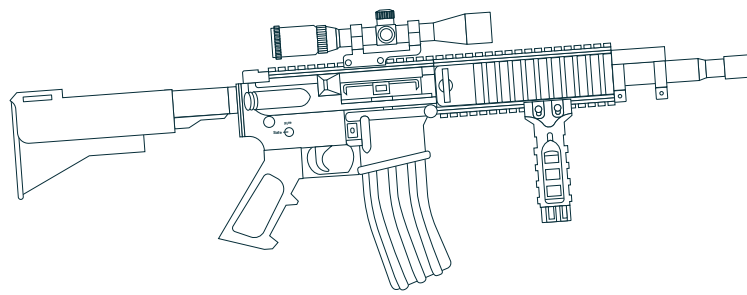


THE TRADITION CONTINUES...



Today's modern sporting rifles are just another step in the evolution of the tools hunters and target shooters use to enjoy our sports. These rifles may not look like your current hunting rifle, but remember, your rifle probably doesn't look much like your grandfather's either.

Learn more about the modern sporting rifle at www.nssf.org/rifle



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WW I ERA

1903 Springfield bolt-action rifle adopted for use by U.S. Army in World War I. Introduces .30-06 cartridge.

POST WW I ERA

Bolt-action hunting rifles became popular after World War I. The .30-06 continues today as one of the most popular big-game calibers in the United States.

WW II ERA

First semi-automatic U.S. service rifle, the Garand, is first used in World War II.

POST WW II ERA

Semi-automatic rifles and shotguns gain popularity among both hunters and target shooters in post-war years.

VIETNAM WAR ERA

M-16 becomes service rifle, first sees combat in Vietnam War. Updated versions continue as current U.S. service rifle.

TODAY

AR (Armalite) -platform rifles are semi-automatic versions that look like their military counterparts. Now offered with hunt-specific features, these rifles are popular for varmint and big-game hunting.

