

Invincible by Pachmayr

The National Firearms Museum, located at NRA Headquarters in Fairfax, Va., offers visitors a look at thousands of historic arms on a daily basis. Admission is free (donations appreciated), and the extensive galleries span the centuries, revealing the finest of engraved arms in the Robert E. Petersen Gallery, as well as a special exhibition featuring Theodore Roosevelt's personal firearms and related artifacts. For more information, e-mail nfmstaff@nrahq.org, call (703) 267-1600, or check out the exhibits online at www.nramuseum.com.

Shortly after the American Civil War ended, Charles Parker and his sons Wilbur and Dexter began the production of Parker Brothers sporting shotguns in Meriden, Conn. The finest of the Parker line of shotguns were given the title "Invincible." Only three were to be made on special order, at an incredible price of \$1,500 each during the Great Depression.

Across the country in Los Angeles, master gunsmith Frank Pachmayr would later offer his own interpretation of the

legendary Parker Invincible. Proudly labeled as "Invincible by Pachmayr," these limited-edition arms began as lesser-grade Parker shotguns that were stripped to a bare metal foundation and then elaborately embellished. The finest walnut stocks, gold inlays and detailed engraving all went into creating a Pachmayr Invincible. This 28-ga. Pachmayr with horn trigger guard is destined for the NRA National Sporting Arms Museum in Springfield, Mo., scheduled to open in 2013 as part of the Bass Pro Shops store. Loaned by the Frank and Nanitta Pachmayr Foundation, this Invincible shotgun was Pachmayr's very own. 



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