



# The Reticle

Gun Safety, Education, Marksmanship



## Vote For Your Gun Rights



We are coming up to the most important election of our time and we must vote to protect our 2nd Amendment rights. Our Club is an NRA supported gun club and we are encouraging members to support their gun rights by voting and support the NRA.

The Florida voter registration deadline is October 5<sup>th</sup>. Early in-person voting runs October 20<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>, 9am to 6pm, and you can vote in any of your county's polling places during early voting. We are encouraging everyone to vote early, with new safety procedures its safe. Election day is November 3<sup>rd</sup> with voting 7am to 7pm and you must vote in our assigned polling place.

If you are unable to vote in person, contact the Supervisor of Elections office in your county and request an absentee ballot or return county absentee ballot request forms sent out by President Trump.

# VOTE

The Democrat party has been pushing to ban all guns by legal gun owners and not prosecute illegal gun owners. All candidates in this party are anti-gun, so we must vote out all Democrat incumbents and prevent the election of the new candidates who are against the 2nd Amendment.

Many of us in VSS are veterans and we all took an oath that had no time limit and stated:

"I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic".

Well, taking away our 2nd Amendment rights is an attack against the Constitution and anyone in support of the removal of the 2nd amendment right is considered a "domestic enemy". Joe Biden voted for the assault weapons ban in the 1990's and vowed to do it again and more.

We must all get out and vote and encourage our family and friends to vote in support of the 2nd Amendment.

## Next Member Meeting

**Eisenhower Rec Center**

**Monday, October 26th, 6:30 to 8:00 pm**

**Topic: Club Update, Plans & Programs**

**Donor Award:  
S&W M&P 9EZ**

**Reservations & Masks Required see the  
VSS Website for details**

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## Where's ~~Waldo~~ the Ammo?

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by Terry Marksberry

It's happened before! Gun purchases are at an all time high. Of course, when you buy a gun, you'll need to buy some ammo. As a result, it is hard to find either right now in a gun store or online.

You could spend hours a day scanning the internet to find the dealer that just got a shipment of ammo. It's usually gone in hours if not minutes!

Fortunately there are some clever dudes that have developed search engines that update every few minutes that can find any available ammo for you. If you find a source of ammo, act quickly or it will most certainly be gone until the next shipment.

Some of the ammo search engines are below:

[Ammoseek.com](http://Ammoseek.com)  
[Ammosearch.com](http://Ammosearch.com)  
[Ammobuy.com](http://Ammobuy.com)  
[Cheapammo.com](http://Cheapammo.com)  
[Gunbot.net](http://Gunbot.net)

There are a few other ammo search engines, but if you cannot find what you're looking for at one of

the above sites, it probably is not available. Just a reminder, you can legally have the ammo shipped directly to your home. The FedEx driver will hate you almost as much as the UPS driver

will, but c'est la vie!

Happy hunting!



## Instructor's Corner

By Steve Mosel

(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 for that matter - SM)



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### "The Complaint Department"

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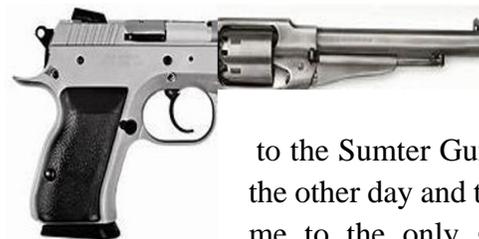
I know! I know! I have to listen to it every time I manage a club shoot, or just show up at Shooter's World on my own. The list of bellyaches is endless:

*At one of our events, this dude came up to me beaming with pride:*

"I have to wear this damn mask and my glasses are fogging up! Hell, I can barely make out the target on a good day – without a mask! But I came up with a great solution. A square of toilet paper, two rubber bands and some scotch tape will do wonders! The middle part – around the nose and mouth – gets all soggy after a couple of breaths and mostly goes away, but I'm breathing easier now and voila! – no fog!!!"

*A new shooter – a little gal standing about 4' 10" and optimistically weighing 87 pounds - asked me the following:*

"There doesn't seem to be many guns left for sale, which is very disconcerting! I really needed to buy my first firearm and the instructors suggested I start



with a .22 target pistol.

So, I went in

to the Sumter Gun & Pawn Shop the other day and the salesman led me to the only gun left in the display case. It was a Desert Eagle .50 Caliber. It had been modified and the barrel was now cut back to 2" long. He said that it would be perfect for me as a target gun since it was now smaller than it used to be

– you know – like me. So, I bought it. Do you think that was a good choice?”

***A long-time member approached me at a club shoot and was complaining about the lack of ammo:***

“Can’t find a damn thing on the shelves. So I went on line and scored a great deal on a carton of 5000 rounds of 9mm from Uzdumbnowicstan. Only a buck a round! The only thing is, none of my nines seem to like the stuff. Even my Glock was jamming after every other round. Must be something wrong with the guns – probably the Covid thing, huh!”

OK, OK! I may have taken a little poetic license and exaggerated the stories a bit, but, I assure you, they are all based on real complaints I’ve heard. Look: We’re all going through some murky, upsetting stuff and, especially at our age, we don’t appreciate the interruption and the inconvenience. But short cuts to safety and impulsive decisions should not find their way into our lives right now. Be patient and of good cheer and make do. Let’s not rush ahead of ourselves, making poor choices along the way. This will all be over soon enough and we’ll all get back to normal complaints and our usual more harmless bad decisions.

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**“Personal Protection in the Home”**

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by Terry Marksberry

With the current civil unrest threatening to migrate to the suburbs and neighborhoods, it’s probably a good time to take a fresh look at home defense. In addition, the threat to contest the election with violence just exacerbates the need to be alert and prepared. And know your rights! First, we are fortunate to live in a state that has one of the strongest castle doctrine set of laws in the country.



While you cannot defend property with lethal force, the castle doctrine provides the assumption in the law that anyone penetrating the perimeter of your living space (curtilage) is there to cause death or great bodily harm. Therefore, you are justified in using lethal force should you choose to do so. Additionally, you cannot be sued civilly in the case where you harm or kill an intruder.

In virtually all home invasion scenarios, the motive is robbery.



In the civil unrest case, individuals would be there to intimidate and possibly harm you as well as cause damage to your property.

Florida Statute 776.013 states, in part:

(1) A person who is in a dwelling... in which the person has a right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and use or threaten to use:

(b) Deadly force if he or she reasonably believes that using or threatening to use such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony.

A forcible felony is defined as:

776.08 - “Forcible felony” means treason; murder; manslaughter; sexual battery; carjacking; home-invasion robbery; robbery; burglary; arson; kidnapping; aggravated assault; aggravated battery; aggravated stalking; aircraft piracy; unlawful throwing...a destructive device; and any other felony which involves the use or threat of physical force or violence against any individual.

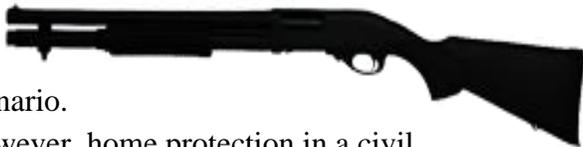
Therefore, the couple in the recent news that threatened to use an AR-15 and a pistol to defend themselves would certainly be justified, at least in Florida, since individuals in the “mob” verbally threatened to kill them. To be accurate, a verbal threat without some physical action to carry out the threat does NOT justify lethal force.



Of course, even in Florida, one cannot rule out an overzealous prosecutor from initiating an unjustified political prosecution just like the Zimmerman case. Unfortunately, such is the state of “justice” in our country at the present time. Depending on what happens in the November elections, enforcement of the law could get even more political and arbitrary.

In fact, Wm Barr, USAG, commented recently in a speech about the need to better supervise and rein in overzealous federal prosecutors who overstep their bounds and good judgment in pursuit of a “target.” As we know, sometimes identification of the target is based on political considerations.

Under usual circumstances, a pistol is sufficient protection, even preferred, for personal defense in a home invasion scenario.



However, home protection in a civil unrest situation with multiple threats and mob action possibilities, is a whole different situation.

In the above scenario, an AR-15 or shotgun is arguably a better choice than a pistol for multiple reasons. It would seem that many others have come

to the same conclusion. AR-15s and shotguns are basically “Sold Out” virtually everywhere. Even online!



Mossberg Shockwave

In checking with Nordic Pawn to find a Mossberg Shockwave, they said “forget it.” In fact, they have been asked to “shorten the barrel” on 35 shotguns in the past few months. A shorter barrel makes a shotgun better for close quarter defense than for ducks or geese! (Still good for turkeys!)

So, while the Obama administration spawned the “prepper” movement, and a run on firearms, now would seem a good time to reevaluate your home defense and preparedness. Things may get worse before they get better.

As was once said, “Keep your powder dry.” I would add, “Make sure you have a lot of it!”



**We must reject the idea that every time a law’s broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions. – Ronald Reagan**

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