

TSRA Gold Makes Texans Proud

The Texas State Rifle Association Team Gold earned the prestigious civilian honors of the National Trophy Infantry Team (NTIT) match and the National Trophy Team (NTT) match during the 2015 National Trophy Rifle Matches at historic Camp Perry, Ohio, after impressive performances from each gifted individual.

A feat of this magnitude hasn't been repeated by a team from the State of Texas since 1964, making this year's trip to the World Series of Shooting even more memorable. For leading the civilians in the NTIT, the team received the coveted Leatherneck Trophy. TSRA Gold also won the Soldier of Marathon Trophy for the second consecutive year after winning the NTT.

In the NTIT, the team overtook the Leatherneck Trophy by firing a score of 1191, a total of 170 points more than the next leading civilian team. With their outstanding score, the team also placed second overall behind the winning U.S. Marine Corps team and one place above the extremely talented U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

Members of the TSRA team were John Hefner, Kyle Hoelscher, Tony Miller, Hugh Reich, Randall Scheibel and Keith Stephens. The team was coached by David Wilson, and Justin Utley served as captain.

During the NTT, the TSRA team of Lee Eldridge, Reich, Hoelscher, Stephens, Utley and Scheibel also claimed second place after firing an aggregate score of 2900-76x. Again sandwiched between two military teams, TSRA came just shy of beating the overall U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and narrowly defeated the All Guard team (by two points). Miller served as captain, while Wilson led as coach.

Congratulations to the TSRA Gold on a fantastic showing at Nationals.



Texas' Anti-Gun Cities

While Texas is often considered to be an unwavering bastion for the Second Amendment, the truth is that antigun advocates are very much present and living among us. To see the public support for anti-gun movement, one only needs to visit the website of the gun control advocacy group Everytown for Gun Safety. The group was founded in 2014, when the Mayors Against Illegal Guns group, originally founded by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, merged with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

According to the Everytown website, the Texas cities that are open members of MAIG include Brownsville, DeSoto, Glenn Heights, Houston, Hurst, Port Arthur and West Lake Hills. In addition, Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo and Houston Mayor Annise Parker are even more active in the group, serving as members of the Everytown Advisory Board.



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