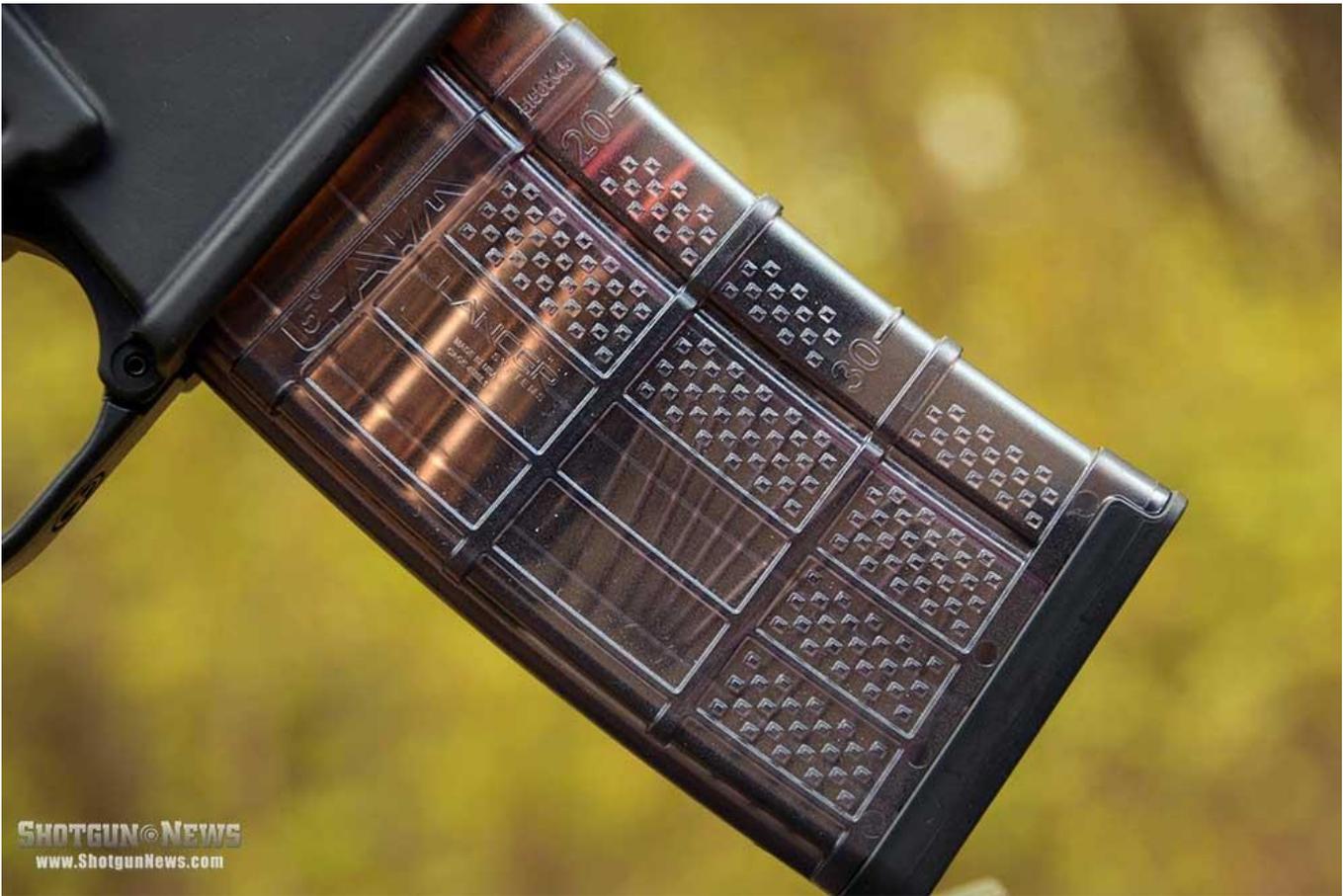


2. Magpul | PMAG

[Magpul](#) makes some of the best AR-15 kit on the planet. Their name is synonymous with quality and reliability. It's arguable that without their ingenious anti-tilt follower, the ascension of the AR-15 as America's rifle would never have reached the heights it achieved. Not content to simply improve the inner workings of the AR-15 magazine, in 2007 Magpul introduced their [PMAG](#), a fully-polymer AR-15 magazine.

So how does the progenitor of modern polymer magazines hold up against numerous usurpers? In a word, phenomenally. Magpul's PMAG still sets the standard for affordable, lightweight, durable reliable polymer magazines. In most places, new magpul PMAGs can be had for less than used USGI aluminum ones. Available with or without a windowed body, the PMAG has proven incredibly popular with military, law enforcement and civilian enthusiasts alike. Whenever a new shooter asks me what magazine to buy for their AR15, with few exceptions, I always respond, "Magpul PMAGs".

Price: \$12.95-\$17.95



1. Lancer Systems | L5 AWM

[Lancer Systems](#) isn't your typical firearms accessory-maker. A quick glance at their website shows their production isn't limited to gun components, but extends to fiber-optics and oil-drilling platform equipment. This latter portion demonstrates that they understand how to make tough equipment built for hard use. No more is this apparent than in their [L5 AWM](#) magazines. Built from high-impact translucent polymer, the L5 AWM helps shooters see what really matters; what's on the inside. Unlike the majority of polymer AR-15 magazines, the L5 AWM follows Bulgaria's Circle 10 magazine's example, and reinforces its feed lips with hardened steel. The result: the most durable polymer magazine built. The only downside to bulking up these mags is price.

Price: \$19.96

6 New Year's Resolutions for a Fitter Colt in 2016

by Max Slowik on January 7, 2016



Colt is a part of America. It has meaning and value to individuals, militaries, and national histories. It's also lagging. Last year the company filed for [Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection](#), following a series of losses that don't reflect the quality of their products.

If anything, from a production standpoint, Colt is at the top of their game. Their 1911s are well-built and gorgeous and so are their rifles. But there's more to it than just making a good product because there is no shortage of other companies who know how to make a good product in the American small arms market.

Colt is losing because they're stagnating. If Colt was a person, that person stopped going to the gym a long time ago. It's a new year and it's time for Colt to make some resolutions and get back in shape. Six resolutions. They are, in no particular order:

1. Continue the Hunt for Government Contracts



This should be a pretty obvious goal for Colt; military contracts were for years the backbone of Colt's business and the foundation for their entire reputation—to the point where some gun owners criticized Colt as not having a serious interest in catering to consumers.

Arguably Colt had its “bad years” where it seemed like the company's interest in serving the consumer market had flagged but today that's just not the case. Their 1911s are some of the best values on the market in terms of fit and finish and anyone looking to spend a little more to get a very well-made 1911 doesn't have to look much further than Colt.

On top of that, they've got a small but solid set of concealed-carry pistols designed specifically for men and women looking for a pocketable handgun for everyday carry. Colt is doing a good job of making quality firearms for sale to the general public. Which is why they shouldn't be faulted for pursuing new government contracts, large and small.

While companies like Glock and Smith & Wesson do fight for large military and national police contracts, it's the thousands and thousands of local government contracts that provide consistent income alongside commercial sales.

There is one problem with this. Colt's catalog is...outdated.

2. Update the AR-15 Lineup



The Colt LE6900 series has made such an impact on the AR world that today the Colt LE6920 remains one of the most recommended, go-to AR-15 carbines and it will continue to be for many years. The thing is, it shouldn't be.

Let's be clear: no one is saying that there's anything short of the best that goes into the manufacturing of these guns. Colt knows how to make guns and it shows. But they've fallen behind when it comes to really critical details like barrel profiles, barrel finishes, gas system lengths and handguard systems.

When the last big update to the LE6920 was to upgrade from Magpul MOE furniture to Magpul MOE SL accessories it's safe to say Colt is no longer innovating when it comes to a product they essentially invented. Even Colt Canada can see this.

Colt Canada recently announced two [dead-sexy modern AR-15s](#) with semi-monolithic upper receivers, modular free-floating handguards and M-Lok mounting slots for miles. These are the sort of rifles Colt should have as their flagships in the U.S.

It would be dumb for Colt to stop making the LE6920 because people will continue to buy them for as long as they stay in production. But the LE6900 series, in general, should take a back seat for a new brand of Colt ARs.

3. Develop (a Real) .308 AR Lineup



And that brand should include AR-10-style rifles.

These big bore older brothers to the AR-15 are the new hotness, and it's safe to say that the [MARC 901](#) series is not one of them. Too much non-standard stuff and the price, even down from where it used to be, isn't competitive. It had promise, but never quite made a hit.

The nice thing about this is that it means that Colt essentially doesn't have a .308 series to hold them back; they can start with a clean slate on a standard series.

For that matter, they have the opportunity to come up with a completely new lineup that includes both modern AR-15- and AR-10-style rifles into a married Colt rifle series, with a new brand and a fresh appeal.

Basically, a reboot. Colt has the clout for this and is in a decent spot to do it right, with matching configurations and modular features regardless of cartridge. Something along the lines of LEAR-56 for 5.56 NATO/.223 Remington rifles and LEAR-76 for 7.62 NATO/.308 Winchester and so on.

There are a few companies already putting similar plans into the works; if Colt puts some effort into thinking about what tomorrow's shooters want, they can stay ahead of the game for years to come.

4. Develop a Service Pistol Series

The name Colt is downright synonymous with the most iconic American service pistol in history, and yet today the company hardly makes service pistols at all. Sure, they make a fine [Rail Gun](#), but for all the love of 1911s, when it comes to self-defense at home or in the line of duty, most people will choose a non-single-action double-stack pistol. That's what it means to be a service pistol today.

There are three ways for Colt to get back into the service pistol game. The first might not make people super happy but it would be fast and straightforward: just import them from a foreign manufacturer.

Find a company that makes a solid product, pay for some new tooling to re-brand the guns, and work hard with the American aftermarket, and invent a "Colt." It will sell. It would have to be the right foreign company, and the CZ ship has probably sailed, but it's a guaranteed profit and shouldn't be dismissed.

The second method is a half measure between importing and manufacturing, and that's to find a smaller American firm, work out a deal, and have them build Colt pistols. This is something Colt already does with Colt Competition and the U.S. Armament Corp. It wouldn't be super controversial and by re-investing in the smaller company it could be scaled up to match the demand for a 21st century Colt service pistol.

That leaves in-house manufacturing as the third option. It may not be the best or most viable idea, it probably has the highest initial cost and Colt probably doesn't have a lot of money to throw at new products, but the profits would all stay at home and they could do whatever they wanted in terms of design.

As far as what sort of service pistol they need to make, that's probably the least important. Polymer-framed and striker-fired? People will say it's about time. Metal-framed and DA/SA? Good for Colt for making something different.

All that matters is that they're available in 9mm Luger and .40 S&W—Colt already makes great .45s—in three configurations, a full-size longslide for open-carry and competition, a mid-size compact for general use and occasional concealed-carry, and a single-stack or subcompact for backup and everyday-carry.

5. Bring Back DA Revolvers



The world wants snake guns. Buyers are willing

to spend money to get them.

People say that the gunsmiths who know how to make Pythons and Cobras are all retired or dead, or that there is no financially-viable way to hand-make these revolvers...neither of these things can possibly be true.

Chiefly, with 3D CNC milling machines and wire EDM and laser cutters there's no way we lack the technology to make pretty wheelguns anymore. And people have proven, again and again, they will pay well over sane market prices to get double-action Colt revolvers, so if Colt has to charge more to deliver that's fine. The market is willing.

No excuses here, Colt should be making new snake guns. And here's the deal: Colt just needs to make revolvers that *look* like their old classics. They don't have to be the same on the inside.

There are three good reasons for Colt *not* to copy the original designs. First are today's manufacturing techniques—if it's possible to fabricate the components inexpensively, as long as they look and function as well as the originals, they should be used. Old drawings can be thrown out.

Even if a new Python is better in every way down to the quality of the finish and function of the trigger compared to an original, some people will never accept any new Colt Pythons. It's not necessary to court the old guard—the real market is with new gun owners and buyers who never had the chance to buy a snake gun when they last were in production. That perfect profile is what matters.

Finally, if Colt changes the design people won't get new-production revolvers mixed with older guns, which will help collectors and prevent potential buyers from getting duped. It's a safe way to protect the value of the original revolvers.

But it is critical that any new-production double-action Colt revolvers have the same external appearance of their archetypal predecessors, and that they have good factory triggers. Any internal changes are irrelevant—just make them.

6. Push the Colt Custom Shop



To wrap things up here's something fast and easy for Colt. Coming up with new brands, making new products, that adds up, but there is one thing that Colt can do right now that will barely touch their bottom line, and that's to put the Colt Custom Shop in the spotlight.

Colt has a great custom shop and with a little website work, Colt could start selling factory-custom guns to-order with little to no overhead costs to a potentially huge buyer's market. The only hurdle will be to keep up with demand.

People know that Colt means quality. Colt needs to make their quality shine. If Colt can commit to some or all of these resolutions, with a real multi-year goal, not just a "throw everything at the wall and see what sticks" approach, they'll be relevant for many years to come.

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Colt is Bringing Back The Cobra in 2017!

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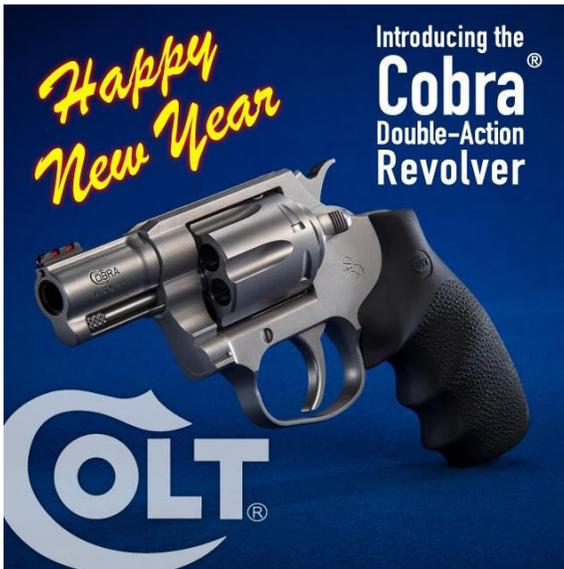


The new Colt Cobra is a small gun with gigantic expectations. *(Photo: Colt)*

Colt has a big announcement for 2017. The company is getting back into double-action revolvers [starting with the new Colt Cobra](#). The 2017 Cobra features a matte stainless frame and cylinder, wraparound rubber grip and fiber optic front sight. True to its heritage, the 2017 edition is chambered for .38 Special and has a 6-round capacity.

The new revolver weighs a little more at 25 ounces unloaded. That extra weight will help shooters load up with really hot overpressure loads. This gun is built for concealed-carry for use with modern self-defense ammunition.

American Rifleman's Mark Keefe got some time in with Colt and the new Cobra. "Colt spent some serious time trying to get this gun right," [said Keefe](#). "They knew they only had one shot after a decades-long double-action hiatus. Some changes include trigger geometry. When you look at the new cobra you can see that the trigger rides on a pin more centrally located in the frame."



Designed for everyday-carry, this Colt is going to make a lot of shooters happy. *(Photo: Colt/Facebook)*

Experienced Colt shooters shouldn't expect a big change in trigger feel even with the new design. As a matter of fact, Colt designed the new Cobra's trigger to feel like the standard-setting Colt Python.

"Colt wanted to use the trigger of the Python as the baseline for what it wanted in the new Cobra," said Keefe. "They have graphs, charts other tests that resemble a pathological liar's polygraph test saying that they have determined this revolver's trigger is right in there with the well-regarded Pythons. I would add, perhaps, that looking at how the bolt and hand are put in, there may just be less chance of this gun going out of time like a Python."

All eyes will be on the new Cobra's performance and Colt is aware of this. Expectations for Colt have been riding high for years. Anything short of a gold star will be a letdown, at least for Colt's die-hard revolver enthusiasts.

Still, with today's computer-controlled manufacturing it's entirely possible to produce top-flight revolvers with excellent mechanical precision one after the other. The trick is to perfect the process before going into large-scale manufacturing. This something that Colt has clearly been working on for some time.

The new Cobra is sure to be the first of a series of new-production double-action Colt revolvers. Revolver shooters around the world want to see Colt offer a full catalog of these guns including full-size and large-frame revolvers for competition, everyday carry and hunting. Concealed-carry is still a welcome start.

Measuring in at just over 7 inches long and just under 5 inches tall, the new Cobra sports a 2-inch barrel and full-size grip. With its 6-round cylinder it holds an extra cartridge compared to most compact revolvers. This gives it extra appeal to the concealed-carry market.

Almost as important as build quality and features is, ultimately, the bottom line: price. The new Colt Cobra carries a \$699 MSRP which is very competitive. As always real-world prices will be lower — at least in time after the excitement wears off a bit.

Already, 2017 is off to an exciting start for gun enthusiasts.

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Long Range Shooting 101: Top 5 Rifles and Calibers for Survivalists

[The Patriot Caller](#)

The art of shooting long distances engages a different set of skills and techniques than tactical, cowboy-action, or skeet shooting. Some may say long distance shooting is golf, whereas tactical shooting is basketball.

Repetition, attention to detail, and the proper equipment can make an enormous difference when it comes to long distance accuracy. And, of course, these are just preparations you make to offset all the less-than-ideal conditions that you'll almost certainly be dealing with in any real-world scenario.

Back to the Fundamentals

The key to performing nearly anything requiring precision under pressure is, to oversimplify a bit, practice. To be more specific, we have to fall back on an old football coach's favorite saying. "Practice doesn't make perfect," he was fond of saying, "Perfect practice makes perfect."

The key here is to realize that target shooting is never really just shooting at a target; it's also training. The level of focus, patience, and expectations you bring to shooting at paper targets will inevitably impact how well you shoot in competition, hunting, etc.

Precision Shooting Discipline From an "Old Timer"



An old marine once explained why he was able to shoot 1-inch groups consistently at 100-yards while the rest of us were satisfied with 4-inch groups. He explained that back in the time of his basic training, Marines were made to dry fire their rifles a minimum of 1,000 times before they were allowed the privilege of live ammo.

To date, it sticks out as the most important and instructive thing we've heard regarding shooting accuracy. Consider how much time, not to mention mental energy, it would require to practice your aim, breathing, and trigger pull a thousand times with no live ammo. It's a great exercise, when you think of it. With no anticipation or recoil, you can practice perfectly, building all the right habits, techniques, and muscle memory.

But for goodness sakes, how damned boring would that be?

To tell the truth, the amount of time and effort it takes to become a truly excellent marksman is daunting. This is why you can't afford to waste any time with improper training and the wrong tools.

On the other hand, we have much better tools at our disposal than the Korean War era Marine who was such a good shot. Since you probably don't have the time or patience to dry fire thousands of times before you start plinking, you're going to want to use these superior tools.

Remington 700 VTR



The “VTR” in this version of Remington’s venerable Model 700 stands for “Varmint Tactical Rifle.” Why would someone hunting varmints even need to get very tactical? It’s not like a gray fox is going to return fire or anything.

Either way, you’ll notice that there’s a strong link between rifles designed for precision shooting and those designed for varmint hunting. In the off-the-shelf market, they’re one in the same.

The 700 VTR comes chambered in both .260 Remington and .308 Winchester, both excellent rounds for shooting at long distances, as we’ve already established.

Other perks offered by the 700 VTR are Remington’s X-Mark externally adjustable trigger, the “Super Cell” recoil pad, a contoured 22” barrel, a picatinny rail system, and a tactical barrel with muzzle breaks.

While it’s not exactly “cheap” by most standards, it does have all of the upgrades in one nice and tidy package. Upgrading all of these pieces individually would make this a \$2,000 custom rifle, and you still wouldn’t have a scope on it.

RETAIL: \$789

Ruger Hawkeye Varmint Target Rifle



With a laminated stock, this “Varmint Target” rifle just looks like a piece of precision equipment, capable of sharpshooting excellence, which it is.

If you’re already a fan of the Strum and Ruger rifle catalog, you’ll recognize the familiar integral scope mounts, which are basically just indentions machined into the top of the receiver. There’s nothing new about the scope mounts, but this is still a feature worth pointing out.

The heavy contour barrel has been cold hammer-forged and, most importantly, features “ultra-precise” rifling that delivers better accuracy and easier cleaning. The Hawkeye Varmint Target also features Ruger’s 2-stage trigger, consisting of a “take up” stage, followed by a crisp tension stage.

Chambered in .308 Win and 6.5 Creedmoor, this is a finely tuned piece of target drilling machinery. However, it doesn’t quite have all the bells and whistles offered by the Remington 700 VTR,

RETAIL: \$909

Savage 12-BVSS



For many years, Savage has built quite a business around rifles that cater to the target and varmint-hunting niche. Bull barrels, aggressive styling, and tactical stocks are nothing new for this manufacturer. Savage was doing this before it became cool.

One of Savage’s greatest “claims to fame” when it comes to long distance shooting is its famous AccuTrigger. Developed by Savage Arms in 2002, lots of competitive shooters swear by this trigger system and its user-friendly design.

Every shooter has his preference in terms of pull weight, creep, and over-travel. The AccuTrigger’s core promise is that shooters can customize their trigger to suit their shooting style.

The 12-BVSS comes outfitted with a heavy stainless steel barrel, which is fluted, no less. It’s available in .22-250 Rem, .223 Rem, and .308 Win, quite the donut hole in terms of calibers, but it makes sense when you consider that varmint hunters (the official target market for this rifle) will prefer the smaller calibers, while long-range shooters will opt for the .308 Win.

RETAIL: \$1,039

Howa Classic Heavybarrel Varminter



Howa was a Japanese industrial machinery company that got involved in firearms manufacturing during WWII. Since then, they’ve become a mainstay for civilian shooters by specializing in heavy barreled hunting rifles that are known for quality, accuracy, and being easy on the wallet. You might think of them as the Honda of rifles.

With its heavy barrel construction, laminated stock with cooling vents and a raised cheek rest, and 2-stage match trigger, the M1500 has been recognized by many as a natural sniper rifle. In fact, the Japanese National Police Agency adopted the “Varminter” as its official sniper rifle. It’s also reportedly used by Ukraine’s Special Forces.

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The rifle itself is pretty plain Jane, which is kind of the beauty of it. Its laminated stock offers some head turning flair, as well as utility. The short action, magazine conversion capabilities, and heavy barrel configurations (stainless or blue) are nice features. The rifle also comes chambered in two of our favorite calibers, .243 Win and .308 Win.

RETAIL: \$650

Tikka T3x TAC



Did we save the best for last? Lots of fanboys of this Finnish rifle manufacturer think so. Regardless, it’s very hard to argue that this rifle, which being a bit more expensive than others on this list, won’t at least make you feel like you’re shooting a helluva lot better.

To be fair, Tikka does offer other variations on the T3x that are under \$1,000, but this one is certainly the most well-appointed version for driving tacks at 800 yards.

The tuned accuracy, heavy barrel, and smooth action are standard fare when it comes to Tikka. The adjustable check rest, fancy recoil pad, integrated picatinny rail, and 5/6 round magazine are what really set this rifle apart from the pack. The T3x is available in .223 Rem, .300 Win Mag, and .308 Win.

RETAIL: \$1,550

Bang for Your Buck: Top 5 Long Range Calibers



For such a high-end and specialized hobby, you'd be surprised by how much agreement there is about the "best" rounds for long-distance shooting. That is, if money is no object. And of course it is.

That's why we've configured our list around calibers that are excellent for distance shooting but also useful for hunting and/or widely available. This is why you won't see the .338 Lapua, .50 BMG, or the .416 Barret on this list.

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There are lots of excellent choices that are nearly always available at your local sporting goods store. And for our money, at least, we feel confident that our shooting skills will be the greatest limiting factor, not the size or diameter of our ammunition.

.308 Winchester



First things first, the .308 is by far the most popular sniper round. Despite the constant emergence of "new and improved" 30-caliber rounds, they will always be measured against the .308 Winchester.

The fact is, it's very hard to improve on this cartridge. The ballistics profile of this round hits the sweet spot, traveling long distances with accuracy and consistency, and it even behaves predictably in the wind.

There are hotter and heavier rounds out there. Certainly, there are trendier ones. The generations of military field-testing behind the .308 makes it unique. The US Army caps the recommended range of the .308 at 1,000 meters.

You could certainly hit a target at over that maximum reliably with the .308, however, if you were so inclined.

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.300 Winchester Magnum



When it comes to long-range calibers, the keys are speed and mass. The 300 Win Mag has plenty of both, one of the primary reasons that the US Army has made a push to adopt it in recent years.

This popular hunting cartridge can fling a 150-grain bullet at 3,200 fps, which, as you can imagine, creates quite a bit of momentum and a predictable flight path. Given its raw power, it creates significant recoil, which can be managed by a muzzle break and proper technique.

This round is also widely available at sporting goods stores, with lots of selection to choose from. Reloading is certainly not necessary with the .300 Win Mag. If you do decide you want a very specific set of specs, you can most likely find what you're looking for from one of the trusted ammo brands.

7mm Remington Magnum



Although this cartridge recently celebrated its 50th birthday, it's only gotten better with age (and technological improvements). Because of its excellent reputation, the selection of .284 bullets out there is massive.

The amount of power behind the .284 projectile is impressive as well, pushing the 160-grain version at over 3,000 fps. According to Sniper Central, the 7mm is recommended for military applications out to 1,000 yards. However, its history as a sniper round is primarily within the US Secret Service, not the military.

The combination of velocity and knockdown power has made the 7mm Rem-Mag one of the most popular rounds for big game hunters. The “7 Mag” offers advantages over the .308 at distances, but it is often overshadowed by the bigger .300 Win Mag (including in the recoil department).

Just like with the .300 Win Mag, the popularity of the 7mm Mag is its own benefit. It’s widely available in a wide range of configurations.

. 30-06 Springfield



If you’re looking for bang for your buck, look no further than the .30-06 Springfield. This round served as the primary sniper round for the US from WWI through the first half of Vietnam, when the Army and USMC decided to jointly adopt the .308 as their standard.

Don’t let that be the reason you overlook this round because many shooters do. It’s inexpensive and available virtually everywhere ammo is sold. Not to mention, many factory made long-range rifles are chambered in .30-06.

The .30-06 can launch a 175-grain bullet at over 2600fps, and many shooters would argue that it has better long-range ballistics than the .308. To top it all off, the recoil from this round isn’t nearly as punishing as the .300 Win Mag.

. 243 Winchester



For shooters who want long distance capability without the notorious recoil of the 30-calibers (which really should be most of us), there are plenty of smaller calibers that are capable of hitting at 1,000 yards. Plus, it wouldn't be right to overlook all the great 6mm and 6.5mm cartridges out there.

The trouble is, of course, deciding which one to include. Should we go with the .260 Remington or the 6.5 Creedmoor? Both are excellent rounds, and both are considered to have stellar long-range ballistics.

A simple search on the Cabela's website for ammo was the tie-breaker we needed: Both failed.

As we've already discussed, the affordability and availability of ammunition are two of our most important qualifications. While there are literally dozens of manufacturers producing the .243 Win, only a couple were supplying the .260 Remington or 6.5 Creedmoor at scale.

Then we read an interview with champion tactical shooter George Gardner. When asked why he selected the 243 Win for his competition rifle, Gardner answered, "Why would I run anything else? Think about it. I'm sending a .585 BC 115 at 3150 fps—that'll shoot inside the 6XC and .260 Rem with ease. I'm pretty sure I have found the Holy Grail of Comp Rifles."

The .243 uses the same brass as the trusty .308 Winchester, necked down to a 6mm bullet. That gives you the advantage of being able to use .308 magazines interchangeably. There are also a multitude of match grade bullets available, similar to the 30-cals we've listed.

The .243 Winchester fires a very fast bullet with a very flat trajectory. The bullet is smaller and lighter, but so is the recoil. If you are into reloading, many shooters prefer the Ackley Improved shell, which can launch a bullet at an impressive 3300fps.

Conclusions

If it seems like we're trying hard to sell the merits of the 6mm category, it's because we really are. Despite the popular notion that heavier bullets make better long-distance cartridges, that really depends on your definition of "long-distance."

If your definition ranges from 400-800 yards, then any of the calibers we've listed are more than capable. If you just can't stand the thought of being limited to 1,000-yard shots, then the .300 Win Mag is probably your best bet.

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A 6.7-Ounce CCW Magnum? The Five-Shot Sidewinder—Full Review.

by Rob Garrett on December 5, 2016



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What do you do when you need a gun but “can’t” carry one? You know, when the bulk and size of a CCW firearm is just not practical for your situation? No solution? Then you clearly have not considered [North American Arms](#) and its line of radically downsized revolvers that weigh mere ounces. These things are truly tiny.



What the Sidewinder brings to the table is a swing-out cylinder, as compared to standard NAAs that require you to remove the cylinder to reload.

North American Arms was founded by Sandy Chisholm in the early seventies and quickly established a reputation for producing the “world’s smallest” revolver. Their first mini-revolver was chambered in .22 Short and was only 3 3/5” long, 2 3/8” high and weighed in at a mere 4 ounces. The little revolvers became a cult hit with both the civilian and law enforcement market. While some don’t take them seriously, the little revolvers have earned a legitimate place in the self-defense market. As someone once said, “it is a gun you can carry when you can’t carry a gun.”

The popularity of the mini revolvers has only grown over the years. According to the company’s website, they currently offer ten different models in more than sixteen configurations. Models are available in a variety of barrel lengths and a variety of calibers to include .22 Short, .22 Long Rifle, and .22 Magnum. The 1860 Series includes “The Earl”, “The Hogleg”, and “The Sheriff.” These models are patterned after the 1800’s-era percussion revolvers and feature a faux loading lever that secures the cylinder pin and an octagon barrel.



The Sidewinder in .22 Magnum gives you a peppy little defender with small enough dimensions and light enough weight to ensure that you can always have it on you.

Several years ago, I had the opportunity to visit the company's production facility in Provo, Utah and spend some time with Ken Friel. Ken is a true gentleman and is always on my "must visit" list when I attend SHOT Show. Ken told me of a narcotics agent who did a buy on a Florida beach wearing only a speedo. Given the abbreviated wardrobe, the agent hid a NAA mini-revolver in a drink cup! That is creative police work. During my thirty-five plus years in law enforcement, I have known many officers who carried an NAA as a last ditch insurance policy.

The size of the NAA revolver, and its reliability, is a testament to the engineering, design, and quality of NAA's manufacturing process. However, the one common complaint with the original Mini-Revolvers was the process of loading, unloading, and reloading. The only way to access the cylinder is to remove the cylinder pin and then remove the cylinder from the pistol. This must be accomplished any time there is a need to load, unload, or reload. The process is not difficult, but it is tedious and time-consuming. NAA set out to solve that problem and, in the process, created a really slick little pistol.



The author tested the variant of the Sidewinder that comes with a .22 Magnum and a .22 LR cylinder systems. Note the Tuff Products QuickStrip ammo carrier.

SPECS

- **Chambering:** .22 Magnum/LR combo
- **Barrel:** 1 inch
- **OA Length:** 5 inches
- **Weight:** 6.7 ounces
- **Grips:** Rosewood
- **Sights:** Fixed
- **Action:** Single-action
- **Finish:** Stainless steel
- **Capacity:** 5
- **MSRP:** \$449 (as tested)

The designers at NAA solved this issue with the introduction of the [Sidewinder](#). The Sidewinder features a swing-out cylinder allowing for "speedy" reloads without removing the cylinder. As with all NAA revolvers, the frame and cylinder are machined from a solid billet of stainless steel. This allows for the precise machining to meet the tolerance levels needed for a firearm of that size. The fit and finish are excellent and are void of any

machine marks, buffing wheel marks, or burrs. The cylinder and sides of the frame are polished while the top strap, sides of the barrel, bottom of the frame, and back strap have a matte finish that provides an attractive contrast. The Sidewinder is 5 inches in length, 2 7/8 inches in height, and weighs a mere 6.7 ounces.

The caliber and company name are cleanly engraved on the right side of the frame. The serial number has an “SW” prefix (Sidewinder) and is located on the bottom of the frame, just forward of the trigger. All of the markings on the Sidewinder are extremely crisp and sharp and reflect NAA’s attention to quality and details.



The Sidewinder sports a short, stubby one-inch barrel and stainless steel construction.



The cylinder of the Sidewinder swings out to the right side of the revolver’s frame.

The Sidewinder’s sights consist of a small “U” shape rear sight on the top strap and a small round bead front sight. As with all NAA revolvers, the Sidewinder is a five-shot, single action only design with an exposed hammer and unguarded trigger. The bird’s head profile of the grip is the same dimensions as the other mini-revolvers and will accommodate any of the optional stocks. Our sample came with both a .22 WMR cylinder and a .22 LR cylinder. The cylinders are changed by removing the cylinder retaining screw located on the front edge of the cylinder yoke.

Due to the internal design and the location of the cylinder hand and stop, the Sidewinder opens to the right side of the frame. To open the cylinder, the hammer is set on half-cock and the ejection rod is then pushed forward

to release the cylinder. Once the cylinder is in the open position, the ejection rod is depressed allowing the empty cases to be partially ejected. The size and design requires the empty cases to be individually removed and the cylinder has to be rotated to allow the empties to clear the stock.



The Sidewinder is small enough to disappear inside a pocket, and its light weight of 6.7 ounces makes it easy to carry all day.

When I received the Sidewinder, I called Ken and had him go over some of the features and discussed my initial impressions. Friel is quick to point out that the little mini revolvers are made to shoot and asked me to give the Sidewinder a workout. Well, I put over 250 rounds through the little gun with absolutely no problems. The two cylinders allowed me to test the Sidewinder with .22 WMR and .22 LR ammunition. The first thing I noticed was the positive indexing and lockup of the cylinder. There was no shaving of rounds or splatter from the cylinder gap. In fact, we noticed a distinct lack of powder residue on both the frame and the sides of the cylinder. This is an indicator of the close tolerances that NAA holds during production. The trigger pull was very good, given the geometry of the pistol, and measured just over 7 lbs.

Range Time

NAA Sidewinder							
.22 WRM Cylinder							
Manufacturer	Caliber	Bullet Wt.	High FPS	Low FPS	Average	ES	Accuracy
CCI Maxi Mag FMJ	.22 WMR	40 gr. TMJ	1050	853	979	197	1.22"
CCI Maxi Mag JHP	.22 WMR	40 gr. JHP	1007	981	980	26	1.14"
Hornady Critical Defense	.22 WMR	45 gr. GR FTX	979	943	964	36	1.01"
Speed Gold Dot	.22 WMR	40 gr. GDHP-SO	1040	933	980	107	0.90"
.22 LR Cylinder							
CCI Mini Mag	.22 LR	40 gr.	525	949	863	76	1.24"
CCI Standard	.22 LR	40 gr.	798	724	773	74	0.72"
CCI Subsonic HP	.22 LR	40 gr.	603	762	760	41	0.93"

The sights are minuscule, to say the least.

However, with a little work, I was able to consistently shoot 1 ¼-inch groups from the three-yard line. The Sidewinder shot point of aim/point of impact at that distance. Like other NAA firearms, the Sidewinder is amazingly accurate and I feel confident that the little revolver could have placed all five shots in one ragged hole, if I had done my job. Moving back to five yards, I shot several quick indexed shots to simulate a more realistic encounter. I had no problem keeping all shots in the center mass of the target.

Choices of ammunition, for personal defense, are normally 40-grain bullets that are either FMJ or jacketed hollow point loads. Using a Competition Electronics ProChrono that I obtained from the good folks at Brownells, I chronographed four magnum loads and three long rifle loads. The accompanying chart reflects velocity and group from each round. CCI's Standard and Subsonic loads were very pleasant to shoot and averaged 773 fps and 780 respectively. The hotter CCI Mini Mag load averaged 883 fps but was not unpleasant.



Considering its small size and minuscule sights, the Sidewinder acquitted itself well during testing.



The author also tested the Sidewinder with “shotshell” ammo, as the little revolver would make for a great snake gun.

It is only in recent years that manufacturers developed a .22 Magnum load dedicated to personal defense. Two excellent examples are [Hornady 45-grain Critical-Defense](#) and the 40-grain [Speer Gold Dot 22 Magnum](#) load. The Hornady load features a 45-grain FTX bullet that averaged 964 feet per second. The Gold Dot has a 40-grain GDHP bullet that averaged 980 feet per second. From five feet, I shot both rounds into three, one-gallon water jugs. The Hornady load completely penetrated the first jug and was captured by the rear wall of the second jug. The Speer load stopped in the third jug. Both rounds actually expanded while remaining intact. The

weight of the recovered Hornady slug was 43.2 grains while the Speer load weighed 40 grains. The Gold Dot was the most impressive and looked like a miniature version of larger caliber GDHP bullets.



The author also tried the NAA Sidewinder out with some dedicated self-defense .22 Magnum loads such as this Hornady Critical Defense offering.

I was surprised when Ken mentioned that some owners use the CCI Shotshell Load for personal defense. This load consists of 52 grains of #12 shot that is contained in a polymer shot capsule. Ken related that he has heard from several customers who have ended a violent encounter by dispensing a load of CCI shot to the face of the bad guy. While this may not produce a fatal wound, they likely think that the initial trauma may be sufficient to persuade the bad guy to seek opportunities elsewhere! I tested the CCI Shotshell load at 3 yards. At that range, the load printed a group that was approximately 9" X 9" with a tight pattern in the 3" Shoot-N-C dot. While not ideal, it is an option. To my thinking, it makes an excellent load for snakes and very small varmints and is ideal for those who spend a lot of time outdoors.

NAA offers a variety of accessories for their line of mini revolvers. These include a variety of stocks and holsters. Another interesting accessory is the QuickStrip from Tuff Products. Similar to the old Bianchi Speed Strips, Tuff Products' [QuickStrips](#) are available for fourteen calibers, the smallest being .22 LR and the largest being for 10- gauge shotgun shells. The strips offer a convenient way to carry ten extra rounds and worked well with the Sidewinder. While testing the Sidewinder, I used both .22 LR and .22 Magnum QuickStrips and they are mandatory when I carry the Sidewinder.



The swing-out cylinder design of the Sidewinder makes reloading easier.



The single-action Sidewinder has a guardless trigger and a compact “bird’s” head grip.

The little NAA revolvers have earned the respect of the firearm’s community and they have solidified their place in the personal defense market. When working in the yard, I frequently drop the Sidewinder in my pocket in case I run across a Copperhead or Rattlesnake. While small, the little guns can provide a sense of security when used in the proper context. This is truly the gun for when you “can’t” carry a gun. I would like to thank Ken Friel and the great folks at North American Arms for allowing me to visit their facility and for their continued support.

Bang for Your Buck: 11 Best Semiautomatics on a Budget

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When it comes to self-defense, the vast majority of military and tactical experts choose to carry a sidearm, rather than a shotgun or rifle. Semi-automatic pistols, in specific, are hands down winner when you put it to vote. And the reasons are simple.

Semi-auto pistols offer a great deal of tactical advantages over other firearms. They're lighter, more compact, and they hold plenty of ammo. For these reasons, they make a much more practical "everyday carry" than a pump shotgun or even a Colt revolver.

Plus, there's just something really nice about squeezing off a few rounds through a semi-auto. Advances in technology have made these guns a real pleasure to shoot.

Choosing a Handgun

Buying your first handgun can be intimidating; I'll be the first to admit it. Not only are there hundreds of choices, but there are literally millions of snobby opinions to wade through as well. You know what they say about opinions... *right?*

That's why I wanted to write this article, to simplify things a little bit. I realize that these are my opinions, in a sense, but the reviews of all of these guns are as objective as I am can be.

The most important thing to understand is that you can't go wrong with any of these five weapons. They're each affordable, reliable, and fun to shoot. And should the SHTF, you'll be ready.

SPRINGFIELD XDm



The Springfield XD series has quickly become a fan favorite among pistol enthusiasts, approaching even the Glock in popularity. The XD is another polymer frame gun, much like the Glock, with ambidextrous magazine releases, a grip safety, and a trigger action safety. The sharp 3 dot sights are easy to get comfortable with and even the shorter models are highly accurate.

When you put the XD and a Glock side by side, the comparisons just can't be avoided. The XD is a bit narrower than the Glock, and the controls and safety are slightly larger than those on the Glock. The .40 XD model comes equipped with two 13 round magazines, so you've got plenty of firepower for the range, but less than you'd get with the XD's younger brother, the XDm (which has a 16+1 round capacity). **Retail: \$549**

GLOCK M23



As stated above, the Austrian-made Glock revolutionized the handgun forever with its polymer design. Early detractors made fun of it for looking like a "block" of plastic, but most have since been won over by the Glock's simple, light-weight, and nearly indestructible design. And judging by how many look-alikes have flooded onto the market, many shooters have come around how the Glock's appearance too.

The M23 is a compact model that is easy to carry, fun to shoot, and yet versatile enough to serve pretty much any pistol shooting application out there. Many federal organizations, such as the FBI, carry this mid-size

Glock, as opposed to the smaller M22. Expert after expert will tell you that, if you're only going to own one pistol, this is the one to get. **Retail: \$549**

Smith and Wesson M&P 9mm



Smith & Wesson is a legendary name in firearms history, and the M&P lineup does the name proud at a price point that most shooters can afford. With a state of the art polymer frame, slim profile, and an empty weight of just 24oz., there's a lot more to like about the M&P than just the price. In fact, lots of experienced shooters say this model belongs right along side Glock, and Sig Sauer when it comes to performance, reliability, and design.

Certainly, the 17-round magazine gives you plenty of firepower. The M&P is heavier than the Glock 17 by about 3 ounces, which is not significant enough to make a difference with most shooters. This gun is possibly the best balance of value and performance you'll find in a new, straight out of the box handgun. Plus, S&W handguns are still American made, which is somewhat of a rarity. **Retail: \$442**

RUGER P95



As stated above, it's hard to beat Ruger if you're a value shopper. But if budget is your absolute bottom line, then the Ruger P95 should come first on your shopping list. At \$350 the P95 is clearly the most bang for your buck.

Don't get hung up on the P95's low price though, the gun was initially designed to be as reliable as it was affordable. These pistols are a little on the bulky side and built on an older platform, which means the design is tried and true. Police and armed service personnel have carried p-Series pistols for several decades, unlike a few of the upstarts on this list. **Retail: \$350**

CZ 75 COMPACT



Designed in Czechoslovakia in 1975, this is one of the few guns on this list that pre-dates the “Glock era” in handgun history. The 75’s continuing popularity is a testament to how nicely built this firearm is. If you pick one up, you’ll know instantly why the 75 has so many loyal fans.

The Czechs have a highly respected firearm tradition, on par with the American and Austrian brands; so don’t be deterred by national labels. The 75 is as sleek as it is simple. The controls on the side are functional, but nothing special. This gun’s primary claims to fame are the way it fits your hand and the fact that it was equipped with one of the earliest 16-round magazines. **Retail: \$499**

SIG Sauer P250



All shooters recognize the name SIG Sauer as a European manufacturer synonymous with Swiss quality and German reliability. Most shooters would also typically associate this brand with a hefty price tag, the type typically assigned to luxury imports.

With the very competitively priced P250, that’s certainly not the case. While not SIG’s flagship handgun, the sleek P250 allows shooters to take advantage of the brand’s innovation at a modest price. The modular design allows shooters to switch out all types of components *including the barrel and caliber*.

If you like to tinker with your weapons and try new things, the P250 may be for you. The nice thing is that this gun costs the same no matter what caliber you prefer. We recommend the 9mm, for capacity reasons (15+1). **Retail: \$429**

Smith & Wesson SD40VE



Despite its very reasonable price and not-so user friendly features, this gun is getting rave reviews from budget-conscious shooters. And why not? It's a well-priced Glock clone with a crisp trigger pull and unstoppable reliability.

There's nothing fancy or flashy about the SDVE lineup. These pistols have the standard polymer frame, middle of the road magazine capacities (14+1 for the .40 SW), and they've got the silver and black finish S&W has been turning out for years. The takedown "lever" is kinda hard to work with too.

But all of that fades away when you start shooting. Suddenly, you start wondering why you'd even need to pay more than \$379 bucks. **Retail: \$379**

Kahr CW9



Kahr's products are extremely popular among the concealed carry crowd for a number of reasons, most having to do with reliability, design, and of course the ease of carry. Their weapons are also really snappy to shoot, with top notch sights, magazines, and an offset barrel that better aligns the shooter's hand with the bore.

Since concealed carry isn't our primary concern here, we went for the CW9 over the lighter and more compact CM9 version. One reason for this is simply that larger guns are easier and more comfortable to shoot for most. Still, this is by no means a large handgun. The CW9's low magazine capacity will attest to that, 8+1 for a 9mm. **Retail: \$399**

Ruger SR40



Two of the most important factors in most firearm purchases are value and quality. Ruger has consistently made rugged, reliable, firearms that any and every marksman can afford. The SR40 fits right in with the rest of Ruger's highly respected arsenal.

Like almost every other pistol on this list (excluding the Glock), the SR40 is heavily inspired by the Glock's polymer frame design, with a few of its own improvements. The SR40 comes with two 15 round magazines, an ambidextrous magazine release, and a rail for lights and tactical appliances. Plus, Rugers are entirely American made, which is somewhat of a rarity. **Retail: \$500**

Taurus PT 111 – 40 S&W



If "bang for you buck" is your #1 criteria for your next handgun, it's hard to beat Taurus, particularly the PT 111. Designed for concealed carry, this gun is both lightweight and compact, with a built-in accessory rail. The PT 111 also boasts a lot of safety features that we like, such as a chamber indicator and Taurus security key system for safe storage. In short, there's a keyhole on the backstrap that engages a built-in trigger lock.

The feel and operations of the PT 111 is extremely Glock-like. In fact, if you go into many gun stores these days to buy a Glock, the sales associate will probably show you a Taurus for comparison, especially if they get the sense that price is an issue.

With a 10+1 capacity and extremely high marks for reliability and shooting enjoyment, the PT 111 is a steal for under \$300. **RETAIL: \$289**

Walther CCP 9mm



Any good James Bond fan is highly familiar with the Walther name. While this weapon is a far cry from the old tried and true PPK (it's much more advanced), you get the benefit of the Walther name at a very reasonable price. Walther has built its reputation on rock solid reliability in a compact package. The CCP 9mm fits that criteria quite well, though the same can be said of many of the other guns on this list.

Built for conceal carry (CCP stands for "concealed carry pistol, btw), this Walther is perfect for discrete carrying, yet the grips are large enough for comfortable shooting (unlike many compact pistols). It comes standard with a standard picatinny rail for accessories. One byproduct of the CCP's small size is, of course, it's fairly low single-stack magazine capacity (8 rounds). **RETAIL: \$450**

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Top 9 Bug-Out Vehicles Right Off the Lot (No Modifications Required)

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We all know that a Humvee, Land Rover Defender or a Sherman tank and simply drive right over barricades and gridlock with ease...

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Unfortunately, these vehicles exist in a twilight zone where mind-numbing purchase prices overlap with insanely high maintenance costs and ridiculously low MPGs. Plus, imagine trying to find a place to parallel park your Sherman tank downtown. It just ain't gonna happen.

And if there's one thing we caution against again and again, it's investing in wildly impractical equipment in the name of preparedness. In the event of a true emergency, you're most likely not going to have time to run home, air up your 35-inch mud tires on your Bug-Out Vehicle, and swing by the wife's office like a knight in shining armor.

You're probably going to be staring down the apocalypse through the windshield of your daily driver. Despite what you may be thinking, that doesn't mean you can't be prepared for just about anything.

Lots of reliable, late model 4x4 vehicles can double as capable apocalyptic escape vehicles when the need arises. The important thing is to select a daily driver that's up to the task. Contrary to popular belief, there's no need to spring for a camouflaged paint job, armor plating, or even a snorkel.

Even better, you can pick up most of these vehicles on any used car lot and find replacement parts at any auto parts store.

The best bug-out equipped vehicles hit a sweet spot between on people/gear-hauling utility, off road capability, and rugged reliability. So which stock vehicles are up to the task?

To help unpack that question, we've put together a list of the most capable "off the lot" BOVs.

How We Made Our Selections



As we compiled this list, it quickly became obvious that the criteria for "Ultimate BOV" is subjective to the point of being worthless. Several prominent lists included "bug-out" conversion trucks by Earth Roamer that have a starting price of **\$282,000!**

We can speak for everyone, but that's a bit rich for our blood. That's exactly why we decided to come up with a list of our own, using criteria that's not completely asinine.

So, our criteria is made up of the following:

- First and foremost, it must be a practical daily Driver. As stated earlier, you're probably going to be staring down the apocalypse through the windshield of your daily driver.
- Must be equipped with 4WD.
- Readily available in most used car markets.
- Reasonably priced (NOT a 2016 Land Cruiser or Range Rover).
- High marks for durability and reliability
- Fully "bug-out ready" from the factory, not modifications required (doesn't mean you won't make this vehicle your own).
- Excellent on and off road capabilities.

Without further ado, let's get to the fun part...

Jeep Wrangler Unlimited



First things first, there's just no denying that the Jeep has a special place in the mind of the American off-road enthusiast. This iconic 4wd vehicle was developed for the Army in WWII and eventually morphed into what we now know as the Jeep Wrangler.

If you've owned a Jeep in the past, be it a CJ-7 or a TJ Wrangler, you can attest to the fact that these Jeeps are easy to maintain and can climb over most anything. You also know that these things are loud, cramped, and decidedly not family-friendly.

Thankfully for those of us who enjoy creature comforts, the latest version of the Wrangler is much more practical than its forbearers. The Unlimited Wrangler JK even seats 5 passengers somewhat comfortably.

Whether you opt for the manual 6-speed or the 5-speed automatic, you'll have the power of the Wrangler's short wheelbase and legendary 4x4 system to your advantage. Be advised as you shop, Jeep did produce 2wd Wranglers briefly (2007-2009) which you'll want to make sure and avoid. What the hell were they thinking?

Toyota 4Runner 4WD

If the Wrangler lacks the ride quality, comfort, or cargo space you need, the 4Runner might just hit the spot. Posing as an everyday commuter, turn the 4x4 dial on one of these Toyotas and your kid-hauler transforms immediately into an off-roading beast.

The 4Runner comes standard with roof racks, which may come in handy in a bug-out situation. It's also got a surprising amount of cargo space, especially when you fold the back seats down. Some 4Runners are even outfitted with 3rd row seating, which we'd avoid unless you absolutely need it, because they 3rd row really eats up a lot of cargo space.

In addition to the creature comforts and off roading capabilities of the 4Runner, this vehicle also has the reputation for being bomb-proof in the reliability department. A quick look at your local used 4Runner listings

will typically yield several vehicles with over 200K miles that are described as “low mileage” or “drives like new.”

Half-ton Crew Cab 4×4 (Z71, FX4, TRD)



There’s really no all-round do everything vehicle that can top what the half-ton pickup truck has achieved in the last decade. With the introduction of the crew cab, luxury trim options, and advanced off-roading technology, the Silverado, Sierra, F150, Ram, Titan and Tundra are all excellent bug-out vehicles straight off of the car lot, provided they’re properly equipped.

“Properly equipped” is code for four wheel drive, in case you were wondering. Upgraded packages, such as GM’s “z71 Off Road,” Ford’s FX4, or Toyota’s TRD package, come with higher ground clearances, skid plates, locking differentials, and additional traction control systems.

To be what we’d call a “full service BOV,” we highly recommend opting for the 4 door crew cab package. These trucks seat 5 adults comfortably in the cab, while leaving the entire bed to haul guns, food, generators, barrels of water or whatever else you could imagine.

And unlike the SUVs on this list, passengers don’t have to ride in the same space as the cargo. This is a big plus if you have to haul stinky cargo like gasoline, fertilizer, garbage, etc.

The one major downside when it comes to pickups, particularly 4 door trucks, is their semi-impractical size. If you live in an urban setting, say a downtown with lots of parking garages, then driving a full-sized pickup can be a white-knuckle experience.

Nissan Xterra 4X4



While it's true that Nissan has ridden Toyota's coattails for many years when it comes to imported off-road prowess, there is one thing Nissan offers that Toyota just can't touch in the used car market: Affordability.

The Nissan Xterra is one of the most overlooked 4x4s, and as such you can pick one up far cheaper than a 4Runner or Wrangler. No, the Xterra isn't considered as reliable or durable as the 4Runner, nor is it as capable off-road as the Wrangler.

The real question is: Are you going rock crawling on the weekends or are you driving a tolerably practical BOV?

If you answered the latter, then the Xterra is a shoe-in (not that the Xterra can't handle rugged off-road trails). There are plenty of Xterras in the used car market and there are relatively inexpensive to maintain. If you're on a budget, the Xterra will be your trusty steed. Just make sure your steed is 4wd.

Tahoe Z71 4X4



Depending on the size of your SHTF unit (family or friends), seating for 5 just might not cut it. If that's the case, don't worry. There are a few solid options out there, each with its own set of drawbacks. The black Tahoe is often associated with the FBI, CIA, and Secret Service, precisely because these vehicles do accommodate full-grown adults well.

Many of the same reasons the Silverado Z71 is on this list apply to the Tahoe as well, particularly if you can find a Tahoe with the Z71 Off Road package. The Tahoe is known for striking a balance between bulk and brawn, making it a practical commuter vehicle while still delivering in the off-roading and hauling department.

It's got plenty of interior space, plenty of horsepower, and because it share GM's truck drivetrain and 4X4 components, it's both rugged and reliable.

Toyota Tacoma Double Cab 4X4



This has been the mid-sized truck of choice for rock crawlers, off-roaders, and outdoorsman alike for many years. The reason is well... *Toyota*.

Toyota's reputation for incredible durability, excellent off-road components, and nearly non-existent maintenance costs keep this mid-sized truck popular year after year. So popular, in fact, that you'll have to pay a pretty penny to get your hands on a well equipped late model Tacoma.

If that doesn't dissuade you or cause you to look at full-sized pickups, then you've got a fairly disaster proof truck that's still small enough to fit in an undersized parking space. The downside is that you have a fairly cramped interior with an undersized truck bed.

Even if you're only accommodating 2 passengers, we still recommend the Double Cab for the interior storage room. Your weather sensitive cargo will thank you.

Hummer H3



This vehicle is a bit of a lightning rod for both smiling nods of approval and vicious insults. To be frank, it's not particularly deserving of either of these.

Despite it's resemblance to the hulking H2, the H3 has much more in common with a typical family SUV than an Abrams Tank. It is, however, highly off-road capable.

The H3 has got plenty of wheel travel, impressive approach and departure angles, and skid plates to keep the boulders out of the engine compartment. Even with the inline 5-cylinder engine, it can power through off road obstacles with ease. On the road, however, you may wish you had another cylinder (or 3).

Exterior styling is either up your alley or its not. It does have a roof rack, relatively decent fuel economy, and styling that screams "apocalypse ready."

The downsides to the H3 are the considerable curb weight and surprisingly little cargo space. If you have a family of 4 and a Labrador Retriever, it may be a little cramped in a bug-out situation.

Toyota FJ Cruiser 4X4



This list wouldn't be complete without at least mentioning this extremely capable off-roader. When you need to cross a rocky mountain pass in to escape a fiery Armageddon, you'd be lucky to find yourself at the wheel of a well-equipped FJ.

FJ's look the part, have excellent on and off-road reputations, and they even have better than average gas mileage for the 99.999% of the time you are driving under normal circumstances.

Cool as it looks, the FJ does have a few asterisks in the fine print.

For starters, it's got two full doors and two suicide doors (gulp). If you have small children or regularly carry passengers, these doors may occasionally inspire thoughts of ending it all.

In addition, for its bulky appearance the FJ has surprisingly limited cargo space, less than the 4Runner, Xterra, or Tahoe.

It does have more space than the Wrangler Unlimited, which is 3-feet shorter from bumper to bumper. Like most of the SUVs on this list, the FJ has a roof rack. If you use this vehicle a lot, you'll probably use it.

Clear Winner: The Pack Mule



Yes folks, it's hard to beat a pack mule when it comes to any kind of Armageddon scenario. Compared to a motor vehicle, these are about as low-maintenance as it gets. They don't run out of fuel either, which will be extremely scarce in an emergency.

10 Survival Go-Bags that Could Save Your Life

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There are many names for that pack of just-in-case supplies—go-bag, bug-out bag, [survival](#) go-bag, grab bag, get-out-of-Dodge-gear. Whatever name your run-for-it bag wears, its contents are a vital part of surviving a super volcano, financial meltdown, hostile government takeover, [zombie](#) apocalypse or whatever brand of nightmare your anticipated disaster is.

Meant to get you through the first few days of chaos following a civilization-changing event, your go-bag should contain items that sustain the foundation of life, not luxury. Lightweight food, water, water purifiers, medication, documents, rudimentary shelter and sophisticated weaponry are just a few items to pack away. Other necessary preps include clothing, fire, communication and the most useful tool known to man: a blade.

Most folks choose their go-bag food carefully, and they purchase a quality water filter. Clothing is chosen for durability, warmth and often for an inconspicuous appearance. Then it all gets thrown into your teenager's cast-off school pack, or a \$13 Walmart special that will literally come apart at the seams during the first hard run for your life.

Some folks use a duffel or an airline-approved carry-on bag. Though fairly durable, such bags limit mobility. Personally, I want a bag that I can run with, ride a bike or motorcycle with, and even fight in if necessary. Those tasks limit one's options to a backpack or sling pack of some sort.

In order to take lost-world abuse, provide easy accessibility and offer comfort during long hikes or bike rides, a pack has got to be quality. Zippers should be heavy, pockets generous, carry straps robust and stitching durable. Weight of a quality pack won't be light, but will preferably be as light as possible without compromising durability. With all those heavy meatball MREs, a Bowie knife Crocodile Dundee would be proud of, and a box or two of [ammo](#), you'll be fully aware you're lugging your life with you when you sling that puppy across your physique and head for the hills.

Excellent go-bag choices can be had from nearly every manufacturer of quality [tactical](#), mountaineering or [hunting](#) packs. Dozens of models are available with about every option someone could want. So shut off *Red Dawn*, lay aside the tomahawk you're sharpening, and peruse this list for a little inspiration. And afterward, if you know of a pack that deserves to be on the hot list, let us know. Here are 10 great survival go-bags that could save your life some day.



Blackhawk Ultra Light Phoenix Pack

A combination of get'er done durability and uber-light weight, the [Ultra Light Phoenix Pack](#) combines compression straps on each side with comfy, padded shoulder straps, and a removable chest strap with a large, easy-access main compartment. Refined features include full-coverage webbing and a map pocket, and the Phoenix is compatible with [Blackhawk](#) hydration systems. Interior capacity is 2,175 cubic inches.

Price: \$190 to \$246



5.11 Tactical Triab 18

Properly a sling bag that easily converts to a backpack, the [5.11 Tactical Triab 18](#) offers some great grab-and-go features such as a robust grab handle and a rapid-access pistol pocket. A large, triangular-shaped main compartment contains the bulk of your emergency gear, while an admin pocket and many small organization pockets keep navigational gear, IDs, money and other essentials separate and accessible. Constructed of 1050 denier nylon, the Triab 18 is compatible with hydration systems or armor plates, and offers MOLLE loops over most of the pack. Available in Sandstone or Midnight Ash colors.

Price: \$140



Sitka Flash 32

Designed by the offspring of mountaineers that crossbred with passionate hunters, [Sitka](#) packs are incredibly well designed and built. At 3,200 cubic inches, the [Flash 32](#) is one of the roomier packs featured here. It has a tension frame for comfortable carrying of heavy loads, yet it compresses down into almost nothing when loaded light. For preppers who consider a rifle vital to survival, the Flash 32 offers a quick-release cable suspension system for a gun or bow. Accessory pockets and suspension straps provide plenty of places for organized gear. Available only in Optifade Open Country camo, the Flash 32 is pricey, but its worth every penny.

Price: \$329



Eberlestock X3 LoDrag

The [Eberlestock X3 LoDrag](#) earned its way onto our list virtue of a precision rifle carrying system. Most hardcore survivalist types agree firearms will play a large part in sustaining life. Though folks typically just stick a handgun in their go-bags, some guys want their preferred long guns. It's a prime pack in its own right too. Adjustable side compression straps draw the load upward for ideal load positioning, and the suspension system is admirably engineered for comfortable carrying. Eberlestock packs are preferred by many cross-country shooting race competitors, which speaks volumes. Speaking of volume, the X3 LoDrag contains 2,000 cubic inches—including the scabbard. Plentiful MOLLE webbing enables accessorizing the pack with trauma kits, a Leatherman MUT or anything else you want to strap on. For organization, portfolio pockets double as laptop compartments. The X3 LoDrag is a bit heavy at 5.5 pounds, but worth it for the versatility. This pack is available in six popular military and camo colors.

Price: \$199+



CamelBak TriZip

Very possibly the best on our list for fast-moving action with heavy loads, the [CamelBak TriZip](#) is sleek, streamlined and designed for comfortable carry and easy accessibility. The hydration system features CamelBak's [QL HydroLock](#) bite valve adapter and new fill port—a fast-filling, user-friendly ¼-turn seal that won't over-tighten. MOLLE webbing allows users to attach accessories or gear, and side pockets provide quick access into the heart of the pack's contents. Available in black, Coyote, Multi Cam and Army Universal Camo, with a capacity of 1,891 inches.

Price: \$269 to \$319



LL Bean Maine Guide Rucksack

Timeless in design and classic in appearance, the [LL Bean Maine Guide Rucksack](#) is constructed of weather-resistant waxed cotton canvas trimmed with premium leather. It's the sort of thing former President Theodore Roosevelt would have packed for nine months in Africa, so don't downplay its rugged durability. Of top-loading design, its heavy leather drawstring cinches the mouth of the bag closed. The top flap provides weather protection and offers a place to strap a jacket. Dual rear-zippered pockets offer internal organizational compartments. Durable leather overlays protect wear points and reinforce the bottom of the bag.

Price: \$199



Cabela's Outfitter Series Hunter's Rucksack

The [Cabela's Outfitter Series Hunter's Rucksack](#) offers classic design coupled with cutting-edge materials. Lightweight, silicone-coated, 210-denier ripstop nylon looks almost like wool, yet weighs a lot less. A large main compartment provides 2,000 cubic inches of capacity complete with mesh organizer pockets. Comfy padded shoulder straps compliment a molded foam back panel, making it easy to carry your cans of Boston baked beans with low-impact.

Price: \$100



Badlands Recon

One of [Badlands](#)' brand new designs for 2013, the [Recon](#) is light, tough and rides your back like a baby monkey, enabling you to move fast and hard with as little impediment as possible while outrunning zombies or fast-flowing lava. Molded foam suspension and a hideaway waist belt further enhance comfort and versatility. Capacity is 1,900 cubic inches, and plenty of pockets make organization easy. Available in [RealTree](#) XTRA and RealTree MAX-1 camo.

Price: \$150



Mountain Hardwear Enterprise

If you prefer a pack allowing you to blend with the crowd on the Santa Monica Pier—yet will outlast you through riots, tropical storms and zombie encounters—check out [Mountain Hardwear's Enterprise](#). Containing 2,000 cubic inches, it's constructed of cutting-edge mountaineering materials and weighs less than 2 pounds. A tablet sleeve and mesh pockets enable you to carry your technology with you and stay organized. Side compression straps stabilize your load and draw the pack's profile down to a minimum. Easy-access front and back grab handles are one of my favorite features. Available colors are black, Shark, Hot Rod, Azul and Duffel.

Price: \$109



Big Agnes Stagecoach Waterproof Rolling Duffel

If you can't carry a backpack—because of physical challenges, age or injury—a rolling duffel from [Big Agnes](#) is a darn good second best. Though they aren't really compatible with bicycles, cross-country trails or running from a flash flood, they hold a ton of gear. The [Stagecoach](#) transports weight with minimum effort where footing is smooth. There are none better than Big Agnes's waterproof models. Well thought out interiors allow organization via large zippered pockets, welded seams deny moisture and inline skate wheels make pulling easy. If you can find a willing buddy, they even have a backpack strap system for short-term carry. Three sizes contain from 3,300 to 9,300 cubic inches.

Price: \$149 to \$219

From the GOA:

Demand that Your Senators Vote to Confirm Sessions as Attorney General

Stunned by the defeat of Hillary Clinton, the Far Left is now flailing away to create a new benchmark for Donald Trump's Cabinet appointments.

Under their standards, "No Gun Owners Would Be Allowed."

Their first target is Attorney General nominee Jeff Sessions, who was examined by the Senate Judiciary Committee this week.



As a U.S. Senator from Alabama, Sessions is "A" rated by GOA, given that he has voted pro-gun nearly 100% of the time.

Not surprisingly, roughly 1,300 "law" professors spewed out a muddled rant objecting to Sessions' confirmation. Why?

Well, Sessions, like GOA, opposes amnesty for millions of illegals, in a transparent effort to turn the whole country "blue" -- just as California became "blue" following the 1986 amnesty bill.

And remember the anti-gun "sentencing reform" bill, which would have released drug traffickers onto the streets, while imposing a new five-year mandatory minimum for gunsmiths?

Both GOA and Sessions opposed the anti-gun bill, and we worked to kill that legislation last year. But, of course, that's unacceptable to the "law" professors.

These are the same goofballs that produced a 23-page letter in support of anti-gun Justice Sonia Sotomayor -- and that produced 1,000 "law" professors in support of anti-gun cop-killer-lawyer Debo Adegbile.

The fact is that, after 8 years of lawless AG's who have tried to destroy the Second Amendment in every way possible, Jeff Sessions would administer his department in accordance with the law and the Constitution.



Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) has come out in [strong support of Sessions](#), showing how he would represent a tremendous break from the previous eight years:

Senator Jeff Sessions' nomination to be the 84th attorney general of the United States is fantastic news for those who revere the rule of law....

The Obama Department of Justice openly ignored the laws it didn't like. While Senator Sessions condemned so-called sanctuary cities, the Obama DOJ funneled hundreds of millions in grant money to them -- despite these cities' brazen refusal to abide by our country's immigration laws -- and it endangered Americans all over the country by itself repeatedly refusing to enforce these laws. Furthermore, the Obama DOJ routinely preferred to act as a quasi-legislature, attempting to rewrite straightforward laws -- and even the Constitution itself -- to fit its radical agenda.... In stark contrast to his predecessors, Obama lost more than half of his cases at the Supreme Court, including nearly 50 unanimous rulings.

As a Senator, Jeff Sessions has voted for concealed carry reciprocity and for restoring gun rights to military veterans who have been disarmed for maladies such as PTSD.

Plus, he has voted against a ban on commonly owned semi-automatic firearms and magazines, and he voted to prohibit the U.S. from implementing an anti-gun UN treaty.

Sessions has also been a leader against Universal Background Checks in the Senate. Unfortunately, Sessions' answer on this subject during the confirmation hearings this week was somewhat weak, but it does not change the fact that he voted against Universal Background Checks in 2013 and 2015, plus against the Obama no-fly gun ban in 2016.

As Attorney General, Sessions could rein in the ATF by prohibiting them from copying 4473 forms, [as they are currently doing](#).

He could put a permanent end to Fast and Furious and Operation Choke Point (which has shut down many lawful gun businesses).

Plus, he could issue opinions which advance the pro-gun "football" in several ways, including:

- Exempting residents of Constitutional Carry states from the federal prohibition on carrying a firearm in a school zone -- and from undergoing Brady checks.
- Decreeing that Gun Free School Zones are unconstitutional, as per the 1995 Lopez decision, thus ordering the ATF NOT to enforce the act.

It's been a long time since an ardently pro-gun attorney general served as the nation's top cop.

Please urge your Senators to support the nomination of Jeff Sessions.



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Dallas Shooting Was NRA's Prescription For Black America, In Practice

The NRA were the only winners in Dallas.

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Carlo Allegri / Reuters

Keaka Wallace, (C) who says she was a patrol partner of slain DART officer Brent Thompson weeps as she leaves a makeshift memorial at Dallas Police Headquarters following the multiple police shooting in Dallas, Texas, U.S., July 8, 2016.

The gun lobby has long preached armed insurrectionism as a panacea for those facing oppression.

When Micah Xavier Johnson opened fire on Dallas law enforcement officers during a Black Lives Matter protest on Thursday night, killing five and injuring seven others, he was fighting what he perceived as government oppression with a method that has long been advocated by the National Rifle Association and gun

lobby: force of arms. Johnson was [armed to the teeth](#), with an SKS semiautomatic assault rifle, a handgun and body armor. The result was utter chaos and a gruesome mass shooting tragedy.

The NRA has long disseminated propaganda telling African-Americans that gun control is “racist” and that they must prepare for war with their own government in order to truly be free. For example, current NRA board member (and past president) David Keene has [claimed](#) that “the initial wave of [gun control] was instituted after the Civil War to deny blacks the ability to defend themselves.” In 2013, NRA favorite Glenn Beck was the featured speaker at their annual meeting, where he [told](#) those in attendance that “universal access to firearms is indistinguishable from Emancipation.” He continued:

The Founders also warned about a time when the government would take the guns. They called that a ‘monopoly of violence.’ Because they knew that happens to governments and governments turn against their people because the people go to sleep. And if a government had a monopoly of violence, tyranny then would go undefeated. No one would be able to stop it. And if you think, ‘Oh, gee, there he goes again with his crazy ideas,’ ask the Japanese-Americans about the internment camps of World War II, done by the beloved progressive President FDR through executive order. If you don’t believe that the government can do terrible things to its citizens, please explain to me the Lakota Indians ... What do you suppose the African-American in 1850 could have done with a gun?

Or, perhaps, the African-American in 2016 responding to videos showing law enforcement officers unnecessarily taking the lives of black men during routine stops.

The NRA has further stoked animosity against law enforcement with incendiary rhetoric like their infamous “jack-booted thugs” letter, where Wayne LaPierre [described](#) law enforcement as wearing “Nazi bucket helmets and black storm trooper uniforms” and acting to “harass, intimidate, and even murder law-abiding citizens.”

In Dallas, the NRA’s prescription for oppressed minorities was fully realized. According to Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, at least 20 people showed up to the rally on July 7 openly carrying rifles and wearing “[protective gear](#),” making a not so-subtle threat of violence against a government which they believe has overstepped its bounds in terms of policing. Micah Xavier Johnson then made good on that threat, destroying at least six families in the process.

Is this the vision of an America anyone wants to live in? I pray the answer to that question is no. I don’t think anyone would deny that those rallying in Dallas had legitimate grievances with our government. We have all seen the video of Philando Castile and Alton Sterling being shot and killed by police. I was deeply disturbed and affected by it, like millions of Americans. But wouldn’t it be preferable to use the peaceful methods laid out in our Constitution to achieve the reforms desired in our policing system (i.e., legislation, access to courts, ballot box, etc.), as opposed to declaring war on one another and watching this country descend into anarchy?

I understand frustration with the pace of change—democracy in this country is a painstaking, grueling, complicated business. As a gun violence prevention advocate, I also understand that lives are being lost while we wait for change. It’s painful, it gnaws at you, makes you want to scream. But watching the mayhem in Dallas, I couldn’t help but think of these words from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr:

The courageous efforts of our own insurrectionist brothers, such as Denmark Vesey and Nat Turner, should be eternal reminders to us that violent rebellion is doomed from the start. Anyone leading a violent rebellion must be willing to make an honest assessment regarding the possible casualties to a minority population confronting a well-armed wealthy majority with a fanatical right wing that would delight in exterminating thousands of black men, women, and children.

Let’s keep in mind that there is nothing principled about the NRA’s call for black Americans to arm themselves. For them, it is entirely about profit motive. They understand that fear sells guns, and they have intimate

[financial ties](#) to the gun industry. Their priority is to push product. So you will likely continue to see insurrectionist appeals and transparent efforts to market firearms to urban youth like the NRA's "Noir" [show](#).

Meanwhile, like any good, soulless profiteer, the NRA will continue to simultaneously market firearms to the "tyrannical" government it repeatedly demonizes, including police forces. In doing so, it will frequently engage in rhetoric that is [virulently racist](#), [describing blacks](#) as "thugs," "gangbangers," and "violent criminals." How much this has contributed to racial bias in policing over the years is debatable, but the effect is certainly harmful to civility in our society in general.

It was therefore of no surprise to anyone when the NRA failed to respond immediately to the police killings of Philando Castile and Alton Sterling. Both men were carrying guns when they were killed (Castile was shot in the act of reaching for his concealed handgun permit). Only after concerted outcry from the public and media did the NRA manage a terse statement declaring that "the reports from Minnesota [referencing Castile] are troubling and must be thoroughly investigated ... It is important for the NRA not to comment while the investigation is ongoing." Neither Castile nor Sterling were mentioned by name.

In truth, the NRA—and the gun industry that serves as its cash cow—were the only winners in Dallas. They profited off every armed party at the rally that night—the killer, the armed police officers who were targets, and the open carriers who defied all the NRA's empty rhetoric about "good guys with a gun" and ran for their lives rather than engaging the shooter.

Multimillionaire suits like LaPierre, NRA-ILA director Chris Cox, and the gun industry executives who [sit on the NRA board of directors](#) will no doubt seize on the violence we are currently seeing to further divide and antagonize Law enforcement and the Black Lives Matter movement. But the two sides now stand in a historic moment when they have every reason to come together, put down their arms, and resolve their differences in a peaceful, constitutional manner. The gun lobby has been allowed to escalate the arms race between law enforcement and civilians for four decades, with disastrous results. Isn't it time to change course after Dallas?

The Way of the Gun will only ensure more bloodshed, more destroyed families and, ultimately, the anarchy our Founders so feared.



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Activists Call for End to FedEx Discount for NRA Members

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- Group wants shipper to end rifle association member benefits
- Coalition plans protests at FedEx stores during holiday rush

A coalition of gay-rights and gun-control activists is taking on FedEx Corp. for discounts it offers to members of the National Rifle Association, targeting the global shipper during the peak of the holiday season.

The group is launching an online campaign and plans protests on Wednesday at FedEx retail stores in Denver; Atlanta; Memphis, Tennessee; and Orlando, Florida, said Igor Volsky, director of Guns Down, a Washington-based group that advocates for fewer guns in the U.S. and is one of 10 participating organizations. A Dec. 7 letter to the company got no response, he said. FedEx doesn't comment on specific customer agreements, Melissa Charbonneau, a spokeswoman, said in an e-mailed statement.

FedEx offers shipping discounts of as much as 26 percent to members of the NRA, the gun-rights group with 5 million members, as part of a program that also has special offers for Visa Inc. cards, according to Guns Down. Separate programs offer deals on Hertz rental cars and Wyndham hotels, according to the NRA website.

“FedEx is one of the biggest and most recognizable brands” with NRA discounts, Volsky said. “If they really value investing in under-served communities, which we think they do, then partnering with the NRA really undermines that mission.”

LGBT groups have increased their anti-gun activism since a shooting in June that killed 49 people at the Pulse gay nightclub in Orlando. Human Rights Campaign, the largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender advocacy group, added gun safety to its action platform for the first time this year, although it's not part of this campaign.

Guns Down is joined by Color of Change, which advocates for minorities, Newton Action Alliance and Pride Fund to End Gun Violence, Volsky said. Color of Change was credited for helping discourage companies from supporting this year's Republican National Convention because of President-elect Donald Trump's views on minorities.

Gays Against Guns, a separate group, also has targeted FedEx, Hertz Global Holdings Inc. and Wyndham Worldwide Corp. for giving discounts to NRA members. In August, it called out BlackRock Inc. for investments in gun companies in index-based funds. The New York-based company has said it supports LGBT rights and that the gun investments are automatic, as part of the index, and not managed by BlackRock.

FedEx, which is based in Memphis, and United Parcel Service Inc. have forecast they will handle record package volumes this holiday shopping season, fueled by an estimated 17 percent jump in online spending. FedEx handled 325 million packages in the 2015 peak shipping season, and has hired more than 50,000 temporary workers for this year's period.

From the GOA:

Obama Laments His Failure to Enact Gun Control

Dear Paul:

I'm sure you heard the recent news.

President Obama last week sent the UN Arms Trade Treaty to the Senate for ratification.



He's desperate to get lasting gun control enacted, given his frustration with the gun-owning grassroots over the last eight years.

To put it quite simply: we gave Obama a good old fashioned "drubbing" during his presidency.

In a recent [CNN interview](#), Obama admitted that his failure to enact gun control was the "one area where I feel that I've been most frustrated."

So to you and all the other GOA activists who have stood with us over the past several years to oppose Barack Obama's agenda, I say "thank you."

You are the reason that Obama is so very frustrated -- and you can get a glimpse of our efforts by looking at highlights we've posted over the past two years. See:

* [GOA's Top Ten Highlights in 2016](#) -- which includes our triumphs in the elections, in the Congress and courts, and in the states.

* [GOA's Top Ten in 2015](#) -- including victories before the U.S. Supreme Court and our successful efforts to neutralize Barack Obama's agenda.

I'll get back to the Arms Trade Treaty below. But first, I want to make sure I give you this important news.

GOA's AR-15 Giveaway Goes to an Illinois Member

Last week, I alerted you to our Bill of Rights giveaway.

For us, it's a way to say Thank You to GOA members and activists for all the hard work they put in.

Well, our national Bill of Rights Day has come and gone, and we have randomly selected a recipient.



And the winner is ... drum roll please! ... Regie from Illinois.

He is the proud new recipient of a SWAT AR-15 rifle, complete with 30-round magazines.

I know that you would have loved to get this early Christmas present. But don't worry, there will be more giveaways next year.

So I hope you will stick with us in 2017.

GOA is Asking the Trump Administration to 'Unsign' the ATT

I'm sure that you're already aware that the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) would attack the Second Amendment in many ways.

Most notably, it would REQUIRE America to set up a national gun registry.

If New York City is any indicator, confiscation would soon follow.

Nothing is going to happen in the Senate, prior to Christmas.

But after the holidays, it will be important for us to pressure the incoming Trump administration to officially withdraw the United States from the ATT, once and for all.

So stay tuned for future GOA alerts on the ATT coming soon.

We will have a lot of work to do.

Until then, please have a wonderful time enjoying your family over the Christmas holidays.

In Liberty,

Erich Pratt
Executive Director



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Former NSA Director: ‘Some guns... nobody should be able to buy’

by S.H. Blannelberry on December 9, 2016



Hayden on the left with the WSJ's John Bussey. (Photo: WSJ)

When it comes to stopping terrorist attacks and active shooter situations, former NSA Director Michael Hayden indicated that policies further restricting Second Amendment rights might be worth pursuing.

On Wednesday, Hayden was at the Wall Street Journal's "Future of Cybersecurity" breakfast in New York. Before attendees, Hayden argued that in terms of surveillance there's little else that can be done to monitor for potential threats.

"We could probably do more things that'll squeeze your privacy a bit, to give us a marginally higher probability that we could have caught the Orlando guy prior to the attack," said Hayden, referring to the Pulse Nightclub shooter.

Hayden continued, "there's not much more left...that's gonna buy you a lot more prediction, given the kinds of attacks," like Orlando, which are like "spontaneous combustion."

Since the Fourth Amendment stands in the way of additional surveillance measures, Hayden said it may be time to focus on expanding regulations on one's right to keep and bear arms.

"Why don't we begin to wonder about making the guy less efficient when he actually conducts the event, that I told you, I'm not probably going to get much more capable of detecting in the first place," said Hayden, who also served as director of the CIA.

“Maybe the counterterrorism discussion is about, some people out there shouldn’t be able to buy any guns, and there might be some guns out there that nobody should be able to buy,” he added.

Hayden didn’t come out and say it, but it’s easy to read between the lines. He is suggesting that Congress should pass No-Fly, No-Buy legislation, universal background check legislation as well as a ban on black rifles.

When it comes to mass shootings and terrorist attacks they are more often than not carefully planned for weeks, even months in advance. Why all the planning? Well, in addition to looking for soft targets, these determined killers search for ways to break the law without getting caught.

So, for example, if they are already a prohibited person who can’t purchase a firearm from an FFL, they may hatch a plan to steal one from a family member, buy one on the black market or have a friend who is not a prohibited purchaser (a straw buyer) obtain one for them. All methods are obviously against the law, but through careful planning they are able to get their hands on weapons while flying under the radar.

Of course, there is another inconvenient truth as it relates specifically to mass shooters. That is, many of them have no criminal record prior to the attack, which means they are not on any government list nor in the FBI’s NICS database. Since they have a clean record, there is nothing that would set off an alert if they were to purchase a firearm at a gun store.

All this to say that Hayden’s suggestion that more gun control laws will prevent future attacks is a specious one. When it comes to taking innocent lives, sadly, where there is a will, there is a way. Consequently, the best way to stop terrorism and mass shootings is for the government to encourage the citizens it serves to be armed and vigilant. We need to put these evildoers on notice. We need to show them that there will no longer be any soft targets. We need to constantly remind them that any attempt to perpetrate an attack will be futile, as it will be met with swift and lethal resistance.

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."

Thank you,
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