



WILL COUNTY GRASSROOTS DIVISION OF THE ILLINOIS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING - May 20, 2009 - 7:00 PM

*** * * NEW MEETING LOCATION * * ***

**Stone City VFW
124 Stone City Drive
Joliet, IL 60436
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This month, in honor of our veterans we will forego a guest speaker and instead have an open forum. All veterans are welcome to come and share their wartime stories. If you have any wartime relics you wish to share, bring them along. Once again, we invite you to bring along a friend, family member or just someone you know.

Will County ISRA member, *William Balicki*, was the name drawn for the WCGR Gun Giveaway last month. Unfortunately, William was not present so another name will be drawn at the next meeting. Remember, the winner must be present, have a valid FOID and comply with all local, state and federal laws.

ALLIANCES

The ISRA is not the only organization that understands what the Second Amendment is all about. Second Amendment Sisters, Inc. (SAS) is a women's advocacy group whose mission statement is "dedicated to preserving the basic human right to self-defense, as recognized by the Second Amendment." They "believe in personal responsibility, education and enforcement of laws against violent criminals." The state representative of this organization, Dr. Paula Bratich, was our guest speaker for April's WCGR meeting.

Dr. Bratich is very vocal about her beliefs regarding a woman's right to keep and bear arms. She spoke at the Second Amendment Freedom Rally in Chicago last year and at IGOLD, with the message that education in self-defense and use of firearms is the only way that women can be empowered against crime. In Illinois, criminals have the upper hand when committing their crimes. It is too easy to figure out who is unarmed in Illinois. Most of us are! Then, the gender factor is part of the criminals' consideration. To them, it is easier to attack women.

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Too often, the crimes that are committed against women could be reduced if knowledge on self-defense and the proper use of firearms were available. In Chicago, attacks on women are not in the news that much, unless it involves a homicide. Rapes, as shown by the FBI crime statistics, hold little interest to the Illinois media. It seems that the state of Illinois and the city of Chicago do not want rape victims' information in the FBI's database. All other

states provide the FBI with data for this crime. The only Illinois city that does provide such data is Rockford. This information can be found at: http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius2007/data/table_08_il.html.

It is disturbing that Illinois will not provide this information to the FBI. The lack of transparency seems to indicate that Illinois is hiding something. Whatever that is, it indicates a lack of concern for women. The purpose of compiling these statistics is to look for ways to reduce crime. I've got to wonder that if the FBI had this information, would it have been possible to reduce incidents of rape in Illinois? The attitude of the Illinois State Police toward attacks on women is also a bit puzzling. They believe in instructing women to use tongue depressors or sharp objects to ward off an attack, although neither has proven to be effective.

Dr. Bratich, along with SAS, ISRA and many other organizations, firmly believes in good old self-reliance on one's ability to quickly produce a defensive weapon and be able to use it! These organizations want to educate all of us in self-defense and how to prevent ourselves from getting into these situations. Self-preservation is a foundation of the Constitution and the ISRA and SAS hold this sacred.

A few weeks ago, the League of Women Voters (LWV) held a forum at the Wheaton Village Hall. The purpose was to advocate gun control measures with the help of the Illinois Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence (ICPGV). The ICPGV is known for its ability to come up with unsubstantiated statistics to confuse unknowing citizens. As this forum developed, it became very clear that we would be led down a murky path of misinformation to which we were not to debate. At least that is what the moderator, Michelle Jordan, wanted.

As the meeting progressed, it was apparent that Ms. Jordan was not willing to consider the fact that a firearm, in the hands of a law-abiding citizen, is a deterrent to crime. It was clear that her only reason to be there was to indoctrinate us into the rules set down by the ICPGV. These rules are determined by unfounded facts and questionable

statistics. These unsubstantiated statistics caught the attention of each of us and it became very clear that something had to be said. Well, as people attempted to voice their opinions, some of them were escorted out of the chamber so Ms. Jordan could continue on with her "forum." As John Adams once said, "facts are stubborn things."

An analysis of the Wheaton meeting, complete with videos and commentary, can be found at: <http://suburbanshoutout.wordpress.com/2009/04/22/league-of-women-voters-members-ill-equipped-to-debate-gun-control-issue/#comment-454>.

We try to keep ourselves safe from the hazards in life. Some can be addressed with precautions that we learn through education, but there needs to be a desire to obtain that information. Experience will also factor into our lives, as long as we can learn from it. If a situation arises that requires an immediate response, will instinct be the only resource that dominates your sense of survival? This and similar questions, are not answered when an attacker is moments away from getting to you.

Dr. Bratich wants women to be self-reliant and to freely participate in the good things that this country offers. The Second Amendment Sisters, like the ISRA, believes in life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. With that in mind, promoting self-defense and education in the proper use of a firearm in a defensive situation is supported by each organization. On the other hand, Michelle Jordan has it in her mind to control us by limiting our freedoms and our rights and by using false ideas and facts to accomplish that task. Which person would you trust with your life or liberty?

On behalf for the Will County Grassroots, I'd like to thank Dr. Paula Bratich for taking the time to inform us about the work that is done by the Second Amendment Sisters. The SAS in Illinois can be reached at: www.2asisters.com

Al Tiscareno

*** Please note ***

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Please note that the Will County Grassroots Division of the ISRA will be holding their monthly meetings at a new venue. Due to the closing of Sara's Restaurant, we have found it necessary to find a new location for our meetings. The Stone City VFW has graciously agreed to offer us their facilities at no charge to us. Please plan on joining us for our first meeting there!



Chairman's Comments

by Doug Mayhall

It's been over one hundred days since the "messiah" began running our country. He hasn't ruined it yet, but it sure seems to be his number one goal. He has alienated so many Americans with his anti-American statements and the appointing of his closest advisors, most of who are people I would refuse to associate with in my normal business or personal dealings. How a President can expect to heal the diversity in this country with appointing such extremists as Rahm Emanuel, Janet Napolitano, Eric Holder and Timothy Geithner (who somehow "forgot" to pay taxes), I'll never understand.

The first thing the President did after the inauguration was to close "GITMO" and free some prisoners. Two are known to have already joined back up with the Taliban and are again fighting to kill our brave soldiers. Obama then went abroad and actually bowed to the King of Saudi Arabia. Like him or not, I believe that the President of the greatest and most powerful nation in the world should bow to NO ONE!! Bowing, by its very nature, acknowledges subservience. Him being a representative of this country, I think he made a very strong statement to the entire world with that gesture that he (and the population of the US) is lesser than the Saudis. Then, he attended the conference in France, while refusing to keep his travel commitment to Normandy to honor the American soldiers who died to free the world from the tyranny of Adolph Hitler. His explanation was that he didn't want to insult the Germans. Many presidents have gone to Normandy to honor the brave and fallen soldiers and Germany was not offended.

And what about taxes? Tea parties took place on April 15th all over America, in cities big and small, with estimates from 750,000 to one million participants strong. We have not seen protests like this since the 1960s. These events were even bigger than the protests were back then, but you'll notice they were not given the press like those from the '60s. I even heard the mainstream press report that it was the right wing extremists that started them, yet thousands of moderates and democrats were in attendance.

The stimulus packages are another work of smoke and mirrors; for example, nobody in Congress was able to read the whole bill before voting on it. We are now learning this bill has millions upon millions of pork for every liberal congressman's favorite project, with little regard to using the money to help the country get well financially.

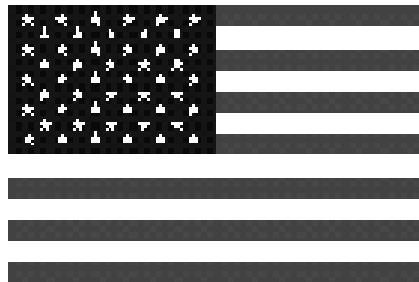
Then, the President used the drug and gun problem in Mexico as an excuse to try to eliminate guns in the United States, telling outright lies about how the guns really get into Mexico. He stated 90% came from the US when, realistically, almost all came from Russia and China. This was even reported by the BATFE in committee hearings. The agent being questioned specifically deigned that most weapons came from the United States.

The next the big blunder was by Janet Napolitano, anti-gun extremist and the new head of Homeland Security. She put out a secret memo that stated all people that believe in the Constitution or those that consider themselves right wing and all ex-military are "right wing extremists" and are ripe to be drafted by extremist recruiters. There are 42,000,000 ex-military men and women. I know of only one single instance where someone went bad...Timothy McVeigh.

Napolitano mentioned "right wing extremists" twenty six times in nine pages, yet no mention was ever made of left wing extremists such as Congressman Bobby Rush, Bill Ayers or the Unabomber. No mention of them for some strange reason! The VFW and American Legion have led the charge in trying to get this report changed and many are trying to get Napolitano removed from her position.

To me, the actions of President Obama and Janet Napolitano against our soldiers, who by signing up for the military are signing away their very life for this country, are the worst things any person could do. The men and women of the military are not in it for politics. They are in it for the love of our great country and they are willing to sacrifice their lives for the United States. And that is why we pay special honor to our soldiers every Memorial Day!

We would like to invite all military personnel, past and present, to our May meeting. This is just one way we can hope to reassure them that their service was not and is not in vain. We appreciate every sacrifice they have made to ensure that the United States remains free. We wish those away from their families a safe and speedy return home to their loved ones. We honor them. We are proud of them. And to them, we are eternally grateful.



MEMORIAL DAY
MONDAY, 25, 2009

FREEDOMS' MEMORIAL
by Del"Abe" Jones

This day is set aside
to honor those
who took the chance to die.

But they have died in vain
if we ever forget
the reason why.

Freedom can be like time
slipping away
before we even know.

But we all have the choice
more, a duty
to battle freedoms' foe.

Let us give thanks this day
to all those brave
who paid the highest cost.



WANTED

Firearm Instructors & Volunteers
7th Annual ISRA Range Open House
June 27, 2009

We are looking for your help to provide assistance to men, woman & children in learning the fundamentals of the shooting sports. A variety of volunteer positions are available. Please contact the ISRA office at (815) 635-3198 if you would like to volunteer.

***** Political Disclaimer *****

The ISRA and the Will County Division of the ISRA **cannot** and **will not** endorse any candidate or party. We feature speakers to allow us to learn about the positions a candidate holds on the Second Amendment and welcome all candidates to speak to us. Only the **ISRA Political Victory Fund (ISRA-PVF)** can endorse candidates or donate to political campaigns.

Calendar of Events

- May 10** Kane County Gun Show - Kane County Fairgrounds - Kathy Carlson (815) 758-2773
- May 14-18** NRA 2009 Annual Meeting & Exhibits - Phoenix Convention Center - Phoenix, AZ - visit www.nraam.org for details
- May 16** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Basic Pistol Course
Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- May 17** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - Beginner's Guide to Women
in the Outdoors - Gander Mountain - Joliet - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- May 20** **ISRA Will County Grassroots Meeting - Stone City VFW**
124 Stone City Drive - Joliet - (815) 722-7122
- May 23 & 24** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Basic Instructor - Shotgun
Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- May 30** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Personal Protection in the Home
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- June 5-7** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - 11th Annual Clyde Howell NRA Youth
Shooting Sports Camp - Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo -
(815) 744-5487
- June 6 & 7** Appleseed Event - ISRA Range - Bonfield - www.appleseedinfo.org
- June 13** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Range Safety Officer Course
Gander Mountain - Joliet - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- June 21** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Reloading-Metallic Cartridge
Gander Mountain - Joliet - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- June 26** **Second Amendment Freedom Rally** - Thompson Center - Chicago
visit www.isra.org or call the ISRA office at (815) 635-3198
- June 27** **ISRA Range Open House** - ISRA Range - Bonfield - Call the ISRA office at
(815) 635- 3198 or see any of the WCGR committee for more details if you would
like to volunteer for this event
- June 28** Glock Shooting Sports Foundation (GSSF) Glock League - ISRA Range -
Bonfield - Terry Kreimeier (815) 635-3198
- July 18** ISRA M1A "Warm Up" Match - ISRA Range - Bonfield - Claude Heale (815) 553-0591
- July 26** Glock Shooting Sports Foundation (GSSF) Glock League - ISRA Range -
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and to confirm events as dates are subject to change without notice ***

*Please contact Chairman, Doug Mayhall, or the ISRA office if you would like to volunteer
at any of the **ISRA** events*

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