



THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
FREDERICKSBURG-RAPPAHANNOCK CHAPTER



New Member Orientation

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Member Pledge of the
Izaak Walton League of America

To strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and the wise stewardship of the land and its resources;
To know the beauty and understanding of nature and the value of wildlife, woodlands, and open space;
To the preservation of this heritage and to mankind's sharing in it.

I pledge myself as a member of the Izaak Walton League of America.



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Izaak Walton League of America

Mission Statement

To conserve, restore, and promote the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, water, and wildlife.

Vision

Through the efforts of the League:

- Conservation becomes part of everyday life
- Everyone enjoys sustainable outdoor recreation
- Healthy lands and waters support thriving fish and wildlife populations



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CHAPTER OFFICERS

(September 2024-September 2025)
Annual Elections held in August each year)

Chapter Officers – Each elected for a **ONE YEAR TERM**

PRESIDENT – Herbert Pritchett

VICE PRESIDENT – Terry Fellingner

SECRETARY – Barbara Pritchett

TREASURER – Ralph Kinch

PAST PRESIDENT – Vacant



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BOARD of DIRECTORS (2023-2026)

In addition to the elected officers and past president, there are six elected chapter directors – Every year, three directors are elected for two-year terms in August (installed in September) the incumbents are:

Elected August 2023 (each serves September 2023 to September 2025)

Latoynia Ransom-Harvey

Darrell Shultz

Membership – Larry “Sandy” Stanford

Elected August 2024: (each serves September 2024 to September 2026)

Jamie Branham

Tammie Pasterak

Jim Rector



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Member Responsibilities

- To read and understand all rules and responsibilities that come with your membership, these are found on our web site, <http://www.iwlafred-rapp.org/default.htm>
- The regular chapter meetings are usually held the first Thursday of the month, at 7 PM. If that day falls on a holiday, the meeting will be held on the following Thursday, at 7 PM. (Check calendar)
- Workdays are always held on the Saturday following the regular chapter meeting. Workdays START no later than 8 AM and could run until no later than 3 PM occasionally (noon normally). Lunch is served around the noon hour. Ranges and membership recreational activity are closed during workday hours.
- During the 12 months after acceptance, a new membership requires 20 hours (40 hours for Family membership) of work on site at the park to assist in maintenance and new projects. **This period ends exactly on the annual anniversary of induction. It has no relationship with the dues year (January 1 to December 31).**
- We encourage members to become involved in the various conservation and outdoor activities available, again see our website for these activities.
- Range Rules (available on our web site) are required reading and compliance for use of range privileges. Note well that the chapter instituted a “zero tolerance” for 8 range infractions starting on January 1, 2022. More on this in a later chart.

Do Not Risk Receiving this Email in your 11th Month as a New Member

From: Sandy Stanford <stanfolr@comcast.net>
To: Hagar the Horrible <hth@yahooey.com>
CC: Jamie Branham <dxb532@aol.com>
Date: 8/17/2022 4:02 PM
Subject: Re: IWLA Chapter Service Hour Requirement

HAGAR / BROOM-HILDA // As was explained to you, all new members must obtain 20 documented Chapter Service Hours (40 for Family Memberships). **To date your family membership has not made satisfactory progress toward earning your service hours.**

If this service requirement was not met in **the first year of membership, the Chapter will levy a \$300.00 fine for a family membership.** Starting January 1, 2020, any service hours not completed in the first year will roll over to the next year. This process will continue until the Service Hours are earned. If the fine is not paid, the member or family membership will be terminated at the end of the first year. In other words, the **payment of the fine no longer forgives the balance of the service hours not worked in the first year.**

Sign-up sheets are provided for each qualified event, and serve as the official record for accruing the required service time. The Chapter Board of Directors (BoD) may, at their discretion, waive or extend time due to unforeseen circumstances. Each member or family membership may appeal any impending fine to the BoD for adjudication. If you have any questions regarding your service hours, Jamie Branham, who records and keeps track of them, and is Cc:'d on this e'mail.

Please **reply to this e'mail no later than Month / Day, the day before the Chapter BoD Meeting with your intentions:**
Paying the fine; Terminating your membership; or, Appearing before the Month / Day / 2022 Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
// SANDY

Sandy Stanford
Membership Director / MDR
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Chapter Security



- Membership Identification card (All-in-One card) that serves three primary purposes:
 - Membership card with member ID number
 - Photo ID to identify non-shooter (horizontal, rose), shooter (horizontal, cream) and range safety officer (vertical, green)
 - Gate access with an embedded radio frequency ID number (logs member entry and exit times when used at the gate posts)
- High Definition video and audio camera surveillance 24/7.
 - Two area pan, tilt and zoom cameras cover the main grounds and gate
 - Four fixed cameras- one each at ranges 1, 2, 3 and 4.
 - A fixed camera looking at the entry gate.
 - A digital video record is maintained and reviewed to identify rules violations.
 - Additional cameras pending.
- Chapterhouse and outbuildings locked with keys held by authorized members of the management team. The activity center main area is open normally (the “service” area is locked except when used.)

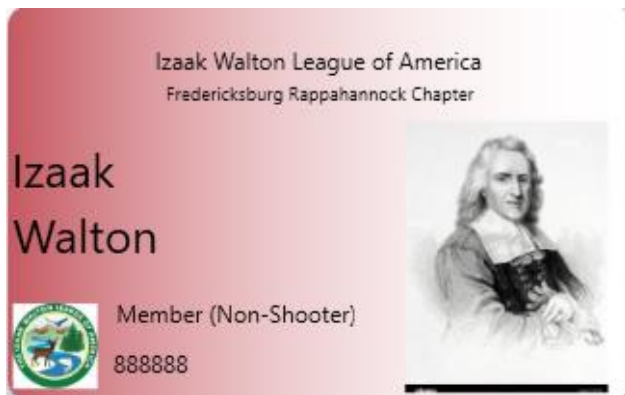


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All-in-One ID Badges

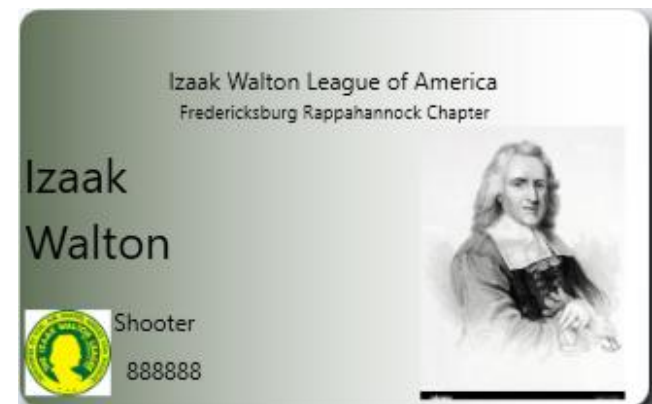
- Membership Identification card (All-in-One card) Photo ID to identify non-shooter (horizontal or vertical, rose), range safety officer (vertical,, green) and shooter (horizontal, cream):



Member – non-shooter



Range Safety Officer



Member o shooter



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Conservation Activities

- Earth Day Tree Planting
- State Adopt-A-Highway Program with a roadside pick-up at least 3 times a year
- Annual Tree Planting Projects on local public lands.
- An apiary with 10 (+/-) honeybee colonies
- Maintain a healthy chapter fishery program in our pond
- A water quality monitoring program (Save Our Streams (SOS) and Salt Watch)
- Proposed Conservation projects:
 - Initiate and coordinate a conservation education program for our chapter
 - Take over and run the quarterly Conservation Speaker Program
 - Be the chapter conservation writer/photographer. Coordinate a food plot on our grounds. Coordinate a beehive project for our chapter. Coordinate a conservation beautification project. Coordinate a lead test of our grounds
 - Coordinate and put together a conservation library. Coordinate a river clean-up. Coordinate a cemetery clean-up
 - Coordinate a chapter brass collection and turn-in program
 - Initiate and run a kids US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Forestry Service Conservation Program
<http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/conservationeducation/programs>



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The Facilities

- Large stocked pond, open to fishing, canoes, kayaks, rowboats
- An apiary: 10 (+/-) hives with a honey processing building
- Four (4) firearms ranges
- Joint-use archery range
- Hiking trails
- Wooded picnic areas
- Camping by pre-approval
- One open pavilion
- One large metal multi-use building.
- Chapter House
- Three Porta Potties on the grounds, no inside restrooms available except for meetings and special events
- Guest wifi: See information posted on paper at several locations for SSID: Passwords for all: Ike1947!
- A public phone system is available from two outside phone boxes. 540-412-9330 is available for local out-dialing and in-dialing)
- Please bring your cell phone. Not all providers can provide reliable access. Use public phones for emergency calls to 911 and home. Be prepared to tell the dispatcher the physical location. Turn on “wifi calling” on your smartphone when on site. It works!





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General Use Rules

- Member Identification- All members must have their All-in One Photo ID on them at all times and when on the ranges it must be visible to any other member or the range safety officer on duty.
- Pavilion Use - When requesting the use of a Pavilion for Scout use, a Birthday Party, Family Get Togethers, Church Groups or whatever, you **MUST BOOK** the Day and Time with the **EVENT COORDINATOR**, the Chapter President. Booked Dates take **PRIORITY** over any Pavilion use and only by Board Approval thru the Chapter President.
- Grounds Use - Grounds use for ANY Small Event like Pavilion Use, **MUST** be booked as well. Large **EVENTS** **MUST** be **APPROVED** by **THE BOARD** for recommendation to The Membership for Park Closure of Private Event use!
- A “Premises Use Agreement” must be completed, signed and approved for all group uses of the facility.
- The Chapterhouse and all outbuildings are locked and only available for Board approved meetings.
- Please pick up and take out your trash.
- Members responsible for their guest and must remain with their guests at all times.
- Campfire Use is Allowed at the Designated Campfire Area or the Bar-B-Que Pit **ONLY!** Any campfire use **MUST BE APPROVED** by the Chapter Board and conform to Spotsylvania Fire Code Laws and The County Fire Marshal. This Rule takes precedence over ANY other Campfire Rule Written or Stated wherever noted.
- **Allowing any non-member the use of the All-in One gate entry card is prohibited**, even to a family member. Children are not to be allowed the use of the All-in One gate access card. However, disabled members shall be exempt from this requirement. A disabled member may loan the card to open gate and have card returned to possession of the disabled member immediately.



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Walton Pond

- NO SWIMMING in the pond.
- Fishing is encouraged. Please release all bass. Remove all crappies and trout caught.
- Cast nothing into the pond other than bait (NO rocks!)
- All Virginia State Game fishing rules generally apply however no license is required for fishing in our pond as it is private. A license is suggested as it aids in state conservation operations..
- Canoes, kayaks, and rowboats are welcome.
- Electric motors allowed.
- NO gasoline motors permitted.
- Be careful when on the open (non-treed) shoreline of the pond; the water is deep right off the bank.
- No walking or playing on the backside of the dam or on/near the spillways.
- Be wary of snakes, especially near the dam and spillways and in the rip rap rock on the causeway.
- Please remove all trash, including bait containers, broken line, and old hooks.
- The firepit is not for the collection of trash.





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Hiking Trails

- A well marked trail around the pond is available; stay on or close to the defined trail.
- A trail through the center of the archery target area is available when ranges are not in use by the Manahoac Bowman's Club.
- Do not go off the trails or around the archery ranges when in use.
- **NEVER HIKE BEHIND THE BERMS OR BACKSTOPS OF THE FIREARMS RANGES.**



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Firearms Ranges

Perks of Membership

- Range 1 - 25 & 50 yard handguns
- Range 2 - 25 yard handguns
- Range 3 - 50 & 100 yard rifle
- Range 4 - Trap, shotgun only
- Range 5 - Archery





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Firearm Ranges - General Rules

- All members using the ranges must read and be familiar with all the range rules found on our website at <http://iwlafred-rapp.org/facilities.htm>
- Always adhere to these five primary Rules of Gun Safety:
 1. Treat every firearm as if it were loaded.
 2. Never point your firearm at anything you don't intend to shoot.
 3. Keep your firearm on safety until you intend to fire.
 4. Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.
 5. Know your target and what is beyond it.
- Raise the **RED** flag to full staff when you are using the range. If you are the first at the range, raise the flag; last to leave, lower it. To increase the life of the fabric flag, please wrap the rope lanyard around the middle of the flag to keep the flag from "flapping."
- All shooters and any other persons near any range should wear eye and ear protection when firearms are being fired.
- Members must wear their Shooter (green, horizontally oriented) All-in One ID cards, to be visible at all times when using any of the ranges.
- Members are allowed up to two guests on the range and all guests must be registered in the green kiosk on the left side of the entry gate. Members must remain with their guests at all times. After the third visit in a 12-month period, a guest must decide whether or not to join to continue shooting on the Chapter Ranges.



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Firearms Ranges – Special Emphasis

- Again, as it is important! All members using the ranges must read and be familiar with all the range rules found on our web site at <http://iwlafred-rapp.org/facilities.htm>
- In 2022 the range safety committee instituted a special emphasis campaign to reduce the incidence of a number of violations on the firearms ranges.
- Beginning on January 1, 2022, the chapter Board instituted a new zero tolerance policy for a selection of the violations that have become more frequently cited by the range safety officers.
- These violations that will invite a suspension of privileges include:
 1. Rapid fire;
 2. Shooting the wrong caliber firearm on a range; e.g., rifle ammunition on pistol ranges[
 3. Placing targets at a location not directly in front of target berms;
 4. Use of steel targets of any configuration;
 5. Handling firearms or ammunition when a shooter is forward of the firing line;
 6. Failure to assure muzzle discipline, i.e., keeping firearms pointed in a safe direction at all times;
 7. Violation of hours of range operation, which are posted at each range; and
 8. Failure to properly display a shooter's badge (All-In-One card) on your outer clothing.
- When cited, a member will be asked to cease shooting and leave the range.
- Access to the property will be suspended and announced via email from the range safety chairperson.
- The suspended member will need to arrange a visit to the next board meeting to explain infraction.



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Firearms Ranges - Range #1

- The Bobby Cox Pavilion.
- This is the range located closest to the Chapterhouse.
- Four handgun firing points at a distance of 25 yards and two handgun firing points at a distance of 50 yards.
- 25 yards – limited to handguns firing common handgun ammunition up to and including .45 Colt. In addition, .17 HMR, .22 LR, and .22 WMR rifles are permitted. Large caliber handguns in .44 Magnum or more powerful calibers are not permitted due to the limited capabilities of the 25-yard backstop. All Black Powder handguns are also permitted on this range. In addition, any rifle or carbine firing 9mm, 40 S&W, and .45 ACP pistol ammunition are allowed.
- 50 yards – limited to handguns and carbines firing common handgun ammunition up to and including .45 long Colt and .44 Mag. In addition, .17 HMR, .22 LR, and .22 WMR rifles are permitted, as well as any rifle or carbine firing 9mm, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP pistol ammunition.
- NO center-fire rifle or shotgun ammunition allowed.



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Firearms Ranges - Range #2

- Eight handgun firing points at a distance of 25 yards.
- This is the range located across from the Pond.
- 25 yards – limited to handguns firing common handgun ammunition up to and including .45 long Colt.
- In addition, .17 HMR, .22 LR, .22 WMR, and pistol caliber (9mm, .357, .40 S&W, and .45 ACP) fired from a rifle/carbine are permitted.
- All black powder handguns are also permitted on this range
- NO center-fire rifle or shotgun ammunition allowed.



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Firearms Ranges - Range #3

- Seven long gun firing points at distances of 50 yards and 100 yards.
- This is the “Rifle range” located past the dam, before the Shotgun range.
- All long guns and handguns up to and including .416 Rigby, .458 Winchester Magnum, and .460 Weatherby Magnum may be fired on this range.
- In addition, all black powder rifles, rifle caliber single shot pistols, and shotgun (buckshot or slugs for patterning only) may be fired on this range.
- NO center fire rifles in excess of .49 caliber are allowed on this range, in other words, **no** .50 BMG.



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Shotgun/Trap - Range #4

- This range is located before arriving at the archery range area and beyond Range #3.
- All shotguns up to and including 10 gauge when loaded with shot loads for skeet, trap or patterning purposes.
- **No** buckshot or slugs (to pattern these loads use rifle range).





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Archery Range (Range 5)

- A multipoint archery-only range.
- NO FIREARMS MAY BE DISCHARGED ON ANY PART OF THESE RANGES. (more precisely, no firearms are to be discharged anywhere on the property other than on ranges 1 thru 4)
- The portion of the archery ranges located between the Manahoac Bowman Clubhouse and the shotgun range is open to all IWLA Members.
- The remainder of the ranges is limited to members of the Manahoac Bowmen (an IWLA subgroup).
- Broadhead-tipped arrows are prohibited unless used on targets specifically designed for broadhead use. (Ask a bowman or range officer if you do not understand this requirement as it severely damages regular targets.)



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Lady Shooters

- Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Lady Shooters group
- Conducts a schedule session for shooting throughout the summer.
- The women of the club get together to learn new firearms skills or improve the ones we have. The group has participants with all levels of experience: from new to expert competitors. The Lady Shooters strive to lift each other up and encourage each other in their endeavors. Even if you are not interested in firearms, don't be afraid to join in the fun.
- The lady shooters are looking at expanding their horizons with new future challenges, such as fly fishing and archery. Any lady member who would like to bring a friend, neighbor or associate, there will be a \$20 fee, per meeting, for those who are not a members of the Izaak Walton League. For members who would like to bring their daughters, we encourage it; however, if they are over 18 years old they will be asked to pay the fee.
- All lady Ikes that are interested in participating are encouraged to contact Shannon Christopher at quaggoth31@yahoo.com



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The Fredericksburg Dog Mart



- The Fredericksburg - Rappahannock Chapter of the Izaak Walton League have been dutiful stewards of the Fredericksburg Dog Mart since 1947.
- Event is always on the last Saturday of September each year.
- The Fredericksburg Dog Mart is the oldest event of this type, historically traced to the year 1698.



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Enjoy Nature at our park!

- We encourage you to come to the park, relax and enjoy the outdoors.
- This is a nature preserve, we have beaver, otter, snakes, turtles and tortoises, fish, deer, fox, bear, turkey, heron, hawks and bald eagles who thrive in or nearby.
- Observe, enjoy, but please keep a safe distance from all wildlife.
- Like any park, if you bring an item in, make sure you take it out. In fact, leave it cleaner than you find it. We are all volunteers and beneficiaries of a pristine facility.



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QUESTIONS?