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Hillsdale College Hosts American Legion Junior Air Rifle Championship

Winners and runners-up received scholarships.

HILLSDALE, Mich. — Hillsdale College hosted the American Legion's 3-Position Junior Air Rifle Championship July 24-26 at the Margot V. Biermann Athletic Center. Twenty-eight students in the American Legion's Junior Shooting Sports program competed.

"The American Legion shares our passion to train young people in both the shooting sports and our Constitutional rights," said Matt Little, range director at Hillsdale's John Anthony Halter Shooting Sports Education Center. "It was exciting to partner with them and host this competition."

Katlyn Sullivan of Statesboro, Georgia, won first place in the precision category, followed by Carly Seabrooke of Alabama in second and Kelsey Dardas of Colorado in third. Bethany Shirley of Monroe, Georgia, won first place in the sporter category, followed by Ashley Carr of Nebraska in second place and Emma Allen of Georgia in third.

Winners in both the precision and sporter categories received \$5,000 scholarships funded partly by the American Legion and the Sons of the American Legion. Second-place finishers in both categories received \$1,000 scholarships funded by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The first-place winners will also receive a trip to the American Legion's 106th National Convention in Tampa, Florida, in August.

For official results and photos from the competition, click [here](#). For photos from previous Halter Center events, click [here](#). For photos of Hillsdale College, click [here](#). For a high-resolution copy of the Hillsdale College clocktower logo, click [here](#).

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. The Center boasts 113 range acres, four international skeet fields, a 23-station sporting clays course, eight American trap fields, five international bunkers, an action shooting range, an enclosed and climate-controlled five-stand range, and an international archery range. The Center also features the AcuSport Lodge and Grille and six cottages to accommodate overnight lodging. A 62,000-square-foot indoor/outdoor rifle and pistol building will be completed in summer 2025.

Opened in 2008, the Center aims to introduce individuals to shooting sports and encourage interest across all levels of experience. The home of the USA Shooting National Team since 2019, the Halter Center hosts USA Shooting skeet and trap nationals and Junior Olympic development camps and championships. The Center is also the home of Hillsdale's national championship-winning shotgun and action shooting teams. The Center is open to the public, offering annual range memberships as well as classes, camps, and other programming focused on the shooting sports and the principles of the Constitution. For more information, visit shootingsports.hillsdale.edu.

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 6.8 million. For more information, visit hillsdale.edu.

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