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The same type of minds that doubted whether a pistol made partially of plastic could work would at one time probably thought the earth was flat.

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**THE COVER:** The Marlin Firearms Company is celebrating a couple of significant events—its 120th birthday and the production of its 25 millionth gun. To commemorate both milestones, Marlin created this one-of-a-kind Model 1894CL that displays engraving and gold inlays by A.A. White and stock work by Fred Wang. The story of Marlin's 120 years of firearms making in America is definitively told in William S. Brophy's *Marlin Firearms*, which is available from the NRA Book Service. Photo by John R. Lamson.

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Now you can preserve that glory forever, through the proud ownership and display of the U.S. Marine Corps Commemorative Thompson, issued by The American Historical Foundation and Auto-Ordnance Corporation, the official maker of the Thompson.

### Highly Collectible; First Ever

This is the first Thompson ever issued to specifically honor the Marine Corps. Each will be specially sought after by Marines, veterans, family members and patriotic collectors. Firearms over the years have proven to be good investments, and the worldwide edition limit of only 750 is your immediate guarantee of rarity, exclusivity and collector value. The few previous Thompson Commemoratives issued with military themes have sold out.

Each is specially serially numbered between 001 and 750, with the prefix "USMC." This serial number is also inscribed on the accompanying Certificate of Authenticity, which attests to the purity of the 24-Karat gold plating and to the strict edition limit.

An impressive 12 pounds of steel, walnut and gold, the U.S. Marine Corps Thompson is a beast of a weapon. Unlike most modern firearms, all the major components

are actually machined from massive, solid blocks of steel. The fit and finish are presentation grade. The precision-milled receiver is highly polished to highlight the engraved and gold-gilt inlaid commemorative inscriptions, including "Semper Fidelis" and six star, representing the six Marine Divisions.

### 24-Karat Gold Plating

Sight across the 24-Karat Gold plated rear sight, through the slot in the gold-plated actuator knob and over the 35 deep cooling fins of the highly polished and blued barrel. 24-Karat Gold plating gleams across the mirror-polished Cutts Compensator, front sight and trigger.

The genuine walnut stocks—hand rubbed with seven coats of lacquer—show off the three fired enamel cloisonne medallions (one on reverse) and the 24-Karat Gold plated sling swivels, swivel mounts and screws which affix the adjustable brown leather military sling.

### A Firing Semi-Automatic

This is a firing Thompson, chambered for the same famous, readily available, .45 ACP ammunition that Marines and American shooters have used since 1911.

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