

Grassroots:

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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In January 2006, I established Defensive Handgun Training LLC located in Northern Kentucky near Ohio & Indiana. This company is dedicated to providing top-quality firearm training for self-defense.

Any firearm training company must have instructors who possess extensive firearm and instructor experience. My experience includes military, law enforcement and civilian firearm training. In addition, I have been a certified flight instructor (CFI, CFI-I, & MEI) for the last 16 years.

Like many of you, I learned to shoot when I was young. As a teenager, I often hunted rabbit, pheasant and deer. I really began to focus on handgun shooting after discovering IDPA – International Defensive Pistol Association (www.idpa.com) shooting sports. I believe that, short of attending a professional shooting course, IDPA is one of the best ways to maintain self-defense handgun proficiency.

After serving for 10 years in the U.S. Army as a pilot flying both rotary and fixed wing aircraft, I was honorably discharged in 1997. I currently fly B-757 and B-767 aircraft for a major airline. When terrorists attacked on 9-11 using the very same aircraft type, my interest and passion for quality self-defense training intensified. Within a week after 9-11, I joined a grassroots, non-profit organization to help urge Congress to pass a law to allow airline pilots to defend their aircraft from future hijackers. As the Chairman of their Technical Research Team, I organized visits to major firearm manufacturers to discuss details of such a program. I also led a team that attended SiGARMS 3-day Airline Crew Defense Course in Epping, NH.



I met my wife, who was an Army officer and nurse, while stationed in Germany. We have two daughters, ages 5 and 10. Providing for the security of my family adds substantially to my passion for defensive handgun training. They serve as both the object and target of this training. My daughters both know that if they see a firearm of any kind, they are not to touch it and instead call an adult promptly. As they mature, I hope to train them further in the safe and proper use of firearms. I'll sleep better knowing I have done everything possible to provide for my family's safety and security.

I attend at least one professional shooting course every year in order to maintain proficiency and learn from other instructors. Since 2002, those courses include: FRONT SIGHT's 4-day Defensive

Handgun Course, Tactical Defense Institute (TDI), Massad Ayoob's Lethal Force Institute (LFI-I), TDSA-Tulsa's Advanced Combat Pistol Course, and a Police Semi-Automatic Instructor Course. I was a Distinguished Graduate at FRONT SIGHT and the top shooter of the LFI-I course.

In addition, I maintain the following qualifications: Certified NRA Instructor, KY CCDW Permit Instructor & Instructor Trainer, Ohio, Utah & Florida Concealed Carry Permit Instructor, Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor, "Master" classification in IDPA shooting sports and Range Safety Officer.

Recently, I was elected to the Board of Directors of KC3 (KY Coalition to Carry Concealed - www.kc3.org). KC3 is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting

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and improving Kentucky's concealed carry law. This law permits law abiding citizens to have the means to defend themselves from criminal attack when traveling outside their homes. I volunteer my free time to this organization because I feel strongly about the right of the individual to protect themselves and their families.

I maintain memberships in the following organizations for the same reasons: International Assoc. of Law Enforcement Firearm Instructors (IALEFI), International Law Enforcement Educators & Trainers Association (ILEETA), American Society of Law Enforcement Trainers (ASLET), Life Member of the Law Enforcement Alliance of America (LEAA), and the American Woman's Self-Defense Association (AWSDA), National Rifle Association (NRA), and Gun Owners of America (GOA).

Defensive Handgun Training LLC currently provides the following training and services: KY, OH, UT and FL Concealed Carry Permit Course's, Handgun Tactics Course, NRA Pistol Course, Handgun Orientation Course (for new handgun owners), Firearm Safety Course for Teenagers, and GLOCK Armorer services. Defensive Handgun Training LLC also possesses a FFL (Federal Firearms License) and now sells firearms and other shooting related equipment.

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