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## Shell Shock Technologies' Sponsored Shooter John Vlieger Takes Home 1<sup>st</sup> in Carry Optics Division at 2026 Ohio State Buckeye Blast

*Vlieger also took home Second Overall at the 2026 Ohio State Buckeye Blast, held June 4 – 7, 2026, in Marengo, Ohio.*

**Eubank, Ky. (June 2026)** – [Shell Shock Technologies](http://www.shellshocktech.com), LLC (SST), a leading innovator in the ammunition industry, is proud to announce its sponsored shooter, John Vlieger, finished 1<sup>st</sup> in the Carry Optics Division, as well as Second Overall, out of 107 competitors at the 2026 Ohio State Buckeye Blast, Presented by D2 Customs. The match held June 4 – 7, 2026, at the Cardinal Shooting Center in Marengo, Ohio, featured 349 competitors across multiple divisions, with Vlieger completing 15 stages, totaling 252.30 seconds, and earning 1,463.1593 match points—96.74% of the available points.

“I’m proud to have won the 2026 Ohio State Buckeye Blast Championship in Carry Optics using ammunition loaded with [Shell Shock Technologies' NAS<sup>3</sup>™ cases](http://www.shellshocktech.com),” commented Vlieger. “Throughout the match, my ammunition and equipment performed flawlessly. At chronograph, my ammunition produced an extreme spread of less than 3 feet per second, demonstrating the level of consistency that I've come to expect. Consistent ammunition is part of the foundation of practical shooting.”

Vlieger continued, “Shell Shock Technologies' cases continue to prove themselves as exceptionally reliable and consistent under match conditions. Their performance gives me confidence every time I step to the line, and I look forward to continuing to use NAS<sup>3</sup> cases in competition at the upcoming 2026 Kentucky State Championship.”



[SST NAS<sup>3</sup> cases](#) are engineered for enhanced strength, corrosion resistance, and reduced weight compared to traditional brass casings. These benefits have made them a preferred choice among top-tier competitors like Vlieger, who demand peak performance from their gear.

“John’s performance at the 2026 Ohio State Buckeye Blast is a testament to both his skill as a competitor and the consistency our NAS<sup>3</sup> cases deliver match after match. We’re proud to have John representing Shell Shock Technologies, and we look forward to seeing that same performance on display at his next match,” said [Peter Foss](#), Managing Partner and CEO of Shell Shock Technologies.

Vlieger has fired over 200,000 rounds of ammunition with SST’s NAS<sup>3</sup> cases since first becoming a sponsored shooter in 2017. His next match appearance for the 2026 season will be at the 2026 Bluegrass State Championship, hosted by the Blue Grass Sportsmen’s League, in Wilmore, Kentucky, from June 19 – 21, 2026.

#### **About Shell Shock Technologies NAS<sup>3</sup> Cases:**

NAS<sup>3</sup> pistol cases are 50 percent lighter than brass cases, offer greater lubricity, and will not abrade, clog, foul, wear out, or damage breach and ejector mechanisms. The cases offer greater corrosion resistance, tensile strength (2x stronger), and elasticity than brass. NAS<sup>3</sup> cases will not split, chip, crack, or grow (stretch). The pistol cases are fully reloadable (using S3 Reload dies) and can be reloaded many more times than brass cases. NAS<sup>3</sup> cases can be picked up with a magnet.



NAS<sup>3</sup> is “Best in Class” for maintaining consistent velocity between rounds. In an independent test performed by H.P. White Laboratory (a major munitions testing facility), rounds fired using NAS<sup>3</sup> cases achieved a velocity standard deviation of 0.093 FPS (124-grain FMJ bullet, 4.2 grains Titegroup powder, ten rounds, extreme variation 3fps).

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#### **About Shell Shock Technologies:**

[Shell Shock Technologies, LLC](#) (SST), headquartered in Eubank, Kentucky, is a leading innovator in advanced ammunition case design and manufacturing. The company’s patented NAS<sup>3</sup>™ technology platform combines stainless steel and aerospace-grade aluminum to create lightweight, durable, and high-performance ammunition cases designed for demanding military and commercial applications.

For more information, please visit [www.shellshocktechnologies.com](http://www.shellshocktechnologies.com) or follow [@shellshocktech](#) on Instagram.

#### **About John Vlieger:**

John Vlieger is a USPSA National Champion, U.S. Army veteran, and practical shooting competitor based near Lexington, KY. He began competing in 2014 while serving on active duty with the US Army and has since established himself as a top performer in Open Division. In addition to his Open Division success, Vlieger also competes at a high level in Carry Optics and Single Stack divisions, pushing to excel with multiple platforms.

With more than 150 state, regional, and national championship matches completed, Vlieger has earned numerous state and regional titles, along with one national title, through a disciplined training regimen. His results in USPSA competition have placed him among the nation's best and earned him selection to represent Team USA at the 2025 IPSC Handgun World Shoot, where he helped secure a 1st Place Team finish in the Open Division on the world stage and 6th place overall.