

May 15, 2015

## Wisconsin FORCE Holds Its First Gun Show

Wisconsin FORCE's first gun show was well attended by both vendors and attendees. Gun show coordinator and Wisconsin FORCE Secretary Chuck Stellmacher reported our vendors had a good show and were already inquiring about the fall show, (September 19). We also had a great response from attendees. They were excited that we would be back this fall on September 19.

The facility worked out great with plenty of parking. Wisconsin FORCE knows that attendees like room to move and look, and vendors need space behind their tables. The building is the perfect width to allow spacious aisles and vendor space. The Town of Seymour Volunteer Fire Department ran the food concessions serving great food and supporting their department. One of the reasons we are holding gun shows is to raise much needed funds. Along with our fundraising efforts, only Wisconsin FORCE Juniors and Friends of NRA Appleton and Green Bay Teams were allowed to solicit. Everyone had great success raising much needed funds. Our Mossberg 590SP tickets went well and was drawn on Sunday. It was won by Jim Schrader. The Juniors sold out the 22 LR raffle tickets and have only a few tickets left for the 30-06 ammo to be drawn on July 11. They also sold Garand tickets to be drawn August 8. The Friends Teams ran a Wall of Guns which allows the winner to pick the prize they want. The Wall of Guns sold out and Don Kingsbury was the winner. Work continues for the fall show.



If you want a table, contact Chuck - Phone 920-833-6668 [chuck@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:chuck@wisconsinforce.org) Being a great supporter of Wisconsin FORCE, Duracoat was prominently displayed.

Businesses interested in advertising at our shows please contact Jeff - [jeff@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:jeff@wisconsinforce.org).

2'x2' and 2'x4' ad space is available by the entranceway along with unlimited options for our shows. Our fall show is September 19, and it will again be held at the Outagamie County Fairgrounds/Seymour Speedway. Check the Gun Show tab on our website for updates.





### From the Executive Director – Jeff Nass

I have completed updating the Armed Forces Camp Coaches Briefing, and I am scheduling the briefing at each of the host clubs. Our coaches are very experienced, but the Marines have completely upgraded their training program - even the active Marines that bring the Poolees have not seen much of the new system. After talking to the Wisconsin Poolees last fall that were at Camp Pendleton receiving their basic training – all of who had attended our program just three months before -- we have incorporated new procedures and terminology.



The first couple of High Power Rifle and Bulls-Eye Pistol matches have shown renewed interest. Please consider attending a match as a shooter, worker, mentor or supporter. You are making a difference and helping to protect the future. I thanked 99% of all our gun show attendees and had a great response. Chuck and I have already started working on the September show. Please log into the website and update your information to ensure you stay informed.

This month's picture is a couple of years old, but it is what I hope to be doing this Sunday at Wisconsin Rapids.

See you at the range, Teach Freedom – Jeff

### Wisconsin FORCE in Madison – 2015

This past Wednesday, Wisconsin FORCE was in Madison, continuing its work on removing the 48 hour wait on handgun purchases (SB35/AB49). It is just one of the burdens placed on domestic violence victims, small business, and law-abiding Wisconsinites that needs to be removed. Contact your legislators by phone, mail, or email and tell them you support this bill and Wisconsin FORCE's efforts in Madison. Always be polite to whoever you reach in their office.

KnifeRights, the nationally recognized knife organization, is supporting our efforts at cleaning up Wisconsin knife laws. Wisconsin FORCE put Representative Bernier's office in contact with them to aid in support of the bill. We have been working to cleanup and ensure that Representative Bernier's Bill is clear and easily understood.

Wisconsin FORCE has its eye on Madison – always! Before it became public we were already on the proposed REQUIRED background check on almost all firearm sales and transfers. Please do your part and support Wisconsin FORCE, the state's lead organization in protecting our future. Please use the donation form on the last page.




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

Special items available ONLY at your local Friends event!

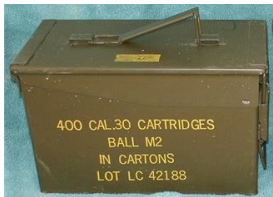
Dates, locations and information, [CLICK HERE!](#)

Make sure to check the event flier for special deals!

### 2015 Wisconsin FORCE Junior Raffles -- All Proceeds support the Wisconsin FORCE Juniors

 **CMP Garand** - This raffle is through the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). The winner must comply with existing CMP rules that apply to the sale of M1 rifles which includes compliance with all State and Federal laws. The winner and the CMP will be notified, and the winner will be sent an application packet to be completed and returned to the CMP. This process ensures that the CMP M1 sales program is not compromised. Drawing to be held Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., Racine County Line Rifle Club.

**\$20 per ticket – Limited to 300 Tickets** - Must be 18 years of age to win.



**30-06 Ball Ammo** - One 400 round can of USGI Lake City M2 Ball Ammo! Drawing to be held Saturday, July 11, 2015, 1:30 p.m. Wood County Rifle Range - **\$5 per ticket 5/\$20 Limited to 200 Tickets** Winner must be 21 years of age.

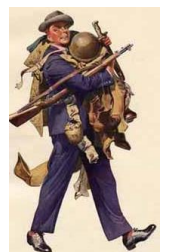
**ALL FEDERAL and STATE LAWS APPLY to ALL RAFFLES – Need not be present to win!**  
Contact [juniorservice@wisconsinforce.org](mailto:juniorservice@wisconsinforce.org).



**Make sure to plan to attend or rent a table at the**  
**Wisconsin FORCE Gun Show September 19**  
**Outagamie County Fairgrounds/Seymour Speedway, Seymour, WI**  
**Look for more information Flier, Vendor/Exhibitor Flier, and show rules on our website.**

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# The Sound of Freedom is heard here!

## Education, Training, Safety, & Marksmanship

### On the Range - Jeff Nass

Activity at your Club -- Wisconsin FORCE highly suggests that your club stay active. How is based on who and what is available. Activities that encourage your members to be active are critical to the future of your club. Clubs that discourage activity are setting themselves up for failure. Activity is how your club continues to be an asset to the community and the future for your children and grandchildren. You cannot hide - don't try. The first thing needed is volunteers. Don't complain that your club does nothing if you are not offering to step-up and be part of the activity. If your current leadership stands in your way, it is time to change leadership. Don't follow them into failure. If you are a club leader and see that you have been heading in the wrong direction, man-up and help change that direction. If you need advice, please contact us.

Remember to contact us for range assistance -- do it correctly and efficiently. Wisconsin FORCE is your resource for range upgrades, improvements, and expansions. We are your best source and can save you headaches and much needed funds. Contact us first and throughout your project to utilize the wealth of experience.

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.



### 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.

### Pistol Shooters

The 2015 Outdoor Bulls-eye season is here. Below is a list of some of the upcoming matches. I plan to attend most if not all this summer. If any of you are interested in carpooling or for more information, contact me [kovach\\_robert@hotmail.com](mailto:kovach_robert@hotmail.com). New shooters: don't be intimidated please join us for some of these matches! They are set up for shooters of all skill levels, and the larger outdoor targets are much more forgiving than the indoor targets. If you haven't been shooting with us, join us! Please contact me for more information on pistol events or with any questions,

Rob Kovach

Wisconsin FORCE -- Pistol Coordinator

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Upcoming Bulls-Eye Pistol Events (Partial List)

Outdoor League: Every Tuesday evening at the Beloit Rifle Club

May 3, Central City, IA (Club Match)

May 9, Aurora Sportsman Club, Waterman IL

May 17, Sheboygan 1800

June 6-7, Menomonee Falls

June 13-14, Beloit 2700 x 2

June 28, Central City, IA (approved 2700)

July 3-5, Canton, OH

July 5-12, Camp Perry

July 24-25, Tentative Winnequah 1800s

August 1-2, Menomonee Falls

August 8, Aurora Sportsman's Club, Waterman IL

August 29-30, Wisconsin FORCE Outdoor Championship - Beloit

September 19-20, Central City, IA (Iowa Outdoor Championship)

September 20, Sheboygan 1800



### Instructions For CMP 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches - CMP

For Match Sponsors, Range Officers and Competitors -- The CMP is introducing a new 22 Rimfire Pistol Distinguished Badge and EIC match program in 2015. These instructions provide information about the pistols that can be used, the course of fire and how the 22 Rimfire Pistol matches are to be conducted. Correct Rulebook. The 22 Rimfire Pistol Match is an EIC match and is governed by the 19th Edition 2015 CMP Competition Rules for Service Rifle and Pistol. Be sure you have the 2015 rulebook with the orange cover, not a previous year's rulebook, or the 2015 rulebook with the green cover that is for CMP Games Matches. If you don't have a rulebook, you should download a copy from the CMP website at <http://thecmp.org/wp-content/uploads/Rulebook.pdf>. ....more on page 4.....



## Instructions For CMP 22 Rimfire Pistol ....continued from page 3....

CMP Program Objective. The CMP wants to encourage more shooters who own .22 caliber rimfire target pistols to participate in its prestigious Distinguished Badge program. The new EIC program is designed to challenge competitors who already have the Distinguished Service Pistol Badge, traditional bulls-eye pistol shooters, shooters who own rimfire pistols who have not yet tried target pistol shooting as well as women and juniors who were not previously active in Service Pistol competitions.

Correct ready position for starting timed and rapid-fire series Pictured to the right.



Course of Fire. The course of fire for the 22 Rimfire Pistol Match is the standard National Match Course, with one major exception. The course includes one 10-shot slow-fire stage fired at 50 yards, one 10-shot timed fire stage fired at 25 yards and one 10-shot rapid-fire stage fired at 25 yards. The difference is that competitors must start all timed and rapid-fire series with a low-gun ready position (Rule 7.1.2). After the LOAD command, competitors must have their pistols down at a 45-degree angle. If the bench or a competitor's height prevents lowering the arm to a full

45-degree angle, the pistol must be held as low as possible without touching the bench. After the LOAD command, the pistol may be raised to the target to check position alignment, but it must be lowered so that it is down in the 45-degree ready position when the READY ON THE FIRING LINE command is given. The pistol cannot be lifted up until the targets begin to turn.

Ready Position Rehearsal. For 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches conducted in 2015, the CMP recommends that Range Officers have competitors go through a ready position rehearsal before conducting the first timed-fire series. To do the rehearsal, the Range Officer should go through the command sequence for a timed-fire series and ask all competitors to use a closed fist to simulate holding the pistol in the ready position and lifting it up to the target. Block Officers should check the ready positions to be sure arms are down at 45-degree angles and that they are not lifted (start to move up) until targets turn.



Ready position violations: (Picture to left)  
On left, the pistol is too high; on right, the pistol is resting on the bench. The muzzle must be clear of the bench or anything on the it (pistol rest, support or pad). The arm must be down at a 45-degree angle or as close to the bench as possible without touching. Ready Position Violations. Range/Block Officers are responsible for checking competitors for three possible violations that can give competitors an unfair advantage: 1. Ready position is too high. In this case, the loaded pistol is held higher than 45 degrees or with a high bench, well above the bench. 2. Pistol rests on bench. In this violation, the pistol

is down, but the muzzle is rested on the bench when the READY ON THE FIRING LINE command is given.

3. Upward movement before targets turn. Competitors are not permitted to lift the pistol after the READY ON THE FIRING LINE command until before the targets start to turn.

Range/Block Officers. Range or Block Officers are responsible for observing competitors and for taking corrective actions if they observe violations. Range Officers should act according to Rule 5.12.2. The first step is to give the competitor a warning with an explanation of what he/she must do to be legal. If a competitor refuses to comply after a second warning, a second Range/Block Officer or match official should be asked to observe. If two match officials observe another violation by a competitor who was previously warned twice, they should disqualify the competitor.

Legal 22 Rimfire Pistols. Rule 6.4 defines the pistols that are legal for this match: - Either semi-autos or revolvers may be used. - Specially shaped (asymmetrical) or custom grips are permitted. - Only open sights are permitted. No optical sights are permitted. - The sight radius may not exceed 10 inches as measured from the rear surface of the rear sight to the highest point of the front sight. - The trigger pull must be a minimum of 2.0 pounds. Match sponsors may check triggers before a competition or check random selections after a competition.

- Recoil reduction systems that use venting or porting are not permitted. Pistols with moveable weights (Pardini, etc.) are permitted.

The 22 Rimfire Pistol Achievement Pin design (Right)

Distinguished Badges and CMP Achievement Pins. All competitors in 22 Rimfire Pistol EIC Matches are eligible to win EIC points in accordance with Rule 9.0. Competitors in these matches are also eligible to earn gold, silver or bronze Achievement Pins. Competitors who fire scores of 235 to 249 will receive bronze pins, scores of 250 to 264 will receive silver pins and scores of 265 or higher will receive gold pins. The CMP will provide EIC Match sponsors with pins to be awarded immediately after the match.



## Guns vs. Cars Comparison is No Accident – NRA/ILA - May 08, 2015

In the *Art of War*, Chinese military theoretician Sun Tzu advised, “appear weak when you are strong, and strong when you are weak.” Since gun control supporters are trying to make guns look bad by comparing the number of gun-related deaths to those due to motor vehicle accidents, they’re apparently applying the second part of Sun Tzu’s advice.



To feign strength, gun control supporters have been pedal-to-the-metal on the subject over time. The Violence Policy Center [compared](#) gun-related and vehicle accident deaths in 2011. Michael Bloomberg’s news machine [did so](#) in 2012. Mother Jones, the publication once edited by Michael Moore, if that tells you anything, [did so](#) in 2013. Last year, the Center for American Progress [asserted](#) that “gun deaths are on track to surpass motor vehicle traffic deaths for [people under age 25].” And this year, the ideologically comparable Atlantic [repeated](#) that assertion in a hit piece that referred to guns as “America’s Top Killing Machine.”

The anti-gunners also have the “weak” part of Sun Tzu’s strategy down to a “T.” Chelsea Parsons, of the “Progress” group, says that their guns-vs.-cars propaganda “really resonates with people.” But resonates with whom? As AWR Hawkins [reports](#), “[t]he Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) final report on death statistics for 2013 shows there were 35,369 deaths from motor vehicle accidents versus 505 deaths from the accidental discharge of firearms. . . . Americans are 70 times more likely to die in a vehicle accident than by the accidental discharge of a firearm.”

Just as lacking in resonance is the anti-gunners’ theory that government regulation reduced deaths involving vehicles, so the same ought to be true for those involving firearms. From 1981 through 2013 (the first and last year of data reported by the federal government), deaths due to accidents involving “unregulated” firearms decreased 73 percent, while those due to accidents involving highly-regulated motor vehicles decreased only 31 percent. And, two-thirds of the decline in motor vehicle accident deaths has occurred during the last six years, a half-century after Congress imposed the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, authorizing the federal government to dictate how cars should be manufactured and roads should be constructed.

What’s really resonating with the American people, is that gun control supporters—wrong about handguns, wrong about the Second Amendment, wrong about Right-to-Carry, wrong about semi-automatic rifles, wrong about ammunition magazines, wrong about ammunition, and the list goes on—aren’t hitting on all cylinders.

The only way that the number of gun-related deaths compares to the number of vehicle accident deaths, is if vehicle accident deaths are compared to the grand total of suicides, murders, defensive homicides by private citizens, legal intervention homicides by law enforcement officers, and the relatively smaller number of firearm accident deaths. And that math is as slippery as a garage floor mopped with 10W-30.



## **The truth about gun free zones -** [Dr. John R. Lott Jr.](#) Published April 21, 2015 [FoxNews.com](#)

Gun control advocates [this month](#) took a page from the global warming activists playbook: the science is settled, so there is no need for debate.

However, instead of actually reviewing the scientific literature on the subject, Professor David Hemenway at Harvard made a survey of cherry-picked authors. Surprisingly, he found the vast majority agreed that we need more gun control.

So let’s look at the details. He polled authors who had published in the fields of

[“public health, public policy, sociology, or criminology.”](#) Most notably, half of the authors picked were within

Hemenway’s own field of public health and another third were sociologists/criminologists, followed by public policy and a few economists. It dramatically over weighted those in public health. It didn’t matter whether the publications even contained any empirical work or were related to the survey questions.

Authors were asked if they agreed with the statement: “In the United States, guns are used in self-defense far more often than they are used in crime.” Hemenway reports that 73 percent disagreed. However, many respondents may have believed that there still exists a net benefit from gun ownership — just not enough to say that guns are used defensively “far more often.”

It is abundantly clear that it matters who you ask and how the questions are asked. A survey [released in February by the Crime Prevention Research Center](#) conducted by Professor Gary Mauser at Simon Fraser University in Canada found that 88 percent of North American economics researchers agreed with the statement that, in the US, guns were more frequently used for self-defense than for crime.

Other questions were posed by Hemenway in ways to hide information. For instance, respondents were asked to evaluate: “The change in state-level concealed carry laws in the United States over the past few decades from more restrictive to more permissive has reduced crime rates.” 62% of respondents claimed that there wasn’t a benefit from concealed handgun laws and the [Boston Globe](#) ran this headline: “Most gun experts believe guns do more harm than good.” In contrast, Professor Mauser [asked researchers](#) whether they thought permitted concealed handgun laws either reduced murders, had no effect, or increased murders. Among North American economists, 81 percent stated the laws reduced murders, 19 percent that they had no effect. Absolutely no one said that the laws increased crime. If economists outside of North America were included, the results changed slightly, with 74 percent stating the laws reduced murders, 20 percent that they had no effect, and 6 percent that they caused an increase. Sixty percent of respondents in Hemenway’s survey agreed that “evidence indicates that background checks can help keep guns out of the hands of a significant number of violent people.” ....continued on page 6....

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But only 31% of all those surveyed thought that the evidence was either strong (24%) or very strong (7%). And even these numbers seem unrealistically high. Study after study by criminologists and economists find that background checks have no effect on crime rates. Economists have done a lot of work on crime. Unlike the vast majority of work in public health, it is usually much more rigorous with more detailed statistical evidence dealing with issues of causality. Economists are also much more open to the notion of deterrence than the vast majority of authors surveyed by Hemenway. I myself was chief economist at the United States Sentencing Commission. But Hemenway steers away from economics journals. In addition, looking at publications from only 2011 through 2013 also picks up [a recent surge](#) in public health studies and skews the sample towards those types of authors.

I was included in the list of those surveyed, but when I emailed Hemenway reporting that my responses weren't being recorded, my emails were ignored.

Ironically, despite over 300 studies on firearms published over about three years, Hemenway [frequently complains](#) that firearms researchers just aren't getting enough money.

If you want to know what researchers think about gun control, simply read their research. Yet, Hemenway is right on one point: on questions such as concealed carry laws, the debate is as good as over. [The vast majority](#) of studies show that these laws reduce crime. And there are no refereed journal articles by economists or criminologists claiming that concealed handgun permits increase murder, rape or robbery.

[John R. Lott, Jr.](#) is a columnist for [FoxNews.com](#). He is an economist and was formerly chief economist at the United States Sentencing Commission. Lott is also a leading expert on guns and op-eds on that issue are done in conjunction with the [Crime Prevention Research Center](#). He is the author of eight books including "More Guns, Less Crime." His latest book is "[Dumbing Down the Courts: How Politics Keeps the Smartest Judges Off the Bench](#)" Bascom Hill Publishing Group (September 17, 2013).

## **Army and Marine Corps Still Disagree over M16/M4 Bullet** - Military.com - Mar 20, 2015 - Matthew Cox

*Pictured right - Sergeant Christopher L. McCabe fires his rifle during monthly range training (Marines/Corporal Thomas J. Griffith)*

U.S. lawmakers recently questioned [Army](#) and [Marine Corps](#) leaders on small-arms and why the two services buy completely different bullets for the M16A4 rifles and [M4](#) carbines. "You guys are using two different rounds, and you have procured several million rounds to date and you have used them in combat," Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., said at a March 19 House Armed Services Committee hearing.

Sanchez, the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, wanted to know why the Marine Corps uses the M855 5.56mm round and the Army uses the M855A1.

The services met with the subcommittee to discuss Fiscal 2016 modernization efforts -- a touchy subject these days since the Pentagon is facing another round of mandatory budget cuts under sequestration in 2016. "Maintaining two inventories of the same size combat ammunition is probably not the most efficient way to go," Sanchez said. "I just think it looks bad. It makes us all look bad. It appears very wasteful from the outside to have the Marines and the Army not buying the same bullet." But the Marine Corps and the Army's decision to use two separate types of 5.56mm ammo is not a simple oversight. The Army adopted the M855A1 in 2010 after years of struggling to find a lead-free replacement for the Cold-War era M855. In recent years, troops also criticized the M855, saying it often delivered ineffective results on enemy behind battlefield barriers such as car windshields.

The M855A1 features a steel penetrator on top of a solid copper slug, making it is more dependable than the current M855, Army officials have maintained. It delivers consistent performance at all distances and performed better than the current-issue 7.62mm round against hardened steel targets in testing. It penetrated 3/8s-inch-thick steel at ranges approaching 400 meters, tripling the performance of the M855, Army officials said. The Corps had planned to field the Army's M855A1 until the program suffered a major setback in August 2009, when testing revealed that some of the bullets did not follow their trajectory or intended flight path. The earlier design of the M855A1 featured a bismuth-tin slug which proved to be sensitive to heat, prompting Marine officials to stick with the M855 and also the Special Operations Science and Technology round developed by U.S. [Special Operations](#) Command instead. Commonly known as SOST ammo, the bullet isn't environmentally friendly, but it offered the Corps a more effective bullet, Marine officials have said.



The latest version of the M855A1, which uses a copper slug, performed well in more than 500,000 round of testing, Army officials maintain. The Marine Corps is planning to test the M855A1, according to Marine Brig. Gen. Joseph Shrader, commander of Marine Corps Systems Command. "Right now, our current round is the M855, but we are conducting testing with the Army on the M855A1 round," he said. "That testing is going to begin in April and should go through July-August timeframe."

"What we are pursuing in a new round ... are three things -- precision, lethality and reduced signature or muzzle suppression."

Once testing is completed, "we will have to analyze the data and make logical decisions out of it," Shrader said.

Sanchez also asked Army officials about complaints that the newer M855A1 is causing excessive wear on M4s over time.

"It has been suggested that the Army's round does damage to the weapon it is used in. Do you agree with that?" she asked.

Army Lt. Gen. Michael Williamson, military deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisitions, Logistics and Technology, did not agree. "I have no test data to support that it caused more jamming or damage to the weapon," he said. "We are confident that we have picked the correct round, and we continue to support that."





## Sixteen Women Pass Day One of Army Ranger School - Military.com - Apr 20, 2015 - by Matthew Cox



Female Ranger Training Assessment Course students demonstrate their knowledge of combat water survival techniques during the Ranger Training Assessment Course. (Army photo)

In a historic step, 16 female soldiers made it through their first day of [U.S. Army Ranger School](#), a punishing infantry course that was previously closed to women.

Nineteen women took part in the Airborne and Ranger Training Brigade's first co-ed Ranger course Monday at [Fort Benning, Ga.](#) The female candidates joined 380 male soldiers to take on the Ranger Physical Fitness Assessment – a pass-fail event that prevents many from entering the course.

Students must perform 49 push-ups in two minutes, 59 sit-ups in two minutes and six chin-ups to a strict standard, Ranger officials maintain. They also must complete a five-mile run in 40 minutes.

At the end of the day, three females did not meet the standard to continue, a 16-percent failure rate. By contrast, 78 male candidates didn't meet the standard to continue, a 20-percent failure rate.

Candidates also had to complete the combat water survival assessment (CWSA).

The CWSA consists of a log walk and rope drop where candidates have to scale a ladder 30 feet above the pond, walk up and down a short set of stairs and crawl out onto a rope to a hanging Ranger Tab sign. They do one pull-up and ask permission to drop into the pond before falling into the pond and swimming to the side.

Then the swim-test portion requires them to go into the water, calmly take off their equipment and swim 15 meters without panic to demonstrate their ability to swim to safety should they get into a position where they are in over their head in the swamps of Florida, or anywhere else during training, Ranger officials said.

This was day one of the Ranger Assessment Phase, or Rap week.

The second morning begins with a 10-kilometer, land navigation course. Students have to find four out of five points in five hours – 2.5 hours in the dark and 2.5 hours during daylight.

Students who fail the course can retest on the following day.

Following the land-nav course, students spend the rest of the afternoon crawling through the mud and negotiating other challenges on the Malvesti obstacle course.

The last hurdle of RAP is a 12-mile road march students must complete in less than three hours, carrying a rifle, fighting load carrier vest and a rucksack weighing approximately 43 pounds.

"All students have to make it through phase one in order to advance in the course," said Gary Jones, a spokesman for Fort Benning. "If they don't make it all the way through to Thursday, which includes the 12-mile foot march, then they are out."

RAP week accounts for about 40 percent of the students who fail to make it through the course. Another 15 percent of students fail to complete the course because of injuries and poor performance.

Once students complete RAP, they have 57 days to complete to earn the coveted gold and black Ranger Tab.

Ranger School is a punishing ordeal designed to push combat leaders, both officers and sergeants, to their mental and physical limits. About half of all candidates fail to meet the standard.

Senior [Army](#) leaders recently decided to allow females to attend the historically male-only, infantry course. The effort is a result of former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta's January 2013 directive that all services open combat-arms roles to women that so far have been reserved for men. The services have until 2016 to make this happen.

Like male candidates, female Ranger School students will have to spend long hours weighted down with infantry weapons and equipment on patrols through the thick forests of Fort Benning, and the dense swamps of Camp Rudder, Florida.

They'll also be expected to climb and rappel in the steep mountain terrain of Camp Merrill near Dahlonga, Georgia.

Ranger School candidates have to endure these challenges on two meals a day while getting three to four hours of sleep a night for eight weeks.



**Enjoy a day of shooting sports alongside our military heroes.** July 11, 2015 8 am - 6 pm

Rifle Shoot – Pistol Shoot – Trap Shoot – 3D Indoor Archery Shoot

Shoot one discipline or all four in any combination. Prizes - Raffles - Authentic Southern BBQ Lunch

Security Personnel on hand – Secure Check-in/Check-out of firearms.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER RANGE MANAGERS! (Contact David Potter at contact information listed below)

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<http://www.wilegion.org/page/content/services/stars--stripes-shoot> Contact David Potter at 920-905-0077 or [davidpotter13@hotmail.com](mailto:davidpotter13@hotmail.com)

**Naturally, large donations are greatly appreciated, but if your finances will not allow, a simple \$5 or \$10 donation is appreciated. Thanks to all of our members that have stepped up and supported Wisconsin FORCE with their generous donations.**

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# NRA-ILA

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION  
INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The NRA-ILA website has great information on gun laws!  
[Click Here!](#) to access this resource. It includes information on "Carrying" and much more.

### Yes, I want to be a bigger part of all the great things Wisconsin FORCE is doing!

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