

A Lifelong Connection to Shooting Sports

Allen's connection to shooting sports began early. He started shooting a bow at just four years old, following in the footsteps of his father, a hunter who instilled in him a respect for the outdoors and the tools used within it. After his father passed in 1972, hunting became more than a pastime; it became a way to honor and preserve that memory.

As a teenager, Allen transitioned from archery to shotguns, and later, while working in corrections in the late 1980s, he purchased his first handgun. His first firearm overall, however, was deeply personal: a double-barreled shotgun that once belonged to his father.

"I'm not quite a collector," Allen explains, "but I believe in the right tool for the job." That philosophy, purpose-driven ownership backed by experience, aligns squarely with Big Horn Armory's approach to firearms.

Why Big Horn Armory

Allen joined Big Horn Armory because of trust. Trust in the people and trust in the product. Having known Greg and Delana through prior associations, the culture felt immediately familiar. Add in a

production floor filled with gunsmiths who genuinely love their craft, and the fit was natural.

Though Allen hasn't yet had the opportunity to put rounds downrange with a BHA rifle, the first time he handled one made an impression.

"The quality was immediate," he says. "The tolerances are spot on. The action is smooth. When I brought it up to my eye, the balance was unparalleled—it felt at home in my hands."

That kind of feedback doesn't come lightly from someone who has handled firearms his entire life.

When asked to choose a favorite BHA firearm, Allen points to the [AR500 NEXT GEN pistol](#), citing his comfort with the Armalite platform and a particular respect for BHA's Nitride treatment, a detail that speaks to durability and performance rather than flash.

Life Beyond Big Horn Armory

Outside of Big Horn Armory, Allen's interests are as diverse as his background. He's an accomplished diatonic harmonica player, enjoys most genres of music (with one firm

exception: polka), and was even an Ultimate Frisbee Champion in 1979 and 1980. These days, he still throws regularly, partly for exercise, partly to keep his dogs moving.

Allen brings a lifetime of experience, a teacher's patience, and an enthusiast's eye for quality to Big Horn Armory. We're proud to have him as part of the team—and even prouder to build firearms that earn his respect the moment they're shouldered.



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