



The Reticle



Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship

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Active Shooter / Terrorist Summary

At the member meetings held on Monday, Dec 28th, & Wednesday, Jan 6th members were provided the details about active shooter attacks in the U.S. with a particular focus on the terrorism related incidents.

Citing accurate statistics are fraught with definition problems and political bias. The FBI defines "Mass Shootings" as incidents where 4 or more people are killed in a continuous attack, i.e., there was no intervening time gap between the murders. You will likely hear various numbers for the number of mass shootings in 2015 from 11 to 365 depending on the source and level of political manipulation.

The FBI reports that there have been 160 mass shootings from 1999 through 2013. That is an average per year of 11.4, or roughly 1 per month. Of the incidents in 2015, four were terrorism related. While the trend over the past 15 years is only slightly up, the percentage of terrorism incidents is clearly on the increase.

Sheriff Blair, Marion County, recently made comments (you can see on the website's Home page) alerting everyone to the increasing danger of such attacks. He referred to citizens with a concealed carry license as "the first line of defense." He encouraged citizens be more alert, carry their firearm, if holding a CWFL, and be prepared to use it.

The Sheriff also observed that in an active shooter incident, terrorist or otherwise, you have three choices, at best: Run, Hide, Fight. Topical literature clearly reinforces the Sheriff's comments.

While there is not room here to detail the meeting presentation, it focused on the above three options. The key to survival is to stay alert and act immediately when sensing danger. The first line of defense is to run away from the danger when at all possible. If your escape path is blocked or it is too dangerous to run and expose yourself to the shooter, the second line of defense is to seek cover or concealment and hide from the shooter's view.

If running or hiding are not viable options, the last line of defense is to fight. If you are forced to fight or, if armed, opt to fight to save others, the tactical situation will be far different than defending against a criminal threat. Criminals want to take something from you. Terrorists simply want to kill you and as many others as possible, caring little about their own safety in the process. If you engage the shooter, you will likely do so at a distance of 20+ yards, and you need serious stopping power. Defending yourself from an active shooter threat requires a rethinking of what you carry, how you train, and how you prepare.

The meeting presentation was posted on the website the day after the Wednesday meeting on Jan 6th at the Savannah center. Also included will be a bibliography of relevant books and the Tactical "Go" bag contents and sources.

Be alert, be prepared, be safe!



Strategic Shooting Program

In the club's ongoing efforts to respond to member's interests and expand tactical skills development opportunities, the club is developing a Strategic Defense Training (SDT) program.

SDT takes you beyond the Basic Pistol Shooting Course and acquiring your CWFL. Neither of those prepare you for real world threats. In SDT, you learn how to protect yourself and others in real world life-threatening scenarios.

The SDT Series is only available to Villages Straight Shooters members with a Concealed Carry License. The range classes are conducted by highly qualified instructors who are also active Straight Shooters members. The program is conducted in a series of four segments on a range, yet to be determined.

Session 1 - Grip & Draw

Students will begin with an unloaded gun and progress to shooting multiple rounds at distances ranging from 3 to 10 yards. Time constraints will be added to create stress. Depending on time, students may engage multiple targets and learn center of mass & head shots.

Session 2 - Shooting and Moving

Students will begin by learning the skills of walking forward and backward while shooting. After learning these skills, students will learn to move right to left and left to right while engaging multiple targets.

Session 3 - Use of Cover

Students will learn the proper use of cover and concealment. Shooters will engage multiple targets from different types of cover/concealment using multiple positions.

Session 4 - Hand Gun Stress

Starting at 25 yards, the students will move through a course of different types of cover and shooting positions. Students targets will be scored at the end of each course.

The cost per participant will be \$50 per session, require a .380 or greater concealed carry gun, OWB holster, plus 150 rounds per session. Each participant will receive close personalized instruction with a maximum 6 participants per session. Watch the website for further announcements on availability and enrollment.





Bullseye Pistol Shooting

In the last 20 years there have been a number of new pistol shooting sports, such as action shooting, pin shooting, practical shooting and silhouette shooting. You may be surprised to learn that Bullseye Shooting is still the most popular of all the shooting sports.

As a result of this and expressed interest of our members, the VSSC has initiated a Bullseye Shooting league which will commence 1/11/2016. All shooting matches will be held at The Gun Range located on Hwy 44. We have established six (6) teams of 10 shooters per team, each team to compete against each other team at least once during the series. The matches will be held on Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 8:45 until 10:00 am. To compete, each team must field at least five (5) shooters for each match. This allows for a team member's absence due to scheduling conflicts.

The pistols used must be of .22 caliber. Scopes, red dot, or iron sights are acceptable. Each shooter shall shoot the following course of fire: Slow Fire, 10 shots in 10 minutes. Timed Fire, two strings of five shots each in 20 seconds. Rapid Fire, two strings of five shots each, in 10 seconds. All shooting shall be one handed at a distance of 50 feet. Awards shall be presented to the winning team at the conclusion of the series. We will continue to offer additional series if the interest is shown. You may sign up now if you are interested in participating in future series.

Any questions may be directed to Floyd Dunstan, email dunsail2c@gmail.com.

OSA Champions of the Month

Shooters of the month for the December 22nd shoot at the Ocala Sportsman Assoc. Good Shooting!

Session I -
Dave Russell
Congrats to Dave!



Section II -
Al Winchell
Congrats to Al!



Newsletter Schedule Change

When the newsletter was first published several months ago, it seemed logical to send it out on the first of every month. Since then, our two member meetings were changed to the 4th Monday at the Eisenhower Recreation Center and the 1st Wednesday at the Savannah Center.

One of the feature articles each month is a summary of the member meetings for those members that were unable to attend for one reason or another. It therefore makes more sense now to send the newsletter out shortly after the second meeting in the cycle. From this point forward, the newsletter will be posted on the Friday immediately following the 1st Wednesday member meeting.



Winchester Achievements



Attained **Expert** this Month: **Burt Forsythe and Roy Hardin**

Attained **Distinguished Expert** this Month: **Jules Jacquin, Kirk Carver, Donald Fraser, & Wayne Gorlick-Asmus.**



A Hearty Congratulations to All!!

The Winners!

At the Eisenhower meeting on Monday, December, 28th, Larence Landermann won the first Springfield Armory XD-S.



At the Savanna meeting on Monday, January, 6th, Larry Smith won the second Springfield Armory XD-S.



Congratulations to both winners!

Upcoming Club Activities

Excursions

- ▣ Shooters World –Wed. January 27th
- ▣ Shooters World – Wed. February 10th
- ▣ Shooters World – Wed. March 9th
- ▣ National Naval Aviation Museum – February 24/25 overnight excursion

Shooting Events

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Tuesdays, January 5th, 12th, & 19th - Winchester Pistol Qualification shoots at the Gun Range on SR44 in Leesburg. Two sessions on 1st & 3rd: 9-10am & 10-11am. 2nd Tues one session only 9-10am. Floyd Dunstan is the Shoot Manager.

4th Thursday, January 28th 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

1st Wednesday, February - No meeting at the Savannah Center for February 2016.

Seminar - 3rd Wednesday, January, 20th at the Sea Breeze Recreation center from 2-3 pm. Topic will be Carry Holsters

Monday January 25th – 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Eisenhower. Doors open at 5:30pm. Topic will be 2nd amendment – the individual right to bear arms

Gun Raffle will be for a Diamondback AR-15 with a quad rail, foregrip, tactical light, laser, & red dot.



" ... I have a very strict gun control policy: if there's a gun around, I want to be in control of it.."

- Clint Eastwood