



## Vote Tomorrow! Supreme Court – Justice Rebecca Bradley knows the Constitution!

*"Justice Rebecca Bradley, a proud gun owner and concealed carry license holder, supports the rule of law and will defend the Constitution."*

Turn out is expected to be low. Even if you do not have any other races, please take the time to protect your rights.

## Wisconsin FORCE is the Shield in Wisconsin that protects your Second Amendment rights.



The Shield protects you from attacks and keeps you safe as we move forward in the fight to restore lost rights.

We have strengthened that Shield by creating the Wisconsin FORCE Political Victory Fund.

This fund is critical, especially with the upcoming elections, including the future of our rights in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin FORCE has been working with its partners in early candidate support, and this fund will strengthen that support.

Our goal is to raise \$5000 by April 1. Any donation, as little as \$10 or as much as \$5000, would help in reaching our goal.

Donate today by sending a check made payable to Wisconsin FORCE PVF or use your charge card by opening the

"Donate" tab on the website, putting Wisconsin FORCE PVF in the comments box. By law you must include your full name, address, and

occupation. Mail checks to: WF PVF, PO Box 130, Seymour, WI 54165-0130

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## Governor Signs AB 142 during Wisconsin FORCE Annual Meeting



During our annual meeting at the NRA/Wisconsin FORCE State Convention, Governor Walker signed Assembly Bill 142 (Act 149). This was witnessed by the Wisconsin FORCE Board of Directors, special guests, and meeting attendees. The Wisconsin FORCE promoted bill cleans up Wisconsin knife laws. The Governor spoke to the attendees, answered questions, and took time to take pictures and autograph a variety of items. The Annual meeting started with the pledge, followed by the secretary, treasurer, and membership reports. ....continued on page 4

## 2016 Wisconsin FORCE Annual CMP Garand Raffle Winner Howard Floeter - Fond du Lac, WI



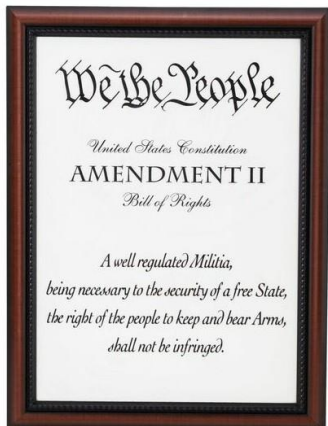
**Ammo only raffle! Winner James Brower - LaCrosse, WI**  
**All proceeds go to Wisconsin FORCE Junior Service Rifle Team!**



The **Wisconsin FORCE Juniors** are looking for 2 motorhome/trailer awnings for their trailers.  
If you have one, please email: [contact@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:contact@wisconsinforce.org).

## From the Executive Director

This year we had another great convention, and our annual meeting was a big part of that success. We were honored to have Governor Walker not only appear during our meeting, but also sign the Wisconsin FORCE Knife Clean Up Bill during the meeting. Senator Tiffany also attended, and Justice Rebecca Bradley (pictured with me) spoke to those in attendance and also attended the Friends of NRA Awards banquet in the evening. Interestingly, she won the Second Amendment framed art (pictured) which she said would look great in her office. Dale's Weston Lanes again was a great host facility. Our work continues, and I look forward to many good things this year especially with a new influx of Board members. Congratulations to those newly elected and to Sara's re-election. I have been working on, and we now have, a Political Victory Fund which I hope will add even more to our effectiveness. I was pleased that our two Friends of NRA grants moved forward, one for a west side Junior trailer and one for range "point of use" signage that we will be distributing. It also looks like we will receive support from the WDNR with the addition of Pittman-Robertson money to make additional signs for the publicly-owned ranges and ranges across the state. To stay current on our activities please check the "NEWS" tab on the website on a regular basis. Wisconsin FORCE continues to be extremely active, and I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events or activities. Teach Freedom - Jeff



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# The Sound of Freedom is heard here! Education, Training, Safety, & Marksmanship

## On the Range - Jeff Nass

One of the most important ways to upgrade the use of your range is having, using, and enforcing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Ranges are site and use specific so your standards need to fit your club. The NRA Range Source Book is a great starting point and can be tailored to your needs. I also have a sample or two of what some of our top clubs have. Complete rules should be posted and available to all members and users. If you have a website, they should be posted on it. The Village of Shiocton has a great public range and not only do they have their rules on the website, but they also have them in Spanish and Hmong! Check it out at <http://shioctonshootingrange.org/rules.html>. Safety is paramount and having access to the rules is obviously critical. Along with posting your SOPs, point of use signs, like the ones we have applied for a grant for (right), are an important part of continuing to be an asset to your community.

We are the top resource in the state for range upgrades, improvements, and expansions. Our advice is used by the DNR, clubs, law enforcement, and businesses. Start early on your plans for next year and include Wisconsin FORCE from the start of that process. Your time is valuable; we can help you from wasting time and resources. We can also guide you on state laws and connect you directly with the great minds at NRA legal when needed.

For Range and Club issues contact Jeff at [jeff@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:jeff@wisconsinforce.org) / 920-687-0505 **Not for Profit doesn't mean Not Prepared!**

1. Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. Always keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. Always keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.
4. Always treat a firearm as if it were loaded.



## Support our efforts to keep our ranges an asset to their community and have a chance to win!!

As a member, you can help by selling raffle tickets! We have two great items being raffled off to support our range assistance! **Presentation Hogue Automatic Knife** - EX01 - Lazer engraved with WI State Seal and bill signing date. Designed by Allen Elishewitz, overall



length 8," blade length 3.50" - \$269.95 MSRP Made in the USA.

**Glock 42** Semi-Auto, Safe Action, 380 ACP, Cap. 6+1

Winner of either must comply with all State & Federal laws.

Drawing Sat. May 14, 2016, 3 p.m. at the Wisconsin FORCE Gun Show, Seymour, WI

Need not be present to win! Glock 42 winner must be 21 years of age and Hogue EX01 must be legal to possess to win.

Contact [jeff@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:jeff@wisconsinforce.org) 920-687-0505 for details!



**\$10 each - 3/\$20**

(You can mix and match 3/\$20)

**Limited to 300 Tickets for each item!**



## Have a great time while supporting our shooting heritage!

Special items available ONLY at your local Friends event!

Dates, locations and information, [CLICK HERE!](#)

Make sure to check the event flier for special deals!



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Please feel free to reach out directly with any questions or suggestions along the way at [Suzanne@nraiafrontlines.com](mailto:Suzanne@nraiafrontlines.com) Suzanne Anglewicz, NRA-ILA Midwest Field Rep/Staff Attorney



### Governor Walker Signs Knife Law Clean-Up Bill - Saturday February 6, 2016, Weston, Wisconsin

During the Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs, and Educators Inc. (Wisconsin FORCE) annual meeting, Governor Scott Walker signed Assembly Bill 142. The bill eliminates unnecessary burdens on the use of humankind's first tool -- one carried by Wisconsinites across the state on a daily basis. "Wisconsin citizens have the fundamental right to defend themselves and feel safe and secure in their homes and we remain committed to protecting those rights," Governor Walker said. "One of the first steps we took in office was signing concealed carry and Castle Doctrine legislation into law. We will continue to protect those freedoms and ensure that those who wish to exercise their Constitutional right to buy and sell firearms lawfully in the state of Wisconsin are able to do so."

The annual meeting is held as part of the NRA/Wisconsin FORCE State Convention held at The Mountain Bay Conference Center, Weston Wisconsin. The signing was also attended by Senator Tom Tiffany (R) Minocqua and Doug Ritter, chairman and founder of the nationally recognized organization, KnifeRights. Ritter presented Governor Walker with a Pro-Tech TR-4 automatic (switchblade) knife specially engraved with the state seal and his name and dedication during the signing ceremony. Ritter also presented Hogue EX-A01 presentation knives to the individuals who were the driving force in passing this bill.

Executive Jeff Nass of Wisconsin FORCE had been working with several legislators on cleaning up Wisconsin's knife laws and was in the process of introducing a bill when a bill was circulated by Representative Bernier after the unreasonable restrictions were brought to her attention by Travis Hakes, a law enforcement officer and owner of Trigger Control LLC. The proposed bill was then improved, and KnifeRights was called in, and greatly assisted with the passage of the bill.

The fact that opening any knife will never be as fast as the more common fixed blade knife needs no explanation. Carrying a knife that needs to be opened in many cases is necessary or desirable to allow the efficient, practical use of this indispensable tool.

Use, not irrational fear, should determine law. When the intent is to harm or defend, the list of everyday, commonly used items is endless. Use, not design, makes almost anything a weapon. The activity that causes harm is what should be punished.

Wisconsin FORCE thanks Governor Walker, Representative Bernier, Representative Kleefisch, Senator Moulton, Senator Wanggaard, KnifeRights, Pro-Tech Knives, Hogue Knives, and many others for their work to ensure that Wisconsinites are not burdened by irrational state or local knife use restrictions.



### Winnequah Gun Club – 2016 USPSA Area 5

2016 USPSA Area 5 Championship will be hosted at Winnequah Gun Club on August 17-21 in Lodi, Wisconsin. August 17 is open to staff only and was added to provide the option for the staff to shoot the match over two days similar to competitors. The range will be open to competitors while staff is competing on the August 17.

The match is scheduled for competitors to be shot in either a one day (Friday or Saturday) or two-half day formats (Saturday & Sunday am). There will be approximately 360 total slots available, and at this time there are about 125 slots taken including staff. Fourteen stages have been submitted to USPSA for approval. Once again the match has a low light stage; however, the stage to address some of the suggestions for improvement made by the 2015 competitors. New for this year will be larger cash payouts. Not less than \$10 per paid competitor will be added to the awards budget. We will provide updates as to how the payouts will be distributed as we get closer to the match.

Registration – Staff and Competitor Applications can be downloaded from <http://wisconsinshooters.com/joomla16/index.php/uspsa/area-5-championship> or <http://winnequahgunclub.org/programs/uspsa/area-5/> Match Shirts can be ordered at the time of registration (\$25).

Squadding - will open SOON. We will be using Practiscore for squadding this year so check your email for an email from "no-reply" with [Practiscore] in the subject. We will allow competitors to squad in order that the applications are received so register early to get your preference in squads.

**Mark your calendar to attend or rent a table at the Wisconsin FORCE Gun Show, May 14 and Sept. 17**

**NRA/ILA Grassroots will be set up. Flier, Vendor/Exhibitor Flier, and show rules are posted on our website.**

**Outagamie County Fairgrounds/Seymour Speedway, Seymour, WI** Chuck -- Ph. 920-833-6668 [chuck@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:chuck@wisconsinforce.org)

**Annual Meeting** *continued from page 1* .....

Justice Rebecca Bradley (pictured right) spoke of her staunch support of the US and Wisconsin Constitutions, that she is a proud gun owner, concealed carry license holder, supporter of the rule of law, and defender of the Constitution. The election results were given with Sara Holub being reelected and Denis Fater, James Melville, and Brian Rautanen elected



to the Board. A Firearms Report from Wisconsin FORCE Firearms Manager, Mark Oppor, was given. Our current inventory of 8-AR15 Rifles, 2 M1 Garands, and a 22 cal. rifle are all accounted for and in good condition. Nass gave an overview of all of our activities and then introduced our good friend, Senator Tom Tiffany (pictured left). The Senator thanked Wisconsin FORCE for its hard work and talked about all the positive legislation we have helped pass. There was a short question and answer period. NRA/ILA Frontlines Regional Director SuzAnne Angelwicz (pictured right) reported on the current gun control debate, where we are now, and building groundwork for the future. Governor Walker was introduced and announced that it was Tonette and his anniversary; she was also in attendance. He talked of gun laws, his support of the Second Amendment, and how it

is tied to the 240th anniversary of our country on July 4 this year. He talked about the knife bill and followed with the signing of that bill. After the signing, Jeff finished the report of the association, indicating the need for growth and support. President Sara Holub and Dave Holub gave a report on our extremely successful Junior program. Jeff spoke of our accomplishments and activities in Madison and introduced our main lobbyist Bob Welch. Bob continued talking about the work that he, Jeff Nass, and our partners have been doing and some of our plans for the future. He spoke of over 70 issues that we monitored last year; issues we stopped, such as hunter



harassment. Bob talked about some of the accomplishments such as eliminating the 48 hour waiting period on handgun purchases, clean up of our gaming laws, allowing military personnel stationed in Wisconsin to qualify for concealed carry permits, just to name a few. Bob thanked Representative Kathy Bernier who introduced the knife bill and that Wisconsin FORCE has been working to clean up our knife laws for several years and worked effectively together to get it passed. School ground concealed carry and campus carry are to be introduced next year. He stated none the successes in the state would have been possible without Wisconsin FORCE. Bob stated there needs to be better accountability in regards to the use of Pittman-Robertson

money, and we are working on making that happen. He pointed out that Jeff Nass and Wisconsin FORCE advise on ranges across the state and is a driving force on that issue in Madison, an issue that affects all gun owners. Bob stated that every club in the state has been protected by the bills we passed and they should be \$250, \$500, or \$1000 a year members. Bob then answered questions from the floor and the meeting was adjourned. The meeting was part of the NRA/Wisconsin FORCE annual convention which started Friday night with a meet and greet followed by the State Fund Committee meeting where 26 volunteers voted on who will receive grants from over \$350,000.00 raised in the state last year. Saturday morning's NRA Field Support Team/Friends of NRA workshop was well attended as was the Awards/Friends of NRA banquet Saturday night. The convention wrapped up Sunday morning with the NRA/ILA Frontlines grassroots workshop.



(Bob Welch pictured right)

**Davidson's Gallery of Guns Hunter Education Student Essay Contest**

The rules are pretty simple; any Hunter Ed student who writes and submits a 500-word essay on what they think Hunter Education means to the heritage and future of hunting worldwide will be eligible to win a \$5,000 scholarship! A Gallery of Guns \$2,500 "Future Leader in Conservation" Scholastic Scholarship will be awarded to TWO high school juniors/seniors -- hunter education graduates.

Two hunter education students (high school juniors or seniors at the time of the deadline date) will be selected from those who have submitted a 200-WORD essay to the IHEA-USA on the following topic: Now that you have completed a hunter education course ... "What do you feel is the best way to reach new hunters and or shooting sports enthusiasts in the future?"

The deadline this year is April 1, 2016. Please see the attached contest rules and entry form. Hopefully, we get tons of great entries this year and you can assist by sharing news of the contest with your instructors and students.

Together we can all help get the word out how Hunter Ed plays a vital role in the future of hunting!

Submit form and essay to: IHEA-USA, Office Manager, 800 E 73rd Ave, Unit #2, Denver, CO 80229

## America's First Freedom - by Darren LaSorte - February 8, 2016

I began lobbying for the National Rifle Association's Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA) in late 1999. I was inspired to get directly into the fight for freedom after the tragic events of Columbine led to widespread calls to disarm citizens like me who had nothing whatsoever to do with that dark day. The emotional nuts were not going to take my freedom without a fight.

In those early days for me at ILA, it was not uncommon for our leading legislative advocates to be Democrats. A few that readily come to mind in some of the states assigned to me are Rep. Bob Damron in Kentucky, Sen. Doug Jackson in Tennessee, Sen. Herb Guenther in Arizona and Rep. Marlin Schneider in Wisconsin. In Congress, some of the most important leaders in our cause were Democrats, including John Dingell of Michigan and Harold Volkmer of Missouri. Unfortunately, since those days things have changed so dramatically that, to those of us engaged back then, today's process is almost unrecognizable. The pro-gun rights Democrat is unfortunately a vanishing political species.

When it comes to the partisan nature of the gun rights issue, one day was particularly memorable to me. Before the state legislative elections in Tennessee in 2000, I went to a scheduled meeting with the speaker of the House, Jimmy Naifeh, who was a Democrat. He was a very partisan guy to say the least, and immediately greeted me for the first time by asking, "So, you're that boy with the National Republican Association, eh?" His bluster took me aback for a moment, but I responded with a smile and told him that I was actually with the National Rifle Association.

I asked him why he'd say something like that, and he responded by claiming that the NRA only supports Republicans in the state elections that mean so much to him. I went out on a limb to some extent, but I had just completed the NRA-PVF Political Preference Chart announcing all of the candidates supported by NRA-PVF and was reasonably certain of the bold claim I was about to make. I told him it would surprise him to know that we had endorsed more of his Democrat assembly members in contested general election races than we had Republicans. He laughed and proceeded to use some colorful language to suggest that I had to be full of it. I told him I'd bring him the evidence.

That night in my hotel room, I nervously tallied the endorsed Democrats and Republicans. To my relief, I was right—and the margin was not razor thin. I wrote the speaker a memo detailing the endorsement numbers and submitted it to his office. To his credit, he apologized to me a few days later and said he was pleasantly surprised by NRA's clearly non-partisan actions in the elections, at least in his state. What I had told him during our earlier discussion was true—we supported candidates solely based upon their track record with regard to support for our God-given right to arms.

Like many others at that time, he later took the discussion to NRA's action in national elections. He said that NRA predominantly supported Republicans. This was during the epic presidential battle between Al Gore (a Tennessean) and George W. Bush, and many policy makers in Tennessee, including the speaker, were hot about NRA's support of Bush.

Of course, in reality it wasn't even a close call. Bush talked about preserving and strengthening gun rights, while Gore regularly yelled from the campaign stump about the need to ban affordable handguns that helped to protect the less affluent urban dwellers most likely to be targeted by violent criminals. He pejoratively called them "Saturday night specials" and "junk" guns. Most of his fellow democrats in Tennessee thought that he had lost his mind. Since when did any political party in America think it was acceptable to have its figureheads talk about outright gun confiscation (Australia-style) and government-sponsored bankruptcy of every gun retailer, distributor and manufacturer on the planet (repeal of PLCAA)?

At the time, any honest person would understand why the national candidate endorsement numbers looked the way they did. The official policy platform of the National Democratic Party talked about "common sense" and "reasonable" gun regulations that needed to be implemented. That they were anything but "common sense" and "reasonable," and would affect only the law-abiding, was of no consequence to them. The platform of the National Republican Party was 180 degrees opposite. It took a stand in support of our freedoms.

Unfortunately, the pro-gun rights Democrat seems to be a vanishing political species. I'm not sure what happened or where they have gone, but it can't be because there's more violence in the country. Despite what we might believe based upon today's media coverage, there is not. The United States has not experienced lower homicide and general violent crime rates since the 1960s, when pro-gun Democrats were common. The trends since the crime highs of 1991 have been truly astounding. This is all reported by the FBI.

Today I'm left watching Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders try to out-extreme one another on the campaign trail. I can't help but be utterly dumbfounded. Since when did any political party in America think it was acceptable to have its figureheads talk about outright gun confiscation (Australia-style) and government-sponsored bankruptcy of every gun retailer, distributor and manufacturer on the planet (repeal of PLCAA)? The only way they could get a little more honest about their agenda is to state in simple terms that there will be no more guns for Americans—none—if they have something to say about the matter. Sounds extreme? Sure it does, but it's true.

I miss the days when there were many Democratic candidates for the NRA to actively support. As lobbyists, we knew our jobs were always easier in the places where we could count on bipartisan support. Those days might still exist in a few states and congressional offices, but they are apparently numbered even there, and it's truly unfortunate.

There should be some things that rise above partisan politics, and fundamental, individual, constitutionally protected rights should be at the top of the list. Based upon what I'm hearing from today's presidential candidates on the Democratic side, I think I can officially give up hope that things will ever change.



## More on New Service Rifle Rules - 1-29-16

3.1 (c) Service Rifle - U.S. Service Rifle 5.56mm M16 series

Must be chambered for the 5.56 x 45 mm NATO (.223) cartridge. The gas operating system must be fully operable and adhere to the original M16 rifle design (i.e. Stoner design, gas impingement system) or have a piston-operated gas system. The receiver must be separately machined from the handguard; the two parts must be separable. The barrel may be no longer than 20 inches; flash suppressors are not required, but if the barrel has a flash suppressor, it shall be included in the barrel length measurement.

Upper receivers and barrels may not be changed during the firing of any event. Metal or synthetic (polymer) magazines, standard issue or commercial equivalent, with standard service 20 or 30-round box magazine dimensions must be attached during the firing of all courses and in all positions. A 10-round magazine with the same external dimensions as a standard service 20-round box magazine may be used. A dummy magazine with a ramp for single shot loading may be used if this magazine has the same external dimensions as the standard service 20-round box magazine. Magazines may not contain added weights.

The rifle may have an optical sight (reflective sights are considered optical sights) with a maximum power of 4.5X installed on the receiver. Variable scopes with a maximum of 4.5X are permitted. Only commercially manufactured scopes that were produced with a maximum magnification of 4.5X and that have a maximum objective lens of 34 mm may be used. If an optical sight is used, the same optical sight must be used in all stages of a course of fire (changing sights is not permitted). The centerline of an optical sight shall be no higher than 3.5 inches above the centerline of the bore. Alternatively, the rifle may be equipped with issue-type metallic front and rear sights. Metallic sights, if used, must have an M16 type sight design with the rear sight in the carry handle and the front sight in the standard M16 location.

Butt-stocks may vary in length and be either fixed or collapsible. Collapsible or adjustable length stocks may be adjusted during an event, but butt stocks that allow for other adjustments such as the cheek-piece height or butt-plate location may not be used. Only standard A1 or A2 type pistol grips may be used. Quad rails or similar hand guards may be used.

The complete high power rule changes should be on the web site soon.

Sheri Judd, Manager, High Power Rifle Department, NRA Competitive Shooting Division

## US Court: Wearing Unearned Military Medals Is Free Speech

Associated Press | Jan 12, 2016 | by Paul Elias

SAN FRANCISCO -- A federal appeals court on Monday tossed out a veteran's conviction for wearing military medals he didn't earn, saying it was a form of free speech protected by the Constitution. A specially convened 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the First Amendment allows people to wear unearned military honors.

Elven Joe Swisher of Idaho was convicted in 2007 of violating the Stolen Valor Act, which made it a misdemeanor to falsely claim military accomplishments. President George W. Bush signed it into law in 2006, but the U.S. Supreme Court struck it down in 2012 as a violation of free speech protections.

Investigators looked into Swisher's military claims after he testified at the 2005 trial of a man charged with soliciting the murder of a federal judge. Swisher wore a Purple Heart on the witness stand. Swisher testified that David Roland Hinkson offered him \$10,000 to kill the federal judge presiding over Hinkson's tax-evasion case. Swisher said Hinkson was impressed after Swisher boasted that he killed "many men" during the Korean War. Prosecutors say Swisher enlisted in the [Marine Corps](#) a year after the Korean War ended but was never wounded in the line of duty. Swisher was honorably discharged in 1957, and discharge documents indicate that he didn't receive any medals, according to the 9th Circuit ruling. During his 2007 trial, prosecutors showed the jury a photograph of Swisher wearing several military medals and awards, including the Silver Star, Navy and Marine Corps Ribbon, Purple Heart, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with a Bronze "V." Swisher's attorney Joseph Horras of Boise, Idaho, couldn't immediately be reached for comment Monday. After the Stolen Valor Act was struck down, Congress passed a new law making it a crime to profit financially by lying about military service. President Barack Obama signed it in 2013. After Swisher's conviction, Congress removed a provision making it illegal to wear unearned medals.



## Wisconsin Concealed Carry Instructors - Knives

[2015 Wisconsin Act 149](#) makes several changes to weapon-related laws in Wisconsin. The biggest change related to the CCW curriculum is that concealed carry of a knife no longer requires a CCW license. Instead, the person must not be ineligible to possess a weapon under Wis. Stat. § 941.29. The DOJ CCW curriculum has been updated to reflect this change. Please note—knives are not subject to precisely the same laws as concealed handguns. Because the DOJ's model curriculum is designed to support the instruction of CCW license courses—and knives no longer require a CCW license—the DOJ course does not address the legalities of carrying concealed knives. You can download the updated materials on the DOJ website, here: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/cib/conceal-carry/concealed-carry-curriculum>. The Student Manual, PowerPoint, and Instructor Manual were all updated. As always, thank you for your professional instruction of Wisconsin CCW courses.

Glenn Rehberg, Senior Training Officer, Training and Standards Bureau, Wisconsin Department of Justice, (608) 266-7783



## Gun Range Etiquette - NRA Family by Elizabeth D. Hellmann - December 17, 2013

What you need to know *before* you hit the range.

Practicing good gun range etiquette isn't just good manners—it's good sense! Gun range etiquette is a blend of common sense, courtesy and safety. A day at the range is fun, and good gun range etiquette makes it even better. Most clubs and ranges require shooters to attend a safety class prior to using the range. This certifies that you've read and understand the **NRA Basic Rules of Gun Safety** and the specific rules that apply at the range you're using. Remember that there may be other gun safety rules that are enforced on your range, but these three rules are ALWAYS appropriate, no matter where you are:

1. **ALWAYS** keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
2. **ALWAYS** keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. **ALWAYS** keep the gun unloaded until ready to use.



Most ranges have **Range Safety Officers (RSOs)**, also known as Range Masters) whose job is to supervise shooters, to enforce the rules and regulations of their ranges, and to handle any problems that may occur. Pay attention to the RSOs, who will tell you what to do in case of an emergency. Remember that the Range Safety Officer has absolute authority on the range. **Compliance with his or her instructions is mandatory.**

When you arrive at a range, introduce yourself to the RSO and let him/her know if this is your first visit to the range. The RSO will tell you what you need to know before you set up your gear.

Know the basic **range commands**, and learn other commands that are used at your range. If you don't understand what they mean, ask the Range Safety Officer. He or she will be happy to explain it to you. Remember that asking questions is a sign of intelligence and maturity.

Two of the most common range commands are **Ceasefire** and **Commence Firing**, although sometimes it is said differently. Instead of "ceasefire," some ranges are using the words, "Stop shooting!" and instead of "Commence Firing," some are using the phrase, "You may begin shooting." This is because we want our instructions to be as clear and as easy to understand as possible.

**Ceasefires** are used whenever all shooting must stop, whether it is because time's up or because a potential problem has arisen. Whenever the RSO's attention must be away from the firing line, he or she will call a ceasefire. Whenever someone needs to go downrange for any reason, a ceasefire is called. Ceasefires are also called when it's time to post, change or retrieve targets.

**However, the RSO is not the only person who can call a ceasefire.** Anyone who spots a potential problem should call "Ceasefire!" The RSO will repeat the words and see to it that all firing stops immediately. If you aren't sure what's happening, it's okay to call a ceasefire. It's better to call a ceasefire and be safe than not to call one and be sorry.

Ceasefires are used in all kinds of situations—not just when it's time to change, post or retrieve targets. Perhaps a person has inadvertently wandered out onto the firing range, or perhaps a shooter in the point next to you has become ill. It's your duty to call a ceasefire so that the RSO can take control of the situation and provide a solution or direct others to provide assistance if necessary.

During a ceasefire, there should be no handling of firearms. The key things to remember are:

1. Chamber is empty and ammunition source (magazine) is removed.
  2. Action is open.
  3. Hands off!
  4. Step away from the firing line.
- Before anyone goes downrange, the RSO will do a visual check to see that everyone has stepped away from the firing line, and then ask, "Is everyone clear?" Everyone else on the line should also make this visual check, because safety is everyone's responsibility.

Clear means that all shooters have made their firearms safe, that no one has a gun in his/her hand, and that there will be no handling of firearms until permission is given. **Then, and ONLY then, may anyone go downrange.**

When the ceasefire is over, the RSO will ensure that no one is downrange before stating, "The range is going hot." This alerts everyone that the range is shifting from a ceasefire, but it doesn't mean that shooting may begin. You must wait until the "commence firing" command has been given before you can shoot.

**Commence Firing** is the command given that tells everyone it's safe to shoot. That doesn't mean you start blazing away. It means that when you are ready, you may shoot your gun. These are two of the sweetest words a shooter will hear.

Remember, **safety is everyone's job.** You are responsible for your own safety, the safety of others and for the behavior of your guests. If you see that someone else isn't following the rules, you should leave the range. Go to a safe place and report the situations soon as possible to the authorities.

**A few other rules of Good Gun Range Etiquette are:**

1. **Do not fire at posts, supports or target frames.** These are expensive and time-consuming to replace.
2. **Shoot only range-approved targets.** Check with your range to find out what types of targets are allowed. Some ranges allow only approved paper, cardboard, club-furnished metal targets and clay targets.
3. **If you set out target frames to support your targets before you started shooting, you will need to return them to the storage area once you are done.**
4. **If your club or range allows pets, keep them on leashes or under control at all times.** Give careful consideration to bringing a pet to a shooting range. Remember that shooting may hurt your pet's hearing the same way it may hurt yours. Pets that scavenge (eat things that may or may not be food) should not come to a shooting range with you. Be aware that pets unused to gunfire might panic on a range.
5. **It's good etiquette to leave the range better than you found it.** Picking up trash, cleaning your firing station, and obeying all of the range rules are not only good gun range etiquette—they're good manners!

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# GUN SHOWS

**Sat. May 14, & Sept. 17, 2016**

## NRA/ILA Frontlines

### Will be set up at the May show!

For more information and complete vendor information go to [www.wisconsinforce.org](http://www.wisconsinforce.org)

## Out. Cty Fairgrounds/Seymour Race Track

N627 Main St., Seymour, WI 54165

**Public Show Hours: Sat., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Adm. \$5**

Food and Beverages on premises -- Firearm or firearm related items only!  
All visible firearms must be brought onto the property unloaded and will be inspected and strapped before admittance. Concealed Carry Welcome – No Open Carry

**Vendors** – Over 100 Tables Available – firearm or firearm related items only! Exhibitors Only – Friday Night Set up 4 - 8 p.m.  
6' Tables: Non-members \$30 each; Wisconsin FORCE or Central Wisconsin Gun Collectors Assoc. Members \$25 each  
All visible table holder firearms must be brought onto the property unloaded and will be strapped (10/\$1) before 8 a.m.

All visible general public firearms will be brought onto the property unloaded and will be inspected and strapped before admittance. Concealed Carry Welcome – No Open Carry. All personal defense firearms must remain holstered with the safety on (if applicable to your model of handgun), single action revolvers must have the hammer resting on an empty chamber unless equipped with a transfer bar type integral safety mechanism, and may only be handled in lawful self-defense.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs, & Educators, Inc. reserves the right to refuse entrance or remove anyone with no refund.

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## Protect your Rights -- How to be Effective -- Contact your Legislators

### Your Membership

- Join/maintain your Wisconsin FORCE membership (\$20 annually, \$250 Life)
- Upgrade to an annual Patriot Member (\$250 annually)
- Donate to Wisconsin FORCE on a regular basis

### Your Club

- Promote and support your club's membership (\$30 annually)
- Upgrade your club to Patriot Club level (\$250 annually)
- Propose that your club donate to Wisconsin FORCE
- Promote Wisconsin FORCE to fellow club members (contact [jeff@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:jeff@wisconsinforce.org) for promotional items)

### Your Business

- Join/maintain a business membership -- \$30 annually or Patriot business level at \$250 annually
- Donate to Wisconsin FORCE
- Promote Wisconsin FORCE to your customers (contact [jeff@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:jeff@wisconsinforce.org) for promotional items)

### Contact All Your Representatives

- Contact by phone, mail, or email, twice a year, once in January

and again in September. Always be polite to whoever you reach in their office. Let them know you are a Wisconsin FORCE member and you support our activities in Madison.

- When alerts are sent, contact your legislators by phone, mail, or email. Always be polite to whoever you reach in their office. Let them know you are a Wisconsin FORCE member and support our activities in Madison.
- When called on, show up at Committee hearings in Madison. Just by registering you have influence. If you would like to speak, keep it brief and to the point and try not to repeat information that has already been stated, but confirm your support of that testimony. Contact Jeff prior to the hearing by email and at the hearing.
- Remember to call **all** your representatives being sure to thank those that support your rights.

### By doing some or all you can help support our freedom.

To find your legislators go to <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/> and put your address in the "Find my legislators" box. Make sure to include Governor Walker.



## Promote Safety, Wisconsin FORCE, and your club or business

Pictured is the safety flag that Dave from Holub Machine and Repair gives to each of his customers. The cost is only \$0.60 each when you order 250. You can also order them at \$0.50 each without your logo – 50 piece minimum. Improve safety and give your deer rifle site-in customers a valuable tool to help ensure a safe hunt and range experience. Please contact Jeff at [jeff@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:jeff@wisconsinforce.org) or (920) 687-0505 to order or with any questions.

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