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New Year, New Regional Director

The Central Region will remain in good hands for the new fundraising year.

From its inception in 1992, *Friends of NRA* has held over 22,000 events, reached over 4 million attendees raising more than \$392 million in program support for The NRA Foundation. It is a real honor to serve as your new Regional Director for the Central Region and continue to contribute to the success and growth of the *Friends of NRA* program. I joined NRA as the Field Representative for Southern Illinois close to seven years ago, and was promoted to Senior Field Representative. This next chapter will be as fulfilling as the first two, and I couldn't be prouder.

Before becoming a Field Representative, I served in the military in many different capacities and leadership positions. After 26 years of service I retired as a Command Sergeant Major. As a third-generation paratrooper, screaming eagle with the 101st Airborne and combat veteran, my military heritage runs deep and proud. This is why I believe so strongly in the protection of the Second Amendment.

My first introduction to the *Friends of NRA* program came in 2012. I immediately recognized how the program helps to preserve our Second Amendment heritage for the future of the shooting sports and for our youth, and I was hooked. It is my belief that we must continue to introduce and educate our youth on the joy of the shooting sports. One of the best feelings is to see the pride and determination of Americans, young and old, when they participate in shooting sports. Being a part of that joy is what drove me to become a Field Representative for Southern Illinois in the first place – a decision I will always be proud of!

It is humbling to accept the position of Regional Director and continue to put my years of senior-level leadership skills to use for the good of our organization. It is an honor to carry the torch forward and make a difference every day. I'm very proud to be among others who strive for excellence in all they do, and protect our unique American freedoms.

Your support in this new Regional Director position has been great. I appreciate every single one of the calls and emails I've received. My work with the *Friends of NRA* program has brought so many wonderful, patriotic, Second Amendment supporters into my life, and I'm thankful for the friendships I've made.

I have to mention I would not be where I am today without my many committee members and volunteers who have worked alongside me as a Field Representative. They dedicate so much of their time and energy to preserving our Second Amendment rights and are the backbone of *Friends of NRA*. The TEAM within the Central region is second to none. A band of brothers who work hard, play hard, and will do anything for each other. To be part of that comradery is a precious gift that I cherish. It is truly family at its best.

I am excited about this new position, and what we can continue to do to benefit The NRA Foundation and *Friends of NRA*. Thank you, again. It is an honor and a privilege to work alongside such loyal and committed patriots as your new Central Regional Director.

Don Higgs

*Central Regional Director,
Friends of NRA*



Don Higgs pictured with his wife, Melissa.

ANSWERING AMERICA

SINCE A PARALYZING RANCHING ACCIDENT IN 1999, ASHLEE HAS BEEN REDEFINING HER LIFE. SHE IS A CHAMPION FOR CHANGE IN THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS SHE WORKS WITH, ENCOURAGING EVERYONE TO LIVE TO THE FULLEST. A NATURAL OUTDOORSWOMAN AND ADVENTURER WITH A POWERFUL MESSAGE OF ADAPTABILITY AND PERSEVERANCE, SHE ENERGIZES AUDIENCES AROUND THE COUNTRY WITH HER HUMOR AND AUTHENTIC PERSONAL STORIES.



Q&A with ASHLEE LUNDVALL

★ OUT OF ALL YOUR LIFE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, WHICH ONE STANDS OUT THE MOST TO YOU?

I've been blessed with so many amazing opportunities in my life, so it's hard to narrow it down to one. But I was recently honored with a commission that really seems to identify everything I've been working towards over the last twenty years. In May of 2018, President Trump appointed me to the President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition. I've been given the chance to represent people with disabilities and effect real change on their behalf on a national platform, and I couldn't be more excited. I am passionate about outdoor recreation and helping everyone to stay as independent as possible, so this new adventure is something that will always stand out to me as one of the best moments in my life.

★ WHAT DO YOU SEE FOR THE FUTURE OF SHOOTING SPORTS FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES?

There has never been a better time to be living with a disability than right now, especially if you are interested in shooting sports and other adaptive recreational adventures. The NRA Adaptive Shooting Program was rebooted several years ago and is being led by Dr. Joe Logar. He is doing a phenomenal job providing education, resources, and leadership as the NRA seeks to better serve people with disabilities. Whether it's through competitive shooting, hunting, or recreational firearms activities, if you have the desire to participate, a disability shouldn't stand in your way. The future is bright, and the opportunities are endless.

★ WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO BECOME A MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER & DO WHAT YOU DO TO HELP OTHERS EVERY DAY?

I certainly never planned on making a living as a motivational speaker, but after winning the 2013 Ms. Wheelchair USA crown, I was given the chance to travel and speak during my reining year. I quickly remembered how much I enjoyed sharing my story with others, as well as explaining what I've learned along this incredible journey. I was given more and more opportunities, and before I knew it, I was doing it full time. Every time I speak, I get to meet new people, learn about their lives, and share my passion for redefining moments and lessons we take from those times. I'm incredibly fortunate that my job never feels like work.

★ WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE & WHY?

"Sometimes it takes more courage to let go of old dreams that you don't even recognize anymore in order to move on to new dreams." This is something that I had to learn at an early age, but it has helped me time and time again as I am faced with obstacles and changes in my life. Many people believe that if you don't return to your life exactly as it was before a disability or major life change, future plans included, that your obstacle has somehow beaten you. I completely disagree with this. My life looks nothing like I had planned as a teenager, but I wouldn't change a thing.

★ SHARE YOUR FIRST RECOLLECTION OF USING A FIREARM. HOW OLD WERE YOU & WHO TAUGHT YOU HOW TO SHOOT?

I didn't grow up around firearms. I knew that my Dad stored a few guns in his closet, but he never got them out or taught me about them. When I started dating a boy from Wyoming in 2005, Russ made it clear that he couldn't marry me unless he knew I could shoot! Unfortunately, it wasn't a very pleasant experience. Although we did get married in 2006, I learned that your spouse isn't always the best person to introduce you to learning a new skill. Luckily, I was given another chance in 2013 when I drew my first bull elk tag. I knew I couldn't use a bow as I had on previous hunts, so I ventured into the world of firearms once again. I'd shot since that first encounter, but nothing serious. This time around it was an amazing experience, and I've immersed myself in firearms ever since. Learning about guns in my late 20's allowed me to appreciate them in a way I don't think I would have if I grew up around them. Teaching others and making sure their first shooting experience is a pleasant one is a passion of mine that will never fade.

★ AS AN OUTDOORS WOMAN, WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE OUTDOOR ACTIVITY & WHY?

When my accident happened in 1999, I assumed, like many others, that people living with physical disabilities don't go outdoors. I've never been so happy to be wrong about something! The outdoors doesn't have to be a scary place, but you have to be brave enough to wheel outside of your comfort zone and venture out. Sometimes it takes a little bit of creativity, the right adaptive equipment, and the support of your friends and family, but in the end, it's always worth it! My favorite outdoor activity is definitely hunting. I get to enjoy nature, challenge myself physically and mentally, provide an amazing source of organic protein for my family, and share in the joys of conservation efforts around the world. And every time I hunt, I learn something new, which makes me a better hunter and educator. I don't know what I would do without hunting!

★ WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TYPE OF FIREARM TO SHOOT?

I love to hunt large game, so at the end of the day, I'm a rifle girl. Because of my wheelchair, I'm not the sneakiest hunter in the world, so I've worked hard to become proficient at shooting at longer distances. I always try to get as close as possible to whatever I'm pursuing, but if that's not an option, I want to ensure I can still make an accurate, ethical shot from any distance. My new favorite firearm is my 6.5 Creedmoor Bolt-Action rifle topped with a NXS 5.5-22x56 scope. With a solid base, this flat shooting combination is a joy to shoot. I've spent hours at the range making sure I understand and trust every aspect of the setup, and I just took my first big game with it on a recent antelope hunt with my husband and daughter.

THE NATIONAL NRA FOUNDATION BBQ & AUCTION

By Diane Sohn

Event Marketing & Communications Manager, National Rifle Association

Fundraising In The Fastest City



Right in the middle of America's heartland, Indy is known for fast cars and blockbuster events. On Thursday, April 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the Lucas Oil Stadium, the National NRA Foundation BBQ and Auction will kick off the 148th NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibits weekend of events. Join more than 1,500 freedom-loving men and women to celebrate the Second Amendment while raising money for the future of the 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.

Want to start the fundraising early? Join us at 4:00pm for a Pre-event Reception sponsored by

SIG SAUER where you will have the opportunity to play some exclusive games and raffles. We will have a winner every 10 minutes until the doors open for the National NRA Foundation BBQ and Auction.

Attendees of the banquet will have the opportunity to play games sponsored by some of the largest firearms manufacturers in the country. 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 BBQ and Auction are on sale now—get yours today before they sell out, and you can bet on an evening of excitement and Second Amendment support! ■

Join The NRA Foundation in Indianapolis! Learn more and purchase your tickets for the National NRA Foundation BBQ & Auction at www.friendsofnra.org/nationalevents.

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SIG SAUER P210 American
Standard 9mm Pistol

GUN OF THE YEAR: SIG SAUER P210 AMERICAN STANDARD 9MM PISTOL WITH LOGO

Underwritten by Illinois State Rifle Association

The 2019 *Friends of NRA* Gun of the Year the SIG SAUER P210 Standard Target is a precision made pistol with updated American controls, sleek walnut target grips, and a smooth clean target trigger. It is a full-size single stack 9mm reverse railed slide and frame accented with "Friends of NRA" and "2019 Gun of the Year" engraved on the left and right side of the slide. The history of the P210 along with the custom engraving provides itself to be a family heirloom for generations to follow. The Gun of the Year is exclusive to *Friends of NRA* events and limited to 1,050 units.



Benelli Super Black Eagle 3, 12 GA.

BENELLI SUPER BLACK EAGLE 3, 12 GA.

Donated by Benelli USA

New Super Black Eagle 3, 12GA/28" barrel features Benelli's Inertia Driven System to reliably cycle 2 3/4", 3" and 3 1/2" shells. Realtree Max 5 camo gun with 3 flush mount and 2 extended choke tubes. Benelli believes in the constant pursuit of perfection and the Super Black Eagle 3 is the latest proof. With patented Combtech recoil technology in the stock, an easy loading system, redesigned ergonomic controls, and an Easy-Locking Bolt system, the SBE3 has been engineered with more than a dozen significant enhancements and new technologies to give serious hunters better recoil management, exceptional speed, enhanced comfort and failsafe reliability in conditions that would destroy lesser guns.

KIMBER TEAM 2A

Donated by Kimber

The Kimber custom Team 2A 1911 wears the durable Kimpro finish on the slide and frame, the engraved Team 2A logo on the slide is also Kimpro tan filled, which nicely accents the color coordinated 3-hole match grade trigger. This pistol wears custom NRA engraved G10 grips, fiber optic front sight & match stainless barrel.



Kimber Team 2A



SIG SAUER MCX VIRTUS PATROL
FDE - 16" .300 BLACKOUT RIFLE



SIG SAUER MCX VIRTUS
PISTOL 5.56 NATO

SIG ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE PACKAGE FOR TWO

Donated by SIG SAUER

Be the envy of your friends with the Ultimate Experience Package from SIG SAUER. Experience includes two SIG SAUER MCX VIRTUS PATROL FDE - 16" .300 BLACKOUT RIFLE. And two SIG SAUER MCX VIRTUS PISTOL 5.56 NATO. These firearms are conceived for the demands of the Special Operations community, engineered for adaptability, sound suppression and longevity. Cold hammer-forged barrels are user-changeable offering the utmost in mission-specific flexibility. Package also include two SIG OPTICS as well as SIG SAUER ACADEMY CLASSES for two. The SIG SAUER Academy has provided the highest quality firearms and tactics training available for more than two decades. Located on over 140 acres in Epping, NH - only an hour from Boston, MA - the facility features state-of-the-art indoor and outdoor ranges, tactical training areas, urban environments, a shoot house, a maritime training area, and a force-on-force village.



MK18 PISTOL WITH DANIEL DEFENSE IRON SIGHTS

Donated by Daniel Defense

The Daniel Defense MK18 Pistol, equipped with the SB-Tactical SOB Pistol Stabilizing Brace, is a variation of the MK18 SBR, which has been extremely popular within the Law Enforcement and Special Operations communities. This firearm is classified as a Pistol and not a Short Barreled Rifle (NFA regulated items require ATF approval and a tax stamp). The Daniel Defense MK18 Pistol features the railed forend Daniel Defense currently provides to USSOCOM and a 10.3" Cold Hammer Forged Barrel, the same length commonly used for close quarters operations. The MK18 RISII features the Bolt-Up System and has been rigorously tested prior to fielding by USSOCOM. Also included in this package is a set of Daniel Defense fixed front/rear iron sights.



MK18 Pistol with Daniel Defense iron sights

OHIO ORDNANCE WORKS 1918A3 SLR .30-06

Donated by Ohio Ordnance Works, Inc.

The Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR) model 1918 was developed by John M. Browning in 1917. Ohio Ordnance Works, Inc. manufactures a semi-automatic version of this rifle; 1918A3 (WWII version). The only one of its kind in production anywhere in the world, it is manufactured with some of the original USGI WWI and WWII parts. The heart of the 1918A3 is the receiver made from 8620 steel casting that has been carburized and induction heat treated. The castings are machined on state-of-the-art, CNC machining centers. Every rifle is fully assembled, inspected, test-fired and re-inspected under the direct supervision of our master armorer. The entire manufacturing process is accomplished at their facility in Chardon, Ohio.



*Ohio Ordnance Works
1918A3 SLR .30-06*



*Henry Deluxe Engraved
.44-40 Rifle*

ORIGINAL HENRY DELUXE ENGRAVED .44-40 RIFLE

Donated by Henry Repeating Arms

If you're a target shooter, a hunter or a collector, this limited edition (one of only a thousand) lever action rifle is for you! Designed to perform in the field without sacrificing aesthetics, the Henry has the looks and performance to match. This beautifully finished rifle features a polished and engraved brass receiver and an attractive 24.5-inch blued steel octagonal barrel equipped with a folding ladder rear sight and a blade front sight, ensuring a good sight picture.

What really sets this limited edition beauty apart from other mere lever action rifles is that it features an engraving design that was inspired by an early Henry rifle that was engraved in the style of the legendary Samuel J. Hoggson in or around 1862. This style was chosen for this edition by the president of Baron Technologies, Inc. (BTI), David Baron, and the pattern is expertly executed by master engraver Rob Bunting (of BTI), with assistance from engraver Seth Karlak and artist Catarina Pech. The classic American scroll pattern is cut, not molded, and hand chased. Topping off this limited edition classic is a fancy American walnut stock with a brass buttplate.



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FOSTECH SBV ORIGIN 12 GA.

Donated by Fostech

The Fostech Origin 12 SBV is a hard-hitting tactical shotgun with a number of interesting features to include a quick-change barrel for multiple caliber capability (a number of other caliber options are in the works), as well as a forward charging handle that remains stationary when shooting. The Fostech Origin 12 SBV will accept many different magazine options including some that will hold up to 30 rounds. It comes with iron sights but will accept a variety of optical options.



Fostech SBV Origin
12 GA.



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 (27" x 41") 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. (Includes Certificate of Authenticity) The Winchester Model 92 rifle is mounted in the frame, and is a new working rifle chambered in .45 Long Colt and can be removed from the frame. Also included in the collage is a three-inch bronze U.S. Mint John Wayne medallion, first day John Wayne Postal Covers, and other commemorative John Wayne and NRA medallions collectively set into the matting to further accentuate this piece of history. Beautifully framed by Little Bird Picture Framing Studio in Evansville, Indiana, this collage is only available through the *Friends of NRA*.

HOMEFRONT - OLD GLORY FLAG

Donated by Flags of Valor

Flags Of Valor is all about service...past, present, and future. This veteran-owned and operated business is dedicated to remembering, employing and empowering our heroes. This framed, rustic wooden American flag is a tribute to the families whose service so often goes unseen. To the wives, husbands, parents, children and entire communities who endure while their loved ones wear our uniform on foreign soil....we remember and honor you. Respect their bravery and strength with this framed American flag art. Measures 53 1/2" wide x 31 1/2" tall.



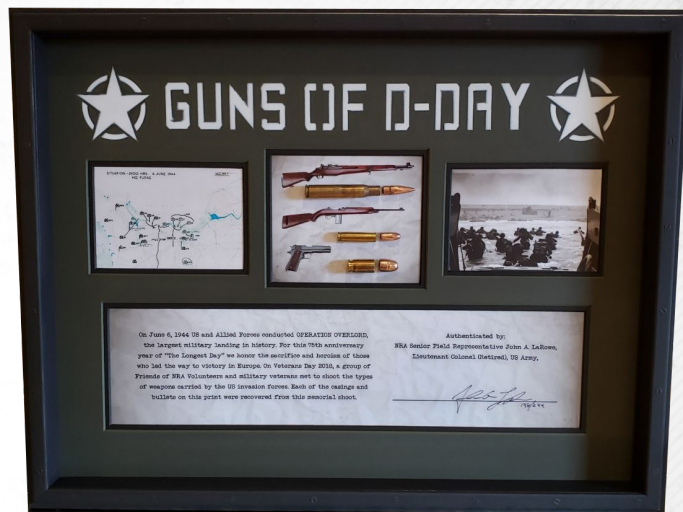
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D-DAY PRINT

Donated by Little Bird Framing Studios, Evansville, IN

2019 is the 75th anniversary year of D-Day. On June 6, 1944 U.S. and Allied Forces conducted OPERATION OVERLORD, the largest military landing in history. In order to honor the sacrifice and heroism of those who led the way to victory in Europe, on Veterans Day 2018, a group of *Friends of NRA* Volunteers and military veterans met to shoot the types of weapons those brave American heroes carried in battle. These included M1 Garands in .30-06, M1 carbines in .30 carbine, and M1911s in .45ACP. Each of the casings and bullets on this print were recovered from this memorial shoot. Featured on the left side is a depiction of the map presented to General Eisenhower at the end of D-Day, when victory was still uncertain. On the right a view from the bay of a Landing Craft, Vehicle, Personnel (LCVP) showing these Soldiers' first view of the Normandy beaches that morning. This individually numbered limited edition print is number 1 of 244 prints and is exclusive to *Friends of NRA* events.



*BG Defense Type-A SIPR/10.5
GEN3 300BLK A3 Pistol*

BG DEFENSE TYPE-A SIPR/10.5 GEN3 300BLK A3 PISTOL

Donated by BG Defense Co. LLC

BG Defense had two things in mind when it came to redesigning the SIPR GEN3 Platform; weight reduction and functionality. This TYPE-A SIPR/10.5 is built on a ridged pistol platform with proven mil-spec components to make it an incredibly versatile firearm. The SIPR/10.5 pistol is equipped with a 10.5" vanadium alloy fluted steel barrel (for weight reduction) and a SIPR/9.8" GEN3 MLOK handguard with a SILENCERCO ASR muzzle to give it that aggressive stance. Fully furnished with MAGPUL furniture, SB A3 pistol brace, Law Tactical Folder and 30 round capacity magazines. The TYPE-A SIPR/10.5 Pistol is equipped with a direct gas impingement system and new TYPE-A CCS Straight 2-stage trigger to give it consistent reliability time after time.



*Diamondback and Southern Grind 6.5
Creedmoor Limited Rifle*

DIAMONDBACK AND SOUTHERN GRIND'S 6.5 CREEDMOOR LIMITED EDITION RIFLE PACKAGE

Donated by Diamondback Firearms

Diamondback Firearms and Southern Grind have teamed up to produce a rifle package that you will not want to miss out on. This package not only includes an exclusive Diamondback 6.5 Creedmoor with an Antique Copper Cerakote but also offers two Southern Grind Knives that will all be serialized with the same numbers to make it extremely rare. Also included is a Nightforce Scope, a Pelican rechargeable flashlight, a logoed Zippo lighter, a Pelican hard case with wheels as well as three challenge coins representing all three companies that have come together to introduce this package to you!



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5 NIGHT/4 DAY NEW ZEALAND BIG GAME SAFARI FOR TWO HUNTERS

Donated by Rivers South Safaris and EXPLORE! Adventures

Experience some of the best Big Game Hunting that the beautiful South Island of New Zealand has to offer. Rivers South Safaris operates from their property which is situated at the foot hills of the Sherwood mountain range and a short walking distance from Lake Ophua. This four day, five night experience for two hunters includes the opportunity to hunt Red Stag up to 360 points, and free-range Himalayan Tahr (one trophy per hunter). Includes lodging, pick up/return to airport, meals, beverages, firearm rental, hunting license and licensed professional guide. Rifle import fees, gratuities, and airfare are not included. Available March- June 2019 or 2020.



1 NIGHT/1 DAY ALLIGATOR HUNT IN EVERGLADES FOR ONE HUNTER

Donated by Taxis River Outfitters

One hunter will have access to over 400,000 acres of privately owned properties to harvest an alligator up to 9 feet. This one day, one night experience for one hunter includes lodging, pick up/return to airport, hunting guide, meals, beverages, and laundry. Trophy fees, permit drawing, taxidermy, gratuities, and airfare are not included. This is a Florida experience you won't want to miss. Available in 2019 or 2020.

7 NIGHT/6 DAY HUNT IN EASTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA

Donated by Bayete Hunting Safaris LTD

Bayete Hunting Safaris offers world class hunting experiences in the heart of South Africa. This six day, seven night hunt experience for one hunter and one observer includes the opportunity to hunt exotic species such as the Eastern Cape Kudu and Cape Eloud. Experienced professional hunters are South African born and raised, trained in emergency medical triage, advanced survival techniques and most importantly in putting your safety first. The knowledge of the Bayete staff has been cultivated over years of firsthand experience and they are there to make sure you have the best experience possible. Includes lodging, pick up/return to airport, meals, beverages, laundry, firearm rental, hunting vehicle with driver/guide, licensed professional hunter, trophy fees for one Eastern Cape Kudu and one Cape Eloud. Hunting license fees, gratuities, and airfare are not included. Available March-November, for your choice of 2019, 2020, or 2021.



11 NIGHT/10 DAY HUNT IN CENTRAL NAMIBIA FOR TWO HUNTERS

Donated by Bergzicht Game Lodge

Bergzicht Game Lodge is a beautiful Namibian hunting ranch containing 25 different species of African plains game. This Namibian lodge offers you an opportunity to experience a trophy hunting trip, specifically planned around these African game. This ten day, eleven night experience for two hunters includes lodging, pick up/return to airport, meals, beverages, laundry, and firearm rental. Trophy fees, permit drawing, import/export fees, taxidermy, gratuities, and airfare are not included. Available March-November, 2020.



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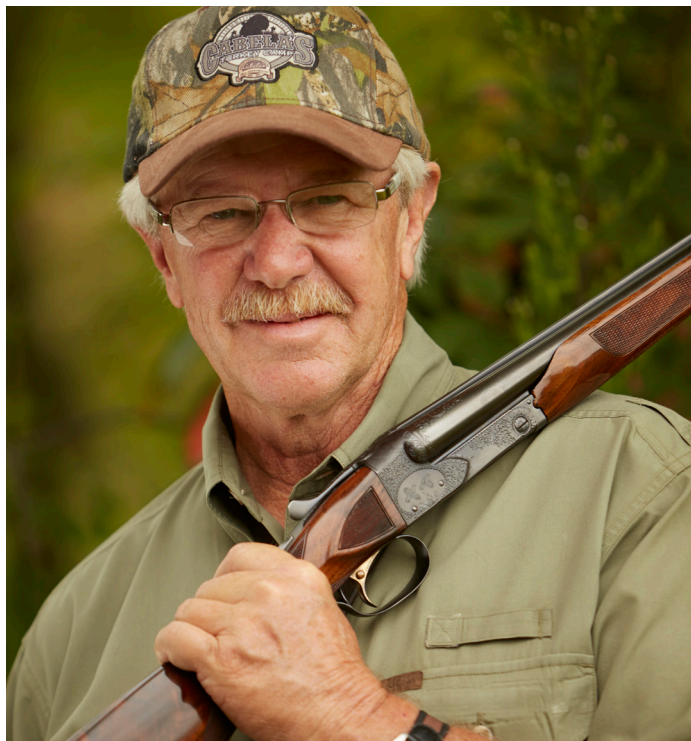
Kim Schrotenboer may like his hounds small, but he stands with super-tall company when called upon to defend the Second Amendment.

Schrotenboer, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is both a beagle man and an ardent NRA Foundation supporter. Beagles, for the uninitiated, are those short-legged, lusty-voiced dogs that look like long-legged hounds left in the drier a little too long.

Schrotenboer started chasing rabbits with beagles under his father's tutelage, and began running dogs in field trial competition as far back as 1955. It's a longtime family sport, Schrotenboer said, one of those outdoor pursuits that gets in the blood and tends to stay embedded.

Still an avid field trial participant, Schrotenboer has been privileged to own "some good dogs," he says modestly. In fact, his beagles routinely turn out to be of championship caliber, with some in the beagle field trial hall of fame.

The Grand Rapids outdoorsman also judges field trials when he's



not participating. Each trial is simply an old-fashioned test of what beagles do best: A pair of the little hounds are released in good rabbit country, and then they hunt for and trail rabbits, bellowing their joy to the sky with each shuffling step, huge hearts pumping pure joy through small yet robust bodies.

When autumn rolls around, the Schrotenboer family leaves the rabbit fields to hunt some of the big deer on Kim's Michigan property. Wife Susie prefers indoor activities, but she's an understanding spouse when deer season rolls around.

"We plant food plots on our land and do our best to manage for trophy bucks," Schrotenboer said. "We only harvest mature bucks and let the younger animals grow. It's a practice that's really paid dividends for us. Most of the deer we take off our land are quality whitetails."

Schrotenboer says he's among the semi-retired now, which means he has a little more time for hunting and being afield with his beloved beagles. It's time well earned following a long and successful career in the hotel and restaurant business.

As an NRA Foundation supporter for years, Schrotenboer plays his part in defending the Second Amendment through generous financial gifts to support its programs. "Too many people aren't aware of what the organization supports," Schrotenboer said. "They're not aware of all the programs for women, kids and the handicapped. The folks at the top are a broad-minded, visionary group who do so much that goes unseen and underappreciated.

"Most of all, The NRA Foundation protects the things that so many of us cherish—the shooting sports, hunting and our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms," Schrotenboer added. "Essentially, if



you believe in our Republic and a free way of life, then you have to believe in, and fight for, the Second Amendment. It's the one that guarantees the existence of all the others—the First Amendment, the right to assemble, freedom of religion, all the rights we tend to take for granted until they're threatened."

His strong belief in the right to keep and bear arms—the most basic right of all according to Schrotenboer—is why the Grand Rapids hunter donates generously to The NRA Foundation.

Most of all, Schrotenboer's generosity stems from a big heart. Like his little hounds that outperform dogs many times their size when rabbit scent tickles their nostrils, Schrotenboer lets his deeds do the talking. In the end his efforts, along with those of other Second Amendment supporters, tend to broadcast their message across great distances, keeping the hope of individual liberty loud and clear. ■

GREAT AMERICAN REVISITED

By Ashley Re

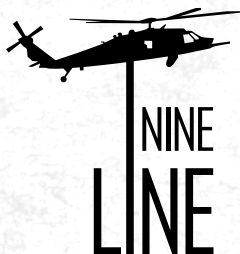
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The infamous “Wall of Guns!” could be heard throughout the main hallway at the 2019 Great American Outdoor Show held February 2-10 at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. For only \$10, participants have a 1-in-100 chance to win a brand new firearm or a \$400 cash prize. After every 100 tickets sold, another winner is drawn. It was a record breaking year at the Wall with over 180 winners.

The Wall featured firearms for every person’s taste. There were Smith & Wessons, Rugers, Kimbers, SIG Sauers, Remington Arms, Henry Repeating Arms, and the list continued. Henry Repeating Arms and Nine Line Apparel were this year’s sponsors, with OTIS Technology generously donating Ripcords as a product donation sponsor. The Wall of Guns wasn’t the only record breaker at this year’s event. The show welcomed nearly 200,000 outdoor enthusiasts from across the nation to celebrate their proud hunting, fishing, and outdoor traditions.

Next year’s Wall of Guns at the Great American Outdoor Show is scheduled for February 1-9, 2020. For more information, visit www.greatamericanoutdoorshow.org.





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By Tyler Proksa
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We live in a day and age where information is right at our fingertips. Whether you're checking the weather forecast for your next hunt, finding the closest gun shop, or just curious about how much a blue whale's tongue weighs (hint: it's as much as an elephant!), you can find just about anything via the internet. A major advantage of that accessibility and freedom is the growing opportunity to engage with organizations and communities to develop skills, interests, and qualifications through online courses.

Peter Churchbourne, Director of NRA Hunter Services, and his team have applied this idea to the hunting community and are developing an exciting new way to encourage a strong future for those traditions—what he says is “the most encompassing and engaging hunter education course in the world.”

Recently, the program, which is supported by The NRA Foundation, received seven Telly Awards and two Horizon Interactive Awards for its free online course. The Telly Awards honor web commercials, film and video productions, and outstanding local programs. They are judged by more than 200 leading industry experts including advertising agencies, production companies, and major television networks. Annually they receive more than 12,000 entries from all 50 states and five continents.

In 2017, the Horizon Interactive Awards, a leading international media competition, announced its winners that highlighted the “best of the best” in interactive media production. NRA was honored to be recognized for the NRA Hunter Education website with a silver award in the training/e-learning category, and a bronze award in the instructional video category. “It was great to see the course recognized with so many awards. It's a tribute to the massive amount of detail, time, and money the NRA put into developing this course for future hunters,” noted Peter Churchbourne.

The NRA Hunter Education program provides an online class that will allow a person to choose any state and take its hunters education course. It can be done in the comfort of one's home and taken at their own pace. The material can also be referred back to for questions or a refresher. Best of all, the course isn't just limited to a computer; it is also available on a mobile device. Currently, seven states have fully functional courses available at NRAHE.org, ready to train hunters in Connecticut, Florida, Oregon, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and West Virginia. To get a state involved in the NRA Hunter Education program, Peter encourages everyone to call their local agency and stress the state's demand for the program.

The concept first took shape in 2015 and coordination began to set up individual states' courses. To facilitate the expansion of the program, the course can be tailored to each state's specific rules and regulations with no extra cost to them. “Hunters are one of the most regulated sportsmen in the U.S.,” Churchbourne notes, “so it makes sense to be as educated as you possibly can.” The course's comprehensive and clear layout accomplishes that task and is sure to produce some of the safest and most educated generations of hunters thus far. Plus, with interactive modules, audio recordings, videos, diagrams, and images, the experience is a visual learner's dream come true.

Ultimately, the NRA Online Hunter Education Course provides the best method for teaching future hunters lessons they will remember for the rest of their lives. And, unlike other courses, the NRA course is completely free, encouraging new hunters to take the first step and making it easier for seasoned hunters to revisit the material. All there is to do is visit NRAHE.org, create an account, and begin your education! ■

For more information about firearms training and education programs supported by The NRA Foundation, or to sign up for a Hunter Education course, visit www.nrafoundation.org.

SNAPSHOT

FRIENDS OF NRA **GETTING TOGETHER** TO KICK OFF 2019



- (1) Alex Henry, 2017 Youth Education Summit Participant, receives his Grand Scholarship check of \$10,000.
- (2) Saturday evening State Fund Committee Awards Banquet in Wisconsin with David Keene awarding "Honorary Cheeseheads" to Office of Advancement staff Tim Fisher and Susan Trnka.
- (3) Southern California *Friends of NRA* season kick off meeting goes to the dogs at Bass Pro Shops, Rancho Cucamonga!
- (4) High Caliber Club recipients were recognized at the Montana State Volunteer Workshop Awards Week.
- (5) Upper Cumberland Committee received award banners for setting their all-time record – 1st time High Caliber Club, Highest Net Percentage Increase for Tennessee, & 5-Star Level TN Green Club!



- (6) Northern Alaska Field Representative Josh Toennessen awards Copper Basin *Friends of NRA* with their High Caliber Banner.
- (7) 2018 Youth Education Summit participant, Trey Houston, with his parents Denise and Corey volunteering at the Mesquite *Friends of NRA* Banquet in Nevada.
- (8) Savannah Christian Clay Shooting Team received their grant from Coastal Georgia *Friends of NRA*, presented by Chairwoman Cindy Daniel.
- (9) Volunteers of East Texas attending their Volunteer Workshop in preparation for 2019 events.
- (10) 2019 Team Arkansas Volunteer workshop believes in Freedom.Family.Future.
- (11) Southern Illinois High Caliber Club Committees honored at their 2019 Volunteer Workshop.

New Beginnings in PA

By Alyssa Brouillet

2018 Youth Education Summit Participant



Founded in Imperial, Missouri, the Student Air Rifle program (SAR) has expanded to Iowa, Texas, and most recently, Pennsylvania. With a new support in the works between SAR and The NRA Foundation, the Student Air Rifle program is making leaps and bounds in its attempts to increase student involvement in the shooting sports.

Through incorporating SAR into schools, students are becoming more actively involved in target shooting activities. According to Jake Hindman, President, and CEO of SAR, “The Student Air Rifle program is a pivotal turning point in increasing student involvement in target shooting sports. Approximately 21-22% of our students had never participated in the shooting sports before coming into this program. The results are substantial. Not only does it teach safe shooting habits, but also grows confidence, which is crucial to youth development. It helps with focus, grades, and more, all of which are significant skills to tie into the school curriculum.”

The program incorporates air rifle shooting into school physical education classes to ensure safe shooting practices for students in grades four through twelve. Based on the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) model, SAR utilizes proven safety protocols, training methods, and equipment to offer students a fun and safe method of introductory shooting sports. Hindman adds, “This form of teaching is structured in a way that is even simple for the teachers or instructors to use.”



Kory Enck, NRA Foundation Senior Field Representative for Eastern Pennsylvania, adds, “This program exemplifies the same goals and ideas that are expressed through our *Friends of NRA* banquets, our grant program, and The NRA Foundation. It is also the best opportunity the youth in Pennsylvania have to shoot. It takes little equipment, is inexpensive, and is easy to both practice and compete in schools.”

With The NRA Foundation’s recent grant donation of over \$15,000, SAR can now fund new rifles, pellets, and rifle storage for schools in Pennsylvania. Both Hindman and Enck share the excitement in this newly found support, as well as hopes for a strong, ambitious future for the program. “Long-term, we are looking for nationalization, tournament framework, and a lifetime of shooting sports for many of these students.”



Hindman notes, “We are looking for new states to get involved, and we are hoping for NRA volunteers to help out as well. For this program to succeed, it is important that community members become aware and involved with the program.”

Anyone interested in learning more about the program can find their website online, as well as frequent updates on the SAR Facebook page. 📱

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.



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By Ashley Re

Event Marketing & Communications Coordinator,
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In just two short years since its inception, the Coastal Georgia *Friends of NRA* event has grown larger and faster than any in *Friends of NRA* history. This past year, Cindy Daniel of Daniel Defense and her committee members broke the record for any event in the 26-year history of the *Friends of NRA* program by raising over \$322,000.

"I'm having a blast! Anyone that knows me can tell you I'm pretty competitive," stated Cindy Daniel, Executive Vice President of Daniel Defense and wife of founder Marty Daniel. "When I believe in something, I go all in. In 2017, our first year, I set an ambitious

goal to raise the most money of any NRA Foundation event that year. Knowing that would be a major accomplishment, we missed it... but not by much. We learned a lot, we laughed, and set our sights on the 2018 event."

The Coastal Georgia *Friends of NRA* committee pulled out all the stops for their 2018 banquet. Cindy and her committee were determined to raise the most out of any committee that year, because that was how important *Friends of NRA* and fundraising was and continues to be to them. "These events are not just something we do; it's our way of life. To lead by example and contribute, monetarily and through sweat equity, is very rewarding. Also, to be able to give back to our community, our state, and our country is why we do this," explained Cindy.



Cindy attributes the success of the 2018 banquet to a great team of people, both volunteers and members of the Daniel Defense family. It's no secret that banquets can be very time consuming, but Cindy and Marty truly believe in their company motto, "Freedom. Passion. Precision." And use it to guide how they manage their time and team of volunteers. "We're blessed because so many of those we work and live with in our community share the same values as our motto. That makes coming together for *Friends of NRA* well worth it," noted Cindy.

The event was held on October 18th, 2018 at the Daniel Defense Headquarters in Georgia, and had roughly 600 attendees, which was double from the previous year. "A lot of our advertising was just word of mouth," stated Cindy. "In fact, I was worried we may not have enough tables and prizes for companies that wanted to send groups of people to sit together in our corporate donor section."

This event attracts all types of people from the community: retired business people, homemakers, government officials, teenagers from local sporting clays shooting teams, military veterans, and law enforcement. One could bet that the evening was filled with attendees from a wide spectrum who love their country, love the shooting sports, and love the Second Amendment.

"The event featured factory tours and many one-of-a-kind items, "

noted Neely Raper, Field Representative for Georgia. "There were several cool items including exclusive Daniel Defense rifles, a Charlie Daniels autographed shirt and "Golden Fiddle," quail hunt with Travis Tritt, and a Luke Bryan autographed guitar." Some of the top auction items included a trip to St. Thomas Virgin Islands, a Daniel Defense MK12 with Night Force Optic, and a Bayete Safari hunt.

Cindy sits as the chairperson for the Coastal Georgia *Friends of NRA* committee, and when asked what drove her to start her own committee after being in the industry for so long, she replied, "I believe America is great because of the liberties it gives its citizens. Although we don't always agree with what others may say on some topics, we certainly support their right to say it. That's what the First Amendment is all about. I believe the Second Amendment provides the muscle behind the First Amendment and no other organization supports the Second Amendment like the NRA. Plus, I love to shoot, and I want to make sure that future generations get to enjoy the shooting sports as I do so that we all can keep our rights and pass on our traditions."

Plans for the 2019 banquet are already underway. Cindy and her hardworking team plan to top the record they set

in 2018. It is exciting to see a new committee making these monumental achievements, and The NRA Foundation and *Friends of NRA* are excited to see what Cindy and her team can continue to do for this grassroots fundraising program. **T**

Help support the future of the shooting sports! Become a Friends of NRA volunteer by visiting www.friendsofnra.org/volunteer.





2018 MOHEE

By Mark LaBarbera & Scott Taetsch

With leading support from the *Friends of NRA* and dozens of partner organizations, 2,856 students and 561 parents and teachers participated in the Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo, or MOHEE (pronounced MO'-hee), May 16-17, 2018 free of charge. That's a new record, compared to 2,704 students the prior year and 1,123 students in 2014, its first year at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' MacKenzie Environmental Education Center near Poynette.

MOHEE is a unique field trip where students are face-to-face with live wolves, lynx, badger, otter, bison, and eagles while having the opportunity to participate in archery, airgun, fisheries, forestry, wildlife and other fun activities, all in one location. Many of these activities correlate with multi-discipline state and national education standards. Students receive information about on-going mentoring programs that allow them to develop their outdoor skills and enjoy lifelong outdoor activities. Educators, trained safety instructors, and other volunteer mentors provide an enriching participatory experience for students, connecting youth to Wisconsin's natural resources, outdoor heritage, and lifelong skills.

"Well worth the long drive, our students and colleagues plan this field trip every year," said teacher Jordan Williams of Scales Mound, Illinois.

“Best field trip ever,” said Gwen Wohlgefahr, a teacher at Jefferson Lighthouse School in Racine, Wisconsin, echoing what other school groups usually say about MOHEE. Wohlgefahr and Williams traveled nearly five hours roundtrip with busloads of students eager to discover and try the more than 35 outdoor skills and activities. As a member of the media said,

“Students arrive by the busload and experience things many would never have had a chance to try elsewhere. Every one of them, and their teachers left with big smiles on their faces.”

Positive media coverage included a feature in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel and SCI HUNTERS magazine, plus social media support from teachers, students, and conservation group leaders who participate.

The biggest obstacle to success is the need for funding to cover growing expenses for buses and other costs. Most schools pay for their own transportation, but MOHEE’s policy is to help cover costs for schools that would not otherwise be able to attend due to budget constraints. The policy is for no child to be left behind and indoors.

Historically, *Friends of NRA* has been, and continues to be, the single largest funding source of this event. *Friends of NRA* has donated six grants through The NRA Foundation, totaling nearly \$72,000 since 2015.

According to Mark LaBarbera, NRA Patron Life Member and head of the charitable, non-profit Outdoor Heritage Education Center which founded, owns and organizes the event, “MOHEE has helped more than 10,000 students and hundreds of adults in the last five years to take the first steps toward a lifetime of outdoor enjoyment. One of our key goals is to retain and reactivate hunters,



anglers, and others by getting them involved as instructors at this event and as mentors in ongoing outdoor skills programs for youth and adults.” Another goal, he said, is to recruit students, parents, and educators into those programs.

“True mentoring is not a one and done event. MOHEE creates awareness and offers huge numbers of people the opportunity to try various outdoor activities, and then tells them where to go for true mentoring programs that offer multiple learning experiences over extended time afield and at the range,” states LaBarbera.

This all fits with the national R3 plan for recruitment, retention, and reactivation. State and national authorities on this subject believe this is one of the most critically important areas for the future of conservation and America’s outdoor sports heritage. Conservation leaders agree that when everyone pitches in, the polarizing challenges can be overcome.

For 2019, MOHEE organizers are already redoubling efforts to increase numbers in a variety of areas. For example, they are planning to increase the number of schools, students, parents, and teachers who attend. MOHEE organizers intend to increase the number of activities, including shooting sports, falconry and aerial archery. They are also looking to add exhibits on bats, birds, and bugs. ■

Submit your club or program for an NRA Foundation grant today by applying at www.nrafoundation.org.





DOUBLE TIME

In The Panhandle

By Jamie Day
2018 Youth Education Summit Participant

Since 1990, The NRA Foundation has funded over 49,000 grants and awarded over \$398,000,000 to various shooting sports programs across the country. Many of these programs promote youth education and involvement to ensure a prosperous future for both shooting sports and the Second Amendment.

Two programs that have received such grants can be found in the very Northwest corner of the Texas panhandle in Dallam and Hartley County. Four years ago, both counties added a shooting sports program to their local 4-H clubs. They have since received a combined total of over \$50,000 to support the growth of shooting sports in their communities.

For any shooting program to find success, the right practice equipment and competition equipment is vitally required. Thanks to NRA Foundation grants, both the Dallam and Hartley County 4-H shooting clubs have obtained skeet throwers, trap throwers, gun safes; and most importantly guns, ammunition, and targets. While it may seem that the last three items on that list are obvious to the success of a shooting team, many may not realize that the price of those same three items can often inhibit young shooters from participating. However, by receiving grant money to pay for those necessities, the participation cost for every child is reduced.

“We want to allow as many kids to be involved as possible, and not all families can afford to buy targets and ammunition. That’s why we love getting the grants because they allow kids to participate that otherwise wouldn’t be able to,” explains Stephanie Frantz, Chairman of the XIT *Friends of NRA* and the proud mother of two boys involved with the local 4-H shooting sports program.

While in the 4-H program, kids learn how to properly and safely handle a variety of firearms; how to participate in shooting sports competitions; the laws and ethics related to shooting, hunting, and firearm use; and possible careers in the world of shooting sports and firearms. Kids also gain the skills needed to be proactive forces in their communities such as leadership, sportsmanship, and stewardship.

According to Stephanie, one of aspects of shooting sports is are initially unsure of their confidence as they progress. When those kids learn safely handle them, from the range to continue

the most fulfilling watching kids who abilities gain confidence through the program. to respect firearms and they can in turn walk away happy, confident, and excited learning.

Not only does the 4-H shooting sports program expose kids to new learning opportunities, but it also provides a chance for participants to venture past their county lines. Every year, the Dallam and Hartley County 4-H’ers can choose to participate in numerous competitions across the state, such as the Texas State Games at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, or the Texas State Roundup in Brownwood. By joining the competitions, the kids are given a chance to expose themselves to new experiences that would have never been available without the 4-H program.

Those who benefit from the 4-H shooting sports and NRA Foundation grants are not shy in showing their appreciation. At every XIT *Friends of NRA* event, the shooting teams are sure to be seen assisting wherever they’re needed; whether that’s helping with food, or simply engaging in the conversation regarding their Second Amendment rights.

Yet however grateful these two 4-H programs are for the NRA, the NRA is even more grateful for their support. Without these programs promoting youth participation in shooting sports, the future generations would not have an understanding or passion for the Second Amendment, and would therefore not see the importance in protecting it. For this reason, The NRA Foundation and *Friends of NRA* is proud to support the Dallam and Hartley County 4-H Shooting Sports Program. ■

Help youth shooting sports programs like 4-H programs succeed in your area! Apply for an NRA Foundation grant at www.nra-foundation.org today!

“T” is for TEAM!

By NRA Western Region Field Staff

The Bonner County Sportsmen’s Association (BCSA) of Sandpoint, Idaho is one of those “little gun clubs with a big heart.” They not only talk the talk, but they walk the walk when it comes to passing on to future generations the uniquely American tradition of our firearms freedoms and marksmanship. They are the hosts of the Sandpoint JR Rifle Team, and also host a two day “Youth Day at the Range” event every year in June. This event supports local 4-H shooting matches and is heavily invested in the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Hunter Education program. But they still did not feel like they were doing enough!

The cadre of Range Safety Officers (RSO) for the Bonner County Sportsmen have story upon story of husbands who bring their wives up to the range for the first time and try to teach them to shoot. More often than not, it does not go well! The RSOs realized that there are a lot of women in North Idaho that want to learn how to safely handle and shoot a firearm but that they had nowhere to go and the husbands/boyfriends were not getting the job done. The BCSA had several programs directed towards youth shooters but had nothing for the lady shooters. That is when they decided to act.

President Bill Moody and Lead Trainer Tom Harvill contacted NRA Field Staff with their dilemma and their desire to come up with something for women who wanted to learn to shoot. They were directed to the NRA Women On Target® (WOT) program which is a one day, ladies only, firearms clinic that focuses mainly on the fundamentals of gun safety and marksmanship. PERFECTION!

Bill and Tom quickly realized that they were going to need help if they wanted to do this right, so they called master organizer Cathie Malison. Cathie is one of those ladies that could’ve organized the Desert Storm invasion and would have finished on time and come in under budget. When Cathie says she will handle something you never have to check back because it is HANDLED! She is also an avid bear and elk hunter, an ID CCW holder and an NRA Life Member. PERFECTION again!

Bill, Tom, and Cathie sat down together to figure out what they wanted to accomplish. They all agreed that the goal would be to offer the best firearms training possible at an affordable cost. To do this, they decided to cap the WOT class size to ten students so that they would have a lot of hands-on instruction and coaching from the RSOs. The BCSA Women on Target team

maintains a two student per one RSO/Trainer Coach so that the ladies can get their questions answered quickly.

They also wanted their Women on Target class to be welcoming and inviting from the moment the ladies stepped through the door. Knowing that for many, this would be their first interaction with the NRA and the BCSA, Bill, Tom, and Cathie did not want to miss the opportunity to make a great first impression. Before each WOT Clinic in Sandpoint, the classroom, range, and facility are cleaned top to bottom, all the classroom tables have tablecloths, a dish of candy and teaching aids are placed at each setting, and everything is in place before the students arrive. A catered lunch, snacks, and drinks are all provided for the students.

They also wanted to provide the ladies with a chance to shoot several different firearms during the clinic, so each Range Safety Officer brought in their personal handguns in either .22, 9MM or .38 Special. There is everything from Glock, S&W, Kimber, Canik, Taurus, Colt, to Ruger’s, and Sig’s available for the ladies to try once they have shown proficiency in safe gun handling. This is sort of a “try before you buy” for the students, as not all guns fit all hands and the students can see what they like before they go to a gun shop. They also allow attendees to bring their own personal handguns if they would like coaching and instruction with the gun they already own.



The best way to accomplish these lofty goals was to divide and conquer. Bill, Tom, and Cathie did just that: Cathie took over registration, advertising, lunch, snacks, and drinks. Tom took charge of the classroom instruction, the classroom set up and making sure they have enough and a variety of handguns for the students to use, as well as procuring the ammunition. And Bill took over securing the Leo Hadley Indoor Range (BCSA fully donates the use of the Indoor Range to the WOT Team!), recruiting Range Safety Officers and running the shooting portion of the clinic. Bill recruited Gene Gibson, Jim Bonn, Frank Visger, Zeb Platt and Kelly Harliker as Range Safety Officers/Trainer Coaches. The Bonner County Sportsmen's WOT Team has several centuries of combined firearms training and experience!

With all of their pieces in place, the BCSA WOT Team decided to host their first class in April of 2018. Needless to say with all their pre-planning it was a MAJOR SUCCESS! So much so, that all the ladies in the first class told all of their friends and Cathie started getting calls and emails to see when the next WOT clinic was going to be held. They hosted another one, and the same thing happened! So instead of trying to fight it, the BCSA team decided to host one WOT clinic a month for the foreseeable future! "We must be doing something right because the demand for this clinic is growing," said Cathie.

"The women that attend have been telling family and friends, and we have not had to do much advertising to fill our classes."

Each clinic starts with over four hours of training in the morning, where the women are taught about the parts of a firearm and how they function, how to safely handle a firearm, as well as how to load and unload several different types of firearms. Then, the ladies get nearly two hours of trigger practice. "They start by loading one round from the sitting position, then multiple rounds from sitting position. Then they shoot from the standing position, again starting with one round and progressing to multiple rounds; they do this with each caliber," said Tom. "Each class shoots a brick of 22LR, about 500 rounds of 9mm, and 200 rounds of 38 special. They get trigger time!"

The women that come to the clinics chose to attend for different reasons. Some want to learn how to improve their shooting and handling skills, while others have never touched a firearm and want to learn the basics. "The majority of women say that they attend for personal safety. Knowing the basics about firearms has also been an important reason to take the class. Many women have firearms in the home, as their spouse and/or older children are shooters or hunters. Knowing how to handle a firearm properly should they be exposed to one is a priority," said Cathie Malison. Others use the clinic as an opportunity to

shoot a variety of firearms to find one that fits them well, and that they will be comfortable using. With the Bonner County Sportsmen's Association donating the use of the indoor range, and a crew of volunteers, the cost per student is only \$30! This includes all the instruction, lunch, drinks, snacks, and ammunition.

Offering the opportunity to take a low-cost, all-inclusive class has opened the shooting sports up to the women in their community, who can now learn about firearms and the shooting sports without having to make a huge investment. These clinics are empowering the women in Bonner County to feel safe being around and handling firearms. According to lead trainer Tom Harvill, "One of my personal goals is for the ladies to be safely handling firearms, hitting the target, and laughing and smiling; we have reached this goal with every class."

None of this would have been possible without the Bonner County Sportsmen's Association, the Idaho *Friends of NRA*, The NRA Foundation, and the NRA Women on Target program. Support from The NRA Foundation made the range improvements possible, allowing the Bonner County Sportsman Association to give back to their community by safely training women how to use firearms. Since 2009 the Bonner County Sportsmen's Association has received five grants totaling over \$41,000 to upgrade the Leo Hadley Indoor Shooting Range in Sandpoint, Idaho.

If you are interested in hosting a Women On Target Instructional shooting clinic in your home town, please go to the NRA Website and search for WOT. It will be a lot easier if you form a team beforehand! Many hands make light work! ■

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.





EMPOWERING WOMEN Through Education

By Hannah Gertz

2018 Youth Education Summit Participant





In 2010, The CALGUNS Shooting Sports Association (CGSSA) was founded to maintain, exercise, and advance the Second Amendment within their southern California community. Founded by a group of volunteers, the organization has worked diligently to become a certified 501(c)(3) organization. CGSSA empowers California gun owners through education and community development events.

In 2010, CGSSA launched their first ever Women on Target event. The event was a big success with over 100 clinic attendees and 50 instructors coming out. Since then, CGSSA has held regular monthly clinics. These unique classes are targeted towards women who seek to empower themselves through the use of their Second Amendment freedoms. Generally, a group of about 16 women attend the clinics where they are trained in rifle or pistol usage. Women on Target also has a shotgun curriculum that CGSSA hasn't incorporated into their cycle yet. "We found that women like pistols, so pistol classes dominated our yearly offering. We offer three rifle and nine pistol clinics every year. We do not combine firearm

types; a pistol class is just for pistol and the same for rifles," explained Jacob Rascon, President of CGSSA. Throughout the course of the clinic, participants are taught safety, mechanics, and firearm usage and ownership.

A big milestone for CGSSA came recently as the association hosted a basic firearm safety and shooting class for an entire Girl Scout troop. The troop, made up of about 20 girls, had a day full of fun and education. Jacob said, "It was a blessing to see this many young people and their families come together in support of the Second Amendment."

For almost a decade, CGSSA has teamed up with *Friends of NRA* to support their fundraising efforts. Since 2012, CGSSA has donated Women on Target class passes and other auction items to all southern California *Friends of NRA* events. Through their support of *Friends of NRA* Jacob learned about The NRA Foundation's grant program. CGSSA has received three grants from The NRA Foundation totaling over \$18,000 in grant product. The organization

has been using these grants to make classes more accessible to all members, as well to help get the word out about the positive effects CGSSA has on the Southern California community.

When asked why CGSSA has been so supportive of *Friends of NRA* over the years, Jacob replied, "The CALGUNS Shooting Sports Association board believes in God, Family, and Country. We believe in a safe and respectful shooting sports community. We believe everyone in our 2A community is important, so we have made it our mission to help them thrive. For the CGSSA board, this means teaching responsible ownership and firearm safety, while offering opportunities for learning, practice, competition, and firearm information sharing."

Friends of NRA thanks Mr. Rascon and the CGSSA for all of the empowering work they do each and every day! ■

Apply for a grant for your shooting sports program at nrafoundation.org. Support friendsofnra.org/Events.

A Brand as Solid as Ice

By Ashley Re
Event Marketing & Communications Coordinator,
National Rifle Association

With a tagline as solid as ice, “2A is in Our DNA” Cordova Coolers LLC stands out as a participant in the *Friends of NRA* Vendor Direct Program and is a true Freedom supporter.



Cordova Coolers was founded in Idaho by Scott Campbell in 2015 after a cooler failure on his new boat. After boasting that he could build a better cooler, Scott went to work designing and building one to fit the dimensions of his boat. The company at that time was named Ice Age Coolers.

In January of 2018, Doug McMaster, a Boise businessman, purchased Ice Age Coolers and changed the name to Cordova LLC. He decided to add a production line, and within several months, all hard body Cordova Coolers were being produced in Idaho. Being able to manufacture themselves and control quality enabled Cordova to achieve economies of scale, and provide coolers to vendors with a distinction from some of the “well known” brands in the industry. Being the

“new kid on the block”

of the cooler industry has allowed Cordova LLC to take a different foothold than other well-established cooler companies. Cordova LLC has invested heavily in facilities and tooling and is well positioned to be a serious competitor in a very competitive market.

Built on doing what is right by the customer, building quality products, and treating others as you would like to be treated are only a few reasons why Cordova was selected for the *Friends of NRA* program. “First and foremost, we wanted a company who produced products made in the USA,” noted Kathy Purtell, Merchandise Manager for *Friends of NRA*. Doug McMaster, Owner of Cordova LLC, noted, “We have always manufactured our rotomolded coolers in the United States, and we are now one of only a select few

who manufactures and distributes their own product. We feel that adds to our quality control process.”

Although Cordova is new to the *Friends of NRA* vendor direct program, they have been supporting *Friends of NRA* for quite some time. “Cordova was supporting several of the states near our home state of Idaho with coolers for their fundraising events. The coolers were popular at the *Friends of NRA* events when the opportunity to become part of the *Friends of NRA* Vendor Direct Program presented itself. Cordova decided to get involved because of our beliefs in the NRA and the Second Amendment,” stated Doug.

Cordova is a Second Amendment supporter, and the opportunity to help preserve those rights is very important to their company. Through their involvement with the *Friends of NRA*, Cordova hopes to assist with the education of and preservation of the Second Amendment. “To ensure the freedoms that we currently enjoy, we must educate the young people and counter the assault on the Second Amendment and the constitution. In this era of “internet knowledge” there is way too much misinformation that is passed along as the truth. To make sure the values we cherish survive we must educate the young people,” noted Doug.

Cordova will be making an appearance at the 148th NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits in Indianapolis, Indiana this April 26-28. Kicking off the weekend’s events is The National NRA Foundation BBQ & Auction held April 25, to which Cordova has generously donated coolers and tumblers for table packages and a one-of-a-kind Cordova Cooler game. Reserve your tickets for the BBQ & Auction today by visiting www.friendsofnra.org/nationalevents. ■

Attend the National NRA Foundation BBQ & Auction held on April 25, 2019 for a chance to go home with exclusive Friends of NRA Cordova products! To purchase tickets, visit www.friendsofnra.org/nationalevents.



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at the NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits

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Indianapolis Convention Center, Room 233

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- If you want to learn how to make a difference in your community by fundraising for The NRA Foundation
- If you want to ensure the Second Amendment for future generations
- If you want to volunteer with like-minded people
- If you want to meet Region Directors and Field Representatives who coordinate local events
- If you want to win valuable firearms and have fun

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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How did you get involved with *Friends of NRA*?

I got involved with *Friends of NRA* in the first year of the program as an attendee. A couple of years later I joined a committee in Sonoma County, CA to try and help grow the event. My wife and I joined the committee the same night and we met a number of other volunteers that we have built lifelong relationships with. One of our new friends we met was Jason Quick, who went to work for the NRA a couple of years before I did, and who is the Southwest Regional Director for *Friends of NRA*.

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

God, the love of my family, freedom, music, and laughter.

REP WRAP

What did you do in your previous life...

Prior to being employed by the NRA, I ran my own consulting firm in the tech industry. I spent about 20 years designing and writing software for businesses.

Favorite firearm and why...

My favorite firearm is a Bolt-Action model 70 in .270 win that was a Christmas gift from my parents and my uncle. I don't remember the year for sure, but I believe I was about 14. I have hunted with this rifle ever since. This is my favorite because of who it came from, and because I shoot it well.

Tell us something unique about you...

I have been blessed to experience life in so many unique ways. I have had the opportunity to work with and for a very diverse group of companies and individuals. I've had the chance to see behind the curtain of innovation in tech, music, automobiles, engineering, sales, and so much more. I have been privileged to travel to places big and famous, small and unknown; play music with those far more talented and well-known than I could ever be. Share the efforts of volunteers far more skilled than I, and share my life with the love of my life who has stood by my side for better or worse for more than 38 years.



Dan Wilhelm

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA *FRIENDS OF NRA*

Senior Field Rep since July 1995



FRIENDS OF NRA EVENTS



Friends of NRA events celebrate American values with fun, fellowship, and fundraising for The NRA Foundation. You'll have the opportunity to participate in games, drawings, live and silent auctions, and more. Your attendance contributes to grants that promote firearm education, safety, and marksmanship. **To learn more about events in your area, visit friendsofnra.org, contact your local field representative, or send an email to friends@nrahq.org.**

STATE

Alaska-

Cooper Landing Friends of NRA
Cooper Landing, AK May 11, 2019

Fairbanks Friends of NRA
Fairbanks, AK May 11, 2019

Tok Friends of NRA
Tok, AK May 18, 2019

Alabama-

Mt. Cheaha Friends of NRA
Oxford, AL May 3, 2019

East AL Friends of NRA
Opelika, AL May 9, 2019

Jasper Friends of NRA
Jasper, AL May 18, 2019

Arkansas-

Union County Friends of NRA
El Dorado, AR May 4, 2019

Toad Suck Friends of NRA
Conway, AR May 11, 2019

Northwest Arkansas Friends of NRA
Bentonville, AR May 13, 2019

Ozark Area Friends of NRA
Ozark, AR May 18, 2019

Arkansas River Valley Friends of NRA
Russellville, AR June 1, 2019

Arizona-

Northern Arizona Friends of NRA
Flagstaff, AZ May 4, 2019

Cobre Valley Friends of NRA
Globe, AZ May 11, 2019

Scottsdale Friends of NRA
Scottsdale, AZ May 18, 2019

Verde Valley Friends of NRA
Clarkdale, AR June 8, 2019

California-

Southern Sierra Friends of NRA
Ridgecrest, CA May 4, 2019

Antelope Valley Friends of NRA
Lancaster, CA May 4, 2019

Sierra Valley Friends of NRA
Graeagle, CA May 4, 2019

Porterville Friends of NRA
Porterville, CA May 4, 2019

Woodlake Friends of NRA
Woodlake, CA May 8, 2019

Metro OC Friends of NRA
North Tustin, CA May 10, 2019

Bakersfield Friends of NRA
Bakersfield, CA May 11, 2019

Morro Bay Friends of NRA
Morro Bay, CA May 18, 2019

North County Friends of NRA
Vista, CA May 18, 2019

Roseville/Rocklin Friends of NRA
Roseville, CA May 18, 2019

Atascadero Friends of NRA
Atascadero, CA June 1, 2019

CHFC Friends of NRA
Compton, CA June 1, 2019

Tuolumne County Friends of NRA
Sonora, CA June 1, 2019

South Lake Tahoe Friends of NRA
South Lake Tahoe, CA June 8, 2019

Taft Friends of NRA
Taft, CA June 14, 2019

Big Bear Valley Friends of NRA
Big Bear Lake, CA June 15, 2019

Turlock Friends of NRA
Turlock, CA June 15, 2019

Colorado-

Central Rockies Friends of NRA
Silverthorne, CO May 18, 2019

Custer County Friends of NRA
Westcliffe, CO June 15, 2019

Gunnison Valley Friends of NRA
Gunnison, CO June 28, 2019

Grand Valley Friends of NRA
Grand Junction, CO June 29, 2019

Florida-

Northbay Friends of NRA
Ellenton, FL May 9, 2019

Starke Area Friends of NRA
Starke, FL June 14, 2019

Georgia-

Rum Creek Friends of NRA
Forsyth, GA May 9, 2019

Pickens County Friends of NRA
Jasper, GA March 18, 2019

Iowa-

Mississippi Valley Friends of NRA
Davenport, IA May 4, 2019

Idaho-

St. Maries Friends of NRA
St. Maries, ID May 4, 2019

Magic Valley Friends of NRA
Filer, ID May 11, 2019

Pocatello Friends of NRA
Pocatello, ID June 1, 2019

Illinois-

Prairieland Friends of NRA
Blue Mound, IL May 10, 2019

U.S. Grant Friends of NRA
Elizabeth, IL May 18, 2019

Indiana-

Johnson County Friends of NRA
Greenwood, IN May 10, 2019

Kentucky-

Lake Cumberland Friends of NRA
Somerset, KY May 11, 2019

Louisiana-

Allen Parish Friends of NRA
Oberlin, LA May 2, 2019

North LA Friends of NRA
Monroe, LA May 9, 2019

Deep South Friends of NRA
Harvey, LA May 23, 2019

Delta Friends of NRA
Ferriday, LA June 7, 2019

Acadiana Friends of NRA
Lafayette, LA June 13, 2019

Massachusetts-

Pioneer Valley Friends of NRA
Chicopee, MA March 3, 2019

Maryland-

Southern Maryland Friends of NRA
Waldorf, MD May 4, 2019

Allegany County Friends of NRA
Mt. Savage, MD May 11, 2019

Central Maryland Friends of NRA
Frederick, MD June 8, 2019

Maine-

Penobscot County Friends of NRA
Orono, ME May 4, 2019

Southern Maine Friends of NRA
Portland, ME May 31, 2019

Moosehead Region Friends of NRA
Greenville, ME June 29, 2019

Michigan-

Grand Valley Friends of NRA
Grand Rapids, MI May 3, 2019

WWCCA Friends of NRA
Westland, MI May 3, 2019

Cheboygan Friends of NRA
Cheboygan, MI May 10, 2019

Tri-Cities Friends of NRA
Saginaw, MI May 11, 2019

West Michigan Friends of NRA
Muskegon, MI May 11, 2019

Southwest Michigan Friends of NRA
Lawrence, MI May 18, 2019

Alpena County Friends of NRA
Alpena, MI June 7, 2019

Minnesota-

Southwest MN Friends of NRA
Ghent, MN June 3, 2019

Missouri-

Coal Country Friends of NRA
Macon, MO May 2, 2019

Truman Lake Friends of NRA
Clinton, MO May 30, 2019

Mississippi Valley Friends of NRA
Hannibal, MO June 13, 2019

Mark Twain Forest Friends of NRA
Potosi, MO June 27, 2019

Mississippi-

Pearl River County Friends of NRA
Picayune, MS May 4, 2019

North Carolina-

Madison-Yancey Friends of NRA
Burnsville, NC May 2, 2019

Outer Banks Friends of NRA
Manteo, NC May 3, 2019

Montgomery County Friends of NRA
Troy, NC May 4, 2019

Pamlico River Friends of NRA
Washington, NC May 10, 2019

Hiwassee River Friends of NRA
Murphy, NC May 11, 2019

New Hampshire-

Upper Valley Friends of NRA
Lebanon, NH May 18, 2019

Rockingham County Friends of NRA
Manchester, NH May 19, 2019

Seacoast Friends of NRA
Rochester, NH June 1, 2019

New Mexico-

Estancia Valley Friends of NRA
Moriarty, NM May 3, 2019

San Juan County Friends of NRA
Farmington, NM June 1, 2019

Nevada-

Moapa Valley Friends of NRA
Logandale, NV May 4, 2019

Humboldt River Friends of NRA
Winnemucca, NV May 11, 2019

Lincoln County Friends of NRA
Caliente, NV June 8, 2019

White Pine Friends of NRA
Ely, NV June 15, 2019

New York-

Central NY Friends of NRA
East Syracuse, NY May 3, 2019

Trailblazers Friends of NRA
Norwich, NY May 4, 2019

Patrick Henry Friends of NRA
Lake George, NY May 10, 2019

Ohio-

Butler County Friends of NRA
Fairfield, OH May 3, 2019

Clark County Friends of NRA
Springfield, OH May 4, 2019

Warren County Friends of NRA
Morrow, OH May 10, 2019

Western Reserve Friends of NRA
Mentor, OH May 24, 2019

Guernsey County Friends of NRA
Buffalo, OH June 29, 2019

Oklahoma-

Canadian County Friends of NRA
Yukon, OK May 4, 2019

Red River Friends of NRA
Durant, OK May 11, 2019

Kiamichi County Friends of NRA
McAlester, OK June 1, 2019

Cleveland County Friends of NRA
Norman, OK June 13, 2019

Oregon-

Rogue Valley Friends of NRA
Medford, OR May 15, 2019

Oregon State Friends of NRA
Redmond, OR June 8, 2019

Pennsylvania-

Raystown Country Friends of NRA
Huntingdon, PA May 4, 2019

Gateway Friends of NRA
Dubois, PA May 7, 2019

Pike County Friends of NRA
Matamoras, PA May 8, 2019

Armstrong County Friends of NRA
Kittanning, PA May 9, 2019

Bradford Area Friends of NRA
Troy, PA May 11, 2019

Warren County Friends of NRA
Sheffield, PA May 11, 2019

Delco Friends of NRA
Essington, PA May 15, 2019

Tool City Friends of NRA
Meadville, PA May 18, 2019

Montgomery County Friends of NRA
Telford, PA May 23, 2019

Berks Area Friends of NRA
Wyomissing, PA May 31, 2019

South Carolina-

Barnwell Friends of NRA
Blackville, SC May 4, 2019

Beaufort County Friends of NRA
Okatie, SC May 10, 2019

Horry County Friends of NRA
Myrtle Beach, SC May 11, 2019

Tennessee-

Davidson County Friends of NRA
Nashville, TN May 3, 2019

Smokies Friends of NRA
Pigeon Forge, TN May 11, 2019

Forked Deer Friends of NRA
Jackson, TN May 16, 2019

Volunteer Friends of NRA
Dickson, TN May 18, 2019

Tipton County Friends of NRA
Brighton, TN June 1, 2019

Fayette County Friends of NRA
Somerville, TN June 7, 2019

Texas-

North Plains Friends of NRA
Dumas, TX May 3, 2019

Gulf Coast Friends of NRA
Baytown, TX May 4, 2019

Northwest Houston Friends of NRA
Tomball, TX May 10, 2019

Longview Friends of NRA
Longview, TX May 11, 2019

Ft Bend County Friends of NRA
Missouri City, TX May 18, 2019

Smith County Friends of NRA
Tyler, TX May 23, 2019

Sam Houston Patriots Friends of NRA
Cleveland, TX June 7, 2019

Heart of Texas Friends of NRA
Brownwood, TX June 7, 2019

Young County Friends of NRA
Graham, TX June 22, 2019

Utah-

Ogden Friends of NRA
Ogden, UT June 29, 2019

Virginia-

Hampton Roads Friends of NRA
Newport News, VA May 9, 2019

National Capitol Friends of NRA
Arlington, VA May 17, 2019

Wytheville Friends of NRA
Wytheville, VA May 18, 2019

Vermont-

Northeast Kingdom Friends of NRA
St. Johnsbury, VT May 10, 2019

Washington-

North Puget Sound Friends of NRA
Mountlake Terrace, WA May 4, 2019

Kitsap County Friends of NRA
Bremerton, WA May 10, 2019

Kittitas County Friends of NRA
Ellensburg, WA May 11, 2019

Lewis County Friends of NRA
Chehalis, WA June 1, 2019

Moses Lake Friends of NRA
Moses Lake, WA June 6, 2019

Pierce County Friends of NRA
Gig Harbor, WA June 8, 2019

Okanogan County Friends of NRA
Omak, WA June 15, 2019

Spokane Friends of NRA
Spokane, WA June 22, 2019

West Virginia-

Eastern Panhandle Friends of NRA
Inwood, WV June 8, 2019

Wyoming-

Gillette Friends of NRA
Gillette, WY May 4, 2019

Cheyenne Friends of NRA
Cheyenne, WY May 11, 2019

Casper Friends of NRA
Casper, WY June 1, 2019

Star Valley Friends of NRA
Thayne, WY June 8, 2019

Sheridan Friends of NRA
Sheridan, WY June 15, 2019

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