Tyler is also an Eagle Scout and holds the Black Belt in Karate. He is an AP Honors Student with a GPA of 4.0 and graduated at the top of his class. Tyler wants to fly the Air Force’s close air support A-10 Thunderbolt. “Shooting rifle at the national level taught me to not shy away from competitive challenges, and this experience open the door to my education and future career,” Tyler stated.

Alexandria Provine, 18, a graduating senior at Canyon del Oro High School in Tucson, Arizona, and teammate of Tyler’s in Flowing Wells High School JROTC program, received an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, an institution that’s an integral part of the history of the United States. West Point is home of the Black Knights Rifle Team, a collegiate rifle program that Alex will join. Alex and Tyler will continue competing against each other, now at the NCAA level, and will probably be groomed by their individual programs to compete for positions on the 2016 Olympic Team. It’s quite possible that they could be competing as teammates in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

Alex is also a fine artist and says that the unerring focus and quick thinking are the same in painting and drawing as in competitive shooting. “They are very similar in terms of the mental approach,” she said. “Fine art has taught me how to use these skills to improve my focus when competing,” she added. As a friendly gesture, Alex hand-painted Tyler’s sporter air rifle with the Air Force Academy colors and added a few tiger stripes, for good measure.

Alex is an AP Honors student and a member of the National Honor Society. She graduated in the top of her class with a 4.0 GPA, and said she is interested in a career in chemical engineering with the U.S. Army.

Joey Kendrick, age 18, just graduated from Gilbert High school in Gilbert, Arizona. Joey received an appointment to the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. He began shooting organized rifle during his Junior year in high school, and with only a few days of training with the AR-15, he was invited to join the Arizona Junior Rifle Team. “He’s been shooting smallbore and vintage military rifles at targets since he was five years old, so he knows about sight picture and shooting positions,” said Pat Kendrick, his father. “His rifle coaches taught him the finesse that’s required to become a true competitive rifle shooter,” he added.

Shortly after joining the program, Joey was selected as a firing member of the six-person Arizona team that won the Minuteman Trophy as the National Champion Junior Team, at the 2011 National Rifle Matches, held at Camp Perry, Ohio. Joey was also a firing member of the Arizona State Rifle and Pistol Association Military Academy and Annapolis Naval Academy appointees.

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