



CMP State Directors

1. Name: John E. Leinberger

2. State Affiliation: Missouri

Member and Director for the Missouri Sport Shooting Association. Member of the Bucksport Shooting Club, Marshall, MO. and a Member of the Owensville Gun Club, Owensville, mo.

3. Background/resume in the sport of shooting/marksmanship:

Member of NRA Junior Rifle Club at Nederland, Colorado 1950-1952. Qualified as Expert with M1 Rifle 1960 at FT ORD, CA. Have worked with Junior Rifle Camps every year since 1954. 8 camps at Abilene, KS. and approximately 45 camps in Missouri. Attended CMP Master Instructor Class at Reno, Nevada. Served as a CMP Master Instructor to train High School JROTC Instructors and inspected ranges for several years. I have helped Sommer Woods with 3 of the smaller air rifle clinics in Missouri and helped with a large week-long clinic at Linn, Missouri (There were 51 shooters from 9 States.) I have served as the Junior Activity Director for the Missouri Sport Shooting Association since 1985. I was a Class B Coach in the NRA and later a Level 3 International Rifle Coach with NRA, USA SHOOTING, AND CMP. I have attended all the COACH CONFERENCES at the U.S. OLYMPIC TRAINING CENTER since 1984 and have attended all the CMP DIRECTOR Work Shops Since 2001. Rifle Coach at State Technical College, Linn, MO. for the Air Rifle Club.

4. Awards or Accolades:

- 1960 Qualified as Expert with the M-1 Rifle, Ft. Ord. California.
- 1998 Instructor of the Year for the Missouri Sport Shooting Association.
- 2001 Service Award for the Year for the Missouri Sport Shooting Association.
- 2005 Sportsman of the Year Award for the Missouri Sport Shooting Association.
- 2009l Of Fame Award – Missouri Sport Shooting Association.
- 2016 I received a CMP Service Award for 15 years of service.

5. Personal Information (married, children, hobbies, interests):

My wife (Grace Leinberger) passed away January 2015. I have two sons, Kendall Goben and Lucas Leinberger. Both sons were members of the Army Marksmanship Unit and have competed internationally. Lucas was NCAA All American and was on the United States Military Academy Rifle Team.

6. Reasons for Becoming a State Director:

To promote Safety and the Shooting Sports. Shooting is a lifetime sport that may be enjoyed by all, regardless of age or gender. It is a sport that is enjoyed by persons with physical challenges. It teaches a person to set goals, achieve goals, set priorities and to have self-discipline.

7. Goals/Hopes for the Future of Junior Shooting in your State:

I would like to see marksmanship programs in the public school system that would teach young people safety and the responsibility of handling a firearm. This should start in the grade schools with air rifles. Competitive programs should also be used to keep students interested in the programs. We need more qualified instructors and coaches to work with junior shooters. Many people do not realize that shooting is a NCAA Sport. They are surprised to know that air rifle is a collegiate and Olympic sport. They do not know that shooting scholarships are available. We need to educate the public about how safe the shooting sports are.