



From the Desk of the PRESIDENT

I know you are all saying, "Finally, a Gazette!" I take the responsibility for the hiatus. Our membership seems to have been active in spite of lack of news. Last year and this year, the East Coast Matches were held at Quantico and they worked out fine. The USNST seems to be establishing a good relationship with the Marines and we anticipate using that range into the future. This year I made a major change in my own approach to the matches ... I left my M1A at home and used my AR-15 for the first time in competition. It was a more complicated shift than I anticipated but do see significant potential on the dark side. I realize that I will now have to practice before next year's Fleet matches to return to shooting my average.

We sent an e-mail request to members to send in articles of interest for the Gazette ... this issue contains some of those responses. The only way we can print items of interest is if someone takes it upon themselves to submit items of interest. I know that the East and West Coast Matches are of interest to most members. The way we know about them is if someone who attended sends us a report. If you attend and want more people to know that you are an RNSA mem-

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Orin Humphries

We currently have 134 paid-up members and three in process of joining. Our members are located in 37 of the 50 states. Among the current members there are 55 NRA annual members, 47 Life members, 18 Endowment members, five Benefactors, and three Patrons. 54% of our membership is supporting the NRA with greater than a regular membership. Well Done, Shipmates!

We welcome some of our new members: Larry Krause, Lee Dickey Jr., Ron Banning, Tom Treinen, David Van Dusen, Tim Taylor, Larry Strayhorn, David Poyer, Chris Hamlin, Thomas Bitting, and Franco Scarpino (with apologies to anyone missed).

We are sadly noting the passing of these shipmates: West Coast RNSA VP Bill Geil, riflesmith Don McCoy, Dennis Dunbar, Joseph Galvao Sr., John Kehring, Carlos Guzman, and the legendary, Gordon Nakagawa.

We are experiencing a lack of membership renewal response from more than 30 members dropping our total of paid up members to 134. This Secretary has too many irons in the fire to keep sending reminders. I will send two notices and a final notice later in the summer, but with no response from a member, his data will be grayed out in the spreadsheets. We

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From the Editor's Desk:



As I See It!

I was terribly disappointed not being able to attend the Lant Fleet matches this year but I promise to be there next year, God willing. The NRA annual meetings fell during the matches in St. Louis, MO. and being on the NRA Board I was required to be there. What I gleaned from that experience is that we all need to be registered to vote and in November need to vote. The anti-gun agenda planned for a second Obama term is frightening. Also the possible appointment of three supreme court judges could swing the court into an antigun mode for years. It could leave a legacy for our grandchildren with out the ability to enjoy firearms the way we have done during our lives. So, get registered and vote in November and don't stop there, get your firearms owning friend to do the same. None of us can afford to sit this one out, we must get involved.

I saw something this year which I believe will impact Navy shooting for years to come unless something happens. The staff of US Fleet Forces Command refused to release the message for the matches. CNO's staff also refused to get involved so it fell to LCDR Norm Overfield at Crane to get it released by his command. Now that the matches are over Norm has once again released the results and who was selected for higher competition. In my humble opinion it appears that very few upper echelon officers are interested in rifle and pistol training and competition. For those on active duty it is going to be a continuing uphill climb to even field a team in higher levels of competition. I am not sure why this situation exists? It can't be a case of money as it hasn't cost higher commands anything, yet.

On another front in military shooting the AMU has had their funds cut and have decided to cut all their civilian coaches positions. The result will only mean a weaker team of shooters for Olympic competition and high power service rifle team will be weaker. They will now be depending on active service coaches to run their teams. What they are giving up is all that previous experience which can only be obtained by years of doing the job. Military coaches have fewer years and therefore a thinner repertoire to draw from.

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ber, purchase an article of clothing with the RNSA logo.

As usual, many members are behind in submitting their dues ... if you are one of the tardy ones, I hope this Gazette reminds you to send in your \$10. I send my thanks to those of you who have been faithfully maintaining your membership. We have about \$7600 in the Treasury.

Your all volunteer RNSA staff is doing a good job holding the association together. My guess is that our East Coast VP, Bob Ryan and Gazette Editor Walt Walter are most actively involved in shooting sports ... Bob with his involvement in matches in the Tidewater area and support to the East Coast Matches and Walt as a member of the NRA Board of Directors. If there are other members who are doing a lot of shooting and advancing the sport, I won't know about it unless you tell me. I know that Don Gussler is very active supporting the West Coast Matches and would like to know more about that side of the continent. If you tell me, I will share the news in the next Gazette. Our Historian continues to enthusiastically gather and archive all materials that you send to him and provides good support for research questions that we receive from time to time. If you are interested in receiving a copy of our archive, send your request to Bob Kasper.

We are often called on to support the USNST in our status as an independent organization, for instance as recipient of the door prize donations. Every one of those donations is passed through to the competitors with no cost or charge due to the gracious voluntary efforts lead by Dave Reavis. We continue to be very fortunate to be recipients of Award Pistols that we pass to winners at the Fleet and All Navy Matches. The connections are all about relationships that

have been passed to and expanded now by Bob Ryan. We now have Smith & Wesson, Beretta, and Glock rewarding our top shooters with donated pistols.

If someone out there wants to do something more with RNSA, then stage a coup and become a volunteer in one capacity or another. If you have a good idea and want us to help fund it, then describe that idea to the Executive Committee and we will consider it. If you want to read a fascinating article in the Gazette, then write it, or motivate a writer, or suggest that it be written. I appreciate what each of you does to support the Navy Marksmanship Program and am ready to add the support of this association in any way that I can to further good ideas.

The Scores We Left Behind

From the Historian

As of the date of this publication the Retired Navy Shooters Association Digital Archive has acquired a significant amount of information for the pleasure of all past and future navy competitive shooters.

In terms of size, the archive now exceeds 4 gigabytes of information, enough to fill a modern day DVD. The reader's interest may quickly focus on a special category entitled "A Peek at Some Golden Moments." This is a collection of 31 Anecdotes, Tall Tales and Stories Told by comrades in arms as they navigated the complex infrastructure of shooting venues from coast to coast over the years. In total, the RNSA Archive contains no less than 24 separate categories, the anchor of which is "The Scores We Left Behind." Simply stated, how you did on that hot day behind the

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My Scout Camp Experience

by Orin Humphries

Last year in May 2011, I lent a hand at the joint scout camp out at Camp Parsons, which is on the wilderness side of Hood Canal in Washington's Olympic Peninsula. They asked for assistance with a High Power Rifle training exercise for the boys and girls. AR-15s were provided by the instructors. Other activities included Small Bore and Pistol on adjacent ranges. We ran classes though there for two days, firing from Prone at 25 yards. I was their Range Safety Officer and called the line.

Even though every instructor was a well-experienced shooter, my level of, well, "professionalism" in calling the line stood out. That is the way it is for us former Team members. We are not like other, non-team shooters. Our experience sets us apart.

At the end of the session on Sunday, reactive targets were set up which included a leaning pole that had swing-able disks on one side. If a bullet hit a disk, it made the sound and swung over to the other side. That was far and away the greatest hit of the experience for the kids! Paper plate targets don't react like steel disks. They couldn't get enough of it.

At the end of that session, two boys were picked to do a shoot-off in front of everybody. Each had his separate target unit. The one with the most disks knocked over to the other side at the end of this would be the winner. I quietly advised the boy close to me, "First, knock over one of your disks. Then, every time he knocks one of his over, you knock it back". Was this contrary to the Scout Code? Certainly. Was it despicable? Oh, gimme a break; my guy "won". End of story. It better prepared them

for life in the real world – that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

But I have to tell you about the first evening, Friday, for the orientation meeting in the huge chow hall. The Sunday supper would later be cooked over open fires in large kettles, so I was thinking about how to start a fire. There was an odor in the room's air that said these inventive, resourceful devils have come up with a new way to start a fire. You might want to make a note of this. You start by placing a bag of popcorn in a microwave...J

Kaarlo Elonen Honored

At the recent fleet matches, Kaarlo Elonen received two awards. He has finally won his U.S. Navy Distinguished Rifleman's badge. While firing in the Excellence-in-Competition match he posted an outstanding score of 474-8x to glean a silver medal which put him over the required 30 points for his Distinguished Rifleman badge. Bravo Zulu Kaarlo.



In addition, Kaarlo was honored by being selected to be this year's recipient of the Mark McAndrew Award, the fifth person to receive the award.



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breach of a match M1 or Colt 1911 with your coach biting his lower lip as the targets retreated from view. Rest easy. We don't have all the scores. For those shooters who would like to take a trip back in time, the following match scores are available, almost in their entirety, as follows.

Atlantic Fleet Matches: 1959, 1972-74, 1982-2011

Pacific Fleet Matches: 1960, 1968, 1974, 1976, 1985-87, 1989-2011

All-Navy Matches: 1959, 1963 (part), 1968, 1972-73, 1975-76, 1986-2011

As you can see, we are not finished with the task of building the archive done. Input from all shooters will be most welcome. If you have an old chest, long forgotten, back in the basement, please leaf through it. You may have one of the many match bulletins yet to be entered in our Archive. I look forward to hearing from you in the days to come.

Bob Kasper

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One Score Left Behind

by Walt Walter

Bob reminded of one score I left behind. The facts have faded over the years but here is what I remember:

It was 1960 at the Nationals. The only Long Range matches we fired were the Leech and Wimbleton. I was firing the Leech on the 5V target. The weather was fair with the wind at a reasonable velocity. I was firing my M1 Garand in 30-06 caliber. It was a free floating action as that is how they were accurized in those days.

I finished the prep period, read the wind and put on 3 or 4 minutes left windage. The command to “commence fire” was given and I shot my first sighter. The target went down and came back up. A red paddle went up in front of the bullseye and was scored by my scorekeeper as a 4. It was in fact a 4 at 4 o'clock. I loaded a second round moved my sights 2 more minutes left and fired. The target went down in the pits and I recorded the previous shot in my databook. Target came up and a white paddle came up covering the bulseye. Scorekeeper called out “sir your second sighter is a 5.” It was a 5 at 4 o'clock. I took another minute left on my sights and loaded another round. Checked the wind, which looked the same and fired. Target went down in the pits. I recorded my second sighter in my databook, target came back up and a white paddle waved across the target. My scorekeeper called out, “Sir you third sighter is a V.” I was pleased that everything was going so well and things looked steady so I went for record. I fired 16 straight shots and each time the target went down, came back up and the scorekeeper called out a “V”. I then fired my 17th shot and immediately looked through my scope as I usually did waiting for the target to be pulled into the pits and checking the wind so I could call my shot. The target did not go down. I waited for what seemed an eternity, finally I called, “Mark target 96.” My target was pulled. It remained in the pits for what seemed was forever. Finally it came up and a Maggies Drawers went across my target. In those days for those of you who don't know, Maggies Drawers was a red paddle run across the face of the target. My scorekeeper called out, “Sir your 17th shot for record is a miss.” I immediately reached for my challenge money but I looked through my scope and checked target 97 first and then 95. To my chagrin I saw 2 shot markers on target 95. One was a “V” the other a 5. I had crossed fired at least a 5 on target 95 after a record 16 Vs. I was disheartened

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but went back to completing my string. My 18th shot was a 5 which I made a sight correction for and finished my 19th and 20th shots with Vs. My final score was 95-18v.

The winning score that day was 100-17v. Had I not crossfired I would have won a national trophy. Needless-to-say that day is forever imbedded in my mind and often comes to the surface whenever I am reminded by time and circumstances.

April Prone Matches

By Orin Humphries

In the northwestern corner of Washington State on the east side of Puget Sound is the city of Bellingham. Nine miles south of Bellingham is the Whatcom County Parks Shooting Range, known as “The Plantation Range”. Gary Rasmussen, the Head Ranger and world-renowned High Power shooter, puts on four prone matches each pre-season, starting in January. They are at 300 yards and are well attended. Gary has won the Washington State High Power Championships around 30 times by now, which are held by the South Sound city of Puyallup (“Pew-AL-up”)(yeah, we think so, too). The Plantation Prone Matches are varied as to target difficulty, from normal through your worst nightmare. National records are frequently set at Gary’s matches. The last match of the series is shot in June, and it is an International Fullbore match with pair-firing. April’s match found me shooting against nine other F-Class riflemen, with nothing to be taken for granted. This is the Washington State Prone Championships, known as “The Robin Hood Matches”. The F-Class X-ring at 300 yards

is only 1.41” across and a half-minute at farther distances. Shiraz Balolia, a civilian and present Team Captain for the USA F-Class Team, was on my relay shooting on the point on my left. Frank Oblak, a Canadian, was last year’s F-Class match winner here, (I was High Resident) and he was on my firing point. Mike Rockett, another civilian, edged me out last year at the NW Regionals in Puyallup, and he was Relay 3 on my firing point. I was Relay 2. I was shooting my 6BR with a Barnard receiver, a Krieger bull SS barrel, an aluminum stock made by Yellow Jacket Rifles of Milwaukie, OR, and a Night Force BR 42X scope with 1/8 MoA clicks. Mike and I both shot 200-16X for our first courses, raising the National Record from 14X. I shot it before he did. Mike is still a Senior for one last year, whereas I turned Grand Senior this year at 70 years old. Mike was working on the Senior Record and I on the Grand Senior. (I guess before I was only a “nearly senior”...) He won the tie-breaker. I repeated that for my second course, while Shiraz dropped a point in a really nasty wind reversal during the second course. Shiraz was just back the day before from a business trip to China and he was in jet lag. Mike also dropped a point in that course. In the third and fourth courses, I shot cleans with 17X, raising the record again and winning one tie-breaker there.

We finished the day with my having the only clean for four courses and 66X. Mike had 799-65X, Shiraz shot a 799-54, and the rest ran 797-59, 794-45, and we were in the Open sub-Class. The Target Rifle sub-Class shooters turned in 799-57, 769-56, 794-45, 793-47, and 776-22. You can see how tight this style of shooting is in matches, and this is after the rings were reduced six years ago to separate us. The High Power X-ring is our F-Class 10-ring. A 10 for them is a 9 for us. My old skeleton is trying to take me out with left shoulder (though I am right handed) and right knee problems. I shot this match with

a pile of sandbags supporting my left shoulder instead of using my arm. Still, I was fortunate enough to win State Champ in F/C-Open and raise the GS record.

Do You Teach Kids How to Shoot?

By Dan Pauley

My son asked for marksmanship help. I thought this was a pretty good description. May help someone else so I'm sharing

- 1. Align front and rear sights (sight alignment)**
- 2. Place aligned sights in your aiming area (sight picture)**
- 3. Apply rearward pressure to the trigger so as not to mess up # 1 & 2 above.**
- 4. Go count the X's**

Ed note; Not the best way to start a new shooter. If they get fixated on score they will develop mental discipline more slowly and sometimes be hard to get them to deliver the shot vs worrying about the score.

The problem is most people do them as written. They align sights, then they place the aligned sights in their aiming area, then they start squeezing trigger, then they wonder why there are so many 7's and 8's and not so many X's The most important of the three steps is sight alignment., Think like a machinist, your goal is Perfectly level and equal light on either side of the front sight.

Sight picture is not as important as sight alignment. Keeping the sights perfect but allowing them to drift off the ideal sight picture will likely still be a 10. If your concentration on sight alignment wanders, and you look to improve where the blurry target ball is located, you will likely get more 8's and 9's. (and less)

would say this is at least as important as sight alignment. Trigger control is not a precision thing. It involves steadily increasing pressure which causes the sear to release the hammer. I can now shoot those \$2500 Hammerli or Pardini pistols with the extra \$\$ in custom trigger work. But I can also pick up a stock Ruger Mk III and get pretty close to the same score. It is a difference in thought process.

"It is important to realize that the muscles in your hand that apply trigger pressure will likely change your precision sight alignment. So no matter how perfect you "had" it, the act of squeezing the trigger will likely cause it to move. So, taking that in account, how can you overcome? Your goal; use trigger pressure to "steer" the front sight into perfect alignment within the rear notch. You have to practice that squeeze on a blank wall and then teach your brain to capture the motion. Change your grip angle or position of your hand until the sight is as perfect as possible in the rear notch as the hammer falls. Now learn that grip. Learn it like you know the feel of putting on your boots. They have a certain feel. Someone else having exact same size and style of boot would not feel the same. Be able to get that grip and know when you have it or don't. Know exactly where on your finger the trigger rubs. Feel the pistol and know where the edge of the grip, the trigger guard, the magazine release, the grip screw. Everything exactly located where you want. Be able to prove your grip by dry fire. Know what it looks and feels like when the sights are perfect as the hammer falls. Once you have that, you can do physical conditioning to improve the size of your aiming area. Exercises for core muscles and upper body strength will help. Keep in mind this aiming area is not a finite point. The 10-ring is a pretty big circle. You get the points for any shot that touches that circle. If you try to snatch the shot when it is perfect in the

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aiming area, most likely you will disturb the far more important sight alignment. This shot process is a lot like the perfect turn for a motorcyclist. You know it and feel it on a cellular level. Slow in the straight, little bit to the outside, start the counter-steer press as you come off the brakes and apply power. Keeping the forks compressed through the turn. Eyes on the exit horizon, Late Apex, steady throttle up, smooth transfer of weight to the rear, ease pressure on the inside bar, exit on the inside of the turn. Wipe the drool from your shield.

Sight alignment and trigger control is very similar. You know on a cellular level the hammer fell right at perfect sight alignment while the blurry ball was in your aiming area. Wipe the drool before scoring the targets Now go out and ride while your poor decrepit fadder has to shovel SNOW (again)

RNSA SUPPORT FOR THE EAST COAST NAVY MATCHES

by Bob Ryan

The East Coast Navy Matches were conducted from April 13th to the 22rd at the ranges at US Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA. Several RNSA members supported the matches and also competed (very well, I might add) in the matches. The new East Coast Team OIC, Cdr Matt Bartel tried a new format this year. We ran a compressed schedule that completed the match-



es in 10 days. This was very aggressive but it gave more shooters the opportunity to participate in both the Fleet and All Navy portions of the match this year. As usual, the line was squadded to place at least one experienced shooter on each firing point so that support to new shooters is directly available. The emphasis is on both competition and training. This year the Navy shooters were joined by shooters from the US Coast Guard, US Marine Corps, US Army, US Air Force, and from the Canadian Maritime Defense Forces.

Our RNSA president, Cdr (ret) Don Lassell, as always, was a key person in training the new rifle shooters. His training session is always worth attending! This year there was a good balance between lecture/position demonstration and individual position training and slinging-in. Overall, it was very effective. The success of the training can best be demonstrated by one 20 year old Sailor who shot sub 100 the first rifle match and was up to over 400 by the last All Navy match!

Retired Chief Warrant Officer Dave Vinkler, went the extra mile in support for the matches ... not only did he compete but he also ran the rifle phase for the entire match. He organized, squadded and safely ran the rifle phase of the matches and shot so well that he won the award pistol for high All Navy Grand Aggregate! He will be awarded the Smith and Wesson 1911 pistol for his score of 1805-31. He actually was the second place Navy shooter but Cdr Bartel has already won 2 award pistols so the pistol was passed down to Dave. This is Dave's second award pistol win so he is now out of contention for award pistol presentations.

Bob Ryan also helped out by running the statistics and registrations for the match. We use the CMP scoring system now so our scores are online instantly. If anyone

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West Coast Stat Officer at work!

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Since Kaarlo retired he has been involved in helping train active duty Navy and Air Force as well as retired Navy personnel how to improve their marksmanship skills. In addition to his work as a civilian at Sugar Grove Navy base in West Virginia he recruits and trains Navy shooters from his base and almost always brings a base team to the fleet matches. One year his team was named “Where is Sugar Grove?”

He usually attends the National Matches where you will find him helping the active navy team. You can always ask Kaarlo a question about shooting and he will take the time to give you a good answer. Once again well done Kaarlo.

More About the McAndrew Award

The UT1(SCW) Mark P. (Mac) McAndrew Award is presented for “Unselfish Support to New Shooters”. The award plaque displays Mac’s hat, bronzed, in all its character. Mac’s own unselfish support to new shooters provided the inspiration for the creation of the award. The first recipient of the award was CDR Don Lassell, 2008. Subsequent winners have been LCDR



H.J.”Walt” Walter, 2009; Capt. Bob Ryan, 2010; CWO4 Dave Vinkler, 2011, and this year, Kaarlo Elonen. We are proud to point out that every one of these awardees is a member of the RNSA. This is a proud demonstration of the fact that we are indeed



Pictured l to r: Dave Vinkler, Matt Bartel, Don Lassell

giving back to the program the support that we received when we were new shooters.

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need to have improved conscientiousness on the part of the membership. Many members have very helpful by submitting multi-year renewals that save time for us volunteers. This is greatly appreciated.

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wants to check the scores, they only need to go to the CMP web site and under the CMP “Competition Tracker” find the east coast fleet matches. The system is nice but does have some quirks that Capt Ryan could definitely use some help with next year if there are any volunteers! It would be terrific if we could get a core group of RNSA volunteers or spouses to run the scores and stats and help take care of the team while they shoot, also allowing those RNSA members that still want to shoot, the opportunity to do so.

Dave Reavis coordinated the door prizes for both the east and west coast matches this year. He did a great job with the top give-aways being a nice pistol box for each coast (worth over \$200). The door prizes were given away on the ending Sunday of the matches this year over coffee and donuts. Rain cancelled the last day of shooting so we held the award ceremony and gave away the door prizes.

Unfortunately, Walt Walter couldn't make the matches this year, the NRA annual meeting required his attendance. For those that may not know, Walt is on the NRA Board of Directors and is heavily involved in high power competition and improving the sport as we know it. Walt has been a fixture for so many years at the east coast matches, I am surprised the matches were even able to occur without him!

Nine RNSA members gathered for dinner and discussed association matters along with other familiar shooting stories. RNSA members are prominent as block and pit officials and are often seen helping all new shooters within reach during the matches.

As you can see, the RNSA is heavily involved in supporting the Navy Marksmanship Team. We certainly welcome any and all volunteers that can make it to

Quantico for the annual event. With the range scheduling at Quantico, we will likely continue to shoot the Navy Matches in the April time frame, when the bulk of the USMC Rifle team is away at their Division Matches.

Annual Reunion of Navy Competitive Shooters

by Bob Siefker

Bob & Theresa Siefker will be the hosts for this year's annual reunion of Navy Competitive Shooters. It will be held in Indianapolis from Sept 12th to the 15th, 2012. Registration will begin Wed September 12. It is nearly miraculous how shot groups shrink over the years in retelling match stories!

Thursday, we will take a trip back in time with a visit to Connor Prairie, a village right out of the 1830's with folks to chat with and learn the history of Central Indiana. The afternoon will be at the famous Indianapolis Speedway where we will take a lap around the most famous race track in the world as well as see many, many famous cars and other memorabilia.

Friday, we take a drive through the Southeastern Indiana countryside to the National Matches! That's right, we will visit Friendship Indiana during the National Muzzle Loaders annual National Matches. We'll see many different styles and types of weapons, see a blacksmith in action, throw tomahawks, and put some rounds down range using some of the NMLRA's "smoke-poles!"

Saturday evening we'll gather for a wonderful dinner at a local eatery and then, too soon, it will be over for another year. The cost for both tours and the reunion itself is only \$125! A complete "Match

Bulletin" (i.e program) may be downloaded at a site Bart Bobbit set up:

<http://sites.google.com/site/usncompetitiveshootersreunion/>

Hope to see everyone in Indy this September!

Call me at 317 886-8186 or email me at rsiefker@indyblue.com for additional info.

Bob Siefker

USNR Pistol & Rifle Team member 1969-1988

Dist Marksman & Dist Pistol

Solicitation of Articles for the Gazette

RNSA is soliciting articles for the next Gazette. Write and submit an article that is of general interest to the membership. Suggested topics include: recommended shooting techniques, pointers on mental discipline, experiences that worked, etc. You could also share stories from the "old days" or tell the membership about shooting activities in which you are participating or supporting.

Submit an article like one that you yourself would like to read in the Gazette. Someone out there is wondering how you are doing because they haven't heard from you ... write a couple of sentences & send them in ... how hard can that be? Your reply to this solicitation can also include suggestions for articles or content for the Gazette even if you can't create them.



RNSA would like to pay special tribute to Pat Mitternight for his many years of supporting the U.S. Navy Shooting Program.

Pat has indicated he intends to retire at the close of this years shooting season. It would be safe to say that the program would not have survived without his intervention. He has always worked low key but with firmness to keep the program on the right track. This despite many O-in-Cs who thought they knew how to run the program better.

BRAVO ZULU Pat, fair winds and following seas, enjoy your retirement.



Retired Navy Shooters Association Membership Application

The Retired Navy Shooters Association was established in May 1994 and affiliated with the National Rifle Association shortly thereafter. The purpose of the organization as contained in the By-Laws is the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among its members, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such members of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. This may be demonstrated in the fielding of competitive teams within the restrictions of Rule 2.11, National Rifle Association Rifle and Pistol rules. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

Application is open to any retired member of the regular military forces or military reserves (whether drawing retired pay or not) who has had an association with the Navy or Navy Reserve Shooting program, whether as a designated member of a previous team (either firing or alternate), having served as a coach, coordinator, assistant, materially assisted with the conduct of Fleet or All-Navy matches, or are designated a Navy Distinguished Marksman or Pistol Shot, or hold Excellence-in-Competition points towards such designation, may become a member of this organization on vote of the Executive Committee after subscribing to the following pledge and on payment of the usual initiation fee and dues. Members of the Navy and Navy Reserve within six months of retirement are eligible for membership with all rights pertaining thereto with the exception of competing on teams fielded by the Association (until their actual retirement is effective).

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