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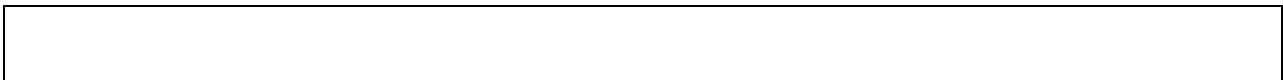
Ranger

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Will the world end before American armed forces get a new assault rifle? Twenty years ago the Army held weapons trials for a replacement for the M-16, none were selected. Every couple of years the Army would half heartedly act like they would consider a new rifle but it never came to pass. In 2003 with \$100 million spent on research and development it looked like the XM-8 might take over but Pentagon infighting shot it down. Maybe Colt just had too much sway over officials at the Pentagon? In November 2007 a weapons malfunction (sand) test involving the M-4 and several other possible replacements put the M-4 in last place. The Army generals defended the M-4 of course, but with troops in the field complaining to their congressmen, a new test was ordered. Now come June 2009 all of Colt's technical data rights to the M-4 have to be turned over to the government and the contract expires in 2010. The Army began buying the M-4 in the mid-1990's to replace the M-16. Currently the government pays \$977 per M-4 with 365,000 having been delivered so far to the Army. Recently the Army held an open invitation for a replacement rifle and 19 small-arms firms showed up. All the usual players were there like Colt, Bushmaster and H&K. But a surprising number of new comers came out with small-arms like Smith & Wesson and Barrett. Two things that all the entries have in common are that they are gas-piston versus the current M-4 gas-direct system, which will result in a lot less fouling in the chamber. The other thing is all will be available in 5.56 or 6.8mm with some in 7.62 NATO. I would be willing to bet most, if not all, of the entries submitted have been field tested in Iraq. Hopefully some rank and file troops will be asked which one they prefer and not some general that will never have to carry one in battle. American troops deserve the best rifle money can buy. Maybe the government is serious this time about replacing the M-4 but still even if they do decide to, it will be 2012 before the troops in the field get one. That's the same year Nostradamus and the Mayans say the world will end.



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1050 A.D. At the jousting tournaments knights would raise their visors on their helmets to see who their opponent was. Since 90% of us are right-handed this one last look before they would charge started the military tradition of *saluting*.

1415 A.D. The hundred years' war is raging in France. English archers at the battle of Agincourt rain down thousands of arrows on the French and slaughter them. Afterwards, the French vow to cut off the middle finger of any English archer that they capture, since the middle finger was used to pull the bow string back. The English in a defiant "*gesture*" would line up before future battles, extending their right arms, make a fist, and raise their middle finger to the French.

1863 A.D. Union Gen. Joseph Hooker has a huge army that stays still most of the time. This keeps military pay on time and attracts a large following of merchants, tailors, laundry women and prostitutes. The prostitutes when ask where they were going replied, "*Hookers*" and the term stuck with them.

1942 A.D. American fighter planes carried a max. 27 feet of 50.cal ammo in each wing. This was used up quickly in combat. When the pilots returned the ground crews would ask how much ammo was used, and the pilots routinely said, "*The whole nine yards.*"

1965 A.D. The M-1 carbine rifle was made by many different manufacturers during WWII. Rock-Ola Jukebox Company made the M-2 full-auto models. When we got to Vietnam we gave the short statured Vietnamese soldiers left over carbines. When teaching them to shoot the full-auto models we said the bullets were coming out real fast like Rock-n-Roll music. The term stuck and anytime a weapon is firing full-auto we say it's on "*Rock-n-Roll.*"

East Coast American Indian tribes would ceremonially place a hatchet or battle ax in a grave when sealing a peace deal with an enemy, hence the term, *bury the hatchet*.

Still the home of dedicated patriots

by Carl St. John

The more “our” corporate and government leaders in Washington screw up, the more people are drawn to the militia movement. The fears of constitutional rights disappearing as well as communist type gun control have many Americans scared. Attendance at gun shows has gone thru the roof lately with gun sales and ammo prices have skyrocketed. Here’s what we in the militia movement are doing, first training. You need to get physically involved in field exercises to meet other people. Learn from veterans, get “hands on” experience with equipment, practicing what you’ve learned, while thinking on your feet. Knowing what clothing and equipment you need is important since all militia members must supply themselves. Here in December I’ll be hosting “Range Day” that will be open to the general public. Come January we will have a cold weather survival FTX (field training exercise). This is where we separate the patriots from the keyboard commando’s. Hopefully we will have an ice storm, strong winds and bitterly cold temperatures so we can appreciate what the Continental Army went thru for our freedom at places like Valley Forge. Also the militia is meeting with constitutional-friendly individuals and groups like Ron Paul supporters, Virginia Citizen’s Defense League, Campaign for Liberty, Stop the Real I.D. group, The Central Virginia Citizen’s Homeland Security Association. Working together maybe we can stop tyrannical legislation within the borders of Virginia. As individuals and families we should try to make ourselves more self-sufficient and frugal in areas such as food, fuel, money and especially our families’ physical security. Be the ant not the grasshopper and be ready to defend what you have. Dr. Edwin Vieira in his book *Constitutional “Homeland Security”* suggests we should form groups for common local defense and we are here in Virginia. The recent surge in pro-constitution and pro-militia activity here in Virginia has renewed my hope in reviving the originally intended Constitutional values that this nation was founded on. I hope patriots in other states feel the same way!

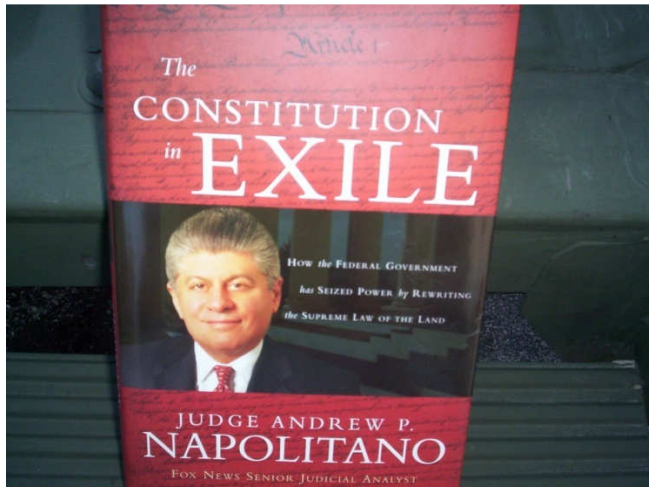
Movie review

by Major Donald R Doyle

The other night I took my son to see “Valkyrie” PG-13 starring Tom Cruise. It is based on the true story of some German senior officers during WWII who wanted Hitler out of power. These men and women were not interested in personal promotion or glory but were German patriots who saw Hitler as a monster leading Germany and Western Europe to ruin. There were 15 unsuccessful attempts on Hitler’s life. Unfortunately, Germany and the rest of the world paid dearly for those failures. The movie is historically accurate, well made and it’s refreshing to see WWII events in color. I strongly recommend seeing it.

The Constitution in Exile

A book review by Major Donald R Doyle



This book looks directly at the Supreme Court, or as I like to sometimes call it, the Supreme Joke. The Judge states the court started out defending the constitution pretty good, meaning literally in the early days of the republic. He goes into each amendment of the original bill of rights. He clearly states the 2nd amendment is an individual right. Chapter 4 titled, "Dishonest Abe" goes into Lincoln's constitutional terrorism and starting the Civil War. This is something I always have felt and so did a number of former presidents of the 1840's and 1850's. Later on the court would consistently side with corporate America's robber barons in the late 1800's. He covers how the court got away from our founding fathers original intentions and drifted to "the ends justify the means" syndrome. He goes into how Franklin Roosevelt tried to "stack" the court with additional judges because his New Deal legislation was being shot down by the court. He was not successful in getting new justices but he intimidated the court into rubber stamping future legislation that had previously been voted down as unconstitutional. One of the many interesting cases that he reviews is that of WWII's Tokyo Rose. She was a Japanese-American visiting her sick aunt in Japan on Dec. 7th. She would not renounce her U.S. citizenship and was forced to make a few propaganda recordings for Japan. There were 13 other Japanese women who did the majority of the broadcasts. The book is worth reading for this case if for nothing else. President Ford would later pardon her over this terrible travesty of justice. It's the only time a U.S. president would pardon someone convicted of treason. Judge Napolitano goes into plenty of detail blasting the PATRIOT ACT as the most unconstitutional piece of legislation ever passed. He reminds us time and time again that those who trade liberty for a little perceived security, deserve neither, and will get neither. His book is easy to read minus all the legal and Latin jargon one might expect to find. Its 242 pages long and I strongly recommend it.

The Ant & the Grasshopper *in America*



The Ant works hard in the blistering heat all summer long, building his house and storing up supplies for the winter. The Grasshopper thinks the Ant is a fool, playing and laughing the summer away. Come winter, the shivering Grasshopper calls a press conference and demands to know why the Ant should be allowed to be warm and well fed while others are starving. ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN show up providing pictures of the cold Grasshopper and a warm well fed Ant. America is stunned by the sharp contrast. How can this be, that in a country of such wealth, this poor Grasshopper is allowed to suffer? Kermit the Frog appears on Oprah with the Grasshopper, and everyone cries when they sing, "It's not easy being green." Jesse Jackson stages a demonstration in front of the Ant's house and the news shows them singing, "We shall overcome." Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid exclaim in an interview with Larry King that the Ant has gotten rich off the back of the Grasshopper. Both call for an IRS investigation and immediate tax hike on the Ant to make him pay his fair share. Barrack Obama calls for change.

Finally, the EEOC drafts the Economic Equity & Anti-Grasshopper Act retroactive to the beginning of the summer. The Ant is fined for failing to hire a proportionate number of green bugs and, having nothing left to pay his retroactive taxes, and has his home confiscated by the government. Hillary gets her old law firm to represent the Grasshopper in a defamation suit against the Ant. The case is tried before a panel of federal judges that Bill Clinton appointed from a list of single-parent welfare recipients. The Ant loses the case.

The story ends as we see the Grasshopper eating up the last bit of the Ant's food while the government house he is in, which happens to be the Ant's old house, crumbles around him because he doesn't maintain it. The Ant has disappeared in the snow. The Grasshopper is found dead in a drug related incident and the house, now abandoned, is taken over by a gang of spiders who terrorize the once peaceful neighborhood.

MORAL OF THE STORY: Don't let anyone know what you got put back



by Major Donald R Doyle

In this country everybody wants to be the boss, or in a military organization, a general. I guess it's a cultural thing wanting to be the head honcho but you can't have an army of all generals and no privates. This is why we have rank, a well-defined chain of command that is to be followed. This is one of the first things you learn in basic training. The rank that you carry on your collar is determined by the amount of time that you have served in the military and especially your education level. The Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corp have a formal professional system of rank and promotion. Other military organizations that are not full-time active duty, paid and well supplied tend to have a less rigid, somewhat inflated rank structure like the National Guard, State Defense Forces and some Militia groups having the worst. For example if you're a part-time national guard soldier and you cross over to full-time active duty Army you will, generally speaking, lose one or two stripes. There are two reasons for this: Part-time troops rarely have the experience and skills of full-time troops of the same rank. Stricter rank can be enforced with better pay, benefits and supplies. Militia members are true volunteers in the sense that they are not paid, buy their own gear and have little or no training. They run on 100% patriotism and this has been the case for the last 300 years in this country. Historically militia members of a town or county would vote for their leaders. The winner usually being the most educated guy or most financially well-off man who would buy desperately needed supplies for the militia group. The elected colonel would appoint a captain, a few lieutenants, maybe one sergeant and the rest were privates. That system worked for that time. Today we have a much more educated population and many veterans in civilian life. While the militia may not be able to copy all the rules for rank and promotion of a professional military, and should not try to, there's no excuse for not having a simple reasonable system. With all rank subdued and no saluting here's how we do it in Virginia:

- (1) Entry level enlisted rank of "Militiaman" for three years
- (2) Only two NCO ranks of Sergeant and Staff Sergeant
- (3) All officers must be veterans/law enforcement if none are available then the person with the most education will lead
- (4) Senior officers Major and above must be veterans/law enforcement *and* have two or more years of college
- (5) State Commander, Colonel, exceeding all the above (4) and voted in by a simple majority of all member

Militia-tize your ride

by Major Donald R Doyle

Most of us would like a true military vehicle but they are a lot of work just to drive, really suck the gas and some can't even do 55mph. In short they are nowhere near being a practical thing to own. But we still want one so we compromise, at least that's what I did. I live in town and I'm not junking up my property with some beater, someday it will be on the road, project vehicle. Also I avoid hearing my wife complain about how bad our property looks and she would be right. So here's what I did.

K.I.S.S. Keep It Simple Sir/Sister

Back in 1999 I found a 1992 Ford Ranger 4x4 with a 2.9 liter V-6 owned by a well off older guy who babied the truck, he was selling it because he was tired of the 5-speed. It had a/c, p/s, low miles, a cap and running boards. My dad taught me these are the kinds of vehicles to buy he called them "cream puffs." After reading *Military Vehicle Magazine* I said to myself, self, you can modify this back and forth to work truck to be a military vehicle and still have the creature comforts like a/c good seats and a CD player. I always made my first priority to keep the vehicle in good mechanical condition like the brakes and tires. As parts wore out I replaced them with *heavy duty items*. A lift kit is not the military look, but I did put somewhat larger, all-terrain tires on. Get a good size tool box to put in the bed, and believe me, bolt it down. A small cab truck required me to mount the rifle racks OUTSIDE the truck otherwise the rifles won't fit inside with high back seats. I got 1 gallon of EXTERIOR O.D.GREEN paint and a BRUSH with a warm windless day in my driveway, taped up the lights and a border around the glass and slung some paint. Two coats were needed since the factory color was bright red. There was no chrome on my truck so everything got painted and I got a defective tire from work, cut it in half and bolted it on the front bumper to push things along. All that cost me \$30. Stencils were \$2 a pack from a discount store for the militia vehicle identification number and I called my truck, "Rat Patrol" from one of my favorite 1960's TV shows as a kid. Virginia personal plates cost me \$10 a year and no, I don't regret the "MILITIA" plates. I've received nothing but compliments about my truck even being pulled over three times by Police just to tell me *they liked it!* Don't forget to tell your Dept. of Motor Vehicles you have changed your vehicles paint color next time you renew your plates. This is a simple and inexpensive way to modify your ride and help recruit for your local militia, all at the same time. With only 133K miles on it, for 2009 my plans are a Ham radio, heavy duty front coil springs, cut the roof off and replace with canvas and replace the valve cover and oil pan gaskets.



If you Militia-tize your ride get ready for a lot of stares



Tool Box Contents



DO put in things that will come in handy in an emergency, like a heavy duty jack, jumper cables, bolt cutters, orange cones, blankets come-a-long, a heavy duty tow strap, a 5 or 6 gal gas can that stays full most of the time, a big flashlight or spotlight, big ax, shovel, elastic tie downs and be careful about packing *too many* tools. Include some ammo and check your box regularly for water and battery leakage.



DON'T carry anything *everyday* that would cause you a lot of heartache if your vehicle was stolen like, your favorite rifle(s), "special" ammo or expensive electronic gear.

How to build an AR-15

By Rudy

Patriots: Lend me your ears!

Every patriot needs to be properly armed. Armed with a rifle that is similar to current US military issue would be preferred, but any current military rifle will do.

This short paper is aimed at those of you that have decided to purchase an AR-15. I'm not going to tell you that building one will be cheaper than buying one, because it won't be by the time you add in the cost of the tools. I'm talking about actually building one, not just assembling a parts kit to a factory lower receiver.

For those of you that have already acquired an AR-15 consider this; a rifle is a tool, just a tool. It can break, get lost, or stolen. A hammer is also a tool. It can break, get lost or stolen. How many carpenters have just one hammer? None I'll bet. You should not have just one 'hammer' either.

While many have touted having spare parts on hand to repair your rifle during times of heavy use, I would like to propose a different, slightly more extensive plan: *A second complete rifle.*

What would happen if your AR-15 were suddenly declared contraband, as in Kommiefornia. You're out your MBR! Your spare parts aren't going to help you very much after that. If you were to already have a second AR-15 that was put away for safekeeping, you'd be ahead of their game.

AR-15's are expensive tools, especially if you have someone else build it to your high expectations. How can you afford a second one? BUILD IT YOURSELF! How can you keep it COLD? BUILD IT YOURSELF! I'm talking about building on an 80% lower receiver. The lower receiver is one of the least critical parts on an AR, operationally speaking. It is however, the part used to track the entire tool. Why would you want to let the government know about your rifle, a government that doesn't trust us with firearms and is constantly trying to disarm us? Don't give any entity the ability to track your tools! They have no right to, nor do they need to.

There is NO federal law against building your own rifle, pistol, or shotgun. You can build your own gun for your own use. You can build as many as you want for your own use. The ATF can regulate only those individuals that are required to have a license. They cannot regulate Joe 6-pack. By ATF regulations, you need a Manufacturers license to build for someone else or to build for sale.

The federal government does not *require* the gun that you build, have a serial number, or manufacturers name and address either. The ATF recommends it, but it is only a recommendation. They recommend it have these so if it were ever stolen, it could be recovered and returned to you. Don't believe them. They want it there for tracking purposes and that's all. If it were ever stolen, used in a crime, and recovered, who do you think would be the prime suspect? There might be state laws requiring it. You'll need to check out your own state.

There are federal and some state laws against *removing* a serial number, but since you never put one on there, you are not guilty of removing it.

You will need to invest in 2 pieces of equipment that will involve a somewhat hefty expense. You don't need a milling machine or a machine shop to complete a lower. It would go much faster, but it isn't required. The largest tool needed will be a drill press. Get a heavy-duty drill press, not one of these \$65 China import specials. If you have access to one thru a friend, great you just saved yourself a couple hundred dollars.

The second piece of equipment is a Lower receiver Jig. These cost upwards of \$300. They are available to rent if that would help you. If you are planning on building just one AR, then the cost might be prohibitive. Consider this option. Have several people go together and buy one. By splitting the cost between friends, you are cutting the cost of each AR made. Have a building party. Everyone show up at a specified location (where the drill press is located). Take turns drilling out the holes, filing the mag wells, and threading the required holes. I've heard of 15 lowers being finished in one weekend.

Jigs:

AR-15 Baxter Jig \$143.50 This is one of the lower priced jigs available. You can pay more and get better quality, but this one will serve our purposes if you're planning on building only a few lowers.

There are now a couple of different lower kits available. Let's look at each one:

Blanks: These are bare forgings. There is no work done on them. You must do all of the work yourself. I would avoid these as they involve just too much precision work for the average patriot. Cost is \$25 each. Discounts for quantities are available.

80% blanks: These typically have the magazine well completed and the outside machined. You'll need to finish the entire trigger area, buffer tube threads, and all pin and spring holes. Cost is \$50-100. Some more recent 80% receivers have the buffer tube area already drilled and tapped, saving you a great expense. That tap isn't cheap.

Screwed lowers: These are relatively new on the market. They involve the drilling and tapping of about 18 holes. The newer styles even have detachable magazine wells. This

allows you to build an AR in several different calibers. These tend to be the most expensive lower kits available. Cost is \$200+

Needed parts:

80% complete lower receiver

Blueprint for receiver (Lower required, but the upper would be a good addition to have)

AR-15 parts kit. (All parts needed to assemble one in *your* desired configuration)

Tools required:

Roll pin Punches (3/32", 1/8", 5/32")

Straight punches

Snap ring pliers

Screwdriver #10 flat blade

Allen wrenches

Hammer 6 oz tack hammer

Micrometer

Various files

Scribe

Drill bits

5/32" Drill

1/4" Drill

3/8" Drill

1/8" Drill

1 3/16" x 16 TPI Tap (might not be needed if you bought a lower that has this step completed)

1 1/8" S&D Cobalt Tool Steel Drill with 1/2" Shank (Ditto above comment)

1/4" x 28 TPI Tap

Long drill bits

6" X 3/32" Drill

Lower jig.

When we get the new AWB forced upon us, the legal market for parts will dry up as manufacturers close their doors or switch to other products.

Drill press (the bigger the better) Min 1/2" chuck with 12" clearance below chuck - tilting platform - Slow speed of 300 rpm or less.

"X-Y" compound table for the drill press and a drill press vise with min. 3" jaws and 3" opening width (One of the imported compound "sliding vises" could probably be substituted for the X-Y table and vise, but I haven't actually tried one) A slotted angle plate for vertical clamping of the lower - min. 4"x4"x3" (again, bigger is better)

Clamping devices - a Bridgeport type clamp set is nice, but a couple of large (4" or bigger) Kant-Twists or C-clamps would suffice

A set of 1-2-3 blocks comes in real handy for a lot of the clamping set-ups

A set of transfer punches (the \$9.00 set from Harbor Freight works great)

Dremel tool - with at least a 3/8" and a 1" sanding drum and mandrels (The "diamond" sanding drums work great on aluminum.)

Measuring Tools and Implements

6" Dial caliper - this is a must

A small adjustable machinists square

A couple of small machinists levels or cross level

A "center point" type edge finder is real handy although you can use the transfer punches as centering pins

Files - Medium sized, fine-cut, flat and half-round plus a set of needle files. (Those "diamond" grit needle files work great on aluminum.)

A "file card" and pick for cleaning those nasty chunks of aluminum out of your files

Sandpaper - A sheet each of 80 and 100 grit aluminum oxide and a sheet each of 120, 220, and 320 grit emery paper

Cutting Tools and Specific Items

Here are what I see as critical parts:

We can pick up barrel blanks from Brownell's all day long, so I wouldn't worry too much about those. I would get a supply of the barrel bushings though.

Lowers we can make ourselves so they are a non issue. It would be wise to pick up a jig and some blueprints now.

Uppers with bolts and carriers could be a concern. It takes about 8-10 hours to machine a flattop upper from a block.

Quality lower parts kits will be a problem. Currently they are around \$50-60. That's not too bad I'll start picking up one or 2 of those.

If we were smart, we'd get together and set up a plan for each of us to specialize on one particular item. Afterwards we could pool our 'resources' and build a few spares or backups!

Everything is measured off of the front pivot pinhole. Measure each dimension 3 or 4 times and drill only once. Drill pilot holes as often as you can. Leave excess aluminum in the fire control group area. Use a file to remove any excess.

by the way

There are 400 WW II era oil tankers sitting at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean. While many caught fire and burned or spilled out all their contents before they sank, a number of them did not. The Pacific Island nation of Micronesia is asking the governments of Japan, America and England to help in identifying wrecks to pump out fuel and avoid potential environmental disasters. Almost 60-plus years of salt water corrosion on metal bulk heads are now causing oil slicks. In 2003 the U.S. government pumped 3 million gallons of fuel out of the sunken tanker *U.S.S. Mississinewa*. The U.S. Park Service is very concerned about rusting bulk heads that still contain oil inside the sunken *U.S.S. Arizona*. Despite horrific damage done by the December 7th attack as Japanese bombs ignited the forward magazine in the ship, it is estimated that over 100,000 gallons of oil is still contained in the bulk heads. That will cause an ecological disaster to the harbor not if, but when, those bulk heads collapse.

Every minute 50 Christian bibles are sold making it the number one selling book in the world; it is also the most shoplifted book.

The Pentagon has expanded Purple Heart eligibility to anyone who died while a P.O.W. since December 7th 1941, that's 17,000 men. Also a change in saluting has been made. *Veterans not in uniform may salute the flag during the playing of the Nation Anthem.*

Civil War reenactor Thomas Lord Sr. was shot for real while in southeast Virginia filming a documentary. The 73-year-old corporal with the 7th New York Cavalry was raising his arm in victory when a .44-caliber ball struck his shoulder, he was sent to the Suffolk county hospital where he recovered. Local investigators suspect Confederate troops but none were charged.

Glock has just manufactured its four millionth pistol, not bad for a guy who started out making curtain rods.