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Commander's Corner

The months of July and August haven't been very eventful this year. After the early summer's awards and convention's events including our activities and contributions after our Golf Tournament in April, these past two months have been quiet.

Although we have had a couple of great meetings, our attendance at our general membership meeting in July reached 18 almost half of our membership and we are still growing. And we are still making some progress by deciding to add another fund-raising event in the fall. We have discovered there are few if any "Turkey Shoots" in our area. Paul and I have been doing some research and believe a Turkey Shoot at Paul's "Tallahassee Rifle and Pistol Club" in Woodville would be a lot of fun, especially if we made it an event with lunch and raffles and door prizes provided. For your information just a few years ago, Paul, Eric. Rob and Randy Miller all came from that Gun Club and gave us a tremendous boost in membership and leadership. As you may know, Randy was one of the main fund raisers for our Bell Tower and sadly we lost Randy to COVID a couple of years ago. Paul, Eric and Rob are quite active with the Gun Club and now their Tallahassee Rifle and Pistol Club wants to co-sponsor the Turkey Shoot. **(Continued on Page *2*)**

AMVETS National was chartered in 1947 and the Tallahassee AMVETS Post 1776 was chartered in July 2009. AMVETS Post 1776 meets the first Thursday of the month at American Legion Post 13, 229 Lake Ella Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32303. We invite honorably discharge veterans, including Guards and Reserve, from all branches to Join us. We are a small post doing big things

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This may well be an event to solicit new membership and provide a nice fund raiser for our Post. Please see the flyer we are including within this issue.

On a charitable note, these past two months, we have contributed to local homeless programs, disaster relief for our State Department and just recently made a major contribution to a disabled Purple Heart Veteran that lost his wife and is now struggling to raise his three-year-old son.

And as we find a slow past couple of months the fall is looking up. We have a POW/MIA Ceremony at the Tallahassee National Cemetery September 20th and of course November is filled with Veteran Day events like our Veterans Day Parade, one of the best in the Nation and for me and a few other Marines in the area our Marine Corps Ball is scheduled for November 8th this year.

And one last note our VFW District 2 along with seven VFW Posts throughout the Big Bend area received its final letter to proceed to place their Monument at the Tallahassee National Cemetery and we will be putting together a Dedication Ceremony in the very near future. Not unlike our Bell Tower project it has taken over a year and a half to get this project approved. Stay tuned for notice of our Dedication Ceremony date.

As always, thank you all for all you do for veterans and your continuing service to our Country, our County and our Post.

Semper Fi,

Gordon

Chaplains Corner

Eric Smith, Chaplain AMVETS Post 1776

Bless our Veterans Prayer

Mighty God, thank you that you can satisfy our every desire and need. Hear our prayer of thanks for our veterans who made great sacrifices on our behalf. We ask that you bless them and meet all their needs. We pray you would give them peace when they suffer from past trauma. We acknowledge the debt of gratitude that we owe them for the freedom of our country. Lord, bless them and keep them, make your face shine upon them. Turn your face towards them and give them peace.

Lord, in your name we pray,

Amen.

AMVETS

(American Veterans)

Is the nation's most inclusive congressionally-chartered Veterans Service Organization (VSO), representing the interests of 20 million veterans. AMVETS is open to and fighting for all who honorably served in the U.S military, including the Reserve and Guard. With more than 250,000 members nationwide, we are veterans serving vet-

NEVER FORGET

September 11, 2001

REMEMBRANCE 2024

September 11, 2023, Tallahassee Memorial was dedicated Includes a Steel Beam Acquired in 2011 from the Port Authority of New York

Memorial is located near the Red Cross Building on Eastwood Drive

THINK ABOUT IT

BY: John Folsom

Before my grandmother passed on, I had a chance to visit with her. In my youth she and grandfather ran a little country store in Nocatee Florida. To tell you how small the store was, he would butcher his own steers, bring the meat back to the store, and cut it as the customer wanted it. Eggs, maybe five dozen, were on the counter in a large container and customers would buy what they needed. In case you didn't know, when eggs are freshly laid, if you do not wash them they can last for up to a month without being refrigerated. Small store indeed.

Grandmother and I were sitting in her living room and she was telling me stories from her past. One story I recall, she told of a woman who called her and asked, “Mrs. Dye, I got laid off from my job and I was wondering if I could charge my groceries at your store?” Grandmother and Granddaddy did run charge accounts for their customers. Grandmother asked the woman, “Where have you been buying your groceries?” The woman replied, “Winn Dixie.” My dear sweet Grandmother, who always read the bible and went to church every Sunday, told the woman, “Then go to Winn Dixie and ask them if they will let you charge your groceries there.”

I wasn't satisfied in letting her story end there, so I chimed in, “Grandmother, I know that in lean times you have prayed to the good Lord to send you customers. Do you think it is possible that the Lord could have been sending you this customer, only you had to give a little also?”

My advice to us all, is when you help someone, help them with your heart and not out of resentment.

My older brother told me that he and Pop (granddaddy) were in the store when a stranger came in and handed Pop a $100.00 bill and told him thank you. A number of years back there was a factory that closed in the neighboring city. Granddaddy allowed those that needed it to charge groceries at his store, knowing that most may never be able to pay him back. But this unknown stranger did just that.

Presidents' Code Names

Submitted by: John Folsom discovered on website

It is only human nature to give a code name for something you don't want others to know what you are talking about. So, it should not surprise you to find out that the secret service does the same thing for our presidents. For a few of our presidents I will present you with two code names, see if you can determine which one is correct. Afterwards I will give the answer and perhaps how it was derived.

Harry S Truman -- The Boss or The General

Dwight D Eisenhower -- Providence or Scorecard

Richard Nixon -- Director or Searchlight

John F Kennedy--Lancer or Camelot

Jimmy Carter -- Farmer or Deacon

Lyndon B Johnson -- Volunteer or Long Horn

Ronald Reagan -- Rawhide or Saddle

Bill Clinton -- Razor Back or Eagle

George HW Bush -- Timber wolf or Survivor

Barack Obama -- Rendezvous or Renegade

How their code name is derived is still cloaked in mystery. Sometimes the WHCA, White House Communications Agency come up with a list of words starting with the same letter and the President picks. Other times the Secret Service simply assigns one of those names to the President. In any case the President gets his name, and we have some fun.

Harry S Truman may have been the boss, but he was never a general. However, he was an Artillery Captain during WWII. Truman became the first documented "code named" president "General".

Dwight D. Eisenhower, Scorecard was a name given to him after he retired. His Presidential code name was Providence.

John F Kennedy, this one could have been a close call. Did you pick Lancer? You would be correct.

Lyndon B Johnson, you probably knew he was from Texas where they have the Long Horn Cattle. But did you also know he was the first congressman to volunteer for WWII from congress. Earning him the Presidential code name Volunteer.

Presidents' Code Names (Continued)

Richard Nixon skipped the incorrect answer of the Director. Nixon's code name Searchlight may have come from when he was investigating a U.S. State Department official who was accused of spying for the Soviet Union.

Jimmy Carter, both a farmer and a devout Christian, he was given the code name Deacon

Ronald Reagan, cut to the chase, it was Rawhide.

Bill Clinton, none other than Eagle.

George HW Bush, remember he was shot down in the Pacific during WWII and survived. However, he was also an outdoors man and believed in environmental protection.

Timber Wolf has returned home---- meaning The President is back at the White House.

Barack Obama, chose his own code name from a list of "R" words, Renegade

This article was *not* submitted by John Folsom, nor did John Folsom write this article. John Folsom did not have an informant at the Secret Service who may have provided these code names.

Yours in Service,
John Folsom
Florida Veterans Hall of Fame
Chaplain/2nd District
American Legion
Department of Florida
Chaplain VFW Post 3308

AMVETS Tallahassee Post 1776

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Labor Day	2	3	4 American Legion Commander's Coalition	5 AMVETS Post 1776 Monthly Meeting at Glory Days Restaurant	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

AMVETS and the Tallahassee Rifle & Pistol Club (TRPC) sponsors

First Annual

Turkey Shoot!

Date: November 16, 2024

Entry Fee: **$25.00 Includes**:

- ✓ First round with target
- ✓ BBQ Lunch provided
- ✓ Chance to win Turkey/Ham
- ✓ Raffle Tickets for pistol/rifle (TBD)
- ✓ Door Prize (TBD)

Extra shot $5.00 each, with new target and one shotgun round and move to new shooting group. For more information see Attached Standard Rules item 6B.

$5.00 Half/half tickets (half of proceeds split with winning ticket)

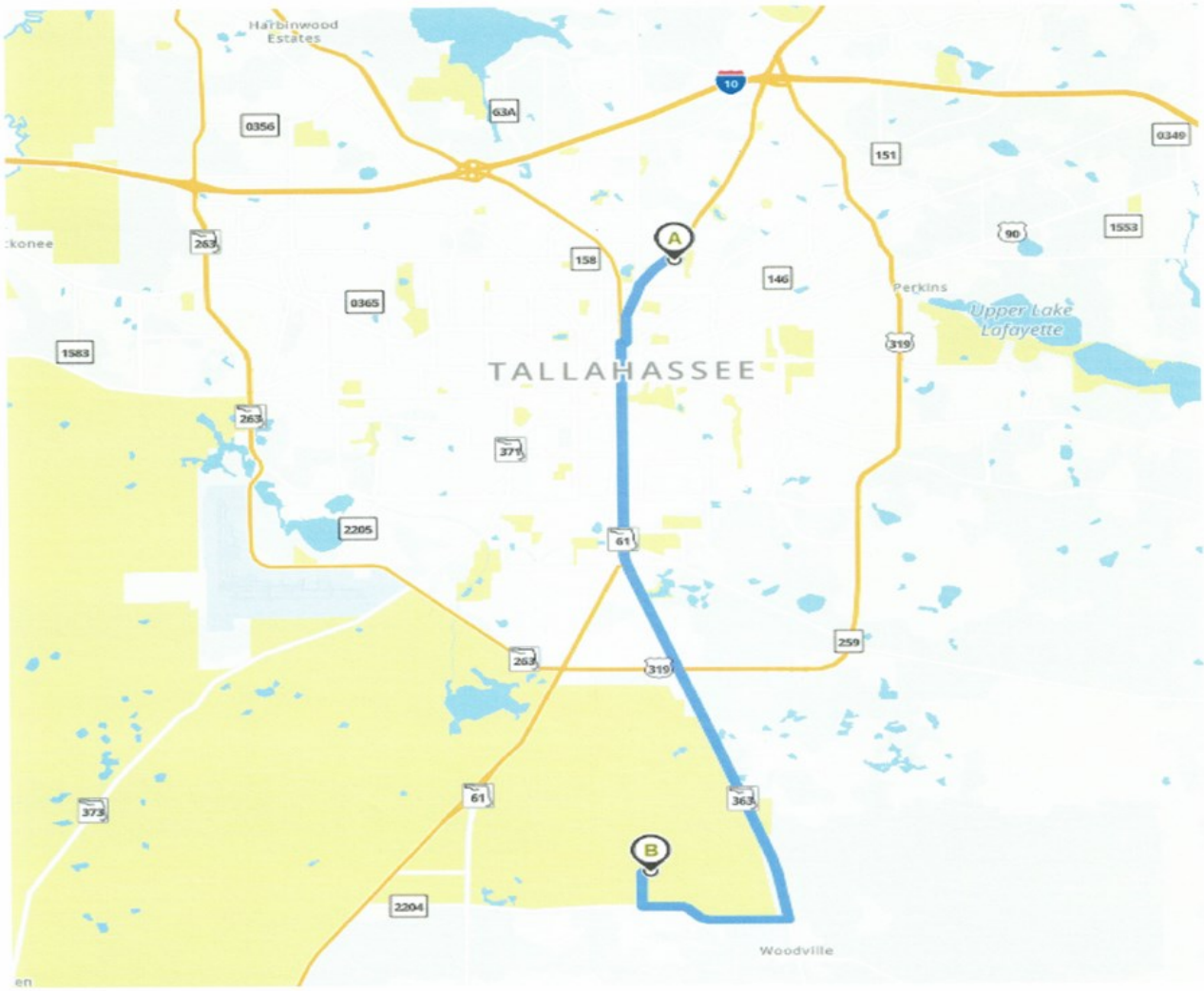
Place: 146 Pistol Range Road, Tallahassee, FL 32305, see map on back of this flyer.

Rules for Shoot: Will be provided at range.

Directions to TRPC Range
146 Pistol Range Road
Tallahassee, Florida

Note: Directions start off of Thomasville Road near Market Square

Travel south on Thomasville Road to Bradford Avenue
Turn Right on Bradford Avenue to North Monroe Street
Turn left on North Monroe Street follow road to Woodville Highway (Apx. 5 miles)
Travel Woodville Highway (SR-363 Apx. 1.6 miles)
Turn Right onto Oak Ridge Road (CR2204) for 1.8 miles. Look for a blue sign saying “Tallahassee Rifle and Pistol Club”
Turn Right on Community Road (this is a dirt road) for Apx. 0.5 miles
Turn slightly right onto Pistol Range Rd for Apx. 0.1 miles to TRPC gate.
Your have arrived at TRPC on146 Pistol Range Road



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Standard rules at Tallahassee Rifle and Pistol Club (TRPC) Turkey Shoot

1. **Safety Rules for Turkey Shoot Range -- Safety is paramount.**

   a. Keep all firearms pointed in a safe direction.
   b. Eye and ear protection are required.
   c. The range safety officer will notify shooters when the range is HOT or COLD. Hot -- firing weapon is authorized and COLD -- no shooting is allowed, weapons must be cleared -- meaning remove all ammunition, open breach, and finger remove from trigger. When firearms are not being used, they are to be left with action open.
   d. Keep the finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
   e. When people are down range Installing, checking or removing targets no gun are to be handle
   f. TRPC is a cold facility. No loaded firearms may be carried on the range except for legal concealed carries and law enforcement officers on official business.
   g. Spouses and minor children may only use the range when accompanied by and under the direct supervision of the Turkey shoot applicant.

2. **Firearm Specifications**:

   a. TRPC will provide 12 Gauge shotshell for the Turkey Shoot. The shot size is 8).
   b. The firearm is 12-gauge only. Choke size will be limited to Full choke, and Modified choke. 12-gauge shotguns will be available from TRPC.
   c. No scopes or tripods allowed.

3. **Target and Distance**:

   a. Paper Targets will be used and have "X" Target with a centered bullseye.
   b. The distance to the target is 25 yards. (TBD Not Firm)

4. **Scoring**:

   a. The winner is determined by whose shot pellet is closest to the center of the target's bullseye.
   b. A panel of judges will determine the winner for each shooting group.

5. **Turns and Rounds**:

   a. Ten shooters will take respective position as outlined by Target and database document. Once the safety officer has made the range "HOT" all participants can shoot at their respective targets. If a participant shoots the wrong target they are disqualified for that round; however, may purchase a round and shoot with a different group.
   b. The number of shooting groups will depend on the number of winners. For example, if we have ten shooting groups there are ten winners

6. **Entry Fee and Prizes**:

   a. Participants' entry fee is $25.00. This includes first round with target, BBQ lunch, chance to win a Turkey/Ham
   b. Extra shot $5.00 each with new target and one shotgun round and shoots with a new shooting group. Although in a new shooting group the extra shot will be viewed as part of an original shot.
   c. There will be a raffle for a pistol or rifle.
   d. Half/half tickets will be sold for $5.00, and the winner will receive half of the money collected.