

# 2022-2023 TSRA Director Nominees

## Director Nominee — Air Rifle Silhouette

### Robert LaGrone



I have been a member of Bayou Rifles since July of 2011. I am a Chief Range Safety Officer (CRSO). As a CRSO, I am most interested in the safety of all members of the club while at one of our ranges. We have adopted the motto from the High Power competitions, which is 'Safety First, Safety Last, Safety Always'. I have been running the air gun silhouette matches since late 2017, and was responsible as the match director for our 2017 TSRA Texas State Championship Air Rifle Silhouette tournament. I believe my experience gives me a unique perspective into the types of shooting interests of the membership and shooters in general. My goals for 2022 and beyond are to maintain and expand the Air Gun tournament participation and awareness.

## Director Nominee — Panhandle Regional

### Gary Hassell



I am Gary Hassell and I have lived in Amarillo since 1969. I have a BA and a M.Ed. and a Lifetime Secondary Teacher Certificate from West Texas A&M. I am a NRA Certified Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Home Firearm Safety and Personal Protection In The Home Instructor. Also, a Certified Texas Hunter Safety Instructor, Boater Education and Angler Instructor. I have served in many other

educational and outdoors associations in various positions. I served on the TSRA Board of Directors in the 1980's and have been the Panhandle Regional Director since 2016. I have competed at local, state and national levels since I was 10 years old, and have coached several State and National Championship teams. I am a TSRA Defender Member and NRA Benefactor Member as well as member of multiple other organizations.

## Director Nominee — Law Enforcement

### Jim Davis



Jim is the current Law Enforcement Director for the Texas State Rifle Association. He served active duty in the United States Marine Corps from 1963 until 1988; three tours in Vietnam, 1965-1966; fighter pilot with Marine Fighter/Attack Squadrons 323 and 314 in Vietnam 1968-1969; Marine Aircraft Group 15 in Thailand in 1972; and on the

retired list with the rank of Colonel. Jim is certified as a Master Peace Officer in the State of Texas and is an active Police Pistol Combat competitor (Current Governor's Twenty, Texas). He lives in Corpus Christi and is a member of TSRA's Executive Committee.

## Director Nominee — High Power Rifle

### Ben Brooks



Ben has been an active competitor for 35 years. He holds NRA classifications in four disciplines, including 'Master' in High Power Rifle, and competes in local matches, Regional matches, State tournaments, and regularly participates in the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. He is the High Power Rifle Director for Bayou Rifles Inc., in Houston,

and oversees an active High Power Rifle program. Ben is a Life member of TSRA, and has participated with the TSRA High Power Service Rifle Team in the 1990s. Over the past several years, Ben has conducted the Texas State High Power Rifle Long Range Tournament that has grown in participation every year, to range capacity. Ben is the current TSRA Treasurer.

## Director Nominee — Pistol

### Odie Hitt



I joined the Texas State Rifle Association in 1990 when I began shooting competitively as a Trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety. In 1995 or 1996 I was appointed to the board of directors as the Law Enforcement Director. I shoot competitively in NRA precision pistol (Bullseye) and have been on the TSRA team that travels to Nationals

for several years. I am a life member of the NRA and a Benefactor member of TSRA. I realize the extreme importance of the 2nd Amendment and have worked over 30 years helping to protect our 2nd Amendment rights.

## Director Nominee — Pistol Silhouette

### Terry Vaughn



Retired from the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer in 2004 after completing 20+ years of military service. After returning home to Manor, Texas, he got involved with youth shooting sports and managed Travis County 4H Youth Shooting Sports club for 10 years. During that time he gained knowledge of multiple competition shooting disciplines that included one of his

favorites, Hunter Pistol Silhouette. He has participated in and coached during many TSRA state and NRA national competitions and continues to be actively involved in shooting sports. Terry has been married to his wife Erin for 36 years and have 4 children, one of which is currently on an NCAA college shooting team. Terry works in the power generation field and when he is not working he enjoys hunting, shooting and spending time with family.

**Director Nominee — West Central Regional**

## **Rick Shupe**



As a police officer with over 26 years of duty, Rick spent the majority of his career working with Special Operations Teams and teaching firearms skills to thousands of officers. He is a certified Master Peace Officer through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and has held numerous firearms instructor certifications from NC Training & Standards, TCOLE, the NRA and DPS over a 40-year period. He served 8 years as the President of the North Carolina Police Combat Pistol League and holds NRA Police Combat Distinguished Badge #335. Currently, Rick works for the Texas Department of Family Protective Services and teaches courses in Justice Administration. When he is not working, Rick likes to spend the rest of his time with family, on gun ranges teaching, in the woods hunting and on golf courses.

**Director Nominee — Small Bore Rifle/Air Rifle**

## **Brian Gardner**



Brian spent 1988 to 1992 in the United States Marine Corps where he excelled on the range. After leaving the Marine Corps and starting a family, he began a career in construction and settled down in Bellville, Tx. In 2005 Brian and his son Tyler saw an article in the local newspaper about the county 4-H rifle team. Tyler joined that year and a year later Brian became the head coach and has been coaching the Austin County team ever since. He has seen 173 different kids come through his safety course and coached several state 4-H winning teams. He serves as the District 11 Rifle Chairman, and the President of the Austin County Youth Bullseye Club. He is a NRA certified rifle coach and range officer as well as a USAS level 1 coach. If Brian is not at work, you can find him one of two places. On the range coaching junior shooters or at the hunting lease in west Texas.

**Director Nominee — South Central Regional**

## **George Mandry**



George Mandry is a third-generation NRA Life Member and a TSRA Defender Member. He has an appreciation of guns and the role they play in our history and future and believes that they demand we take positive steps ensuring their continued existence within our society by law-abiding citizens. George has been very active in attending events to promote TSRA. He is enthusiastic about getting the word out about TSRA and helping it become more relevant in the minds of fellow Texans.

**Director Nominee — Smallbore Rifle / Air Rifle**

## **Guy Taylor**



Five years ago, I was asked by TSRA to help fill the Smallbore Director role after the departure of current directors. I gladly took the challenge and since then (with the exception of CV-19 years) the smallbore competition, especially among youth, has skyrocketed. I held the position single handedly until the addition of a second director two years ago. I have moved competitions to larger ranges, made them once again profitable with no increase or only slight increase in fees (Still the lowest of all), increased the awards at matches to ensure that awards are given across all skill levels, (not just the elite shooters) and currently working with national leaders on a redefinition of “teams” to prevent all-star recruitment, illegal in most certification programs. The Smallbore Director is more than a person who sets up state competitions. That person is, or should be, an advocate for the competitors, in this case, mostly youth to ensure that all competitions, including team matches, are fundamentally fair and all are established under uniform rules of equality. The Smallbore Director should be someone who is experienced as a competitor as well as working with the administrative functions of multiple certifications agencies who sanctioned matches. I am currently a TSRA life member and will continue to be an advocate for the kids towards fundamental fairness and improving smallbore as a competitive activity.

**Director Nominee — Hunting & Wildlife**

## **Bob Boswell**



I was introduced to shooting and hunting at a very young age, enjoyed competitive shooting in college, and am still hunting, shooting, and reloading ammunition. I have hunted in 10 other states, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and New Zealand. I have received training as a Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun instructor, both conventional and muzzle-loading, and also as a Range Safety Officer. I served in that capacity in the US Army, and at club ranges where I was a member. I have served as a hunter education instructor for Texas Parks and Wildlife for 30 years, and am certified as an Area Chief Instructor, which qualifies me to teach and certify new hunter education instructors. I have also taught seminars on advanced hunter education subjects as well as hunter education classes in Kansas, Kentucky, and Illinois. I am an endowment member of TSRA, a patron member of NRA, and a life member of the Texas Hunter Education Instructors Association, of which I am a past President.

Director Nominee — South Texas Regional

## Harold Carter



I am currently serving my 4th term as the South Texas Regional Director. I am a TSRA Defender Life Member as well as an NRA Benefactor Life Member. I am very active supporting the Texas State Rifle Association and the TSRA Foundation. I have resided in the great state of Texas for 22 years.

I moved here during my career in the US Navy, which I retired from in 2003 and was placed on the permanent retired list in 2013. I have taught Hunter Education in Nevada, Idaho, Washington and California during my Naval Career. I am very active in teaching/mentoring youth and female shooters in all levels of firearm education as well as a competitive shooter. I am currently the head coach for the Texas Carbine Youth Shooting team which competes in the Texas Youth Action Shootout program. I facilitate Eddie Eagle and Refuse to be a Victim programs for NRA as well as actively promoting the NRA School Shield Program. I am currently TSRA's 1st Vice President.

Director Nominee — Police Pistol

## Jeff Roeder



I grew up in Pasadena, Texas and currently have a small farm in Splendora, Texas with my wife of 20 years who is a retired police officer of 25 years. I retired from the United States Marine Corps Reserve with 30 years and four combat tours. This career ran parallel to my career with the Houston Police Department currently of 35 years. I have been a Firearms

Instructor for the department for the last 8 years, teaching both cadets and officers in the use of pistols, shotguns, and carbines. I am a Life Member of both the NRA and TSRA. My preferred discipline of marksmanship is Police Pistol Combat and have been competing in PPC since 2013 but like most of us Texans, I enjoy any time I can shoot a firearm of any type. Many times in my career I have sworn an oath to defend, the United States Constitution and this document shall always contain the 2nd Amendment, The Right of the People to keep bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Director Nominee — Jr. BB Gun

## Sammy Segner



Sammy Segner is the second-generation owner/operator of Segner's Jewelry in Fredericksburg and Bee Caves. In 1971, Sammy joined the National Guard and served 29 years. He attended Durham Business School and returned to Fredericksburg to work in the family business and marry his wife, Doris.

He enjoys hunting and shares his love for gun safety and marksmanship with the youth of his community. In 1985, he started the 4-H BB Gun Project and serves as one of the longest serving coaches in the nation. He has taken teams to the Daisy National BB Competition since 1996 and has placed as high as second in the United States. In 2019, Daisy presented Sammy with a certificate of appreciation for over 30 years of coaching shooting education. All three of his daughters and two of his grandchildren were involved in the BB gun shooting education program. In 1988, he became certified to teach the Hunter's Safety Course and continues to be involved in the Texas Youth Hunting Program.

Director Nominee — Cowboy Action

## Forrest Person



Forrest Person of Harker Heights, Tx. Born and raised in central Texas, and a Life member of TSRA. I have hunted all my life until 2000 when I started shooting Cowboy Action Shooting, through SASS (Single Action Shooting Society). Once I got into CAS (cowboy action shooting). I just shoot it now. CAS is a family sport, my wife and sons and

grandchildren all participate, and we have loads of fun. I am RO 1 and RO 2 certified (Range Officer), and I am also certified to teach RO 1 and RO 2. I am also a SASS Regulator.

I have been to multiple State, Regionals, National and World Championship matches, and you won't find a better group of people than you will find at a CAS match. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with the folks at TSRA and CAS to make it a better sport for all. I as well as most SASS members will miss Colorado Jackson AKA Jeff D. Jackson who previously held this position with TSRA.



### Lever Action Rifle Silhouette

Will be nominated at Match and voted on at the Annual meeting.

### High Power Rifle Silhouette

Will be nominated at Match and voted on at the Annual meeting.

## Positions that do not have Nominations currently

Action Pistol

Black Powder Cartridge Silhouette

Central Regional Director

West Regional Director

LTC Director