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Hello Fellow CARGO Members,

The August 2010 meeting will be held at Napoli's on **Thursday August 26th**.

We will be in the meeting room between 6:00 and 7:00 for food and fellowship. The official meeting will start at 7:00 and run until 9:00.

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Topic for the meeting:

The market for .22 versions of pistol caliber carbines, intermediate or full scale battle rifles is very hot at this time.

One of the hottest segments has been the .22 clones of H&K rifles. Recently H&K filed suit against a number of manufactures to stop the sale of these clone rifles. GSG sold the wildly successful GSG-5 rifle until H&K filed suit against them. GSG changed the rifle to address the issues brought up by H&K and the GSG-522 is the resulting product.

We will have examples of these to look at during the meeting.

In addition, there are a number of .22 conversion kits available for both pistols and rifles. If you have a .22 conversion for a pistol or a rifle, please bring the kit and the rifle or pistol that it converts.

As always, if you have something new, old, plain or interesting, please bring it with you to share with the group.

In Wylie, we had an issue with Planning and Zoning that we called CARGO members out to show their support to a change to the rules that inadvertently impacted home FFLs doing business in Wylie. We will have additional information and details from the Planning and Zoning meeting last week.

Also, CARGO is now on Facebook. Search for CARGO in Facebook. I'll try to put reminders of the meetings and the topics on the wall.

Please stop by the web site: www.cargogunclub.org

Thank you,

Paul Curtis
President - CARGO
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Again we are trying to deal with anti-spam filtering of a number of e-mail providers and have been getting lower than expected delivery rates.

If you have anti-spam software please add CARGO@att.net and CARGO@fastem.com to your white list.

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Here are some ways to help the US troops:

<http://troopsneedyou.com/>

http://video.foxnews.com/v/4209313/troops-need-you/?playlist_id=87937

This organization builds homes for 100% disable US troops:

<http://www.homesforourtroops.org>

Please take some time to consider donating to help a US Sniper:

www.americansnipers.org

Sometimes you just need a song to tell it like it is:

<http://www.thewarriorsong.com/video.html>

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This are both great!

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=253292&id=361997510504>

This is from a USO tour in Iraq:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5MtdIO23MKM>

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From Member Kimberly Curtis:

<http://liveshots.blogs.foxnews.com/2010/08/18/appleseed-teaching-history-with-guns/?test=latestnews>

Appleseed Teaching History with Guns

August 18, 2010 - 7:40 AM | by: [Jonathan Serrie](#)



Fearing the U.S. is a sinking ship, a man from North Carolina's Piedmont has set out on a mission to teach everyday Americans how to shoot a rifle and how to embrace their Revolutionary War history.

"How do you measure the value of liberty to a society?" Appleseed Project founder Jack Dailey asked a small group of

families and individuals that gathered this past weekend at the West Georgia Youth Range in Georgia's Haralson County. "Wouldn't you measure it by the number of people who care enough about it to show up to defend it? And if that's the case, how does America in the 21st Century stack up to the America of the 18th Century? I've got to tell you, if you look at the difference, I'm not sure you'd use the word 'progress.'"

Dailey's criticism is not specifically directed at the Obama administration (he founded the Appleseed Project in 2005 during the second term of President George W. Bush), but "ignorance, apathy and laziness" which he believes have allowed government to grow and stray from the interests of the people.

"You run across a lot of Americans nowadays who feel that the freedoms we have now are considerably diminished from the freedoms that we had even 50 years ago," Dailey said.

Over its five years of existence, the Appleseed Project has taught 20 thousand students at events scattered around the country, usually in small groups of 10 to 20 people at a time. The sessions alternate between lectures on the American Revolution and marksmanship clinics. According to Dailey, shooting is the hook.

"If I put an item in the paper saying that Wednesday night I'm going to tell the story of April 19, 1775... I may have a dozen people show up," Dailey said. "But if we promote the notion that if you come to an Appleseed you'll learn how to shoot your rifle, cumulatively, we have thousands of people who show up."

Randy Farmer, who drove an hour from the Atlanta suburb of Marietta to attend the Haralson County event, said shooting was the primary lure. "But I like the fact that the shooting is backed up with the history and the purpose for being a rifleman."

"This is the good side of guns," said Kayla Schlemmer of Decatur, another Atlanta suburb. As a woman, Schlemmer gets free admission to Appleseed classes -- an offer that also applies to children and active duty members of the military. "This is guns out in the open. Anybody can come to these things. And it's a very apolitical philosophy," Schlemmer said.

Appleseed Project events are officially nonpartisan. "You won't find any politics discussed that's less than 200 years old," Dailey said.

Appleseed organizers and participants claim they're just mainstream Americans exercising their First and Second Amendment rights. For now, watchdog groups, including the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Anti-Defamation League, would agree.

"At this moment, we do not believe that the Appleseed Project is an extremist organization," said Bill Nigut, the ADL's Southeast regional director. "We don't know where they're headed."

Nigut said his concern is not the ordinary gun enthusiasts who account for much of the attendance at Appleseed events, but the occasional participant with extremist views.

"We also have documented people who go there who have clear anti-government views, who represent the Sovereign Citizens Movement and other militia-type movements -- people who are convinced that they've got to arm themselves against the government breaking into their homes and taking control of their lives," Nigut said.

But Dailey insists his program, which is open to any American regardless of "race, religion, gender, sexuality, national origin or ideology," is more likely to have a moderating effect on anyone harboring extremist views because Appleseed offers hope.

"I have a guy in the program now who's an instructor who says that when he came to this program, he was a hardcore survivalist and the only reason he came to Appleseed was to bring his wife so she could learn to shoot," Dailey said. "When they got to Appleseed, he said it was like a miracle. He said they didn't know there were other Americans who were trying to work to save this country and they wanted to be part of it."

Dailey said while the founding fathers faced two choices: fight or submit, the Revolution gave future generations a third choice: representative government and the ability to change it through the electoral process. Dailey said many Americans take that right for granted and fail to exercise it to its full potential, causing the nation's political course to fluctuate like changes in the weather.

"What we're interested in is climate change," Dailey said. "We want to change the people who vote -- the electorate. And the way we've chosen to do that is to try and put Americans back in touch with their heritage."

From the ODCMP:

Effective immediately, the ten can purchase limit for .30-06 ammo is no longer in effect. There is no set limit. Should we reach the point in inventory where we feel a limit may again be appropriate, we will revisit the issue.

From Member Carter Porter:

"The Gun Is Civilization"

Interesting take and one you don't hear much.

As the Supreme Court hears arguments for and against the Chicago, IL Gun

Ban, I offer you another stellar example of a letter (written by a Marine) that places the proper perspective on what a gun means to a civilized society.

Read this eloquent and profound letter and pay close attention to the last paragraph of the letter...

The Gun is Civilization

By Maj. L. Caudill USMC (Ret)

Human beings only have two ways to deal with one another: reason and force. If you want me to do something for you, you have a choice of either convincing me via argument, or force me to do your bidding under threat of force. Every human interaction falls into one of those two categories, without exception. Reason or force, that's it.

In a truly moral and civilized society, people exclusively interact through persuasion. Force has no place as a valid method of social interaction, and the only thing that removes force from the menu is the personal firearm, as paradoxical as it may sound to some.

When I carry a gun, you cannot deal with me by force. You have to use reason and try to persuade me, because I have a way to negate your threat or employment of force.

The gun is the only personal weapon that puts a 100-pound woman on equal footing with a 220-pound mugger, a 75-year old retiree on equal footing with a 19-year old gang banger, and a single guy on equal footing with a carload of drunken guys with baseball bats. The gun removes the disparity in physical strength, size, or numbers between a potential attacker and a defender.

There are plenty of people who consider the gun as the source of bad force equations. These are the people who think that we'd be more civilized if all guns were removed from society, because a firearm makes it easier for a [armed] mugger to do his job. That, of course, is only true if the mugger's potential victims are mostly disarmed either by choice or by legislative fiat--it has no validity when most of a mugger's potential marks are armed.

People who argue for the banning of arms ask for automatic rule by the young, the strong, and the many, and that's the exact opposite of a civilized society. A mugger, even an armed one, can only make a successful living in a society where the state has granted him a force monopoly.

Then there's the argument that the gun makes confrontations lethal that otherwise would only result in injury. This argument is fallacious in several ways. Without guns involved, confrontations are won by the physically superior party inflicting overwhelming injury on the loser.

People who think that fists, bats, sticks, or stones don't constitute lethal force watch too much TV, where people take beatings and come out of it with a bloody lip at worst. The fact that the gun makes lethal force easier works solely in favor of the weaker defender, not the stronger attacker. If both are armed, the field is level.

The gun is the only weapon that's as lethal in the hands of an octogenarian as it is in the hands of a weight lifter. It simply wouldn't work as well as a force equalizer if it wasn't both lethal and easily employable.

When I carry a gun, I don't do so because I am looking for a fight, but because I'm looking to be left alone. The gun at my side means that I cannot be forced, only persuaded. I don't carry it because I'm afraid, but because it enables me to be unafraid. It doesn't limit the actions of those who would interact with me through reason, only the actions of those who would do so by force. It removes force from the equation... and that's why carrying a gun is a civilized act.

By Maj. L. Caudill USMC (Ret)

So the greatest civilization is one where all citizens are equally armed and can only be persuaded, never forced.

If you have had to watch the History Channel show, Top Shot. We have been contacted by the Casting production company:

Paul,

History Channel is now casting for season 2 of its hit new show "Top Shot"! We are looking for excellent marksmen of any skill level ready to take on the best in a multitude of historical, physical, and unusual challenges. Contestants have the chance to win \$100,000 in prizes as well as test their skills against the best marksmen in world.

Below is a brief description of what we are looking for and how to apply. Please repost this so that all who are interested can sign up for this incredible opportunity. Also attached is a flyer for our show for you to pass along.

Thank you so much and good luck to all!

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From Member Carter Porter:

Vietnam Wall

First click on a state.

When it opens, scroll down to the city and the names will appear.

Then click on their names. It should show you a picture of the person, or at least their bio and medals.

This is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it.

I hope everyone who receives this appreciates what those who served in Vietnam sacrificed for our country.

The link below is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam war with the names, bio's and other information on our lost heroes.

Those who remember that time frame, or perhaps lost friends or family, can look them up on this site.

Pass the link on to others if you like.

<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>

From Member Dennis Larson:

**SAF SUES IN NEW YORK TO VOID 'GOOD
CAUSE' CARRY PERMIT REQUIREMENT**

BELLEVUE, WA - The Second Amendment Foundation has filed a federal lawsuit against Westchester County, New York and its handgun permit licensing officers, seeking a permanent injunction against enforcement of a state law that allows carry licenses to be denied because applicants cannot show "good cause."

SAF is joined in the lawsuit by Alan Kachalsky and Christina Nikolov, both Westchester County residents whose permit applications were denied. Kachalsky's denial was because he could not "demonstrate a need for self protection distinguishable from that of the general public." Nikolov's was denied because she could not demonstrate that there was "any type of threat to her own safety anywhere." In addition to Westchester County, Susan Cacace and Jeffrey Cohen, both serving at times as handgun permit licensing officers, are named as defendants. The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court

for the Southern District of New York, White Plains Division.

Attorney Alan Gura is representing the plaintiffs, along with attorney Vincent Gelardi with Gelardi & Randazzo of Rye Brook, NY. Gura recently represented SAF and the Illinois State Rifle Association in their landmark Second Amendment Supreme Court victory over the City of Chicago.

Under New York Penal Code §167.400.00, handgun carry permit applicants must "demonstrate good cause for the issuance of a permit," the lawsuit alleges. This requirement violates the Second Amendment, according to the plaintiffs.

"American citizens like Alan Kachalsky and Christina Nikolov should not have to demonstrate good cause in order to exercise a constitutionally-protected civil right," noted SAF Executive Vice President Alan Gottlieb. "Our civil rights, including the right to keep and bear arms, should not be subject to the whims of a local government or its employees, just because they don't think someone needs a carry permit. Nobody advocates arming criminals or mental defectives, but honest citizens with clean records should not be denied out of hand.

"Thanks to our recent victory before the Supreme Court," Gottlieb stated, "the Second Amendment now applies to state and local governments. Our lawsuit is a reminder to state and local bureaucrats that we have a Bill of Rights in this country, not a Bill of Needs'."

The case is filed as Kachalsky v. Cacase, U.S. Dist. Ct. S.D. N.Y. 10-05413

The Second Amendment Foundation (www.saf.org) is the nation's oldest and largest tax-exempt education, research, publishing and legal action group focusing on the Constitutional right and heritage to privately own and possess firearms. Founded in 1974, The Foundation has grown to more than 650,000 members and supporters and conducts many programs designed to better inform the public about the consequences of gun control. SAF has previously funded successful firearms-related suits against the cities of Los Angeles; New Haven, CT; and San Francisco on behalf of American gun owners, a lawsuit against the cities suing gun makers and an amicus brief and fund for the Emerson case holding the Second Amendment as an individual right.

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From Member Rod McCoy:

The 6P62 is a beast of a gun. It is a magazine fed machine gun that chambers the Russian [12.7x108mm](#) cartridge, a round that is slightly more powerful than a .50 BMG.



Note the muzzle brake at the end of the suppressor.

Its short barrel reduces the velocity of the 12.7mm ammunition to 2099 fps (down from the 2800 fps of a standard anti-material gun). The decrease in velocity results in a 44% decrease of energy but at 7847 ft/lbs of energy it is still considerably powerful.



It weighs 33 lbs unloaded, fires at 400-500 rpm and is 47" in length.

It was never adopted by any armed forces. If such a powerful shoulder fired gun was needed, a much more efficient cartridge would probably be designed.

From AR15.com:

Briefcase AR



These days many people are more easily frightened and suspicious than they were just a few years ago. Ever since terrorists brought their holy war onto American soil, and further fueled by the ongoing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, people have been keeping a fearful eye out just a bit more than they used to. For most, situational awareness can prevent a bad situation,

and keep you and a loved one out of harms way. For many though, this has brought a state of paranoia. The ever-suspicious neighbor can be easily alarmed by events or actions that were once commonplace and benign. One such action is seeing someone carrying something that looks like a firearm, a container that might contain a firearm, or even worse, one of those evil assault weapons we hear so much about in the media.

In order to avoid incidents with the paranoid neighbors or the criminals who might want access to a firearm, lawful gun owners tend to avoid broadcasting the fact that they're carrying firearms. It seems that these days the preferred case for the AR-15 is one of the many "discreet" offerings that do not scream GUN! everywhere you go.



While one could argue that a rectangular soft case with internal magazine pockets or MOLLE webbing is less conspicuous than the traditional long and thin cases with external magazine pouches, the former is not exactly discreet. The old guitar, baseball or golf club cases camouflage the contents, but in a very bulky, impractical and cumbersome solution and can look out of place in many professional environments.

With the AR-15's ability to separate into its lower and upper components with the push of two pins, this platform offers a user a unique, simple, and quick way to reduce the overall length during transport to just over 2 feet in length. This goes a long way towards opening up the options for shorter and less obvious carry methods. A few excellent cases have been built and sold for this purpose, and many existing non-gun bags and cases can be used to fit these two components.

To go one step further, my goal was to fit a full-length (16" barrel) no-compromise rifle into a laptop case intended for a standard 17" laptop. This is a case that could be carried to and from work without raising an eyebrow, would not alert the neighbors who might be watching each time you left your house or your vehicle carrying your AR, and would not raise suspicion. While there are a number of soft padded cases available, I decided to use a Pelican 1490 (interior 18x11x4") in order to be able to keep it in my car or boat, throw it in a suitcase during air travel, or any other place that I chose to carry it without risking damage to the rifle. As luck would have it, I already had this case sitting around the office because I use it to carry my laptop.

Several briefcase AR designs have made it to the marketplace before. Some have relied on short barrels, and while this is great for those who want to carry an SBR, it does not help the vast majority who want to carry a non-NFA rifle.

In order to fit an upper into a small case, the upper receiver being the longest component has to be broken down further. The key is to do this without requiring tools and 30 minutes to put everything back together when you want to shoot. A few screw-on free-float handguards have been designed to accomplish this and simply screwing the handguard on and off to separate the barrel from the upper for storage. The drawback for me with these systems is that you lose the ability to have a rail system, at least with the versions I've seen, and they typically cannot be used with a standard front sight base. I wanted a rifle that made me give up none of the features I rely on with my personal ARs, but one that was easier to carry with me to the range, training, or anywhere else I needed it to go.

So how do you fit a full-length AR carbine into a laptop case? As mentioned above, the key is to use a system that will enable you to quickly attach/remove the barrel assembly from the upper receiver. One such system is the QCB upper from MGI. This upper receiver allows the user to change barrels in just seconds. This allows the system to be extremely compact and concealable as well as giving the operator the option of having multiple barrels for multiple functions. It uses standard barrels with the Delta Ring, barrel nut, sling swivel and front handguard keeper removed, so finding components could not be easier. The new QCB-D model now is compatible with piston systems and includes multiple improvements such as Hard Coat Anodized Mil Spec Finish, four full-length Picatinny style rails, new locking arm retention system and more.



I'll have the full writeup and Q&A coming in the [newsletter forum](#) as we finish up a few of the details on this rifle.

Currently I have it running with standard DI barrel, CMMG piston conversion kit, and we're working on getting an Osprey

Defense solution as well, as that system gives us some additional benefits. The images above give you an idea of how this rifle comes apart and can be stored or carried. In the pictures above, we've merely set everything in the case, as a final layout and foam cutting has not yet taken place. However, as you can see there is plenty of room for mounted optics, a light, several magazines, and a QD sling.

Also, we have not had to make any compromises to get this rifle into the case. We have excellent components from top of the line manufacturers including Daniel Defense, Spikes Tactical, Bravo Company USA, Magpul, Troy, Surefire, Elcan, and CMMG just to name a few.

From Guns and Ammo:

<http://www.gunsandammo.com/content/arspecific-scopes>

AR-Specific Scopes

From predators to plates Nikon's M-223 lineup provides the perfect match to the Stoner platform.

By Greg Rodriguez Posted: 2010-06

No other modern weapon system has achieved the popularity of the AR-15. Versatility is one reason the AR is so popular--its accuracy and modular design make it easily adaptable to a wide range of missions. From running and gunning for predators to whitetail hunting on the Back 40 to long-range varmint eradication, the AR does it all. And Nikon's new M-223 line of riflescopes is designed to help you make the most of that versatility.

The M-223 line includes a rugged mount and five scopes in three power ranges--1-4x20, 2-8x32 and 3-12x42. Each comes with either a BDC 600 reticle or Nikon's slick Rapid Action Turret, both of which are ballistically matched to a 55-grain Ballistic Tip load to allow dead-on holds from 100 yards all the way out to 600. Each model in the line has its own unique features, but they all share some key features that contribute to their optical clarity and strength.

Built Tough

Every M-223 scope is built on Nikon's rugged, one-piece aluminum tube. One-piece construction ensures the greatest strength and durability, while the aluminum body material helps keep down the weight. The O-ring-sealed, nitrogen-filled tube is waterproof, fogproof and shockproof. Those are desirable attributes whether you carry your AR on the battlefield or to the range.

The M-223 line's exceptional glass is fully multicoated. The brilliant glass and coatings make up what Nikon calls its Ultra Clear Coat Optical System. The glass and coatings are designed to work together to deliver a bright, crisp sight picture and allow the maximum amount of light--95 percent, theoretically--to pass through to the shooter's eye.

Another key feature of the M-223 line is the big eye box. The large ocular lens delivers a bright, sharp sight picture and four inches of eye relief across the power range. Nikon's eye box technology also allows the M-223's optics to deliver 4X magnification. And, when you adjust the power ring, it's smooth and easy to turn, with just enough resistance to keep it from moving inadvertently, but not so much that you have to lose your sight picture to adjust it.

Features

The M-223 line's BDC reticle and Rapid Action Turret were designed around a 55-grain, polymer-tipped load with a muzzle velocity of 3,240 fps and Nikon's special M-223 mount. The stout, alloy mount fits on any flattop AR and has 20 MOA of slope built in to allow the maximum amount of elevation travel for extreme long-range shooting. Though the system is set up for 600 yards, you could use Nikon's Spot-On ballistics matching program (see sidebar) to find a different zero distance and go even farther. For example, a 200-yard zero allows you to hold the bottom of the last circle dead-on at 627 yards on 12X or 707 yards on 9X.

The 2-8x32 and 3-12x42 models in the M-223 line come with either a BDC 600 reticle or a Rapid Action Turret, both of which allow the user to quickly and easily engage targets from point blank out to 600 yards.

The BDC 600 reticle is designed to be zeroed at 100 yards. Five circles below it serve as aiming points for 200, 300, 400, 500 and 600 yards. Hash marks in between each circle serve as midrange aiming points. For example, to make a 550-yard shot, you would hold on the hash mark between the 500- and 600-yard circles. It also has Rapid Action Turrets, but they are

marked in quarter-minutes, with a number every fourth click to denote a full minute-of-angle.

The Rapid Action Turret system is basically a target-type elevation turret with a line at every 50-yard increment from 100 to 600 yards. Once the gun is zeroed at 100 yards, simply reset the turret to 100 and the rest of the lines will get you to the indicated range. I really like the new turret system because you don't need a special Allen wrench to adjust it. Simply zero your scope, pull up on the turret, turn it until the 100-yard line meets the zero line on the scope and push it down to lock in your zero. It's much faster to do than it is to read.

The Lineup

The smallest member of the M-223 family, the 1-4x20, was designed with AR carbines in mind. It is a lightweight, compact scope with an exceptionally wide field of view and Nikon's Point Blank reticle, which consists of a standard Duplex-type reticle with a three-MOA dot in the center. When used in conjunction with that easy-to-see dot, the system allows you to make fast, accurate hits from point blank out to about 225 yards. Beyond that, you can use the three-MOA dot to gauge holdovers. I mounted this one on a Les Baer Police Special I use for CQB training and predator hunting.

The midsize 2-8x32 is available with a BDC 600 reticle and Rapid Action target turrets or a conventional reticle with a Rapid Action Turret that allows dialing dead-on holds out to 600 yards. It is a fairly compact scope that is ideally suited to midsize guns. The field of view at 2X is wide enough to make it suitable for fast, close-in work. At 8X, an experienced rifleman can easily make good hits out to 600 yards and beyond.

I mounted the 2-8x32 with Rapid Action Turret on a custom and ultra-reliable AR piston gun that, though designed for close-range work, has the accuracy to handle 600-yard steel targets with ease.

The most powerful member of the M-223 family is the 3-12x42 with side focus. It is available with the BDC 600 reticle or Rapid Action Turret. The side-focus adjustment has the same Rapid Action adjustments as the elevation and windage turrets. It is marked from 50 to 1,000 yards and has an infinity setting.

I mounted the Nikoplex-reticled scope on a 16-inch-barrelled gun and the BDC 600-reticled optic on another custom AR. Both rifles are incredibly accurate. The 16-inch gun regularly shoots five rounds into a half-inch or better, while the other routinely pounds five of its favorite loads into a quarter-inch. Their incredible accuracy and heavy-barreled configurations are why I chose to mount the 3-12x42s on them.

On the range

Since the M-223 load is designed around a 55-grain Ballistic Tip at 3,240 fps, I used Winchester's 55-grain Ballistic Silvertip load, which meets those specifications exactly. To see how much velocity the load would lose to the ARs' shorter barrels and gas operating systems, I first chronographed the load in each rifle.

Not surprisingly, none of the rifles reached 3,240 fps. The Les Baer Police Special averaged 2,931, while the piston-driven Jens Precision rifle managed 2,962. The 16-inch American Spirit Arms rifle had an average velocity of 2,937, and the 24-inch-barreled MG Arms rifle averaged 3,145 fps.

After recording the velocity figures, I zeroed each scope at 100 yards. The process was fast and easy, thanks to my friend James Jeffrey and my training partner, Fernando Flores, a Texas SWAT sniper. Once we got the optics dialed in, we zeroed out the turrets and began shooting groups.

All four rifles grouped as well with the new Nikons as they did with their original optics. Every scope offered a brilliant, crystal-clear sight picture. We spent a great deal of time shooting groups, shooting the box with each scope to make sure they tracked properly (they did) and getting used to the reticles so we could move back for some long-range work.

We also did a great deal of close-range, high-speed work with the 1-4x20 scope to get used to its dot reticle. All of us found it fast and easy to acquire and use up close at speed. When it came time to slow down and make accurate shots, it performed very well out to 200 yards, which is as far as we tested the 1-4X scope.

On a subsequent firing session, I shot both 3-12x42 scopes and the 2-8x32 out to 300 yards. I was not surprised to see my shots impact a hair low because of the slower velocity the load achieved from my test rifles, but it wasn't off by much. The MG Arms gun impacted about an inch low, while the ASA and Jens Precision guns impacted about two inches low--a

center-shoulder hold on a coyote would have been fatal with either.

Since the MG Arms gun produced the highest velocity average, I used it as my long-range test platform. I initially planned to fire them all out to 600, but 10 days of steady rain and a looming deadline forced me to cut my testing a bit short.

My Nikon-equipped MG Arms gun performed very well throughout my testing. At 400 yards, it was about an inch low when using the 400-yard BDC circle. At 500 yards, the center of my incredibly small groups was consistently about 2½ inches low. I couldn't shoot paper at 600 yards because of high water, but I did shoot a 10-inch steel plate at that range. It impacted a bit low, but I still rang the gong every time with a center hold. However, a few minutes with my actual velocity and Nikon's Spot-On ballistics program would help me establish a zero that would get me dead-on all the way to 600.

Nikon's M-223 line was designed to make the most of the AR's potential. And after a couple of weeks' testing, I have to say that the company has exceeded that goal. The scopes are bright, clear and rugged, and they've got standard features that should make them cost a lot more than they do. But in typical Nikon fashion, the scopes deliver an awful lot of quality and features at a very reasonable price. What's not to like about that?

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From Member Lois Blake:

The article below is completely neutral, not anti republican or democrat.

Charlie Reese, a retired reporter for the Orlando Sentinel has hit the nail directly on the head, defining clearly who it is that in the final analysis must assume responsibility for the judgments made that impact each one of us every day.

It's a short but good read. Worth the time. Worth remembering!

545 vs. 300,000,000

EVERY CITIZEN NEEDS TO READ THIS AND THINK ABOUT WHAT THIS JOURNALIST HAS SCRIPTED IN THIS MESSAGE. READ IT AND THEN REALLY THINK ABOUT OUR CURRENT POLITICAL DEBACLE.

Charley Reese has been a journalist for 49 years.

545 PEOPLE -- By Charlie Reese

Politicians are the only people in the world who create problems and then campaign against them.

Have you ever wondered, if both the Democrats and the Republicans are against deficits, WHY do we have deficits?

Have you ever wondered, if all the politicians are against inflation and high taxes, WHY do we have inflation and high taxes?

You and I don't propose a federal budget. The president does.

You and I don't have the Constitutional authority to vote on appropriations. The House of Representatives does.

You and I don't write the tax code, Congress does.

You and I don't set fiscal policy, Congress does.

You and I don't control monetary policy, the Federal Reserve Bank does.

One hundred senators, 435 congressmen, one president, and nine Supreme Court justices equates to 545 human beings out of the 300 million are directly, legally, morally, and individually responsible for the domestic problems that plague this country.

I excluded the members of the Federal Reserve Board because that problem was created by the Congress. In 1913, Congress delegated its Constitutional duty to provide a sound currency to a federally chartered, but private, central bank.

I excluded all the special interests and lobbyists for a sound reason. They have no legal authority. They have no ability to coerce a senator, a congressman, or a president to do one cotton-picking thing. I don't care if they offer a politician \$1 million dollars in cash. The politician has the power to accept or reject it. No matter what the lobbyist promises, it is the legislator's responsibility to determine how he votes.

Those 545 human beings spend much of their energy convincing you that what they did is not their fault. They cooperate in this common con regardless of party.

What separates a politician from a normal human being is an excessive amount of gall. No normal human being would have the gall of a Speaker, who stood up and criticized the President for creating deficits.... . The president can only propose a budget. He cannot force the Congress to accept it.

The Constitution, which is the supreme law of the land, gives sole responsibility to the House of Representatives for originating and approving appropriations and taxes. Who is the speaker of the House? Nancy Pelosi. She is the leader of the majority party. She and fellow House members, not the president, can approve any budget they want. If the president vetoes it, they can pass it over his veto if they agree to.

It seems inconceivable to me that a nation of 300 million can not replace 545 people who stand convicted -- by present facts -- of incompetence and irresponsibility. I can't think of a single domestic problem that is not traceable directly to those 545 people. When you fully grasp the plain truth that 545 people exercise the power of the federal government, then it must follow that what exists is what they want to exist.

If the tax code is unfair, it's because they want it unfair.

If the budget is in the red, it's because they want it in the red ..

If the Army & Marines are in IRAQ , it's because they want them in IRAQ If they do not receive social security but are on an elite retirement plan not available to the people, it's because they want it that way.

There are no insoluble government problems.

Do not let these 545 people shift the blame to bureaucrats, whom they hire and whose jobs they can abolish; to lobbyists, whose gifts and advice they can reject; to regulators, to whom they give the power to regulate and from whom they can take this power. Above all, do not let them con you into the belief that there exists disembodied mystical forces like "the economy," "inflation," or "politics" that prevent them from doing what they take an oath to do.

Those 545 people, and they alone, are responsible.

They, and they alone, have the power..

They, and they alone, should be held accountable by the people who are their bosses.

Provided the voters have the gumption to manage their own employees...

We should vote all of them out of office and clean up their mess!

Charlie Reese is a former columnist of the Orlando Sentinel Newspaper.

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Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, & our nation was the most prosperous in the world.

We had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world, and Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

What in the world happened? Can you spell 'politicians?' I hope this goes around THE USA at least 100 times!!!

YOU can help it get there!!!

GO AHEAD - - - BE AN AMERICAN!!!

Thank You

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 From Member Clinton Davis:

(I can find nothing that indicates that this is a hoax)

FYI-Concealed Carry

Please pass this on to all the other retired guys and gun owners...Thanks

From a Vietnam Vet and retired Police Officer:

I had a doctor's appointment at the local VA clinic yesterday and found out something very interesting that I would like to pass along. While going through triage before seeing the doctor, I was asked at the end of the exam, three questions:

1. Did I feel stressed?
2. Did I feel threatened?
3. Did I feel like doing harm to someone?

The nurse then informed me, that if I had answered yes to any of the questions, I would have lost my concealed carry permit as it would have gone into my medical records and the VA would have reported it to Homeland Security. Looks like they are going after the vets first.

Other gun people like retired law enforcement will probably be next. Then when they go after the civilians, what argument will they have? Be forewarned and be aware.

The Obama administration has gone on record as considering veterans and gun owners potential terrorists. Whether you are a gun owner veteran or not, you've been warned.

If you know veterans and gun owners, please pass this on to them. **Be very cautious about what you say and to whom.**

From Guns America:

You should have received the graphical version of this month's magazine a couple weeks ago. As promised we are following up with a pure text version for those with aggressive firewalls and spam protectors. Please add magazine@gunsamerica.com to your allowed list if you don't want to miss the magazine. It is truly the best gun magazine in America already, and it is free.

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Next month we have a fantastic issue coming, and look for a previously unannounced giveaway from Henry Rifles coming this week as well. And thanks as always for being part of the Guns America community. -ph@ga

This is an official Guns America Email Notification.

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From Member Chuck Vineyard:

New Threat Detection Capabilities Ready to Test

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16, 2010 - A new system being developed to give helicopter crews a "heads up" when they're being attacked, as well as the shooter's location, is slated to ship to Afghanistan in October to see how it stands up under combat conditions.

A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter equipped with the Helicopter Alert and Threat Termination system undergoes operational testing. The system soon will be deployed to Afghanistan, where troops on the ground will provide feedback on how it performs in combat. DoD photo, courtesy of DARPA
(high-resolution image)

The Helicopter Alert and Threat Termination system, being developed by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, promises to warn aircrews of incoming small-arms or machine-gun fire with enough time to take evasive action and launch a counterattack, said Karen Wood, the program manager.

It works by using advanced sensors able to detect the supersonic shock wave or "crack" produced by a bullet in flight and pinpointing its source, she explained.

The program, known as HALTT, taps into technology that Wood's DARPA team already developed for ground vehicles.

The CROSSHAIRS – or Counter Rocket-Propelled Grenade and Shooter System with Highly Accurate Immediate Responses – program aims to develop a threat detection and countermeasure system for light tactical vehicles.

CROSSHAIRS will be able to detect and locate enemy shooters firing threats ranging from bullets to rocket-propelled grenades to anti-tank guided missiles to direct-fired mortars, Wood said. In addition, it will engage the shooters and notify other friendly forces of the threat.

The CROSSHAIRS program builds on yet another DARPA effort: the Boomerang II acoustic gunshot detection system. The vehicle-mounted anti-sniper system "listens" for a bullet's shockwave and muzzle blast and transmits the shooter's location to the vehicle crew – all in less than a second.

Thousands of Boomerang II systems already are in the combat theater, and troops on the ground credit them with high accuracy and few false alarms, Wood said.

Wood got a first-hand report of their effectiveness from a participant at a conference she was attending in San Diego.

"Were you involved in the Boomerang program?" a man asked her. "Well, I just want you to know that it saved my son's life." He went on to share the story of a unit under attack, a bullet that barely missed its target, and how Boomerang engaged before the next bullet hit.

But transferring that capability to helicopters presents new challenges, largely because of aircraft noise that muffles out blasts and rotor blade downwash that plays havoc with supersonic shock waves.

"So technically, this was very, very challenging compared to ground vehicles," Wood said. "You had to think about the

problem a little bit differently."

Working closely with the Army and U.S. Special Operations Command, DARPA used Boomerang as a starting point as it went about developing a similar capability for helicopters.

The initial result, a prototype HALTT system, showed great promise when it was put through testing at Fort Rucker, Ala., and Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., Wood reported.

The initial tests were conducted aboard an Army UH-60L Black Hawk, but the testing then extended to a SOCOM MH-47 Chinook to gauge how HALTT technology translates to different air platforms.

During four flight tests at Fort Rucker, "the systems just kept getting better and better," Wood said. HALTT performed so well, in fact, that the military pressed to get Phase 1 prototypes into the combat theater even as DARPA further refines the program. So beginning in October, helicopter crews in Afghanistan will get the capability HALTT provides, as well as a chance to weigh in on its development.

"What will be really helpful for us is that they will be able to use the system, and they'll probably use it in ways that we haven't even thought of. That's certainly what we found to be the case from Boomerang," Wood said.

"We expect them to give us some really good feedback," she continued. "What we're hoping for is to get valuable feedback for this next phase of the program: This is what they like or didn't like, and 'Can you make it do this ... ?' But at the same time, they will have a capability there that they simply never had before."

Meanwhile, Wood's team will incorporate this feedback while moving into the second phase of the HALTT development program.

Among the things they'll explore are ways to make the system more effective when the helicopter is hovering and generates the heaviest rotor wash, to overcome extra noise from dual-rotor aircraft, and to use existing helicopter display panels to convey alert warnings to aircrews.

In addition, plans call for more vigorous in-air testing when HALTT is installed in a Maverick unmanned aerial vehicle.

Wood praised cooperation between the Army, Socom and DARPA that's enabled the program to advance so quickly. "They have really stepped up and done an incredible job," she said. "The program has proceeded rapidly compared to a normal acquisition program."

Regina Dugan, DARPA's director, quantified the program's pace during congressional testimony in March. "From funding allocation to live-fire test completion, this effort took an unprecedented five months, and will be fielded in less than a year from identification of the need," she told a House Armed Services subcommittee.

But beyond the development timeline, Dugan expressed particular enthusiasm about the new capabilities HALTT, as well as CROSSHAIRS, will bring to warfighters on the ground. Both systems "promise to make it very dangerous to shoot at U.S. forces," she said, "because the first shot may well be the adversary's last."

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Paul Curtis
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