



GOLDEN EAGLE TRAINING & SAFETY

June 2012 Newsletter

We just completed a Concealed Carry Handgun Class in Springhill, LA on May 26th, and the class had fourteen participants. It was another good class held on a fairly warm day. However, those in attendance braved the relatively warm temperature after lunch. A special thanks goes out to Chief Will Lynd for the use of the Springhill Police Dept. range and to the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office for the use of the room for the classroom portion. We plan to do another class in Springhill after the summer, (Sept. or Oct.), and when it is a tad bit cooler. Where that range sits absolutely does not get a breeze of any kind. We thank those that just completed our first ever Memorial Day weekend CCH Class.

We have another CCH Class set for June 23rd in Homer, LA. If you know of any one that would like to register for that class, direct them to our website or if you can and will, print them the registration form if they need to mail it in. The training sites in Homer are just as good as or better than the one in Springhill. This should wrap up our CCH Classes until after summer, unless we get significant interest to hold one.

An Advanced Concealed Carry Handgun will be held in Homer in October. The final date has yet to be set and anyone who has attended one of our CCH Classes or currently has a LSP Concealed Handgun Permit, may attend. You do not have to have attended one of our classes and have the permit but just had to have attended only. If any one that hasn't attended one of our, (GETS), CCH Classes, but has a current permit, they may register to attend. There will be advanced notice of the class. The course contents consist of; Firearms Safety, (carrying and when not carrying), Sighting, Fundamentals of Shooting vs. Combat Shooting, Decision Making, Drawing from Concealed Carrying, Reloading and Shooting from Cover. Less classroom and more range. Any one attending will enjoy it. Again, feel free to pass that information around.

Butch & I not only offer the CCH course training, but offer all other types of use of force training and classes to the law enforcement sector, civilian sector, Educational and Church arena. Visit our website for some of those courses or feel free to contact us for further information.

As most of you know, I, (Steve Risner), am currently over in Afghanistan in a CivPol contract training/advising. Just recently, I was in a province about 100 miles southeast of Kabul, Afghanistan called Paktia, in a city called Gardez. When traveling, I stay at what is called Regional Training Centers, (RTC's). On April 15th, Gardez RTC, was attacked by insurgents, (which isn't uncommon for that RTC and area), and were fairly well organized and equipped. I was in Kabul, waiting to leave on April 16th for Gardez to be there for a while. Needless to say it was postponed due that attack. No one inside the RTC was killed and the insurgents not only wasted a lot of ammo but got wasted also. They did however do significant damage to some of the buildings in the RTC, one of which I was to stay in, which led to my trip there

being postponed. The midday attack on a bright and shiny Sunday lasted about 3 ½ hrs or until the clearance for the Good Ole USA Air Force and Marines could send in an A-10 and an Apache to clean out the insurgents from neighboring buildings where they had set up. After that, the only ones left were the ones trying to scale the perimeter wall and actually too close for the A-10 and Apache to dispose of without putting others in possible risk.

I finally made it to Gardez RTC on May 7th. I have since came back to Kabul,(May 21st), but getting ready to go back to Gardez RTC,(June 3rd or 4th). While I was at Gardez RTC, I was informed more of the attack by fellows from my same company. Even had a video of what I am about to pass onto you. At these RTC's , there is a security company for perimeter and inside,(roving). Another company does the training to Afghan Police and of course if it gets down to it, they can also shoot back. But at these RTC's, and it differs from all over Afghanistan due to ongoing Operation Freedom, they have what they call "QRF" or Quick Reaction Force. These guys, when called upon, will spring into action when called upon. The country that handles the QRF in Gardez is currently Romania. My fellow staff there told me and showed me that when the call went out for these men to do what they do best, after the insurgents were eliminated in the surrounding buildings, it was over in a few minutes. While some of the other armed security staff were spraying, (shooting), from behind cover, these elite group of trained military personnel from Romania, advanced tactically, (shooting while moving forward), to quickly snuff out the few insurgents on the ground. Truly a well executed tactical technique.

I got somewhat interested in Romania military and police training after hearing and seeing this, so I , like everyone else does, started searching the internet about them. What I happen to run across was something very interesting I just had to share with our friends, colleagues, clients and other back there in Good Ole USA. It could not of been found and passed on at a better time, even though it was written eleven years ago. However, those Romanians there at the Gardez RTC were just as respectful as the article you will be reading. Here it is;

Romanian newspaperman Cornel Nistorescu wrote a pro-America editorial after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Editorial from a Romanian newspaper

Why are Americans so united? They don't resemble one another even if you paint them! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations. Some of them are nearly extinct, others are incompatible with one another, and in matters of religious beliefs, not even God can count how many they are. Still, the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart. Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the army, the secret services that they are only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed on the streets nearby to gape about. The Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand. After the first moments of panic, they raised the flag on the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a minister or the president was passing. On every occasion they started singing their traditional song: "God Bless America!".

Silent as a rock, I watched the charity concert broadcast on Saturday once, twice, three times, on different tv channels. There were Clint Eastwood, Willie Nelson, Robert de Niro, Julia Roberts,

Cassius Clay, Jack Nicholson, Bruce Springsteen, Sylvester Stalone, James Wood, and many others whom no film or producers could ever bring together. The American's solidarity spirit turned them into a choir. Actually, choir is not the word. What you could hear was the heavy artillery of the American soul. What neither George W. Bush, nor Bill Clinton, nor Colin Powell could say without facing the risk of stumbling over words and sounds, was being heard in a great and unmistakable way in this charity concert. I don't know how it happened that all this obsessive singing of America didn't sound croaky, nationalist, or ostentatious! It made you green with envy because you weren't able to sing for your country without running the risk of being considered chauvinist, ridiculous, or suspected of who-knows-what mean interests. I watched the live broadcast and the rerun of its rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian hockey player, who fought with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that would have killed other hundreds of thousands of people. How on earth were they able to bow before a fellow human? Imperceptibly, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes. And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put in a collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit which nothing can buy.

What on earth can unite the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their galloping history? Their economic power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases which risk of sounding like commonplaces. I thought things over, but I reached only one conclusion.

Only freedom can work such miracles!

I can't think of a better way to close a lengthy newsletter. All of you stay safe and remember, "Carry Conceal if you can".

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