

USMC MEMORIAL MATCHES

Two matches, adapted from the NRA Infantry Team match format, will be held in 2015 at the High Power Range of the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility.

SCHEDULE:

Date	Check In	Orientation	First Shots
Friday, June 12, 2014	08:00	08:45	09:00
Saturday, November 7, 2014	08:00	08:45	09:00

LOCATION:

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility located 10 miles NW of Richland, WA. Access to the range is through the main gate on SR 225 (Horn Road) approximately 3 mi south of SR 240 and approximately 8.5 mi north of I-82 in Benton City. Facilities at the range are primitive. Lavatories are available (porta-potties) but there is no water. Please prepare accordingly.

EQUIPMENT:

The match is open to any individual with a safe rifle/s of any style with any sighting system. Any style sling, bipod, or sand (or other type) bag may be used for front support. No other style of front support is allowed. No rear support is allowed. Rifles must be shoulder fired.

Specialty shooting jackets or gloves are NOT allowed. Shooting mats may be used.

All shooters will be required to pull targets. Hearing protection is required.

NOTE: it is not required that the same rifle be used for all distances. Shooters may use different rifles for any distance at their discretion, so long as they are judged safe by the Match Director.

All shooters are initially required to have previously demonstrated proficiency and equipment adequacy from the 600 yard firing line prior to being allowed to shoot from the 800 yard line and beyond, or must have prior experience in shooting the particular rifle with the particular load from 800 yards or beyond. If the shooter is unable to keep all their shots on target at 600 yards, they will not be allowed to shoot from longer distances.

Shots that do not visibly strike the impact berm, or failure of bullets to reach the pits (dirt “showers” or unaccounted for shots), or bullets not striking the target tip first (tumbling or “key holing”) will not be allowed to continue firing. Such occurrences expose the pit crew to hazards, and/or increase the potential for bullets leaving range property.

Tuesday, December 30, 2014

If at any point the Match Director observes, or the pit crew reports, any of the unsafe occurrences described above, the Match Director must stop the shooter from firing any additional shots from that or further distances.

COURSE OF FIRE:

This match is all rapid fire from the prone position at all firing lines. The same target will be used at all distances. Forty (40) shots for record will be fired by each competitor. The shooter will determine how many shots they wish to fire from each yardage within the time limit allotted. Shooters are encouraged to consider their strategy in maximizing their score when deciding how many rounds to fire at each distance. Shooters are **not** required to fire at all distances.

Order of firing will be:

1. 200 yards, time limit 60 seconds
2. 300 yards, time limit 60 seconds
3. 600 yards, time limit 60 seconds
4. 800 yards, time limit 120 seconds

Shooters must develop their own strategy for number of rounds to be fired at each distance based on their rifle, ammunition, and ability to hit a constant sized target at a span of distance during the specified time limit.

No more than 15 rounds may be loaded in any single magazine (honor system). Magazines of larger capacity may be used, but a maximum of 15 rounds may be loaded into any single magazine.

- [**200 yard line** – Firing from the 200 yard line is prone rapid fire. Two (2) points will be awarded for each hit at 200 yards. When all shooters are in position, a 3 minute preparation time is given. After the preparation period ends, up to five (5) optional sighters can be fired, slow fire, each shot is marked after it is shot. After all sighters have been fired, the preparation period ends, the command” Load and be ready” is given. The targets will then be raised. Shooters may start firing when targets appear. After 60 seconds the targets will be lowered and firing will cease.

Targets will be scored and results radioed to the firing line. The number of hits will be recorded by the shooter at the line. When all rifles are unloaded, made safe, and chamber empty flags inserted, and once the entire range is safe, the match RO will release shooters to move to the 300 yard line. Once released, shooters can pack up and move their vehicles to the 300 yard line.

- [**300 yard line** – Firing from the 300 yard line is prone rapid fire. Three (3) points will be awarded for each hit at 300 yards. When all shooters are in position, a 3 minute preparation time is given. After the preparation period ends, up to five (5) optional sighters can be fired, slow fire, each shot is marked after it is shot. After all sighters have been fired, the preparation period ends, the command” Load and be ready” is

given. The targets will then be raised. Shooters may start firing when targets appear. After 60 seconds the targets will be lowered and firing will cease.

Targets will be scored and results radioed to the firing line. The number of hits will be recorded by the shooter at the line. When all rifles are unloaded, made safe, and chamber empty flags inserted, and once the entire range is safe, the match RO will release shooters to move to the 600 yard line. Once released, shooters can pack up and move their vehicles to the 600 yard line.

- [**600 yard line** - Firing from the 600 yard line is prone rapid fire. Six (6) points will be awarded for each hit at 600 yards. A three-minute preparation period is given at the 600-yard firing line. Up to five (5) optional sighters can be fired, slow fire, each shot is marked after it is shot. After all sighters have been fired, the preparation period ends, the command "Load and be ready" is given. The targets will then be raised. Shooters may start firing when targets appear. After 60 seconds the targets will be lowered and firing will cease.

Targets will be scored and results radioed to the firing line. The number of hits will be recorded by the shooter at the line. When all rifles are unloaded, made safe, and chamber empty flags inserted, and once the entire range is safe, the match RO will release shooters to move to the 800 yard line. Once released, shooters can pack up and move their vehicles to the 800 yard line.

- [**800 yard line** - Firing from the 800 yard line is prone rapid fire, 120 second time limit. Eight (8) points will be awarded for each hit at 800 yards. A three-minute preparation period is given at the 800-yard firing line. Up to five (5) optional sighters can be fired, slow fire, each shot is marked after it is shot. After all sighters have been fired, the preparation period ends, the command "Load and be ready" is given. The targets will then be raised. Shooters may start firing when targets appear. After 120 seconds the targets will be lowered and firing will cease.

Targets will be scored and results radioed to the firing line. The number of hits will be recorded by the shooter at the line. When all rifles are unloaded, made safe, and chamber empty flags inserted, and once the entire range is safe, the match RO will release shooters to move to the pits for the other relay to shoot, or to move to the range office to await results.

SCORING:

A maximum of forty (40) rounds will be fired (honor system).

Points will be awarded only for hits in the black. Hits outside the black silhouette receive no score.

- [200 yards – 2 point per hit, time limit 60 seconds
- [300 yards – 3 points per hit, time limit 60 seconds

- [600 yards – 6 points per hit, time limit 60 seconds
- [800 yards – 8 points per hit, time limit 120 seconds

Bonus points are awarded for grouping. At any single stage if 10 or more than 10 hits are scored, then the total number of points for that stage will be doubled.

Ties are broken by the highest score at the longest range. When a tie cannot be broken this way, the highest score at the next longest range is used, and so on.

No alibis are accepted for misfires, misfeeds, disabled firearms, or other shooter failures. Alibi strings may be authorized by the Match Director for range equipment or pit errors. The Match Director may grant additional sighters at their discretion.

AMMUNITION:

Ammunition may be commercial manufactured or hand loaded safe ammunition and will be provided by the competitor. Tracer, incendiary, or armor piercing ammunition is prohibited.

ENTRY FEES:

\$10.00 each. Juniors, active duty, and military reservists shoot for free.

AWARDS:

No cash awards will be given.

TARGET:

The USMC “Dog” Target will be used at all stages of fire. Target black is 19 inches high and 26 inches wide.

