



# The Reticle



Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship

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## Your 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights

At the combined member meeting held at the Eisenhower Recreation Center on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the main topic was the “2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment – the Individual right to bear arms.”

The political arena and, of course, the gun debate abounds with misinformation about the language and intent of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. The meeting presentation approached the topic from several perspectives.

First, the amendment must be interpreted understanding the use of the language as it was in 1776. An argument you have probably heard is “a well regulated militia” is actually the National Guard. Not true! In 1776, and centuries before, there was a clear distinction made between the militia and the “select” militia. The select militia was the equivalent of the National Guard. However, the term “militia” always referred to the body of the people individually.

From a historical perspective, going back as far as the Greeks and Romans, it was not only a right but a duty for each citizen to be armed and skilled with the contemporary weapons of the time. The requirement was not only for defense of self and family but to guarantee a free state as a counterbalance to possible tyranny. Cicero, the Roman philosopher, even commented and supported “the unwritten law” of the right of individual self-defense.



In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Machiavelli observed that the demise of the Roman Empire was accompanied by the demise of its armed population. He commented that “Disarmed states have lost their liberties in less than 40 years”.

Ratification of the Constitution was not assured until the Bill of Rights was written to assuage the concerns of the Anti-Federalists. They did not believe that the Constitution, as written, was sufficient to guarantee the rights of individual citizens.



It is important to note that the Bill of Rights was written to define the limits of the Federal government in possibly infringing on individual rights. From a contextual perspective, why would all of the other rights be individual rights but the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment be a collective right? Clearly it is not, as viewed by the US Supreme Court in the few but critical cases relating to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment.

It is also important to realize that the Constitution and the Bill of Rights are Federal documents intended to constrain an overreaching Federal government. Initially the states had no obligation to honor the Bill of Rights except as portions were included in the state constitutions. Without going into great detail, in 1866 the US Supreme Court incorporated the Bill of Rights into the interpretation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment’s due process clause which finally required all of the states to honor the full Bill of Rights.

It is certainly curious that Hillary Clinton recently commented that “the Supreme Court is wrong on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment... it does not provide for the individual right to bear arms.”



Since Mrs. Clinton is an attorney, one would certainly expect her to understand the extensively documented Supreme Court rationale. Just a modicum of effort uncovers the historical basis for the individual right as intended by the founders.

Not too surprising her intent may be a bit more sinister. Since the mantra of the political left is gun control (a euphemism for bans & confiscations) she may just be exercising one the basic rules of propaganda “if you repeat something often enough, it becomes fact.”

Whatever the case, there is ample evidence legally, historically, and contextually that the intent of the founders was to guarantee the individual right to bear arms.

There are two quotes who’s attribution is lost to history but make a relevant point:

**“The beauty of the Second Amendment is that it will not be needed until they try to take it away,”** and

**“The people will not understand the importance of the Second Amendment until it is too late.”**

It may soon be too late!





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## Villages Straight Shooters

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### Concealed Carry Holsters

At the monthly seminar in January, 2016, the topic was “Concealed Carry Holsters.” A holster was defined as a device that holds and positions your gun in a consistent manner that facilitates a rapid draw and enables the gun to quickly be brought on target.

There are four elements to consider in the selection of the most practical and functional holster:

Concealment  
Access  
Retention  
Comfort

Obviously in a concealed carry scenario, the firearm must be concealed such that there is a minimal chance of an accidental reveal and a reasonably observant person should have no suspicion that you are carrying.

The next consideration is access. There is, of course, a tradeoff between concealment and access. The better the gun is concealed the more likely it will be slower to access and vice versa. Recall from the Tueller Drill that if you are charged by an assailant starting from 21 feet away, you only have 1.5 seconds to draw and fire including the .3-.5 seconds of response time. So, in selecting the “right” holster one must consider the tradeoff that will be critical in a self-defense situation.

The third very critical consideration is the retention abilities of the holster. Retention is not only an issue in the normal day-to-day physical activities but also in the case of an assailant trying to disarm you. The retention abilities of a given holster are characterized as a Type 1, Type 2, or Type 3.



In a Type 1 holster, the gun is retained in the holster mostly by friction. In a holster molded to the gun such as a leather holster, the retention can be quite good. The gun should not fall out of the holster when held upside down.



A Type 2 holster has all the characteristics of a Type 1 but, in addition, has an active retention device such as a thumb break or finger release. Note that a finger release is not allowed by IDPA since when drawing it is too easy for the finger to accidentally go into the trigger guard. Thumb breaks can be a strap that snaps over the back of the gun, a flap, or a lever that is naturally released by the thumb when the gun is drawn.



Type 3 holsters add the additional feature requiring the gun to be drawn at a certain angle or other motion that effectively prevents the gun from being drawn except by the wearer of the holster. Very secure but requires extensive practice to draw quickly.

The last characteristic is comfort. Bottom line, if a holster is not comfortable you will not wear it which defeats the purpose of a carry holster. Like most concealed carry individuals, you may have to purchase multiple holsters in order to find the right one.

Holsters come in a huge variety of styles and materials with leather, nylon, and plastic/polymer being the most common.

Leather that is form fitted to the gun makes a quite good and inexpensive Type 1 holster. The nylon holsters are very inexpensive and do not do anything very well. Most useful are the polymer options although there are some pros and cons beyond the scope of this article.

In terms of style there are literally dozens of choices including:

IWB (Inside the Waistband)  
OWB (Outside the Waistband)  
Strong Side Hip  
Crossdraw  
Pocket

The Strong Side Hip Holster rates the highest overall on the four factors. Inside the Waistband Holster are very practical and popular for small guns such as 380s. Small-of-the Back IWBs are very uncomfortable in most any sitting position.

There are several “off-body” options like a fanny pack, purse, or sling bag that may work for you under some scenarios.



A highlight of the January seminar was when Steve Mosel showed up wearing 10 concealment holsters, none visible! The audience was able to find a few but not all.

The full seminar presentation is posted on the website should you want more detailed information.



The seminar on February 15<sup>th</sup> will be “Gun Shot First Aid” presented by Dr. Bob Athanasiou.





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## Villages Straight Shooters

### Bullseye Pistol Shooting

We are nearing completion of the first session of Bullseye Shooting and are looking forward to the start of a second session.

The current six teams will have competed against each other once during this first five-week session.

At the completion of this first, very successful series, we will determine which team and individual has acquired the highest actual and handicap scores.

The second shooting session will commence in March. There will be an announcement asking for participants.



### OSA Champions of the Month

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

Session I -  
Bob Powers  
Congrats to Bob!



Section II -  
Greg Maurer  
Congrats to Greg!



### Winchester Achievements



Attained **Expert** this Month: **Burt Forsythe, Eugene Davis, Robert Kinloch**

Attained **Distinguished Expert** this Month: **Kirk Carver, Jules Jacquin**



A Hearty Congratulations to All!!

### The Raffle Winner!

At the Eisenhower meeting on Monday, January, 25th, Alex Velez won the Diamondback AR-15 with a quad rail, foregrip, tactical light, laser, & red dot.



Congratulations to Alex!



"The world is filled with violence. Because criminals carry guns, we decent law-abiding citizens should also have guns. Otherwise they will win and the decent people will lose."  
- James Earl Jones

### Upcoming Club Activities

#### Excursions

- ☐ Shooters World – Wed. February 10<sup>th</sup>
- ☐ Shooters World – Wed. March 9<sup>th</sup>
- ☐ National Naval Aviation Museum – February 24/25 overnight excursion

#### Shooting Events

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, February 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</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, February 25<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.

#### Reservations Required for all shooting events

#### Next Member Meetings

Seminar - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, February, 17<sup>th</sup> at the Sea Breeze Recreation center from 2-3 pm. Topic will be Gun Shot First Aid.

Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30pm – 8:00pm at Eisenhower. Doors open at 5:30pm. Topic will be “The Next Fight – Surviving the Aftermath of a Shooting” - Presented by John Risenhoover.

Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:45pm – 8:15pm at Savannah. Doors open at 5:45pm. Topic will be “The Next Fight – Surviving the Aftermath of a Shooting” - Presented by John Risenhoover.

Gun Raffle for each meeting will be a Smith & Wesson M&P Shield .40 cal gun.



Wed., March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Savannah meeting moved to Tue., February 23<sup>rd</sup>.