

CMP

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NBPRP...National Board for Promotion of Rifle Practice
CPRPFS...Corporation for Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearm Safety

What does all this mean? What this means to you is that you have an opportunity to share in your country's military history.

If you have never heard of this opportunity or have never heard of such a program, let me inform you of something you have been missing for a long time.

A civilian marksmanship program (CMP) has been in existence since 1903 and in 1916 it was taken over by the US Army. The US Army administered this program through a Director of Civilian Marksmanship (DCM), usually a Colonel, for over 80 years. Throughout the entire tenure of NBPRP, the DCM sponsored many shooting matches and held shooting clinics. The cost of these clinics and matches was borne almost entirely by the US Army.

Surplus firearms and ammunition could also be purchased from the DCM at very reasonable prices.

Here is a brief description of what happened to the program.

Many anti gun Senators and Representatives made every effort to kill the program out right by denying the money to fund the CMP budget. They almost succeeded but in 1996 the National Defense Authorization Act created the CPRPFS. There was to be no funding and the Corporation must stand on its own two feet.

A Board of Directors consisting of ten members runs CPRPFS. Gary Anderson, an Olympic Champion, is the manager or the DCM. They immediately made it known that their main interest was going to be development of junior shooters and it remains that way today.

Where do we fit in all of this?

Most of the old programs ran by the NBPRP are still run by the new Corporation, namely the Distinguished Marksman Program, Surplus Sales Program and supplying ammo and materials to junior shooters.

The CMP raises its fund by selling surplus rifles and ammo, conducting matches and donations.

There are nearly 1300 clubs affiliated with the CMP, clubs can either be Junior or Senior or Senior with a Junior-shooting program.

You must be a member of an affiliated club to purchase rifles and ammo from the CMP. Affiliation is very simple. Go to the web site, ODCMP.COM and click on Clubs.

Get in on the action; Get your club to Affiliate Now.