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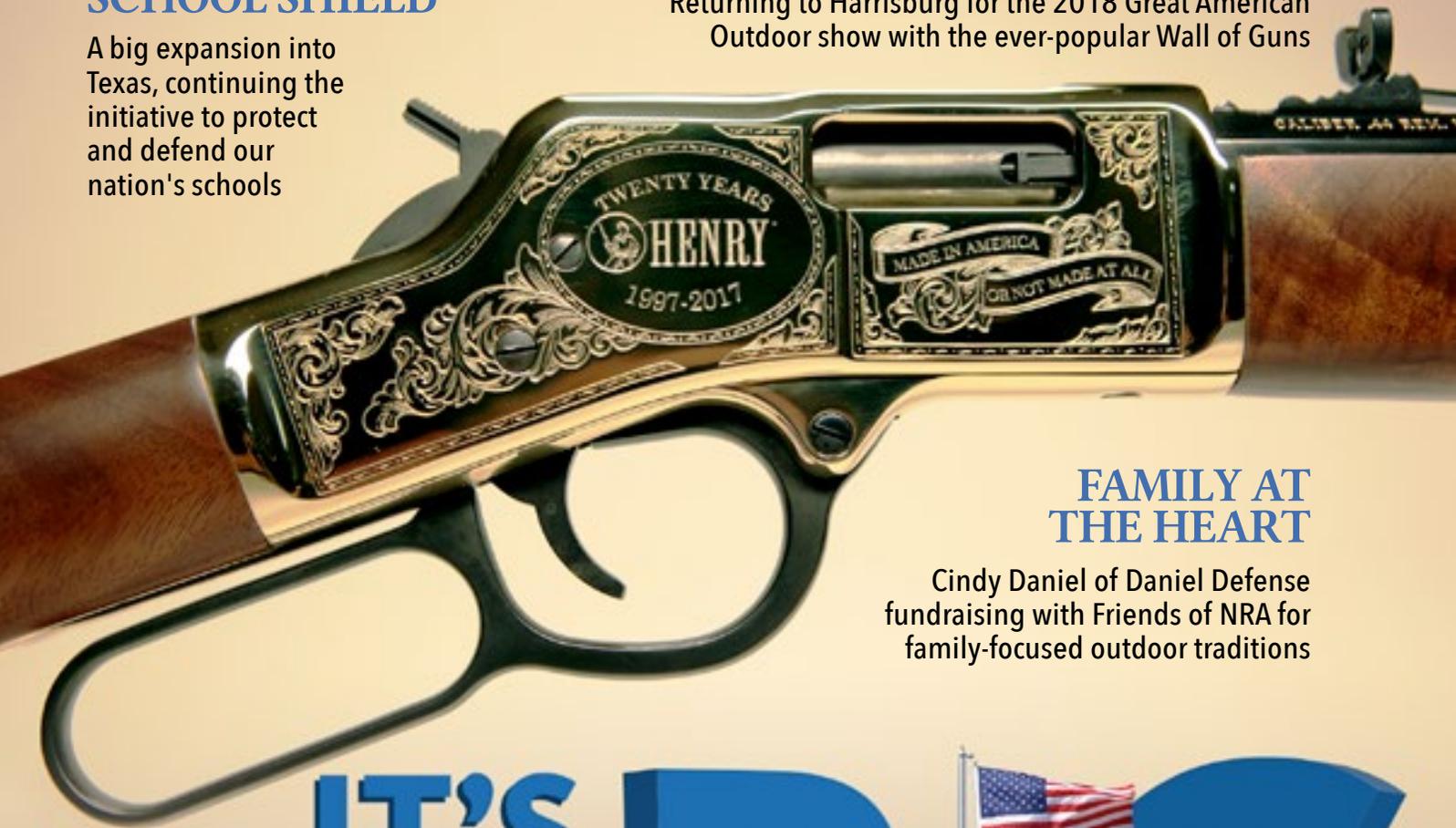
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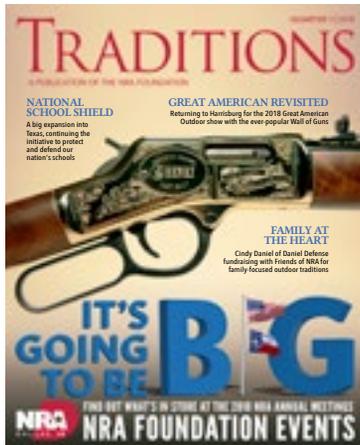
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The National NRA Foundation Banquet

Get ready for The NRA Foundation's banquet and Wall of Guns that will take place at the 2018 NRA Annual Meetings in Dallas!

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A 20th Anniversary Henry Rifle is just one of the many exciting items that will be up for auction at the 2018 National NRA Foundation Banquet in Dallas.

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The Future of Freedom

Volunteers and a dedicated team drive forward The NRA Foundation's mission

Tyler Schropp

*Executive Director,
Office of Advancement*

For nearly 30 years, The NRA Foundation has served the needs of freedom-loving Americans across our great nation. We are proud to Teach Freedom through programs that instill knowledge about America's history, by building partnerships with leaders in your communities, and by providing grants that are instrumental in funding programs that support our shared vision.

But these things don't just happen—our volunteers make them happen. Hailing from every corner of every state, *Friends of NRA* volunteers are dedicated, hard-working and generous with their time and talents. Their passion for the protection of our firearm traditions is evident in all they do, whether it's selling tickets, hanging flyers, working games at events or seeking sponsorships and donations. It takes more than 13,000 volunteers across the country to tackle 1,100 annual *Friends of NRA* events, and we are grateful for the commitment of every single volunteer. Since 1992, *Friends of NRA* has held nearly 21,000 events, reached 4 million attendees and raised \$815 million to support 45,000 NRA Foundation grants. Those are big numbers, and I look forward to doing even more together.

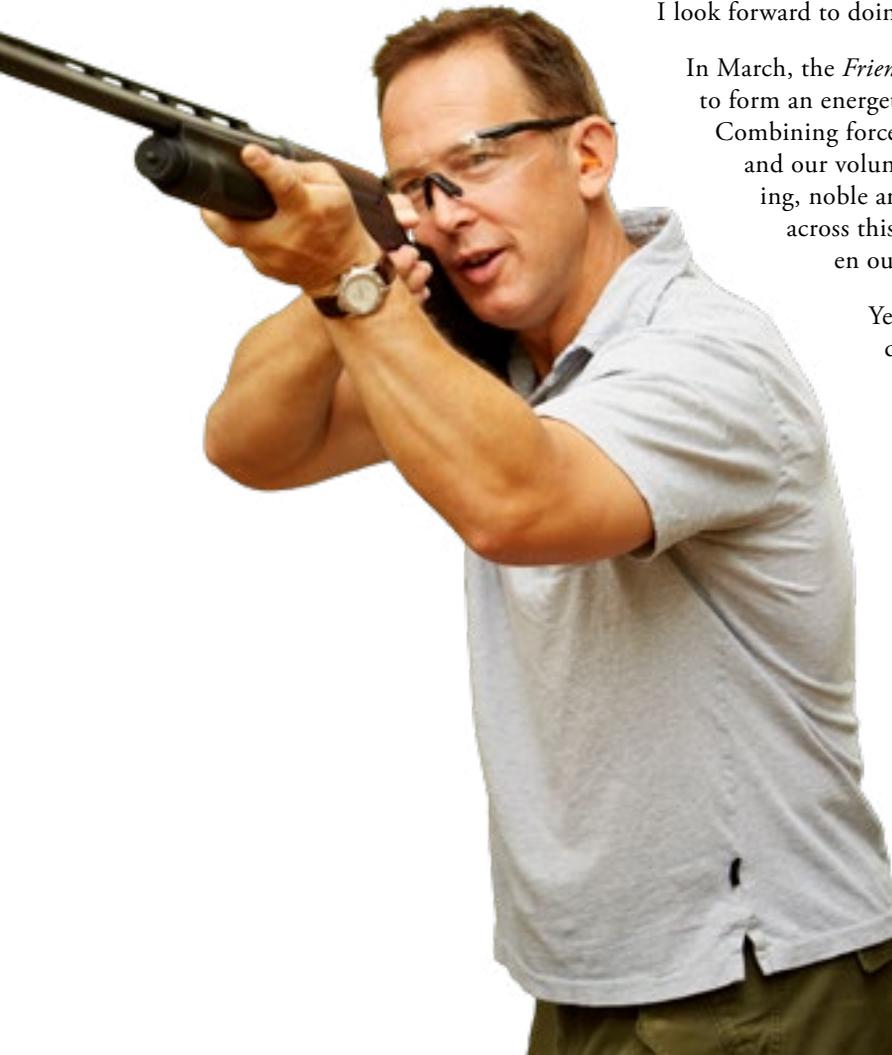
In March, the *Friends of NRA* program and Office of Advancement merged to form an energetic, unified team working for the future of freedom.

Combining forces makes good sense for our organization, our donors and our volunteers. Fundraising for The NRA Foundation is an exciting, noble and rewarding endeavor that benefits millions of people across this country, and this dynamic union will allow us to sharpen our focus and realize goals that at one time seemed lofty.

Year after year, *Friends of NRA* volunteers raise millions of dollars for The NRA Foundation, which generates countless local, state and national grants for programs that support youth shooting sports, range development, women's programs, firearm safety courses, hunters' education and more. Our volunteers are the backbone of our grassroots fundraising efforts, and this exciting unification will only serve to increase our base.

To carry out the important mission of The NRA Foundation, your participation is vital. Whether you can volunteer a lot or a little of your time, we need people like you to help raise money to Teach Freedom. To all who currently serve as volunteers: thank you! To anyone who would like to join our dedicated team: don't be shy!

It is an honor and a privilege to work alongside such loyal and committed patriots. Thank you for all you do for freedom.



SHOOTING STRAIGHT

Q. Share your first recollection of using a firearm. How old were you and who taught you how to shoot?

A. I certainly remember it! It was in the small, one-point range in the basement of my grandfather's gun shop in lower Manhattan. The gunsmith said "Hey kid, let me teach you how to shoot." I remember putting on the safety glasses and being slightly apprehensive about pulling the trigger. I was seven or eight years old.

Q. What does being American mean to you?

A. In short, it means freedom. I take great pride in being a citizen of the greatest country on the planet. I have always felt that I bled red, white and blue. I have been very fortunate to travel this country from sea to shining sea, and see many small towns and rural America. Doing things like visiting the Iowa State Fair, attending a ballgame at a small minor league baseball park, or driving the back roads of the Grand Tetons—it just gets my patriotic juices flowing.

Q. When and how did you first become familiar with and involved with *Friends of NRA* and The NRA Foundation?

A. Henry started shipping guns in 1997, and I would say within two years or so we began working with *Friends of NRA* to supply firearms for fundraising efforts. It's worth noting, however, that my grandfather's gun shop has been around since 1911, so our roots with the NRA overall go way back.

Q. What motivates you in your role as a leader in your company and in the industry?

A. Earning respect every day and keeping our reputation motivates me. I want to be able to hang my hat high, and I want our employees to feel the same way.

Q. How has growing up in the firearms industry and as part of a family-owned business shaped you and shaped what Henry Repeating Arms is today?

A. It has completely shaped who I am and Henry Repeating Arms as a company. I was able to take experiences from every facet of the gun industry—retail, wholesale, export, manufacturing, etc.—and put them to good use when we resurrected the Henry name 20 years ago. Standing behind the gun counter was probably the most helpful, as that is where I was able to learn both sales and, more importantly, customer service. This is why Henry has a great reputation for exceptional customer service.

Q. Describe the most rewarding experience in your career.

A. Starting Henry's Guns for Great Causes has been the most rewarding. We have a chance to give back to worthwhile causes such as individual cases of sick children, children's hospitals, wounded first responders or families of those killed in the line of duty and veterans organizations, along with wildlife conservation and the Second Amendment.

Q. What has been the most humbling experience in your career?

A. Every year we honor veterans at the National NRA Foundation Banquet at NRA Annual Meetings. I have been able to meet the most incredible people: those who have risked their lives in extraordinary circumstances to protect our freedoms. From Louis Zamperini—the World War II veteran who survived 47 days at sea and torture yet retained the ability to forgive those who tortured him—and the 99-year-old veteran George Krakosky who survived Normandy to the 100-year-old veteran Edgar Harrel who survived the sinking of the Indianapolis and other Purple Heart and Medal of Honor recipients, I have been humbled to meet them all, to hear their stories and most importantly to honor them.

Q. What does Anthony Imperato do when he's not working? Is "down time" in your vocabulary?

A. Not to pat myself on the back... but I will! [Laughs] It's been two decades of going at it seven days a week. I just turned 60, and its time to smell some roses and take some down time. In addition, our management team at Henry can not only run things without me, but they can now improve on the foundation. My hobbies are food, wine, travel, politics, history, photography, sports and music. I try to fit in a bit of all of these things.

Q. What is the one question people ask you all the time?

A. What's the best place to eat in New York City—and my favorite firearm.

Q&A with President of Henry Repeating Arms **Anthony Imperato**

Q. Tell us your favorite quote or life motto.

A. Here are more than one that you might find me using: “Don’t take the highs too high, or the lows too low.” And “One grain of sand at a time,” meaning you are not going to build something great overnight—be prepared for the long haul if you want true success. Lastly, “Treat people better than they expect to be treated.” Enough said.

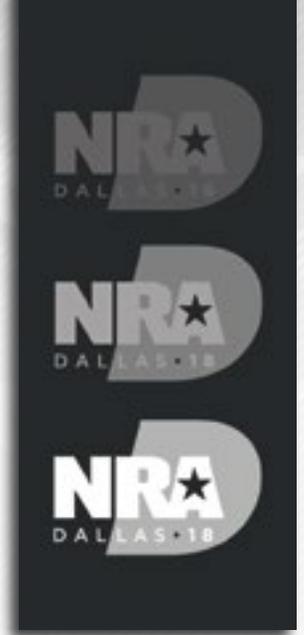
Q. What do you think is the most essential way to protect, share and pass on passion and support for the shooting sports lifestyle and our American freedoms?

A. I like to take a couple of youngsters or an adult who has never handled a firearm to a local outdoor range and make a fun morning out of it. We have breakfast at the range, teach firearms safety, do some shooting—at steel plates, balloons, soda cans, targets—and then go for pizza! It’s a great social experience that teaches discipline and appreciation of the shooting sports. These kinds of experiences will help pass it on.

“ What does being American mean to me? In short, it means freedom. I take great pride in being a citizen of the greatest country on the planet. **”**

THE NATIONAL NRA FOUNDATION BANQUET

By Megan McConnell
Special Projects Manager, National Rifle Association



Fundraising Inspired by Dallas' Big Reputation

This spring The Lone Star State will host thousands of Second Amendment enthusiasts at the 147th NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibits. On Thursday, May 3, at 5:00 p.m. in the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, the National NRA Foundation Banquet will kick off the weekend of events in Dallas, Texas. Join more than 2,000 freedom-loving men and women to celebrate the Second Amendment while raising money for the future of shooting sports!

Premier sponsors of the banquet include Century Arms, Henry Repeating Arms and Kimber. Each sponsor will be attending and speaking about their company's involvement in preserving American shooting traditions and investing in firearms education and training for youth, women, veterans and more. Their support is critical to the mission of The NRA Foundation, allowing it to continue to "Teach Freedom" as the country's leading charitable

organization in support of the shooting sports.

Attendees of the banquet will have the opportunity to play games sponsored by some of the largest firearms manufacturers in the country, including Colt, Lauer Custom Weaponry, Taurus and many others. Guests will also have their chance to bid in the live and silent auctions, which feature one-of-a-kind firearms, merchandise and gear.

The following pages feature some of those auction highlights (all items subject to change). Tickets to the highly anticipated National NRA Foundation Banquet are on sale now—get yours today before they sell out, and you can bet on an evening of excitement and Second Amendment support!

NRA Annual Meetings run May 4-6 in Dallas, Texas. Join The NRA Foundation in The Lone Star State! Buy your tickets for the National NRA Foundation Banquet at www.friendsofnra.org/nationalevents.

THURSDAY, MAY 3 AT 5:00PM

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AUCTION PREVIEW:



DANIEL DEFENSE M4A1 DEEP WOODS 5.56 NATO

Donated by Daniel Defense

The Daniel Defense M4A1 features the M4A1 Rail Interface System (RIS) II, used by U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) for the SOPMOD II Weapons System since 2005. This highly maneuverable rifle is built around a 14.5-inch cold hammer forged M4 profile barrel with a permanently attached pinned-and-welded Daniel Defense flash suppressor to reduce flash signature. The carbine-length gas system provides smooth and reliable cycling under any conditions. The M4A1 RIS II handguard has room for multiple accessories, including optics and lights, and soft Santoprene rail panels protect your hands from heat up to 300° F. The rifle is finished off with the rugged and comfortable Daniel Defense buttstock and pistol grip and is coated with a protective Cerakote finish in Daniel Defense® DEEP WOODS™.



*Daniel Defense M4A1
Deep Woods*



FOX A GRADE 12 GA.

Donated by Savage Arms

This iconic side-by-side is a replica of the original Fox A Grade sold by Savage in 1929, with additional features and components that ensure peak performance for today's hunter. It handles gracefully, points naturally and hits hard, with the same style that has made all Fox shotguns the envy of collectors and serious shooters. The Chromox steel barrels topped with a solid game rib and brass bead sight are built for generations of hard use and elegant beauty that will last.

Fox A Grade

SKB SHOTGUNS MODEL 685 20 GA.

Donated by
SKB Shotguns

Featured on the cover of the September 1992 issue of *American Rifleman*, this prototype for the Model 685 was manufactured in January of that year. A 24-karat gold-plated scene with roller-engraved arabesque scroll on the receiver, hand-etched pivots, and an engraved forend lever enhance this unique over-under shotgun.



SKB Model 685



LCW15

LCW15 DURACHROME™ 5.56 NATO

Donated by Lauer Custom Weaponry

This LCW15 manufactured by Lauer Custom Weaponry is coated in their revolutionary DuraChrome™ product. The coating creates the illusion of hard chrome through a two-step process that results in a mirror-like finish and a firearm that will surely be the most eye catching one at the range! This rifle is custom made for the 2018 NRA Annual Meetings.

FIREARMS



APO M700

SABER® M700™ PRECISION RIFLE SPORTER COMBO .308 WIN

Donated by Ashbury Precision Ordnance Mfg.

The SABER M700 Precision Rifle is designed for recreational rifle shooters, hunters and rifle sports competitors that require the form, fit and functionality of an AR with the proven dependability and accuracy of the legendary Remington Model 700 bolt action rifle. Accurate, dependable and entirely reconfigurable, the new SABER M700 Precision Rifle is proudly made in the USA. It features the highly accurate Remington Model 700 ACC-SD barreled action and X-Mark Pro trigger, along with a new composite sporter forend. The lightweight, low-maintenance Asbury MRCS-AR modular rifle chassis needs no epoxy bedding to provide great accuracy in this precision-engineered rifle platform.



FN M249S® PARA FDE

FN M249S® PARA FDE 5.56 NATO

Donated by FN America

Own the newest addition to the military collector series: the FN M249S® PARA, a semi-auto version of the currently contracted FN M249 PARA. The PARA was designed for airborne, armored infantry and close quarters combat operations with a shorter barrel and collapsible buttstock. It retains all of the features of the FN M249 SAW and can be field-converted back to the standard model configuration in just 30 seconds. The FN 249S platform uses a chrome-lined, cold hammer-forged barrel and makes the most of potential accuracy by incorporating closed-bolt firing, a robust gas system, and intelligent stock design.



Henry Anniversary
Edition Big Boy



HENRY 20TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION BIG BOY .44 MAG

Donated by Henry Repeating Arms

An icon in the firearms industry, Henry Repeating Arms is proudly celebrating 20 years of American manufacturing. In observance of this anniversary, Henry Repeating Arms has created a special edition of its highly popular Big Boy .44 Magnum lever action rifle. The Anniversary Edition Big Boy features highly-detailed, hand-chased engraving on the brass receiver, hand-selected AAA Presentation-grade American Walnut, and special "One of Twenty" serial numbers.

MERCHANDISE AND



RAM ART

Donated by Abbie Cleek Illustrations

This 3 ft. x 4 ft. print depicts a European mount ram skull in stunning black and white chalk art. The original chalk sketch on metal canvas was created by Abbie Cleek, a proud U.S. Navy veteran from Anchorage, Alaska.

JOHN WAYNE BULLET COLLAGE

Donated by Southwestern Indiana *Friends of NRA*

Perfect for the true John Wayne collector, this collage features an original "Big Jake" movie poster in the background, an original photo of the Duke autographed by the man himself, and a .44-40 bullet and brass casing fired out of a Winchester Model 92 rifle used by John Wayne in numerous films. The Winchester Model 92 mounted in the frame is a real rifle and can be removed from the frame and fired if you wish. Also included in the collage is a three-inch bronze John Wayne medallion, first day John Wayne Postal Covers, and other commemorative John Wayne and NRA medallions that are set into the matting to further accentuate this piece of history. Beautifully framed by Little Bird Picture Framing Studio in Evansville, Ind.

THIN BLUE LINE WOODEN AMERICAN FLAG SIGNED BY SHERIFF DAVID CLARK

Donated by Flags of Valor

The "Thin Blue Line" is a continuation of Flags of Valor's tribute to first responders. Its name comes from the distinct heritage of the law enforcement family. These brave men and women serve honorably all over our nation and this flag combines our nation's heritage with law enforcement's history of the "long blue line" of service that preceded them. This flag has been signed by Sheriff David Clarke Jr.



TRIJICON COLLECTOR'S EDITION ACOG

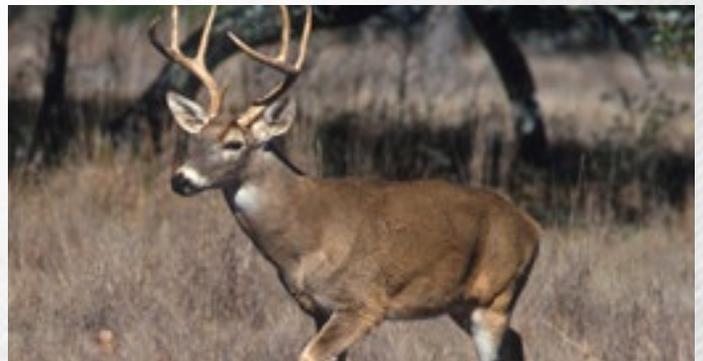
Donated by Trijicon

In 2017 Trijicon celebrated the production of its one millionth 4x32 ACOG scope. The Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight gained popularity with the armed forces beginning with Operation Desert Storm, and it has been deployed on the Marine Corp Infantry rifle ever since. Today, you will find Trijicon's ACOG on the rifles of many professional fighting forces around the world. To commemorate this great milestone, Trijicon created 100 collector's edition ACOGs with serial numbers 1,000,000 through 1,000,099, and it is donating one of these unique scopes to The NRA Foundation to help raise money to continue to educate and fight for hunting rights.

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GETS A BIG TEXAS WELCOME

“Everything’s bigger in Texas,” promises a popular saying. Last fall the National School Shield® program witnessed firsthand the truth of that claim during a visit to Jourdanton, Texas.



Located just outside of San Antonio near the center of Atascosa County, Jourdanton is a small, tight-knit community rich in diverse culture and heritage. It provided the perfect setting for the first National School Shield Security Assessor Training in the Lone Star State, hosted thanks to the generous support of The NRA Foundation, *Friends of NRA* and the Alice Kleberg Reynolds Foundation.

Introduced in December 2012, the NRA’s National School Shield® program focuses on improving school security and helping prevent tragedies at educational institutions in America. It continues to quickly gain traction in many communities across the nation, all working toward a singular mission—to protect our children.

By Sheila Brantley
Program Director, National School Shield



A cornerstone of the National School Shield program is our Security Assessor Training, which seeks to facilitate a partnership between schools and local stakeholders in a shared commitment to more secure schools. At the conclusion of this training, participants are adequately primed to conduct school vulnerability assessments and assist schools in recognizing security strengths as well as potential vulnerabilities.

Those assessments—which provide an all-inclusive approach to analyzing a school’s climate, physical security, communications systems, and overall preparedness—are a proven and effective way to enhance security in schools. With that understanding, officials in Jourdanton eagerly welcomed the opportunity to add this tool to their school security plan.

“It was an honor to host this important training for our community,” said Jourdanton Police Chief Eric Kaiser. “Jourdanton has long been committed to making our schools and our community as safe as possible. To be able to bring this nationally-recognized training to our region at no cost to our community was very rewarding.”

On the first day of training, participants were treated to authentic Texas barbeque, compliments of the Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA). The TMPA is an organization dedicated to protecting the rights and interests of Texas law enforcement officers. It assisted in ensuring this

training was approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), which oversees required continuing education credits for law enforcement officers.

“I enjoyed being able to provide lunch to the officers at this training as a way of saying thanks on behalf of TMPA,” said John Wilkerson, a Field Representative for the North Central/West Texas/Panhandle region. “This is my favorite part about being a TMPA Field Representative: being able to take care of Peace Officers across the state; whether it is instructing courses, supporting them like this while attending trainings, or assisting them during legal situations. At TMPA, we believe in taking care of our members, and would like to thank Chief Kaiser for inviting us in to do so.”

The second day of the training is typically the first opportunity to really walk around the school and begin conducting the school assessment. Our goal is to minimize any disruption to the school day, and oftentimes the students, though aware of our presence, do not really engage with our training participants as they make their way between classes.

But this training was in Texas.

At lunchtime, the school asked if the training participants could come to the library. Upon arrival they were greeted with quite possibly the largest spread possible of all the fixin’s for fajitas, plus various delicious sides and an abundance of sweet treats. Handwritten messages decorated

the tables, thanking the law enforcement officers for their service and for taking the time during this particular week to help make their school more secure.

Not only were the students aware of the training, but they were expressively grateful for it. Police Chief Kaiser was presented with a card which he read aloud to the all those gathered. Then, true to the Texas spirit, the students asked if they could pray for the officers.

This training was special because it took place in Jourdanton, Texas, and these students had recently experienced profound tragedy. They knew the importance of coming together to help one another and recognizing others for their service to community. The lunch was offered on behalf of the Madi McCleary Kindness and Compassion Club, in honor of their late classmate. Madi McCleary passed away much too soon with her younger brother Tanner in a tragic car accident earlier last year. The club’s mission is simple—performing random acts of kindness wherever you go.

Thanks to this small community with a big Texas heart, National School Shield now has a starting point from which to grow in the Lone Star State... all while continuing to #spreadkindnessforMandT. ■

Find out about the National School Shield® program’s Security Assessor Training in your area at www.nationalschoolshield.org or contact us at info@nationalschoolshield.org or 844-467-7723 for more information.



Second Amendment F
Schuman
Family **Va**

By Gary Lantz

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The Schumanns are newspaper people. In the early 20th century, John Schumann's dad moved to Vero Beach, Fla., from Indiana and established the Vero Beach Press Journal. Following a stint in the Army, his son John took over as publisher in 1978 and he served in that role for almost twenty years.



The Press Journal was an old school newspaper, dedicated to telling the truth: exploring both sides of an issue and upholding the integrity of the First Amendment. Each generation of the Schumanns made sure to maintain these principles. They understood a democracy couldn't survive without free speech and a free press, and that all the amendments—including the Second—were equally important to the preservation of a free society.

The Schumanns are a family that “prays together and plays together,” an adage John's wife, Kathi, is fond of expressing. And over the generations, an extensive amount of that ‘play’ has revolved around firearms.

John's uncle was a hunter who manufactured his own guns. He passed that love of shooting and hunting on to his nephew, who in turn passed it along to his family.

Kathi grew up in Vero Beach enjoying hunting trips with her father. Her marriage to John allowed the two of them to enjoy shooting and hunting as a hobby that has helped bind the family together. All the children, including their daughter and four sons, learned to enjoy the shooting sports and the outdoors through mentoring from both Mom and Dad.

John continued to publish the Journal until 1996, when he sold it to pursue his passions, which include vintage aircraft, race cars, international hunting and, of course, family.

The sale was not without regret, especially as over the years he watched more and more publishers use their publications as a bully pulpit against the Second Amendment freedoms he held dear.

In 1993, Schumann couldn't hold his tongue any longer. Editor & Publisher, a trade journal many consider the voice of modern newspaper publishing, printed a column blasting both the National Rifle Association and individual firearm ownership in general. Schumann called the editor, questioned the integrity of such biased reporting, and received equal time and space to pen words on behalf of the Second Amendment. Schumann, a military veteran and a hunter since childhood, understood the need to take a stand for such deeply held beliefs.

“I've always felt strongly about the Second Amendment,” he said. “Without the right to keep and bear arms we wouldn't have free speech, a free press, a constitutional government, our American way of life. The Second Amendment protects all our basic individual freedoms.”

Schumann also knows that shooting and gun ownership can aid individuals who are overcoming hardship. His son Gene, who was injured in an accident when he was 20, fought through hours of rehabilitation, determined to someday hunt and shoot again. Today, he does both from a wheelchair.

Gene's struggles to regain enough mobility to use firearms made his father aware of the growing need for

disabled shooting programs underwritten by The NRA Foundation. Hundreds of wounded warriors were returning from military service with a desire to re-establish, as much as possible, the lives they'd enjoyed before their wartime injuries.

Considering this, John went to the NRA with a challenge. He would match, dollar-for-dollar up to \$75,000, any gift to the organization's Disabled Shooting Services Endowment. His generosity is credited with substantially ending this important program.

“These young men and women deserve a fair shake,” Schumann points out. Through his son, he's seen firsthand the difference in outlook and attitude a gun can make when placed in the hands of a young person recovering from an injury. He has also seen wounded warrior programs continue to help returning veterans readjust to lifestyles they thought might be lost forever.

Gene's recovery has been so successful that he's now an accomplished amateur gunsmith and owner of Cottonmouth Armory in Vero Beach. He and John's other two sons, one in the financial world and another a journalist-publisher like his father, all retain a love of guns and hunting—a natural by-product of their rural upbringing, according to John.





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Not long ago, all three boys accompanied their dad to Alaska on a bear hunt. It was a successful outing for all, generating stories and photos to share with their mother and sister during holiday family gatherings.

John and Kathi didn't let retirement slow the pace of their hunting pursuits. They've been to Scotland, Africa, Alaska, Austria, Spain, and back to their favorite spot in the lower 48, the antelope plains of Wyoming.

Although he doesn't use them for travel, John does have his own hangar filled with vintage aircrafts. A pilot since his high school days in Vero Beach, he can load up the entire clan, including Prinz, the family dog, for a quick recreational flight. Prinz dons his own headgear when it's time to go airborne.

John's race car collection also gets a good workout on a test track built on family land. Everybody races—Mom, Dad, boys and girls. John's son Mark even met his wife, Cheri, at a race where they were both driving.

Off the track, John and Kathi have been winning the race of their own united lives for more than 50 years now, praying and playing together in a manner that's yielded a successful business, an enduring marriage and a happy family that has gone on to forge their own success stories.

“We've spent a lot of time together doing the things we love,” Kathi admits, alluding to the Schumann winning formula. An animal lover, she continues volunteer work with charities including Dogs for Life, a longtime favorite. She also maintains a special spot in her heart for



horses, especially Tennessee Walkers.

The Schumanns also support local charities including art museums, theatre, education, senior citizens and animal rescue groups. It's their way of giving back to the place they've always called home.

Ask John Schumann about the secret behind his family's success and he'll credit America's founding fathers, men who risked their lives to provide a fledgling nation with strong individual rights, including free speech.

The First Amendment allowed for newspapers that could report honestly and openly. At the same time, the Second Amendment stood ready to protect that right.

Today they continue to work together “like bookends enclosing a universal truth,” John says. Just remember that there are two sides to every story, and that gun owners also have a right to be heard. ■

For more information about the firearms training and education programs supported by The NRA Foundation, including the Disabled Shooting Services Endowment, visit www.nrafoundation.org.

WALL OF GUNS
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TICKET PACKAGES

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\$10	1 red dot	PER TICKET
\$50	5 red dots	5 TICKETS & 1 BINGO CARD
\$100	10 red dots	10 TICKETS & A T-SHIRT & 1 BINGO CARD
\$500	25 red dots	25 TICKETS & A T-SHIRT & 1 BINGO CARD & 1 A RUGER 1022 TAKE-DOWN
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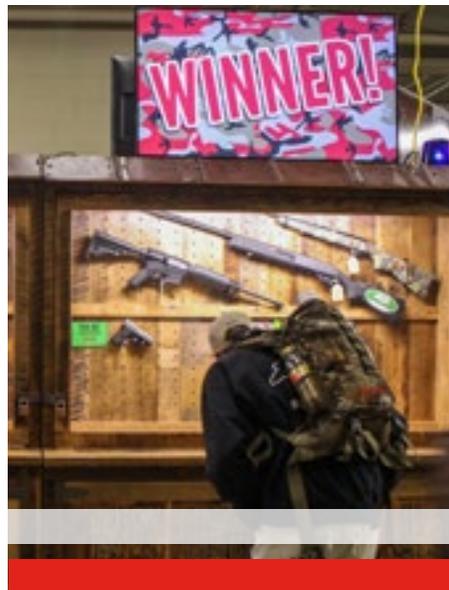
Great American Revisited



Kicking off on Super Bowl weekend this February, the 2018 Great American Outdoor Show was an exciting nine days for all who attended. More than 200,000 people from 47 states descended on Harrisburg, Pa., from February 3-11 to celebrate all things outdoors. The Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex hosted 1,100 exhibitors in eight halls packed with firearms, boats, outdoor products, and archery gear—enough to occupy multiple days of exploring the show floor. Right in the middle of all the action was The NRA Foundation Wall of Guns.

The Wall of Guns, sponsored by Henry Repeating Arms, has been an attendee favorite since NRA took over the show in 2014. For only \$10 participants have a 1-in-100 chance to win a brand new firearm or a \$400 cash prize. After every 100 tickets sold, another winner is drawn. With the Wall continually selling out rounds, more than 160 firearms were raffled away over the nine-day show. The selection of more than 40 firearms, \$400 in cash, or a South African Safari with Wild Wildebeest Lodge made the \$10 ticket an easy buy for most attendees. The most popular firearms on the wall turned out to be the Benelli NOVA 12 gauge Max 5, Ruger 10/22 Takedown, Tristar Arms Setter 12 gauge, Ruger American Rifle Predator 6.5 Creedmoor, and Henry Big Boy Silver .44 Mag./Spl.

New this year was another opportunity to win with the Wall of Guns—Wall of Guns Bingo! Attendees who purchased at least \$50 worth of tickets received a bingo card featuring vendors at the show like



B&W Trailer Hitches, Champion Safe Co., Dubula Safaris, Gunbroker.com, Eastern PA *Friends of NRA*, and many other NRA Programs. Once bingo players visited enough vendors to check off five in a row on their cards, they were entered into a drawing to win a Henry Repeating Arms Second Amendment Tribute Edition rifle.

Another option for attendees who wanted to increase their chances to win was to purchase a \$100 ticket package including 10 tickets and an exclusive Wall of Guns t-shirt. For those who wanted to make sure they went home owning a new firearm, they could choose a \$500 package of 15 tickets with which the buyer automatically received a Ruger 10/22 Takedown and a t-shirt. The most popular package was the \$100 package, and, with a 1 in 10 chance to win, many buyers won their choice of firearm or cash off of the wall!



Throughout the week, the Wall of Guns raised more than \$170,000 for The NRA Foundation and the future of America's shooting sports and hunting traditions. Such a successful return to Harrisburg would not have been possible without the dedicated attendees, volunteers, staff and participants. We look forward to another amazing show in 2019! ■

Join us at the 2019 Great American Outdoor Show! Visit friendsofnra.org/NationalEvents and greatamericanoutdoorshow.org to learn more about the NRA Foundation events.

SNAP



Volunteers representing seven counties attended the 2018 Southern California workshop and grant meeting in Rancho Cucamonga in January.



Royal High School Air Force JROTC members accept their grant from The NRA Foundation in Southern California.



Participants in the NRA Foundation grant-supported Colorado Young Guns display certificates of completion.



NRA Senior Knight with



This committee in Louisiana has a record of raising more than \$100 thousand dollars each year.



Aiken Friends of NRA in South Carolina reached High Caliber Club level in 2017.



An East Texas committee is recognized for Protector Club Level fundraising in 2017.



NRA Field Rep for South Carolina Freeman Coleman (right) with his Volunteers of the Year for 2016 and 2017.



Brazos Sportsman's Club 4-H Coach Jason and his students display their grant check for more than \$6,500 from The NRA Foundation.



Field Rep for South Florida Tom his 2017 Volunteer of the Year



Dundee High School Trap Club in Michigan received nearly \$3000 in grant support from The NRA Foundation last year.



Celebrating the Protector Club Level committee and highest net event in South Florida: Greater Fort Myers!



There were many Club Level committees to celebrate at the Southern Illinois Friends of NRA Regional Event!



High Caliber Club Level fundraising achievements are recognized at the State Fund Committee Meeting



The Wisconsin State Fund Committee meets to decide which grants to recommend for funding.



Submit your Friends of NRA and NRA Foundation photos to friends@nrahq.org! Help us celebrate our fundraising and shooting sports memories.



The Wisconsin NRA Annual State Convention brings together all the state's Friends of NRA committees at the Annual Awards Banquet.

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Expanding Horizons

By Brent Hinchcliff
2017 Youth Education Summit Participant



Secluded in rural Bedford County, Pa., Everett Area High School provides students with opportunities to learn and experience the value of the shooting sports and the Second Amendment. The schools' coed rifle team offers a competitive shooting experience that takes students far beyond their county lines.

Photos credit/Scott Stover



Each year Everett competes in at least a dozen matches against other schools' teams as they battle their way to the state-wide competition. This past season both the Junior Varsity and Varsity shooting teams went undefeated with an impressive 12 wins. Eleven of the 14 team members set personal best scores, and a team score of 1422 in one match set a new school and league record. The team continued its winning streak at the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) State Championships, earning the Smallbore title for the second year in a row.

"The team this year has far exceeded my expectations," Head Coach Ethan Cessna reflected on the season. "I knew we had a great team, but as the year progressed so did our scores. Our team dynamics this year have been phenomenal and our upperclassmen have been great mentors to the underclassmen. We accomplished everything we set out to do this year and then some."

NRA Foundation grants have played a consistent role in supporting the program's success. From 2010 through 2017, the Everett Area School District received six grants totaling nearly \$24,000. And the funding continues in 2018, with another grant of nearly \$4,000 awarded for the purchase of a gun safe and match-grade ammo. These grants not only help make it possible for young athletes to compete in an exciting sport—they also help the Everett rifle program teach students a wide range of life skills and influence their futures.

One of team's top athletes is Allison Klavuhn, who led Everett at the Smallbore

State Championship with a 566. "Being part of the Everett Rifle Program has greatly improved my high school experience," she shared. "It has given me many new opportunities that I didn't know were available. It has not only improved my shooting ability, but has also made me a more fo-



ocused, responsible and sociable individual. Since I joined, I have made many new friends within the program. It is almost like the team is one big family."

The team holds practice three to four days a week. During each practice, the ath-



letes spend a majority of the time behind the trigger—athletes practice getting in and out of several positions and work on steadying their aim and finding tranquility.

"One special thing we get to do is our Fun Match at the end of the season," explained Camden Domahoe, another one of Everett's top athletes. "Coach Cessna

comes up with fun and difficult shooting challenges to try and get us to relax a bit. We've split playing cards, shot flames off of candles, and hit erasers off of pencils."

The opportunities offered by the Everett rifle program are helping students develop new interests and identify post-graduation goals—leading to high ambitions for many of these young athletes. "I hope that upon graduating from high school," noted Luke Brambley, "this program will help me earn shooting sports scholarships to provide a more affordable way to go to college and maybe one day to compete in the Olympics."

But firearm education, training and competition is not just a sport or an avenue for seeking scholarships—it is a way of life and a tradition passed down by each generation to the next. The NRA Foundation and *Friends of NRA* recognize the importance of teaching freedom through those methods, and they work to provide youth around the nation with opportunities like the ones available to Everett High School students.

These efforts are investments in future generations, instilling in them a respect for our American values and the importance of the Second Amendment—as well as expanding their horizons for be-

coming passionate, engaged and successful citizens. ■

Apply for a grant for your shooting sports program at nrafoundation.org. Help Friends of NRA raise the funding for these NRA Foundation grants by attending an event near you! Find one at friendsofnra.org.



Volunteer *the* lives up

By Christina Paladeau
Event Marketing & Communications Coordinator,
National Rifle Association

When it comes to living up to a reputation, it's hard to find a better example than the dedicated supporters of *Friends of NRA* in western Tennessee. For everyone from committee members and shooting sports program coordinators to local business owners looking to support their community, volunteering is a love that runs deep.

Friends of NRA committees all across the region—and even the entire state—have enjoyed a special boost to their fundraising efforts for several years. It comes in the form of Scott Kilby, owner of the local Range USA, Inc., indoor shooting and training facilities.

“Range USA has been involved with *Friends of NRA* in some capacity since we opened in 2002,” Scott explains. “Range USA is passionate about the Second Amendment and the vital role our youth will play in protecting that freedom—they are ones the baton will be handed off to. Through the many programs The NRA Foundation supports, contributes to, funds and generally makes possible, it is reaching so many young people. Range USA loves and supports all the wonderful things *Friends of NRA* is involved with. My only regret is that we aren't able to help even more than we do!”

“Scott is a true patriot and friend to *Friends of NRA*,” says Mike Webb, NRA senior field representative for Tennessee. “Range USA hosts our Gun-O-Rama events at its two locations in Jackson and Memphis. Scott donates door prizes, food and range time for attendees of those events and hosts other fundraising contests for us in his shops all the time.”

Driving the interest in and success of those Gun-O-Rama's even more, Scott pays for all postage on the promotional marketing materials sent out by the committees and also advertises in the Range USA newsletter—which reaches tens of thousands of shooting sports enthusiasts in the area. Postage might seem like a minor detail in a fundraising budget, but that donation adds up to more than \$10,000 in net revenue to the Memphis *Friends of NRA* event and more than \$7,000 to the Forked Deer *Friends of NRA* event in Jackson.

For the Memphis, West Tennessee, Tipton County, Fayette

County and Forked Deer *Friends of NRA* banquet events, Scott underwrites the firearm door prize and provides a free range pass—valued at \$18—to every attendee. Plus he sponsors four event game tables at his hometown banquet in Memphis. In 2017 and 2018, Scott also contributed to *Friends of NRA* as a statewide donor, providing God's Glory Bible for every event held in Tennessee to use for its fundraising efforts.

“I'm always thrilled to see the fundraising success at the area *Friends of NRA* banquets that Range USA supports and donates to,” notes Scott. “Obviously, Range USA is not the only reason all the banquets do so well—it's because of the community involvement including other supporting business and the amazing committee volunteers.”

One of those volunteers is Mitch Dean, the new chairman of the Memphis *Friends of NRA* committee. He returns that recognition and appreciation for all the contributions of time, space and monetary support provided by Range USA to the Memphis committee. “Scott and the team at Range USA have a huge impact on our fundraising efforts through a multitude of ways,” he notes. “They contribute thousands of dollars of support, act as one of our event FFLs, provide space for our committee to meet and help in most any way that we ask. They are truly one of the anchor holds to our success. We also have a phenomenal field rep in Mike Webb and some of the finest people on our committee that I've ever met. It's an honor to work with all of them.”

When Mitch came across *Friends of NRA* through a Google search in 2014, he quickly put the full weight of his volunteering commitment into the program after learning about the impact of NRA Foundation grants.

“Having been in non-profit work before and having a newfound passion for shooting, I decided to explore [the program] deeper,” Mitch explains. “I went to my first committee meeting and learned about the work being done in our area from some of the coaches and supporters. One coach worked with a small group of young men at an inner-city school that would be the last place



State *to its name*

you would expect to have a trap program. I heard, from more than one witness, the discipline of those young men and respect they demonstrated to their coach, the other competitors and their sport. That's when I decided this was an effort in which I could invest myself."

Fellow Memphis *Friends of NRA* committee members Johnny McFarland and Robert Gorman join Mitch as dedicated volunteers. They both see the fundraising come full circle, experiencing the direct impact of grant funding through their involvement with local firearms education and training programs.

The MidSouth Quail Forever chapter, for which Johnny McFarland is the sporting clays chairman, has received 11 NRA Foundation grants totaling nearly \$14,000 to fund the organization's Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) and Youth Quail Hunt activities.

"The NRA Foundation grants enable us to have a much larger group participate than the chapter could afford on our own," Johnny notes. "Our Quail Forever chapter became involved with *Friends of NRA* more than ten years ago. We usually sell out one or two tables at the banquet each year, and banquet committee members volunteer at the YHEC event. Our chapter is happy to support *Friends of NRA* events, and we have even been a statewide sponsor in conjunction with other Tennessee Quail Forever chapters. The NRA Foundation has been a big supporter of youth hunts and youth events throughout the state of Tennessee."

Among those youth activities, the Arlington Trappers has received an NRA Foundation grant every year since 2007—adding up to 12 grants totaling more than \$40,000—for its Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) team. Robert Gorman continues to help with the Arlington Trappers shotgun and Arlington Steel action pistol programs after eight years of direct involvement.

"The ammo, firearms, practice equipment and safety gear provided through NRA Foundation grants have allowed us to practice more and develop skills, including through dryfire systems and other training devices when we cannot shoot outside," Robert

explains. "When it all comes down to it, these young men and women are the future of shooting sports and gun safety, so it really is all about them and making an impact on their lives. *Friends of NRA* understands that and helps provide an avenue for young people to be involved with shooting sports."

Robert also emphasizes the value in the approach that *Friends of NRA* takes to fundraising for and promoting firearms training and education programs. "I really like how *Friends of NRA* is not political and is all volunteer-driven," he shares. "It is for programs that help kids, law enforcement, hunting initiatives and all kinds of safety programs. I continue to volunteer for the program due to the impact it can have on youth, women and shooting programs across the country."

Robert captures the driving force behind his fellow west Tennessee *Friends of NRA* volunteers and community supporters—and that of everyone around the country who works to continue building this program's success. The efforts of these Memphis committee members and local sponsor Range USA prove that where there's a volunteer spirit, there's a positive impact just around the corner.

"At every banquet, there is a list of programs that The NRA Foundation funds statewide," Scott concludes. "I have seen the Eddie Eagle Program brought to several area law enforcement agencies and seen the program delivered to area schools. And I am aware of several area high school trap teams that wouldn't exist without the NRA Foundation grants funded by *Friends of NRA*. So, I know that *Friends of NRA* is touching the lives of children and teenagers all over west Tennessee for the better! It makes me proud to know that Range USA played a part and contributed to the community and our young people in all those wonderful ways. And, I just want to see those numbers and programs grow." ■

*Apply for an NRA Foundation grant for your firearms training programs, range projects and more at www.nrafoundation.org. Support the grant program by attending a *Friends of NRA* event near you! Find one at www.friendsofnra.org/Events.*



By Kathy Borucki
WWCCA Women's Sport Shooting Member

Western Wayne County Conservation Association in Michigan has received NRA Foundation grants of ammunition, safety equipment and targets used for Women's Sport Shooting shotgun and handgun programs. The programs help support women in continuing their training and encourage new shooters to gain the necessary training to handle a firearm with confidence. Here, one participant shares her personal story about the impact of this firearms training on her life.



I had always maintained that I would never allow a gun in my home. But in June 2012 that perspective started to change. While I was visiting my sister's family, one of my nephew's friends came over with his handgun. My sister and her husband own 10 acres of land, so we were able to take it outside and do some target practice in their yard. Looking at a target about 10 to 15 yards away, I told myself, "If I can hit that from here I will buy myself a gun." I shot twice and the bullets ended up in the circle—so I started preparing.

Come Christmas time I remember going to the shop and looking at all the guns, with my eye on a certain .38 Special. But by January, there were hardly any guns left in the case—most had been purchased due to that December's firearms and ammunition scare. However, there sat another .38 Special, and I bought it! Frankly, I was intimidated by it, but I was also very excited.

I knew I needed training and wanted to take a CPL (Concealed Pistol License) class. So, I enrolled 14 family members and myself and had the instructor come to my sister's house to do the training. It was a full day's event, including the shooting part of the test which we did in the backyard. We all passed and we all received our CPLs.

However, I was still not comfortable carrying or shooting on my own. We would go to the shooting range, but I couldn't shake the question: "What if it

jams? What if... What if... What if...?" I just didn't feel confident with a firearm yet—never mind a loaded one.

Then, I accompanied a friend to shop for her own firearm, and the salesman told us about the Western Wayne County Conservation Association (WWCCA) and its women's firearms training programs like "Galz and Gunz." I wasted no time looking it up and calling for more information, and we were invited to come and check out the club. After



Photos courtesy/WWCCA Women's Sport Shooting

visiting, I started reading the WWCCA website and came across Dianne Salata's name for Handgun Training. I called her and set up an appointment for both a friend and me to start training. That call changed my life!

Going to a gun club was intimidating to me as a woman, but Dianne made me feel welcomed and safe with her patience, knowledge and emphasis on safety. Through one-on-one training she taught us so much about firearms and safe gun handling. She was genuinely interested in teaching us, and teaching us the right way. We started with handguns and then moved into shotguns shortly after.

My friend and I both joined the WWCCA that same year—perhaps the best decision I've ever made. We started going at least every other weekend for training and immediately joined the monthly Women's Handgun Training class. It was exciting to meet and shoot with other women as a group. I felt supported, and I was having a lot of fun. Dianne continued to be encouraging and safety-oriented, which made me feel comfortable.

And I was starting to feel more and more confident in my own skills.

During the Handgun Training classes, Dianne would have other experienced gun handlers with us to observe, to give us tips, to help in case of a jam or other problem. That's how we met Frank, a retired Marine captain whom we've grown to love and who joined Dianne in emphasizing safety on and off the range.

Their club also hosted a Women's Trap League, so I bought a shotgun in the fall

and joined the Trap League the following spring. Again, Dianne was so very patient with her one-on-one training. Although I would only hit a few clays in the beginning, I would get so excited when I did hit one. It was so much fun shooting with other women who enjoy

the same sport. I was really feeling comfortable and supported!

After I joined the Women's Handgun and Trap Leagues, I met more and more people at the club. Through them, I connected to other NRA training classes and participated in various events to further my knowledge, experience and enjoyment. The Personal Protection Outside the Home was an especially intense course, but it provided great no-nonsense training. Now I carry with confidence, and I know I can protect myself, my family, and my home if I had to.

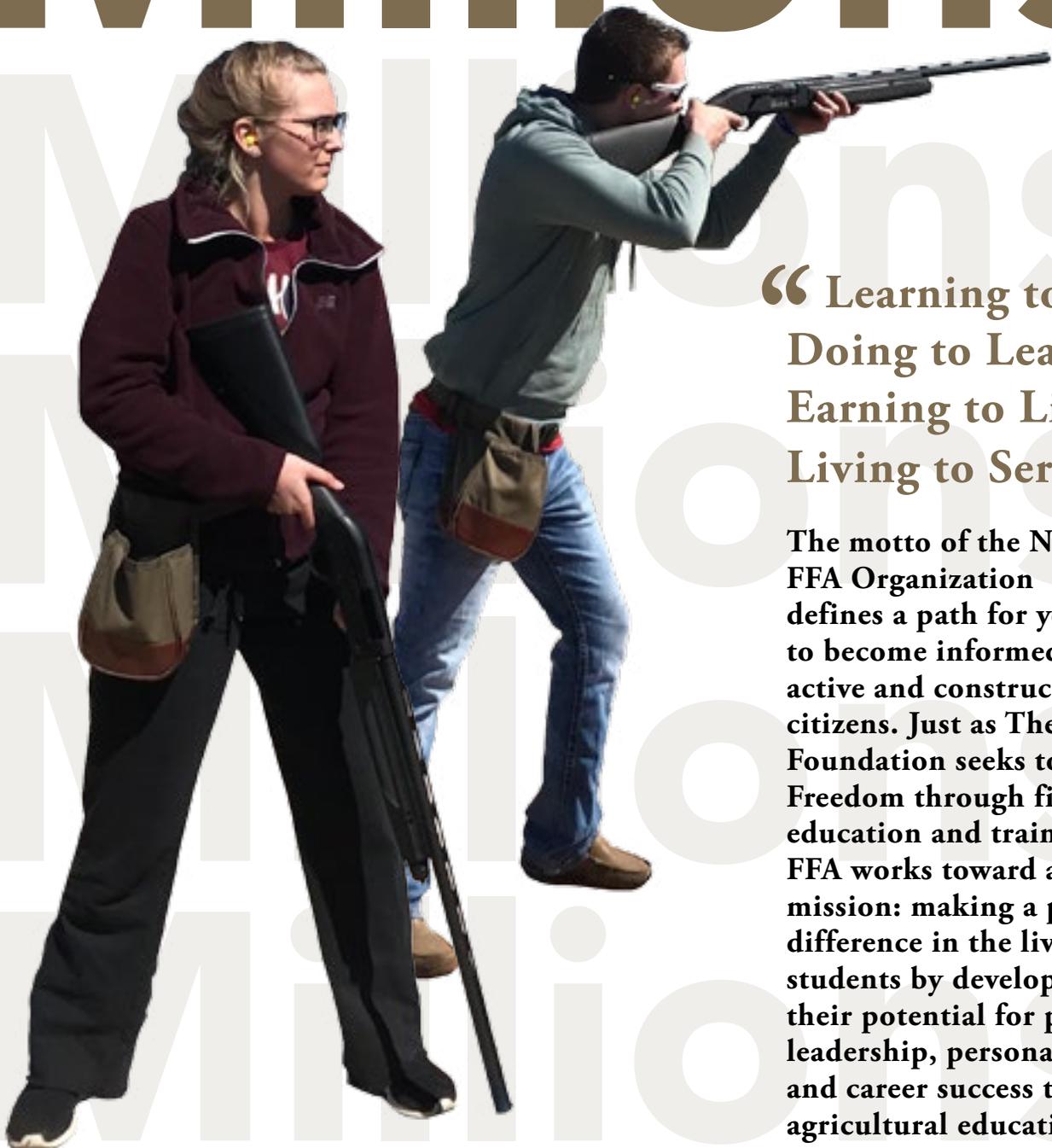
Meeting Dianne and joining the WWCCA Women's Handgun and Trap Leagues has truly empowered me and made me a confident and responsible gun carrying woman. That one call truly changed my life! ■

Apply for a grant to fund your women's firearm training programs and more at www.nrafoundation.org. Attend a Friends of NRA event near you to fundraise in support of these grants! Find one at www.friendsofnra.org/Events.



Building a Future of Millions

By Tyler Proksa
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National Rifle Association*



“ Learning to Do,
Doing to Learn,
Earning to Live,
Living to Serve. ”

The motto of the National FFA Organization defines a path for youth to become informed, active and constructive citizens. Just as The NRA Foundation seeks to Teach Freedom through firearms education and training, FFA works toward a similar mission: making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

As an organization that embraces the same values of learning and leading, FFA has benefitted from vast amounts of NRA Foundation grant support. The Oklahoma State FFA (OK FFA) alone has received 197 grants totaling nearly one million dollars in funding, making OK FFA the second largest recipient of shooting sports grants in the country.

In addition to agriculture and wildlife education, firearms training also plays a big role in OK FFA. The organization does an amazing job of introducing boys and girls to the shooting sports with an emphasis on safety, sportsmanship and continuous education. The goal? To preserve the shooting sports by sharing it with the next generation. “It’s crucial we educate the youth,” emphasizes Matt Davis, chairman of the Southeastern Oklahoma *Friends of NRA* committee, “because we could be one generation away from losing the Second Amendment.”

Those efforts to teach youth to love and respect Second Amendment freedoms and traditions is no small task, and they require the right resources. That is where The NRA Foundation comes in. For chapters such as the Drummond Public Schools FFA, the six grants totaling more than \$43,000 that they have received since 2009 have helped expand their local program. The support allowed them to create their own elementary archery team in 2016, along with funding the expansion of their trap team that still continues to grow.

“ ... Because we could be one generation away from losing the Second Amendment. ”

Grant funding provides Drummond FFA and many other chapters with appropriate firearms, targets and ammo, contributing to Oklahoma’s flourishing firearms education and training programs. “The shooting sports have completely exploded because of the

NRA Foundation support,” says Arnold Bourne, an Oklahoma *Friends of NRA* volunteer and former FFA instructor at Durant High School.

With that explosive growth, so too has the number of new sportsmen and women experiencing the excitement and joy of participating in these activities.

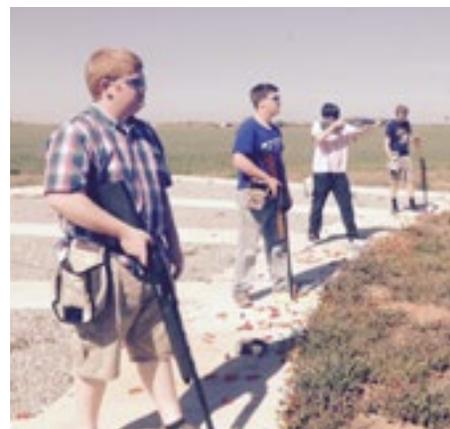
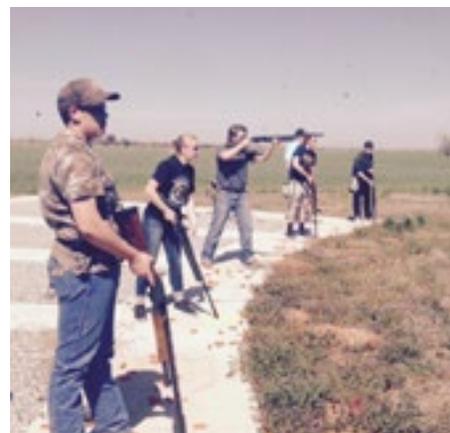
“ When I see new shooters hit their first clays, their faces light up and they just want to keep shooting and shooting. ”

Seeing these kids happy is what truly motivates the teachers and volunteers involved with OK FFA to work so hard and make everything possible. “When I see new shooters hit their first clays, their faces light up and they just want to keep shooting and shooting,” remarks Bourne. That newfound enthusiasm and passion is the reward that makes all the hard work to introduce the shooting sports worth it.

The knowledge, discipline, structure and responsibility that kids gain through FFA programs help create not only strong citizens but also future leaders who will continue the mission to Teach Freedom and preserve the shooting sports for generations to come. “I hope to see the program continue to grow,” says Oklahoma State FFA Advisor Jack Staats.

And with the combined efforts of organizations like OK FFA and The NRA Foundation, it’s hard to imagine that the shooting sports will do anything but. The future no doubt holds millions of new sportsmen and women around the country ready to carry the torch of preserving our firearms freedoms. ■

Know of a firearms education and training program that could benefit from NRA Foundation support? Visit nrafoundation.org to apply for a grant. Learn more about Friends of NRA and fundraising for these grants at friendsofnra.org.



LONG DISTANCE ASSISTANCE



By Richard Hoeflinger
Founding Past President of On Target, Inc.

The state of Hawaii is composed of eight major islands. The Island of Hawaii, the 'Big Island,' is by far the largest in terms of land size—it could contain the other seven islands two times over. However, the mostly rural island is home to a mere 13 percent of the state's population. That's just fine with those who live there. But, like everything else in life, there are some tradeoffs involved.

As a person who has resided in five states, I can tell you that Hawaii's year round climate is hard to beat. Plus, Hawaii Island residents are among the friendliest people on earth. And if you're a hunter like me, there are 13 species of game birds and four mammals to pursue on the Big Island. That's the good stuff. "What tradeoffs?" you might ask.

Hawaii Island residents possess a quarter million rifles and pistols—1.3 guns for every man, woman, and child who live there. With that knowledge, now think about this next fact from a mainland perspective: there is no legal and publicly accessible place anywhere on the Island to shoot those firearms. This was the impetus for On Target, Inc., a Hawaii Island-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit incorporated in 2010 whose purpose is reflected in its motto: "Supporting safe shooting sports in Hawaii."

On Target, Inc. pursues two fundamental goals: the development of a comprehensive public shooting facility and the delivery of education in safe and responsible firearms use. While some progress has been made in range development, a safe place to shoot has yet to become an Island reality. But thanks to NRA Foundation grant funding, On Target, Inc., has a staff well trained in principles of range development and operation, and it continues to provide ongoing advice and technical services to state and county organizations engaged in that effort.

Hawaii Island does have a county-operated trap and skeet range, and two related programs have also benefited from NRA Foundation grants. On Target's NRA Certified Instructors and Coaches were trained on the Island to provide Basic Shotgun Shooting Instruction

and to support development of a Hawaii-based Scholastic Clays Target Program (SCTP).

In a collaborative program with the County of Hawaii, On Target volunteer instructors have trained and certified nearly 200 residents in Basic Shotgun Shooting, in recreational Trap and Skeet Shooting, and as Range Safety Officers. That group of students included all types of residents ranging in age from 10 to 79 years. One third were youths, and one fourth were seniors. A third of the students participating in safe and responsible gun handling instruction were female. Half of the class participants were parents taking part alongside their children.

The NRA Coach training and firearms also funded by NRA Foundation grants has enabled On Target, Inc., to establish and field the first-ever Hawaii SCTP team. And efforts to build second and third teams are already underway. Hawaii is a latecomer to the Scholastic Clay Target Program—which nationally involves 15,000 youngsters in fifth grade through college—but with NRA Foundation assistance, we're off to a good start.

None of these achievements would have been possible without the more than \$30,000 in financial support provided by The NRA Foundation, whose long arms reached out 4,700 miles from the mainland to this little dot in the middle of the Pacific. Those of us who reside in paradise are grateful for the help. ■

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Five years ago, the “marksmanship team” for the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (NJROTC) of Sahuarita High School consisted of only three cadets, some Daisy pump-action rifles, and... not a whole lot of excitement, engagement or competitive opportunities. But thanks to the efforts of the team’s coach, retired USMC Master Sgt. Jeff King, and the support of *Friends of NRA* and The NRA Foundation, the program and its participants are quickly climbing the ranks in the air rifle world.

Located just south of Tucson, Ariz., the Sahuarita NJROTC marksmanship program underwent a massive makeover during the past three years. Originally, the program already had an impressive shooting facility, but its rifles were sorely inadequate. Having the proper equipment is a major aspect of building a successful marksmanship team—having access to only Daisy pump-action rifles made starting a competitive squad nearly impossible.

King began the efforts to change that by reaching out to the local Santa Cruz *Friends of NRA* committee, which encouraged him to apply for an NRA Foundation grant. In 2015 his first request for 16 sets of everything needed to start up the program was approved and provided all the gear necessary to build the team from a small group of students to a nationally known squad of 80 competitive shooters. In all, five grants totaling more than \$34,000 dollars. Needless to say, the program has experienced incredible

growth over the past three years. “I need another building, we have so many kids who want to shoot,” joked King.

Now with three years of participation in Civilian Marksmanship Program matches and national level competition

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under its belt, Sahuarita NJROTC is set to continue that path of growth. Female participants make up a major part of that: 50 of the program’s 80 shooters. From young first year participants to seasoned shooters, these young women—who have had the world of shooting sports opened up to them thanks to NRA Foundation grant support—share a commitment to NJROTC and impressive dreams for the future.

“We never even had females shooting until two years ago, but this year our four

top shooters are female,” King noted. “Destiney Durcharme was our first and she went all the way to Navy JROTC Nationals. Our female team just finished third in State and are an alternate for the Navy JROTC Nationals.”

Kaela Caulkins, the youngest member of the squad, started shooting with the group last summer. The high school sophomore immediately felt right at home. “She has picked up shooting very well,” King said of young Caulkins’ natural ability, which is a great starting point for pursuing the goals she aims to reach in her future. The 16-year-old has aspirations of attending the Air Force Academy after finishing high school.

Caulkins isn’t alone in her plans to attend a military academy. Her teammate, junior Angelise Garcia, has her focus on the Naval Academy. She passionately spoke about the steps she’s taking to make it into the Naval Academy—dedication to



LADIES TAKE THE LEAD

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Female Shooters Dominate a Growing Arizona NJROTC Marksmanship Program

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school and community top her list, along with seeking a congressional endorsement. This summer, Garcia's journey to the Naval Academy will continue when she attends the 2018 Naval Academy Summer Seminar.

The skills learned in the Sahuarita NJROTC unit are invaluable bolsters to future success for these young women, who are sure to make positive impacts no matter where they end up. And although the military is the main aspiration for many of the program's students, that has

not stopped other participants from seeking different career paths.

Rifle Team Commander Alyssa Jackson, a senior preparing to attend Northern Arizona State University, plans to pursue a Masters in Education and eventually teach on military bases overseas. Growing up all over the country on different military bases gave Jackson a unique perspective on education. Learning molded her into who she is today, and she is passionate about pursuing teaching in all forms. Now, her shooting sports experience has opened up an even wider world of possibilities and motivations.

"With the grants, we were given so much equipment," Jackson noted. "This allowed us to shoot on Olympic-quality rifles and to realize our full potential. It not only opened up the competitive world, but also allowed many of us to qualify for scholarships in the future." The 17-year-old has capitalized on those opportunities,

with her success and her exceptional leadership not going unnoticed. "She is our best shooter this year," said King, "and she qualified for the Civilian Marksmanship Program Regionals to be held in Utah this April. She has been a fantastic leader who takes pride in being our captain and helps train and motivate the other shooters in our unit."

Through the support of *Friends of NRA* and The NRA Foundation, the lives of many students have been changed exponentially as a world of opportunities opens up to them. "Grant funding is providing our cadets opportunities to compete at the highest levels, receive college scholarships and even Olympic considerations," emphasized King. "None of this would have been possible without the help of The NRA Foundation."

The structure, knowledge and leadership skills gained in the Sahuarita NJROTC program are preparing more than 150 young men and women to move on as outstanding citizens. Whether heading to the military, college or any other career path, they will be able to represent the positive impacts of youth in shooting sports, firearms safety and training and support of the Second Amendment. ■

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FAMILY AT THE HEART

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Last year, *Friends of NRA* added a valuable new event and chairperson to its ranks of grassroots fundraising efforts.

Cindy Daniel, executive vice president of Daniel Defense and wife of founder Marty Daniel, brought her self-confessed competitive spirit, deep passion for hunting and the outdoors, and driving love of family and freedom to the program—with astounding results.

“As a manufacturer, we like to try to give back where we can,” says Cindy. “We’re able to do that financially by supporting the *Friends of NRA* program as the National Corporate Sponsor, but I felt that I could do more through sharing my time.” She smiles, adding, “Not that I have a whole lot of time, but I do have some! I’ve always had a passion for the outdoors and hunting in general, but being in the firearms industry gives me even more reason to support the Second Amendment, and that’s what I’m trying to do.”

She saw the opportunity to introduce the program to her community, knowing that there was not a banquet near enough for her family and others in the counties surrounding Savannah, Ga., to easily attend. “We have a lot of people in our area that are gun enthusiasts and hunters,” Cindy explains, “so it just made sense for us to volunteer our time to bring all of those people together to learn more about what the NRA does while also raising money for a shared cause.”

Held in the historic Savannah Station on a warm fall evening, the inaugural Coastal Georgia *Friends of NRA* event showcased Cindy’s heartfelt dedication to fundraising for the shooting sports and building relationships with her family, friends and community. Despite being rescheduled due to threat of Hurricane Irma, the event drew a sold-out crowd of more than 300 attendees that packed the venue full and set records with its success.

“Cindy does not shy away from adversity but quickly reassesses the situation and hits it head-on with a firm and compassionate resolve,” explains Neely Raper, NRA field representative for Georgia. “She also ‘walks the talk’ and leads from the point, not from behind. As a result, her unwavering character combined with her sheer determination led to the largest event ever held in Georgia.”

The numbers speak for themselves. With nearly \$150,000 raised for The NRA Foundation, the event earned the highest gross and net income in the history of Georgia *Friends of NRA*. And that’s only the beginning. With her first year under her belt, Cindy already has higher goals set and plans being made for bigger and better events in 2018 and beyond.

“Knowing that I was so successful my first year has encouraged me to work even harder as we find the most fun and effective ways to raise money for *Friends of NRA*,” she says. She looks forward to visiting some other Friends banquets, emphasizing the importance of learning about and listening to what ideas others, including guests, have to share.

“I hear that there’s a particular Indiana event that’s always at the top of the program, and the competitive side of me says, ‘Indiana, we’re coming after you!’” she admits. “But ultimately, I really just want to focus on my goal of fundraising for youth shooting programs nationwide and on a local level. I’m hoping that we can give back a small portion of that to this community, where a lot of schools currently have shooting sports programs or want to get them off the ground.”

Beyond just the dollars raised, Cindy recognizes the impact that the events have on the success of the program. “It was a learning experience for a lot of people,” she notes. “Some had never been to a banquet, and some had never heard of Friends at all. Having Southern Region Director Al Hammond there to explain the program was really educational for my audience, and people were willing to give even more in the auctions after learning about the program. I know that without a doubt they’ll be back again this year, and they’ll bring more friends with them, so that’s exciting.”

That excitement all circles back to Cindy’s passion for sharing and passing on the love of shooting sports and hunting traditions. “I’ve always loved going out and hunting, and just being outdoors,” she reflects. “It’s just a way for me to clear my head. Running a rapidly growing business doesn’t allow us

a lot of downtime. That’s the one thing that I try to go back to when I can.”

Having grown up loving the outdoors and watching family members go hunting, Cindy never had an opportunity to hunt herself until her early 20s when she was introduced to it by a close friend. She quickly embraced the sport and her passion grew. As a result, she understands and values the importance of mentoring new hunters and shooters—taking them through the process of the training, letting them see what they like about it, and making sure that they have a great experience their first time. For her and Marty, teaching their son Connor highlights all of that.

“Quail hunting is one of our favorite things to do,” she says. “We started taking our son with us out in the field when he was about six or seven, just to see if he would like it, and thankfully he does. It just makes the experience so much more worthwhile when you can take a son or a daughter out and enjoy that family time together. It’s a way for us to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday and the digital world and spend some time together as a family.”

Creating memories that will last a lifetime isn’t just about family, but also about friends. Cindy is currently mentoring a friend’s 13-year-old daughter who has found a love of hunting, and she also remembers how exciting it was to introduce others to the shooting sports recently during an untraditional celebration.

“For his 10th birthday last year, my son just wanted to spend a day at the range,” she shares. “So, he invited four of his friends to come out with their dads, and literally all we did was just shoot some of our rifles for a few hours. Even some of the dads had never shot rifles of that platform before—and some had never picked up a firearm of any kind—but everyone had a blast. That’ll be something they’ll all remember for a lifetime because of the great experience that they had. And hopefully it will also get them involved in the sport. I know at least one of the boys has started doing some hunting with his dad.”

Times like those are moments that Cindy embraces as opportunities to continue to grow the industry, whether it’s female hunters and first time shooters specifically, or otherwise. “If I can get one or two at a time, then at least I’m doing my part,” she explains. “In the fall of last year, I invited 12 girlfriends to the range where we had a great time shooting and hanging out all day. Hopefully, their love of shooting sports will continue to grow.”

The same goes for growing the *Friends of NRA* program. Cindy is reaching out to other Second Amendment supporters, such as manufacturers and industry leaders, encouraging them to follow her lead and get involved in their local communities. She has even produced a video addressing the importance of The NRA Foundation’s mission and is sharing it with companies across the country. “I just encourage everybody to go out and get involved,” Cindy emphasizes. “It doesn’t even have to be about starting a new chapter; it’s about volunteering your time and lending your support.”

Friends of NRA is incredibly proud and thankful to have the committed support of people like Cindy Daniel and companies like Daniel Defense. Their drive and dedication help the program continue to achieve greater success in funding The NRA Foundation’s mission to Teach Freedom through firearms education and training. “At the end of the day, it’s about like-minded champions of the Second Amendment joining together to support the Foundation and all the great work they do for the shooting sports community,” Cindy concludes. “It’s all about fun, fellowship and raising funds to continue supporting the pastimes that we all love.” ■

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What did you do in your previous life...

My first job out of college was with a greeting card company for nine years, followed by a second job with a document company—which wasn't at all for me. My passion has always been hunting and I have been in the hunting industry to some degree ever since I got out of college. I was the Oklahoma State Turkey Calling Champion in the early '90s, and I was on the Pro Staff for Quaker Boy and Realtree for many years. I'm still currently on Sitka's Pro Staff. For 15 years I also served as a professional hunting guide for elk, mule deer, whitetail deer and turkey in western Oklahoma and northern New Mexico.

Name 5 things you can't live without...

My wife, my three daughters, hunting and the outdoors—especially bowhunting Whitetail deer—friends, and working out.

Favorite firearm and why...

My favorite firearm is my .280 Ackley Improved rifle. The ballistics of this caliber are in line with 7mm Mag and 270 WSM but with the magnum recoil. I primarily hunt Whitetail, and this is an all-around great caliber for big game—plus it's fun to shoot.

How did you get involved with Friends of NRA?

In 1994 I overheard someone in a sporting goods store talking about an "NRA Field Rep." So I called the NRA the next day and asked if there were any openings—there weren't any at the time. But the thought never left me, and in June of 1995 I woke up one morning and thought, "I need to call the NRA." As luck or destiny would have it, they were hiring for Oklahoma and Arkansas. I applied, interviewed and got the job. And here I am 23 years later!

Tell us something unique about you...

I think my sense of humor is a unique gift. When I attend a *Friends of NRA* volunteer committee meeting, my number one goal is make everyone laugh and have fun. I am always joking around or just saying things out of the clear blue to make people laugh. If you can't laugh, life would be awfully boring! I have also been told that I am a great story teller. My stories come from first-hand experiences, and when I tell them it's more visual than watching TV. I have the ability to get people emotionally involved. Other than that, I do my own laundry and I can eat a half gallon of ice cream in a single sitting!

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