



## The Army Sniper Association Newsletter



The 2017 International Sniper Competition (ISC) dates are approaching fast.

**Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>**

The **Vendor Shoot**: Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> at the NSA Compound with the **Awards Banquet**: Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Columbus Georgia Convention and Trade Center (AKA Columbus Ironworks). The ISC was a huge success last year and we hope to have even more success this year.

The Newsletter is something new we are trying this year, the goal is to get one published quarterly but right now that is a horizon line target. Trying to capture everything that has been accomplished by the association this FY is a challenge in itself but here goes:

We currently have the “New” Website up and running, this has been a long arduous process and are proud to say we went live in May 2017.

<https://www.armysniperassociation.org/>

We have overhauled the entire website and this was not an easy endeavor, stop by and check it out. This all would not have been possible without the tremendous amount of help and patience from Jessica at Slamdot (they host the website). Jessica kept us focused and on task, she was very diligent in her execution of product development and explained a lot of things to ASA Secretary and I explained everything to the other board members. Jessica made this experience less painful and more enjoyable.

The ASA is continuing to grow with lifetime membership over 533 members. Keep abreast of what the ASA is doing by checking in at the following areas from time to time.

Facebook Account: @SniperAssn

Instagram Account: @armysniperassociation

Events Tab on the website: <https://www.armysniperassociation.org/>

There have been some changes in the ASA Executive Board Members review the contact tab on the website to review who is currently holding those positions. Updates will be posted as they occur on the above social media areas, please stay informed while remaining ever vigilant in helping raise awareness to the current areas and emerging areas that the ASA supports and is involved in. This is after all our association.

### **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Army Sniper School**

The ASA is proud to announce that 2017 is the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Army Sniper School. This is an exceptional year and to showcase this fact all Instructors that were part of that historic moment 30 years ago (April 1987) are invited to this year's competition and the banquet free of charge. The ASA will pay all associated fees for those instructors and guest at the banquet this year. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to the [armysniperassociationsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:armysniperassociationsecretary@gmail.com) no later than

31 August 2017 so that we can ensure proper seating and necessary arrangements are taken care of.

### **Fund Raising Events**

The ASA has partnered with numerous organizations from time to time in an effort to raise awareness for our causes and increase community involvement. In November 2016 Steel City Precision held an annual long range competition designed to support the ASA with all proceeds, this event made Steel City Precision the largest donor to the ASA and supporter for 2016. We are very proud of our friendship and we are extremely grateful to have their support.

Nightforce Optics generously donated an ATACR 5-25 F1 (Mil/Mil) to Steel City Precision to do an online raffle on RallyUp.com. This scope had the ASA "S and Arrow" logo etched on the windage turret. This raffle raised over \$3000.00 dollars for the ASA.

Keep checking the ASA website, Facebook Page and Instagram for future Raffle announcements.

### **Community Support**

November of 2016; one of our board members was contacted by one of our Marine Sniper Brethren who informed him that one of his brothers who was completing the SARC pipeline was currently in transition away from his family, friends and support group and would be in the barracks at the U.S. Army Airborne School for Thanksgiving. ASA Board members linked up with him and ensured he was able to have Thanksgiving dinner with our board member and his family. This is just one small way that the ASA is building good relationships with our Marine Sniper brethren and continuing to strengthen the Sniper Community.

The ASA is attempting to increase awareness for additional funds that we are trying to create. These fund sites would benefit our community and family members, without your assistance this will not be possible. We currently have the Fallen Sniper Fund which allows the ASA to assist the family members of our fallen brethren financially until the Army process catches up. We want to start additional funds such as the Educational Assistance Fund which would assist the children and possibly the spouses in our community with opportunities many of us never had and that is to go to college or a trade school with the ASA providing financial assistance in the form of a grant.

### **Future Endeavors**

An additional fund we would like to create would be the Veterans Assistance Fund. This fund would be utilized to assist our brethren who through no fault of their own need help and like everything else this also cost money. This will not be a fund that we pay your bills because you partied too hard over the weekend and spent your money or

because you cannot manage your money. This would assist those Veterans who are truly in need. We had a family (still on active duty) who suffered a house fire right after everything was packed for a PCS move. The ASA provide a financial grant to help with the loss and to get them to their gaining Unit. The ASA was the only organization that assisted this family in need. They applied to at least four other organizations for help and assistance and were either denied or never received a response. Everyone knows how stressful a PCS move can be without having problems arise unexpectedly the assistance provided by the ASA eased the financial burden on the family and helped reduce the stress level of the PCS move and the loss as a result of a fire. The ASA currently does provide non-monetary assistance to Veterans and soon to be Veterans this assistance is through education and empowerment. The ASA has helped our brothers who are being medically retired. We do this by empowering them with the right information on how the medical retirement process is conducted and what they can expect from it. Every case is different. We do not guarantee any ratings or percentages. We're also helping many of our brothers who are having trouble with getting their V.A. Claims processed. This is how we are continuing to serve our Sniper veterans after their active service ends.

We've been helping our Sniper Veterans find work with Private Military Companies (PMCs) for the ones who still want to carry a long gun to make a living. We do this by linking them up with a PMC that's in need of their skill set, we then walk them through properly formatting their Resume and then we assist in their Vetting process so that we can help streamline the hiring process for them.

### **Fallen Brethren**

This year we added the name of another fallen brother that was KIA in April 2017 in Afghanistan to the Fallen Sniper board at the USASS compound. The ASA organized a private tour for his family of the sniper school. They were able to observe a class of students going through training during their visit. We then sat down with the family and discussed what their needs were and how the ASA could possibly help them through the SSG Eric Caban Fallen Sniper Fund.

### **Donors of the 2016 International Sniper Competition**

The ASA would like to recognize those companies that donated to support the 2016 International Sniper Competition. The ASA website also has a list of the 2016 donors. Their contributions are the primary reason there is such a large prize table every year.

Sustaining Level Donor (\$10,000 or more)

Platinum Level Donor (\$5,000 or more)

Gold Level Donor (\$3,000 - \$4,999)

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Larue Tactical

Sustaining level donator

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Remigton Defense	Platinum level donator
Sig Sauer	Platinum level donator
Barrett Firearms	Platinum level donator
McRee's Precision	Platinum level donator
Wilcox Industries	Platinum level donator
DRS Technologies	Platinum level donator
FLIR	Platinum level donator
RUAG	Platinum level donator
Badger Ordnance	Platinum level donator
Magpul Industries	Platinum level donator
Ashbury Precision Ordnance	Gold level donator
Leupold Tactical	Gold level donator
Allegiance Ammunition	Gold level donator
Bushnell Tactical	Gold level donator
Armageddon Gear	Silver level donator
Tactical Tailor	Silver level donator
Law Tactical	Silver level donator
US Tactical Supply	Silver level donator
McMillan Stocks	Silver level donator
Kestrel	Silver level donator
Hog Saddle	Silver level donator
OTIS Technologies	Silver level donator
Knights Armament	Silver level donator
Blackhawk	Silver level donator
Gerber Gear	Bronze level donator
Atlanta Arms	Bronze level donator
Rheinmetall Defence	Bronze level donator
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