



Don Studer coached championship rifle teams

In the eight years that First Sergeant Don Studer coached the AMA Rifle Team, his shooters won the State Invitational at VMI four times – 1970, 1976, 1981 and 1982.



The team was undefeated in 1982. The rifle team was

the only Augusta team to go undefeated in the 1980's. Don's Augusta Hawkeyes took first place in the Texas A&M Postal Match in 1971. That same year, Studer was Chairman and Director of the Virginia National Rifle League.



Sergeant Studer checks Paul Kime's rifle

This led to Don's service as a hunter educator at AMA and at the Blue Ridge Community College.

Sergeant Studer has been the Augusta County Coordinator for Hunter Education having certified more than 25 hundred students.

Since 1994, he was the Range Safety Officer for the Augusta 4-H Shooting Club and helped some 500 students obtain their NRA certification.

Don also is a certified instructor in rifle, pistol and home and personal protection.

He says that he had some wonderful shooters in the 1970's and 1980's – firing on the AMA rifle range that used to be in the lower level of the gymnasium. Those "wonderful shooters" did well because they had a wonderful coach who taught, tutored, drilled and prepared them for competitive shooting.

Don Studer deserves to be in the Sports Hall of Fame!

