



MIKE PAYNE, '76, started his shooting career as a Boy Scout... and led the AMA rifle team during his time as a cadet.

At Augusta... he shot in the top five at eleven consecutive meets.

After graduation... Mike joined the Army... and was selected repeatedly to shoot with the Army's marksmanship team.

He is only the 61st shooter in NRA history to become what they call "Triple Distinguished"... finishing at the top in shotgun... pistol... and rifle.

He won a gold and two silver medals... at the 2012 Eastern Games... and was a member of the Garand Association National Trophy Team Gold last year... placing first.

In 2011... he won four gold at the Modern Military Match... firing the M1A and AR-15.

Mike shot a 550 in the rimfire sporter match open sights division... where the previous record was 531. His 585 is still the record in the scope classification.



He got two silvers and a gold at Camp Butner last May... winning the gold with a 98 out of 100... fired with a Springfield 03A3.

Mike continues shooting... and earning top awards every time.

He gives major credit to his AMA Coach... Sergeant Don Studer... with whom he stays in close contact.