



CMP State Directors

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My first gun was a Daisy air rifle my dad purchased for me as a Christmas gift some 45 years ago. Because I lived in the city, I was forced to shoot in the basement using a trap. I didn't receive any formal training until I joined the army in 1975. As a young infantryman, I was able to qualify expert with the M16, shooting 38 out of a possible 40. As a drill sergeant I taught basic marksmanship training to thousands of basic trainees. Being Ranger qualified and working in numerous infantry positions, I had the opportunity to shoot often.

I retired out of the Presidio of San Francisco as an Inspector General in 1995. Prior to leaving the Presidio I was able to secure an Army JROTC teaching position in Kalispell Montana. The army shipped me 15 Daisy 853's and told me I was a rifle coach. Of course, with my prior background I thought I knew everything about shooting so I was prepared to conquer the shooting world. My nearest competition was some 10 hours away in the Seattle basin. I was extremely humbled at our first match where we got smoked by some 12 other teams. A fellow coach by the name of Jerry Taylor from Walla Walla High School saw the tears in my eyes and invited our team to a rifle clinic the following month. Jerry Taylor forgot more about shooting than everything I knew about the sport. Long story short, within two years, my team could not be beaten.

Any good coach continues learning his or her trade and I'm no different. Even today when I teach either the JMIC course or the Level 1 NRA coach course, I still write notes on techniques I pick-up from other coaches. .

I have a Master of Arts from Webster University in Leadership and Management. I received my teaching credentials from Rio Salado College (Social Studies). Today, I hold a teachers certificate and teach JROTC in Phoenix and have the pleasure coaching a team which has traveled and won matches all over the United States. As a Master Instructor for the Army, I've taught most of the JROTC coaches in the state of Arizona. Working for the NRA as a member of the National Coach Development Staff, I've certified coaches from the Boy Scouts, American Legion, 4-H and the State Rifle and Pistol Association. I've conducted both clinics and camps for starter teams and coaches. Many of these teams have gone on to national events. I'm currently the State Director for American Junior Shooting Sports and host all of the major matches in the State of Arizona.