

# Meeting / Training Summaries

## Sunday 17 May – training day: rifle range

Beautiful sunny, N. Idaho afternoon. We took turns shooting from behind cover at multiple steel targets; two at about 30yds, spaced 20yds apart and one dead center at about 65yds. We filled magazines with 1, 2, 3 or 4 rounds each, mixed them up and put them in our ammo pouches no knowing which was which. We then proceeded to fire once at each target, then swinging to the next (target acquisition practice) until you hear the “click” of your firing pin landing on an empty chamber. Then quickly changing mags (magazine change-out and retention practice) and continue firing, until the next change-out. We also fired from both the right and left sides of cover (weak side shooting practice). Then, we brought the center target out to 200yds and did some prone long range shooting (that's as long as this range is...). Overall, a good day at the range!

## Friday 22 May – Meeting at Slaters Restaurant, Ponderay, Id.

We started with an opening prayer and pledge to the flag.

A few new people showed their faces and asked questions about our group and why we're doing what we're doing. I hope we answered all of their questions to their liking.

Our 4 officers and two new sergeants (Sgt. Jim Angle and Sgt. Kevin McGuire) took the oath to protect and defend the Constitutions of the united States and the State of Idaho, and the fellow citizens of their county.

## Sunday 24 May – training day: patrol techniques with level 2 gear

We all met at the City parking lot in Bonners Ferry then carpooled in 3 rigs to Katka Mountain. We found a suitable logging road and proceeded to don our gear. Our training officer, First Sgt. Terry Brady, started by going over some basic hand signals and their proper usage. He then got everyone into a patrol formation and had everyone take turns on point, practicing using hand signals (everyone else was taught to pass the signal back and make sure the troops behind them understood), and also we worked on some point-man techniques that were explained to the unit by Lt. Larry Davis, who has experience in this area.

## Sunday 31 May – training day: squad movement techniques

Because of illness and family obligations we didn't have enough men, so... off to the rifle range!