



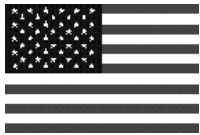
WILL COUNTY GRASSROOTS DIVISION OF THE ILLINOIS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

NEXT MEETING - June 17, 2009 - 7:00 PM

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

**Ivo's Express Restaurant
23819 West Eames Street
(Southeast Corner of Route 6 and I-55)
Channahon, IL 60410
815-467-0940**

This month, ISRA member and retired Cook County Assistant State's Attorney **Ed Ronkowski** will give an updated presentation called "When the cops come knocking". Once again, we invite you to bring along a friend, family member or just someone you know. It should prove to be an interesting and informative evening!



Thank You for Your Service

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the veterans who have served and to those who continue to fight for this country and the countless freedoms we enjoy. We appreciate the sacrifices you have made to defend the freedom of this great nation and, to you, we are forever grateful.

We honor you. We thank you.

We will never forget you.

The True Americans

May is the month that we honor those that gave their all for our great country. The majority of our honored fallen were those wearing a uniform of America's military. Regardless of the branch of service, these men and women have given all they could to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. Then, there are those in the intelligence community and in the Foreign Service offices that gave their all to defend American ideals. They too, are not forgotten. And, supporting our struggles are many non-military

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entities that have honorably served this country, such as the Merchant Marine. "True Americans," all of them.

Many of us know some of these "True Americans". We know the relatives and neighborhood friends that went off to serve in America's hour of need and gave all they could. We all know the importance of remembering and honoring all of the True Americans that served this country.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!! MEETING LOCATION HAS CHANGED !!!!!

Please note that the Will County Grassroots Division of the ISRA will be holding the June meeting at a new venue. **Ivo's Express Bar & Grill** has graciously agreed to offer us their facility. Please plan on joining us for our first meeting there!

There has been a shift in the philosophical understanding of what our Constitution says or what it really means. It had been written in our Constitution that we, the American citizens, have the power to determine our needs and to establish the course of action needed to maintain our freedoms and the American way of life. Through the power of the vote, each state government is authorized to enact laws to provide for its citizens. The federal government was to serve the states in providing basic functions like a national defense, creating a national currency or instituting laws that have been defined in the Constitution. In the Constitution, our founding fathers established that each branch of the federal government is empowered to provide a check on the other two branches to insure the Constitution's meaning is not compromised. Our Constitution establishes what each of these branches of government is limited to and directs the federal government to observe that the states and most importantly, its citizens, are the power of these United States. The Constitution is the Supreme Law of the Land.

These concepts have been part of the American way of life since the Constitution's inception. Though the Constitution was conceived over 220 years ago, its formula to "...Secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity..." seems to have lost some of its meaning. I believe that the national government has been going down a socialist path for at least 80 years. Citizens have lost power over their state governments, which then turned over much of its responsibilities to those in Washington, D.C. I think that the national government has grown beyond what is stated in the Constitution and I don't think this is what the founding fathers envisioned for this country.

The struggle to ensure that our 2nd Amendment right is intact is a perfect example of the attempt to infringe upon this right. The "...right of the people

to keep and bear arms..." is a right that each of us is born with. It does not say that you have to have arms; it says that this is one of your rights. If you do not want to be armed, then this is a choice that is made voluntarily and not by some other person or law. Otherwise, no law or government entity has the power to keep any citizen from exercising their 2nd Amendment right.

Making these choices is part of the process of free will and is determined by the freedoms that we Americans enjoy. These freedoms exist because of the U.S. Constitution. Our rights, our freedoms and our powers are specifically defined in this great document. When these freedoms are challenged, that means many Americans are not paying attention to what is happening around them and these freedoms can be lost due to apathy. Many Americans are hearing the messages that the left-leaning media sources promote and they are unsure of what is being said. I believe that this is a result of many being "dumbed down" in the classroom. I hope that these individuals wise up to understand what they were denied in their classrooms. Wisdom sometimes does not always prevail. With the technological advances in communications that we now have, we should be sieving through the misinformation and find the truth or, at the very least, make a more intelligent decision based on all of the information available. These advances in communication technologies are somewhat of a double-edged sword. On one hand, we have access to the entire world. The other side of it is that there is so much information out there, it can cause a feeling of being overwhelmed.

Americans live in a very complex society. We have the freedom to choose all that is necessary. We decide what is needed for ourselves, our family and anything we require to fulfill our "pursuit of happiness". Deciding on our careers, vacations or even cable programs can be daunting today. The American society brings a different level of stress in

making everyday choices. In other parts of the world, daily decisions can be as simple as providing for a family with basic necessities and no more. Europeans generally have socialist governments to rely upon for everyday needs. Their governments control the media, healthcare, wages and the many other needs of their society. These governments influence choices of what you need or what you want as well. In other parts of the world, take Asia for example, are just beginning to develop their industrial infrastructure to current world standards. The greatest problem is that the educational background required to develop these undertakings is lacking in these countries. Educational freedom was not a top priority for some of these governments and because of that, they are lacking in enough qualified people to build these factories. Freedom and creativity go hand in hand. There is a significant advantage to being an American.

The one area that the United States is known for is in its commitment to promote freedom and defend its allies to achieve this goal. This country was not always willing to go to war. History has repeatedly shown that there has been a certain amount of caution before sending our men and women into battle. Though we did not actively partake in the initial stages of WWII, the U.S. was willing to support Great Britain and its allies by transporting supplies manufactured here to support the Allied war effort in Europe. Before the U.S. officially entered WWII, many Merchant Marine vessels and crew were lost at sea to German U-Boats. The amount of tonnage lost outside our own coastline is staggering. But, we did not hesitate in continuing our support. After Pearl Harbor, this country rolled up its sleeves to do battle with the Axis powers. Our industrial might focused on the needs of our military and delivered the war products to our military and our allies. Needless to say, our military effectively delivered this material against our enemies. "True Americans", working together, in defense of our great nation and the world.

At the end of WWII, the U.S. was the only industrial country whose factories were virtually untouched and its Army and Navy were at a

strength unheard of in our history. Our only thought at that time was to rebuild Europe and Japan. The fighting was over and the last thing on our mind was to take over that part of the world. The U.S. could have taken over all that was in ruin; Europe, Japan and the Soviet Union, but the True American spirit was strong and we were willing to have these conquered nations find their own way.

I believe that all of our history is filled with the accomplishments and sacrifices that "True Americans" have made. There are some Americans that do not agree with some of what our founding fathers wrote. That is their right. I will not argue for, or against them. After all, they are Americans, not True Americans.

Al Tiscareno

*** Please note ***

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Chairman's Comments by Doug Mayhall

Due to some technical difficulties, there will be no comments from our Chairman this month.

Please check in with us next month when Doug reviews his trip to Normandy, France where he joined with thousands to remember and honor those who fought and perished in battle on "D-Day" some 65 years ago.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

ISRA Fed PAC is up and running.

"The purpose of the ISRA Fed PAC is to preserve and protect citizen rights recognized under the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. ISRA Fed PAC will execute that mission by educating Illinois citizens on the voting records of the Illinois congressional delegation, and through support of political candidates who share the values and traditions of Illinois' more than 1.5 million law-abiding firearm owners."

www.israfedpac.com

Calendar of Events

- June 17** **ISRA Will County Grassroots Meeting - Ivo's Express Restaurant -**
23819 West Eames St. (Southeast Corner of Route 6 and I-55) - Channahon
- June 19** **2009 Lockport Old Canal Days Parade** - Line-up at 5:30pm, parade commences
at 6:30pm
- 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 - Visit www.isra.org, call the ISRA
office at (815) 635- 3198 or see any of the WCGR committee for more details
or if you would like to volunteer at this event
- June 28** Glock Shooting Sports Foundation (GSSF) Glock League - ISRA Range -
Bonfield - Terry Kreimeier (815) 635-3198
- July 11** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Basic Pistol Course
Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- July 12** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Home Firearm Safety
Gander Mountain - Joliet - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- July 18** ISRA M1A "Warm Up" Match - ISRA Range - Bonfield - Claude Heale (815) 553-0591
- July 18** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Basic Tactical Pistol
Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- July 25** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Refuse To Be A Victim
Gander Mountain - Joliet - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487
- July 26** Glock Shooting Sports Foundation (GSSF) Glock League - ISRA Range -
Bonfield - Terry Kreimeier (815) 635-3198
- July 31-Aug 2** SAFER USA & Howell Shooting Club, Inc. - NRA Basic Instructor - Rifle
Howell Shooting Club - Yorkville - David Lombardo - (815) 744-5487

*** Please use the above contact information for detailed information (i.e. fees, registration)
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*

*E-mail us at willcounty@isra.org if you have any events you would like included
in this monthly newsletter*

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WANTED



Firearm Instructors & Volunteers

7th Annual Illinois State Rifle Association Range Open House

Saturday, June 27, 2009

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

I will volunteer for the following:

Rifle _____ Pistol _____ Air Gun _____ Muzzleloading _____ Archery _____

My NRA Instructor Number is _____

We are also looking for help in these general areas:

I will volunteer for the following:

Set up _____ Take down _____ Registration _____ Membership Sales _____

First Aid _____ (must be Paramedic, EMT, physician or RN)

ISRA Promotional Items Sales _____

Security _____ (must be current or former police officer)

This is an all day event! We are looking for your help to provide assistance to men, woman and children in learning the fundamentals of the shooting sports. Our range is located in Bonfield, near Kankakee. If you are interested in helping, please call the ISRA office at **815-635-3198** or complete this form and fax or mail it to:

Illinois State Rifle Association, PO Box 637, Chatsworth, IL 60921

Fax # 815-635-3723

***** PARKING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE IN THE GENERAL PARKING AREA -
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE RANGE *****

* Working from 7:00 AM until 4:00 PM will constitute 1 (one) work day credit *

* Working from 7:00 AM until completion will constitute 2 (two) work day credits *