

APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

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**FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER
PUBLISHED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

It has been an honor to serve as your President and a blessing to do so alongside an impressive Executive Board and a fine group of Board of Directors. Collectively, this group, in their elected positions, have given me as well as the club in its entirety their support, many hours of workshop time, meetings, planning, decision making, financial analysis, outsourcing and service to fellow members all with a common goal and commitment to do what is in the best interests of the club. With these 2022 hardworking and dedicated board members standing with me and supporting me as their President, we have had a wonderful year of improvements, changes, new friendships and growth and I want to thank each of them and express my gratitude for making this year an inspiring and memorable time for me.

Come March, as I move into the Past President Emeritus position for 2023, I will be welcoming in Vice President/President Elect Tim Neubauer to the position of the Apple Valley Gun Club President for 2023. A gentleman, a friend, a soft-hearted human being with a very large heart, I have no doubt that Tim will succeed in his goals and will strive to lead our club to an even better tomorrow than today all throughout his presidency. To this gentle giant I am blessed to call "friend" and "boss" I leave you with this...

"Empowering those around you to be heard and valued makes the difference between a leader who simply instructs and one who inspires."

Jenaraye Graham, President

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT/President-Elect

As I enter into the last of my term as Vice President, I'm reflecting on the last year. As you have heard me say before, my goal is to leave our club better than I found it. It has been a busy year for us at Apple Valley Gun Club. I may be prejudiced but I think it is the best gun club in our area.

We offer great classes every month, fantastic shooting matches, Archery program, safety training, and many opportunities for each of us to serve our community. Our mission is to encourage and teach organized shooting among our members and the community. I would like to take a pause for us to evaluate ourselves. Have we done that this year? If not, we have a wide variety of ways to accomplish this; let me know if you need any direction.

At the time of this writing, we are working on getting our Youth programs started again. It is my hope that by the time you read this we will have the go-ahead to start all our youth programs. Also, this year we started sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 357, and they meet on AVGC property each week. I want to thank our membership for supporting Troop 357.

I would like to thank Don McAfee for taking on the huge job of facilities management. Thank you, Don!!!

So, as I enter my year as your President, this is not an obligation that I take lightly. We have a lot of work to do this year. I would ask that you join me in making the Apple Valley Gun Club better than we found it.

I would like to thank the Board for their service this year. And especially thank Jenaraye Graham for her leadership this year!!

With Respect and Gratitude,
Tim Neubauer, Vice President/President Elect

AVGC renews contract with the SBC Fair



The membership has decided to continue to rent the Alaska Federal Credit Building from the SBC Fair for 2023. The meeting location will remain the same for the upcoming year except for May 2023, when the San Bernardino County Fair will occupy the space. In May, we will hold our meeting at the Club on Pistol Bay 1. Remember to bring your chairs!



APPLE VALLEY GUN CLUB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Vice President nominees:

- *Debbie Harris*
- *Jason Myskow*

Candidate Statements-Vice President

Debbie Harris

I'm running because I want to help the club maintain and continue to improve its excellence in NRA firearms training, competitive events, and safe, comfortable shooting and archery facilities. I want to help the club continue to attract new members and develop other possible fundraising ideas. I have a long background in training development and execution as well as management, budgeting, and organizing various groups and events.

BACKGROUND: Graduate USC Bachelors of Anthropology I spent three years after graduation living mostly in my car camped out on archaeological projects for various agencies including State of Arkansas Archaeological Survey, US Forest Service – Idyllwild, US Government – Ft Irwin, Cornerstone Research, and the San Bernardino County Museum. Primarily working with large construction projects recovering artifacts and fossils. Between mitigation projects I worked as a union laborer where I learned the operation of all sorts of heavy machinery and had the opportunity to learn some simple heavy equipment such as bulldozers and backhoes. I then bought 10 acres in the desert near Calico Ghost Town and lived in a 24' travel trailer for two more years while building my own house.

After 15 years working full time for the SBCo Museum I was introduced to forensic science by a Sheriff's Captain who asked me to become a citizen volunteer to photograph and fingerprint crime scenes for the Barstow Sheriff's Station. I was already a volunteer with the Desert Search and Rescue Squad so agreed to expand my help. This ultimately led to a full-time position at the Sheriff's Scientific Investigations Division in the Crime Scene Investigation Unit.

CSI: I became the training officer for the unit and developed an organized and detailed training program including manuals, practical exercises, and exams. During my time as TO I also became Acting Supervisor for a year. At this time the crime lab was going through an accreditation process which required writing detailed policy and procedure manuals for every aspect of CSI. While in the unit I investigated over 200 death scenes and testified in court 100+ times

San Bernardino Valley College: I was asked by SBVC to develop a certificate program for Crime Scene Investigation. I developed curriculum and budget for a series of CSI classes to meet this need which I also taught for several years as adjunct faculty at the college. At the same time, I obtained a Master's Degree in Business Management from Colorado Technical University (online)

SBSD Training Center: After 10 years at the Crime Lab, I promoted to the Sheriff's Training Center where I worked in the Advanced Officer Training Unit. Here I was asked to develop a series of CSI courses for officers and non-sworn law enforcement employees. I taught seven CSI classes including a 40hr course in gunshot reconstruction. All of these courses were attended by law enforcement employees from all over the United States. I developed and taught several classes for Coroner Investigators. Besides CSI classes I was tasked with writing outlines, including budgets, for POST (Peace Officers Standards of Training), and getting new classes certified through POST for different divisions within the department such as SWAT, Bomb/Arson, and Homicide. I also was able to attend the PC832 Arrest and Firearms course taught at the academy. This is the required firearms and self-defense training for all peace officers in California. I planned and coordinated various events such as Educations Fairs for County Employees and on-site college courses for officers. I was safety officer for the Advanced Officer Division including writing policy for emergency procedures. I taught first aid and CPR to officers and reserves including creating emergency scenarios for first responders.

After 36 years with SB County, I retired. I joined Apple Valley Gun Club to become an NRA firearms instructor. I am currently certified as an instructor for Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle, RSO, and CCW as well as teaching the Range Specific Training – pistol course for probationary members. I volunteer for the club whenever I'm able and help out with as much as I can. When I see things that I question, or think are problems, I speak up and try to mitigate the issues.

- I questioned the need for a three-month probation period and the board agreed that completion of three safety courses and required volunteer hours would complete a probationer's time, eliminating the extra months of waiting.
- I noticed inconsistencies in the Range Safety Guide. I brought this up to the safety committee and was quickly tasked with rewriting the guide and correcting inconsistent language and unenforced guide-lines.
- I regularly volunteer to RSO, Coach, Teach or otherwise help with many events and classes at the club
- When volunteers are needed for extra tasks such as manning booths at the Sheriff's Rodeo or VV gun show I step up
- I often schedule special times to give range specific training to probationary members who cannot attend regularly scheduled classes due to work or other restrictions.
- I help with membership recruitment at monthly club meetings.
- I noticed that the club website emphasized "members only", potentially discouraging non-members to enroll in classes. Working with club officers and the website manager we redesigned the website to appear more open to non-member involvement in training, competitions, and other events.

I would be honored to be your Vice President and will serve the Apple Valley Gun Club to the best of my ability.

Jason Myskow

Hello, my name is Jason Myskow, and I am honored to accept the nomination for Vice President/President Elect. Since I was old enough to walk, I have been shooting rifles and hunting with my father. Those experiences with him led me to become a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club 12 years ago. During this time, I have been an extremely active member in most aspects of the club. I have been the Rifle Range chair for the past 3 years and take great pride in maintaining the rifle range. During my time as Rifle Chair, I have had all the steel targets upgraded to swinging AR-15 steel and added multiple targets at further distances. I also ensured all safety lights and buzzers were upgraded.

I am one of the club's Lead NRA Instructors with credentials in Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle, Basic Shotgun, Home Safety, Refuse to be a Victim, Personal Protection both Inside and Outside the Home, and NRA CCW. I am also a USCCA Instructor with credentials in Concealed Carry & Home Defense Fundamentals and Women's Handgun & Self Defense Fundamentals.

I volunteer for the Sheriff CCW Requalification Program. I have volunteered for Women on Target, Women's Pistol Clinic, and Community on Target. I shoot in a majority of the different competitive matches that the club offers. The most important position I hold in the club is being on the Safety Committee and a Chief Range Safety Officer.

If elected as your new Vice President/President Elect, my top goal would be continued safety and training for all members. Further, I promise to focus on fairness and transparency in every way so that all of you are aware of what's happening within the club and have your voice heard. I consistently attend all Board Meetings, Membership Meetings and Safety Meetings, therefore am very familiar with our bylaws, policies and procedures. With your vote, I will work to maintain a member focused, safe place to shoot.

Thank you for your time and trust,
Jason Myskow

Treasurer nominee:

- *Jonathan Weldy*

Candidate Statement- Treasurer

Jonathan Weldy

Soon after joining AVGC in 2015, I volunteered for the finance committee. In 2016 I was appointed AVGC Treasurer to finish the balance of the 2015-2016 term. Elected in 2017, 2019 and 2021, it has been my privilege to serve as your Treasurer for more than 6 years.

While I joined AVGC to learn to shoot trap, after meeting our NRA Instructors, I began to take advantage of AVGC's educational opportunities. Currently I am an active NRA Certified Instructor for Pistol, Shotgun, Rifle, Personal Protection Inside & Outside the Home, Defensive Pistol and Refuse to be a Victim. In addition, I am a Chief Range Safety Officer, Rifle Coach and Pistol Coach. We have a fantastic instructor cadre and I always look forward to the next class!

Outside AVGC, my experience includes: Since 2005 I have been a small business owner. I have served more than 30 years on several boards and nonprofit organizations, including the National Association of Home Builders, Building Industry Association of Southern California, HomeAid IE, and several Homeowners Associations. In these organizations, I have served various terms as president, director of budget & finance, treasurer, legislative advocate, personnel chair, programs chair and membership services chair. Since 2015, I have been a member of the San Bernardino County Planning Commission, currently serving my fourth term as chairman. Since 2013, I have been an appointed member of the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board, currently on the Executive Board and Chairman of the Special Populations Committee.

The Apple Valley Gun Club belongs to its members and as Officers & Directors, our first responsibility is this trust, as held for the benefit of our current members, future members and our community. The Treasurer and Finance Committee maintain responsibility for fidelity, transparency and timeliness in all financial matters. We provide current and accurate financial information to empower the Board of Directors and Membership as they direct the future of the Apple Valley Gun Club.

Respectfully, I request your support as Treasurer 2023-2024.

Two-Year Directorship Nominees (vote for 2):

- *Matt McCourt*
- *Cecil Volsch*
- *Cathy Westmoreland*

Candidate Statements- Two-Year Director

Matt McCourt

I originally joined AVGC in 1986. I have competed at the State and National level in shotgun and handgun shooting sports. I have also been a Range Officer at State and National Competitions. I have enjoyed having a local range for practice and fun.

I am very pleased with the facility improvements in the last decade.

I started the Mohave Steel Match using my own targets in 2005. It is still going (2nd Saturday of the Month). We are now using club steel. We are lucky to be joined by the man who invented the “Steel Challenge” A world speed shooting competition, on a regular basis. Him and his family drive over an hour to join us for a fun day.

In addition to running that shoot, I volunteer along with Sam Martinez and John Melton to maintain the steel on the Pistol and Rifle Ranges. In the past, I have also volunteered at this range with Women on Target, Basic Pistol Class, Coach to SASP program for young shooters (not allowed anymore, thank you Governor Newsom), and Adaptive Shooting Programs.

In a State where our sports are not “politically” popular, I want to assure that we continue to have AVCG to use. I hope you support me in my quest for a 2- year Directorship. I want to help continue with improvements at our Range and leave it better than I found it 30+ years ago.

Cecil Volsch

My name is Cecil Volsch and I have been a member of Apple Valley Gun Club for 4 years. My wife, Charlotte, gave me a membership for Christmas in 2018. I am a current board member of the Apple Valley Gun Club. I routinely participate in several of the matches at the club and enjoy shooting and training at the club at least once a week. I am an NRA certified instructor in many disciplines as well as an NRA Chief Range Safety Officer. I am also a USCCA instructor. I regularly help with Community on Target, Women's Pistol Program, and on the firing line for the San Bernardino County Sheriff's CCW Requalification process. I really enjoy helping others reach their goal of personal self-defense through education and training.

One of my greatest joys is being the Directors of the Adaptive Shooting Sports Program here at Apple Valley Gun Club. This program offers the opportunity to physically disabled people who are wheelchair bound and have lost significant mobility because of injury or disease and we help them enjoy the shooting sports through some creative adaptive methods. This is a very rewarding program that helps bring joy and accomplishments to all the participants of the program

My wife Charlotte & I own a successful residential real estate brokerage company for the last 20 years. My years of experience in owning, building, and running my own successful business helping people successfully buy & sell real estate gives me the experience and knowledge to help as a director on the Board of Directors. My experience also includes leadership in the real estate industry. I have served as the president of the High Desert Association of Realtors and am the current Treasurer. I have also served as on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Realtor for 11 years. I know I could continue to bring my professional experience to help the club continue to grow and prosper.

I look forward to the opportunities that serving as a 2-year director for AVGC will offer and would appreciate your vote. Thank you for your consideration.

Cathy Westmoreland

To the members of the Apple Valley Gun Club:

I have been a member of the Apple Valley Gun Club for over 2 years. I love shooting and learning proper methods, safety and handling of guns.

Since I have joined the AVGC I have become:

1. Membership Liaison
2. NRA Basic Pistol Instructor
3. Coach, Women's Pistol Program
4. Coach, Community on Target
5. Coach & Work CCW Range Qualifications
6. Co-Chair Banquet Committee
7. Board of Directors

I am honored to be nominated for a 2nd year seat on the Board of Directors.

My husband Gary Westmoreland and I have lived in the High Desert since 1974, 11 of those years in Barstow, 37 in Apple Valley. Gary is retired from the SBC Sheriff's Department. I retired after 32 years as a hairdresser.

I am Chief Security Officer at Jess Ranch Community Church and have been Head Deacon at church for over 10 years. I look forward to the opportunity to serve for a 2nd year as a director.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cathy Westmoreland

One-Year Directorship Nominees (vote for 1):

- *Sam Martinez*
- *Larry Mason*
- *Willis Mayeda*
- *David Smith*

Candidate Statements- One-Year Director

Sam Martinez

Hello, I'm Sam Martinez. I've been nominated for a 1-year directorship, and I'm honored. You may have seen me around the club if you have shot any of the pistol matches. Currently, I'm a match director for the Personal Defense and Carry match. I'm also Co-Director for the Mojave Steel match, 2 Gun PCC match, and I have filled in for Practical Pistol Match Director on occasion. I am part of the Competition Committee that maintains match equipment and plans match stages and I was involved in the recent approval of PCC's (pistol caliber carbine) being allowed on the pistol range, along with Willis Mayeda, who is also nominated for this same directorship! I have helped coach at SASP, Basics of Pistol Shooting classes, along with Woman on Target, and Community on Target. I am an active participant in all events on the pistol range, an avid shooter in both pistol and rifle, and an avid reloader. All candidates nominated seem to be good choices in keeping the safety and Integrity of this club in mind! A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant.

Sam

Larry Mason

I joined AVGC in 2020, looking for a place to improve my defense pistol shooting skills. I am an AVID shooter, you will see my friends and I every Friday morning at P2, sharpening our pistol skills. I also participate in at least 4 different pistol events every month.

I also actively volunteer every month at AVGC. I have volunteered at almost every CCW Range Qualification event (twice a month). Also volunteering at the Adaptive Shooting Sports Program, the

Women Pistol Program, and the Women & Community on Target events as a coach with both pistol and rifle. Additionally, I am also an RSO at AVGC. I also help direct the monthly Saturday Steel Plate Rack Practice event and have recently created a new monthly night version of this event.

Away from AVGC, I am a Real Estate Broker and have my own business, getting into real estate in 2005. I am also active with our local High Desert Association of REALTORS (HDAOR). I have volunteered in various leadership roles since 2007. I have been the Chair of various committees including Strategic Planning and MLS. I have been a member of various committees including the Finance Committee, Professional Standards Committee, Grievance committee, and Education Committee. My biggest honor was to have been elected as the 2020 and the 2021 HDAOR President. I have been on the HDAOR Board of Directors since 2019. I also volunteer at the state level and have been on the Board of Directors of the California Association of REALTORS since 2019.

I would like to participate on the AVGC Board of Directors to not only help with the current administration and leadership of the club, but also to investigate in new areas and opportunities that AVGC can bring to its members and our local community in the way of events and education opportunities.

Willis Mayeda

AVGC Membership,

Have you ever had the feeling like you lied on your resume and application and got the job anyway? It was extremely humbling to have been nominated for a 1-Year Director's position on the Apple Valley Gun Club Board. And while I do feel as though I'm stepping far outside my comfort zone and into the shadows of giants, I am excited to have been offered this opportunity and eager to help as a member of this awesome organization.

I have lived in the High Desert since the summer of 2003 when I took my first teaching position at Fort Irwin Middle School and in 2004, I took a teaching position at Sultana High School in Hesperia. In 2007, I was one of five teachers to move to a brand-new continuation high school in Hesperia, Canyon Ridge High School, and have been teaching there ever since. I joined AVGC in 2017, because like many new members, I wanted a safe place to shoot and bring my (then one son) to a positive and constructive environment to learn the ins and outs of the shooting sports. What I found was a treasure trove of great resources and fantastic people that helped me and my (now two) sons grow into better shooters and 2nd Amendment ambassadors.

Since joining, I've earned my Small-Bore Rifle Coach and Range Safety Officer certifications and could be found helping coach our young shooters in the Junior Rifle Program under head coach Ray Jameson. When we are able to reinstate our youth programs here at the club, Ray has given me the opportunity to use my skills as an educator to create and curate a curriculum for our junior shooters to complement their time on the range and reinforce those skills to give them a more holistic approach to precision rifle shooting. As a Range Safety Officer, I can usually be found monitoring the firing line with the other dedicated RSOs and Instructors during the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department CCW Requalification shoots. Again, having the opportunity to work alongside great coaches and instructors has helped me grow as a member of the safety team by being able to observe good quality instruction and observance of safety procedures and protocols.

In conclusion, I would have to make a final statement that my motivation for accepting the nomination for this board position is to be able to give back to an organization that has helped me, my family, and the surrounding community grow as shooters and 2nd Amendment advocates. It would be my extreme honor and privilege to serve the membership of the Apple Valley Gun Club as a 1-Year Director.

Thank you for the opportunity and your support.

David Smith

My fellow club members,

I am David Smith, and I am running for a one-year seat on the board of directors.

I am certified by the NRA as a Chief Range Safety Officer and instructor in several disciplines. I have volunteered for several classes to benefit the club and look forward to doing so in the future. I recently took over as lead instructor for the pistol cleaning clinic and have been responsible for conducting Rifle Range Specific Training. I have been an avid shooter since I was a child, and have shot competitively, off and on, since joining the Marine Corps in 1978.

I have also been making a report at monthly meetings on current events regarding legislation and litigation that affect gun rights and writing a monthly newsletter that is posted to the club web page. I am in the process of becoming the Federal Firearm Licensee for the club.

I truly appreciate the variety of activities and training that Apple Valley Gun Club has to offer and participate in activities on all ranges at the club. One of the things I have been impressed with is the continual upgrade of facilities and would work to help this continue.

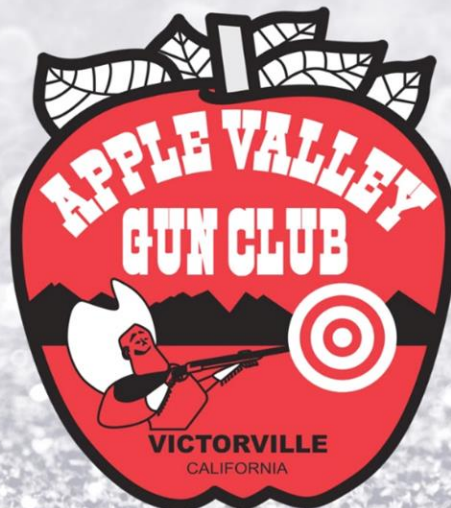
AVGC 75TH ANNIVERSARY DIAMOND CELEBRATION

2023 Membership Appreciation Banquet & Board Installation

Tickets Now on Sale!

**Early bird tickets on sale
12/1 through 12/31
\$40 each.**

**Price increases to
\$55 after 12/31**



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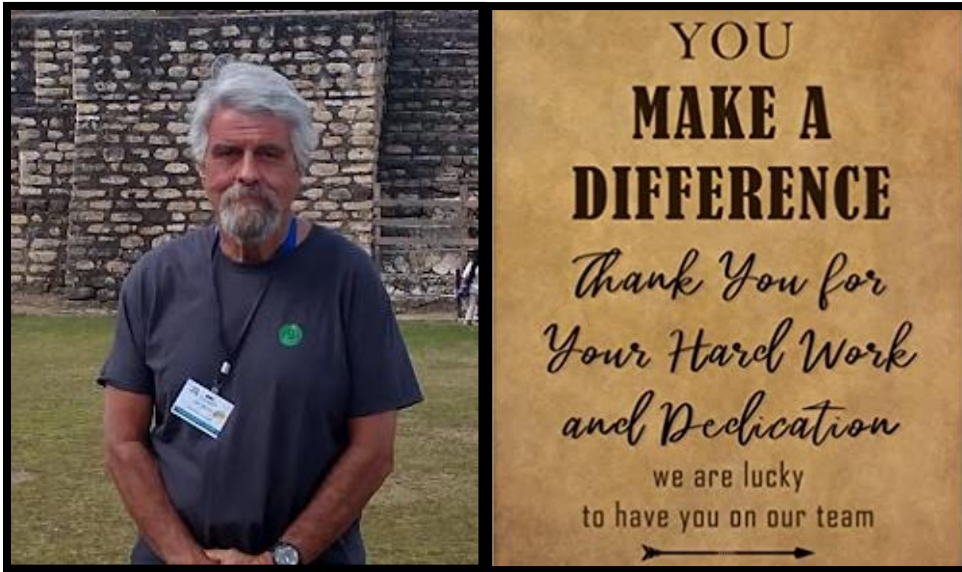
**Saturday, February 18th, 2023
3 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Percy Bakker Community Center
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*if you haven't heard
this yet today...
I'm proud of you.*

FACILITIES MANAGER, DON MCAFEE



Thank you, Don, for stepping up and taking on one of the most demanding VOLUNTEER positions on the range! The amount of hours and hard work put in by the Facilities Manager sometimes goes unnoticed. The Board of Directors want you to know very publicly that we admire and appreciate all that you do. We humbly thank you. Members, take the time to thank Don if you see him!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR VERY OWN MEMBERS, AMANDA BUCHANAN!

On November 8, AVGC member Amanda Buchanan was elected to the Apple Valley Unified School Board. She will replace the outgoing Trustee who has held the seat since 1993. Amanda has been a high school teacher for 19 years and will bring her educational expertise to the office. Additionally, Amanda is a certified NRA Instructor and Range Safety Officer at Apple Valley Gun Club. Her husband and two daughters also enjoy shooting (and look forward to the return of SASP and Junior Rifle.) Way to go Amanda, we are proud of you!



AVGC members donate \$5,000.00 to the CRPA!

CRPA “works to strike down unconstitutional laws in court, defend and expand legal recognition of the rights protected by the Second Amendment, promote firearms and hunting safety, protect hunting rights, enhance marksmanship skills of those participating in shooting sports, and educate the public about firearms and their historic, technological, and aesthetic significance.” This past year, AVGC became official Business Affiliate of the CRPA. Consider joining the CRPA using the QR Code below. A portion of the fees for your membership will come back to the club!



Scan QR Code to join the CRPA today!



In-Person Renewal Day Scheduled for January 28th!

- **Turn in your paperwork!**
- **Pay your fees!**
- **Receive your 2023 card immediately!**

Location: Adobe Clubhouse

Time: 8:00 am – 3:00 p.m. (we will break for lunch from 12pm to 1pm)

Bring: 2023 renewal form, waiver, NRA card, work hours or buyout, fees, medical waiver if applicable.

Wishing our membership a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

O AR-15, O AR-15,
Thy receivers are resplendent!
Not only thy unique design,
An upper and lower is thy prime.
O AR-15, O AR-15,
Thy receivers are resplendent!

O AR-15, O AR-15,
Much pleasure dost thou bring us!
For ev'ry year model 15,
Brings to us all both joy and glee.
O AR-15, O AR-15,
Much pleasure dost thou bring us!

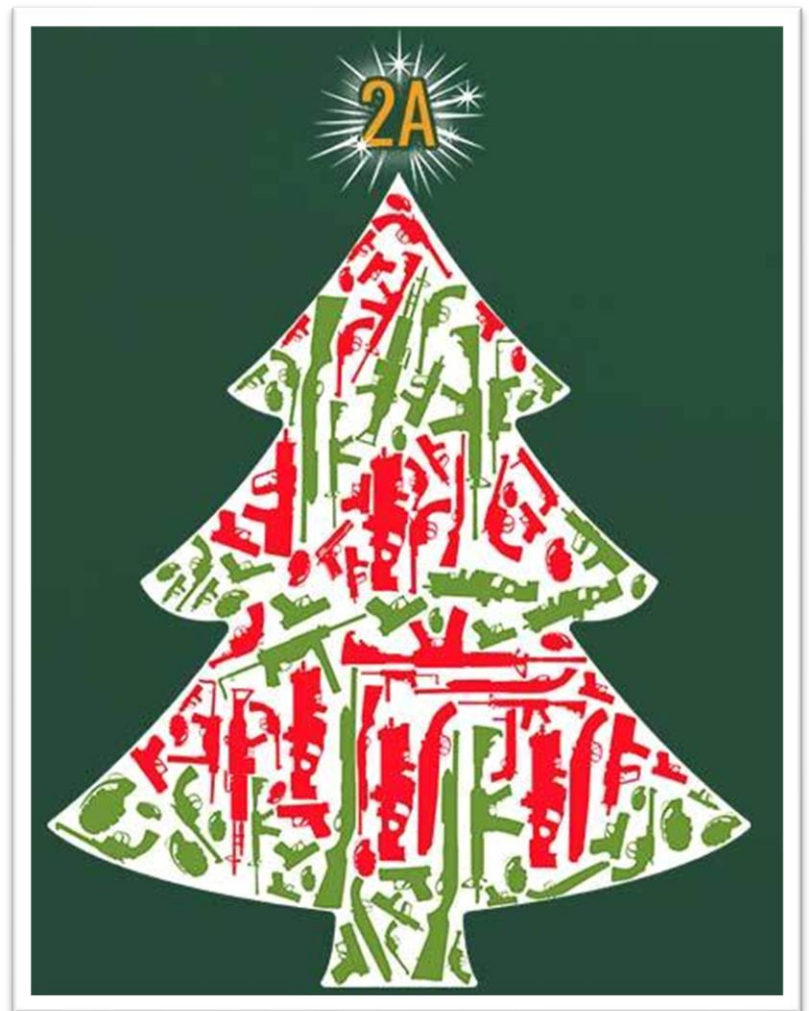
O AR-15, O AR-15,
How lovely is thy handguard!
And pistol grip to be so bold,
Adjustable stock for young and old.
O AR-15, O AR-15,
How lovely is thy handguard!

O AR-15, O AR-15,

How sturdy man hath made thee!
Thou shoot'est targets faithfully.
Thanks, ArmaLite, unchangingly!
O AR-15, O AR-15,
How sturdy man hath made thee!

O AR-15, O AR-15,
Thy muzzle blasts out brightly!
Thy optics make you so precise.

Each trigger press so crisp and light.
O AR-15, O AR-15,
Thy muzzle blasts out brightly!



-credit [Beth Alcazar](#), author of *Women's Handgun & Self-Defense Fundamentals*, associate editor of *Concealed Carry Magazine*

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