## Freedom Group's Militarized Marketing



### How a Leading Assault Rifle Company Sells Its Weapons



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Freedom Group, one of the largest gun manufacturers in the world, specializes in assault rifles and other military-style firearms.

The company made the Bushmaster XM-15 **assault** rifle used at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Here is how Freedom Group sells and markets these weapons.

To attract customers, Freedom Group's Bushmaster brand uses the slogan "Justice for All" and images of shooters clad in military-style clothing.

Their catalog features phrases such as "Control Your Destiny" and "Bravery on Duty." Its pages contain militaristic and law-enforcement terminology like "duty" and "patrol."

# VERSATILITY ON THE RANGE OR DURING PATROL

THE OWNER WATCH

XINI-15





A2 BIRDCAGE-TYPE HIDER to control muzzle flash. 6.8mm Rem SPC has AAC flash hider adapter

### BRAVERY ON DUTY.

### 300 AAC BLACKOUT

16° M4 Contour Barrel. Four-rail, rifle length, free-float handguard. AAC BLACKOUT® flash hider. Magpul® ACS Stock, MOE® Grip and Enhanced Trigger Guard.



Features heavy oval M4-type handguards. Milled V-match gas block. Six-position telestock reduces overall length by  $4^{\rm m}$  when fully collapsed.

VERSA MAX° Tactical The best defense for the most demanding situations. No task is too demanding and no challenge is too intense with our rugged, ultra-dependable and ever-expanding selection of tactical shotguns. Our lineup keeps growing to serve the needs of law enforcement, the military, competitive shooters and people defending their homes and loved ones. This year's centerpiece is the Versa Max® Tactical. The pinnacle of autoloader reliability is now available customized with a picatinny rail, forward barrel-clamp side rails and an extended magazine. It's joined by our crew of powerhouse shotguns, each specifically tailored for tactical applications. When you're in the most demanding environments and every second counts, Remington's tactical shotguns give you the confidence and firepower to get the job done.



The Tactical Extended Rem Choke is designed for optimum performance and recoil reduction. It also aids in reducing muzzle rise for consistent shot placement. Another Freedom Group product — a Remington 870 shotgun — was used in the September 2013 Navy Yard shooting in Washington, D.C. "When you're in the most demanding environments and every second counts, Remington's tactical shotguns give you the confidence and firepower to get the job done."

**—Remington Shotgun Catalog** 

DPMS, a.k.a. Panther Arms, is another brand of assault rifle manufactured by Freedom Group.

DPMS describes its assault rifles as "Built to be as Tough as the Mission Ahead," never defining what that "mission" might be.

# BUILT TO BEAS TOUGH AS THE MISSION ANEAD



#### A favorite of law enforcement for a reason.

It's tough to find a lighter full-size AR rifle out in the market today, but you're in the right place. The DPMS AT Lite 20 features a Mil-Spec A1 front sight and standard A2 handguard, making it as simple as it is effective.



#### One of the most conventional carbine rifles around.

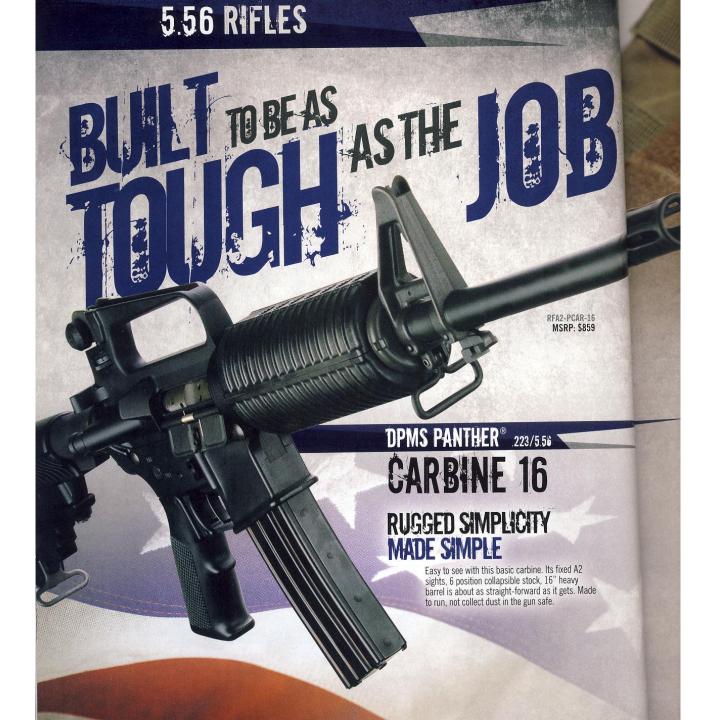
The DPMS Classic 16 features a solid, proven, built-to-last 16" heavy barrel with fixed A2 sights, mil-standard A2 buttstock, and a GlacierGuard handguard. Perfect for the minimalist whose mission is anything but minimal.



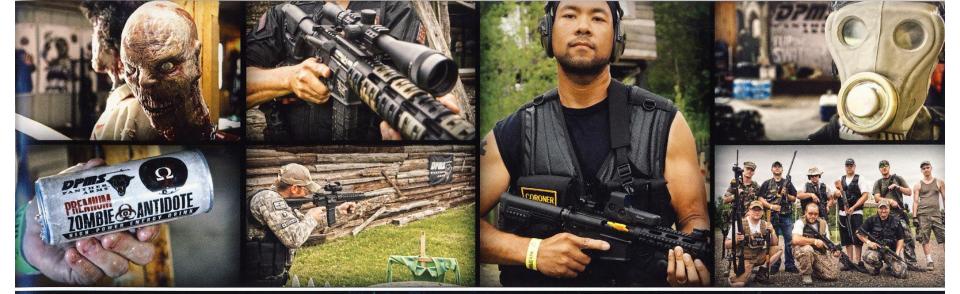
#### Kind of a celebrity in the AR world.

The DPMS Panther Carbine, one of the most recognizable configurations of the AR of all-time. Some attribute it to the short, yet effective 11.5" barrel that features a permanently fixed 5.5" flash hider to reduce muzzle flash.





## And DPMS uses "killin' zombies" as a means to promote their assault rifles.



# KILLIN' ZOMBIES BEFORE IT WAS COOL.



Freedom Group also owns Advanced Armament, a manufacturer of silencers. Advanced Armament uses skull and crossbones imagery to market its products.

The firearms industry is pushing to deregulate the manufacture and sale of silencers in the hope of increasing sales.

### RIFLE SILENCERS

The engineering and design built into each AAC<sup>®</sup> rifle silencer result in the quietest, lightest, most durable and compact silencers available anywhere.

M4-2000TM

### CORE

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360-degree fusion-welded Inconel® 718 core for extreme durability,



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### TUBE

316L stainless steel, fluted, and stepped for weight savings.

### BORE

Precision EDM'd tapered bore assures alignment.

### MOUNT

Ratchet Mount<sup>™</sup> prevents loosening during use and allows one-handed installation or removal in seconds.

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