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NRA Competitive Shooting Division announces 2026 America’s Rifle Challenge Match Director Summit

The NRA Competitive Shooting Division is pleased to announce the launch of the NRA America’s Rifle Challenge (ARC) 2026 Match Director Summit, an immersive training and professional development opportunity designed to enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities for current or aspiring ARC Match Directors and Range Officers.

The 2026 Summit will be held May 6–10, 2026, at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and will bring together a select group of club and range volunteers for comprehensive instruction focused on the safe, efficient, and engaging conduct of ARC competitions.

Summit Overview
The ARC Match Director Summit is a three-day program combining classroom instruction and live-fire range training. The curriculum covers a broad range of Match Director and Range Officer responsibilities, with emphasis on competitor safety, match administration, range operations, creative and challenging stage designs, and best practices for delivering a high-quality competitive experience. Lodging and meals will be provided for those applicants selected to attend. Participation is limited to 36 attendees to ensure a personal focus and meaningful hands-on instruction. Please do NOT make

travel arrangements until you have been notified that you have been selected to attend. A registration code will be emailed to all selected participants to complete the registration and payment of \$50 to attend.

On-Site Schedule:

- May 6 – Arrival and check-in
- May 7 – Classroom program overview
- May 8 – Level I live-fire range exercises
- May 9 – Level II live-fire range exercises

Applicant Requirements:

- Applicants should represent a local club or range that is inter-

ested in hosting, or is actively hosting, America’s Rifle Challenge competitions

- Applicants must possess a Real ID-compliant driver’s license or a valid U.S. passport for base access
- Applicants shall certify that they are not prohibited by any federal, state, or local law from possessing, purchasing, using, or having access to firearms and/or ammunition
- Apply here now: <https://arc.nra.org/arc-md-summit/>

About NRA America’s Rifle Challenge
NRA America’s Rifle Challenge

is a practical, marksmanship-focused competition designed to be accessible, safe, and engaging for a wide range of competitors of all skill levels. ARC emphasizes fundamental rifle skills, responsible firearm handling, and progressive challenge through clearly defined course levels. The program is structured to help competitors build confidence, improve proficiency, and exercise their Second Amendment rights through organized competition. For additional information on hosting ARC events or registering for the Match Director Summit, visit arc.nra.org or contact arcinfo@nrahq.org

VA to hire more than 300 employment counselors and specialists

WASHINGTON, February 3, 2026 — The Department of Veterans Affairs is recruiting more than 300 vocational rehabilitation counselors and specialists for its Veteran Readiness and Employment program. Positions are open across the nation, and VA is accepting applications through March 17. Those interested in applying should visit “Find VRS/VRC Positions” under Featured Positions. Those with backgrounds in vocational rehabilitation, counseling, social

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work, or related fields are encouraged to apply. The VR&E program is one of VA’s most impactful benefits. It provides individualized counseling, employment services, education support, and rehabilitation assistance to Veterans with service-connected disabilities. As part of the program, Veterans work with counselors and specialists to overcome barriers to employment and achieve long-term career success. VR&E counselors and specialists are essential to the success of the Veteran’s transition. They provide comprehensive vocational guidance tailored to each Veteran’s unique circumstances. They manage complex caseloads, coordinate with employers, educational institutions, and community partners, and advance VA’s broader workforce and economic empowerment goals for Veterans. “VA exists to help Veterans achieve the American Dream, and VR&E is one of our most powerful tools for making that happen,” said VA Secretary Doug Collins. “This hiring push will make it easier than ever before for Veterans to get help from the department to navigate career transitions, pursue education or training, and build a sustainable future.”

A Memphis Safe Task Force Report

The Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF) updates, leading with 55 arrests and six guns recovered

MEMPHIS, Tenn., February 9, 2026 – The Memphis Safe Task Force over the weekend executed 55 criminal arrests and recovered six illegal firearms.

Of note:
On Sunday, MSTF arrested **William Phillips, 25**, charged with domestic assault and aggravated assault in the 4500 block of Germantown Road. Prior to the arrest a local 911 emergency dispatch received a call reporting a father-and-son domestic assault. Officers recovered one firearm from this incident.

Harold Douglas, 56, was arrested Sunday for possession of controlled substances following a drug suppression surveillance in the 6700 block of Raleigh LaGrange Road, during which officers observed Douglas taking part in a hand-to-hand drug transaction in a public place. MSTF members confirmed Douglas had an active U.S. Marshals warrant for a weapons offense. He will be charged with possession of controlled substances. Officers recovered crack cocaine and marijuana.

On Saturday, MSTF officers arrested **Alexus Jamerson, 25**, a suspect of interest in a prior aggravated assault in the 4700 block of Showcase Boulevard. After a vehicle pursuit during

which the driver tossed a firearm out the window, Jamerson was arrested and charged with convicted felon in possession of a handgun, reckless driving, evading arrest in a vehicle, no driver’s license, financial responsibility, and tampering with evidence. Officers recovered one firearm.

Richard Leach, 35, a known gang member, was arrested Saturday in the 5300 block of Knight Arnold Road on a warrant for parole violation with an original charge of first-degree murder.

Terrance Richardson, 42, was arrested Saturday following a pursuit in the 4100 block of Lansford Drive. He charged with speeding, possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), driving while license suspended/canceled/revoked, reckless driving, two counts of aggravated assault on a first responder, and evading arrest in an automobile. Officers recovered marijuana and white powder residue.

Floyd Davis, 65, was arrested in the 1100 block of Jackson Avenue, charged with first-degree murder and convicted felon in possession of a weapon. Davis is a suspect in the shooting death of another man (confirmed by video

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neighborhoods. Launched in September 2025, the Memphis Safe Task Force is a multi-agency initiative to combat violent crime in Memphis. Composed of federal, state, and local law enforcement, as well as the Tennessee National Guard, the task force is focused on arresting violent criminals, clearing warrants, seizing firearms, and locating missing children. Since the operation began, the MSTF has located 148 missing children. This operation reflects the Memphis Safe Task Force’s commitment to coordinated enforcement efforts and its mission to identify, apprehend, and hold accountable those who pose a threat to public safety. Anyone with information about wanted fugitives is encouraged to submit it via the USMS Tips app.

MSTF Report from Thursday, February 6, 2026

The Memphis Safe Task Force on Thursday executed 53 criminal arrests and recovered 10 illegal firearms.

Of note:
Jonathan Stevenson, 25, was arrested for aggravated assault domestic violence in the 4400 block of Kerwin Drive after he

allegedly opened fire on his ex-girlfriend. The woman’s current boyfriend was also armed and returned fire but missed Stevenson and struck the girlfriend in the neck. The boyfriend then drove the girlfriend to the hospital. No firearms were recovered from Stevenson.

Pierre Me Shach Teamer, 26, was arrested for aggravated assault domestic violence in the 3900 block of New Covington Pike for his involvement in an earlier shooting in which he accidentally shot his girlfriend in the neck. Teamer transported her to the hospital for treatment where he was questioned and turned over a firearm related to the shooting. A 9 mm handgun was recovered.

Derrick Marshall, 34, was arrested on a federal warrant for failure to surrender to begin a 33-month sentence for use or carrying of a firearm during a crime of violence or drug trafficking offense and a state felony evading arrest in an automobile in the 3400 block of South Perkins Road. When MSTF members attempted a traffic stop Marshall initiated a high-speed vehicle pursuit, resulting in a crash leading to his apprehension.

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