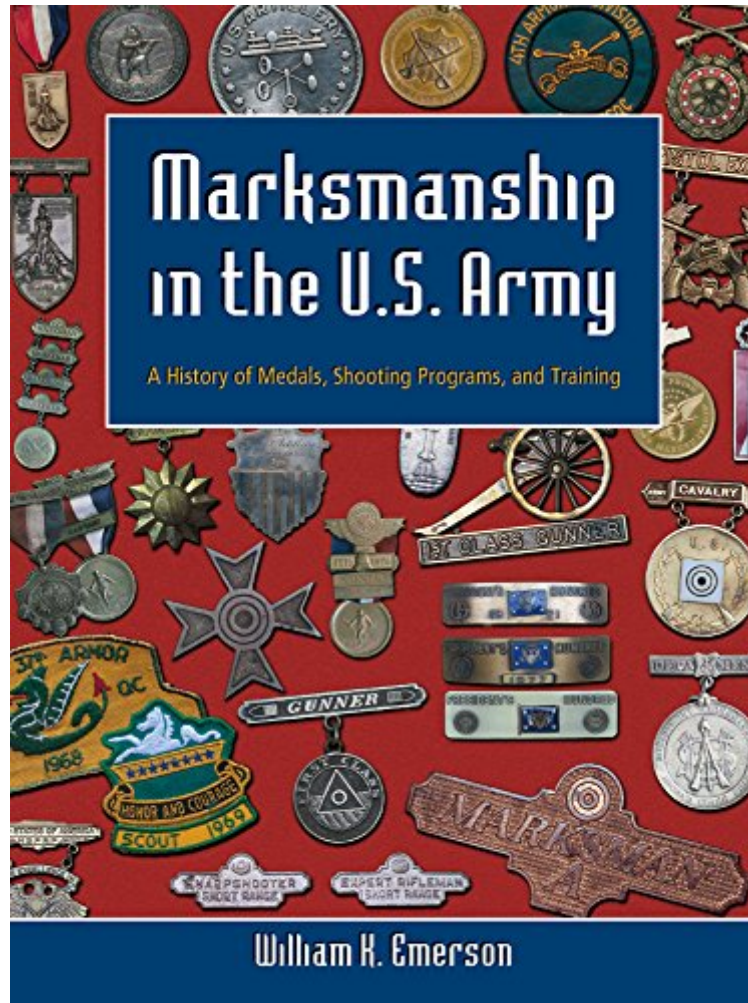


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"I am tremendously impressed by the depth of research that went into this book. Accurate, nicely illustrated, and well organized, this is scholarly writing at its best." About the Author William K. Emerson is a former U.S. Army officer and program manager for various defense engineering firms. A recognized specialist on army material culture, Emerson is the author of *Encyclopedia of United States Army Insignia and Uniforms*, also published by the University of Oklahoma Press.