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Springfield Armory Donates Rifles for Hillsdale College's Modern American Riflery Class

HILLSDALE, Mich. — American commercial firearms manufacturer Springfield Armory, which sponsors the Hillsdale College Action Shooting Team, donated 12 SA-16A2 rifles for Hillsdale College's Modern American Riflery course. The SA-16A2 is modeled after the M-16A2, which the Marine Corps and the Army adopted in the 1980s.

"It has been exciting to see the growing interest among the young men and women here at the College in the exercise of their Second Amendment rights," said Adam Burlew, operations manager at Hillsdale's John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center. "Because of Springfield Armory's support, these students will become proficient in safely and effectively operating and maintaining a firearm using some of the best rifles out there. We are very grateful for all that Springfield Armory has done for us."

"We are proud to have the opportunity to partner with Hillsdale College for this new training course," said Steve Kramer, vice president of Marketing for Springfield Armory. "The SA-16A2's classic configuration and impressive performance make it an ideal fit for this class."

The course will teach students basic rifle marksmanship, including safety; nomenclature of the rifle; operation of the rifle; cleaning and maintenance; external ballistics; zeroing; and marksmanship from the prone, seated, kneeling and standing position. As the class progresses the students will engage in competitions as both individuals and teams. Classes will be held at the John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center.

Springfield Armory currently funds remitted scholarships for members of the Hillsdale College Action Shooting Team. The company also supplies the team's firearms, including their Echelon and Prodigy firearms, and provides access to training with competitive shooter Rob Leatham.

For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click [here](#).

For photos of the Hillsdale College Action Shooting Team, click [here](#).

About Hillsdale College

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian, Christian liberal arts college located in southern Michigan. Founded in 1844, the College has built a national reputation through its classical liberal arts core curriculum and its principled refusal to accept federal or state taxpayer subsidies, even indirectly in the form of student grants or loans. It also conducts an outreach effort promoting civil and religious liberty, including a free monthly speech digest, *Imprimis*, with a circulation of more than 6.6 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

About Springfield Armory®

In 1794, the original Springfield Armory was designated as our national armory by General George Washington, and began manufacturing muskets for the defense of our young, free Republic. This monumental institution went on to serve as a think tank for developing innovative firearms concepts and producing some of the most storied rifle platforms in our country's history. The Armory functioned as a firearms supplier for every major American conflict until 1968 when the government sadly closed its doors. In 1974, two centuries after its inception, Springfield Armory Inc. in Geneseo, IL revived the iconic heritage of the Armory to carry on its legacy and restore the Springfield Armory name. For more information, visit springfield-armory.com.

About the John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center

The Halter Center is a state-of-the-art shooting facility located five miles from the Hillsdale College campus. Opened in 2008, the Center aims to introduce individuals to shooting sports and encourage interest across all levels of experience. The Halter Center also serves an educational purpose by promoting the principles of the Constitution and teaching beginner and experienced shooters in various classes. Home to Hillsdale College's collegiate shooting teams and the USA national team, the Halter Center is also a resource for the public through camps, conferences, and other programming. For more information, visit shootingsports.hillsdale.edu.

Hillsdale College has been the home of the USA Shooting National Team since 2019 and has hosted USA Shooting Junior Olympic Trap and Skeet development camps and championships. The Center boasts 113 range acres, four international skeet fields, a 23-station sporting clays course, five international bunkers, a small arms range, an action shooting range, a five-stand range, an international archery range, nine American Trap fields, and an AcuSport lodge and grill.

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