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Smith & Wesson 460XVR Revolver Named '2007 Gun of the Year' by Friends of NRA

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (November 28, 2006) –Smith & Wesson® Corp., the legendary 154-year old firearms maker, announced today that the Friends of NRA has selected the Smith & Wesson 460XVR™ Magnum Revolver as the “2007 Gun of the Year.”

The Friends of NRA is a grassroots fund-raising program that fosters community involvement and grants 100 percent of its net proceeds to qualified local, state and national programs. The organization designs, develops and purchases a variety of unique offerings which it then markets each year at NRA related events. By virtue of being selected as the Friends of NRA “2007 Gun of the Year,” the 460XVR will be included in this year’s merchandise package. As a result, Smith & Wesson will produce a limited edition, custom-engraved Model 460XVR revolver. Only 1,100 of the limited edition revolvers will be created and made available as exclusive auction items at every Friends of NRA event.

Selected on the basis of quality in craftsmanship and traceable heritage, the custom 460XVR revolver features an 8-3/8 inch barrel along with two interchangeable compensators. On the side-plate of the revolver, a custom-designed embellishment depicts an eagle and the American flag along with the National Rifle Association insignia.

“One of the reasons we chose the Smith & Wesson 460XVR revolver was the versatility of the ammunition that can be used. The revolver offers shooters multi-caliber capabilities, which includes .45 Long Colt, .454 Casull and .460 S&W Magnum. This gun will make an excellent choice for both hunters and gun enthusiasts alike,” stated Mike Huber, NRA Senior Field Representative for Illinois and merchandise selection committee member.

The highest velocity production revolver available, the 460XVR is capable of launching a 200-grain bullet at 2,300+ fps, while delivering over 2,400 ft/lbs of muzzle energy. The .460 S&W Magnum® revolver features Sorbothane® recoil-reducing grips and an interchangeable muzzle compensator that dramatically reduces felt recoil. The 460XVR retains original X-Frame features including a crisp single-action and smooth double-action trigger, 5-round capacity cylinder and a durable stainless steel frame with a satin finish. The commemorative revolver is standard with an adjustable rear sight and a HI-VIZ® light-gathering green dot front sight.

Since its introduction at the 2005 SHOT Show, the 460XVR has been the recipient of multiple “Handgun of the Year” awards. Its flat shooting trajectory and outstanding accuracy has helped the 460XVR become the premier long-range revolver in the industry.

Organized by volunteers throughout the United States, the Friends of NRA program has raised more than \$100 million since its inception in 1992. Proceeds have been used to promote firearms and hunting safety, to enhance gun safety and marksmanship skills, and to educate the general public about firearms in their historic, technological and artistic context. For more information on Friends of NRA visit www.nrafoundation.org/friends.

About Smith & Wesson

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