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Upcoming Events

Wisconsin Firearm Owners

Gun Show/Seymour WI May 20, 2017

Lodi

Long Range Clinic May 20, 2017

Racine-CMP

Garand Match AM and Vintage Sniper PM May 20, 2017

Marathon County

CMP Vintage May 21, 2017

Bristol-NRA

High Power Rifle May 21, 2017

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Banquet/ Brown County May 27, 2017

Lodi

4-Man Team, 50 shot NMC, Regional- May 27, 2017 100 shot NMC Individual Regional-May 28, 2017

Palma Individual- May 29, 2017

LaCrosse

80 shot NMC

June 3, 2017

LaCrosse

CMP EIC (Leg) Match June 4, 2017

Green Bay

N.E.W. League June 4, 2017

Bristol

Carbine/SKS/AK/et al June 10, 2017

Racine

Mid-Range 4 gun June 10, 2017

Racine

Art Schrader Service Rifle June 11, 2017

See Calendar on web page for other events:

https://www.wisconsinforce.org/

May 15, 2017

Beloit Rifle Club

Written by James Melville



Charted in 1925 and affiliating with the National Rifle Association in 1927, the Beloit Rifle Club currently occupies 62 acres of land on Philhower Road just north of Beloit. This facility has become one of the finest in the Midwest featuring indoor and outdoor

shooting and archery ranges. Their membership of nearly 900 travels from as far away as Chicago.

Their main goal - promoting a safe shooting environment for the following disciplines: Trap, Black Powder, Black Powder Cartridge, Pistol, Silhouette, Archery, High Power Rifle, .22 Cal Benchrest, Centerfire Benchrest, Cowboy Action, Civilian Marksmanship and Defense Pistol.

Teir facilities are used by the Rock County 4H Shooters, Boy Scouts, Young Marines, the Beloit Police Department, state policing organizations and Marine recruits. Professor John Nickels of Beloit College brought his class to the range to learn about ballistics and to experience firing a pistol. Safety education classes are also held.



A Brief History

1925 - Beloit Rifle Club is chartered - meetings held at Jones Hardware at the corner of 4th and Grand and featuring a 50 foot shooting range. 1927 - Affiliated with the National Rifle **Association**

1930 - meetings moved to Grinell Hall

1949 – meetings moved to former Besley Wells plant on 3rd Street

1968 - initial land purchased on Philhower Road

1974 - purchase of second parcel on Philhower Road

2001 - purchase of parcel behind current range

2004 - Opened the Cowboy Action Range on the back range

2011 - Completely upgraded the Main Range to "No Blue Sky" Safety Range

2014 - Opened the new 100 yard "No Blue Sky" range on the back range

2015 - Opened the new 200 yard and 500 meter "No Blue Sky" range on the back range.

Beloit has many active members in their community and is a very active Club. It is another asset to our Wisconsin Firearms Owners family. To find out more about Beloit Rifle Club go to: http://beloitrifleclub.org/

High-Power 2016-2017 Season

By James Melville

By the middle of May High-Power and other outdoor shooting sports are getting into it full swing. By this time, we all should have our brass prepped and maybe loaded, guns all tuned up, some new things added and excited about trying them out. A lot of us are also looking forward to seeing what I call our High-Power family.

Since I started shooting High-Power 7years ago it has been a wonderful experience. But I believe last year was one of the best. My son Bryan Melville finish up his EIC Rifle points at our home range and later that same month he received his Distinguished Rifle Badge on stage at Camp Perry Ohio.

Eau Claire my home range had its first EIC in many years.

One of the Wisconsin Junior Service Rifle team members Jadon Selsmeyer receive his first EIC points at Lodi. Along with that a couple of us adults Mike Stewart and myself also received our first EIC points. Mike Stewart at Eau Claire and me at Red Wing MN.

Our Junior Service Rifle team did well in all events and placed second in the six-person team match at Camp Perry. The team included Josh Hanrahan,



Bryan Melville, Jadon Selsmeyer, Riley Stewart, Sam Cvikota and Reanna Hansen. By the end, Bryan Melville was ranked 15th overall juniors at Camp Perry.

Jim Schonke shot well enough to earn the Presidents 100 rifle pin. This is an accomplishment of a life time for anyone earning this.

We also had Brandon Swanson receive his High Master card, all accomplished with a Service Rifle iron sights. Brandon is also on the All Guard Combat Team. Last year went to England and helped the team win the Fortuna Trophy. This is the highest Trophy given out at this event.

Another big accomplishment for our High-Power family was, Aaron Cobosco trying out for the all Guard Marksmanship team. Aaron was super excited when he made the team. This is something he has been working hard for.

One of the substantial changes for 2016 was the rule change on optics. This allows you to use up to a 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ power scope on a service rifle. For older people and people with poor eye sight, this made it possible to shoot service rifle again. A few people put them on their rifle and many found out there are a few bugs to work out.

2016 was a great High-Power season, but I believe this year will be even better. With a great organization like Wisconsin Firearm Owners to bring us all together, how can we go wrong.

I look forward to seeing you all at the range and favorite center.

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Photo Contest

Send in your best pictures to me at: james@wisconsinforce.org
If they are good enough I will show case them in the Trigger, Facebook and the website.
Please send a caption of who took the picture, place taken and maybe a short story.



Taken by Mia Rhode. Location: LaCrosse Rifle Club at the 2017 WI State 600 Yard Championship.

Mia also has a website called the "Life of a Shooters Wife". On her website, she has match reports from all over the Midwest. Check it out at: https://lifeofashooterswife.com/

The full story from this match it can be found at: https://lifeofashooterswife.com/rifle-shooting-blog/match-reports/august-27-28-2016-wi-state-600-yard-championship-la-crosse-rifle-club-la-crosse-wi/

Spotlight Story



Story from Medford's Star News

The Medford Junior Rifle Team had a strong finish to its 2016-2017 season. The team took first place at the state championship tournament held March 26 at DePere. The team also took first place in two of the four shooting events. Individuals also had strong showings at the tournament. John Laub Jr. took Junior Olympic-Bronze, silver in the fourth position and gold in the third position. Eric Wanke took bronze in the fourth position, Allison Lynch took silver in Women's Junior Olympic. The sectional team of Laub Brehm, Wanke and Lynch took first place in the fourth position. Team members are (back I. to r.) coach Randy Gregory, Eric Wanke, Logan Wildberg, Trevor Brehm, John Laub; (front) Avery Apfelbeck, Allison Lynch, Lucas Viergutz, Emma Wegerer.

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News From the Board

The new tear off pads are out, for new membership. These will replace the old tri-folds. Look for them at the next gun show or Wisconsin Firearms event. They are working great.

The website is still in the works.





On May 3rd, Dale and I went to the Sun Prairie event that Suzanne Anglewicz put on. We had about 35 people in attendance and the meeting was excellent. Most of the attendees asked questions and were strong supporters. I believe that we picked up a few new members, Dale and I both spoke about the State Association, Scott Taetsch also spoke and was a strong supporter of us. The booklets worked out nicely, some of the quests took the books to their home clubs to try and help sign up members.



On May 4th, James and I attended the Eau Claire event, about 12 people attended. I presume the nice weather kept some from attending the event as there were 45 that RSVP'd they were going. Of the 12 people, they were also strong supporters and everyone took membership signup sheets. I received 3 new memberships at that event and some of them took extras to try and sign up new members. The NRA Grass Roots volunteer for St Croix County took a couple of booklets and promised to sign up members.

Suzanne does an excellent job of setting up these events and gets a lot of information out to the public in a short period of time. These meetings are extremely effective and I hope to continue to work with Suzanne on future meetings. Sounds like she's going to hit the Green Bay and Fox Valley area next.

I only spoke about the State Association for 3-4 minutes, stressing that we are 100% volunteer and the range protection issues. Kaleb added to the website that we are 100% volunteer, I think it resonates well with new members because they understand that we aren't lining our pockets, the dues money goes directly to the cause. I've also been stressing that we encourage member input on legislative issues.

Suzanne will be at our Memorial Day event and she has an effective social media campaign that is going to help get the word out on our event and on future events.

Help us protect your second amendment rights in Wisconsin! Join Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs and Education today! This is cheap insurance to assure your gun, range, hunting, self-defense rights and your Freedom in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Firearm Owners is a 100% volunteer organization.

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Range Fun Day/ Fundraiser Banquet

Dave Holub

On May 27th (The Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend) Wisconsin Firearm Owners, in conjunction with Patriot Clubs Nicolet Rifle Club and Brown County Sportsmen's Club, will host a fun day at the range and a fundraiser banquet.

Both clubs are located in the Green Bay area, and are only several miles apart—making it convenient to participate at both.

Nicolet will be hosting rifle and pistol events during the day, and Brown County Sportsmen's will be hosting Shotgun events. The exact activities are still being ironed out, but they will be geared toward beginners or persons curious about the shooting sports, and also fun, more or less casual competition for those already involved in these shooting sports. There will be morning and afternoon sessions at each facility, which will allow participants to partake at both facilities.

The day will be topped off with a fundraiser Barbeque dinner banquet at Brown County Sportsmen's.

All participants in each session (morning afternoon, and dinner) will have their name thrown into a drawing for a DPMS M4 carbine.

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Ranges, Clubs and Education **GUN SHOW**

Saturday, May 20, 2017 8:00am - 3:00pm

Vendors / Exhibitors Go to: https://www.wisconsinforce.org/GunShow For registration. Outagamie County Fairgrounds/Seymour Speedway, N627 Main St., Seymour, WI 54165 Show Hours: Sat. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$5; Food & Beverages on premises

- All firearms, except those concealed by permit holders, must be brought onto the property unloaded and will be inspected and strapped before admittance. Magazines must be removed (if removable) and unloaded.
- Firearms will be kept unloaded and strapped in a manner to prevent loading or firing.
- 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 hammers resting on an empty chamber unless equipped with a transfer bar type
 integral safety mechanism, and may only be handled in lawful self-defense.
- No gunsmith or reloading work is allowed.
- All ammunition will remain in sealed containers.
- Black powder or Pyrodex is prohibited at our shows.
- The responsibility for all sales/purchases rest with the parties to these transactions. It is suggested to check a photo identification and Concealed Carry Permit (if available) to ensure buyer is legal and a Wisconsin resident. Snapping a photo also protects the buyer and seller.
- No Gun Deals are allowed at the food tables, in the entrance, or outside the building on fairground property.
- No Alcohol is allowed.
- No pets are allowed. Service animal's only.
- No smoking inside the building.
- No vendor signs are allowed above tables or on walls.
- No fund activities are allowed unless approved prior to the show.
- Wisconsin FORCE is not responsible for Fire or Theft
- All Federal and State Laws Apply.
- Wisconsin Firearm Owners, Ranges, Clubs, & Educators, Inc. reserves the right to refuse entrance or removal



By Bob Seijas

In 1888, an American named Hiram Maxim invented the machine gun, a wonder of the age: a gun that used the power of the bullet to extract and eject the empty brass casing, feed another bullet into the chamber, recock the hammer, and fire again as long as there was ammunition. All over the world, arms designers scrambled to





adapt the auto-loading principle to rifles and pistols. Because of the low power of its small bullet, the pistol was relatively easy, and semi-automatic handguns began to appear five years later. The rifle, however, was much more difficult, because the power of the cartridge was so strong it usually broke the rifle after only a few shots.

WWI taught the Army the value of heavy firepower, and as soon as the war ended in 1918, U.S. Ordnance began to search aggressively for an auto-loading infantry rifle. Over the next ten years, many inventors submitted designs for testing, but none proved acceptable. If they could stand up to the punishment, they were too heavy, and if they were light enough to be portable, they had to be in a small caliber.

One of the more promising designs was submitted by a young, Canadian-born inventor named John Cantius Garand. He was quickly employed by the main U.S. arms factory, Springfield Armory in Massachusetts, to develop his design further. Although promising, this rifle eventually reached a dead end, and the self-taught Garand set about on a new design. His new rifle derived the power to operate by tapping off the propellant gases of the fired bullet and using it to cycle the rifle. This design eventually beat out all the competition and was adopted as the standard U.S. infantry rifle in 1936.

Mass production of the M1 Garand began at Springfield Armory in 1937, and the first rifles were delivered to the Army in 1938. Production rates gradually increased and early bugs were worked out in these pre-war years.

In 1940, a second source was enlisted when the Winchester Repeating Arms Company was contracted to manufacture the M1 Garand. The expanding war in Europe and the increasing tensions with Japan increased the sense of urgency to equip our forces with this modern rifle. When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor in December

1941, the M1 Rifle became top priority. Both Springfield and Winchester operated around the clock, producing more than 4,000,000 M1 rifles by the end of the war in 1945.

The United States was the only country to equip its troops with an auto-loading rifle as the standard infantry weapon of WWII. It gave our troops a tremendous advantage in firepower, and led General George Patton to call the M1 Garand, "The greatest battle implement ever devised."



After the war, many M1 Garand rifles were mothballed and put into storage. Others were loaned to allies as the Cold War with The Soviet Union heated up. When North Korea attacked South Korea in 1950, M1 rifle production was resumed. Although the primary source remained Springfield Armory, two new manufacturers were contracted: International Harvester Corporation and Harrington & Richardson Arms. Almost 1,500,000 new M1's were produced in the 1952 – 1957 period. It was the main United Nations infantry weapon of the Korean War.

In the early 1950's, U.S. Ordnance began developing a new infantry rifle, one that would have a larger capacity magazine and selective fire capability. That is, it could be fired fully automatically like a machine gun, in addition to semi-automatically like the Garand. After much trial and error, an updated M1 was adopted in 1957 as the M14 Rifle.

Although the M1 Garand was officially obsolete from that time forward, it remained in service around the world through the Viet Nam era. It was and is

truly an amazing rifle, and its inventor John C. Garand ranks among the very best of patriots. A 2008 article in NRA's *American Rifleman* magazine rated the M1 Garand the #1 infantry rifle of all time.

THE HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY



Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.



Local Observances Claim To Be First

Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began their two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

Official Birthplace Declared

In 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day. There, a ceremony on May 5, 1866, honored local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. Businesses closed and residents flew flags at half-staff. Supporters of Waterloo's claim say earlier observances in other places were either informal, not community-wide or one-time events.

By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. State legislatures passed proclamations designating the day, and the Army and Navy adopted regulations for proper observance at their facilities.

It was not until after World War I, however, that the day was expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars. In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, though it is still often called Decoration Day. It was then also placed on the last Monday in May, as were some other federal holidays.

Some States Have Confederate Observances

Many Southern states also have their own days for honoring the Confederate dead. Mississippi celebrates Confederate Memorial Day on the last Monday of April, Alabama on the fourth Monday of April, and Georgia on April 26. North and South Carolina observe it on May 10, Louisiana on June 3 and Tennessee calls that date Confederate Decoration Day. Texas celebrates Confederate Heroes Day January 19 and Virginia calls the last Monday in May Confederate Memorial Day.

Gen. Logan's order for his posts to decorate graves in 1868 "with the choicest flowers of springtime" urged: "We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. ... Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten as a people the cost of a free and undivided republic."

The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those that attend today's observance, about 5,000 people. Then, as now, small American flags were placed on each grave — a tradition followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.

The origins of special services to honor those who die in war can be found in antiquity. The Athenian leader Pericles offered a tribute to the fallen heroes of the Peloponnesian War over 24 centuries ago that could be applied today to the 1.1 million Americans who have died in the nation's wars: "Not only are they commemorated by columns and inscriptions, but there dwells also an unwritten memorial of them, graven not on stone but in the hearts of men."

To ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the U.S. Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act," P.L. 106-579, creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportunity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nation. As Moment of Remembrance founder Carmella LaSpada states: "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."



Wisconsin Firearm Owners Range Fun Day & Banquet

Join NRA-ILA at the Wisconsin Firearm Owners Range Fun Day & Fundraising Banquet! Bring your friends and family out for a fun day at the range. Nicolet Rifle Club will be hosting rifle and pistol events and Brown County Sportsmen will be hosting shotgun events all day. This is a great opportunity for new shooters to come out and learn from an NRA instructor, as well as a fun casual competition for the more experienced shooters. Stop by the NRA tent for free gear and talk with your Wisconsin NRA-ILA staff. The day will be topped off with a banquet BBQ dinner at the Brown County Sportsmen's Club and a chance to win a DPMS M4 Carbine. For more information for the free range day and tickets for the banquet dinner, please visit Wisconsin Firearm Owners on Facebook or at www.wisconsinforce.org.

Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 09:00 AM

Brown County Sportsmen's Club in Green Bay, WI



NRA-ILA FrontLines is comprised of NRA-ILA's most dedicated volunteers, who work vigorously at the local, state, and federal levels to defend our Second Amendment rights. FrontLines members work with NRA-ILA, and especially with their NRA-ILA Election Volunteer Coordinator (EVC), to advance ILA's legislative and political agendas. Your EVC is a local NRA member who has volunteered to act as the liaison between NRA members and gun owners and various pro-gun campaigns seeking volunteer support. Your EVC also works with local Second Amendment supporters to promote NRA-ILA's legislative agenda.

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To promote and support the purpose and objectives of the National Rifle Association, while protecting and defending the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin. Securing Our Rights

The assaults on the rights of today's firearms owner have never been stronger. These attacks on our civil rights come from anti-hunting, anti-gun, and anti-civil rights organizations. We must stand together to preserve the rights guaranteed to all free citizens under the Second Amendment, the U.S. Constitution, and the Wisconsin Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Wisconsin FORCE has a constant presence in Madison helping to ensure your voice is heard. Whether it is the right to self-defense, micro stamping or hunting regulations, we are involved. Combine your voice with that of thousands like you in Wisconsin; our united voice cannot be ignored.

Club and Range Support

We are the experts in the State advising the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, clubs, and businesses in upgrading, improving, and the design of ranges.

Competitions

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