



The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



Next Member Meeting



Savannah –
Thursday, Jan. 19th -
6:45 to 8:15 pm.
Doors open at 6 pm.
Eisenhower –
Monday, Jan. 23th -
6:30 to 8:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Member Appreciation Award:

S&W M&P Shield 9 PLUS -

Flat face trigger, enhanced grip texture allows the user to manage recoil, keep a firm grip and delivers comfort when concealing. Extended magazine offers 13+1 round capacity. For more concealable option, we offer a flush-fit 10 round magazine and a 13 round, and 10 round magazines included. Tactile and audible trigger reset. Extremely thin and lightweight - can be comfortably carried all day. M&P's patented take-down lever and sear deactivation systems allow for disassembly without pulling the trigger. Optimal 18-degree grip angle for natural point of aim. Armornite® durable corrosion resistant finish.



January Topic: Gun Control and Climate Change by John Shewchuk

John is a retired Air Force Weather Officer and president of The Villages Weather club. This is an interesting presentation on the scientific weather facts on how the weather changes over the years and its impact on gun control.

“The Constitution shall never be construed to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms.” – Samuel Adams

SIMULATOR SHOOT

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Eisenhower Rec Center, Jan. 18th, 2:00 PM

The Good News.... No Gun No Ammo Required!

There will be two Simulator Activities happening at the same time.

To meet everyone's needs, our own NRA Certified Instructors will be conducting the Simulator Shoots.

We will emphasize accuracy, acquiring and reacquiring your target in a timely fashion, and making "shoot or no shoot" determinations.

Make your reservation now, Click [HERE](#). You must have a reservation to participate.

Members are arriving, thinking they completed the reservation but did not. To solve this problem a \$5 Fee will be taken when making the reservation. The \$5 fee will be refunded when you arrive at the Simulator Shoot.

To Fully Complete Your Reservation Steps, Complete Payment, then Click on "Submit". The Cvent system will email your confirmation. Check your inbox. If not there, check your promotions & spam folders.



Call to Action – How to be Ambassadors for Firearms Ownership and Safety

December Presentation by Eric Anderson

Eric lives on a ranch in Webster Florida and is a firearms expert and horseman.



Here are some videos that he showed to introduce himself on Gun TV.

[Eric on Gun TV](#)

Gun TV was a show that reviewed specific guns by the hosts, including Eric with his Remington 870 shotgun, and other with a Glock 19, Beretta PX Storm and a Smith and Wesson MP 15-22 rifle.

Eric told a few interesting stories about his time on that show, which was filming in California and the hosts lived in a house together during filming. The hosts were a split of military and civilians, and the differences were obvious. As an example, the military people would not walk in the house bare foot, that is not allowed in the military.

Senior Men's Level 6 Cowboy Mounted Shooter:

<https://youtu.be/boHUfppqxbw>

Eric did fall in this video, but noted that as a good Marine, the rifle didn't hit the ground. He just loves this competition; it combines horsemanship and firearms. He uses a single action "cowboy" gun, six shot with only five rounds loaded since many of these guns do not have a hammer block safety or a lever action rifle. The ammo is blanks only and the concussion is good for about 20 feet, so the spectators are safe, but the balloons are not.

An interesting point that Eric made was the government could come out and ban gun ownership for citizens over 70 years old, due to our limited vision, physical and cognitive abilities.

This slide was the core of his talk about the misconceptions of guns to young people. Eric was

Young People and Guns

1. Television
2. Real world
3. Toy guns
4. Video Games
5. Fairy Tales
6. Peer Pressure
7. Parental misconception
8. Dissemination of misinformation
9. Drug induced delirium
10. Media induced propaganda

The infographic features two images: one of a young boy lying in grass aiming a rifle, and another of a young boy holding a rifle.

very critical of the first five points. Television shows people getting shot and healing quickly to continue returning to the show, not reality. In the real-world people die. Toy guns teach children to shoot each other, bad example of gun safety. Video games desensitize children and young adults to the point where active shooters are calm when shooting victims. Peer pressure – "I dare you to show me your dad's gun", what could go wrong? Most parents are not educated in the safe ownership of guns. Our society has degraded to the point where we are desensitizing our young people to be violent. Gun control for the legal owners is not the answer.

We as responsible gun owners can and should educate others on the safe use of guns. We can't invite non-VSS member friends and family to VSS club shoots, but we can invite them to Shooters World to experience a gun store and gun range with your guns or rent one. Another option is to take them to one of The Villages air gun ranges where air guns are available to use, its free to residents and guests. Marksmanship is similar for air and firearms.

Eric also talked about arming teachers and his experience in town hall meetings with government officials where that topic was discussed. Schools are ready to fight fires with alarms and fire extinguishers, but not ready to defend against active shooters. He feels most teachers would give their lives protecting their students. And he believes in arming teachers and keeping school guns in biometric safes with the firearm and a vest to identify an armed teacher to first responders.

Instructor's Corner

By Steve Mosel



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(These articles are the opinions of the writer only and in no way reflect official positions of the Villages Straight Shooters - or anyone with good sense

“RESOLUTIONS!”

Well folks, we've done it again! We have managed to stumble our way through another year on this planet – mostly upright. And, at our age, being handed guns to play with – what could possibly go wrong?! But this is not yet another lecture on the rules of safe firearm handling. Nope! This is about how I am personally going to make things better this coming year. You know, those fragile new year's resolutions we seem to forget about by January 2nd! This time, though, it's going to be different (he says, trying not to snicker). I've got a lot of excellent contenders buzzing about in my head, but to save you all from terminal disinterest, I'll just keep it to gun-related topics only, I promise!

NUMBER 1: I'M GOING TO BE A BETTER SHOT THAN LAST YEAR!

Now, with deteriorating eyesight, new aches and pains on an almost daily basis and a myriad of other medical



hiccups, I can't say this is going to be easy. But you quickly realize that,

as an instructor, although you spend a bunch of time at the range, you always seem to be working on Club activities and don't take the time to buckle down and get in time for yourself. So, it's off to Shooter's World at least three times a month, just for myself and a nice variety of my firearms. Oh God! I just realized that means more cleaning! Anyway, I swear I'll try.

NUMBER 2: I'M GOING TO BE A BETTER INSTRUCTOR!

After a decade of teaching, I see the same mistakes over and over. You get surprised now and again, but not very often and that can lead to a bit of impatience or at least a lack of enthusiasm if you're not careful. So, this year, I'm going to remain as excited and invested in each new student as if it were my first-time teaching. All their problems are new to them and I've got to remember what it was like for me upon first handling a firearm.

NUMBER 3: I'M FINALLY GOING TO CLEAN UP MY WORK SPACE:

As my patient, long-suffering wife, Marilyn, has continually reminded me, the office we "share" was meant for her to work in as well as me. Having firearm paraphernalia strewn over every formerly empty space available is not a fair arrangement. Exactly where I'm going to stow all my stuff is still a complete mystery to me. I may be forced to come to the conclusion that I have too much stuff! (Say it ain't so.)

NUMBER 4: I'M GOING TO BECOME A BETTER CLUB MEMBER:

OK, I'll admit this is a bit of obvious promotion for our club, but it's important that we all become as active as possible. Although I already participate heavily, there are still areas where I can increase my contributions, time and energy. I'm going to try and put my ideas for furthering our firearms-education programs into effect and become as useful an advocate for our way of life as I can.

Concerning your own firearms-related activities, see where you can find room for improvement and create a plan to make that happen during this, our new year. Happy New Year to one and all!

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