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NSSF awards Independence Indoor Shooting of Meridian, Idaho with coveted Five-Star rating

From the Hunting Wire

WASHINGTON, D.C. July 28, 2025—NSSF®, The Firearm Industry Trade Association, has awarded Independence Indoor Shooting with its coveted Five-Star rating for range excellence. Five stars is the highest rating in NSSF's star-rating system, which evaluates shooting facilities based on appearance, management, shooting sports development and amenities. Independence Indoor Shooting is in Meridian, Idaho, which is ranked as one of the fastest-growing cities in the United States. Situated west of Boise, Meridian has a population of around 135,000 people and Idaho overall ranks high in firearm ownership. A full-service shooting facility, Independence Indoor Shooting opened in 2017 and is locally owned and operated. The range takes a community approach to business and sees itself as part of the indoor entertainment scene in the Treasure Valley. Its website proudly declares that Independence Indoor Shooting is the place to enjoy "freedom, firearms and fun."

"We are thrilled to welcome Independence Indoor Shooting into NSSF's family of Five-Star shooting ranges," said Zach Snow, NSSF Director, Member Development. "Independence Indoor Shooting checks all the boxes as a top-tier shooting facility—from its ranges to training



The NSSF, the Firearm Industry Trade Association, recently awarded Independence Indoor Shooting with its coveted Five-Star rating for range excellence. Members of Independence Indoor Shooting show off the much-sought award. (Photo/Courtesy: NSSF)

classes to winning customer service and for putting out the welcome mat for first-time shooters. They do it right across the board." Independence Indoor Shooting emphasizes the enjoyment of the shooting sports with family and friends. The range offers Date Nights, Ladies Night and Seniors Morning, as well as competitive shooting leagues. Its customer base is enthusiastic about these dedicated days that bring in both regular and new patrons. Customers are encouraged to join one of the range's membership plans, which includes a life membership category. These plans bundle benefits that provide for unlimited range access, advan-

tage pricing and extras such as free gun rentals and guest passes. A special membership is offered to veterans and first responders. The onsite and online pro shop showcases firearms of all types, ammunition, optics, cleaning supplies, accessories, gunsmithing services that include Cerakoting and laser engraving, reloading supplies and much more. Anything that's needed to enjoy a day at the range can be found at Independence Indoor Shooting's shop. Education is integral to Independence Indoor Shooting's goal of helping all customers develop their shooting and safety skills. The staff works hard to offer the types of classes its customers de-

sire. These include NSSF's First Shots®, Trained Citizen, Just for Women, Home Protection, Tactical Advantage, Training for the Hunt, Security and Law Enforcement Services, Multi Disciplines, Basic Instruction including in Spanish and private lessons, among others. The range has four event rooms, including a classroom and dining facilities and can accommodate up to 150 people. Whether it's a birthday, bachelor and bachelorette parties, meetings, team building and corporate networking, Independence Indoor Shooting can handle it. Combining a social gathering with range time adds to the enjoyment. A virtual reality simulator that constructs

real-world environments, whether it's for hunting, sport shooting or a professional in law enforcement or the military, is a bonus.

"We are deeply honored to receive NSSF's Five-Star Range Rating, a testament to our commitment to excellence at Independence Indoor Shooting," said Ryan Later, General Manager. This prestigious recognition reflects our dedication to providing a safe, welcoming and top-tier shooting experience for our community. Thank you to NSSF for this accolade and to our staff and customers who make our range a vibrant part of the Treasure Valley."

Tennessee's longest serving District Attorney to retire

18th District Attorney General Ray Whitley Announces Retirement After 45 Years of Service

GALLATIN, Tenn.- July 25, 2025 - Following 45 years as the 18th Judicial District Attorney General, Ray Whitley announced his retirement, effective Sept. 1, 2025, marking the end of a distinguished career committed to justice and the safety of Sumner County.

He is Tennessee's longest-serving district attorney general. "When I first took on this role, I could never have imagined the journey ahead: the challenges, the triumphs, the heartaches, and the hopes," Whitley said. "I could not have made it this far for this long without the dedication of our law enforcement professionals, the courage of victims and their families and the unwavering support of this community and my own loving family. It has truly been the honor of a lifetime to serve the people as District Attorney General all these years."

Whitley, a U.S. Army Vietnam War veteran, was licensed to practice law in 1970 after earning his Juris Doctor from the University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law and his undergraduate degree from Louisiana State University. Upon returning from Vietnam in 1971, he began his law career working as a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Nashville.

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military-grade simulator, which provides immediate feedback on recoil, impact and sound. This experience fosters a fun, secure and comfortable atmosphere, building confidence in shooting sports and encouraging participation in various outdoor activities. Shoot Like A Girl instructors also offer safety talks for youth under 18 years old. Outside of the range, attendees can explore the Shoot Like A

Girl gun bar, where a variety of firearms, including revolvers, semi-automatic pistols, shotguns and rifles, will be available for comparison. Additionally, participants can interact with product displays and demonstrations featuring a range of items, including the MAGPUL DAKA Grid system, SABRE inert pepper spray and Gun Tote'n Mamas Original concealed carry handbags. A full list of partners is available on-

line. The Shoot Like A Girl experience will be stationed in front of Bass Pro Shops in Memphis, Tennessee on Friday, August 1, Saturday, August 2 and Sunday August 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Women and men of all experience levels are welcome, and no prior knowledge is necessary to participate in this free event. All necessary equipment will be provided to guests upon arrival. For more information on tour dates and the mission of SLG2 Inc, visit the Shoot Like A Girl website and follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

About Shoot Like A Girl As a leader in the industry, Shoot Like A Girl® is an events marketing company committed to growing the number of women and families who participate in the shooting sports by empowering them with confidence. The Shoot Like A Girl semi-tractor trailer travels to cities all across the United States that gives attendees an opportunity to shoot pistols, rifles and bows in a fun, safe and comfortable atmosphere. These events utilize InVeris Training Solutions' state-of-the-art military grade firearm

simulator and Shoot Like A Girl diligently promotes firearms safety and ethical hunting to women and their families, creating new outdoor enthusiasts for generations to come. The event is free to each guest thanks to Shoot Like A Girl's generous corporate partners, including Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Beretta, GLOCK, Taurus, TrueTimber, Walker's, InVeris Training Solutions, Vortex Optics, Ruger, Colt, Magpul, Springfield Armory, Walther, Heckler & Koch, Smith & Wesson, Mossberg, CZ USA, Langdon Tactical, GTM Original, Primary Arms Optics, CrossBreed Holsters, Birchwood Casey, GPS Bags, TekMat, TruGlo, NAP, Apex Gear, Stealth Cam, Muddy, Wildgame Innovations, Hunter Specialties, Zero-Trace, Avian X, Flextone, HME, Hawk, Skull Hooker, Cold Steel, Thermacell, SABRE, LaCrosse Footwear, SOG, Hoyt, MantisX, Upper Canyon Outfitters, Burris Optics, Dead Down Wind, Moultrie Mobile, Hornady, NSSF's

Project ChildSafe, USCCA, AZoom, S & S Outdoors, Dry-FireMag, Daniel Defense and StopBox.

About SLG2, Inc. Founded in 2008, SLG2, Inc is a marketing company that delivers results to its partner advertisers through interactive experiences and reliable market research. SLG2, Inc currently has four brands: Shoot Like A Girl, Safe LivinG, Hunt Like A Girl and SLG2 Consulting. Shoot Like A Girl is dedicated to empowering women and their families to participate in shooting sports through interactive experiences at its iconic semi-tractor trailer mobile range. Women and their families are introduced to shooting a pistol, rifle and bow in a safe controlled environment. Safe LivinG™ is dedicated to empowering women, men, families and communities to live securely in their homes and neighborhoods utilizing an experience-based introduction to a variety of safety measures.

Whitley moved to Sumner County in 1978 and began a new role as assistant district attorney for the 18th District, then the 9th District. Two years later, when his predecessor retired, Gov. Lamar Alexander appointed him District Attorney General. He was elected in 1982 and has served continuously through multiple re-elections (1990, 1998, 2006, 2014, and 2022) for more than four decades. During his tenure, Whitley successfully prosecuted thousands of violent offenders, advocated for victims' rights and established innovative programs aimed at deterring substance abuse and enhancing public safety. Beyond his service to Sumner County, Whitley has held leadership roles in numerous community and professional organizations, including two terms as president of the Tennessee District Attorneys General Conference (TNDAGC) and other positions of leadership

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