

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM



**A FEDERALLY CHARTERED, NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION
THE MISSION OF THE CMP IS TO PROMOTE MARKSMANSHIP
THROUGH FIREARMS TRAINING, SAFETY, COMPETITIONS AND
YOUTH PROGRAMS.**



CMP History, Mission and Governance:

- Established by Congress and President T. Roosevelt in 1903 as a U. S. government program to promote national defense preparedness through marksmanship.
- Managed by the Department of the Army from 1903 through 1996 as a program to foster marksmanship and national defense by cooperating with gun clubs to conduct the “civilian marksmanship program” and annual ‘National Matches.’
- Privatized by Congress in 1996 (36 USC); the new Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearm Safety is a federally chartered, non-profit corporation responsible for carrying out the mission of the “civilian marksmanship program.”
- Statutory mission is “to instruct citizens of the U. S. in marksmanship” and “give priority to activities that benefit firearms safety, training and competition for youth.”
- Authorized by CMP’s enabling legislation to sell surplus U. S. government rifles to qualified U. S. citizens “for marksmanship.” Proceeds from these sales fund CMP programs.

CMP Programs:

- Provide instructor training, firearm safety and marksmanship teaching curriculum, and training materials for leaders in over 4,200 affiliated organizations (JROTC units, 4-H Shooting Sports Clubs, BSA chapters, summer youth camps and gun clubs).
- Operates the CMP Talladega Marksmanship Park, the most modern and advanced rifle, pistol and shotgun range in the United States featuring electronic CMP Targets. Open to the public with clinics, marksmanship classes and matches held each month.
- Conduct the annual National Matches, as established by federal statutes, in cooperation with the Ohio National Guard; conduct an annual series of national youth target competitions for JROTC commands, National 4-H Shooting Sports and other national youth-serving organizations; sanction and govern over 2,500 training clinics and other marksmanship competitions conducted by CMP-affiliated clubs.
- Cooperate with the U. S. Army Marksmanship Unit and U. S. Marine Corps Weapons Training Battalion to train more than 800 students and instructors during the National Matches.

CMP Program Achievements:

- CMP training programs now reach an estimated 250,000 to 300,000 youth per year with safety training and activities that foster youth development through marksmanship.
- All U. S. government expenses incurred in facilitating the sale by CMP of surplus rifles are fully reimbursed by the CMP; the program has no cost to taxpayers.
- CMP instructor training programs now train and support more than 5,326 JROTC instructors and other youth program leaders each year.
- Current sales revenue surpluses are invested in a permanent endowment fund; the fund objective is to support CMP education and training programs in perpetuity.
- The National Matches and allied training events that previously were government subsidized are now conducted at no cost to tax payers.

CMP Support for the U. S. Government:

- CMP supports the U.S. Army’s TACOM Life Cycle Management Command’s Static Display and Ceremonial Rifle program by servicing and shipping M1 Garand rifles to eligible organizations for ceremonial purposes, at no cost to the government. Between FY10 and FY23, CMP has produced and shipped over 26,636 rifles.
- CMP trains JROTC instructors; CMP provides and funds instructor training and teaching curriculum to support the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force JROTC marksmanship programs.
- CMP provides \$335,000 annually to fund scholarships for JROTC and high school students participating in marksmanship.

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