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U.S. Military Academy at West Point defends title at 2024 SIG SAUER Relentless Warrior Championship

From the Tactical Wire

SIG SAUER, Inc. announced the conclusion of the Fifth Annual SIG Relentless Warrior Championship. On April 5th and 6th, 2024, one hundred and thirteen cadets from the United States Air Force Academy, United States Naval Academy, United States Coast Guard Academy, United States Military Academy at West Point, Norwich University, Texas A & M, The Citadel, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Tech, the Royal Military College of Canada, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy competed in the SIG Relentless Warrior Championship at the SIG SAUER Academy in Epping, New Hampshire followed by an award banquet featuring Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant Major Thomas P. Payne as the guest speaker.

The course of fire consisted of six mission stages that tested the "We embarked on this season with the unwavering SIG Relentless Warrior ethos at our core, committing every day to excellence—in leadership, marksmanship, and strategy," exclaimed Gary Salman, Head Coach, ARMY West Point Combat Weapons Team. "From their first day, our cadets dive deeply into the complexities of firearms, mastering everything from the fundamentals of marksmanship to the intricacies of tactical and competitive shooting..."

marksmanship and leadership skills of these future military leaders. For the fourth year in a row, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point Combat Weapons Team defended their title to earn the honor of 2024 SIG Relentless Warrior Champion.

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Proud and Happy. In early April, 113 cadets from the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Norwich University, Texas A&M, The Citadel, and other patriotic institutions and colleges (See full list in article on this page) competed in the Fifth Annual SIG Relentless Warrior Championship. (Photo/Courtesy: SIG Sauer)

committing every day to excellence—in leadership, marksmanship, and strategy," exclaimed Gary Salman, Head Coach, ARMY West Point Combat Weapons Team. "From their first day, our cadets dive deeply into the complexities of firearms, mastering everything from the fundamentals of marksmanship to the intricacies of tactical and competitive shooting. This comprehensive training transforms them into not just outstanding competitive shooters, but also leaders prepared for any challenge. I am bursting with pride for all our team members, particularly our new team members, who stepped into the arena for the first time and surpassed all expectations. A heartfelt thank you to SIG for providing this extraordinary platform where future defenders can forge bonds and hone

their skills. Today, we celebrate not just a victory, but the spirit of unity and determination that carried us here." MAJ Sean Marquis, OIC Combat Weapons Team added, "I could not be prouder of our team's accomplishment in winning the Sig Sauer Relentless Warrior competition. The event is our team's pinnacle competition and drives our training throughout the year. It was a privilege to engage with talented individuals dedicated to the profession of arms from the other Service Academies, Senior Military Colleges, and the Royal Military College of Canada. We extend our sincere appreciation to Sig Sauer for putting on an event that fosters."

Additional top awards for the SIG Relentless Warrior Championship are as follows:

Top Gun: Andrew Frattini, U.S. Military Academy at West Point

High Lady: Ayla Myrin, Texas A & M
Top Shot - Awarded to the best shooter from each participating school:
 U.S. Air Force Academy: Kyle Mellady
 U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Gaberial Jones
 U.S. Naval Academy: Luke Parker
 U.S. Military Academy at West Point: Andrew Frattini

Norwich University: Matthew Bua

Texas A&M: Chance De Vos
The Citadel: Matt Guerriero
Virginia Military Institute: Carter Hugate

Virginia Polytechnic Institute: Ryan Eklund

Royal Military College of Canada: Zak Lopato-Miguel
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Nicholas Walker

"It's an honor for SIG to host the SIG SAUER Relentless Warrior Championship each year. This competition has grown tremendously and our commitment to the training of these cadets is steadfast as they prepare to lead, serve our country, and defend our freedoms," concluded Tom Taylor, Chief Marketing Officer and Executive Vice President, Commercial Sales, SIG SAUER, Inc. Get Social: follow SIG SAUER on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube for the latest news, product announcements, events, and updates.

NSSF praises Iowa's Gov. Kim Reynolds for signing of Second Amendment Privacy Act into law for citizens

From the Outdoor Wire

NSSF, The Firearm Industry Trade Association, praised Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds for signing into law House File 2464, informally called the Second Amendment Privacy Act. This NSSF-supported law protects the privacy and sensitive financial information of people purchasing firearms and ammunition in Iowa. With Iowa, there are now a dozen states with laws that protect the Second Amendment financial privacy of their citizens. The law prohibits financial institutions from requiring the use of a firearm code, also known as a Merchant Category Code

(MCC), from being assigned to firearm and ammunition purchases at retail when using a credit card. The law also forbids discriminating against a firearm retailer as a result of the assigned or non-assignment of a firearm code and disclosing the protected financial information. Additionally, the law prohibits keeping or causing to be kept any list, record or registry of private firearm ownership. "Governor Kim Reynolds' signature on the Second Amendment Privacy Act underscores the state lawmakers' commitment to ensuring that Iowans are free to exercise their Second Amendment rights without concern of 'woke'

Wall Street banks collecting private financial information to create shadow gun registries," said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF Senior Vice President & General Counsel. "NSSF is grateful to Iowa state House Majority Leader Matt Windschitl and state Rep. Ray Sorensen, as well as state Sen. Jason Schultz for ushering this legislation through to become law. No American should fear being placed on a government watchlist simply for exercising their Constitutionally-protected rights to keep and bear arms." NSSF worked closely with Iowa legislators to protect private and legal firearm and ammunition

purchases from political exploitation. The Second Amendment Privacy Act is designed to protect the privacy of lawful and private firearm and ammunition purchases from being abused for political purposes by corporate financial service providers and unlawful government search and seizure of legal and private financial transactions. The U.S. Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) admitted to U.S. Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.) in a letter that it violated the Fourth Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens that protect against illegal search and seizure when it collected the credit card purchase

history from banks and credit card companies of individuals who purchased firearms and ammunition in the days surrounding Jan. 6, 2020. Treasury's FinCEN had no cause, and sought the information without a warrant, to place these law-abiding citizens on a government watchlist only because they exercised their Second Amendment rights to lawfully purchase firearms and ammunition.

The idea of a firearm-retailer specific MCC was borne from anti-gun New York Times' columnist Andrew Ross Sorkin and Amalgamated Bank, which has been

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