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COUNTRY LIFE

I love living in the country. I mean we are not so far away from civilization that we can't have access to Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowes and Sonic Blast if needed. We are far enough out that we don't have to worry much about mobs of radical you name it, Antifa, BLM, LGBTQBST groups trying to push their agenda.

I had a small garden this year and have enjoyed the fruits of our labor. No pun intended. I'm afraid that there is a time coming when we will have to grow that garden for our only supply of sustenance. Now I'm not a huge survivalist from the standpoint I fear a zombie apocalypse, but I am a realist and a God-fearing Christian, and I do believe we are encroaching on the end time events spoken of in Daniel and Revelation of John.

America is not exempt from hard times. These times may be brought by war, economic ruin, or just a lack of law and order. The last one is a good reason to reside in rural areas.

PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY

When emergency situations happen, we tend to turn to community. We should be a people who help others in need but just like instructed by flight stewardess to put on your oxygen mask first then help others. Also, we need to prepare ahead of bad times. In our lifetime we can see natural disasters that will impact our community, but increasingly I find myself concerned we will see economic or manmade hard times before the end of my days. Because of these thoughts I find myself looking at and learning not only how to protect our community but how to feed them if the ability to go to the supermarket is taken away.

Again, I don't want to live my life in fear the country and infrastructure of our distribution system is going to collapse, but it very well could. Remember the saying that those who do not study history are doomed to repeat it. America as prosperous as it is has seen some really hard times. Civil war, World war, the great depression, many natural disasters are just a few times we have seen. With the invasion of who knows how many people who have been allowed into our country who have absolute disdain for our foundational way of life gives me concern that we could see an assault on our soil in my lifetime. We have seen our leaders allow foreign powers fly assets over the heart of our country with the full capability to unleash an EMP (electromagnetic pulse) capable of putting us in the dark ages.

EDUCATION

I have seen during this election cycle something that I thought I would never see. There seems to be no indication we live in a constitutional republic anymore. The regime in power now has successfully changed

the definition of Democracy. The people no longer control the direction of the government, institutions do. The government and our so-called representatives no longer feel obligated to govern based on the interest of their constituents but instead based on the interests of paid lobbyist. These institutions carry more weight to help politicians get elected so they bow to those interest instead of protecting the citizens of the country. Some are in fact actively working to destroy the United States.

When I see interviews of people walking on the streets or beaches at their vacation spots, I hear them answer in uniformed and unconcerned manner that our freedoms are eroding by the day. So why should we be educated in what is going on politically? It will be much easier to defend yourself if you see



the disaster coming. Hope for the best but prepare for the worst. There will come a time, and I'm afraid it may be in my life that we may have to fend for necessities like food and water. During those times we will have to protect against those who will want to take it from those who have prepared for hard times. This leads me to my investment strategy, first food storage, good water supply and precious metals, gold, silver and lead. No need to explain the uses of each of those items.

THE RANGE

Ok enough gloom and doom. What is going on on the range? We have postponed run-n-gun matches in July and August due to the heat. In September we are going to be back with both USPSA and Steel Challenge matches. We are hosting a Steve Anderson seminar (already sold out). And our steel Challenge matches will be all 8 stages. Those who want some practice going into either The State Championship we are hosting here or the well promoted tier one match with the same name in central MS, you can shoot all 8 for \$25 per gun and get classification times in all 8.

We had a special range member who sponsored the November match by purchasing Make Ready Shooter tables for all 8 stages. Even though that member wants to remain anonymous, those shooter tables are the perfect addition to our fairly new range. Since last month we have also added shade for 5 of the 8 shooting bays. Those creature comforts will make shooting steel much better. Another thing we have done this year is by expanding to 10 bays we are able to leave 5 steel challenge stages up all the time for our range members to come practice during range hours all week.



If you want a great place to come practice during the week, consider a NRF range membership. Range members have other privileges also. They get \$5 off one gun for any match fee. They get 10% discount on any purchase in the retail store, including any firearms or accessories ordered through the NRF store. Any transfer fees are \$20 vs \$30 for non-club members. All this and we haven't mentioned we have a 300-yard rifle range also. We also try to have a range cookout every spring and all range members and their family eat free.

TRAINING

I think we need to talk a little about preparation in the home. I spend a lot of time in my basic firearm safety class talking about how to handle yourself in a self-defense shooting incident everywhere except in your home. The one thing I teach is the color codes of awareness. This is a mechanism to determine when we need to have a heightened awareness level. White is unaware. It is when we let our guard down. Typically, it is when we are in our homes. We tend to let our guard down then more so than when we are in public, and we have a gun strapped to us.

Do you know where your firearms are stored in your home? Do you know where ammunition is? Have you trained on how to best access your weapon from different locations in your home? Does your family know where they are? Are they proficient in their use. Would they be willing to use them even if they do know where they are. I am a firearms instructor, and my wife has no desire to fire a weapon even if in a self-defense situation. Have you considered other self-defense options, like a crowbar, baseball bat, taser, or pepper spray. Those questions need to be answered before you are in a situation where you need to protect yourself or a loved one. Keep in mind there may be a time when you have to be the one to defend yourself. Especially in rural America you can't count on the calvary being right around the corner and you may not be able to dial 911. It may be up to you.