

MY RIFLE

The following ode appears in the front of the M16's operation manual. It suggests a level of commitment to the service rifle that may be lacking in civilians' respect for the AR-15.

"MY RIFLE"

The creed of a
United States Marine
by Maj. Gen. W.H. Rupertus

This is my rifle.
There are many like it, but this one
is mine.
My rifle is my best friend.
It is my life.
I must master it as I must master
my life.
My rifle, without me, is useless.
Without my rifle, I am useless.
I must fire my rifle true.
I must shoot straighter than my
enemy who is trying to kill me.
I must shoot him before he shoots
me.
I will....