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CHAPTER NEWS, EVENTS AND ARTICLES

Third Annual Veterans Appreciation Day (Michael Gugulis)

Amid rainstorms 24 hours preceding the 3rd annual Veterans Appreciation Day, and the threat of rain throughout, nature was kind to the veterans, active service personnel and families in attendance. By the time the unfolded on May 10th, the skies had enough to offer a scintillating day of activities and the ever-popular food and refreshments. Veterans and their were treated to a memorable day to their service and sacrifice to a Nation. Veterans Appreciation Day held at the Chapter on November 4, second event was held May 12, 2007.



many their event cleared displays, families dedicated grateful was first 2006. The

Attendance was sparse that first year veterans and active duty service personnel. The second year saw a substantial increase in participation to 76 grateful participants.

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This year's event organizers and volunteers, with 2 years experience under their belts, maintained a single-minded focus of getting the word out to the veterans and active duty service personnel during the months leading up to the event. The VFW and American Legion Posts throughout the tri-State area were informed of the event and supported participation by continuous notification to their members. As a result, and to the delight of all involved, the event drew more participants than initially expected.

John Ward (L) 101st Airborne, D-Day Pathfinder, June 6, 1944

The official count of veterans, active duty service personnel and family members attending the day's activities was 278. In addition, the event was host U.S. Marine Cadets on their way to upon high school graduation and ROTC from Seneca Valley H.S. The day's events the IWLA-WAC and community and supported by local Boy Scout Troop Scouts tirelessly handled the shuttle service parking lots to the range areas throughout without a hitch.

As in previous years, participants were opportunity to shoot military rifles and World War II through the present day. The also treated to static displays of military uniforms and multi-national weaponry



privileged to basic training members was hosted by volunteers 738. The Boy from the the day

given the pistols from veterans were vehicles, spanning the

20th Century. On display in particular that was of great interest to the event participants was the special marksmanship rifles provided by the NRA. It included rifles specially designed for long-range accuracy spanning the period from World War I through to the present conflict in Iraq.

Of special interest to the veterans and volunteers alike, were the many full auto (display only) firearms representing the many Nations embroiled in the First and Second World Wars. Firearms available to the participants for supervised use on the rifle and pistol ranges, thanks to the many volunteers, ranged from the M1919 Browning Machine Gun (semi-auto only) to current issue AR-15 and AK-47 rifles. The crowds were also treated to demonstrations and live fire participation in the thrilling sport of Cowboy Action Shooting.



Ora Shaver - WW II Navy Nurse in the Pacific Theater, 1943 - 45

on the ranges, the participants, children all, were treated to several current USMC light armor vehicles (LAV-25) complete with 25 MM chain guns. Along with many positive comments and emails received from veterans, the day was also covered in the May 11th issue of the Frederick News Post.

Given the uniformly positive reaction from the veterans, supporters, volunteers and press coverage, next year's edition is expected to be even larger and better attended. So as we bask in the glow of many happy faces, both young and old, let's take a collective sigh, enjoy the moment and gear up for a thrilling 4th annual veteran's appreciation day in May, 2009.

In addition to the firearms on display and in use



Lock and Load! (Bob Cumberland)

On Saturday May 31, the Discovery Channel set up their cameras at the WAC and filmed a segment for their new pilot, "Lock and Load". The show will be hosted by R. Lee Ermey whom many know as "Gunny". The pilot will feature rifles from different periods in history. The focus of the segment was the Winchester rifle; the gun that won the West. Gunny interviewed our own Chuckaroo about several rifles from the Cowboy

Era. Gunny is particularly fond of the 1886 Yellow Boy, aptly nicknamed for its bronze receiver. He commented, "That's a pretty rifle. If it was used by a Marine, they would need a big can of Brasso to keep it looking good."



Gunny and Chuckaroo discussed the sport of Cowboy Action shooting and then tested their skills by shooting a cowboy stage. Gunny commented, "I didn't come out here to just to hang around with a bunch of old whiskey swillin' cowboys. I came to shoot!" Chuckaroo ran clean in record time. Gunny, on the other hand, opted to slow his performance so the viewing audience could see the finer aspects of cowboy action sport. Several of the Wildlife Rangers assisted in the filming as living props. A date for the pilot has not been set, but rest assured our resident actors would be certain to let us know when to tune in.



Chuckaroo has been contacted by different groups throughout the years to assist in providing cowboys for commercials, advertisements and even a movie. All of these opportunities have promoted the sport in a very positive light.

THUNDER VALLEY DAYS HELP NEEDED (Chuck "Chuck-a-roo" Crooks)

Each June, we host the SASS Maryland State Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting. Each year we need lots of chapter help with this major club fundraiser. Please use the contacts below and volunteer some time for this event.

IWLA-WAC Help Needed

Match set up is on Wednesday, the 25th – Match setup starts at 10:00 AM and lasts for most of the day. Contact **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666.

Vendor Set up Contact **Dave Gold** 304-876-2484. We need help on Wednesday, most of the day and for a couple of hours on Thursday (26th) morning.

Kitchen and Food preparation help for lunch on 26, 27, 28 and a late afternoon BBQ on the 27th. Contact **Mac McCollum** 301-854-3707.

Parking on the 26th, 27th and 28th, mostly in the AM between 7:00 AM and 9:30 AM – Visitor parking help need throughout the day on the 27th & 28th. Contact **Tom Riley** 301-774-7426.

Target swap on the 27th at approximately 4:00 PM for about 1 1/2 hours. Contact **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666.

Shuttle Drivers on the 26th, 27th, 28th – Help needed throughout the day, starting at 10:00 AM on the 26th, 7:00 AM on the 27th and 28th, finished at 5:00 PM.. Contact **Rich Fried** 301-253-2789.

First Aid Station on 27th & 28th – Contact **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666.

Water Jugs on 26th, 27th & 28th – Set up in AM, get ice and replenish each morning. Contact John Leaman 301-972-1572.

Roaming Safety Officer (for checking visitors for ear and eye protection) – Help is need for all day Friday and Saturday. Contact **Chuck Crooks** 301-831-9666

Match tear down on the 28th – Tear down will start at approximately 3:30 PM for less than 2 hours. Contact Mike Webb "**Macho Mike**" 703-314-9022 to volunteer.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

This month's membership meeting is on June 25 Social hour starts at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:30. The nominating committee will present their slate of candidates for the Board of Directors election in August.

DIFTA MATCH (Joe McDaniel)

Damascus Ike's Field Target Association (**DIFTA**) will have its next match Saturday, June 21 at 9:30am with the range opening about 8am. This will be 60 shot match a few off-hand shots. Novice shooters are welcome -- if you need a gun, let the Match Director (**Joe McDaniel**) know ahead of time. Directions are at the **DIFTA** web site.

Costs are \$10 with a \$5 discount for club members -- novice shooters are free. Shooting classes offered will be Open (usually PCP but piston allowed), Piston, and Hunter. We will offer an Offhand class if two or more shooters choose that class.

In the event of inclement weather -- short of a hurricane, at least -- we will have the match under the sight-in range shelter.

The sight-in range will open when we have completed the setup – the Match Director gets to the range about 8am and the earlier and more people that show up to help with setup will mean the sight-in range will open earlier.

Our Maryland State Championship match will be July 26. I will distribute early registration forms at the June match or to anyone who asks via email. (You can pick one up at AAFTA.org, too -- there will be a link from the calendar entry to the registration form.) We plan to eat-out this year, so the match price will be \$20 (\$10 for Juniors) -- your meal will be extra if you choose to attend (Lou and Joe's just north of Damascus).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DAMASCUS SIGN (Eric Schoettker)

As Chair of the Damascus Sign Committee I would like to acknowledge the help of fellow Ikes in the replacement of the signs North and South of Damascus this past weekend. Thanks go to Wade Dewberry, Miles Benson, Andy Dolgun and Damien Rivera. A special thanks goes to Jim Piateski who not only provided equipment and his time but also worked closely with me to plan and implement the project.

THANKS TO OUR MAY VOLUNTEERS: (Conley Phipps)

Probationary members are now required to help with four chapter events during their first two years of WAC membership. At least one project MUST be in support of Chapter Conservation efforts. If you are a probationary member, and don't see your name in the newsletter after helping out with an event, it would be prudent to contact the person who ran the event and find out why your name has not reached me. Additionally be sure to have that activity person notify me of this fact. Following are the names from the sign-up sheets for several recent events. Thanks to all.

GRADS to FULL MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Graduated to full membership status is the following: **Paul H. Tardif.** Thanks for completing your requirements.

MAY 28th, 2008 General Membership Meeting Hospitality, Kitchen Staff and KP's: President Lefebvre recognized Rich Fried and Ed McNally as chefs of the dinner. Servers and K.P staff were Michael Barvir, Chuck Benjamin, Wendy Smith, Michael Bouyea, Chris Hyre and Bruce Mazzie. Our Hospitality Crew consisted of Rob Hallin and Ken Lefebvre.

Chapter maintenance: MAY 28th, 2008

Thank you to all members donating their time and labor to help keep the Chapter looking neat and clean. Participants were Paul Tardif, Frank Lavorata, Jr., Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Tom Bragg, Edward Grim, Peter Sittner, Phil Howard, Tony Hess, Wade Dayberry, Heather Barber, Alan Palestine, Al Goldschmidts, John Leaman, Chuck Limparis, Guy Wright, Mike Myers, Sam Light, Bret Light and Chad Gordon. Also the cast of usuals that wish to remain anonymous.

Cowboy Set-up/ Tear Down: MAY 23rd & 24th, 2008

Set-Up crew consisted of Paul Bluteau, Guy Wright, Ron Romig, Ryan Romig, Jeff Copoulos, Tom Ouellette, Tom Schell, John Leaman, Spotted Horse and Richard Rankin.

Tear Down crew consisted of Renegade Lee, Mike Statland, Tom Ouellette, Dogmeat Dad, Sassy Patty, Paul Bluteau, Teri/Doug Greenfield, Long Gun Greg and Sagebrush Kid.

Chestnut Tree Planting: APRIL 12th, 2008

Thanks to the following participants: Bill Kelly, Jim Piateski, Bill Ladd, Bill Schooler, Darrell Mattheis, Matt Hillard, Jack Hillard, Cara Light, Sam Light, Nancy Horn, Wade Dayberry, Barbara Knapp, Ron Kuipers, Robert Strasser, David Jacobson, Joe Carinci and Fran Hann???

Sign Backer Replacement: MAY 17th, 2008

Thanks to Eric Schoettker, Jim Piateski, Miles Benson, Wade Dayberry, Andy Dolgun and Damien Rivera.

Range Orientation: Several dates

Tim Urban, Ray Logan December 30, 2007; Lou Ferguson, Ray Logan February 24, 2008; Ray Logan April 12, 2008; Ray Logan April 12, 2008.

BULL ROAST and OPEN HOUSE: MAY 18th, 2008

A special thanks to the two Master Gardeners, Scales and Tales of Maryland DNR, John Walter, Mac McCollum, Frank Lavorata, Saul Honigsberg, Rich Fried, Steve Myers, Ken Lefebvre, Jim Piatieski, Meo Curtis, Jeff Deschamps, Chuck and Donna Limparis, Paul Turska, Bob Cumberland, Greg Talamini, Chris Beck and Son, Jeff Lewis and Ira Kwoowitz.



Scales and Tails



Tiny Bubbles

NOTE:

If I have failed to credit anyone or a group for voluntarily working on an event or a required work project or misspelled a name please contact Conley Phipps @ 301-460-8528 or phippscd@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP (Joe Gick)

New Members

Please welcome the following new members to our chapter.

Tommy Thompson sponsored by Bill Schneider

Dennis M Crossen sponsored by Joe Gick

Fred Lass sponsored by Rob Panico

RIFLE AND PISTOL RANGE REPORT (Guy Wright)

INFORMATION: For more information about any rifle or pistol range activities mentioned in this article, contact Guy Wright, by e-mail, at guywright@verizon.net or telephone 301-253-4604(home) or 301-775-3741(cell).

SHOOTING HOURS: Permitted rifle and pistol range shooting hours are posted on the box, which contains the range sign-in register, as well as above the range entry card reader. For June 2008, starting time is 10:00 AM daily and ending time is 8:00 PM, unless some activity has preempted the range (**see “Upcoming Events Affecting Range Availability” below**).

NEW ITEMS

My thanks to members Chuck Limparis, John Leaman, Paul Tardif, Al Goldschmidts, and Mike Myers, Sam Light, and Bret Light from Troop 945 for their help on range cleanup at our May Maintenance Day. A lot of work was done to prepare for Thunder Valley Days in June. An additional thanks to Al Goldschmidts for an infusion of pistol target backers.

REMINDERS

Shotgun Patterning Board is provided for that purpose only. No other targets are allowed. Violation may cause loss of range privileges.

Rifle Range Target Placement is permitted at the 50, 75, & 100 yard berms. This is perfect for all center-fire and some rim-fire rifles. If you want to shoot at 25 yard targets with rim-fire ammo then use the covered pistol range, where all currently available rim-fire caliber rifles may be used.

Rifle and Pistol Range Rules: The rules governing Rifle and Pistol Range safety, conduct, permissible firearms, and violation policy are posted at the covered pistol range, the covered rifle range, the notice board between the pistol ranges, the notice board at the path leading to the covered rifle range, on the chapter WEB site (damascusiwa.org) and in MS Word format from me via email, when requested. Sometimes questions come up. Though our bylaws indicate that you can call any Board of Directors member about these rules, you will be better served to start with the folks closest to them, i.e., range orientation instructors or the committee chairman.

Up-Coming Events Affecting Range Availability:

Seneca Valley HP Match on Saturday June 7, 2008 from 8:30AM to 2:00PM. Rifle Range is closed.

Military Rifle Fun Shoot on Saturday June 14, 2008 from 10:00AM to 1:00PM. Contact Jose Tassara 301-431-2799. Rifle Range will be closed during this time.

Bowling Pin Shoot on Saturday June 14, 2008 from 1:00PM to 5:00PM on Pistol Range 1. Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at jlim@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Thunder Valley Days from Wednesday June 25, 2008 through Saturday June 28, 2008. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed all day during this period.

Seneca Valley HP Match on Saturday July 5, 2008 from 8:30AM to 2:00PM. Rifle Range is closed.

Practical Defense Match on Saturday July 12, 2008 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM on Pistol Range 1. Pistol Range 1 will be closed during this time. For additional information, you can contact Jesse Lim via e-mail at jlim@phillips.com or telephone 301-540-0860 (evenings only please).

Cowboy Action Setup on Friday July 25, 2008. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed beginning at 1:00PM.

Cowboy Action Shoot on Saturday July 26, 2008 from 8:00AM to 3:30PM. Rifle and Pistol Ranges will be closed during this time.

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IWLA RANGE ROSTER (Bob Cooley)

June 2008

Sat 6/14 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter

Sun 6/15 Chris Reposa, Jim & Judy Crowell, Nolen Roberson

Wed 6/18 Scott Wood, Tom Moore, Bill Doves, Conley Phipps

Sat 6/21 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein

Sun 6/22 Frank Saenz, Rob Van Tassell, Bob Case

Sun 6/29 Peter Sittner, Joel Gross, Bill Wright

July 2008

Wed 7/2 Mike Fleisher, Jeff Waters, "Rip" Van Winkle

Sat 7/5 Bob Cooley, Tim Mulreaney, Mark Gay

Sun 7/6 Joel Gross, Bill Wright, Bob Poth

Wed 7/9 Jeff Greenhut, Ron Roberson, Jacob Lambert

Sat 7/12 Paul Fisher, George Fichter, Dave Fichter

Sun 7/13 Randy & Evan Stewart, Seamus Webb, Mike Webb

Wed 7/16 Scott Wood, Tom Moore, Bill Doves

Sat 7/19 Mike Bowen, Dave Gold, Ira Wein, Gary Green

Sun 7/20 Chris Reposa, Jim & Judy Crowell, Nolen Roberson

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS (Michelle Chesnut smc_geek@msn.com)

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Thanks to Bob Cumberland (Lock and Load!), Michael Gugulis (Third Annual Veterans Appreciation Day) and Greg Talimini (Bull Roast) for the photographs.

If anyone has an article, picture or topic, which they wish to have included in future newsletters, send them to Michelle Chesnut at the above email address and include some contact info in case there are questions. If possible, please send articles as an attached Word document. If you have photographs of chapter events that you would like to share with the membership in the on-line newsletter, please send them to Michelle Chesnut at the above email address. Please include the names of those pictured as well as the date and name of the event.

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**.....To know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands and open space; to the preservation of this heritage and to man's sharing in it...
..I AM AN IKE!**