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The MAC Smallbore Shooter of the Month



The MAC Smallbore Shooter of the Month is Hunter Blankenship of the United States Coast Guard Academy.

Cadet 4/C Hunter Blankenship opened the month of January with a personal best of 559 in smallbore on the same day he posted a 571 personal best in air rifle. A week later he eclipsed his smallbore best by shooting a 571. For the remainder of the month's matches he maintained a 567 average.

Hunter came to Coast Guard from Mississippi and is a Management major. While in secondary school he participated in various local and regional matches culminating appearances at the Junior Olympic Championship.

Hunter's quiet and introspective nature has helped him mature as a rifle shooter in a very short time. He is attentive to the small details that help make a big score, makes good use of his training time, and is very coachable.



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The MAC Air Rifle Shooter of the Month



The MAC Air Rifle Shooter of the Month is Anthony Contreras of the United States Coast Guard Academy.

Cadet 4/C Anthony Contreras shot sporter air rifle for the Branham High School Marine Corps JROTC Team prior to attending the Coast Guard Academy. He has made the transition from the less formal sporter competition to the more complex and technical NCAA style with ease.

In his only his second collegiate competition he shot a personal best of 558 and was a counter. During January Anthony has worked hard at elevating his game. He works hard at his basic physical skills, is unafraid to experiment, and seeks out ways, with teammates and coaches, to take advantage of every opportunity to improve.

As a Government major he attained a near perfect 3.9 grade point average in his first semester at Coast Guard demonstrating that he can handle the books as well as a rifle.