

JIM WAGNER'S FIREARMS HISTORY

From Boot Camp to Counterterrorism Missions



Jim Wagner (left), a U.S. Federal Air Marshal qualified as "Expert"

Right out of high school, at 18 years old, Jim Wagner joined the U.S. Army and was sent to Fort Jackson, South Carolina for Basic Training. It was there that he qualified as "Expert" with the M-16 rifle. After completion of training he served in a combat unit.

In 1988 Jim Wagner served as a Corrections Officer for the Costa Mesa Police Department, then in 1991 was hired as a police recruit

and sent to the Orange County Sheriff's Training Academy.

Jim served this police department for 10 years, most of which was in patrol, and he was also on his department's SWAT team. It was here that he became proficient in tactical handgun shooting, sniper tactics, assault rifles and sub machine gun systems.

During this same period Jim became a firearms instructor at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, and was called upon by many law enforcement, corrections, and military units to instruct tactics and firearms courses. Units he personally trained include FBI SWAT, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Border Patrol, U.S. Marshals, Brazilian GATE, Argentinean GOE, U.S. Marines and U.S. Navy PMO, U.S. Air Force Security Forces, German Counterterrorist Team GSG9, Department of Defense Police, INS, DEA, Los Angeles School Police SWAT, Finland's National Police Academy instructors, Germany's National Police Academy instructors, Navajo Nation Police, Mexican GOE, and the list goes on. Jim Wagner also received training from many of these units, including the Israeli Special Forces, U.S. Army Special Forces, Spanish Foreign Legion and others.



Jim Wagner (left) training operators of Europe's top Counterterrorist Team German GSG9 (Grenzschutzgruppe 9)