

AMERICAN Rifleman

OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

The NRA, the foremost guardian of the traditional American right to "keep and bear arms," believes every law-abiding citizen is entitled to the ownership and legal use of firearms, and that every reputable gun owner should be an NRA Member.

Wayne R. LaPierre, Executive Vice President

special feature

Charlton Heston 1923-2008: A Patriot Lays Down His Arms54

Gary Lantz

Oscar-winning actor, activist, NRA Honorary Life Member and past NRA President Charlton Heston was a patriot and an eloquent defender of the uniquely American Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

features

Election 2008 Special Report

An Exclusive Interview With Senator John McCain14

Chris W. Cox

The presumptive Republican nominee for president sat down with NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre and NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox to discuss issues of importance to NRA members.

German Infantry Muskets In The American Revolution46

Don Troiani

Nearly 30,000 troops from German principalities fought in the American War of Independence. Little is known about the guns they brought to America, even though many remain here to this day.

The Beginning Of The Belt.. . . .51

Ross Seyfried

To understand the .375 Holland & Holland Magnum's development and success, we must first examine Holland's first belted .375—the .400-375 or .375 Veloplex—and the Holland-Schoenauer rifle.

Mightier Than Ever: Ruger Reinvents The Mini-1460

Brian C. Sheetz

More than 30 years after its debut, Ruger's landmark Mini-14 has been retooled and is available in a new chambering and several new configurations—including one that can help protect the Second Amendment.

Small, Smaller, Smallest: The Kahr .45s62

Wiley Clapp

Best known for its modern semi-automatic pistols designed for discreet carry, Kahr Arms has increased the power available to armed citizens with its family of personal-size pistols chambered in .45 ACP.

The Schmidt-Rubin K31 Carbine: Step-By-Step.. . . .66

Stuart Mowbray
& Joe Puleo

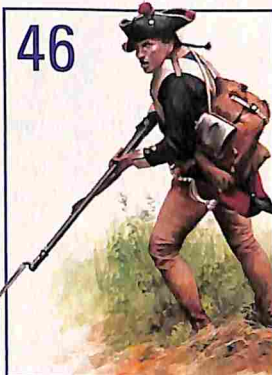
The straight-pull Swiss K31 Schmidt-Rubin is one of the most beautiful and accurate military rifles of all time. Here's how to take the K31 and its bolt apart—and put them back together again.

Second Amendment Showdown80

Frank Miniter

The U.S. Supreme Court heard *District of Columbia v. Heller*, a monumental Second Amendment case that will likely decide whether you have an individual right to bear arms.

46



Painting by Don Troiani

60



Photo by Hannele Lahti

66

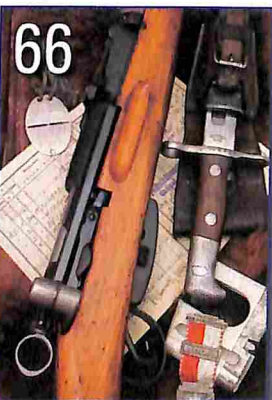
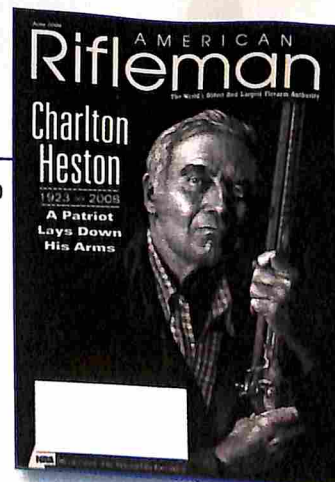


Photo by Stuart Mowbray

THE COVER: Charlton Heston's leadership and courage were crucial to NRA's defense of the Second Amendment, and we were all deeply saddened by his passing on April 5. For a look at the remarkable life and achievements of NRA's own Charlton Heston, turn to "Charlton Heston 1923- 2008: A Patriot Lays Down His Arms" by Gary Lantz starting on p. 54. Cover illustration by Mark Summers.



June 2008

Rifleman

A M E R I C A N

The World's Oldest And Largest Firearm Authority

Charlton Heston

1923 — 2008
**A Patriot
Lays Down
His Arms**



#BXNBDGM *****CR LOT 01348**R-005
#0790100818361539R* 07/2008

MR WAYNE JOHANSEN
6087 SAINT LOUIS RIVER RD
DULUTH MN 55810-3539

642
396
0001
P088



NRA

Official Journal of the National Rifle Association