

INSTRUCTOR'S CREDENTIALS

Jim Higginbotham has been a Firearms/Weaponcraft/Officer Survival Instructor for over 30 years and has the following experience / credentials:

Jim has spent his entire adult life in the pursuit of a practical knowledge of firearms and their uses. In that time he has been a law enforcement officer, a civil servant, a contractor for the U.S. Army, Firearms Instructor (with multiple credentials), a practicing gunsmith, armorer, competitor and hunter.

Among several awards for his firearms related work or performance, he has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by the Kentucky National Guard, a Senior Expert rating by Jeff Cooper of the American Pistol Institute (Gunsite), and was the second person to pass the Masters Test at RangeMaster in Memphis TN. And "Most Accurate Shooter" award at the 2000 IDPA National Championship.

Jim has contributed to several books by other authors, including *Survival Shooting*, *The Complete Guide to Concealed Carry* and *Fighting Smarter*, all by Tom Givens as well as *Defensive Handguns* by Stephen A. Camp. He has been the topic of a number of magazine articles in *Combat Handguns* and *S.W.A.T.* magazines.

EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS & AWARDS

Co-Instructor of training featured in F.B.I. Bulletin, September 2010

Testimony accepted as expert witness in Ky. Courts

First Place Class Qualification I.T.I. Range Masters Course, Pearsall, TX. 2008

Awarded Distinguished Service Medal for accomplishments during the development and execution of training for Ky. Guard soldiers mobilized during War on Terror. 2008

Marksmanship/Weaponcraft Specialist, Ky. Army National Guard, overseeing the formalization of the Weaponcraft Courses which include: Close Quarters Marksmanship, Close Quarters Battle and Advanced Urban Combat courses. Primary Operator/Instructor for Live Fire Shoothouse. In this capacity Jim has overseen the training of approximately 14,000 soldiers who were mobilized for combat missions as well as over 200 Weaponcraft Instructors.

Firearms Instructor, Grayson Co. KY Sheriff's Office - 1987 to Date

Award for highest score on M.E.U.S.O.C. qualification during E.A.G. (Pat Rogers) Urban Carbine Course. 2006

Unit Commander, Grayson County Sheriff's Office Crisis Response Team (CRT). May, 2004 to 2007

Co-Founder of The Polite Society, a national network of trainers and serious students of weaponcraft.

Author of “Weaponcraft for Special Forces” manual used in training S.F. personnel in the use of pistol and carbine. - 2002

Subject Matter Expert, under contract to Ky. Army National Guard, training selected Special Forces personnel and all of the Airport Security Detail (2001&2002) in weaponcraft.

President Riposte, Inc. – Which operates business aspects of contract training, consultation and research. Future plans include firearms and equipment procurement and custom services.

Champion, Custom Defensive Pistol Division, RangeMaster Indoor Regional Championship, Memphis, TN - Feb 2000

“Most Accurate” shooter, 2000 IDPA National Championship, dropping 5 points total (no trophy is awarded for this – position recognized in IDPA *Tactical Journal*).

One of Six Masters in the RangeMaster, Masters of the Pistol Testing Program 1997 – 2000

Featured Instructor, S.W.A.T. magazine, May 1999 issue.

5th Master, Custom Defensive Pistol Division, IDPA National Championship, 1999

Primary Designer of 1999 International Defensive Pistol Association National Championship Course of Fire – 1999

Champion, IDPA Stock Service Pistol Division, RangeMaster Indoor Regional, Memphis, 1998

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