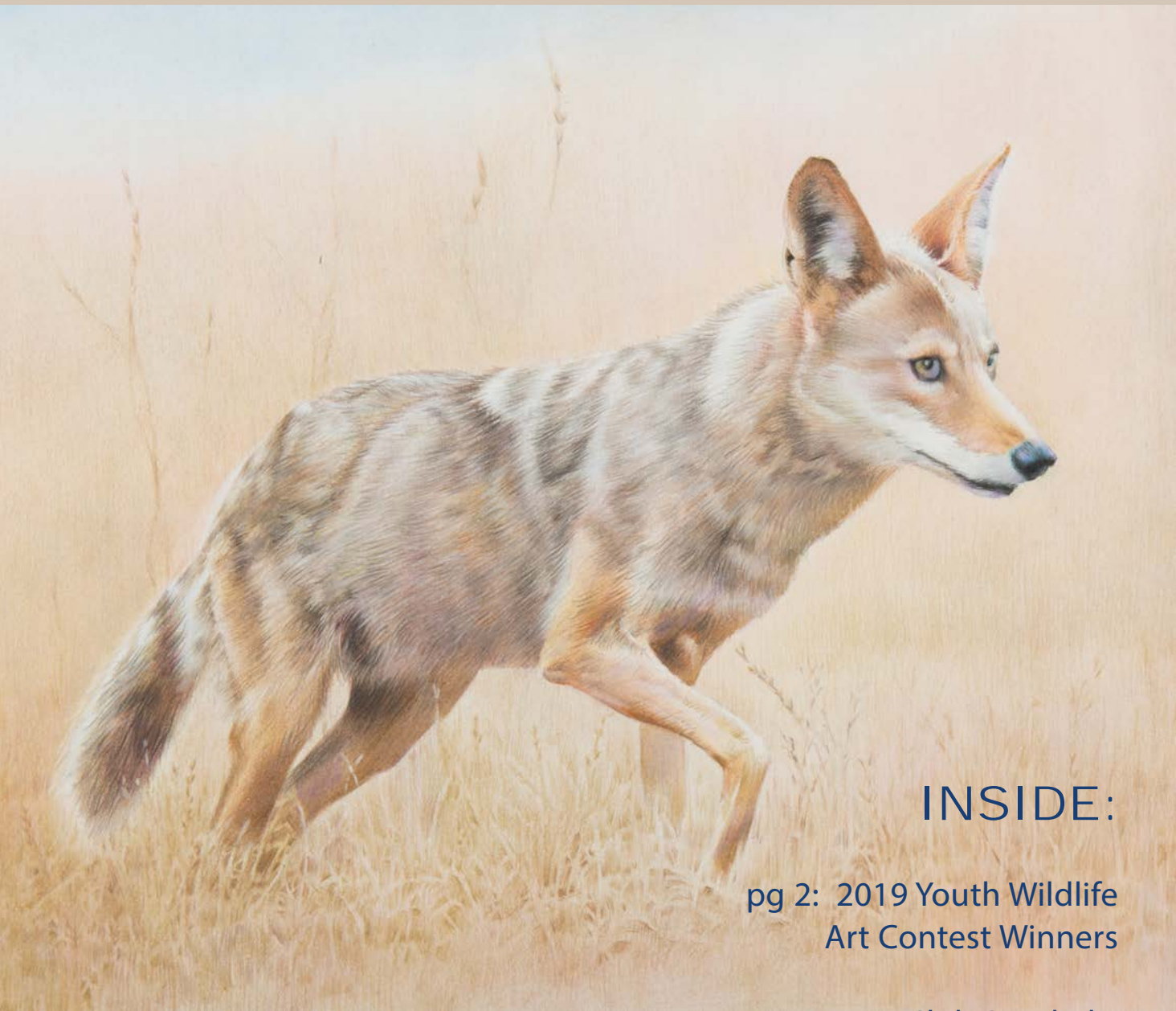




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## NRA Supports Rights Of Members, Law Enforcement, Emergency Responders

**N**RA members, we are at a crossroads in this country. Either we will prevail in elections this year—saving our nation and preserving our way of life, or if the anti-gun crowd triumphs, America as we have known it will vanish. The far-Left is doing everything it can, including using the awesome powers of government, to tear down the NRA. Why? Because we stand in the way of its end goal to repeal the Second Amendment.

2020 will no doubt be a critical juncture in our country's history. With your support, NRA can ensure that politicians remain in office who will support and defend our right to defend ourselves and our loved ones. We will work to defeat those who want to disarm us and look down on us because we "cling" to our Bibles and guns.

One reason we all fight to preserve our way of life is to preserve the dignity and authority of the thin blue line: sheriffs and policemen at the local, county and state levels. Dedicated public servants the Left loves to call "pigs" or "racists" or other insulting slurs—the very men and women in blue who risk their own lives every time they put on a uniform.

The NRA also stands with our neighbors, friends and family who are firefighters and emergency medical technicians—those who are the first to respond and arrive at emergencies. We owe them all a debt of gratitude for keeping our communities safe.

Did you know the NRA is one of the largest law-enforcement member organizations in the United States? Of our 5 million members, tens of thousands of them are law-enforcement personnel.

When most people think about NRA, they think about our political efforts. But the NRA was first founded in 1871 to focus on firearms training, education and marksmanship. Simply put—the NRA is the gold standard for safe firearm training. And that includes training of law enforcement.

In fact, one of the five purposes and objectives of the NRA reads, "To train members of law enforcement agencies, the armed forces, the militia, and people of good repute in marksmanship and in the safe handling and efficient use of small arms."

Since the late 1960s, NRA has provided direct training for law enforcement firearm instructors around the country. We train instructors—almost 70,000 to date—who then return to their agencies to train their officers.

In addition, we at the NRA believe that firearms competition is a direct extension of training. Consequently, the NRA also established competitions for law-enforcement officers to test their accuracy and skill against fellow officers and agencies.

This past September, we conducted the 57<sup>th</sup> National Police Shooting Championships in Pearl, Miss. The three-day event attracted hundreds of law-enforcement professionals, representing local, state and federal agencies from the United States and across the globe, uniting them to test their marksmanship skills in timed matches from multiple positions and distances. The overall winner was Robert Vadasz—a senior agent with the U.S. Border Patrol.

Another way your NRA honors America's law-enforcement members is by providing line-of-duty death benefits that are automatically available to any city, county, state or federal law-enforcement officer who is a member of the NRA while killed in the line of duty. Since 2000, the NRA has paid over \$3.2 million dollars in death benefits to officers' families.

In addition, the NRA's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award, established in 1993, recognizes those who put themselves in harm's way for their fellow officers and citizens they swore to protect. I encourage you to read the stories of past recipients of this award on the NRA Law Enforcement Division's website: [le.nra.org](https://le.nra.org).

NRA members are patriotic. We enthusiastically say the Pledge of Allegiance and proudly sing our National Anthem.

We also pray for those among us who put their lives on the line each and every day for our safety and freedom. The brave men and women who strap on their badge and service weapon, or don their firefighting gear to keep our communities safe.

Each and every NRA member can be proud of the support that your Association provides to our nation's first responders. Next time you encounter a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician—let them know that the NRA has their back.

*Carolyn D. Meadows*



# NRA YOUTH WILDLIFE ART CONTEST



NRA George Montgomery Youth Wildlife Art Contest Receives Hundreds of Entries  
By Tim Peel, Program Coordinator, NRA Hunter Services

Every year around the holiday season, the NRA Community Engagement Division is proud to host the George Montgomery/Youth Wildlife Art Contest. Hundreds of art submissions are accepted and over 350 artist's submitted paintings, drawings, sketches, engravings ranging this year. The submissions ranged from small varmints to large game animals that can be legally hunted or trapped in the United States.

The George Montgomery/NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest offers young artists interested in hunting and wildlife an outlet to display their creative talent, practice artistic techniques, and refine wildlife identification skills through the creation of original works. The theme for this year's contest was Photorealism. We had hundreds of spectacular pieces submitted and this made judging very difficult and there were a few close calls. This contest encourages youth to nurture their interest for the visual arts, hunting, and wildlife conservation. It also reinforces the positive effects of hunting and wildlife conservation with the public at large.

Student's grades 1 through 12 (including home-schooled children) are eligible to enter and all entries must portray North American game birds or animals that may be legally hunted or trapped. Artists have the chance to win thousands of dollars in prizes! The three National Finalists for each category, who do not become the Best in Show, and all Honorable Mentions will have their artwork featured on the NRABlog and the NRA Youth Wildlife Art Contest website.

Additional prizes for each category will be as follows: First Place: \$750 cash prize, Second Place: \$500 cash prize, Third Place: \$250 cash prize, Best in Show will receive a \$1000 cash prize! We encourage youth across the country to participate and keep up the good work. Contestants are limited to one entry each. Entries may be in a medium of the artist's choice (oil, water color, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, etc.).

Submissions should be on good-quality bond or drawing paper, or illustration board. Preferred sizes for the artwork are 8½"x11" or 11"x14". Matting is optional. Entries should not be framed. Composition must be original. Photographs may be used for reference, but artwork determined to have been traced or copied from a published photograph without copyright permission from the photographer, or from another artist's work, shall be disqualified.

Please take into consideration that entries will not be returned. Next year's contest starts September 1 and entries must be postmarked by October 31, 2020 to be eligible. Visit <https://artcontest.nra.org/> for more details.

Best In Show:  
Catherine Chen  
Fremont, CA



First Place (Category 1):  
Dorothy Zhou  
Chandler, AZ



First Place (Category 2):  
Mingming Cao  
Scottsdale, AZ



First Place (Category 3):  
Madison Grimm  
Wallace, SD



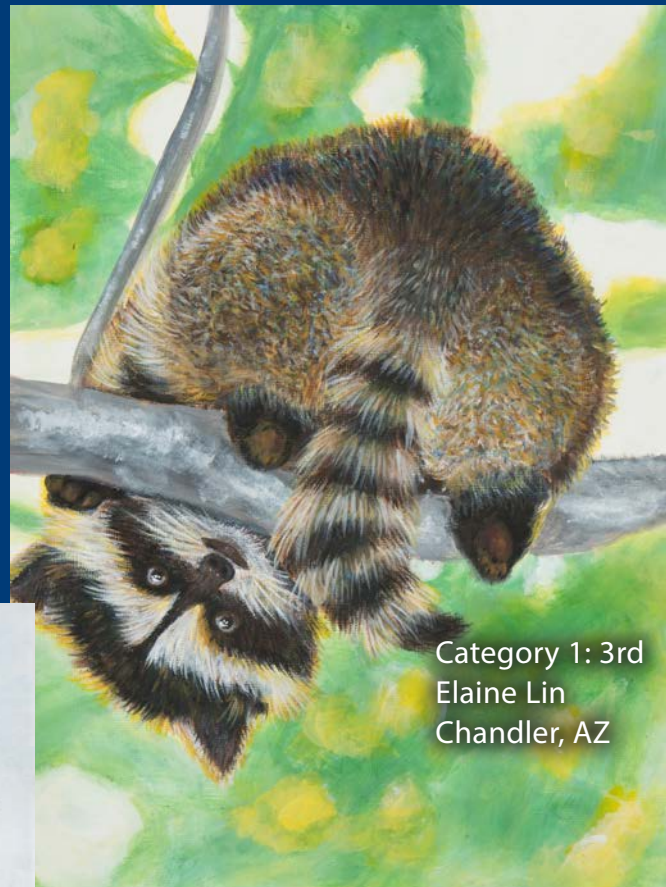
First Place (Category 4):  
Patricia Harp  
Park Hills, KY



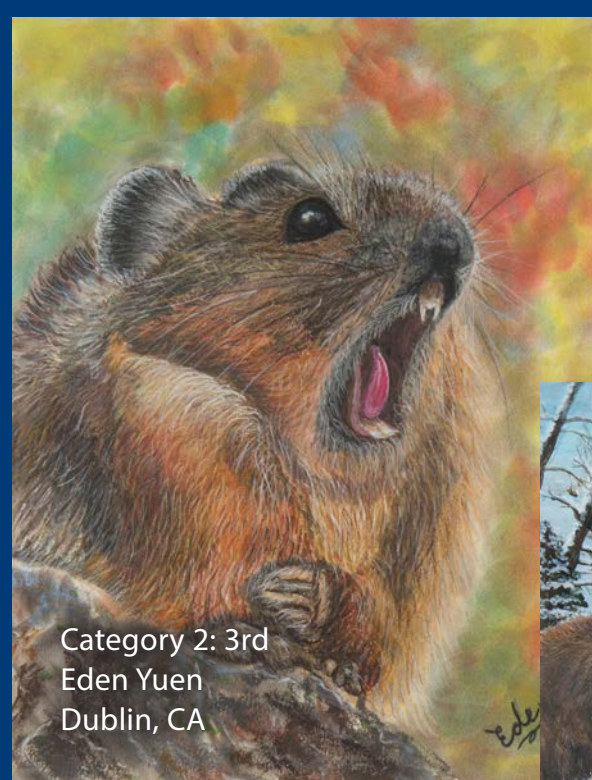




Category 1: 2nd  
Allison Bu  
Leesburg, VA



Category 1: 3rd  
Elaine Lin  
Chandler, AZ



Category 2: 3rd  
Eden Yuen  
Dublin, CA



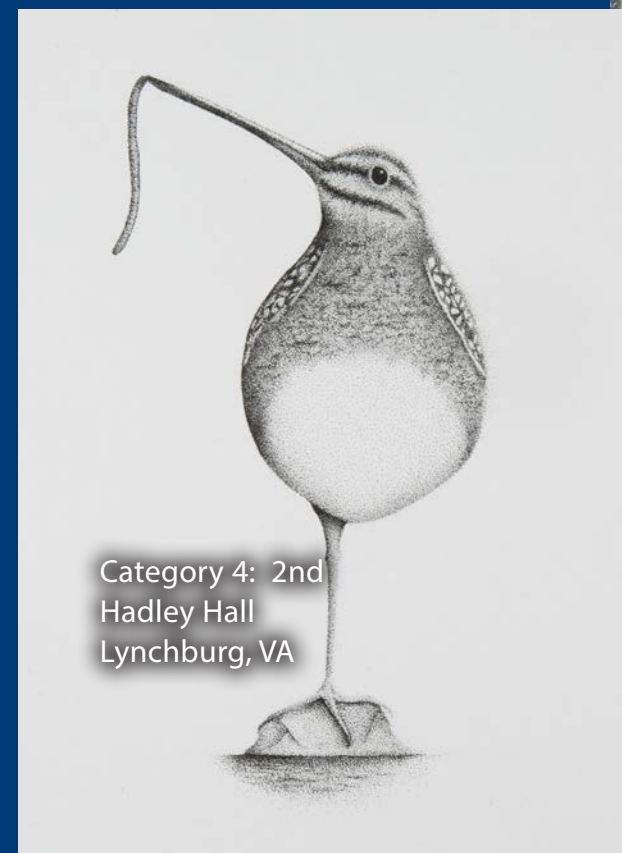
Category 3: 3rd  
Youngju (Julia) Paek  
Irving, TX



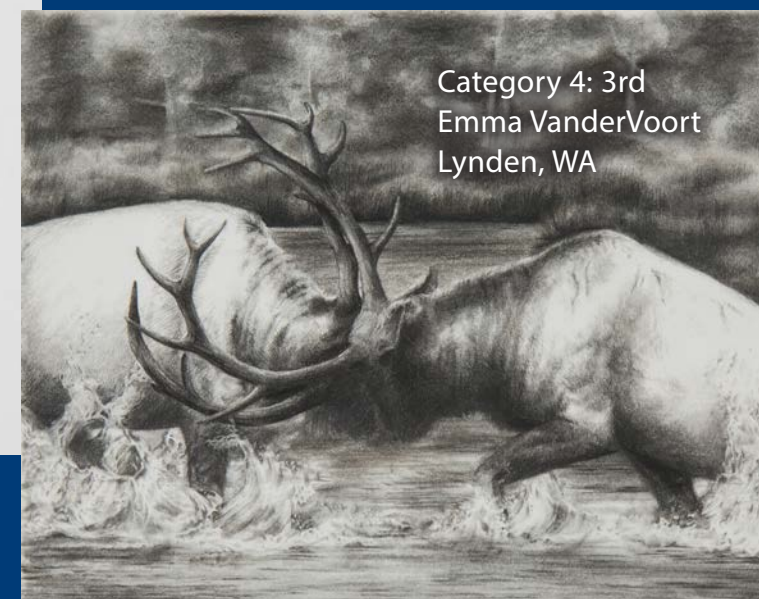
Category 2: 2nd  
Isabella Kim  
San Ramon, CA



Category 3: 2nd  
Jessica Bae  
Oakton, VA



Category 4: 2nd  
Hadley Hall  
Lynchburg, VA



Category 4: 3rd  
Emma VanderVoort  
Lynden, WA





Honorable Mention  
Mira Zinddin  
Leesburg, VA



Honorable Mention  
Meiuen Yang  
Phoenix, AZ



Honorable Mention  
Andrew Han  
Chino Hills, CA



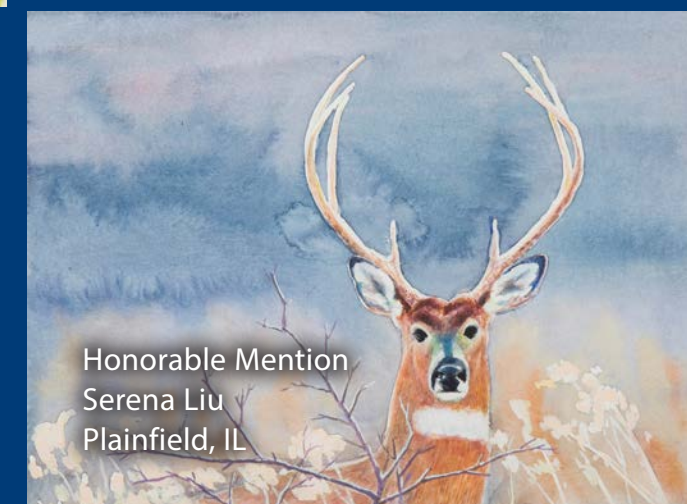
Honorable Mention  
Ivy Tao  
Chandler, AZ



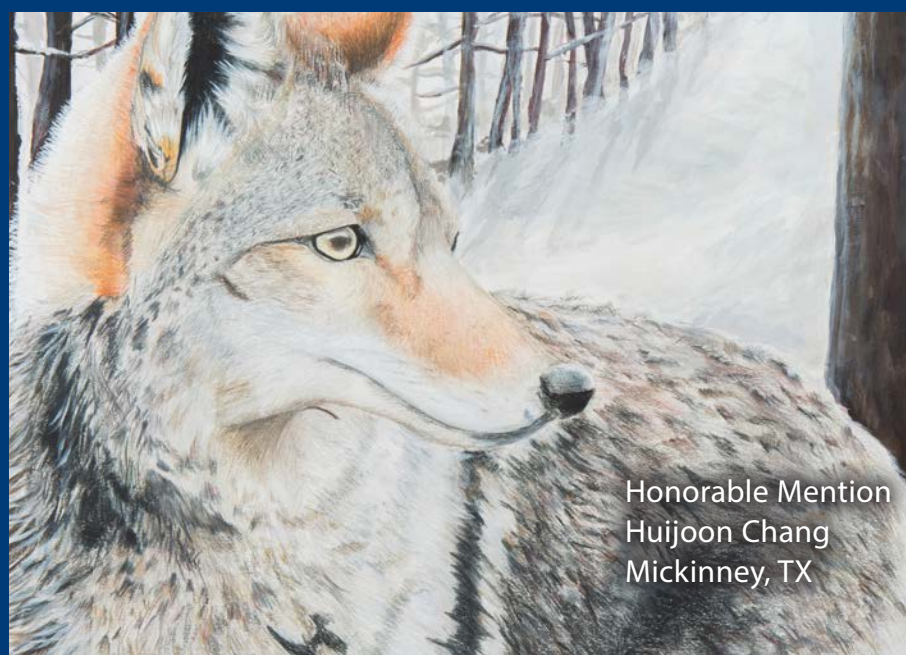
Honorable Mention  
Amber Choi  
Ivring, TX



Honorable Mention  
Morgan Feng  
Sugarland, TX



Honorable Mention  
Serena Liu  
Plainfield, IL



Honorable Mention  
Huijoon Chang  
Mickinney, TX



Honorable Mention  
Natalie Zhu  
Chandler, AZ



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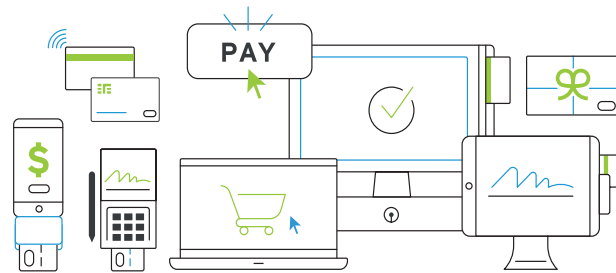


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## NRA Announces Launch of Adaptive Products Database

The National Rifle Association Adaptive Shooting Programs and Business Alliance has launched an Adaptive Product Providers database to highlight businesses that deliver the best in services, gear and training for disabled firearm enthusiasts. "People of all ability levels are heading into the outdoors to take part in the shooting sports at impressive levels," said Dr. Joe Logar, national manager of NRA's Adaptive Shooting Programs. "This database provides a one-stop resource to ensure they can make the most out of those experiences."

Results from the latest U.S. Census found 74 million Americans identify themselves as disabled. Those numbers are increasing dramatically. Results from the 2010 U.S. Census indicated the number of disabled stood well below that figure—56.7 million, or 19 percent.

The NRA Adaptive Product Providers database provides enthusiasts direct links to organizations with products and services that make the outdoors and the shooting sports more accessible to people with disabilities. Featured outfits range from companies selling devices that make loading pistol magazines easier to all-terrain

wheelchairs to take hunters anywhere wild game may go.

"Helping people find their way back to the outdoors is incredibly rewarding," Dr. Logar said. "Hopefully this database will make that journey a little bit easier."

The NRA Adaptive Shooting Program web page provides an added resource for disabled enthusiasts or those with family or friends facing physical challenges in continuing their pursuit of the shooting sports. In addition, the firearm industry leads the way in helping returning veterans and current members of the Armed Forces overcome the challenges they face as they attempt to resume outdoor activities. Honored American Veterans Afield is one of the foremost.

When President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans With Disability Act in 1990 he stated, "Let the shameful wall of exclusion finally come tumbling down."

Visit <https://adaptiveshooting.nra.org/resources/> for more detail on available products.







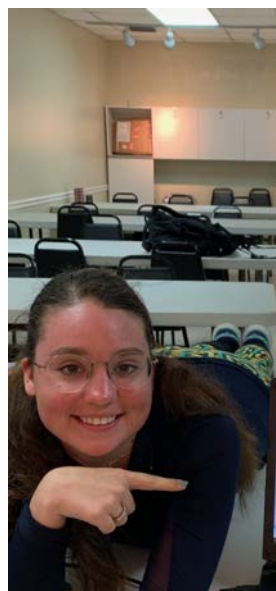
(Indoor airgun range, meeting room and classroom left)

The Hollywood Rifle and Pistol Club (HRPC) has had a long standing affiliation with the NRA. Organized in 1935, we were the first private club in the state of Florida to be affiliated. Our first registered NRA competition was held in 1937. In 1964, we created a “Junior Division” with the NRA. Soon after, a number of our youngsters, actually for seven years in a row, began qualifying for the Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs. Then, as with many youth even today, boys met girls, girls met boys and video games seemed to be the rage. As a result, while we continued basic training classes for youngsters, our Olympic level training program dwindled.

Nevertheless, in 2002, we became recognized as a Gold Medal Club, a distinction we prize to this very day. Then, in 2018, we experienced a resurgence of interest in higher level training for youth. Under the tutelage of Jaymie Shipley, a former two time Olympian, we re-established rigorous training in 3P, prone rifle and air rifle.

We always had an indoor 10 meter air rifle range in the building also used for meetings and various classes. (picture top right above) With the modernization of air rifle shooting, we needed to step up our game. Everyone throughout the Country has been using state of the art electronic technology, hence our need to upgrade everything. Our long term goal is to be recognized as an Olympic training center. As a first step, we turned to the NRA, and submitted our 2019 grant request to purchase electronic targets. We are overjoyed that we were selected for the grant. We remodeled our indoor range and now we are able to use the newly purchased electronic targets both indoors and out. In the past year, nearly a dozen of our kids earned college shooting scholarships including four who were accepted at West Point. We already have two Olympic hopefuls, Mary Tucker and Matt Sanchez, for Tokyo 2020. Without the grant from the NRA our dream could never have begun, yet begun to materialize. As a 100% NRA Club with nearly 400 members to date, we owe much of our success to the NRA. Over the years we have received several grants from the NRA, but none were as sweet as the nearly nineteen thousand dollar cash grant we received in June, 2019. We cannot thank you enough!

Linda Dillon - HRPC Secretary



Mary sets World record, sadly it was only practice



Matt Sanchez, one of the Olympic hopefuls for 2020 in Tokyo



Broward County Friends of the NRA Banquet June 2019 where we received an NRA grant check



Mary wins bronze at the US Olympic Trials



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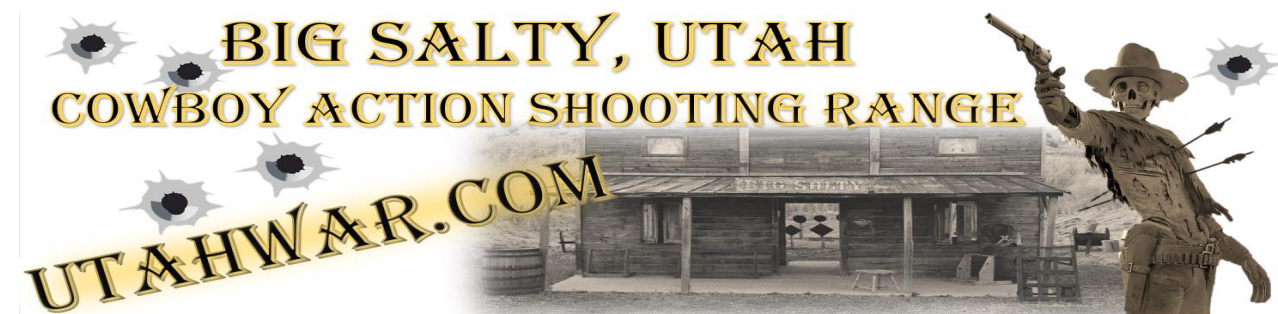


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Wild Bill Hickok, Wyatt Earp, Calamity Jane, John Wesley Hardin, Billy the Kid are just some of the notorious names from the old west gone but still highly esteemed. As a result, you can find many folks taking the responsibility to keep the old west tradition alive and not left to be forgotten history.

Some of these folks are the Cowboys and Cowgirls of the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS). An international organization created to preserve and promote the shooting sport of Cowboy Action Shooting™. But an organization is only as strong as its members! And these members can be found throughout the nation starting up ranges and shooting clubs to participate and enjoy the world of Cowboy Action shooting. One of these clubs is the Wasatch Action Shooting Range; better known as Big Salty Ghost Town of the West just west of Salt Lake City, Utah.



Express Office on Big Salty

The president and current Match Director is Jubal O. Sackett (Oh! Did I forget to mention everyone has a

Cowboy “alias” that is registered with SASS?). When you become a member, you receive a special SASS badge with your alias and membership number on it. So, there are many weekends that come and go on the range and you never know folks’ real names. It’s all about the Cowboy way.

But back to Jubal Sackett. He started shooting with SASS back in the early 1980’s. Well, about 10 years ago, give or take a spell, he had a desire to build a range like no other in Utah. And with the help of folks like Cannonball Dent, Johnny Lake, Utahan Tex, Col. Butch Simons and too many others to be named, he carved out



Cowboy Posse during a stage from a major match

a premiere Cowboy Range out of all things...a landfill/dump! Yes, this rag-tag group of Cowboys performed quite a feat with some scrap land that the State let them lease.

Big Salty is tucked away behind another wonderful shooting facility for the more modern firearm enthusiast and that is Utah’s Division of Wildlife Resources, Lee Kay Public Shooting Range. Lee Kay and Big Salty have a great relationship and complement each other helping folks enjoy many realms of the shooting world.



Guns of the Cowboy world staged and ready to go.



Salt Lake Practical Shooters stage set for their 2018 State Match

Big Salty, or the Wasatch Action Shooting Range, is truly a unique range run solely by members of the club who volunteer time, money and resources so everyone can enjoy a bit of the Old West. If you want to learn more about this little Ghost Town tucked away in Utah, head to [www.UtahWar.com](http://www.UtahWar.com). And you can find information about our parent organization, SASS, at [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com).

Keep your powder dry and we hope to see you on the trail heading to the Premiere Ghost Town of the West, Big Salty!



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### JROTC Takes Advantage of New Electronic Targets

One electronic target manufacturer has noted a marked increase in target sales to JROTC units in 2019. SIUS USA President, Jeff Douglas stated that sales to JROTC units increased by 400% in 2019. He credits a number of factors for this increase.

A better price point. For years it was assumed that electronic targets were too expensive. However, beginning in 2016 SIUS USA began offering special discounts to JROTC units, veteran programs and individual veterans. Instructors discovered targets were affordable and with some effort, funds could be raised to help take their programs to the next level.

Numerous sources of funding. The JROTC staff became resourceful in obtaining funds. In addition to district or government funding, instructors obtained NRA grants and funding from groups like the Friends of the NRA or the MidwayUSA Foundation. Booster clubs and parent supporters started “adopt a lane” fund raisers, in some cases dedicating the lane in the name of the shooter or family. One unit actually received funding from the local Sheriff’s Office.

Phased purchasing. Once instructors determined the number of lanes their facilities could support, some started small to equip their ranges. SIUS USA offers a single-lane, practice option, known as the SIUSLANE, which uses the HS10 target and the unit’s computer or laptop. More often, instructors purchased two or three lanes complete with targets and shooter’s monitors. These systems were linked together in a network, and then later had control and ranking software added.

Improved shooting results. Shooters are reaping the benefits from the daily use of electronic targets at competition. Granbury High School in Granbury, Texas installed their targets in 2016. Since then they have won three consecutive 3-P National Championships. Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Scott Casey, Senior USMC Instructor at Granbury stated, “As a coach I have the ability to (better) diagnose issues a shooter might be having...our scores have increased. Shooters are (also) using the same systems used at National-level and are familiar with them at that level.” Coaches and shooters benefit and excel through the daily use of electronic targets and now they are more affordable than ever before. Contact SIUS USA at usa@sius.com or call (803) 699-1800.



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# NorthWest Shooters 4-H Club Hosts Inaugural NRA International Pistol And USAS Progressive Position Pistol Matches

On November 2, 2019 the NorthWest Shooters 4-H Club in Cypress, TX conducted the first matches of the Club's six year existence by simultaneously hosting an NRA International 10m Air Pistol Match and USAS Progressive Position Pistol (PPP) match at their home range located at Fairfield Baptist Church.

This match would not have been possible without the assistance of the Texas A&M pistol team, and coach Linda Libasci, who guided the Club through the process of hosting a match, as well as providing the use of the Texas A&M portable six position air pistol range.

The NRA match was attended by twelve shooters made up of two relays, with participants coming from the Texas A&M Pistol Team, NorthWest Shooters air pistol team, former USAS pistol team member Greg Appleton (who also hosted a clinic after the match, sharing his insight from a lifetime of competitive shooting) and other members of the community.

Texas A&M member Jay Palacios took home top honors with a score of 540-9X, edging out second place winner Greg Appleton's score of 540-8X, with third place going to Texas A&M shooter Georgia Eddy with a 539-10X . New precision pistol shooter Emme Jennings took High Junior for the home club with her personal best of 518-8X.

The PPP match was made possible not only by the hard work and dedication of the club members who participated, but by the dedicated parents who not only support their children in the Sport, but who also constructed a new set of counter-balance pistol rests and custom target boxes made to hold B40-4 targets. The expert shooting of NorthWest Shooters member Henry Medlin secured him the first place position with a 333-2X, closely followed by Tripp Lee in second with a 326-1X and Conrad Gonzalez in third with a 230-1X.

After the success of these inaugural matches, NorthWest Shooters 4-H is looking forward to hosting seasonal matches in the upcoming year.



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## **Nevada's Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Program continues to break attendance records**

The Nevada Firearms Coalition (NVFAC) is the NRA State Association for Nevada. Founded in 2011 as replacement to the defunct Nevada State Rifle and Pistol Association, NVFAC has three separate organizations. The Nevada Firearms Coalition which is a nonprofit 501 (c) 4, The Nevada Firearms Coalition Foundation which is a nonprofit 501 (c)3 and the Nevada Firearms Coalition Political Action Committee which is registered with the Nevada Secretary of State as a State PAC. We are heavily involved in social media with two web pages [www.nvfac.org](http://www.nvfac.org) and [www.nvfacpac.org](http://www.nvfacpac.org), two Face Book pages, and six closed FB groups, plus two twitter accounts. Our news letter is published on line every other month.

As with all new startup organizations, it takes time to develop programs and enlist dedicated volunteers. Because of the political climate in Nevada with Michael Bloomberg dumping tens of millions of dollars into Nevada state politics, it was critical to develop our political capabilities as the highest priority. To this end, we now have a full time lobbyist in the State Capitol of Carson City, and we have been very successful in getting some pro gun legislation passed as well as blocking many bad laws.

Our greatest success for firearms safety and developing new shooters has been our signature Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Program (AOWSP). Modeled after the Annie Oakley Sure Shots program started a decade earlier at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility in Phoenix Arizona, by our president, the format was redeveloped and implemented in Clark County Nevada in partnership with Clark County Shooting Facility in Las Vegas (Nevada's only outdoor 5 Star shooting complex). We have received grant support from the NRA Foundation and from various Nevada based shooting groups.

### **Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Program**

This program is for women only, and is staffed by women only volunteers serving as NRA certified Instructors, Range Safety Officers, and NVFAC trained coaches. All team members attend "team orientation" training and complete safety and liability waivers. Our coach program is unique to AOWSP and is designed to "fill in the gap" between lecture and hands on experience. Coaches provide direct hands on service to the new shooters as well as emotional support for those who have never touched a firearm before plus adding to the level of safety supervision.

The program consists of four programmatic functions offered every Tuesday from 630 PM to 9 PM. All that is required is to show up and have personal ear and eye protection. NO FEES ARE CHARGED, although we do accept donations. Each participant is given a safety card that they have to show at each visit. New shooters use NVFAC handguns and are given 125 rounds of .22LR in 25 round allocations.

### **New Shooters**

1.5 hour classroom (6:30 PM to 7:50 PM) presentation to familiarize new participants with the AOWSP firearms safety and range safety, safe storage, suicide prevention, Project ChildSafe, basic fundamentals of handgun shooting, information on beginning types of firearms and ammunition, NVFAC programs, and introduce new shooters into new shooting programs. Safety waivers are also signed and safety cards distributed

One hour on the range (8:00 PM to 9:00 PM) with coaches and range safety officer to help shooters safely handle and use the principals of safe firearm handling

### **Return Shooters**

Once shooters complete the required classroom and range portion of the program, they can return as often as they wish ( 7 PM – 8 PM) to shoot their own firearms and ammunition. Range Safety Officers and Coaches provide supervision and instruction.

### **Advanced Programs**

As AOWSP is an introductory program, advanced firearms topics are provided to encourage skill development and attendance at other firearms programs and competitive events.

### **Team Development**

All team members attend a mandatory training session where the protocols for the safe operation of AOWSP are presented. Each team member is given 2 service credits for attendance which can be redeemed for team apparel and shooting accessories. NVFAC Foundation provides free training for Instructors and Range Safety Officers who agree to participate in the program. The team consists of a team leader, a Chief Range Safety Officer who coordinates RSO recruitment and scheduling and a Coach Coordinator who coordinates coach recruitment and scheduling.

### **Milestones**

April 21, 2017 First night

We did some email advertising and the Nevada Review Journal did a story in the local section of the newspaper, so we were anticipating about 60 attendees.... we way underestimated the numbers. At the end of the first night, we trained 295 ladies and turned away over 500. The traffic line to enter the shooting complex was a mile and a half long.

August 29, 2017

We trained our first 1,000 student

Sept 4, 2018

We trained our 2,000 student

October 22, 2019

We trained our 3,000 student

As of November 16, 2019

- AOWSP has trained 3,061 new students in 140 classes

- Supervised 7,253 shooters in 260 range sessions
- Provided advanced training to 375 ladies
- Trained 111 team members

If you are interested in more details about this program, please contact [info@nvfac.org](mailto:info@nvfac.org) or visit our FB page at Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Program.

Stay safe!

Don Turner, President

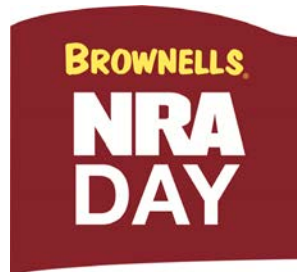
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Pictured Above: Annie Oakley class - 9/4/18  
Pictured Below: First night! 4/21/17







## Host an NRA DAY Event at your club in 2020!

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Due to various backgrounds and shooting abilities, individuals enjoy different shooting sports activities. You can choose from a selection of event themes that will accommodate such diversity and still provide a safe and fun learning environment. There are currently 9 event themes to choose from ranging safety and education to competition focused events. For a full list of possible event themes please check out our website at <https://nraday.nra.org/Web/Default.aspx>.

Registering your event is easy, just visit our website <https://nraday.nra.org/web/default.aspx>, and register as an event director. Once approved (usually within 24 hours) you can register your event and choose your event materials. There is no limit how many events you can register in a year. We ask that you give us at least 30 days' notice when registering your event, this ensures that there is plenty of time to get the materials to you. After your event is finished we ask that you complete a brief survey on how many people attended and how we can better the program, this survey is vital in helping us grow the

program. For your event to qualify as an NRA Day it must be shooting related and have a flyer. Flyers don't have to be anything fancy but must have Brownells / NRA Day somewhere on the page.

Your event may even qualify for funding through the NRA Foundation. For more information regarding grants or to apply online visit [www.nrafoundation.org](http://www.nrafoundation.org) or contact The NRA Foundation at (800) 423-6894. The one exception is 3 Gun Experience, you can apply for funding by filling out the form found at <https://3ge.nra.org/host-an-event/> and emailing it back to [nrasports@nrahq.org](mailto:nrasports@nrahq.org). Your 3GE event can get up to \$1,500 which can be used for ammo and targets.

If you have any questions or would like more information you can call NRA headquarters at 703-267-1276 or email [NRADay@nrahq.org](mailto:NRADay@nrahq.org).



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# NRA-ILA UPDATE

## Educating the Next Generation of Second Amendment Activists: NRA University Program Review

Since 2008, the NRA-ILA Grassroots Programs and Campaign Field Operations Division has been working to educate college students on the dangers of gun control through our NRA University Program. As the attempt to limit freedom of speech has spread on college campuses across the country, so too has the thirst for knowledge amongst freedom loving students. To help quench that thirst, this year, the NRA University (NRA U) program reached 2,000+ students in 16 different states on over 50 college campuses – with many more requests we were unable to fill due to scheduling and staff restrictions!

Every student who attends an NRA U not only becomes more educated on the issues that we face in the Second Amendment community, and how to help fight the misinformation, but also receives a complimentary one year NRA membership. This has led to an increase in NRA membership among college students, not just for that first free year of membership, but for the longer term, as once they become members, students are more likely to renew/rejoin once they enter the workforce and can afford to do so thanks to their positive experiences with this program.

As we begin 2020, it is going to be critical that we engage as many college students as possible on behalf of pro-Second Amendment candidates. With one in ten eligible voters between the ages of 18-23, this is a crucial demographic for our election efforts! Before we can actively engage these students in the fight to defend our rights, we first must educate them on what exactly is at stake and expose the anti-gunners' myths surrounding firearms and the gun control debate. This is precisely what the NRA U program is designed to do!

If you have a college student in your family that is interested in bringing NRA University to their campus, encourage them to apply by going here: <https://www.nra.org/campaigns/grassroots/nra-university/>.



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## NRA Stands Up Online Community for Young 2A Supporters

By: Catherine Mortensen, NRA Public Affairs

The National Rifle Association soft launched Students for 2A at the 2019 Turning Point USA's Student Action Summit in December. Students for 2A is an online community of students and young people from across the country who are committed to protecting the Second Amendment.

In less than a month, Students for 2A has gained momentum among college students ages 18 to 24 and garnered more than 20,000 followers across various social media platforms. To date, the group's 11 social media videos have been viewed more than 4.5 million times.

Cody Gardner and Grant Van Dorn jointly started an NRA Collegiate Coalition their freshman year at Western Michigan University. Both are excited to be a part of Students for 2A.

"It's important that gun rights supporters in my generation know they are not alone," said Gardner. "The truth is there are a lot of us, and it's important for us to engage our classmates on this issue and be part of the conversation. We need to be heard."

"If the NRA can get more involved in social media – where kids of my generation really live now – it can help educate young people about their rights," added Van Dorn. "I see Students for 2A as a resource that will be critical in passing on our freedoms to a new generation."

Catherine Mortensen, NRA spokeswoman, said, "The

NRA is giving a national platform to young Second Amendment advocates whose voices have been totally ignored for years by the mainstream media. No organization in the world is in a better position than the NRA to give them a voice in the national conversation."

Billy McLaughlin, NRA's digital director, said, "As we travel around the country, we see overwhelming support for the Second Amendment from young people everywhere we go. The response to our soft launch campaign is unprecedented. Students for 2A will dominate the digital space with engaging content that gives voice to the next generation of patriots."

The NRA's soft launch of Students for 2A features a social media video montage of students explaining why the organization was started.

Text of Students for 2A soft launch video:  
"Every day on college campuses across America, students like me are demonized, attacked and silenced by the 'tolerant' left," students in the montage explain. "But we have something they don't have: facts. So-called 'universal' background checks will never be universal because criminals do not comply with the law. Despite the narrative being pushed by the anti-gun left, unintentional firearm fatalities among young people are near historic lows."

"Americans regularly use firearms for self-defense up to over one million times per year. There has never been a more important time for students like me to speak out," the narrators explained. "We are law-abiding Americans and we demand the freedom

to defend ourselves. So let us be clear to all anti-gun extremists trying to destroy our rights: you will never succeed. We will always fight back."

"And, by the way, my rights don't end where your feelings begin," the students said. "Come and take it."

Other videos include young people sharing personal stories of how the Second Amendment is relevant to them.

Taylor Winston, who survived the Las Vegas shooting, believes that stronger gun control laws would not have prevented the tragedy from taking place. He said that immediately following the shooting politicians began using the tragedy to fuel their anti-gun agenda, something that made him feel used.

Anna Paulina, who grew up in what she describes as a rough neighborhood, says the right to keep and bear arms is vital to her personal safety. She survived a school shooting, armed robbery and home invasion, and she believes in the right to keep and bear arms.

Rob Smith, a gay, black veteran, takes his Second Amendment rights very seriously because he knows how important it is to carry a firearm for self-defense. He says there have been people who want to harm him because of his sexual orientation.



Follow Students for 2A on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Popular on Instagram – NRA Booth at Turning Point Action USA

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## Non Ballistic Weapons Classes Presented by NRA

NRA Community Engagement's most recent venture is sure to be a hit with armed defenders everywhere...in part, because defenders can't take their arms everywhere. This new class, taught by non-ballistic weapons expert, professional educator, author and keynote speaker Steve Tarani, focuses on both purpose-made and improvised self-defense tools that aren't firearms.

Have you ever wished you knew how to turn your t-shirt, jacket, belt, purse strap, a towel and even a plastic kitchen trash can liner into a flexible weapon capable of disarming a gun or knife, and immobilizing an assailant long enough for you and those with you to get to safety? It's not just the province of movies and daydreams; it's a skill that anyone can learn with the right instructor...and Steve Tarani is the right instructor.

The seminars cover situational awareness and lowering your threat profile, as well as how to use edged weapons, flexible weapons and impact weapons. A complete course review is also provided at the end of this block of training to include sustainment drills you can take home to keep your newly-learned skills.

Here is an overview of some of the topics and samples of items that will be covered in these seminars.

Your absolute best option is to exit the area of threat because if you don't have or can't get to your gun and 2.8 assailants (national average) are about to attack you you're going to get hurt standing there armed with nothing but your empty hands and a nervous smile.

Exiting from the attack area is your very best option, but if you don't have the time, space or opportunity to get away then you will be challenged with use of force by one or more armed attackers. Unable to exit, your only remaining option is to get something in your hands to equalize the force being used against you.

Getting something in your hands means literally anything that's not anchored to the ground that you can lift high enough to use in self-defense against your assailant(s) with the purpose of temporarily immobilizing them so you can either get to your gun or exit to safety.

If you're unable to utilize your firearm or to exit, your next best bet is to reach for a non-ballistic, hand-held weapon of opportunity, or an "improvised weapon," instantly accessible to you and in your immediate environment.

A non-ballistic or improvised weapon can be defined as any object not nailed to the floor, fabricated out of metal, wood, plastic, glass, wire or any other material capable of holding an edge, point or rigidity that can be used in self-defense to stop a violent physical attack.

This can include, but is not limited to, baseball bats, screwdrivers, bungee cords, metal pipes, belts and belt buckles, coat hangers, folding knives, syringes, axes and common kitchen knives. Non-ballistic weapons can also include your fists, knees, elbows, shins and feet. As you can see, if you put some thought into it, you have a multitude of options (some better than others).



Non-ballistic weapons can be grouped into four general categories: edged weapons, impact weapons, flexible weapons and personal weapons. Let's take a closer look at these categories.

### Edged Weapons

This category includes knives, razor blades, nails, sharpened credit cards, metal shanks, pens, scissors, pencils, broken glass, improvised edged weapons fashioned from some common object such as a coat hanger or coffee can, shower-curtain holder, kitchen utensils, screwdrivers and any object with an edge or a point that can cut or puncture. Again, this category of improvised weapons is the most versatile, as the edge and tip are two surface areas of a non-ballistic weapon that can be applied in the same attack and at the same time. No other type of improvised weapon can claim this capability.

### Impact Weapons

Here, you have options including broom handles, baseball bats, telephones, tire irons, lumber, ax handles, high heels, rocks, tree branches, pipes, sticks, boots, toilet plunger handles, crowbars, closet poles and any other ridged object that can withstand substantial impact or shatter bone. This is the second and still a very effective category of non-ballistic weapons, as they can cause structural damage and render your assailants incapacitated by impact alone. Plus, they are often longer than edged weapons, providing greater effective range between you and your attacker(s).

### Flexible Weapons

This category consists of computer cables, ropes, piano wire, belts, bungee cords, scarves, telephone cords, chains, trashcan liners and any object with flexibility—anything that can be used to establish a choke hold, cause asphyxiation or crush the trachea. Although not as common as the categories of edged and impact weapons, this category of improvised weapons demands an equal level of respect. After all, do you know what the primary method of carrying out the death penalty in the United States was until 1936? Hanging by a rope, which is, of course, a flexible weapon.

### Personal Weapons

Here, we're talking about your various parts that can be weaponized: fists, knees, fingernails, shins, elbows, forehead, and feet, teeth—anybody part that can emulate the functionality of edged, impact or flexible weapons and inflict damage. It's far easier to stop a threat with an edged, impact or flexible weapon than it is with your feet, but it can be done.

To effectively employ a non-ballistic weapon from any category, you must first be able to identify and then utilize such common items that will give you the decisive advantage in a violent physical encounter. What must you know to identify, access and effectively deploy every-day items in your environment to defend yourself, if necessary? It all starts with a Resource Assessment Listing. What is that and how can it give you the advantage in a real-world scenario?

Deploying a non-ballistic weapon in lieu of your firearm is simply a matter of picking up the readily accessible weapon of opportunity with your hand(s), and immediately applying it to the nearest bad guy. Your objective is not to take on a single or multiple assailants who may be armed, because there may be more of them than there are of you, plus they may be younger, harder and stronger.

Should you find yourself between a rock and a hard place without a firearm, for what-ever reason, or in a situation where you need your gun, but may not be able to get to it or get it drawn, you have another viable option that can give you the tactical advantage. That advantage is effective when applied, and only requires you to remember one simple concept that may one day save your bacon: exit or equalize.



For more information and to register for an upcoming class, visit <https://www.nraoutdoors.com/schools/non-ballistic-weapons-training?eventtypeid=8>



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