

# NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019

## WHAT'S NEW @ **BOONDOCKS** ACADEMY

### Fireside Chats

Coming in 2020, Boondocks FTA™ will begin hosting a series of free seminars (chats). Topics will include a variety of subjects including Gun Rights, Concealed Carry, Gun Myths, Active Shooter, and more. The first "chat" is scheduled for 9:30 AM on Saturday January 18th here at Boondocks FTA™. Check out our [calendar](#) for complete listing of upcoming chats!



*A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State,  
**IN THE NEWS** the right of the people to keep  
and bear Arms, shall not be infringed*

### Bloomberg Jumps into the 2020 Race!

On November 24th, Michael Bloomberg announced his intentions to run for the 2020 Presidential Election. Most Americans know Michael Bloomberg as a the Billionaire Former Mayor of New York City. By all accounts he was a pretty successful mayor, especially in regards to



reducing crime and homicides in the city. In 1990, with 2,245 homicides in the city, New York was the most dangerous city in the country. In 1994, Rudy Giuliani took over as NYC Mayor and implemented a "Stop and Frisk" policy of preventing crime. By the end of Giuliani's term murders in the city had dropped to below 650. Michael Bloomberg took over in 2002 and dramatically increased the frequency of "stop and frisk" from 97,296 in 2002 to 685,724 in 2011. By 2013, murders in NYC were below 350. Tucker Carlson highlights this dramatic turnaround in this video "[Giuliani, Bloomberg dramatically lowered NYC crime](#)" There were some issues with the "stop and frisk" policy (including some legitimate concerns a violation of civil liberties) and there are also other factors that likely played a role in the dramatic reduction of homicides in city, but even the remarkable turnaround in the nations largest city pales in comparison to the about face of Bloomberg after leaving office in 2013.

Bloomberg, the Mayor that oversaw what might be the only gun control law that actually worked, has since apologized for "stop and frisk" and has been funding some of the largest gun control groups in the country. Groups like "[Everytown for Gun Safety](#)" and "[Mom's Demand Action](#)." His groups support Universal Background checks, Red Flag Laws, and the banning of high capacity magazines and semi-automatic firearms. None of which will actually reduce criminal gun use the way "stop and frisk" did by taking illegal guns out of the hands of criminals in the streets. In addition, Bloomberg has also been [funding gun control candidates](#) in battle ground states like Virginia and [outspending even the NRA!](#)

Bloomberg's billions seemed to help, Doug Schoen opined in *Forbes* that [Virginia Elections Prove Gun Safety is the Winning Issue for 2020](#). For the first time in an quarter-century, Democrats now control all branches of the VA State Government. With the wind at their backs, legislators are wasting no time proposing 2020 legislative changes. Many of the proposals coming out of Richmond, have got rural Virginians up in arms, and [there is a growing number of counties declaring themselves 2nd Amendment Sanctuaries](#).

The 2020 VA legislative session may be a preview of the 2020 Presidential Election. Michael Bloomberg spent millions to help gun control candidates get elected in VA this past November and now he has thrown his hat into the Presidential Election. He will likely spend much more in an attempt to win the White House and implement his gun control agenda on the rest of the country!



## Don't Let Santa Select Your Handgun

For women, selecting a firearm should be just as personal as selecting a special pair of new shoes. It has to be comfortable, look good, and serve a purpose. Most of the women I know would be horrified if their husband or significant other just went out and bought them a pair of shoes without first consulting with them. You should feel the same way about getting a new handgun, especially if you even think someone is going to "surprise" you with a new handgun this Christmas.

No two women are alike! We have different tastes, come in different sizes and have different needs, and there is no "one gun" that is perfect for women. Many men think a women "needs" a revolver since they are the simplest to operate, but they don't consider the heavy trigger or stiff recoil of some of the small frame, snub-nose revolvers. Don't get me wrong, I love revolvers, while they can be great defensive guns, they are not always fun to shoot, and are often not the best FIRST handgun for women.

Before you decide to let a "man" pick out your handgun, you should consider all the options. A semi-automatic with less recoil, a lighter trigger pull that is fun and easy to shoot might be the perfect "fit" for you. The best way to select a new firearm is to go to a store or pro shop with knowledgeable instructors like BoondocksFTA™ and try some guns on for size. Just like trying on new shoes, you need to make sure the handgun "fits" YOU! It should feel comfortable, you should be able reach the trigger and all of the controls, and it should be FUN to shoot. Otherwise, you will likely not practice nor shoot accurately.

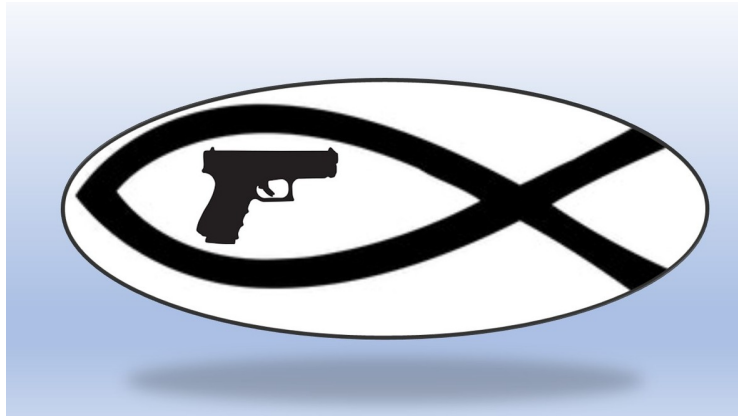
Boondocks offers these "fittings" FREE to anyone who signs up for one of classes. The professionals at BoondocksFTA™ will help you select a handgun that fits your hand, show you the proper grip along and correct stance, and teach you how to fire the handgun safely. On the range, you will shoot 2-3 rounds from each handgun you are trying "on". This process makes it easy to select which handgun is the best fit for YOU.

For Santa's convenience, BoondocksFTA™ offers [Gift Certificates](#) (printable/emailable) and Gift Cards (debit card) - available in our Pro Shop.



**God, Guns &  
Training**

Every November we hold our regularly scheduled Fall Defensive Pistol II class. It is 3 full days of training including a night shoot and a full day of room clearing and force on force training. For the last



couple of years there has been a good percentage of the students who have been in Church Administration or leaders of their Church Security Team. Now, that may not be surprising here in the Deep South. Most people in this area grow up clinging to a Bible, a gun, or both. What is usually unique about this group of students is their strong desire to help other people, and sometimes, because of their beliefs, a reluctance to engage a potential threat with lethal force. Often times, they will insert themselves into a 3rd party conflict to help what thought to be an innocent victim only to find themselves in grave danger. Conversely, when faced with a personal threat, they hesitate to act, again placing themselves in danger. This type of training can be intense and eye opening. It is not uncommon to get follow up emails and phone calls from students concerned about the bad decision they made, the hit on an innocent bystander, that they acted to soon, or that they waited to late, or a number of other mistakes they made under stress. The only thing I can tell them is that we are all human. None of us are perfect and we all make mistakes. The reason we train is so that we will be less likely to make a mistake.

### **Self-Defense in Scripture**

There is a good bit of scripture dealing with self-defense. One of the most prominent is found in Exodus. "If a thief is caught breaking in at night and is struck a fatal blow, the defender is not guilty of bloodshed; but if it happens after sunrise, the defender is guilty of bloodshed" Exodus 22:2-3. So there is clearly some biblical restrictions on the use of deadly force. Many believe that the difference between night and day in this scripture equates similarly to many modern day justifiable homicide laws. Meaning that you must be in fear of death or grave bodily harm to you or your family, before you are justified in using deadly force.

As a Christian, an Instructor, a Church Security Team leader, or even just a law abiding citizen, I am often shocked to hear just how many of my fellow human beings seem to be willing and eager to pull the trigger at the first opportunity. Maybe it is just bravado on their part, but the willingness to take another person's life over a car or other piece of property isn't ethically, morally or legally justified in any book!

## **We Train to Save, Not Take Lives!**

As we head into the Holiday Season, it is a good time to pause and reflect on how we as Christians, as Law Abiding Citizens and Responsible Armed Americans are called to act. While we are not required to turn the other cheek when someone is threatening our lives or the lives of our family or friends, we are also not immune from the consequences of acting unjustly. Those that choose to carry a firearm and take training seriously are often humbled by the experience. Their eyes are opened and the bravado is gone! They are also far less likely to ever use their firearm in self-defense and also less likely to make a mistake.

### *COURSE SPOTLIGHT*



### **Train with Massad Ayoob!**

Massad Ayoob has been the handgun editor of GUNS magazine and law enforcement editor of AMERICAN

HANDGUNNER since the 1970s, and has published thousands of articles in gun magazines, martial arts publications, and law enforcement journals. He is the author of more than a dozen books on firearms, self-defense, and related topics, including "In the Gravest Extreme," widely considered to be the authoritative text on the topic of the use of lethal force.

The winner of the Outstanding American Handgunner of the Year Award in 1998, Mas has won several state and regional handgun shooting championships. Ayoob is one of approximately ten Five Gun Masters among the 10,000-member International Defensive Pistol Association, and was the first to earn that title. He served 19 years as chair of the Firearms Committee of the American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers, and several years as a member of the Advisory Board of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association. In addition to teaching for those groups, he has also taught for the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors and the International Homicide Investigators seminars.

Mas has received judicial recognition as an expert witness for the courts in weapons and shooting cases since 1979, and has been a fully sworn and empowered, part time police officer for over three decades. Ayoob founded the Lethal Force Institute in 1981 and served as its director until 2009, and now trains

through Massad Ayoob Group. He has appeared on CLE-TV delivering continuing legal education for attorneys, through the American Law Institute and American Bar Association, and has been retained to train attorneys to handle deadly force cases through the Armed Citizens Legal Defense Network. Ayoob served for two years as co-vice chair of the Forensic Evidence Committee of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He also appeared in each episode of Personal Defense TV (Sportsman's Channel).

Masaad will be here at BoondocksFTA™ March 5-8, 2020 teaching his renowned Mag40 Class. This is an intense, four-day, 40-hour immersion course in the “rules of engagement” for armed law-abiding private citizens. The course emphasizes legal issues, tactical issues, and aftermath management.

Topics will include interacting with suspects, witnesses, responding police officers, threat recognition and mind-set, and the management of the social and psychological aftermath of having to use lethal force in defense of self or others. Also covered is preparing beforehand for legal repercussions and minimizing your exposure to them. Situations in the home, at the place of business, or “on the street” will all be covered. Range work will include instruction in the use of the defensive handgun under extreme stress. Drawing from concealment, two-handed stances, shooting from cover, one-handed stances with either hand, speed reloading, and more are taught with an overall emphasis on fast, accurate shot placement.

Don't miss the opportunity, [register](#) today!



## Gifts that Go BANG!

Black Friday 2019 was the 2nd single busiest day for NICS Background checks. Over 200,000 Americans stepped up to the gun counter to purchase a new firearm. That is more than enough guns needed to arm the United States Marine

NICS Firearm Background Checks Top 10 Highest Days		
November 30, 1998 - November 30, 2019		
Rank	Date	Total Checks
1	Fri, Nov 24, 2017	203,086
2	Fri, Nov 29, 2019	202,465
3	Fri, Nov 25, 2016	185,713
4	Fri, Nov 27, 2015	185,345
5	Fri, Nov 23, 2018	182,093
6	Fri, Dec 21, 2012	177,170
7	Fri, Nov 28, 2014	175,754
8	Tue, Mar 04, 2014	167,585
9	Thu, Dec 20, 2012	159,604
10	Fri, Nov 23, 2012	154,873

NICS Firearm Background Checks Top 10 Highest Weeks		
November 30, 1998 - November 30, 2019		
Rank	Dates	Total Checks
1	12/17/2012 - 12/23/2012	953,613
2	12/14/2015 - 12/20/2015	839,109
3	12/07/2015 - 12/13/2015	790,950
4	02/24/2014 - 03/02/2014	783,620
5	12/18/2017 - 12/24/2017	714,237
6	03/03/2014 - 03/09/2014	697,770
7	11/30/2015 - 12/06/2015	697,247
8	02/26/2018 - 03/04/2018	695,503
9	11/25/2019 - 12/01/2019	692,162
10	02/08/2016 - 02/14/2016	684,723

Corp! And the 202,465 NICS Checks does not even include the guns purchased by Concealed Carry Permit holders who, in many states, do not have to go through a background check. In fact, with the exception of one day in March 2014, the rest of the top 10 days was a "Black Friday" or just a few days before Christmas. So, I guess it is safe to say, Guns are popular Christmas gifts. But are there any legal issues with giving guns as gifts? The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) has a great guide on [Giving a Firearm as a Gift](#) that you should read before you purchase a firearm. One suggestion from the NSSF and the ATF is to give a gift card in the amount of the gun.

The ATF recommends that if you want to give someone a new firearm, rather than going to a gun store, buying it on your own and giving it to your father, for example, consider instead purchasing a gift certificate from that retailer and giving it to Dad as his present. That way he'll get the exact gun he wants, and there's no question about who is "the actual buyer of the firearm," which is a question any purchaser must certify on the Federal Form 4473 at the time of purchase.

Here at Boondocks FTA™ we also believe a gift card is a great option. It is very common to have first time shooters tell us the gun they brought to class was a gift, and then quickly find out they really don't like that particular gun. A firearm is a very personal item and many times what may work great for you may not be the right fit for the intended person. Hand size, grip strength, caliber, and recoil all play a part in the enjoyment of the shooting sports. As a general rule, if you wouldn't buy a pair of shoes for that person, then you probably shouldn't buy them a firearm either. A gift card allows them to find the perfect gun for their hand, and at places like Boondocks, they can even test fire several models before they settle on the gun they want. Gift cards are available through our Pro Shop or you can purchase [gift certificates online](#) through our website.

Chad J. Winkler

(Reloaded from our Nov. 2018 "On The Hunt" Newsletter Section)



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## More Memories

On the day after Thanksgiving, Grizz (My Dad) would have been 76. Each year at



*Grizz on our last hunt together*

this time I remember our post turkey day trips afield with him and my Uncle. Both taught me a lot about shooting, firearms and the outdoors. Even though they had no formal firearms training, they were great marksman.

They tried to teach me everything they knew about the outdoors, how to hunt and how to

shoot. I am thankful that I was able to absorb some of their wisdom and experience. Both of them passed before I got into firearms training. What I have learned since, is that the ability to shoot a gun accurately does not necessarily prepare you for self-defense. Additionally, the guns, the techniques and the training have all changed so much in the past 20 -30 years.

So, if you grew up like I did with fond memories of hunting trips and time on the range, but haven't had any for formal defensive firearms training, now is the time. You owe it to yourself and your family to be better prepared! Maybe even bring one of your mentors along with you! It may be a great way for you and them to share a few more trips to the range and create some new memories before that opportunity is no longer there!

Chad J. Winkler

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