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2020 Is Looking Great

Meet Al Hammond and explore our Standard Package selection process

My career at the NRA began in early 1993 as a Field Representative where I helped bring the *Friends of NRA* program to my home state of Florida. I then became Southern Regional Director for many years, and today serve as NRA Director of Field Staff where I work with NRA Regional Directors and Field Staff across the country. It's exciting to enter 2020 with so many dedicated volunteers, attendees, and colleagues.

The *Friends of NRA* program is entering its 28th year, and we have an impressive inventory of Standard Package merchandise that will be available at all events across the country in 2020.

After the wild success of our pilot fundraising banquet in Springfield, MO in October of 1992, we saw an incredible opportunity for The NRA Foundation and NRA programs. In 1993, with the banquet program in full operation, we needed items that would be exclusive to *Friends of NRA* events. The items would also need to be high in quality, value and appeal. This was the advent of the Standard Package that is now a core part of every *Friends of NRA* banquet.

Items for the Standard Package are handpicked by NRA staff, and chosen specifically with attendees in mind. The exclusive firearms, artwork and general NRA fraternal merchandise help raise essential dollars to support The NRA Foundation's mission and Teach Freedom through programs that instill knowledge about our nation's great history.

Some Standard Package items are conceptualized and developed in-house. Others come from manufacturers and industry partners who submit their ideas and sample products. We review hundreds of submissions and have to narrow the final list down to about 30 items each year!

We all try to keep apprised of the changes and trends across the country, and identify new areas of interest. Committees also select firearms and merchandise through a special, limited Vendor Direct Program and our own warehouse. This allows the local volunteers to utilize their knowledge of what will sell best in their area.

We are always open to suggestions on ways to enhance the Standard Package, and we strive to select firearms and merchandise with broad appeal. After all, our goal is to raise the most money to support the future of the shooting sports. Standard Package items are exclusive to *Friends of NRA* events. We hope you will join us year after year and continue to support our mission, and find something unique, meaningful and special to take home.

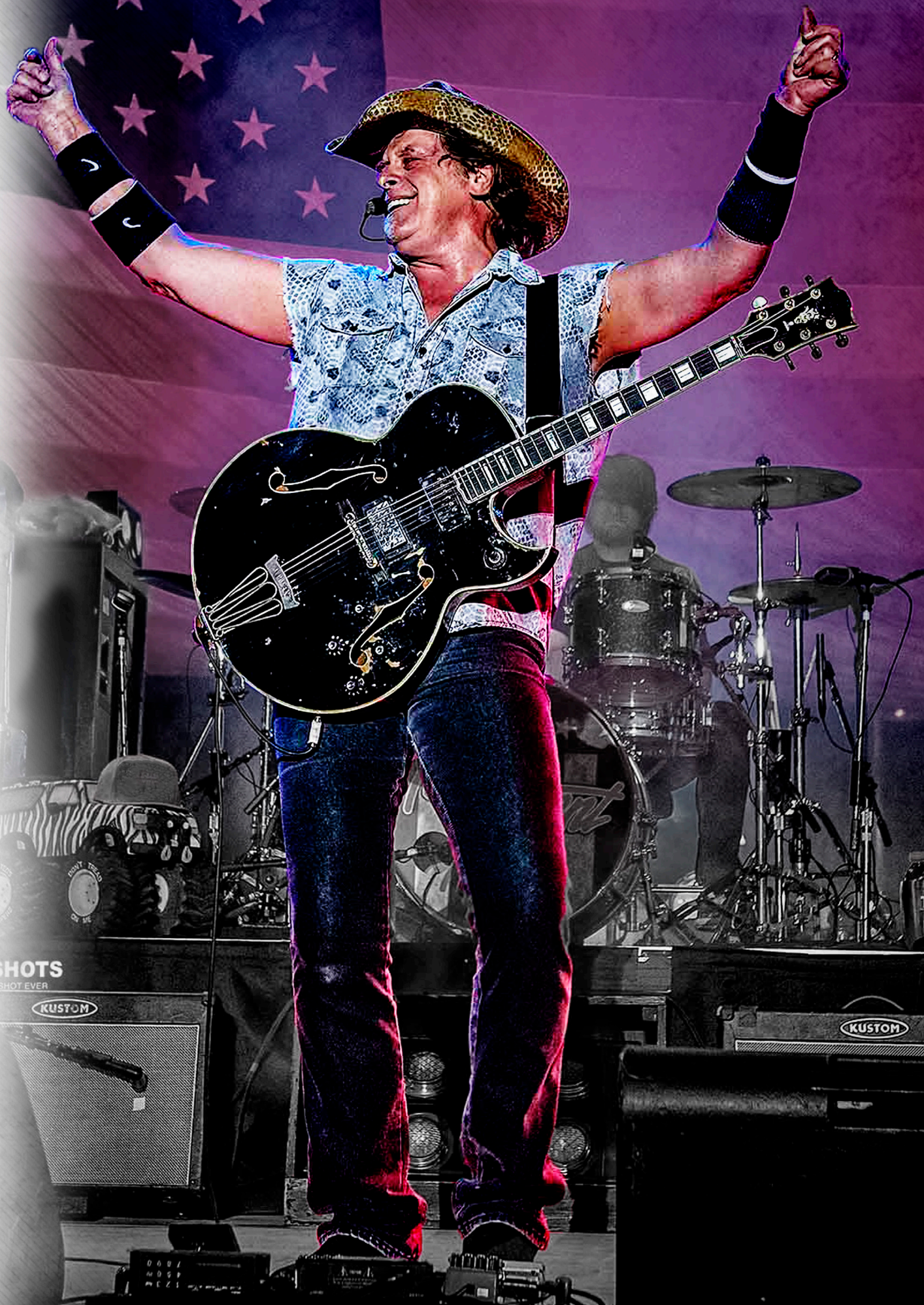
Thank you for a great year, and I look forward to seeing many of you at *Friends of NRA* events in 2020!

Al Hammond

Director, NRA Field Staff



ANSWERING AMERICA



Q&A with MUSIC LEGEND TED NUGENT

★ YOU HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED AS MANY THINGS OVER THE YEARS; WHAT IS ONE WORD YOU WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF AND WHY?

American would describe me perfectly because I embody and live as a fulltime experimenter in self-government and fulfill my *we the people* duties every day demanding Constitutional accountability. I stink of individual freedom and rugged self-sufficient individuality.

★ TAKE US BACK TO THE FIRST DAY YOU WERE INTRODUCED TO SHOOTING; HOW OLD WERE YOU, WHERE WAS IT, AND WHO WERE YOU WITH?

Oh the beautiful flood of graphic, happy images that run through my mind of those early days in Detroit in the 1950s with my dad and brothers in all kinds of shooting excitement! There were the earliest days with a BB gun and of course the nonstop home-made bow and arrow archery thrills that continue to drive me today! There were magical times with Uncle John shooting tin cans and bottles in Monroe, Michigan. It is accurate to say my life has been a celebration of projectile management in all its *aim small miss small* variations.

★ WHAT DOES BEING AN AMERICAN PATRIOT MEAN TO YOU?

Being a genuine *America 1st* patriot simply means believing in the Divine Providence that brought about this sacred experiment in self-government unique to the history of mankind, to be free for life, liberty, and the pursuit of individual happiness. That means making constant sacrifices for the good of God, family, and country; fighting against all forces both domestic and foreign that would deny us these God given Constitutionally guaranteed individual rights. And though we must all choose how to best manage our time, energies, and resources to be most effective, it also means standing up for the hero warriors of the U.S. Military and their families who fight the hardest and make the most sacrifices.

★ FRIENDS OF NRA IS FEATURING A “WE THE PEOPLE” GUITAR SIGNED BY YOU IN THE 2020 STANDARD PACKAGE. HOW HAS GIVING BACK TO THE NRA FOUNDATION AND THE *FRIENDS OF NRA* IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

Even before I fully understood the critical importance of The NRA Foundation as a united force for freedom, I instinctively understood the self-evident truths that inspired our courageous Founding Fathers to defy the history of tyranny and oppression that ruled the earth before America. To be able to use my celebrity hellraising activism, image, and resources to help The NRA Foundation makes me very happy and very proud. When you grab hold of a guitar with my signature on it, you have a freedom symbol that embodies the soundtrack of real America.

★ HOW DO YOU FEEL WE SHOULD INDUCE A FEELING OF PATRIOTISM IN TODAY’S YOUTH?

Families must dramatically upgrade our connection to our children and grandchildren, and quite honestly, everyone in our lives. Sadly, too much of our education system has failed miserably at teaching the dynamic turns of history, particularly the horror stories of wars and conflicts. In the absence of teaching just how evil our fellow man can be, we fail to prepare ourselves that it will happen again if we are not diligently tuned in to the misgivings of our fellow man. We need to teach the children and others how no other society enjoys the freedoms and quality of life that we do here in America.

★ WITH 50-PLUS YEARS IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY, WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST IN YOUR CAREER AND WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF?

The powerful musical influences are many from Chuck Berry, Bo Diddly, Little Richard, Elvis, James Brown, Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels to pretty much every amazing musical force of soul and intensity. But the influences of mom and dad have always provided the most important guidance to make responsible choices in life and work as hard as possible to earn your own way, live within your means, and save for a rainy day. I give them credit for my choice to remain clean and sober all my life and be a spiritual warrior for the healing powers of nature as a hunter, fisherman, and trapper.

★ WHEN YOU AREN’T ON THE ROAD PERFORMING, HOW DO YOU LIKE SPENDING YOUR TIME?

Even while touring every year during the summer months, I still maximize my time in the great outdoors. I consider myself a Samurai naturalist, one with the Great Spirit. The music never stops, but I can escape it thoroughly with the soul cleansing Zen of archery, marksmanship, and tactical training and just zeroing in on my proper role in nature. The fall and winter hunting seasons are a magical, physics of spirituality time for me and my family and my dogs. I never miss a day afield during that amazing time of year.

★ WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE AND WHY?

In these heartbreaking times of hate and dishonesty, I drive them crazy because “My spirit irritates their demons!”

★ IF THERE IS ONE THING YOU WOULD LIKE FANS TO REMEMBER WHEN THEY HEAR THE NAME TED NUGENT, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

The cat refused to take any crap and created the soundtrack for the American Dream.

An Inspired Collection:

By Kathy Purtell
Merchandise Manager, National Rifle Association

Each year, *Friends of NRA* assembles a new and unique Standard Merchandise Package designed to support and inspire the blockbuster program's fundraising efforts. The vendor preview meeting was sponsored by Blue Ridge Knives, and did not disappoint. It included the first look at the collection of items which encompassed a variety of exclusive and custom patriotic pieces, moments, and traditions in American and shooting sports history.



With the undeniable, increasing success of the *Friends of NRA* program in the past few years, the pressure was on to create a 2020 Standard Merchandise Package to reflect that achievement and to help continue the growth of the program. The selection committee, which includes the six Regional Directors of Field Staff, carefully considered the options and chose pieces they think will make great auction, raffle, and game items pleasing to attendees of *Friends of NRA's* family-friendly banquets. Honoring American craftsmanship and history emerges as another theme of the package, and over two-thirds of the items in this year's collection are made in the USA. This year's collection includes 32 items and encompasses a variety of unique, exclusive, and custom pieces.

The chosen firearms, merchandise, gear, and framed décor reflect months and sometimes years of behind-the-scenes planning, preparation, and production. Many represent the combined efforts of multiple contributors brought together in their support for *Friends of NRA*: manufacturers and embellishers, metal casters and wood craftsmen, marksmen, artists, and framers, to name a few.

Gun of the Year

This collaborative method truly shines in the 2020 Gun of the Year. We are very excited to have the Henry Side Gate Lever Action .45-70 as our Gun of the Year for 2020. This is Henry's introduction for the first Side Gate Lever-Action Rifle, making it an easy choice for the selection team to pick for the 2020 Gun of the Year. Henry's walnut stock is beautifully laser engraved with extensive checkering and scrollwork. Even the forearm is engraved with scroll-work and checkering around the Henry name. Adding Baron Engraving to this project makes this gun exquisite in appearance, but the rifle is also very accurate when it comes to the new "standard" for a lever-action rifle. Also, with Henry Repeating Arms being made in the USA and Anthony Imperato being a huge supporter of The NRA Foundation, it makes it a perfect pick for our 2020 Gun of the Year.

"We the People" Guitar Signed by Ted Nugent

Freedom-loving enthusiasts will covet this one-of-a-kind collector's guitar covered in the words of Independence, "We the People," and signed by hard rocker Ted Nugent. Nugent has served on the NRA Board of Directors since 1995 and is well known for his avid support of gun rights

in the United States. This full-size Dreadnought Acoustic Guitar features a spruce top and mahogany back and sides and is finished off with nickel silver frets and die-cast turners.

Central Regional Director, Don Higgs was present for the signing. "When Ted Nugent arrived, he jumped out of the car with energy, drive, and passion that carried throughout the day. Motivating all around him on the importance of our Second Amendment rights for our future generations," stated Higgs.

Attleboro Commemorative Knife

This collectible knife brings a piece of history with it. The Attleboro knife is a combat utility knife designed by retired U.S. Special Forces operators to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice made by Army Special Forces MSG William B. Hunt and to honor all the military members involved in Operation Attleboro during the Vietnam War. The Attleboro knife has an American-made stainless S-35VN blade in a spear point design with an aggressive top swedge, black graphite cerakote coating on the blade, and *Friends of NRA* logo on the tactical grip.

The 2020 Friends of NRA Standard Merchandise Package

"If you could only have one knife for the rest of your life to accomplish all your missions, 'The Attleboro' knife is the one you want. This knife is equally at home skinning an elk as well as serving as your tactical knife. The Blade is RAZOR SHARP stainless steel, the Micarta handles make it feel like the knife is gripping you back when you hold it in your hand and the sheath is almost indestructible," noted Brad Kruger, Western Regional Director.

"On top of it all, that is the story of 'The Attleboro.' Every time you use this knife, you will be commemorating Green Beret MSG William B. Hunt, who went missing in action in Vietnam fighting for freedom. Many will want to put this knife on their mantle, but its true home is in the field," added Kruger.

Hometown Heroes and Blue Lives Matter Prints

A striking visual display by beloved and highly acclaimed artist David Graham. Bright colors set off the collage of images depicting the sacrifice our first responders make. These two prints are double matted and framed in 13.5" H x 18.5" W rich espresso walnut. Add one or both pieces of art to make a beautiful addition to your décor.

"It has been a tradition to recognize and honor our military veterans at *Friends of NRA* events. We knew we needed to do the same for the First Responders in our communities," stated Tom Ulik, South Central Regional Director. "The dedication of Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement personnel make our communities great places to live. Their commitment to service and our safety are worthy of our gratitude and appreciation. We are excited to have this original First Responder Tribute artwork at our 2020 *Friends of NRA* events."

Weatherby Vanguard Wilderness 6.5-300 WBV with NRA Seal

When you're covering distances deep in the heart of big game country, the last thing you need is heavy gear bogging you down. It's during those hunts that you'll be glad you're carrying the Weatherby Vanguard Wilderness, weighing just 6.75 lbs. "Our friends at Weatherby have produced this lightweight rifle for the hunter that wants to go further into the hills and shoot longer to bring back that trophy of a lifetime. The Weatherby Vanguard, chambered in the new 6.5x300 WBV Magnum, is the fastest 6.5 on the market. This rifle has a little bit of added style with the NRA Logo on the floor plate. Every hunter needs a new Weatherby Rifle! So, come to your *Friends of NRA* event and have a chance at this new exciting rifle," shared Jason Quick, Southwest Regional Director.

Crossfire® Scope and Binoculars with NRA Logo

Pick up one or both of these custom Vortex Crossfire® items at any 2020 *Friends of NRA* banquet. The Vortex® Crossfire® II 4-12x44mm Rifle Scope bearing the NRA logo is a highly precise rifle scope for hunters and tactical operators. This powerful Vortex rifle scope gives you the versatility of variable zoom magnification from 4x to 12x, giving you dynamic flexibility when it comes to choosing your shooting location.

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"We are excited to have the Vortex Crossfire® Scope and Binoculars in this year's package. Their reputation for quality and dependability make this a fantastic offering for our attendees," said Eastern Regional Director, Bryan Hoover.

The 2020 Standard Merchandise Package represents all the long hours and hard work of not only our field staff but also the relentless dedication of our volunteers. It is a display of patriotism and what we fight for. The preservation of the future of freedom is our number one goal, and we need your help to do it. Attend your next local *Friends of NRA* events and be part of preserving the next generation of shooting sports. ■

Learn more about the Gun of the Year and all of the items in the 2020 Standard Merchandise Package online at friendsofnra.org/Merchandise



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"We the People" Guitar
Signed by Ted Nugent



Blanket with NRA Seal^



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Back to the Magnolia State

The Return of the NRA National Police Shooting Championships

By Glen Hoyer

Director, Law Enforcement Division, National Rifle Association

September marked the opening of the world's premier law enforcement shooting competition, the NRA National Police Shooting Championships (NPSC). With hundreds of competitors arriving from three nations and almost all fifty states, the stage was set for the triumphant return of both a championship and a champion to Mississippi.

Until 2005, NPSC took place each September in Jackson, Mississippi. After Hurricane Katrina wiped out those facilities the championship moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. This year, it was time for the competition to move "home" again.

"When I heard the other place didn't want to host the shooting

competition, I called Wayne LaPierre and said, 'I do,'" stated Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant. "We remember when it was here and how exciting it was to have all the law enforcement in Mississippi and now, you're back. And we want to keep you here."

Thanks to Gov. Bryant, along with Lt. Gov. Reeves, Speaker of the House Gunn, and State Treasurer Fitch—all who spoke at NPSC's opening ceremonies – the move landed NRA at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers Training Academy in Pearl, Mississippi. With almost 100 shooting lanes, a stellar shotgun range, and plenty of facilities for vendors and staff, it's a home competitors will enjoy for years to come.



“Let’s put some lead downrange,” the governor concluded with a smile.

Day one was all about semi-automatics. Competitors lined shoulder-to-shoulder waiting for targets to spin and lead to fly. From seven yards, 15 yards, 25 yards, 50 yards, and back to 25, officers fired from the standing, sitting, prone, and supported positions. Atop the leaderboard at day’s end was a familiar name: Border Patrol Agent Robert Vadasz.

A 10x champion, most expected Vadasz to compete for the title. Partially because of his skills, partially because of his Border Patrol training, and partially because of what it means to his family.

“It means I’m able to show my sons what it takes to dedicate yourself to something and actually succeed,” Vadasz said.

But competitors had more to worry about than just Vadasz. They were battling officers from other departments, other agencies, and other states-friends and rivals. They also had to switch from

semi-automatics to rifles, from revolvers to shotguns, and from individual to team competitions. And if all that wasn’t challenging enough, imagine trying to shoot straight under a boiling 95-degree Mississippi sun.

In the end, Agent Vadasz won a record-breaking eleventh title. Some might think that’s a reason to slow down. They’d be wrong.

“If you look back on past accomplishments, it’s easier to revel in those than push for the next challenge,” said Vadasz. “I’m going to keep pushing.”

Next year, Vadasz will be pushing against a hundred or so more. Now with a solid foothold in Mississippi and plans for greater competitor outreach, the 2020 numbers promise to be even more significant - especially if Gov. Bryant makes good on his biggest promise.

“Next year, we’ll turn the air conditioning on.” ■

“Let’s put
some lead
downrange”

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Falls of the Ohio *Friends of NRA* - Borden, IN

1,000

Southern Region:

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700

South Central Region:

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Western Region:

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Southwest Region:

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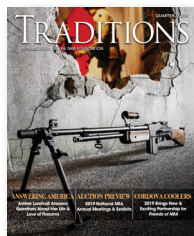
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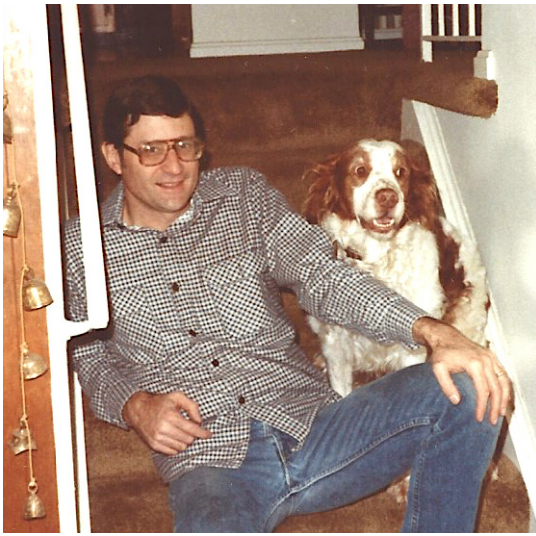
TAKE A LOOK BACK ON 2019 **FRIENDS OF NRA** ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



- (1) Live auction winners celebrate their victory at the 2019 NRA Foundation BBQ & Auction at the NRA Annual Meetings.
- (2) Y.E.S. session 2 students take a quick break from target shooting for a photo.
- (3) Youth Day was a success at the 2019 NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibits in April.
- (4) Eddie Eagle was introduced to the Mayor and City Council of Converse, Texas.
- (5) Participants of the Southern Clinton County Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) pose for a group photo after their recent competition.



- (6) One happy winner of the Wall of Guns at the 2019 Great American Outdoor Show poses next to the winners board.
- (7) The Barrel Wood Basket made by Columbus Barrel Co. is shown off at the Fairfax *Friends of NRA* banquet.
- (8) The NRA Foundation has and will always be a big supporter of youth shooting sports, just like this 4-H team from Texas.
- (9) Y.E.S. alumni attend and speak at the NRA Women's Leadership Forum Summit held this past September.
- (10) It's all smiles as participants show off their homemade bird houses at the Midwest Outdoor Heritage Education Expo which is supported by NRA Foundation grants.



In Loving Memory

1939 - 2019

Mike Smith

By Ashley Re

Event Marketing and Communications Coordinator, National Rifle Association

Devotion: love, loyalty, or enthusiasm for a person, activity, or cause. Devotion may perhaps be the ideal word to describe Mike Smith's stance on the Second Amendment. For his whole life until his passing in September of 2019, Mike was an avid Second Amendment and shooting sports supporter.

"He was an avid outdoorsman, conservationist, shooter, hunter, and advocate for preserving our Second Amendment rights," stated Kelly Shager, Mike's daughter. "He believed promoting the shooting sports played an important role in protecting our Second Amendment."

Mike continually educated himself on hunting and shooting techniques, firearm performance and accuracy and reliability, and self-defense drills. He was a Roanoke Rifle and Revolver Club member, which involved his review of safety procedures, his assistance as Range Officer, and even his knowledge to serve as an official referee for competitions held at the facility. Mike was also an NRA Certified Pistol Instructor, and was often described as a strong advocate for youth and women's shooting sports and the future of The NRA Foundation.

Mike saw the need for an organized youth shooting education program in Botetourt County back in 2004 after a teenager asked about local youth shooting opportunities in his area. It was then, after a series of discussions and planning, the Botetourt 4-H Shooting Education Club was born. Mike applied for an initial grant from The NRA Foundation, receiving \$3,000 to help fund safety training, basic firearms knowledge and skills courses, and proficiency techniques for air rifle, rimfire rifle, and shotgun.

“The club would be hard pressed to function financially without support from The NRA Foundation and the fundraising efforts by *Friends of NRA*,” stated Ed McCoy, former lead instructor for the Botetourt 4-H Shooting Education Club. “Since our first grant in 2004, The NRA Foundation has provided more than \$42,800 in grant awards, product and checks. Without Mike’s support and initiative, it’s certain we would not have the successful club we have.”

Mike was also an integral part of Virginia’s first *Friends of NRA* committee, Roanoke Valley *Friends of NRA*. “Mike always played Devil’s advocate for the committee,” stated Al Milton, Secretary for Roanoke Valley *Friends of NRA*. “When the committee was on track or at least thought they were, Mike would step up and take the other side and make the committee think before they jumped into the fire. He was the first person to proofread any material advertising our upcoming banquets. Mike demanded quick action or response no matter what the issue was. Mike Smith is going to be the man behind the scenes that will never be replaced.”

In his free time, Mike enjoyed all kinds of bird hunting. He especially loved training and hunting with his Brittany Spaniel, named Chauncey, throughout the late 1970’s and 1980’s. “He spent nearly every weekend during those years from September through January in the fields with his son Scott and Chauncey,” explained Kelly. “He also enjoyed the occasional rabbit hunt, fox hunt, and prairie dog adventure.”

Kelly found an email from 2004 from her father to a friend explaining his goals, which reads, “Hey Bill - Concerning goals, you’ve got to remember that fighting for my Second Amendment rights is just a part of me, like my daily exercising! Been doing it for so long, I don’t consider such things as goals. One goal that I did set when I retired was to give back to our society some of the things that I’ve enjoyed over the years....specifically, shooting and hunting sports. That’s why I became a firearms instructor, a volunteer with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service helping with wildlife habitat, putting conservation programs on my own farm in Rockbridge County that can be used by NRCS as a demo site, served as an officer on the local *Friends of NRA* committee which raises shooting sports funds, rewriting range safety rules for the gun club I belong to, running matches at my gun club, etc., etc.”

Mike will be missed by many, including numerous NRA employees who were close with him. “The NRA mourns the loss of our good friend and patriot, Mike Smith,” stated Tyler Schropp, Executive Director of the NRA Office of Advancement. “He was a man of conviction who stood strong in his belief in our Constitution, especially the Second Amendment. His volunteer efforts were second to none, and so many of us are lucky to have called him a friend.”

If one thing is for sure, it is that the work of Mike Smith was out of pure devotion to securing the Second Amendment, and he will surely be missed. Thank you, Mike, for your life’s devotion to our cause.



THE GENER



By Tyler Proksa

*Event Marketing and Communications Coordinator,
National Rifle Association*

Education is essential to our youth: math, science, history, and everything else we assume is taught in the classroom. Although not a traditional classroom subject, the outdoors is a topic still vital to the education of the next generation. This is something Heidi Darby and her family believe in and teach.

In the fall of 2014, Heidi's kids, Clayton and McKenna, along with other youth, placed second in a .22 shooting competition. The teammates, being ecstatic over their accomplishment, brought the trophy to their school to show off to their friends. "Unfortunately, the school didn't appreciate them creating a tie between the school and the shooting sports," stated Heidi. This is what ignited the start of River's Edge Outdoorsmen 4-H club.

Clayton is a certified instructor in shotgun, pistol, and archery; McKenna is a State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador for Nebraska. As a family, they run the River's Edge Outdoorsmen 4-H club in Nebraska. The club offers six disciplines including shotgun,

smallbore rifle and pistol, archery, muzzleloader, and hunting. They also offer six to eight hunting skill days each year. Some topics covered are wildlife ID utilizing pelts, ghillie suit making, and deer processing. "We also offer map and compass navigation utilizing an ROTC course led by a Navy Navigation Instructor," explained Heidi. "Survival skills led by an Army Ranger trained Survival Skills Instructor is also offered, among many additional topics."

Beginning in 2015, the club grew to around 36 members and is now at 52 members from seven different communities that span three counties in Nebraska. In 2018, the club held over 60 meetings, practices, and competitions for their members. This great success didn't come overnight. It takes a lot of hard work, dedication, and the right funding.

According to Heidi, "NRA Foundation grants are what keep us ticking." River's Edge Outdoorsmen 4-H has done fundraising

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“NRA FOUNDATION GRANTS ARE WHAT KEEP US TICKING”

on their own, but do not have the time or resources to cover all expenses. With over \$27,000 in grants from The NRA Foundation, the club has allowed its participants more time outdoors and less time worrying about where the money comes from.

The programs run by River's Edge Outdoorsmen 4-H club are extremely important, and the people who run them know the lessons taught are vital for the future of our country. “These programs teach kids to be leaders and mentors, and to share their passion for shooting sports and hunting with those around them. They learn to share their views in a way that teaches others effectively, and respects that they aren't all the same,” explained Heidi. “It is so important for kids to have adults in their lives who care about them. Adults who take the time to listen to them,

to teach them, and make them feel like they matter. That is why we need programs like this.” Heidi has also helped other clubs with The NRA Foundation grant application process and has encouraged many to apply.

Heidi and her family are incredibly passionate about their club, and it is something she never envisioned her family doing. “We have had some amazing moments with our members. I love the small victories as well, like when my older members take the time to show one of the younger ones something new, or when grandparents come to practice and see what their grandkids are learning. Those are great moments, and that is why we keep doing it.” ■


Does your community have programs that could benefit from a NRA Foundation grant? Visit www.nrafoundation.org/grants-to-day to apply today!

Mid-South

QUAIL FOREVER

By Ben Reitzel

2019 Youth Education Summit Participant



Another successful Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) is in the bag! This is now the eighth summer that Mid-South Quail Forever (MSQF) has hosted the Tennessee YHEC. YHEC is one of the NRA's programs for youth that helps to develop their hunting, marksmanship, and safety skills. It is through programs like MSQF and funds raised at *Friends of NRA* banquets that events like this are available.

Mid-South Quail Forever's Chapter Chairman, Johnny McFarland, describes the mission statement of the organization as "dedicated to the conservation of quail, pheasants, and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public awareness, education, and land management policies and programs." Not only are they pioneers for conservation in the state of Tennessee, but they also run the No Child Left Indoors program, and are going into their 12th year hosting the Youth Quail Hunt. Together, MSQF and The NRA Foundation do a lot of good work for young people and for conservation.

Mid-South Quail Forever has received five grants from The NRA Foundation. The impact of that funding is significant. "When we held our first youth hunt, we had five participants. That is what we could afford after our habitat and conservation programs. After we found out about The NRA Foundation grants, we regularly have 16 to 25 young hunters at our annual youth quail hunt," said Johnny McFarland.

The grants, coupled with the hard work of its members, have forged a great bond between the Memphis *Friends of NRA* committee and Mid-South Quail Forever. Not only does *Friends of NRA* Southern Regional Director Mike Webb help to recruit participants for several programs, but many *Friends of NRA* volunteers donate their time at the MSQF programs. Likewise, MSQF has been a statewide sponsor, regularly having one or two tables at *Friends of NRA* events and recruiting other organizations to come on as sponsors, too. Together, the two organizations have bonded over their shared values, including the importance of hunting, shooting sports, and providing exceptional experiences for youngsters.



The Youth Hunter Education Program, despite being very competitive, is an event that brings kids of all experience levels together. The program provides an opportunity to promote a healthy outdoor lifestyle and spark an interest in an age-old tradition for many Tennesseans. “I know some of these newly introduced young people have gone on to join their high school trap teams and pistol teams,” observed McFarland. Thanks to the hard work of its members and The NRA Foundation’s *Friends of NRA* program, MSQF continues to share the love and legacy of hunting and wildlife conservation with the next generation.

We look forward to seeing the growth of the programs and community that has developed between *Friends of NRA* and Mid-South Quail Forever. Thank you to all who have dedicated their time helping tomorrow’s American sportsmen and women, and best of luck to all the young quail hunters this season! ■

Visit www.nrafoundation.org to apply for a grant to fund programs near you! To learn more about *Friends of NRA* in Tennessee, visit www.friendsofnra.org/TN.





HIGH Elevation Youth

By Ashley Re

Event Marketing and Communications Coordinator, National Rifle Association

Three years ago, Kim and John Westfall noticed a frustrating number of student-athletes sitting on the sidelines at sporting events. They knew there had to be a better way, so they started Colorado's first competitive shooting team at St. Mary's Catholic School in Colorado Springs. Competitive shooting is an inclusive sport where all team members participate without the risk of injury typical in most contact sports.

The first year the team competed, they had 19 athletes, and 15 of them had never held a firearm. Despite the odds, they took first in all three disciplines offered: skeet, trap, and sporting clays. "There were over 85 competitors at that competition, and many had been competing since they were in fifth grade," explained Kim.

The St. Mary's Competitive Shooting Team participates in the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP), which currently has 11 club teams and one other high school team from Haxtun, CO. "We participate in the state and national competitions SCTP puts on," said Kim. Her team competes throughout the state in many skeet, sporting clays, and trap competitions open to all ages. The competitions are not only fun, but the student-athletes make friends from all over the country. "We formed a bond with the New Mexico High School League," said Kim. "We have even traveled to the NRA Whittington Center and practiced with them."

The team is co-ed and has two members participating in the Paralympics. Sophia Bultema is one of those athletes, competing with only a partial left arm; Brian Sorensen is the second athlete, who was born with a hip defect. “Despite Sophia’s and Brian’s challenges, they are on an equal playing field with this sport,” stated Kim.

When Kim was given approval from St. Mary’s High School to start the competitive shooting team, she was excited that it would be considered a varsity, lettering sport, but received no school funding or parent funding. Because the team was so im-

“We do a lot of volunteer work in our community to give back, and also to show how respectful and hardworking our athletes are,” explained Kim. “We are trying to get out in the public eye so other schools will want such a great thing in their school as well, just like in many other states. We were so excited when the second high school in Colorado got approval last year. We have virtual shoots with them since we are many hours apart.”

For Kim, the most exciting part of coaching is seeing her athletes hit their first target. “These teenagers respect firearm safety, and they have a healthy perception of what a firearm can and cannot



portant to Kim and John, they spent up to \$500 a week of their own money for supplies. Thankfully, they were introduced to the *Friends of NRA* program and reached out to Peggy Gray, Chairman of the Colorado Springs *Friends of NRA* committee.

“Peggy was extremely nice and supportive. She informed us of The NRA Foundation grants, and guided us through the process,” explained Kim. Since first applying, Kim has received two NRA Foundation grants and currently has one under review for their third season.

With financial support from The NRA Foundation, Kim gives back to the cause by attending local *Friends of NRA* meetings and banquets. Her team also helps with the *Friends of NRA* banquets however they are needed.

do. Just getting to know these athletes and their parents has been such a gift to us. In our sport, our parents are encouraged to attend practice as well as competitions. Many would never have the chance to spend this much time with their teenagers if it weren’t for this. We really feel like a family.”

Next year, Kim is hoping to receive her third NRA Foundation grant so she can purchase shells for practice. “The kids feel so much pride in being able to participate in such a responsible and safe sport, and The NRA Foundation grants have been a guiding force and a big support for us.” ■

Visit www.nrafoundation.org to apply for a grant to fund programs near you! To find a *Friends of NRA* event in Colorado, visit www.friendsofnra.org/CO.

COMMUNITY



TIES



By Ashleigh Moroni
2019 Youth Education Summit Participant

Community ties are strong in Mobridge, South Dakota, home to the Sage Brush Rifle and Pistol Club, an organization that has been working alongside the Northern Oahe *Friends of NRA* since its creation ten years ago. Both organizations have aided in the success of the other, and many of the programs at Sage Brush would not be as successful as they are without the support of the Northern Oahe *Friends of NRA*.

This *Friends of NRA* committee was initially created upon the suggestion of members of the Sage Brush Club, and without it, the hugely successful Youth and Women's programs at Sage Brush probably would not exist, according to Northern Oahe *Friends of NRA* Committee Member and Club Member Jeff Jensen. The two organizations have been intertwined since the *Friends of NRA* committee was formed, and members of both say that it should never be any other way.

“The Shooting Club shouldn't stand alone, and neither should the *Friends of NRA* organization, they should be working together.”

Two of Sage Brush Rod and Pistol Club's main events each year—the Youth Sportsfest and Women's Day on the Range—are produced largely in part due to the money and support received from Northern Oahe *Friends of NRA*. Every year at the Northern Oahe *Friends of NRA* banquet, the club brings a handful of individuals. The attendees they bring have also participated in the club's annual Youth Sportsfest, a fun-filled day of shooting and other activities for the children of Mobridge, as well as the surrounding counties.



The day is split between opportunities for pistol shooting and other outdoor and hunter-centered activities, like a predator call class and a special field dressing class they've run in the past. By bringing children who are first-hand affected by the funds given to the club to the annual dinner, it allows the attendees to see exactly where the money they spend and donate is going. Individuals are more likely to offer support by playing more games or participating in raffles if they can see how their money makes a difference. Sage Brush does the same thing with their Women's program where participants have the opportunity to shoot not only pistol, but handguns, shotguns, muzzleloaders, and rifles.

The connection between Sage Brush Rifle and Pistol Club and the Northern Oahe *Friends of NRA* Committee is one that doesn't just help the respective organizations themselves, but also the surrounding community. The events that Sage Brush hosts pull in community members, which helps to build up membership in their club and often increases attendance at the *Friends of NRA* dinners as well. These community ties have played a significant role in helping this club to become what it is. With financial assistance from NRA Foundation grants and local businesses, they were able to upgrade their shooting range from a simple cinder block base with limited variety and no coverage, to one twice the size, with two target distances, and a roof overhead.

"We are proud of both groups, and the community that makes them so special." 

Attend your local Friends of NRA banquet and help spread the fun of firearms and fundraising! To find an event near you, visit www.friendsofnra.org/events. Visit www.friendsofnra.org/SD to learn more about Friends of NRA in South Dakota.



A Father's Legacy

By Meg Messitt

2019 Youth Education Summit Participant



In 2012, Kingman High School Resource Officer, Kerry Schanaman, was inspired to organize a shooting program. With help from the community, Kerry founded the KHS Sharpshooters, a program offering shooting opportunities to students and local area youth. Through this important program, students developed life-long skills in pistol shooting, shotgun, trap, and archery. Just as importantly, they also learned lessons in responsibility, respect, and safety.



As the shooting coach for SCTP Kingman and the Tri-state Shooting Teams, Kerry felt a lot of fulfillment. His wife, Jody, got in on the action too. Together, they were certified coaches for shotgun, pistol, rifle, and archery. Sadly, Kerry passed away from cancer in 2018, but Jody and the community have kept the KHS Sharpshooters going, carrying on Kerry's legacy.

There are currently eight shooting coaches and five archery coaches, including Jody's son Josh, teaching a total of 45 kids involved in the club; 15 in archery and 30 in shooting. According to Jody, "a lot of the kids in this community don't have the means or the opportunities to travel." KHS Sharpshooters gives these students opportunities to compete across the country in national competitions. Club participants have been to Ohio, Utah, and Kentucky. To pass the time, Jody plays fun trivia games about the states and makes the trips more educational.

Members of the KHS Sharpshooters give back to the community for the many experiences they have been provided. Jody explained, "The kids realize it's not just a free thing; they have to earn it." The kids organize raffles, communicate with sponsors, and work with the Midway Foundation to raise money for their club and other programs in the United States. The *Friends of NRA* plays a huge role in their success. The NRA Foundation covers at least a third of all expenses by donating ammo, providing supplies, and approving grants nearly every year.

*"He started something
that showed true heart"*

Jody and Kerry's goal was always to give the kids something they could remember, and with the help of funds raised at their *Friends of NRA* banquet, that goal was made possible at a minimal fee. Jody believes the most rewarding part of continuing her husband's club is how the coaches remain with the program even after their children finish, and to see how many of the students return and continue to contribute to the program. "He started something that showed true heart" Jody says. The KHS Sharpshooters is truly a fantastic program that affords so many kids opportunities of a lifetime! ■

Apply today for a grant from The NRA Foundation! Visit www.nrafoundation.org/grants for more information. To find Friends of NRA in Arizona, visit www.friendsofnra.org/AZ.



MADE IN THE USA FRAMING



By Ashley Re

*Event Marketing and Communications Coordinator,
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“Our philosophy is so important to me, personally, that I chose a name for my company where I would never be tempted to buy imported material,” stated Linda Schaner, Owner and Founder of Made in the USA Framing LLC. Linda has been working with The NRA Foundation’s *Friends of NRA* program for almost 15 years and opened Made in the USA Framing LLC in 2014 in Florida. “We source art from artists and secure rights to produce these products for our customers. Our company will not use products that are not USA made. We strive to provide the best customer service possible and take great pride in the quality of our products,” explained Linda.

Made in the USA Framing LLC produced the 2019 signature item in the *Friends of NRA*’s Standard Package which was framed Simple Man lyrics, hand-written and signed by the one and only Charlie Daniels. There were only 1,200 copies made and they were only available at *Friends of NRA* events nationwide, making this a hot item among attendees. “I like to be the one to control the printing of all the items we produce, because it is my specialty as I was a publisher and producer of art for so many years. I received the lyrics from the printer and coordinated the best time to ship them to Charlie for his signature,” said Linda.

She sent everything he needed; the signing pens, a foam hand

rest because she knows signing so many items is not an easy task, and a guide to show the area where Charlie’s signature should be located for framing purposes. Linda was given an approximate date when she should expect to have the lyrics shipped back, and everything seemed to be following schedule until it was realized the lyrics were lost in transit.

“As the day approached that I would be receiving the signed lyrics, I checked the tracking number and saw UPS had delivered them the day before, although we were at the studio all day and hadn’t received any boxes. We discovered that our regular UPS driver had been on vacation the day of delivery and the substitute driver had delivered the lyrics to the unit behind us. I went to that unit only to find out they had a new person working for them that day, and he said when he realized the boxes were not theirs he placed them by our back door, although there were nowhere to be found. To this day we have no idea what happened to them.”

When Charlie heard what had happened, he graciously offered to sign 1,200 more copies of the lyrics. “I almost cried,” said Linda. “Maybe I even did. I have always been a Charlie Daniels fan, but now I guess you could call me a groupie!”

The new 2020 Standard Package features two prints created by



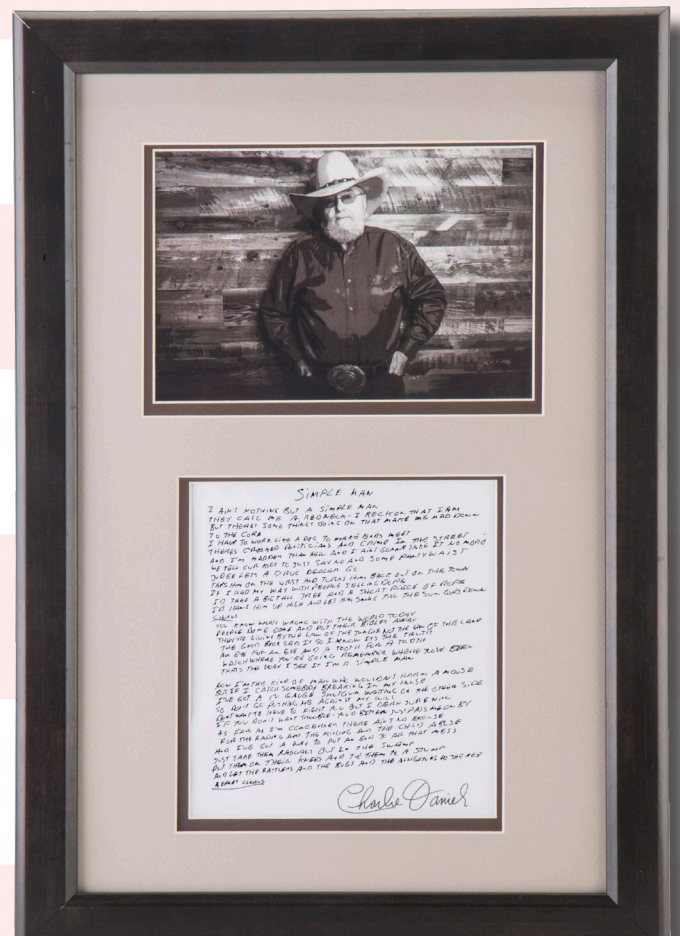
artist David Graham and framed by the Made in the USA Framing LLC team. One print, titled *Hometown Heroes*, is a striking visual display of bright colors that set off a collage of images depicting the sacrifice first responders make. The second print, titled *Blue Lives Matter*, is a sentiment to the men and women in law enforcement, and captures the true meaning of “Honor and Service.”

“I was very excited about this project with David as our first responders have a special place in my heart. I think I feel a connection to them having been in the U.S. Army for ten years,” explained Linda. “I think they are both spectacular pieces and capture our heroes in a moving way.” These two prints will be available at every *Friends of NRA* banquet in 2020 and will be sure to make a statement in your home or office.

“I want to be part of the *Friends of NRA* program for as long as they will have me,” stated Linda. “I have been fortunate to have some winning bidders contact me throughout the years to tell me how much they liked the product, and in turn, have developed many friendships. I love my relationship with the staff, other vendors, and Field Representatives, and hold our value of only using materials that USA made very high.” ■

Attend your local Friends of NRA banquet and grab one of these one-of-a-kind prints, exclusive to Friends of NRA! Visit www.friendsofnra.org/events today.

Photos courtesy Linda Schaner



Scott Taetsch

WISCONSIN

Field Rep from 2004-2020



What is the biggest takeaway you've gained since working with the *Friends of NRA* program?

It's truly amazing what can be accomplished when dedicated individuals of character work together for a common cause. My wife and I have been truly blessed to have met and worked with such great Patriots.

REP WRAP

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

I joined The NRA Foundation's Field Support Team program as state coordinator back in 1992 and served through 2004. During this period, I was trained and served as the NRA Field Support Team leader for Wisconsin which included assisting at trade shows and in implementing new *Friends of NRA* committees from 1993 to 2004. I also served as a voting representative on the Wisconsin State Fund Committee representing the S.E. Wisconsin *Friends of NRA*.

What are your retirement plans?

Spend more time with family and friends. More hunting, fishing, and hobbies. I will also continue to remain active and work to improve the NRA's future.

What are 5 things you can't live without?

Faith in God. Love and respect of family and friends.
Companionship of friends and dogs. Quite time with nature.
Optimism for the future.

Mike Huber

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Field Rep from 1995-2020

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

I helped start a committee as a volunteer back when *Friends of NRA* rolled out nationwide in 1993, the third committee to sign up in Illinois that year. I became a Field Rep in 1995.

What is the biggest takeaway you've gained since working with the *Friends of NRA* program?

While fighting to preserve the Second Amendment in the political arena is very important, it's even more important to teach another generation of Americans to appreciate that right so they too are passionate about defending it.

What are your retirement plans?

Spend more time with my family and stay involved with my local *Friends of NRA* committees.



What are 5 things you can't live without?

Faith in Jesus Christ, my family, the freedom we enjoy as Americans, the firearms I own, and fellowship with friends I've come to know.

RETIREE EDITION

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

I got involved with the Friends program when I received a newsletter about starting a local *Friends of NRA* chapter. It sounded like something I should be involved in so I went to the meeting and one year later I was elected Chairman and held that position for three years before being hired as the Field Representative.

What did you do in your previous life?

I have had a few jobs that were interesting. I worked as a demolition expert in a underground mine for two years and was on the bureau of mines rescue team, but cars are my passion. I started my own auto restoration business which I still operate today restoring any and all brands of old cars.

What are your retirement plans?

My plans are to spend more time on my boat fishing and having more time with my grandkids. I also hope to hunt more and work a bit less.

Tim Bacon

IOWA & NEBRASKA

Field Rep from 2003-2020



What is the biggest takeaway you've gained since working with *Friends of NRA*?

I feel that all the time I've spent on the road and at Friends events I have made a great difference in young people's lives. In my 17 years, we have raised \$8 million net dollars for shooting sports in Iowa and Nebraska. I have met some amazing people on this journey and some will be friends for life, and I want to thank ALL of them for what they do and who they are.

Darren DeLong

OKLAHOMA

Field Rep from 1995-2020



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

I started as a Field Rep in July of 1995. I called the NRA and asked if there were any job openings. I sent my resume and interviewed and the rest is history.

What is the biggest takeaway you've gained since working with the *Friends of NRA* program?

It is a big honor to work for such a great organization. It was not really a job so much as it was a way of life. The volunteers motivated me with their tremendous dedication.

What are your retirement plans?

I plan to follow my true passion and work for a hunting organization.

What did you do in your previous life?

I worked for a greeting card company as a sales rep. I was involved in the hunting industry for many years as a prostaff member with many different companies. I was a two-time state champion turkey caller and did many hunting seminars.

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Don McDougall

Chairman, Los Padres *Friends of NRA*

"Don is a leader in all efforts for the Los Padres *Friends of NRA* and especially the preservation of the Second Amendment. Don spends countless hours calling on and working with gun shops, shooting ranges, and shooting clubs to educate them on the importance of the *Friends of NRA* program."

- NRA Field Representative, Mike Davis

Melissa Mann

Chairman, Frisco *Friends of NRA*

"Melissa is a very upbeat person who knows how to lead a group of people on the right track. She is always able to keep everyone organized when things seem to be a mess, and make sure the job gets done at its best. She is actively involved in the community and always does her best to raise pre-event funds as well. Melissa's dedication is never failing even with work and school also on her plate."

- NRA Field Representative, Kevin Post



Tim Leger

Chairman, Ark-LA-Tex *Friends of NRA*

"Tim is constantly searching for the next great volunteer, donor, banquet attendee, or youth interested in the shooting sports. He is always willing to step in and help me when needed. I can't remember a time that I've asked him to do something that he said no to. He is one of the most committed people I know to the *Friends of NRA*."

- NRA Senior Field Representative, Chad Bowen

Mitch Dean

Chairman, Memphis *Friends of NRA*

"Mitch is highly respected by all committee members as well as anyone he comes in contact with. He has great communication skills and is extremely organized, which shows in all meetings and emails. Mitch has been an outstanding asset as chairman of the Memphis event and has a true passion for the *Friends of NRA* and its mission."

- NRA Southern Regional Director, Mike Webb



Alan Cantley

Chairman, Thunder Basin *Friends of NRA*

"Alan is superhero when it comes to crunch time before his banquet, he can always be counted on to be a reliable supporter for setting up and recruiting new committees. Alan knows the importance of the hard working volunteers who make up the *Friends of NRA* and always strives to lead them to even greater accomplishments."

- NRA Field Representative, Logan Duff

Debbie & Bruce Anderson

Chairman and Treasurer, Roseville-Rocklin *Friends of NRA*

"Debbie and Bruce go above and beyond independently to set up booths at shooting events all over the state so they can educate coaches and teams about the grant opportunities the *Friends of NRA* can offer, and the process to apply. Debbie and Bruce are passionate and knowledgeable educators of NRA programs, opportunities, and events. They are both treasured leaders to their committee and *Friends of NRA* community."

- NRA Senior Field Representative, Cole Beverly



Lynette Cerise

Chairman, Garfield County *Friends of NRA*

"Lynette has been a volunteer for many years, and people look up to her. She is well thought of and respected in the community. Lynette is a solid leader who bleeds *Friends of NRA* and is very dedicated and passionate about our cause and the mission."

- NRA Senior Field Representative, Brad Dreier

Denise Knight

Chairman, Ogden *Friends of NRA*

"I have had the pleasure of working with Denise Knight over the last two years. She has been a tremendously effective and successful leader of her committee. She leads by doing and sets a great example for others. She is a dream volunteer!"

- NRA Field Representative, Jim Reardon



Bryan Broadfoot

Chairman, Blue Mountain *Friends of NRA*

"Bryan is a born leader. His committee trusts his judgment and it shows. He has led his team to new heights and is constantly trying to come up with new ideas. Bryan is an integral part of the grant process as well, and as a delegate has never missed a meeting since he was appointed. I can't thank him enough."

- NRA Senior Field Representative, Mike Carey

Don Pagath

Chairman, Zanesville Area *Friends of NRA*

"Don is a well-respected leader of his committee and is highly respected by his peers on other committees. He is an outspoken individual regarding the shooting sports and is a person always available to help with other committees. Don is the kind of volunteer that we are lucky to have working year after year."

- NRA Field Representative, David Graham



Joshua Smith

Chairman, Sandhills *Friends of NRA*

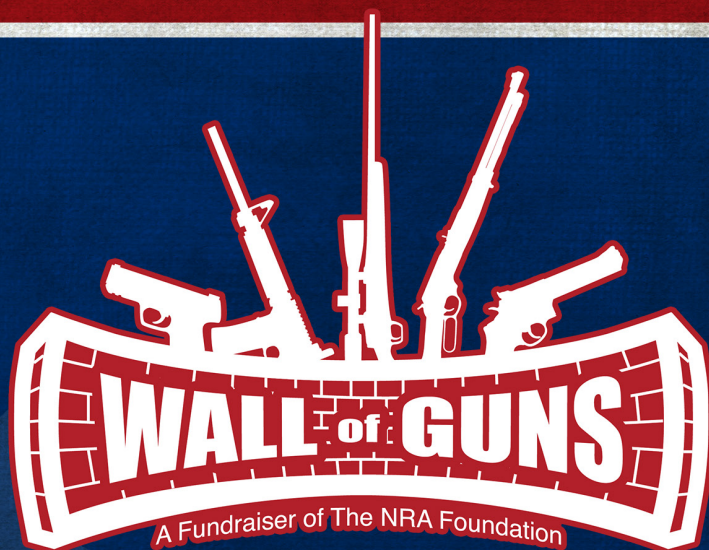
"Josh should be the 'poster' for what *Friends of NRA* accomplishes. He started working on the committee while still in high school and has become a willing 'go-to' person in the area to help with most any effort needed. Josh continues to excel in all areas of the program, from committee recruitment, sales, scheduling, promotion, and motivating his committee members. He is always ready for the next challenge."

- NRA West Texas Field Representative

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MORE THAN
40
FIREARMS



\$10 PER TICKET



\$50 5 TICKETS



\$100 10 TICKETS &
A T-SHIRT



\$500 15 TICKETS,
A T-SHIRT &
A RUGER 10/22 TAKEDOWN



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