



GOLDEN EAGLE TRAINING & SAFETY

July 2012 Newsletter

We realize we opened June 2012 Newsletter with a remark of a Carrying Concealed Handgun Class completed in May, but we again have the opportunity to open July's Newsletter about a CCH Class held on June 23rd in Homer. As with all the classes we have conducted, this class held June 23rd was also a great class. 30 reputable, law abiding, citizens in the northwest LA area attended and completed this class. Everyone shot well and had a good time. That is one of our goals; to enjoy what we are teaching and the participant enjoys what they are learning. The weather couldn't have been any better for a class and was one of the best days we have had since conducting these classes. The picture below shows both; enjoyment and perfect weather.



This was the third or fourth largest class Butch and I have completed. The largest of course, taking place in Homer in 2011 when we had 70 in the class. And all seventy braved the cool damp weather to shoot. We were blessed to have good instructors helping and still are blessed to have them; Col. Brad Rogers, Mr. John Stanley, Retired Police Officer JD Faulkner, and Retired Trooper Buster Flowers. We were again blessed to have LSP CCH Instructor Capt. Dan Chason from University of Louisiana, Monroe Police Dept. We have had the privilege of knowing Dan for about 8-9 years now and Dan is one of the best Use of Force instructors in the area. He not only conducts these same CCH Classes over in the north central area of LA, but also teaches Defensive Tactics & Self Defense classes at ULM. He is very good at what he teaches and we surely do appreciate Dan stepping in for Butch & me. Those in attendance for

this June 23^d class received valuable information from an experienced law enforcement officer and use of force instructor. If any of you would like to get in touch with Capt. Chason, let us know thru our website and we will put you in touch with him by phone or e-mail. We congratulate each of you that completed the June class and welcome you to our website. We encourage you to visit our website for more information and/or future CCH Classes.

A day doesn't go by that anyone, anywhere, can pick up a newspaper, watch on TV, or in the 21st century, read on computer, where someone somewhere used a handgun, and in most instances, a concealed handgun to protect themselves or someone else from serious bodily injury or death. Those are the cases we all like to hear about. But occasionally you read where the outcome is entirely different. We don't hear in the news media or from the source of information whether that person who may have lost their life or were seriously injured was a CCH permit holder or had access to a firearm. The key word there being "access". I know Butch and I were not present at the last couple of classes and we hope our staff instructors stressed that when you obtain your permit to carry concealed, we strongly encourage to carry concealed. That doesn't mean in the glove compartment of the vehicle, or under the seat of the vehicle, or in the side door of the vehicle, or in the trunk, or in your briefcase in the car, or home near the chair, or anywhere else you can think of besides on you or in your purse. Any where across the United States it is recognized, (except for a few states), that the vehicle is an extension of your home. And except for a very few states, you can possess a firearm without a permit in your home or vehicle, and we of course encourage everyone to do that where you can.

We are referring to the cases we don't hear about that had a CCH permit, but didn't have immediate access to a firearm. Butch and I stress that when you get your permit to carry concealed...carry concealed. Not in the vehicle while you are in the convenience store grabbing a drink or a bite to eat and the gun-toting robber(s) enter the store while you are there. Or not in the vehicle while you and your friends are eating at the local fast food place and in steps that mental case wanting to shoot everyone. Not at home on the night stand near your bed when that deranged person starts breaking out the windows in your car. We mean physically on you or in your purse or pouch. We would not like to hear those stories where someone that had attended one of our classes was physically assaulted and could have used a firearm to escape serious bodily harm. We would rather hear those success stories where a concealed firearm prevented someone that had attended our class from receiving serious bodily injury or death. And we do occasionally receive a success story or a thank you from someone where it just did do that. Those are the kind we like to hear and also makes it well worth spending the time to conduct these kind of classes or any kind of self-defense classes.

In our Advanced Carry Conceal Handgun Classes we cover several different ways and several types of firearms that one can carry concealed. We do cover it briefly in the Basic CCH Classes but don't have the time to cover it more than that as we are mandated to cover certain areas and topics, which we do in the day long class. Our lesson plan isn't something we come up, LSP requires what we present. If you are interested in learning more on how to carry concealed, you can Google it and find numerous methods, or come to one of our Advanced Carry Conceal Classes and learn how. Butch and I have been carrying concealed for over twenty-seven years and can give you several different options. Our next Advanced Class is in

October, when the weather is a little bit more tolerable and you spend less time in the classroom and more time on the range. Or if you can't wait that long, we both are available to speak to an organization, Church or agency/company about self-defense techniques or methods or Personal Safety.

Although we are a little late with this newsletter, we do want to wish everyone a belated Happy Fourth of July and a Happy 236th Birthday to America and Americans. Two-hundred and thirty-six years old America is. Born July 4th, 1776. And to show our respect for our country, no matter what denomination you are or from what state you were born in nor what race you are, I challenge each of you to display our flag, if you are not already, for the entire month of July and as far as that goes, from now on. And every day, take just a moment each day and Pledge your Allegiance to that flag. See how much time it takes to say this;

"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

How long did that take and how much did it mean? Not long and so much. The Pledge of Allegiance received official recognition by Congress in an Act approved on June 22, 1942. However, the pledge was first published in 1892 in the Youth's Companion magazine in Boston, Massachusetts to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America, and was first used in public schools to celebrate Columbus Day on October 12, 1892.

In its original version, the pledge read "my flag" instead of "the flag of the United States." the change in the wording was adopted by the National Flag Conference in 1923. The rationale for the change was that it prevented ambiguity among foreign-born children and adults who might have the flag of their native land in mind when reciting the pledge.

The phrase "under God" was added to the pledge by a Congressional act approved on June 14, 1954. At that time, President Eisenhower said:

"in this way we are reaffirming the transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war."

All of you have a great July! Stay cool and most of all...Stay Safe and remember to Carry Concealed! See you next month.

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