



ROCKVILLE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Do you have an annual budget? You know, a plan on paper or, more likely these days, a document in a computer file, that lays out a financial plan for your home and family? If you said "Yes," congratulations; you are among the roughly 40 percent of Americans who lay out a game plan every year to handle their income, expenses, savings and debt repayment.

Your Chapter is no different and that's why we have a Budget Committee that once a year reviews the prior year's financial activities. It then surveys the various committee chairs and others in leadership positions to determine expenditures needed to keep our Chapter humming along during the coming year.

Against all that, the committee factors income anticipated in the coming year -- from membership dues and other sources -- and packages those numbers in all the in-and-out boxes necessary to operate our chapter, its programs, activities and facilities. Then, voilà, the committee has a budget plan to put before your Board of Directors who then fine-tune it and recommend it to you, the general membership, for approval. That's an oversimplification, of course, for an in-depth process with many moving parts. But it's a process that culminates in an annual dollars-and-cents plan that, in many ways, is no different from your own annual budget.

This year, the Board approved a budget proposal for 2018 at its October 20 meeting. Now it's up to you. At the general membership meeting November 3 you have the opportunity to review those numbers, ask questions, suggest modifications and vote on it. This one of the most important meetings of the year and we need you. Please make every effort to attend.

Ryck Lydecker

Auction Chair Needed

Are you organized and ambitious? Do you like to ask people for donations? Do you work well with others and, are you a good dancer? Well, at least some of those qualities would help you coordinate our Annual Auction. Under the close tutelage of Lee Hays and Martha Patterson, you can be our new Auction Chair. Please contact Lee or Martha if you can help.

November Speaker Spotlight

After graduating from Valparaiso University, Warren Simonsen served in the United States Army from 1971 to 1973. Warren received his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO. He was selected to become a member of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Division (the "Old Guard") and was stationed at Ft. Myer, VA, next to Arlington Cemetery. Shortly after arriving at Ft. Myer, Warren witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. He knew immediately that he wanted to serve his country by becoming a Tomb Guard. Shortly thereafter he volunteered and was accepted for training as a sentinel. The training consisted of four months of practice and testing of in-depth knowledge of Arlington Cemetery and the history of the Tomb.



For his service as a Tomb Guard, Warren earned the Tomb Guard Identification Badge, which is the second least awarded badge in the Army. Fewer than 675 have been awarded since 1958. Warren continues to visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and interacts with other former Tomb Guards who are members of the Society of The Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This is an organization committed to protecting and enhancing the welfare and image of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the sentinels who stand guard, past and present.

Reminder for November

Kids' Autumn Hike on the 19th at 1 p.m. Please RSVP at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48A9A6229-fall>. Contact Jeri Crist with questions.

Ranges Short Shots

The Montgomery County Firearms Safety Committee must inspect firearms ranges every three years. Upon successful completion of a comprehensive safety inspection, the Committee issues a certificate to operate. The Chapter's firearms ranges passed the Committee ranges inspection October 9 and will be issued new certificates to operate until October 2020.

Coincident with the ranges inspection are forthcoming changes to the Chapter's Range Rules. With Board of Directors approval and Montgomery County Firearms Safety Committee authorization, shotguns may be patterned on the pistol range in accordance with the following procedures:

- All firing is under direct supervision of designated range officers during pre-arranged, specified times
- All firing will be conducted with shoulder stocked, long guns only; minimum barrel length is 18.5 in.
- All firing is performed from position 2 into the designated area to the left of 50 yard position 1
- Target backing shall consist of 3' x 4' white plastic cardboard
- No firing on other positions is allowed while patterning
- Lead or Bismuth shot only (steel shot is prohibited)
- Shooters shall police their shot wads
- Any gauge, shot size, choke, or shell length is permissible

Note that pre-arranged, specified times will only occur while the ranges are closed and not staffed by a Duty Range Officer.

The above procedures, along with a few other changes (such as elimination of the blue flag at the Archery Range) will be published in revised Range Rules that will be available November 30. The new rules will be posted on the Chapter website with hardcopy at the Chapter House.

Rifle Range 50 Yard Target Use

The rifle range 50 yard target is for zeroing only. Once an initial zeroing "on paper" group is achieved, shooters should relocate their target to the 100 or 140 yard distances for precise adjustments and practice. During the last two months, the 50 yard target frame experienced damage multiple times requiring repairs from inattentive and excessive shooting. Applying shooting fundamentals, fire a few careful shots (not a magazine) to obtain an "on paper" grouping with the 50 yard target, then relocate your target to the other distances.

~ The Range Committee ~

Air Pistol is a Great Opportunity to Practice Shooting

Although the name "Air Pistol" might conjure up the image of a kids' game, the Chapter's Air Pistol League is very much an adult affair and one that allows users of firearms a great opportunity to work on their shooting skills.

The Air Pistol League runs in the fall, winter and early spring and costs \$20 for Chapter members for the entire season. Shooters can bring their own air pistols or use those provided by the Chapter, which are Russian-made Baikal IZH-46s. Shooting takes place in the upper level of Chapter House each Tuesday from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. There are seven lanes with targets 10 meters away. It's a "for fun" competition, where each shooter will take 10 shots at each three targets with two circle silhouettes, for 30 in total. Shooters must provide their own pellets and the pellets need to be "wadcutter" (flat tipped), however, even those can do damage to whatever they hit, so the Chapter has a curtain between the targets and the wall.



According to Tom Perazella, the Air Pistol League participants are a broad mix. Generally, those who are retired shoot in the early hours of each session and those coming from work tend to shoot later. Although using an air pistol isn't identical to using a conventional firearm, there is overlap in aiming, breathing and shooting. It's also a chance to shoot during the week for those who can only use the pistol and rifle ranges on the weekends.

Meeting Night Meals

A big "Thank You" to Marie and Tom Perazella for providing a wonderful pulled pork at the October meeting.

Volunteers are needed to cook throughout the year. Pick a month and get your six volunteer hours in one night. For more information contact Jeri Crist.

New Members Recently Inducted

Robert Adorian	Germantown
Suzanna Martin	
& Travis Vaught	Darnestown
Steve Nash	Olney

A warm welcome to all!

Rockville Chapter - Mags for Vets Program

This is the 6th year we will be able to provide various types of media to our veterans at the Walter Reed National Medical Center.

Items to Donate: 1) Current magazines NOT more than six (6) months old including but not limited to hunting, fishing, and shooting sports: *Life, People, Atlantic, Gourmet, Forbes*, sports of all types, etc. 2) CDs: any and all types of music, including “books on tape.” 3) DVDs: action, documentary, comedy, sports, musicals, drama, etc. 4) Portable/personal CD/DVD players in good working order with all accessories like chargers, rechargeable battery packs that take and hold a charge. 5) Books (hardback/paperback)

Requirements for donation and delivery: 1) All magazines must be clean and current, not over six (6) months old or reading material that is dusty or musty, i.e. reading material stored in closets/basements. 2) All items must be tied securely with heavy twine/cord in bundles NO MORE than 20 lb. each – no boxes or paper bags 3) All items must not be dropped off prior to the designated time and location

Drop off your donations on or a few days before Sunday January 7, 2018 (12 noon at the latest) and put them just inside and to the left of the door of the Chapter House. For more info, contact Douglas Smith.

It's Renewal Time!

You should have received your annual membership renewal by now. Please follow the renewal instructions provided. As always, you have until 12/31/2017 to get in your 6 hours. Note that this is 6 hours per membership, whether individual or family. Watch the Newsletter and the Chapter's Yahoo group email for volunteer opportunities. Participating in Chapter-sponsored conservation activities certainly counts towards your hours.

It's Renewal Time! (continued)

Hours are not pro-rated. You need to get in your six hours, or else pay \$75 in lieu of those hours. Also, remember that renewals postmarked after 1/16/2018 will incur a \$25 late fee plus another \$10 for a new access card. Starting with this renewal cycle, membership cards will no longer have range qualification stickers affixed to them. For more details, see the August Chapter Newsletter. Members should also pay close attention to the materials inside their renewal packet, as more information will be included.

If you have any questions contact Judy Danish. Please let Judy know ASAP if you don't intend to renew – you will save the Chapter stationery, postage expense and valuable time.

Ike's Want Ads

For sale!

1. S&W, Model 32 (Terrier); .38 S&W; 2” barrel, blue; New in Box \$695
2. SW, Model 53; .22 Jet; 6” barrel, blue: New in box \$1,650
3. SW. Model 40; .38 Spl.; 2” barrel; case-color/blue; New n Box \$950
4. SW, .38 Hammerless, .38S&W, 5” nickel, 4th change, manuf.1909 \$750
5. SW, Model 19, .357 Mag, 2.5” barrel, blue, manuf.1979, NewIB \$875
6. Rger, 50thAniv (.357 &.44); S/N Matching Pair with Display Case \$1,300

Call for information and photos contact TerryPopkin.

To Place a non-commercial ad, write to the Chapter's PO Box, or contact Todd Anderson. Ads must be submitted by third Friday of the month.