

**Official 600 yard World Record for Pistol
September 22, 2012 NRA Whittington Center
on
1000 yard Rifle Range**

Our crew showed up to shoot for the first time on the 1,000 yard NRA Whittington Center rifle range on Saturday 9/22/2012. A cool morning around 8 am I was anxious to put some rounds down range for dope and select the type of store bought ammunition I would use for record. Unfortunately this was a different kind of day as a film crew was present from the Outdoor Channel “Shooting Gallery” TV Show with Michael Bane. I was there to shoot to gather ammunition information, they were there to film someone attempting to shoot a pistol on a regulation target for record at a distance apparently no one had shot before; certainly not for record. So we got started later than wished; for the wind with the sun, was coming.

Shooting finally got started for film after some ranging shots. George Wright was the Line Officer. Black Hills 230 gr. FMJ HP was finally selected. The background behind and above the target was a dark green and blended with my black front sight blade. I decided to chalk it white to see it for adjustments; hopeful to allow for repeat shots. The sun from the East was bright on my eyes and I changed from my customary Marine Corps cover to a desert floppy to deflect some of the suns rays from the eye.

CWO Charles Henderson was my spotter giving wind conditions. With three good rounds high on the target I said, “We are wasting ammo; let’s shoot for record...” He nodded and the shooting began.



The Whittington 1000 yard range faces almost due North

Now I don't care if the wind blows or it rains, we came to shoot. Conditions are what they are and you take what you get. Charles was doing his best to work the wind and in conjunction with the butts calling my bullet locations on the target. *I* was doing my best to hit the target and adjust to the data received. I chalked the sight often; pulled and sailed my watch having received a sun reflection off the buckle. Bottom line when the smoke cleared, 8 hits were recorded out of 10 rounds fired on target. We had two "boomer" rounds that missed at 12 o'clock; hot rounds clearly marked on the line and heard in the butts by Safety Officer and former Marine Sgt. Steve Davis. A different sound in report up range to the screams the bullets made coming overhead noted by Randall Crumrine and Scott McIntire pulling targets.



I can say we did what we came to do. We shot the 600 yards successfully yet again. This time officially, and recorded on film. We never considered shooting the 600 unusual; it is after all in the pistol manual. However for those doubters, we shot accurately and proved with training most any man can shoot cover fire with an *NCO* pistol at maximum range. A range we established *first* with the multi-patented Combat NCO 1911 A2 pistol. Agreeably the most patented and accurate pistol in the world.

Karl Lippard, shooter