

NATURAL RIGHT

FIREARMS

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JUST CELEBRATED EASTER

Guys this is where my range/club name came from. Natural Right, the rights we get from our Constitution. The inalienable rights given to us by God were made possible because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Those who believe in that resurrection for the forgiveness of our sins will spend eternity in heaven, those who don't will spend eternity in another place trying to pay the debt for those sins.

I am asked from time to time how I reconcile my faith with a gun business. It is simple, we have a right, a responsibility even to defend and protect our families. Even in the Bible renown men of God were raised up to defend God's chosen people Israel. You will see each of my shooting bays named from one of these men. Always remember the grace we have been given. I do.

RANGE COOKOUT

We are doing something a little different in April. No, it's not an April fool match. I will be running a six-stage Hit Factor match and at the same time a five-stage steel challenge match. There will be two separate matches run simultaneously. You will be able to shoot in one or both matches. After the morning shoots we will be having a range cookout. The menu is hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato chips or potato salad and a slice of Belinda's delicious cake.



People who want to shoot both matches will shoot hit factor match in the morning and steel challenge after the cookout. If you plan to just participate in the steel challenge match only you will shoot in the morning. Also, if you plan to shoot in the steel challenge and the hit factor matches you will shoot hit factor in the morning and steel challenge in the afternoon. If you plan to attend the cookout you must sign up for it on Practiscore for each plate in addition to signing up for each match you plan to shoot. The signup is on Practiscore for the cookout, \$10 per plate, current range members eat free. <https://practiscore.com/events/nrf-club-cookout/participants/create>

We will have cornhole toss, horseshoes, and just a time of relaxation after the morning matches. We also have a new range member who has agreed to provide some entertainment while we eat. Thanks to Jerry Fairley.

THE RANGE

I have re affiliated with USPSA. I still hate the drama that is going on within USPSA. The purpose NRF range is in business is for you, the shooter. I have asked some of my patrons what their thoughts are on running USPSA matches, and most want to see USPSA matches continue. I will likely run the minimum number to maintain my affiliation and a classifier match so those who want to get classified will have the opportunity to do so. I have not scheduled a time for a classifier match yet, but it will probably be in the June timeframe. I still want to do a large level 1, 10 stage local match. It will probably be in the October timeframe.

As a reminder we will handle range memberships on Practiscore going forward. Range dues will be due on March 1st every year and new memberships will be prorated to March 1st. Active



members will renew when their membership is due, and it will be prorated to March 1, 2025. Remember there are other benefits to club/range membership, like match fee discounts, gun shop discounts, and our April 6th cookout is free to range members. The new bay expansion is complete. We just need some grass to get going and some parking changes.

TRAINING

When can I use lethal force or deadly force?

Laws are vague from state to state on the use of deadly force. There is plenty of wiggle room for lawyers to interpret your actions and knowing where the grey lines are. Thank goodness I'm not a lawyer but from the training I have seen and done the best way to make sure you are not using deadly force in the wrong situation is to be in imminent danger yourself or protecting someone else who is in danger of losing their life from a threat.

I guess I should define deadly force. Deadly force is the intentional use of a firearm or other weapon, the use of which would have a high probability of causing death. Notice that the use of a firearm is considered deadly regardless of when it is used and other weapons are implied to be deadly if used in a way to cause lethal harm. If for example, you used a baseball bat to hit somebody in the arm to stop an attack it would likely not be considered deadly force. However, if the same bat were used to hit someone in the head it could be deadly. Notice that even if you made the case, you were shooting somebody in the leg it would be considered lethal force since a gun is used it is always considered deadly force. I've even read about instances where rounds were not even fired and people were charged with lethal force just by pointing a firearm at someone. So, make sure you are using the lesser force required to stop an attack.

You should be able to determine someone's intent to cause harm. If a person has made their intent clear to cause you harm, if they have a weapon capable of carrying out that intent and have the delivery system to do so then you should consider it imminent. In that case you would be able to justify the lethal use of force.

There is so much more to self-defense training than what I have outlined above. Such as stand your ground laws, or the castle doctrine. For example, MS has a stand your ground law that states that you have no obligation to retreat, but if that option makes itself available, why wouldn't you. Not being in a confrontation is a sure-fire way to keep your blood in your veins and money in your pocketbook. Castle doctrine basically says you home is your castle, and you have a right to use deadly force to protect yourself. If someone breaks into your home their intent should be clear, they plan to do you harm.

If you plan to carry a firearm you should first train on it's use diligently. There is no more dangerous person than one who owns a firearm but knows not how to use it. You must also know the laws so if you are ever forced to use your weapon in a self-defense situation you will know you're not stepping across a line that would land you on the wrong side of the law.

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