



Tactical Talk

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"There are certain things that are true no matter how much someone may deny them. In the economic realm, for instance, you cannot legislate the poor into independence by legislating the wealthy out of it. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it. Government cannot give to people what it does not first take away from people. And that which one man received without working for, another man must work for without receiving."

-- Kenneth W. Sollitt

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Upcoming Special Classes

March 6-7, Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Advanced Firearms Instructor Course

Rangemaster, Memphis

March 18, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Ladies Only Introduction to Handguns

Rangemaster, Memphis

April 5, Monday, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

1911 Operator's Course

Rangemaster, Memphis

April 9-11, Friday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development & Certification Course

Woodbury, GA

April 30-May 2, Friday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Three-Day Firearms Instructor Development & Certification Course

Culpeper, VA

May 3-4, Monday-Tuesday, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Defensive Shotgun 2

Rangemaster, Memphis



Rangemaster/Polite Society Tactical Conference, 2010

Saturday-Sunday, April 24-25, 2010
at the United States Shooting Academy (USSA), Tulsa, Oklahoma

The Tactical Conference has become one of the most important events on the national training circuit. This is your last chance to register for this important event. Sign up now to avoid disappointment.

Registration fee is \$189.00. This includes all of the training segments, the tactical match, the side match, and the prize drawing.

All of the trainers present for 2009 will be returning, plus we will have some new trainers presenting topics. We will be expanding to take advantage of USSA's sprawling range complex, and there will be 20 instructors presenting various live-fire, hands on, and classroom training segments. This event will fill completely two to three months in advance, so sign up early to avoid disappointment.

You MAY NOT register for this event by phone. The only way to register is to print and complete a registration form and print and complete the USSA liability waiver, and send these to Rangemaster, along with payment. We have included the registration form and USSA Liability Waiver here for your convenience. Print, them, fill them out, and mail them to us asap.



Hard Head Ted reactive target from DVC Targets. These are used extensively at the Tactical Conference to add realism. The targets fall when struck solidly in the vitals, but not until then.



**RANGEMASTER/POLITE SOCIETY ANNUAL TACTICAL CONFERENCE****24-25 April 2010 — United States Shooting Academy, Tulsa, OK**

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

Phone_____

e-mail address_____



Category: _____Open _____Lawman _____Lady

Entry Fee* \$189.00 *includes match, all training segments, prize drawing

Payment: _____ check, payable to Rangemaster

Credit/debit card VISA AmEx MasterCard Discover

Card #_____

Exp date_____ cv #_____

Signature_____

For use by Rangemaster: date received_____**Attendee number**_____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT, RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR USE OF USSA FACILITIES

In order to utilize the facilities at the United States Shooting Academy ("USSA"), I, _____, in consideration of the right to enter and use the facilities and services of USSA, do enter into this Acknowledgement, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement ("Agreement"), and do hereby consent and agree as follows:

1. I acknowledge that engaging in target shooting and the firearm training activities conducted at USSA are dangerous activities. I am fully informed and understand that these risks, hazards and dangers include the risk of serious bodily injury, including permanent disability, paralysis and death, as well as damage to property. I engage in these activities voluntarily and at my own risk.
2. I acknowledge and represent that I am familiar with the significant risks and dangerous nature of these activities and hereby assume any and all responsibilities and liabilities pertaining to such risks, whether to myself or to others, and without limitation or qualification.
3. I acknowledge that at the time of signing this Agreement I am of sufficient physical and mental condition to engage in target shooting and/or firearms training activities at USSA.
4. I agree that USSA, or any representative thereof, may, but has no duty to, provide to me with first aid, or through medical personnel of their choice, medical or training assistance, transportation, and emergency medical services if I am injured at USSA. This consent does not, however, impose an affirmative duty upon USSA to provide such assistance, transportation or services. I agree to be solely responsible for all medical expenses incurred in connection with my association with USSA and/or my use of USSA's facility. I understand that I may be unattended and unsupervised, and medical attention may be hours away, if any. I understand I may die without getting any medical attention, by getting improper attention, and/or not being evacuated promptly, or at all.
5. In consideration for utilizing USSA's services and/or facilities, I do on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue USSA, its successors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, contractors, subsidiaries and affiliates and each person acting by, through, under or in concert with any of them (hereinafter referred to as "Released Parties") with regard to any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage, or injury, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, whether caused by the negligence or gross negligence of the Released Parties or otherwise, while participating in any target shooting or firearms training activities, or while upon USSA's premises where the activities are being conducted.
6. I shall indemnify, without qualification or limitation, the Released Parties, and shall defend and hold the Released Parties harmless from any and all claims, causes of action, demands or charges of every kind (including attorney's fees and costs) which any party may claim to have for property damage or personal injuries or any other damages, including death, arising from any cause or reason of every kind pertaining to or referring to or relating to: (1) my use of USSA's facilities; (2) my activities on the USSA facility; (3) any training I receive from USSA; and/or (4) my use of any vehicles, assets or materials of USSA.
7. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted pursuant to Oklahoma law. Neither party shall commence any litigation against the other arising out this Agreement except in the District Court of Tulsa County, Oklahoma. Each party hereby consents to jurisdiction over it by, and exclusive venue in, the District Court of Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
8. In the event any provision of this Agreement is held to be overbroad as written, such provision shall be deemed to be amended to narrow its application to the extent necessary to make the provision enforceable according to applicable law.
9. By my signature on this application, I state that I have no criminal convictions, am not currently under indictment or prosecution for any offense, and am not wanted for questioning or arrest by any law enforcement or government agency. I further state that I have no history of mental illness or substance abuse. I understand that my training may be terminated at any time during the course if my actions are not deemed appropriate by United States Shooting Academy's staff.
10. I affirm that I have read, understand and agree to be bound by the terms of this Agreement.

EXECUTED this ____ day of _____, 2009.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____



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	Book: “Fighting Smarter” 3 rd Edition	\$27.95	
	DVD: “Concealed Carry for Self Defense”	\$34.95	
	DVD: “Defensive Shotgun”	\$29.95	
Subtotal			
Shipping (\$3.00 per DVD, \$4.00 per Book)			
Order Total			

Billing Information	Shipping Information (If Different)
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Zip Code:	Zip Code
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Expiration:	Signature:

Tennessee Firearms Association



Established in 1995, the Tennessee Firearms Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed to promote the safe and responsible use and ownership of firearms while at the same time working to protect and promote the rights of firearms owners in Tennessee. TFA has a fundamental belief in the Second Amendment and the Tennessee Constitutional guarantee of the right to keep, bear, and wear arms. The TFA has received non-profit recognition from the IRS as a 504 (c)(4) organization. Although there are several national gun-rights organizations, TFA is the only statewide group working specifically on behalf of citizens of Tennessee.

TFA is not a gun club or a hunting group, but seeks to protect the rights of all gun owners in Tennessee, whether they are competitive shooters, recreational shooters, collectors, hunters, or persons concerned about self defense issues. TFA pursues this objective by recognizing the benefit of firearms owners working together. Educated and knowledgeable firearms owners are the best mechanism for promoting responsible ownership and use of weapons. Well informed, knowledgeable firearms owners can spread the word that most firearms owners are responsible citizens, parents, and voters. TFA also works to educate the general public, the news media, and elected officials, who are often woefully misinformed about gun issues. TFA distributes information through a variety of sources, including the Internet, traditional printed materials, handouts, volunteer speakers, displays at gun shows, and legislative support.

TFA has been particularly successful in its efforts to educate state lawmakers, and several members of the Tennessee Legislature have become TFA members. TFA is largely responsible for the current Handgun Carry Permit law, expanded reciprocity for Tennessee permits in other states, and removal of restrictions on where permit holders may legally carry. TFA needs your support to continue to maintain a strong presence in Nashville, working to expand and safeguard your rights.

For more information, see www.tennesseefirearms.com . I strongly encourage you to join and support this important organization.



Rangemaster now has a home on Facebook. Visit our site for updates on coming events, pictures and video from range activities, and to interact with fellow students and Rangemaster staff. Just go to <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=234643425923&ref=nf> to join.



TEAMWORK

Because bullets can only go through so many bodies.

RECIPROCAL STATES

The Tennessee handgun carry permit is valid anywhere in Tennessee. In addition, it is also recognized in a number of other states. You can legally carry a firearm with a Tennessee handgun carry permit in the following states:

Mississippi	Missouri	Nevada	Pennsylvania	Arkansas
Alabama	Louisiana	Idaho	Vermont	Utah
Georgia	Texas	Montana	Delaware	Nebraska
Florida	Oklahoma	N. Dakota	Alaska	
S. Carolina	Kansas	S. Dakota	New Hampshire	
N. Carolina	Colorado	Minnesota	W. Virginia	
Virginia	New Mexico	Michigan	Wyoming	
Kentucky	Arizona	Indiana	Ohio	

In 2009 Rangemaster was re-certified by the Tennessee Department of Safety to conduct training for candidates for a State Certified Handgun Instructor license. Students who complete our three-day instructor course meet the requirements for a state instructor license to conduct Handgun Carry Permit Courses. Rangemaster is one of only two schools in the state authorized to conduct this instructor training and certification.

In January, we also received certification for this process from the State of Oklahoma. We are the only private sector school that can train and certify instructors for Oklahoma's permit system. In most states, instructors must obtain an instructor training certificate from the FBI, the state's POST commission, or one of the NRA instructor training programs. Our instructor training program has very high standards, both academically and in shooting skills required to pass. These states have recognized the quality of our training and commitment to excellence. These courses will be coming to:

- ♦ Woodbury, Georgia, 9-11 April 2010
- ♦ Culpeper, Virginia, 30 April-2 May 2010
- ♦ Memphis, Tennessee, 6-8 August 2010
- ♦ Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 29-31 Oct 2010

Violent Crime in Memphis

The following information is from the FBI Uniform Crime Report and the US Census Bureau, for the year 2008 (the latest year with full published figures). These numbers apply to the City of Memphis, NOT the metropolitan area.



Population:	672,046
Number of Families:	158,455
Murders:	138
Forcible Rapes:	366
Robberies:	4,787
Aggravated Assaults:	7,646
Total Violent Crimes:	12,937

Thus, *in that one year* there was one felony violent crime for every 52 residents, and one for every 12 families. This is why preparedness is so critical. Be alert, be trained, and be armed.



Youth Safety Firearms Training

For safety reasons, no one under the age of 12 is allowed on the pistol range. Kids under 12 often don't have the hand/wrist strength to control a handgun properly in recoil. In my experience, most unintentional discharges among these folks occur during the recoil cycle of a shot intentionally fired. From ages 12 to 21, shooters must be accompanied by an adult (someone 21 or older). Under Federal law, persons under 21 cannot buy or rent a handgun, or buy handgun ammunition.

If accompanied by a parent or guardian, persons 16 years old and up may take our regular handgun courses, including the Basic Personal Protection Course.

They must be at least 16 years old.

Between the ages of 12 and 16, we offer one on one instruction by one of our certified instructors. Most of our staff instructors have children or grand-children, and know how to effectively communicate the basics of gun safety, mechanical operation, and proper safe handling techniques to this age group. We'll start with .22 caliber firearms for initial familiarization.

To arrange a gun safety training session for your child aged 12-16 years, contact Lynn Givens at 901-370-5600. She will coordinate a date and time for your child and one of our instructors to have a safe and fun experience, and learn to safely and properly handle firearms.

Rifle Ranges

I don't believe a single day goes by without the staff at Rangemaster getting a phone call from someone looking for a range where they can shoot their high power rifles. Deer hunting is a very popular sport in this region, and hunters need to zero their rifles and practice with them during the off-season.

For forty years, the Shelby County government ran a public range at Shelby Farms, on Walnut Grove Road. This was a 100 yard outdoor rifle range, with covered firing line. Usually, one county employee was in charge, assisted by trustees from the old Penal Farm, which is now the County Correctional Facility. These trustees were typically people serving short sentences for DWI, bad checks, and other non-violent minor offenses. The trustees picked up trash, made target frames, and generally assisted the range officer, thus earning work credit on their sentences. There was a small range fee, just a few dollars, which paid for targets and the range officer's salary. This system worked well for four decades, providing a safe, supervised, and legal place for shooters to sight in and use rifles too powerful for indoor ranges.

This changed abruptly when A.C. Wharton was first elected County Mayor. One of the first things Wharton did when he took office was to close this range and tear it down. Wharton is a member of New York mayor Bloomberg's anti-gun group, and he wasn't about to have the county government provide a place to shoot.

So, where do you go? There is only one outdoor rifle range in Shelby County. It is the Memphis Sports Shooting Association (MSSA), located in Lakeland. This is a private club, with 100 and 600 yard rifle ranges, numerous pistol ranges, and for the shotgunners trap, skeet, and sporting clays. I teach at ranges all over the country, and this is one of the nicest private ranges anywhere in the U.S. Dues are only \$240 a year, which is a bargain. You can contact them at 9428 Old Brownsville Road, Lakeland, 38002, or call 867-8277 or 867-7122. You must be an NRA member to join MSSA, but you should already be an NRA member, anyway.



Memphis Sport Shooting Association

Class Demographics



I am sometimes asked just who is it that takes our handgun/self defense courses at Rangemaster. We finished up a basic class a few days ago, and it was completely representative of the students we see day in and day out.

There were 19 students in this course. Ten were male, and nine female. That's 47% female participation. That is slightly higher than our long term average of 43% female students.

The median age of the students was 49. The youngest was 25, the oldest was 72. Two students were in their 30's, six in their 40's, and six were in their 50's.

As a class, the average written test score was 95.3%, and the average range shooting test score was 99.05%.

By gender:

Males- written average = 94.9% range score = 99.6%

Females- written average=95.7% range score = 98.4%.

As you can see, there was a negligible difference either academically or in shooting skill between the genders.

Finally, here are the occupations of the students in this class:

Doctor, nurse, or other medical professional- 4

Sales, marketing- 1

Management- 2

Technical, skilled- 5

Retired- 2

Other assorted- 5.

Thus, the "average" or "typical" student has almost a 50/50 chance of being male or female, is in his/her forties, and has a white collar job. They are typically concerned citizens who want to be able to protect themselves and their loved ones. They tend to have professional level occupations and are responsible, law abiding, tax paying citizens.

Gun Control = *SUPERSTITION*

A friend and student of mine recently pointed out something I have known for a long time. Advocates of stricter gun control laws do not base their arguments on reason, but rather on emotion. "I just don't like guns", or "I'm afraid of guns", or "guns are evil", are the kind of arguments one would expect from young children, not educated adults. Here are some comments from my friend:

Arguing with "gun control" advocates tends to be very frustrating as they refuse to acknowledge that the success of "gun control" measures is predicated on the ludicrous notion that criminals will obey the law. If "law abiding criminal" isn't an oxymoron, I don't know what is.

I've tried pointing out that Vermont has no "gun control" and consistently both the lowest (or nearly lowest some years) rate of violent crime among the fifty states and among the highest rates of gun ownership, tried explaining Lott and Kleck's findings, and explained that the CDC has looked at over fifty studies of "gun control" measures and found that none can be shown to reduce gun violence. I make a few converts, but most people just don't seem to grasp what I'm saying.



To expand on what Hal said, Vermont does not require a permit of any kind to carry a handgun, openly or concealed, anywhere in the state. Any adult with no felony record can legally carry a pistol, all the time. Despite this, Vermont's violent crime rate is but a fraction of the rate seen in states with highly restrictive gun laws. The CDC studied the issue in great detail, including studying the effect of the ten year "Assault Weapon Ban" and magazine capacity restrictions. Of course, they could find no effect whatsoever on the level of criminal violence during the ban, or after the ban was allowed to sunset.

In primitive, backward, Third World countries poor uneducated people think evil spirits live in rocks and trees. We make fun of them and call them savages. In this country, people think evil spirits live in pistols. We call them anti-gun activists.

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***"You can ignore reality.
What you cannot ignore
are the consequences
of ignoring reality."***

— Ayn Rand



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