



Revolutionary War Veteran's Association

When marksmanship met history, and the heritage began.

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Numbers.....

According to the Illinois State Police, in 2002 there were approximately 1.2 million valid FOID cardholders in the State of Illinois, and approx . 210,000-220,000 applications are processed annually by the Firearms Services Bureau. If we use National averages, in theory, Illinois should have approx. 4.5 million firearms with a little over a 1/3 being Rifles. So lets say 1.8 million Rifles in the State of Illinois

That 1.2 million is about 10% of the States population, not great by any means, but again, we are just using ISP numbers. How many Rifleman are there in the State of Illinois? Maybe 30?

How many of those 1.2 million FOID Card holders have attended an Appleseed. Less than .02% of the 1.2 million FOID Card Holders!

Could you imagine 1%? 120,000 Attendees, and using our current attendee to Rifleman ratio, 10,000 Rifleman! Lil' Ritchie Daley would be covered head to toe in hives over that one!

You all have heard the sinking ship reference many times. You have also heard that wasting time naming the iceberg(s) that this Nation has hit is not the method to stop the sinking! We need to start bailing!

Now of course some parts of the ship need more bailing than the others. That's plain common sense. Take a look at Illinois' "gun rights" and Chicago's wonderful history of corruption, not to mention the amount of Illinois Governors who have actually been convicted or indicted! I'm sorry folk's, I don't need to name the iceberg I can see it through the hull!!!



You have heard the old saying of "Divide and Conquer" have you not? Well look at this Country! The left coast has water pouring in as does most of the East coast, then you have us, and to a lesser extent our neighbor Wisconsin, dead center of the Nation and taking water on fast!! Our fracture in the hull could be the most important of all to fix.

Because the politics of our state are actually a source for the water pouring in, we have to bail that much harder. If Illinois could gain ground against the corruption and the sheeple of Chicago, could you imagine the spirits uplifted? Could you imagine the boost that freedom and the Second Amendment would receive across the Nation!

We have 1.2 million buckets, yet only a handful of them are being used. Too many of those buckets are in disrepair, missing handles, full of holes, or hiding in fear like the vast majority of Illinois gun owners.

But you are reading this for a reason! That means you probably already have a bucket or you're in the process of fixing up your old one to handle the task.

In Illinois that single bucket is not enough, you need to get a second. Of course you may have never bailed a sinking ship out before, and those flabby couch potato arms of yours might not be able to handle big ger buckets. But that is OK for now, it is better that you start out with two small buckets and work your way up. That first bucket is you, on your path to Rifleman, and the second is you introducing new people to Appleseed. Stop preaching to the choir, this is 2008, and you need to talk it up with everyone you meet, and get the word out!

It is too late to let someone bail for you, it is time to start bailing for your self! Learn how at

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