



# The Reticle



## Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship

March, 2016

### Pensacola Excursion a Hit!

For the first time the Club organized an overnight excursion to the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola, Florida. By all accounts the trip was a huge success. The group left the morning of February 24<sup>th</sup> for the six-hour bus ride with high spirits and three dozen donuts. For entertainment on the road, and in the Naval Aviation theme of the trip, the group was treated to the movie "The Battle of Midway." We won again!

The first order of business after we arrived at the Museum was lunch. Everyone enjoyed the private lunch setting at the Cubi Bar Café before starting the tour.



After lunch we met up with our docent for the day which was former Navy Captain Howard Rundell. Howard is a pilot and flew P3 patrol planes while in the Navy.

Howard acknowledged that guiding 38 people around the Museum was alot like herding cats. He did a magnificent job and only lost a few of us.

In short, Howard was a walking history book about Naval Aviation from the very beginning in 1912. He was familiar with virtually every plane in the Museum, when and where it was found, the details of its restoration, and the history of that particular plane. Amazing!!



The Museum housed planes from every era and conflict from pre-WWI, WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. The collection included "Pappy" Boington's plane from the Black Sheep squadron and the actual plane flown by President Bush in WWII.

There was a large display concerning the Blue Angels, the Navy's precision flight team.



The jets were hung in the exact formation they fly showing how close they really are to each other – 8-10 feet!!

On the morning of the second day everyone was free to explore their favorite areas of the Museum and spend more time reading the details about all the displays.



The gang ended the day with another lunch at the Cubi Bar Café after we found the missing people from the previous day.

The trip back seemed longer than the trip up but the group was rewarded with chocolate chip cookies and a special video all about life on a modern aircraft carrier, the Nimitz. Fascinating but definitely for youngsters!!

In short, the trip was well worth it and the Museum was both historic and extraordinarily well done.

Maybe we'll do it again some time.

A photo album will be posted on the website for anyone who is interested.

### Seminars on Target!

The February Seminar was conducted by Dr. Bob Athanasiou and concerned Basic First Aid. The material covered injuries at a shooting range from minor to serious.

Dr. Bob's focus was on how to try to save a life until help arrives. He demonstrated proper use of a tourniquet or compression bandage in the case of a seriously bleeding wound.

Several other potential medical emergencies were also discussed with possible first aid techniques for each.

Attendees were encouraged to put a first aid kit such as the "Patrol Officer's Pocket Trauma Kit" by Rescue Essentials in their range bag. This kit is offered for sale to members at our meetings (\$16).



A written summary of the presentation is posted on the website with detailed contents of the first aid kit.

Dr. Bob, a founder and member of the Club, was an emergency room physician for 35 years. It was an outstanding seminar and we appreciate Bob sharing some of his knowledge and experience.



### Next Seminar – March 16th

The upcoming seminar on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> will be our Semi-Annual Gun Cleaning Festival. Bring your guns, yes, even your Rugers, and we'll help you get them squeaky clean. We might even be able to help you put the Rugers back together again – maybe!

Several instructors and experienced individuals will be available to assist anyone having problems or questions. Don't forget your owner's manual, even if you have never read it!!

If you have a gun cleaning kit, bring it. the Club will provide:

- Q-Tips
- Gun Cleaning Brushes
- Ballistol (combo cleaner & lubricant)
- Mechanics Rags
- Hoppe's Bore Snakes in .22, .44-45, & 9mm

Gloves and eye protection are highly recommended. Your gun will love you again!!

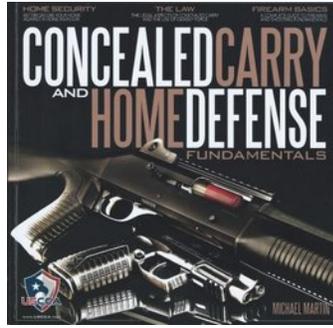


### New Course Offering

#### Personal SecurityI – in the Home

For quite some time the Club has been offering the NRA's Personal Protection in the Home (PPITH) class as defined by the NRA education department. It has always concerned the Club's instructors that major sections of the course were a rehash of the Basic Pistol Class because much of the content really concerned outside the home issues.

It seemed to us that, since attendees to the class were pre-qualified as individuals with considerable post-basic class experience, there was no need to spend time in the PPITH class covering basic material.



Likewise, we questioned why so much time was spent on outside or concealed carry topics when the course was supposed to be about home security.

Late last year we made the decision to redevelop the course to truly focus on "in the home" issues and security. The new course was also developed utilizing an outstanding new text titled "Concealed Carry and Home Defense Fundamentals" written by Michael Martin and sold by the United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA). The book covers all of the relevant material for the "In the Home" class plus much more.

The new course curriculum covers:

1. Developing a Home Defense Plan
2. Physically Securing your Home
3. Home Defense Weapons
4. Castle Doctrine Legalities
5. Violent Encounters & the Aftermath

The first class was taught last week with very positive feedback. The next class, April 8<sup>th</sup>, is fully booked and we have not scheduled future classes just yet but will soon.

The new class will cost a bit more, \$89 for members, due to increases in range fees and slightly more expensive course materials.

And speaking of the range, this course is four hours of classroom work and three hours of range exercises. The range exercises involve shooting from cover & concealment and a variety of other scenarios likely to be encountered in the home.

This course is perfect for those who's primary interest is personal security in their home and also a great stepping stone for those who want to move on the more tactical training for outside the home personal protection.

Watch the website for the posting of future classes. As usual they fill up quickly.

### VSS Booth at the Outdoor Expo

#### VSS Booth a big attraction at the Outdoor Expo

Well, chalk up another great Villages Outdoor Expo at the La Hacienda recreation center last weekend.

The VSS booth was literally surrounded by people interested in learning more about the Club the entire weekend. We had several people tell us that, after touring all the other booths and displays at the Expo, VSS constantly generated the most interest.

In previous years we staffed the booth with 2 or 3 volunteers. This year, anticipating the interest we planned on 4 but ended up with 5 volunteers the whole two days. And we were swamped!! It's hard to talk constantly from 9am to 3pm with no breaks. We didn't even have time to grab a bit of lunch – just water and breath mints!! Good diet.

The heightened interest in personal protection, concealed carry, home protection, and exercising your 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights was evident to all.

The volunteers were armed with our club information card and the 5 brochures from our previous meetings. We thought 500 of each brochure would be sufficient, it wasn't! They cleaned us out!

At the end of the day, the volunteers were tired, their voices gone or at least a little froggy, but did a wonderful job in representing the Club.





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## Villages Straight Shooters

A big thanks to all of the Outdoor Expo volunteers helping Terry:

- Dianne Olsen
- Mike Plocharczyk
- Floyd Dunstan
- Roger Marksberry
- Bob Athanasiou
- Tish Benasutti
- Pat Marksberry
- Maia Marksberry
- Chuck Wildzunas
- Mike Flasch

Great job, let's do it again next year!!

### Bullseye Pistol Shooting



The Bullseye Shooting League, Session 2, is progressing smoothly. Even though this is a new shooting experience for the majority of the participants all sixty members are enjoying the competition and seeing a vast improvement in their shooting scores. We are already looking forward to Session 3.

### OSA Champions of the Month

Shooters of the Month for the December 22<sup>nd</sup> shoot at the Ocala Sportsman Assoc. Good Shooting!

Section I –  
Greg Maurer  
Congrats to Greg!



### Winchester Achievements



Attained **Expert** this Month: **David Harrell, Mike McCourt.**

Attained **Distinguished Expert** this Month: **David Harrell, Mike McCourt.**



Attained **Defensive Pistol, Distinguished Expert 1** this Month: **Jules Jacquin**

A Hearty Congratulations to All!!

### The Raffle Winners!

At the Eisenhower and Savanna Club meetings on Monday, February, 22<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> the Club raffled off two S&W Shield 40 cal. sub compact pistols to:



**Robert Buck**



**Steve Purdy**



Congratulations to Peter and Steve!

"An armed society is a polite society."  
- Robert Heinlein

### Upcoming Club Activities

#### Excursions

- ▣ **Shooters World** – Wed. March 9<sup>th</sup>
- ▣ **Gander Mountain Virtual Shoot Excursion** – Wed. March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- ▣ **Shooters World** – Wed. April 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Shooting Events

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, March 5<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> & April 5<sup>th</sup> Winchester Pistol Qualification shoots at the Gun Range on SR44 in Leesburg. Two sessions on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>: 9-10am & 10-11am. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues one session only 9-10am. Floyd Dunstan is the Shoot Manager.

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Ocala Sportsmans Assoc. Cost \$10. Shooter of the Month determined in shoot off.

Remember eye & ear protection. Adhere to the Club safety rules. If you need a Club safety card, ask an RSO or the Shoot Manager.

### Club Membership and Reservations Required for all shooting events

#### Next Member Meetings

**Seminar - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Sea Breeze Recreation Center from 2-3 pm. Topic will be "Gun Cleaning Festival."

**Monday March 28<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting** – 6:30pm – 8:00pm at Eisenhower. Doors open at 5:30pm. Topic will be "The 2016 Shot Show & New Laser Sights."

**Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting** – 6:45pm – 8:15pm at Savannah. Doors open at 5:45pm. Topic will be "The 2016 Shot Show & New Laser Sights."

**Gun Raffle** for each meeting will be a 9mm Beretta Nano with a LaserMax green laser added. Also included will be a Sticky Holster just for this gun & laser combo.

