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FROM THE TOP

Several months ago, my friend and the IFC Chairman; Michael Ware, was telling me he needed to recruit a "high performing individual" to take over as President of IFC. He outlined the group's needs and laid out some of the things he needed help with not just to manage the organization, but also to help it grow. Then my friend looked me in the eye and asked me to take on the responsibility. Never having considered myself a "high performing individual" I was both shocked and honored at the same time. After spending a considerable amount of time deciding and then freeing myself from other obligations, here I am; your new President.

My background for those of you who do not know me is I am a retired Northwest Airlines International Captain; I flew Attack Helicopters with the Iowa Army National Guard and spent a couple of years recently flying Tactical ISR missions in Afghanistan. I'm a lifelong shooter and hunter, with a long history of defending the 2nd Amendment and recently in nonprofit leadership. I was the Iowa Co-Chairman of both Sportsmen for McCain-Palin and Sportsmen for Romney-Ryan and am a two term past President of the Iowa Chapter of Safari Club International. My family and I live on a small acreage outside of Runnells, and we also operate a farm in the Melcher-Dallas area.

My role is to manage the business side of IFC and to implement the policies of the IFC Board of Directors. Like them, I'm volunteering my time to be your President. We all have families, careers, businesses or farms, and community obligations. Remember this battle is too important to Iowa and our future generations not to all be involved in.

On March 4th fresh off of his big wins on Super Tuesday Ex-Vice President Biden has told us what he would do if he were to be elected POTUS: "If I win," Beto O'Rourke, will become the "Change of Face of gun control". You all should remember Ex-Congressman and wannabe President Beto for his now infamous statement in the debates; "I'm coming for your...AR15's". We must continue to hold pro-freedom majorities of both the Iowa and House and Senate, retake the US House with a pro-freedom majority, hold the US Senate and reelect President Trump if we hope to have any chance of preserving the World's last bastion of freedom.

Shoot straight, speak the truth, and never surrender our liberties.

Dave Funk, President, IFC

****NOTE****

On Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 The Iowa House and Senate both voted unanimously to suspend the session for 30 days in response to public health concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus and large gatherings. The Legislature plans to return to session on April 13th, 2020.

Under the Golden Dome



This is what it looked like at the State Capitol on 02/27/2020. IFC members showed up by the hundreds to let the legislature know how passionate they are about defending our Second Amendment rights. There was no shouting and no disruptions from our dedicated group and the message was well received. KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING!

Bills Still Active:

HF2502 – A bill for an act relating to firearms and weapons, including the storage, carrying, possession, or transportation of weapons and the establishment, use, and maintenance of shooting ranges. (This bill was passed by a subcommittee on 2/10/2020 and referred to the House Public Safety Committee with Rep. Holt's closing remarks.) (This bill was passed by the House Public Safety Committee on 2/20/2020 with Rep. Holt's closing remarks.) (Formerly HSB615) **ALIVE – PASSED House 2/27/2020 – 52-44 in party line vote**

SF2224 – A bill for an act relating to going armed with, carrying, or transporting weapons on school district property. (Formerly SF 116, SSB 1017.) (Special Note – This bill passed Senate Judiciary Committee 10 – 3, with two Republican Senators absent. It is eligible for debate by the full Senate) **ALIVE - Waiting for House floor action**

SF2096 – A bill for an act allowing certain emergency medical care providers to obtain a professional permit to carry weapons. (Formerly SF 2006.) (Passed by Senate 2/10/2020 and referred to House Public Safety Committee) **ALIVE - Companion to HF2036 – waiting on House Floor Action of HF2036**

HF2036 – A bill for an act allowing certain emergency medical care providers to obtain a professional permit to carry weapons. (Companion bill to SF2096. Subcommittee passed, awaiting action by House Public Safety Committee) **ALIVE - waiting for House Floor Action**

SF2095 – A bill for an act allowing county attorneys and assistant county attorneys to obtain a professional permit to carry weapons. (Formerly SF 587, SSB 1007.) (Passed Senate 47-2 on Feb. 6, 2020 and was sent to the House.) **ALIVE - waiting on House Judiciary Committee Action**

HF716 – A bill for an act relating to firearms requirements for hunting deer. (Formerly HF 179.) **ALIVE - waiting for Senate Floor Action**

SF2184 – A bill for an act relating to peace officers, reserve peace officers, and federal officers going armed with, carrying, or transporting a firearm on school grounds. (Formerly SF 7 & SF115) **ALIVE**

SF2155 – A bill for an act establishing authority for school districts to impose additional property taxes and income surtaxes for certain school resource officer expenses under the instructional support program. (Formerly SF2065) (Senate Education Committee passed 13-0 on Feb. 5, 2020, and it is eligible for Senate debate) **ALIVE**

SF537 – A bill for an act relating to taking coyotes while using an artificial source of light. (Formerly SF 374.) (House subcommittee passed and referred to House Natural Resources Committee) **ALIVE - Returned from House to Senate – awaiting reconsideration in Senate**

NRA NEWS

NRA ANNUAL MEETING - NRA has reluctantly decided to cancel this year's annual meeting, planned for April 16 – 19 in Nashville. This applies to all events and scheduled programs, including the NRA-ILA Forum. Details regarding a rescheduled NRA Members' Meeting will be forthcoming. For more info go to:

<https://home.nra.org/important-update-nra-annual-meeting-cancellation/>

VIRGINIA - Thanks to 2A supporters around the Commonwealth voicing their opposition to HB961 the Virginia Senate failed to pass this overreaching legislation. HB961 was a comprehensive ban on many commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms, suppressors, and standard capacity magazines. Our Virginia brothers and sisters are still facing more regulations and the fight is not over.

MINNESOTA - The Minnesota Legislature is attempting to rush passage of two very restrictive gun bills in the hopes that there will not be enough time for citizens to give any input. The two bills are HF 8 which bans the sale or transfer of firearms between private individuals without first paying fees and obtaining government permission and HF 9 which would allow for a chief law enforcement officer or designee to petition the court for an *ex parte* order to remove an individual's Second Amendment rights without due process.

MISSOURI – HB 1722 would remove the prohibition on law-abiding citizens carrying firearms for self-defense on public transit property and in vehicles. In addition, it allows law-abiding citizens to transport unloaded or non-functioning firearms on buses. This repeals an arbitrary “gun-free zone” that does nothing to hinder criminals while leaving law-abiding citizens defenseless. It ensures that citizens with varying commutes throughout their day and of various economic means are able to exercise their Second Amendment rights and defend themselves.

NEBRASKA - Last week, hundreds of NRA Members and Second Amendment supporters attended a Judiciary Committee hearing to voice opposition to two extreme gun control measures. Thanks to their steady opposition, neither LB 816 which would establish a waiting period of up to five days, regardless of the outcome of a background check and LB 58 which would allow law enforcement to search and seize weapons possessed by the respondent of an *ex parte* hearing. The respondent is not present during this hearing. Neither of the proposed gun control bills were prioritized before the deadline and won't advance this session.

Keep informed on these and other national gun issues at www.nraila.org.

IOWA DNR NEWS

****NOTE****

DNR events have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Safety of users, attendees, partners and staff is most important. When possible, events will be rescheduled and that information will be distributed accordingly. Please check this site frequently for the latest closures, postponements and updates:

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/DNR-News-Releases>

Public Meetings, Hunting Season Recap and Possible Rule Change Discussions

For information and dates/times: www.iowadnr.gov

Space available in upcoming hunter education classes

Dates, locations and times can be found at:

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/DNR-News-Releases/ArticleID/2852/Space-available-in-upcoming-hunter-education-classes>

INHF to host State Park Centennial volunteer events at 3 state parks

For more details or to RSVP, visit www.inhf.org/events. If you have questions, contact INHF Volunteer Coordinator Melanie Schmidt at mschmidt@inhf.org.

For information about other Parks 2020 centennial events, visit: www.iowadnr.org/parks2020.

AROUND THE STATE

IFC members can submit stories and info from events around Iowa. Submit to [www.davelincoln@iowafc.org](mailto:davelincoln@iowafc.org). Please include a brief description of the event and a photo.

Central Iowa Scholastic Shooters

A \$1,000 WTU grant helped support the Central Iowa Scholastic Shooters (right), who fielded their largest team ever, with 35 junior shooters this year. The club had the opportunity to compete with local teams from Traer and Carroll, hosted the Iowa State Scholastic Action Shooting Program match, and traveled to Marengo, Ohio, for the national match. Crossroads Shooting Sports provided access for indoor practices, and the Ankeny Izaak Walton League served as 'home base' for weekly practices. <https://www.whitetailsunlimited.com/conservation/project-funds/>

Whitetails Unlimited Awards \$10,000 For Public Land Acquisition in Iowa

Whitetails Unlimited has awarded a total of \$10,000 to the Jackson and Clinton County Iowa Conservation Boards to assist the purchase of a 206-acre parcel of land. Once the purchase is

complete the parcel will be open for public recreation, including hunting. The tract is located in the Eden Valley area and is adjacent to a 399-acre parcel also open to public hunting, making a total of 605 acres available to area hunters.

<https://www.theoutdoorwire.com/releases/b643a8ac-0c13-4c4c-9777-5043ae3d21eb>

FEATURED FIREARM

IFC members can submit information and a pic for publication of one of their favorite firearms to: www.davelincoln@iowafc.org. Please include a brief description of the firearm with your photo.

Submitted by IFC Life Member Dave Lincoln -



I came in contact with my first Glock in 1998. In an effort to standardize equipment, i.e. duty weapons and ammunition, my agency issued Glock model 22's and 23's. As a firearms instructor I went through what was called "transition training" to become certified on the Glock platform. Since that time I have been a Glockaholic. That being said I have always wanted a Glock in .22LR caliber for plinking and familiarization training. Took a long time but my wishes finally came true and shortly after their introduction to the market this Spring I ordered one through Controlled Chaos Arms in Baxter, IA and had it in a few short days. On a cold February day I took my new acquisition to the range. I only had some Federal bulk pack with me and was a bit apprehensive due to some bad reviews on the interwebs regarding using that ammo in the G44.

With a few minor differences the G44 mimics the G19 in size and fits my current Glock holsters perfectly. The trigger had the typical mushy feel that all Glock triggers have. I have replaced the standard connector with a "-" version and that did help a bit. I plan to have Michael at CCA do one of his great trigger jobs on it in the near future. I do wish the G44 came with a threaded barrel and 15 round mags. Would be nice but not a deal breaker for me.

While my range time with it has been a bit abbreviated I have already derived a great deal of fun from it and it has done everything that I've asked it to do. I have a source for threaded barrels at a reasonable price and one will be ordered as soon as they come back in stock. In the meantime I'm looking forward to some more warm days so I can get some more trigger time with the little rimfire.

LET'S EAT

IFC members can submit a favorite recipe for publication in the newsletter to: www.davelincoln@iowafc.org.

Recipe submitted by IFC member Jennifer Lacey-

Best and Easiest Meatloaf You'll Ever Make

Ingredients-

2-lbs Ground Beef

1-pkg Stuffing Mix (I use Stovetop Chicken flavor)

1-Cup water

2-Eggs beaten

¼ - Cup BBQ Sauce (I use Sweet Baby Ray's Sweet n' Spicy flavor)

1- Cup Shredded Sharp Cheddar Cheese

8-10 Slices Pre Cooked Bacon (I use Hormel Black Label)

Preparation-

Preheat oven to 375 degrees

Mix all the above ingredients together in a large mixing bowl. I throw some rubber gloves on and dig in, using my fingers to mash and mix it all together. It's really the easiest way to do it.

Once everything is mashed together, form the mixture into an 8x8 square baking dish. I have a glass Pyrex one that I always use for this.

Bake in the oven for 55 minutes to 1 hour. Cut a slit in the middle to check that it is done all the way through. If it is done, drain off the grease, cut it into big thick slices and serve.

Recommended serving suggestions-

Mashed potatoes with brown beef gravy over both the potatoes and the meatloaf, and green beans drained lightly seasoned with salt and pepper, cooked in butter and chopped up bacon on the side.

ON A LIGHTER NOTE



IN UNIFORM

Info and picture of an IFC member or one of their family serving in the military, LE or FD can be submitted for publication to: www.davelincoln@iowafc.org.

MEMBERS GALLERY

IFC members can submit photos of themselves and family for publication in the newsletter to: www.davelincoln@iowafc.org. Please include names and a brief description of the activity in the photo.



IFC's very own Membership Director Jennifer Lacek on a trip to Wyoming to shoot prairie dogs.

Jennifer is using a Howa 1500 in .223 cal with a YHM suppressor. Gun was built by CCA.

IFC Newsletter Director Dave Lincoln in the afterglow of firing an M2 .50 cal. BMG at a machine gun shoot in Cheyenne Wells, CO. The gun was originally salvaged from a crashed P51 fighter and rebuilt into an M2 ground mount by an NFA manufacturer in Phoenix.



FAREWELL

Info regarding the passing of an IFC member can be submitted for publication to: www.davelincoln@iowafc.org.

ROUNDS DOWN RANGE

Information on shooting ranges operated by State, County or private entities can be submitted to: www.davelincoln.iowafc.org.

Shooting ranges operated by the Iowa DNR can be found at:

<https://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Places-to-Hunt-Shoot/Iowa-Shooting-Ranges>

UPCOMING EVENTS

IFC Members can submit upcoming events for publication in the next newsletter. All events submitted should include the event name, event date, where the event is taking place and event contact info. All events should be submitted to:

www.davelincoln.iowafc.org

Always check with the promoters of any event prior to attending. Some events may be cancelled due to various reasons.

MARCH

Mar 27th – 28th, 2020

Sportsmen Hunting & Fishing Exchange

New Albin Community Center, New Albin, IA

Mar 27th – 29th, 2020

Fort Dodge Gun Show

Webster County Fairgrounds, Fort Dodge, IA

Mar 28th – 29th, 2020

Wilton Outdoor & Gun Show

Wilton Library & Community Building, Wilton, IA

APRIL

Apr 3rd – 4th, 2020

Izaak Walton Gun Show

Kensett Community Center, Kensett, IA

Apr 3rd – 5th, 2020

Marshalltown Gun Show

Central Iowa Fairgrounds, Marshalltown, IA

Apr 4th – 5th, 2020

Le Mars Sportsman Club Gun Show

Le Mars Convention Center, Le Mars, IA

Apr 17th – 19th, 2020
Des Moines Fairgrounds Gun Show
Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA

Apr 24th – 26th, 2020
Premiere Firearms Auction
Rock Island Auction Company, Rock Island, IL

Apr 24th – 26th, 2020
Council Bluffs Gun Show
Westfair Fairgrounds, Council Bluffs, IA

May

May 22nd – 24th, 2020
Mount Pleasant Gun Show
Midwest Old Threshers, Mount Pleasant, IA

May 29th – 31st, 2020
Cedar Rapids Gun Show
Hawkeye Downs, Cedar Rapids, IA

June

Jun 19th – 21st, 2020
Council Bluffs Gun Show
Westfair Fairgrounds, Council Bluffs, IA

Jun 19th – 21st, 2020
McGregor Iowa Gun Show
Backwoods Bar & Grill, McGregor, IA

Jun 25th – 28th, 2020
Regional Firearms Auction
Rock Island Auction Company, Rock Island, IL

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The following individuals have made monetary donations to IFC above their membership dues. If you would like to donate to IFC and help to strengthen our cause please visit our website at: www.iowafc.org.

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