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“Neither policies nor machines will determine the history of tomorrow. Man is the measure of all things... This, then, is the ultimate battlefield: the hearts and minds of men.” Hanson W. Baldwin, military editor, New York Times.

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Try as we might it just didn't make a difference. We sped through town and suburbs for hours, the truck body humming with the tweeters, woofers and stock speakers vibrating bodies and sheet metal alike with mind numbing noise. The flag snapping in the wind and the chorus of howls from the dog box echoed our wild abandon as we attempted to ignite the neighborhood with infectious patriotism. Alas, we realized that we remained isolated from our neighbors and fellow citizens by mental and emotional barriers more formidable than the Berlin Wall.

Dejected but not defeated, as the final strains of the Star Spangled Banner and God Bless America faded into the background of road noise we approached the driveway with an empty fuel tank. We resolved that it might take a little longer than expected, but we'd darn sure skin that elephant and eat it a piece at a time.

The task seemed a bit overwhelming at first, especially once we realized we weren't going to talk that elephant out of its' hide. That doesn't keep us from talking. Oh no, we've got a whole lot more to say, and chewing the elephant fat gives a body a certain amount of satisfaction. So we sit behind our computer screens day after day, assured by those little stickers that somewhere in these plastic boxes there is "Intel Inside" grinding edges on the letters and words we use to wear the elephant down.

Eventually we discovered there were a lot of small freedom hungry groups out there, and more were coming out of the woods all the time. Tackling that elephant might be a pretty big job we agreed after a few late nights over many a pot of coffee, but working together we found the recipe. It didn't take much to start getting the kitchen in order. The elephant seems to be getting a mite nervous though. Perhaps it senses the cooks have started acting more like predators than prey.

Of course we know that the promise of "Intel Inside" doesn't intimidate that old elephant. It's the thought that there might be some "intel" outside that must really worry the beast. Well, it should. It's even a little scary to us when we start to make sense. But enough about us.

A Matter of Trust:

The latest in a very long list of scandals originating from the White House is, who would have ever guessed ... pornography. An article by Paul Sperry (WorldNet Daily) dated 8/9/00 reports of "massive pornographic video files passing through the systems Internet firewall" and an "unusually large volume" of traffic in hard-core pornography to and from the West Wing of the White House.

"White House Battles Employee Porn" cries a headline from AP (<http://dailynews.yahoo.com>); "Porn downloaders 'ought to be fired'" cries another from WorldNet Daily quoting the White House director of personnel as what passes as "leadership" strains to find the last straw of credibility remaining in the White House barnyard. No doubt gullible Americans, and many enthusiastic Democrats, will grasp for explanations. On-the-job research in personal relations might work as an explanation with quite a few. After all, it worked for Bill and he sets such a high moral standard he's been certified good enough to be president of America. He does, too ...the Senate said so.

If that's not enough for a bimonthly review, we need only look to the article "Dynamite Affidavit Exposes Vast Clinton Administration Cover-Up" by NewsMax.com (7/13/00). Former Freedom of Information Act division chief Sonya Stewart fears retribution for ratting on Bills Gang. She has cited for the court numerous violations of law including the sale of positions on overseas

trade mission delegations, political manipulations to hide or withhold documents, collusion to obstruct the performance of duties of agency employees, illegal assumption of authority and other violations.

It is not necessary to plumb the depths of primordial sleaze surrounding this administration to be able to understand the “spiritual” and moral aspect of this political battle with the one-world socialist camp. Hiding behind the moral cloak of “human rights” and other hollow platitudes is a cesspool of corruption.

And this, along with the many usurpations of our constitution described in these pages, is what lies behind the face of the New World Order. We would do well to remember the motto of the Illuminati: “Out of chaos, order”. Those that pursue the politics of chaos to this end excel at deception, manipulation, and the creation of havoc and confusion. They may well succeed in creating chaos, but the outcome, however, will never be “order”. The one-world would-be tyrants will never establish “order”. “Order”, to be established and maintained, absolutely requires something these socialists will never have ... morality.

Evil, we understand, breeds its’ own destruction.

Rocks & Hard Places:

To find yet another example, albeit indirect, of political turpitude we need only reflect that one’s character is reflected by the friends he keeps. For evidence we cite the WorldNetDaily report of July 21st which cites the Voice of Russia World Service, the official broadcasting service of the Russian government. This infamous publication has formally announced its endorsement of Al Gore as their preferred US presidential candidate. Do we think that this association of fellow travelers had anything to do with the inability of the Democratic National Convention to capture no more than 4% of the TV audience? Probably not. Look at the alternative, just another pea-in-the-pod globalist out of the Trilateral Commission cookie cutter, George Bush, Jr. Talk show host Alex Jones makes a pretty convincing association between George Jr. and the Baal-worshipping Bohemian Grove jet-set crowd.

We admit it’s sometimes pretty difficult to tell the difference between a fascist and a socialist, but it’s often sufficient to know that either is a bad thing. Since honesty is the first casualty of politics, most of us understand it’s more important to watch what they do than to listen to what they say. Labels aside, perhaps we should begin calling them by what they are ... destroyers.

A little constitutional math might help us understand their terminology.

Math Lesson: If	Democracy \cong Socialism
Then,	Democracy \neq Freedom
Therefore:	Democracy = Serfdom

The Absurd ABM Debate:

Threats of nuclear Armageddon from the Russians, Chinese and just about anyone with a nuclear weapon and grudge against America are getting to be fairly routine. Tends to lull one into a sense of complacency, doesn’t it? More remarkable is that which passes as substantive debate these days amounts to no more than thinly disguised capitulation to political intimidation.

Vladimir Yakovlev, commander of Russian Strategic Missile Forces, has warned that the world would face “nuclear anarchy” if the US develops a nuclear defense system [www.NewsMax.com, 5/29/00]. He comments further that such development would result in the “gravest consequences, up to nuclear unpredictability”. That means, in plain language, he’s just waiting for an excuse to pull the nuclear trigger. The system he’s talking about, of course, is the proposed National Missile Defense (NMD) anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system. It’s a lot like the one the Russians already have in place around Moscow.

Barbara Starr, reporting for ABC News (abcnews.go.com) in an article entitled “Missile Shield Arms Race” notes that a no less prestigious agency than the CIA also warns against US Deployment of a national missile defense system. The reason? Well, China, and perhaps even Russia, may retaliate by increasing their nuclear arsenals. That makes it unanimous. All parties agree, it would be a very bad thing for the US to prepare to defend itself against aggression.

Of course, most of us recognize the old politics of “bait and switch”. The administration keeps the American public on the hook with promises of security yet dribbling it away through technology transfers, structured theft and espionage, making a mockery of the primary requirement of the congress to “provide for the common defense”. All the while, a viable solution has remained, always present and carefully ignored, in the hands of many individual Americans. It’s a simple solution and which mitigates both fear and the potential for political intimidation. Think about it.

What if, we wonder, every parent in America cautioned their sons and daughters to avoid physical activity and sports of every kind. What if they forbid participation in physical activities which help build strong bodies, good character and well-rounded personalities. What indeed would our nation be like if we encouraged our children to be physically, morally and spiritually weak, evasive, fearful, uncertain, ignorant and ... defenseless?

But that’s what we’re about, isn’t it. Everything ... every program is structured to that purpose from “dumbing” down our children in the public school system, propagandizing the individual and nation to accept subservience, reducing our manufacturing base, to demoralizing and dismantling our military. Every program promulgated by recent federal administrations is based on a philosophy of cultivating weakness in some form leading to disarmament, helplessness, and vulnerability. We might well again consider the adage that in politics nothing happens by accident. Therefore, we can only assume this orchestrated series of events and circumstances is the product of planned change. Therefore, it must be a good thing for somebody. One thing we know for sure is ... it isn’t us.

Let’s tally the chips. Our military advantage has been compromised, our families remain hostage to foreign threats, the nation is being looted of jobs and cash and invaded by parasites. We’re just short of being physically disarmed. Can demands for tribute be far behind? The final act has yet to be written but the plot has been pretty well outlined in the pages of time. If our children survive, what would you want them to say about how we responded to this threat in the final chapters of our nations history?

Sub Wars:

Somewhere deep in the murky depths of the Barents Sea lies a Russian nuclear sub, the *Kursk*. Reportedly one of eleven surface-to-air missile carrying Oscar-2 class submarines, the *Kursk*, along with some 117 crewmen, which may have taken second place in an undersea shoot-out.

There are so many conflicting reports we will likely never know the truth. One plausible explanation is the accidental detonation of an experimental torpedo. Another is a possible confrontation with a [American] sub. If either alternative is correct the incident could spark a major escalation in political and military tensions.

On one hand numerous reports document continuing Russian military build-up. Contrary reports abound which explain that the deteriorating condition of Russian military assets assures us of continued “peace in our time”.

But wars are not driven by hardware, they are motivated by politics. Russia, China and the globalist faction in the US share a fanatical and competing desire to dominate the world. Given world economics, Russia may be in the untenable position known as “use it or lose it”. On the other hand, it’s unlikely the US has the political gumption to play the dominance game. The Archduke was assassinated, Helen of Troy abducted, the Lusitania sunk, the *Maine* blown-up, Fort Sumter bombarded and the precedent well-established that governments manufacture crisis to promote political ends.

If we are to avoid being their victims it’s about time we all got better acquainted with the most important weapon of World Wars I, II and now WW 3 before it begins ... the shovel.

“The foundation of Russian military strategy hinges on a pre-emptive nuclear first strike against US strategic forces, so it is simply not believable that any serious dismantling of the missile forces is going to take place.” Joel Skousen, World Affairs Brief, August 18, 2000 [www.joelskousen.com].

So Who Gives A You Know What Anyway:

Well, in fact not many. It’s unrealistic to look to the general public for any significant awakening, that is, any level of functional awareness beyond basic and immediate bodily needs. Chances are, most people intellectually capable of such realization have already done so, or are well on the way to understanding the need to prepare and act.

We need not look far to see that little about human nature has changed over the last 200 years.

“John Adams estimated that only a third of the population could be classified as active rebels. Another third remained indifferent, waiting to hail the victor, while the remainder actually supplied more soldiers to the mother country than the revolutionists were ever able to raise on a permanent basis.” War Through The Ages, Lynn Montross, 1960.

“Americans tend not to believe in disasters, natural or otherwise. Consequently, they are forever being caught by surprise – and usually quite unprepared.” Paul R. Ehrlich, The End of Affluence, p. 240.

Don’t wait for the “masses” to join you in your efforts or the majority to suddenly find “religion”. They never will. It’s always the motivated minority that makes the difference. It is also essential that you and your unit remain aware of the dynamics of the human herd, to anticipate the psychology of the unprepared mob, to plan and be prepared to act accordingly.

Report From The Forward Observer:

Perhaps the biggest compliment that could be paid to a constitutional militia group these days is to receive agency attention. After all, if your efforts never get noticed, you're not being effective.

Regardless, we had a nice visit in Fayetteville. A few folks noticed the NCCM table at the gun show, but our visits are anything but dramatic. We don't carry on, demonstrate, break things, make threats, or even use loud or abusive words. Such things are not only destructive to the mission, they're not necessary. Besides, that's what *they* do, and you all know who we mean. We talk facts, history, common sense, and carry the message of freedom, individual sovereignty and responsibility and constitutional government. Our message is just calm, rational words ...funny how something like that makes some folks so nervous.

We understand the unprofessional, illegal, and immoral purpose and manner in which harassment is conducted. We expect nothing less. But we've got something to say, and it gives us some satisfaction that more than a few are doing something a lot more important than listening, they're thinking.

Maybe we make too easy a target. We're not too hard to find, we're everywhere. And we stand out ... the [unorganized] militia appears to be the only remaining lawful military organization that will never fly anything but the American flag.

"There are a lot of taboos, that is, things we're not supposed to talk about, in modern society. If we do talk about them we are labeled a racist or worse. One of those things is the topic of stupid people. But the topic can no longer be ignored, because for the first time in history stupid people have more political power than anyone else, and the consequence of allowing them all that power now looms like the shadow of doom over America." Dave Duffy, Backwoods Home Magazine, September/October, 2000.

THE UN RAPID REACTION FORCE

World Mercenary Army Is Born

House Bill HR 4453, the "United Nations Rapid Deployment Police and Security Force Act of 2000" sponsored by Representative James McGovern proposes to create a 6000 man United Nations Rapid Reaction Force, i.e., a standing army, under the UN Security Council. It provides for recruitment, funding, training and deployment. While it sets a 6000 man limit on the size of the force, presumably this proposed American contingent will augment the existing 5000 man element already reported training in Scandinavia.

A summary of Representative McGovern's proposal can be found in an article by Jon E. Dougherty entitled "The New World Disorder, U.N. Rapid Reaction Force" dated July 8, 2000 which appeared on the WorldNetDaily website [www.worldnetdaily.com/bluesky_dougherty/20000706].

This "rapid reaction force" proposal clearly anticipates implementation of a permanent UN standing army. While the force has been organizing for some time, official recognition is expected to be an outcome of the UN Millennium Conference in early September. Among the dozen or so reported goals of the conference are formal agreement on:

- * Creation & maintenance of a UN standing army

- * UN registration and control of all small arms
- * Reduction of all national armies
- * World-wide UN defense system (to supercede US department of defense)
- * Global tax system
- * Adoption of the Kyoto Treaty
- * Agreement on abolishing the veto authority of Security Council members

HR 4453 is therefore essential to ensuring the US quota of personnel and financial support for this proposed UN army. Once assigned to Security Council jurisdiction it would be difficult if not impossible to impose congressional limits or controls on the use of this army of mercenaries. One thing is clear however, the establishment of a permanent UN army marks the beginning of the end of national identity and independence which is, of course, its' intention.

These events are paralleled by the broad indoctrination of our armed forces which is designed to condition our service men and women into accepting UN command and control.

For example we consider an article, "Moral Foundations of Military Service" by Professor of Ethics, Dr. Martin L. Cook at the US Army War College. In his article, published in *Parameters*, Spring 2000, Cook addresses the ethics *of* military service and ethics *in* military service. In doing so he skillfully plays to the military audience. Cook extols the virtues of military service while he undermines key elements of the moral and ethical code which loyal American soldiers have followed for two centuries. Numerous examples can be cited from the text. For example he states:

"But while producing excellence of character and virtue, the military exists to serve the will of the political leadership and of a particular state."

Not content to conveniently overlook the sworn constitutional [lawful] obligations of the military [organized militia] Cook advocates loyalty to men over loyalty to law, citizens and nation. He argues the "real purpose of military leadership is simply to serve the national interest" suggesting that, since a high degree of morality cannot be achieved, it need not be pursued. By implication, the concept of an unlawful order would be irrelevant if the action would somehow advance the interests of the "human community", that is, the interests of the state.

Cook cites St. Augustine's' writings in rationalizing why men have historically gone to war "in service of the *relatively good state*..." and the general importance and "rights" of the nation-state to "territorial integrity and political sovereignty". As a true internationalist Cook sidesteps the constitutional authority of the sovereign citizen over the state, apparently presuming all power resides with the states [nations], or the ruling political entities, which have "equal moral claims" to territory and sovereignty.

The immoral internationalist bent of the author is perhaps best observed in his description of the obligation of officers. On one hand we learn officers must "conduct themselves within the bounds of the laws and customs of war." Yet the officer is admonished "... it is not the moral responsibility of the officer to assess the moral worth of the state itself. Neither is the officer generally obliged to determine the justice of the war the state orders unless there is a compelling reason to do so."

This, as educated readers will observe, is the very antithesis of the moral citizen and citizen-soldier of a free republic. In a free society every citizen has a duty to question the lawfulness and moral justification of the acts of the nation and its leadership, and to expect and demand

accountability from all citizens. Cooks' premise prompts us to recollect the Nuremberg trials during which immoral German officers argued unsuccessfully before a moral court that they were simply following orders and could not be held personally responsible for their acts. Then again was not Germany at that time a socialist state seeking a "one-world order"?

We need not wonder what a permanent UN army would bring to America. Cook tells us if we are smart enough to listen. It would bring us:

- * "universal moral ends", the imposed capricious values of power-hungry men instead of values based on the religious heritage of the nation
- * democracy, the rule of the mob, as a substitute for representative constitutional republic where individual rights are not surrendered to special interests or the demands of the mob
- * human rights, the strictly controlled privileges defined by the UN, instead of natural, God-given rights which government cannot lawfully abridge, and
- * the function of removing "oppressors", that is, those who oppose the imposition of a totalitarian New World Order

Fancy words and artful verbal constructs aside, other examples of unethical tampering with the military mind should be readily evident to an interested reader.

History itself tells us the inescapable outcome of global government. From antiquity we understand that the security of ancient Rome was compromised not because of the influences of Christianity or external military threat, but internal corruption. As the moral and intellectual values of the leadership declined, so did those of society in general and the citizen-soldier who made up the backbone of the Roman army. As the redeeming values of civilization were lost so was an understanding of the importance of maintaining individual rights and the obligations of the governed to ensure the integrity of the state.

As the Roman leadership, and subsequently the citizen-soldier, increasingly pursued political expediency and self-serving interests, the republic deteriorated. With it went the loyalty and national identity of the army. The loyalty of the citizen-soldier, the backbone of the army, was no longer to nation, fellow citizens and the principles of the republic. Instead, loyalties were increasingly placed in the hands of self-serving political leaders. Dissolution of the nation-state which provided the longest period of peace in history became inevitable as the interests of the citizen-soldier were abdicated to the interests of the state and its political elite.

The use of combined armies in peacekeeping roles has generally been a failure in history. As discussed by Lynn Montross (*War Through The Ages*, 1960) it becomes fairly evident that amoral international intervention cannot permanently stop the forces of national determination. The early 19th century provides a good example:

"These European moves [the Quadruple Alliance, 1822 to restore Spanish possessions in the "New World"] were made in the name of pacifism. Since the *Pax Romana* no dream of universal peace has been revived more persistently than the hope of an alliance to outlaw war. Each generation fondly believes that it has discovered a plan which had been urged prior to 1800 by Henry IV of France, William Penn, the Abbe de St. Pierre, Jeremy Bentham and Immanuel Kant. With the exception of Bentham, who favored moral persuasion, all of these leaders believed that nations, like the individuals composing them, could be made to obey laws forbidding armed aggression. All agreed

that the enforcement could be left to an international constabulary – the counterpart of the policeman who compels the citizen to respect the rights of his neighbor.

It is a popular conviction that the plan has never been given a fair trial in modern times, yet the Holy Alliance of 1816 was formed with such ideals in view. The Holy Alliance merely announced the principle, but the enforcement did not depend on moral persuasion alone. Within a few more months the Quadruple Alliance of Russia, Austria, Prussia and England (with France later being admitted) undertook the task of maintaining world peace by means of armed might. Thus during the years following the Napoleonic wars Europe was policed by an all-powerful league of nations which could – and did – send its' soldiers to put down every threatened disturbance.

At last an age-old dream had come true, and yet both alliances have been condemned ever since as conspiracies against progress and political liberties. Their failure may be charged to the fact that each generation has its own idea of what constitutes international justice, order and liberty. Even such apparently opposite poles as peace and war are capable of widely varying interpretations, so that today's "intervention" may go down in history as "aggression." "

While the lofty principles of a one-world army appear on the surface to be universally benevolent, the demands behind the ideals are corrupt and unworkable. It is no wonder why the global interventionist would attempt to convince military officers not to question the morality or ethics of the politics and political leaders who would direct their skills of war as "politics by other means."

Perhaps as never before, American military officers must question the morality, ethics, motivations and lawfulness of political directives if they and their posterity, and the nation as a whole, are to survive in a free and secure society.

"The West in general, and Americans in particular, tend to display a psychological resistance to facing up to the facts when the facts are unpleasant and forebode the worst. The perennial longing for an untroubled world, or simply the desire to be left alone, finds expression in reassuring self-deception." Elliot R. Goodman, *The Soviet Design For A World State*, 1960.

THE EMERSON CASE

Second Amendment On Trial

In August, 1998 divorce proceedings were filed against Dr. Timothy J. Emerson by his wife. Details aside, a restraining order was subsequently issued which, among other things, prohibited Dr. Emerson from the possession of firearms. His challenge to this arbitrary loss of civil rights is documented in *United States of America vs. Timothy Joe Emerson, Criminal Action No. 6:98-CR-103-C*, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas.

The outcome is documented in an Amended Memorandum Opinion signed by Judge Sam R. Cummings, United States District Judge, dated April 7, 1999. The Memorandum Opinion and detailed information about this remarkable court case can be found at the Second Amendment Foundation website [www.saf.org/1999Emersoncase2amend.html].

In seeking a motion to dismiss, the Emerson case argued that the federal indictment prohibiting possession of firearms as provided in 18 U.S.C. §922 (g)(8) is “an unconstitutional exercise of congressional power under the Commerce Clause and the Second, Fifth, and Tenth Amendments...”. While each of these issues is addressed in the Memorandum, the most interesting from our perspective is the judicial review of the historical and legal right to private (individual) ownership and possession of firearms. This was of critical importance to the case because Emerson’s claim to a violation of his constitutional right to bear arms would be valid only if the court found it to be an individual right.

In the review the court rejected the governments claim that the Second Amendment “creates a [collective] right held by the States and does not protect an individual right to bear arms.” The Memorandum also dismisses previous court cases which discount the individual right to own firearms citing, politics aside, what would otherwise be considered fairly obvious truisms by numerous researchers such as David Harmer (Securing a Free State: Why The Second Amendment Matters, 1998):

“After all, the Bill of Rights is not a bill of states’ rights, but the bill of rights retained by the people.”

In granting the Motion To Dismiss the court memorandum found the federal law prohibiting firearms possession in such civil cases to be unconstitutional on the basis that 18 U.S.C. §922 (g)(8) violated both the Second and Fifth Amendments. But more notable, to do so the court had to recognize the individual right to firearms ownership. Additional discussion relative to the Commerce Clause as it relates to the Second Amendment can be found at The American Guardian web site [www.amguard.net].

If not for the rabid political determination of the socialist usurpers in government who continue to push for civilian disarmament, the issue might likely have been resolved. However, on June 13th, the District Court decision was appealed to the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans. As reported by Tom Gresham [www.keepandbeararms.com] and further summarized by the Second Amendment Foundation [www.saf.org/pub/rkba/news/EmersonOralArguments.htm] in preliminary oral arguments the three-judge panel appeared to reject the government’s assertions regarding the Commerce Clause. This is a good start, but as yet inconclusive as a decision has not yet been awarded.

But the most significant revelation was the assertion by government counsel that citizens have absolutely no right to own firearms. Interested readers should read the entire report. However, in summary, the key exchange reported by Gresham in his article of 6/15/00 appears to be:

Judge Garwood: “You are saying that the Second Amendment is consistent with a position that you can take guns away from the public? You can restrict ownership of rifles, pistols and shotguns from all people? Is that the position of the United States?”

Metēja (for the government): “Yes”

The government takes the further position that only membership in the National Guard infers a limited right to possession of firearms, and then only if the firearm is actually used while in the National Guard.

It may require several months for a decision from the appeals court. On the positive side, perhaps now even some federal judges, no longer feeling politically protected or isolated by

position, perceive a threat to their own freedom and security and will act accordingly. On the other hand, a narrowly defined “politically correct” court decision would likely leave the overall issue of individual rights open to further political manipulation. While we might anticipate the latter based on the current model of judicial manipulation, it seems more likely that the government may simply delay the proceedings as long as possible.

Justification for such a delay might be found in the agenda of the upcoming UN Millennium Conference in September which will include adoption of a UN resolution banning civilian ownership of firearms. US adoption by Executive Order could conceivably render the appeals court decision a mute issue.

Regardless of the court decision, the radical [communistic] anti-gun position of the Clinton administration remains a central theme of the globalist agenda. This agenda is shared by presidential nominees Gore and Bush. The administrations’, and the globalist position as articulated during the oral arguments before the Emerson appeals court is not based on reason or constitutional law, but a political objective fueled by emotionalism, and intended to be implemented under color of law with the object of absolute power. The natural right of citizens to the tools of self-defense is simply not a factor either in UN deliberations or those within the federal administration. The framework of a national gun control “debate” is simply one means to a pre-determined end.

On the other hand, fearing an adverse court decision, an already marginalized and radically determined federal administration might be prompted to extreme measures to prevent derailment of the socialist gun control. Besides, regardless of the outcome what would make us believe the issue will be decided by the courts? Wasn’t the Brady Bill found to be unconstitutional?

Without the demonstrated physical ability and the will to resist the outcome is inevitable. Reliance on political debate and negotiation on an issue already perceived by [totalitarian-bent] government as non-negotiable is almost pointless from this point forward. Public debate may serve to build awareness in a few but will have little affect on the marginalized, dumbed-down masses mesmerized by emotionalism and disinformation. Committed socialists are counting on the tolerant nature of the common citizen to maneuver for position and incremental concessions.

Regardless of the decision on the Emerson case, the outcome of the gun control issue will not be decided by public or judicial debate based on natural and constitutional law, reason, morality, or religious principle. At this point in our political history, reliance on debate, negotiation and compromise is unrealistic. It might be well intentioned, but isn’t there an adage that says something like “The road to Hell is paved with good intentions”?

“... if a politician won’t trust you, why should you trust him?” L. Neil Smith, commentary on The Webley Page [www.webleyweb.com/lneil/index.html]

FROM THE TRAINING GROUND

Your Unit On Patrol, Part 1

This is to be the first in the promised series of articles to assist training officers around the state in getting their training programs up and running. In this lesson we will concentrate on personnel needed in a patrol and what each man does, as well as take a look at two patrolling

formations and two patrolling techniques (please overlook my rough drawings). By the end of this lesson you should be able to begin moving through your terrain in a patrol formation that provides security to your personnel.

Designated Positions:

In any type of terrain, there are a few positions that need to be held at all times within the patrolling team, namely squad and /or team leader, point man, rear security man, compass man, alternate compass man, pace man, and alternate pace man. It is possible for one man to hold more than one position if need be. We will look closer at the position of each of these men within a patrol once we look at formations. For now, let us look at the particular duties of each of these positions a little more closely.

Squad leader/team leader: This man is the control point of the patrolling unit. A larger unit may have a squad leader and a couple of team leaders, while in a smaller unit the squad leader may also act as the team leader and, if small enough, may be the unit commander himself. Whoever fills this position must be able to make sound tactical decisions at a moment's notice, taking into consideration the current situation as well as all possible contingencies. The success of the patrol begins with the leadership and command abilities of the individual filling this position.

Point man: This is the man immediately responsible for keeping your team out of trouble. The person you have in this position should have an intimate knowledge of the area you are operating in. This includes being familiar with wildlife habits, habits of the people who normally occupy the area, and must overall have a sixth sense, kind of a subconscious connection with the area. All of this is because a point man's job is not so much to lead you through an area, but more of not leading you into areas of ambush or other unwanted enemy contact. The point man must develop a gut feeling for when something is wrong, and a good unit leader will always listen to a good point man when he has a bad feeling. While each team will probably have a primary point man, each team member should be able to perform this function so as to relieve him, as this is a very stressful position. 150% of the point man's concentration will be directed at "feeling" for the enemy. This is also the most dangerous position in the patrol because in combat, the average life span of the point man upon surprise enemy contact averages about two seconds. Remember this when selecting your primary point man: in 98% of fire-fights, which ever side sees and fires on the enemy first wins the engagement.

Rear security man: The rear security man is responsible for watching your team's "six". If an enemy force is tracking your patrol, this is the man who is responsible for spotting them and notifying the patrol leader and/or initiating suppressive fire. In the event that your unit turns the patrol 180 degrees without inverting personnel, the rear security man will perform the role of point man, so this should be taken into consideration when selecting someone for this position.

Compass man and alternate compass man: This is the man who will keep you going where you need to be going. He should be adept at using a compass and map, not only for finding direction, but also for finding your location and recognizing terrain features on a map. The compass man must set his compass for the azimuth that the patrol leader wants to move on, and regularly check to ensure that the patrol continues to head in the correct direction. The assistant compass man is the backup should something happen to your regular.

Pace man and alternate pace man: While everyone should know their pace count, which will be explained in a moment, you should designate a primary and alternate pace man to keep track of how far your patrol has moved. If the patrol leader wants to move 600 meters, it is this man who will let him know when they have reached their destination. Both of these men should have a pace counter, which is a piece of 550 cord or similar line with beads slipped over it, which can be attached to combat gear. You can buy these pre-made from Ranger Joe's, or you can make

your own. Take a piece of cord and 14 beads that the cord will fit through snugly. Place five beads on the cord and tie a knot about one and a half inches below the beads so that they have room to slide, then place the remaining nine beads on the cord and tie a knot about one and a half inches below them. Remember to tie a knot at the top to keep the first five beads from sliding off, and place some kind of fastener to attach it to your gear.

Getting and Using a Pace Counter:

First, take a good look at the terrain you will be operating in and decide what the middle ground is. For example, if you are operating in an urban environment, it will all be relatively flat. If you are in the mountains, you will have steep mountains, but also valley floors, so the middle ground would be rolling hills. The middle ground is what you need to use for your pace counts.

Find a place to mark off 100 meters (1 meter = 3.3 feet, so 100 meters = 330 feet). Have each man stand at the start line. Remember that a pace is two steps, and walking normally, count how many paces it takes to reach the finish line. This is each man's pace count. You will need three pace counts: walking with assault gear including rifle, running with assault gear including rifle, and walking with a rucksack fully loaded in addition to your assault gear and rifle. Make sure your assault gear is a full load, including water, ammunition, etc. Since your gear load may change from mission to mission, remember that each ten pounds added to gear increases your pace count by one, and each ten pounds dropped lessens your pace count by one. Also note that when moving over steeper terrain, your paces shorten, and on more level ground, your paces lengthen, so when on patrol your counting should always take this into consideration. Also, pace counts should be reconfirmed every now and then because what tends to happen is that as you become used to moving through terrain with your gear, your stride will change as your body reacts to the new stresses.

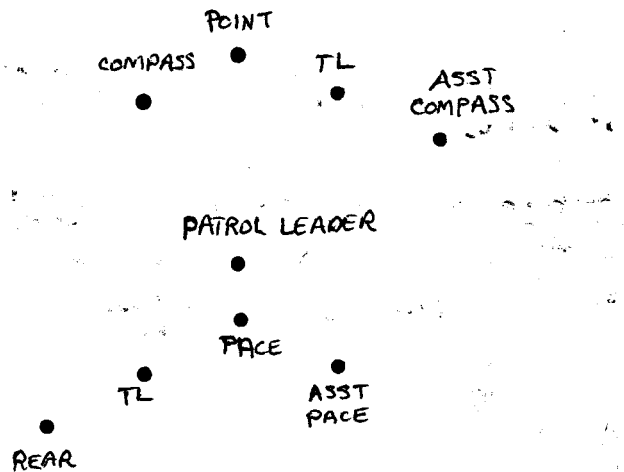
To use your pace count and pace counter, select the distance your patrol needs to move. The pace man will count as he walks (this is why you do not want your point man to be your pace man) and move a bead on the pace counter accordingly. With the five beads on your counter at the top, for every 100 meters the pace man counts off, he slides one of the nine bottom beads apart from the rest. After walking 900 meters and moving all nine bottom beads, the next 100 meters counted will bring you to 1000 meters (known as a klick) and one of the top five beads is moved apart, and this continues until you have reached the distance you need to travel. So, each of the bottom nine beads represents 100 meters, and each of the top five beads represents 1000 meters.

Patrolling Formations and Techniques:

There are two basic patrolling formations and two basic patrolling techniques that you should know. The first formation is the file, usually called a Ranger file because it was used by Roger's Rangers in the middle 1700's and adopted by modern day Rangers. It is the simplest formation and the easiest to control, though it lacks firepower to the front and rear. Below is an example of a file and where your personnel might be placed within it.

- POINT
- COMPASS
- TEAM LEADER
- ASST. COMPASS
- PATROL LEADER
- PACE
- ASST. PACE
- TEAM LEADER
- REAR

The second formation for patrolling is the wedge. While mostly used in full squads, it is also effective for small teams because it is easy to bring the full firepower of the team to the front or rear immediately. Be advised though, that this formation is hard to control because of the team being spread out abreast. In a nine-man squad, a wedge might be set up as follows.



In both of these formations, there should be 3-5 meters between each man during daylight hours and 2-3 meters during dark or low visibility movements. Terrain must also be taken into account. In open areas, distance should increase between men so that an attack can not target them all at once, and in low visibility or thick brush the men should just stay in sight of each other. In the wedge, the patrol leader should be about 10-12 meters behind the lead team.

Normally, the file is used for low visibility and thick brush, while the wedge is used for daytime movement and more open areas, but this is most definitely not a hard and fast rule. Try a few runs and see what works for your unit.

The first team movement technique is the overwatch. In this movement, the rear team is roughly 50 meters behind and 50 meters to one side of the lead team, making sure to keep visual contact. If the patrol leader is separate from the teams, he may go with whichever team he feels he should attach to, but usually it is the rear team. This technique is used when enemy contact is likely. When one team makes enemy contact, the overwatch allows the other team to stay more or less out of fire, thus making it easier to break to a flank and catch the enemy in a cross fire (which will be discussed in a later lesson). Either formation may be used in the overwatch technique.

The second movement technique is the bounding overwatch. This is used when enemy contact is highly expected. The teams begin in the overwatch positions. The lead team then moves to a tactically superior position, such as high ground, where they can pull security for the trail team. They must pick a spot where they have as much visibility as possible while retaining a good covered (protection from incoming rounds) and concealed (protection from prying enemy eyes) position. The trail team then moves past the lead team, distance depending on visibility and terrain, and sets up in their own position to cover the first team's movement. This leapfrog effect continues until the unit leaves enemy territory or the likelihood of contact significantly decreases. This is a slow, deliberate, and time-consuming movement, but it provides excellent security when you know the enemy is near.

AAR (After Action Review):

I will take this point to end part one of the lesson on patrolling. You should now know the positions within a patrol and what each one is responsible for. You should also be able to go out and have everyone learn their pace count so you can begin keeping track of where you are in your terrain. The two formations and the two techniques must be practiced to get used to them, but with time, you should be able to work out the kinks. This should give you a starting point to get out with your unit and start working and moving as a team.

In part two of this lesson, which will be in the next issue of the CFP, we will take a look at hand signals so that you can patrol with silent communication. We will also discuss what to do when you encounter a danger area such as a road you must cross, as well as take a look at what a patrol base is and how to go about establishing one. To wrap part two up, I will point out some technical differences between moving in an urban environment and moving in a wooded environment. Until then, happy patrolling.

"Long ago my father had said, 'Never give up your weapons. I know of no case where weapons were surrendered that was not followed by massacre.'" Louis L'Amour in Jubal Sacket, p.320.

THE STAFF OF LIFE

Back To Basics With Hardtack

One of the earliest forms of MRE's was undoubtedly some type of long-lasting travel-bread which we now commonly refer to as "hardtack". In it's original form hardtack was little more than a concoction of wheat flour and water, sometimes baked with a little salt, to form a hard cracker or biscuit. In various forms it has been used as a staple during many periods in history when the availability of fresh foods was limited or non-existent. During any significant future crisis it is also likely that food will be in limited supply and variety or, more likely, unavailable.

Military MRE's, or their civilian counterparts, are expensive and supplies cannot be expected to be readily available for a crisis of any duration. Even if available, without a reliable resupply system it is unlikely sufficient MRE's would be distributed for widespread field use. Militia units are more likely to gravitate to the use of foods which travel well, are compact and long-lasting. Experience has proven the utility of storable foods such as dried beef, dried fruits, hard candy and sugar, high density cereals such as parched corn and brans such as Grape-Nuts, and various nuts such as salted peanuts. Lacking control over sources of supply and processing equipment it will be unlikely such foods will be widely available to militia units during an extended crisis.

In anticipating such times many militia units and those oriented toward self-sufficiency have already stored quantities of basic grains. Therefore, these basic ingredients will likely form the basis for field rations in the future. Few have experimented sufficiently to know how to properly prepare them or become accustomed to their taste.

With these considerations in mind a great deal of thought has been given to alternative field rations which satisfy the basic requirement of nutrition, low weight and moisture, and long shelf life. Such rations must also be readily “packable” and economical. One of the most obvious alternatives for rations that meet our basic criteria was hardtack.

We’ve looked at a number of recipes. Those favoring tried and true forms of hardtack might wish to consider experimenting with something more along the lines of the original recipes. In the basic recipe noted below the rye flour (or substitute flour) and salt are both considered optional.

- 1 cup rye flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- ½ tsp. baking powder
- ¼ cup butter
- 1 tsp. salt

A much better recipe was found on the Internet at www.backcountry.net which consists of:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- ½ cup yellow cornmeal
- ½ cup cracked wheat (sometimes called bulgur)
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 ½ cups buttermilk

General instructions: Combine flours, cornmeal, wheat, sugar, and salt. Add buttermilk and mix well. Knead briefly and place on greased and floured baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees F.

Remembering a few key points will substantially assist in making a useful product:

- * Roll the dough into layers 1/8 to no more than 3/16 inch thick.
- * While baking, turn about every 4 minutes for 20 minutes until lightly brown.
- * Use a cookie cutter or similar form to cut your dough into square or rectangular shapes of the same uniform size. About 4 inches square or equivalent rectangular sizes seem best.
- * Use a fork to make a number of holes in the dough cutouts before baking.

Most people will find three or four crackers filling and will make up a minimal days ration. For trail use and very long term storage they can be vacuum packed in trail size pouches. Making your biscuits into equally sized squares will help ensure a uniform baking time and make storage much easier. The fork holes will help keep each cracker flat. If simply rolled into thin layers and baked they will form very irregular sizes and surfaces which will be much more difficult to handle and store. The buttermilk is optional, plain water will do in a pinch. The salt is not essential, but preferred. And while you can vary the flour types, even adding whole wheat berries, the sugar content should not be exceeded as too much will impair its’ storage life.

Once baked, hardtack resembles a hard cracker which has a pleasant but unremarkable wheat cracker taste. The baked hardtack becomes very hard and must be chewed with caution. It will store quite well for very long periods if put up dry in plastic zip-locked bags, plastic or glass containers.

Eaten with caution (they can be hard on the teeth and gums), hardtack makes a filling and satisfying ration that requires no preparation and results in no waste. It's basic ingredients are not only commonly available, but often form the basis for long term storage pantries. Several days' supply can be easily carried in one pocket. Hardtack not only makes an interesting snack, it remains a practical and very economical field ration that can be made in even the most rudimentary of kitchens.

BARNYARD FABLES #42

At The Gun Show

It was easy to separate the city-folk from the usual rural crowd. Not just more polite, the regulars were the only ones not gawking at the squad of Chicken Militia strung out down the aisle, moving with clear purpose in their strut.

"Hi Ben! ... How ya doin' Ben, good to see ya! ... Got your stuff when yer ready, Ben!"
The progress of the Squad was marked by calls from the vendors greeting the old Rooster as he strutted through the isles followed by the members of the Quartermaster Squad.

As usual everyone was politely ignoring the agency Boys shadowing the parade of Birds. Most everybody understood they were no more federal than Colonel Sanders so they just left em' alone to save them embarrassment.

"Hey there, Birds!", came a snicker from a Heckler across the aisle, "Livestock ain't allowed in here - Ya'll got no natural right to self-defense like us smart Folks at the top of the food chain!"

"Ho there fellow Patriot," cawed Ben with a Bug eatin' grin, "All Critters got natural rights. We seen the writin' on the wall over there same as you. That's why we're here; we Birds of a feather gotta flock together!"

"Them political signs don't say nuthin", jeered the Heckler, "'cept fer People to vote for them two up-standin' Presidential Fellas' somebody picked for us. You farm Critters can't read a lick, can ya?", concluded the Heckler,

"We might not know letters real good, but we sure is good at readin' sign; that's what keeps us alive and free on the Farm," replied the Quartermaster".

"Well, color me UN blue", chuckled the Heckler, "So what does the writin' on the wall say to a sign-readin' Chicken?"

"It's a sign of the times, " replied Ben moving closer with a steady and unnerving stare. "It says those partial to the sign got no judgment; it says those that got no judgment will get judgment; and those that do have it had best be concentratin' on these here tables and not all them lyin' letters up there on them signs."

“Hah!”, scowled the Heckler turning away, “This here stuff won’t cure your problem, you’ll still be Livestock.”

“Problem is, “Ben clucked softly, “without this stuff we’ll all be Livestock”.

“Pssst, Sarge,” hissed a Private, “ain’t People concerned about that Liberty Tree thing? You know, the one that’s got to be watered with blood from time to time?”

“Sure, they’s worried,” replied Ben softly, “But where do you think that blood comes from ‘cept them that can see the letters but can’t read the sign in all the stuff they got to look at.”

“Let’s move on, Birds,” said Ben, “We ain’t got much time and we got a lot of pounds to git.”

“Why pounds instead of stuff, Sarge”, asked the feathered Corporal.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”, cawed Ben, “But only if ya get off the fence long enough to get it.”

“Indeed, the actual boundaries of human equilibrium are very narrow, and it is not really necessary to use a rack or hot coals to drive the average human being out of his mind.” The Gulag Archipelago, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, 1973, p. 103

BOOK REVIEW

Jungle Snafus... And Remedies

No less remarkable a book than his *Nuclear War Survival Skills*, author Cresson H. Kearny is also the author of the excellent book *Jungle Snafus ... and Remedies* [ISBN 1-884067-10-7], copyrighted in 1996. This text is published and distributed by the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, 2251 Dick George Road, Cave Junction, Oregon.

Kearny began writing this book in 1988 in order to preserve critical practical information which will help the American soldier remain healthy and effective during future conflicts. To that end the book is dedicated to American infantrymen. It represents nothing less than a lifetime of research and experience in jungle survival and warfare. It should be noted that, despite the title, many of the applications described are also appropriate for temperate climates and many principles of fieldcraft described in the text are universal.

The authors’ style is slightly rambling, but very readable, his sea stories are unique and informative, and his insight and tenacity remarkable. But this is not a book to simply read, it is a book that requires study. Simply reading the book is entertaining, but one can’t read it without also learning something.

Two things make this book valuable. The most obvious value is found in the commentaries on the development and practical application of literally dozens of devices and techniques intended to improve the comfort and efficiency of the field soldier. Included are discussions on everything from flotation devices, machetes, flashlights, rifle and cartridge comparisons, compasses, uniforms, rain wear, LBE, medical kits and much more.

Perhaps no less significant than the product, i.e., conclusions and recommendations, of the authors insight are the descriptions of the development process itself. Included in the text are

explanations of how things were accomplished, methods of experimentation and observation, and glimpses into the thought process which resulted in the development of practical solutions to critical field problems. In the process of being educated readers are treated to the story of a career of invention and perhaps a practical genius at improvisation and adaptation. In short, Kearny indirectly helps teach the process of observation, evaluation and adaptation to the reader.

A commentary to the Spring 2000 issue of Parameters contains a statement by Colonel Carl A Singer which, while not intended for this application, explains why this book is so important:

“Last, we cannot forget that while there are many who would fight future wars from the easy-chair comfort of the living room, or mega-command center, to quote many great leaders, it is the individual foot soldier who determines defeat or victory.”

To cite but one or two examples of Kearny’s recommendations would rob superficial reviewers and potential readers of an appreciation of its value. We shall call it quits by observing this is an important reference text for the unorganized militia, a body of citizens whose stock in trade must be economy, efficiency and adaptation.

“Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human liberty; it is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves.” William Pitt

IN THE WIRE

Military Corruption:

The new kid on the Internet block is www.militarycorruption.com. The site has reportedly been founded and is being run by veterans who are dedicated to exposing military corruption. It is not enough to have a strong military to ensure a secure America, the integrity of those in the military, particularly in the officer ranks, must be maintained. This site is dedicated to this purpose. For a breath of fresh air and an intellectual environment with the notion of honor and duty, you can’t afford to overlook a visit to this site.

The Patriot:

Mel Gibson’s new movie, The Patriot, is a story of a fictional South Carolina farm family caught up in the American War for Independence. It captures the drama and emotionalism of the birth of a nation and inspires the viewer with the spirit of freedom. Socialist apologists of every persuasion have been frothing at the mouth at each opportunity to discuss the movie, proof positive that the film is not “politically correct”. That’s about as good an endorsement as you can get. It’s about three hours short but it has a great story line, action, suspense, and outstanding visual effects. No, it’s not historically perfect, after all it’s fiction. But it tells a great story and rivals other recent patriotic films such as Braveheart and The Postman. You can read about it anywhere but nothing does it justice but to see it.

California Gun Bans:

Effective July 29th, the California Department of Justice officially banned all rifles of the AK and AR-15 type and design. All firearms of this type must be registered with the state on or before December 31st. By that date owners of such “assault” weapons will be required to render the

firearm inoperable, sell or transfer ownership, register it with the California Department of Justice. The basis for such legal action reportedly lies in state and federal interpretations of the 2nd Amendment which hold that firearms ownership is not an individual right but exists only for state militia organizations.

No doubt the recent [Emerson] decision in the Fifth US Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans does not cause those in the California Department of Justice to lose any sleep. These advocates of justice by decree will not be hindered by the facts or any other impediments to imposing UN solutions on state citizens.

Doing Vets Dirt:

Expendable in war, subject to biological experimentation during peace, and unsupported in maintaining mission readiness, the Clinton administration continues to demonstrate an unusual and unwarranted animosity toward military veterans. In an article dated June 22, 2000, NewsMax.com [www.newsmax.com/articles] reports that the Veterans Administration has sent medical information to the FBI National Instant Background Check System (NICS) on approximately 89,000 veterans considered to be "incompetent".

Despite serious problems with the VA system of categorizing veterans, many otherwise competent men and women will be arbitrarily denied the right to purchase and own firearms. To illustrate the point, the article notes "... many Vietnam and Gulf War vets received psychological diagnoses, as there were no physical diagnoses available. Many were adjudicated with 'psychological disorders' who do not belong in that category".

It has and continues to be common practice for government socialists to use and abuse citizen-soldiers to serve the interests of the globalist agenda. Those that have served America with honor deserve more from their country than to be treated as cast-offs.

NCCM Visits Fayetteville:

The NCCM staffed an information table at the C&E gun show held in Fayetteville on August 5-6, 2000. The table was attended by Public Affairs Officer Jeremy Davis and Steve Ledford. It was a welcome opportunity to meet with people and military personnel in the central part of the state and to acquaint many visitors with the concept of a citizens militia. It was particularly satisfying to be able to provide documentation on two very important issues. That is, the lawful and legal basis for a citizens militia and State Department Publication 7277 (Source document Public Law 87-297) which commits the United States to unilateral disarmament, dismantling of its armed services, submergence of its national identity and transfer of its armed forces to UN command and a one-world army.

The presentation was generally very well received. NCCM staff were pleased with the open and candid discussions held with many visitors and the professionalism and dedication reflected by all military personnel. Thank you gentlemen, for the opportunity to meet with you. We trust that in the future if an illegal command is given to fire, more of you will understand which way to aim.

BATF Gun Bans:

In a press release dated August 18th, Century International Arms [www.centuryarms.com] announces that the BATF has banned importation of additional firearms and parts for certain

semi-automatic rifles including the: SAR-1, SAR-2, SAR-3, MISR, STG-58, Centurion 58, FAL, Cetme and G3, and the Garand.

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READERS COMMENTS

The Carolina Free Press:

“All I can say is OOHRAH!!!! I met the Public Affairs Crew at the gun show at Fort Brag North Carolina. Anyone who saw them knew they were grade A. These guys said they were civilians but looked more military than 99.9% of the military. They knew their subject matter and were very personable. What a great bunch of young men. After speaking with them for some time and bringing a copy of the CFP home and reading through it, I can only assume that the rest of this fine organization is as well organized. You guys should be the role model for the entire nation. I have traveled all over this great land and talked with many patriots but none have walked the walk or talked the talk like yours. A lot of waves were made by those two men in the Fayetteville area. They were on local radio shows and even had several articles written in the paper about them. Almost all were in a positive light. Those that were not were from uneducated people who based their commentary off what they thought not what these young men done. Congrats are in order for your Public Affairs Office and for the Carolina Free Press.

Thank You, [Name Withheld by Editor]”

“Under comparable conditions Washington and Greene had shown what could be accomplished by untrained troops. The difference lay in the fact that each of these revolutionary commanders realized the necessity of keeping at least a small force of regulars in the field. Such a nucleus may be compared to the hub of a wheel, and the various guerrilla bands to the spokes. For the lessons of history make it plain that irregular warfare leads to anarchy unless it is supported by a central establishment of dependable soldiers. A few of the strategic spokes may be broken and replaced, but without the hub the entire wheel collapses.” Lynn Montross, War Through The Ages, 1960, p 566.

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Many thanks to those who have sent newspaper clippings, articles, comments and general information. This material helps immensely in preparing each issue of the CFP. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Backwoods Home Magazine is a down-home, how-to oriented magazine for those interested in independent or just plain country living. It will cost you about 5 bucks at your local newsstand, and not even that at your local library. You can smell the wood smoke from their website [www.backwoodshome.com]. The commentaries alone are worth the price.

The attention span of the general public has been estimated to be, at best, about three months. Lest we forget, it is imperative that we continue to boycott all Smith \$ Wesson products and the dealers that carry them. The intent is not to punish vendors trying to make an honest living. It is to cut the cancer of compromise from our free society. We can make a difference. Boycott Smith \$ Wesson.

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