



Official Newsletter of the Dormont / Mt Lebanon Sportsmen's Club **December 2024 Edition**

Calendar of Events

JANUARY 2025						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 9:00-12:30 - Open shoot 7:00PM-9:00 Open Shoot No Air Silhouette
5 8:30-11:30 Membership Application 12:30-3:30 Open Shoot 6:00PM - PSRL Rifle Practice	6 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC)	7 7:00PM - Smallbore Rifle Practice	8 9:00AM-12:00 - Air Rifle 12:00-3:00PM - Open Shoot 6:00PM - PSRL Team @Home	9 7:30PM - Board Meeting	10	11 9:00-12:30 - Open shoot
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19 8:30-11:30 Membership Application 11:00AM - CMP Match 12:30-3:30 Open Shoot 6:00PM - PSRL Rifle Practice	20 ML King Day 7:00PM - Indoor pistol (NMC) MPRL Week 2	21 7:00PM - Smallbore Rifle Practice	22 9:00AM-12:00 - Air Rifle 12:00-3:00PM - Open Shoot 6:00PM - PSRL Team @Home	23 5:30PM-7:00PM - SWAP MEET 7:00PM - Membership Meeting	24	25 9:00-12:30 - Open shoot
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#Club News

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETING/CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Meeting will be held on December 19th @ 7:00pm**
- **LOST & FOUND:** If you believe you have lost an item of yours in or around the Range property, please email DMSCNews@gmail.com to inquire about it.
- **GATE CARD REPLACEMENT:** If you have lost or misplaced your gate card, send a \$10.00 check to:
 - DMSC
PO Box 12692
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-0692

Be sure to include your name, current address, & phone number. We will send you a new gate card upon receipt.

- **2025 Dues Reminder:** It's that time again. The dues remain the same for 2025 and are right over there ➡
Please send a check to:
 - DMSC
PO Box 12692
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-0692
By the end of Jan 2025

MEMBERSHIP YEARLY DUES

Full Membership	\$110
Senior (65yrs and up plus 10yrs consecutive membership)	\$50
Intermediate (18-21yrs)	\$50
Junior (12-17yrs)	\$25
Spousal membership	\$60
Lost Gate Card	\$10

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Metropolitan Police Revolver League
Pittsburgh and Suburban Rifle League
National Shooting Sports Foundation

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Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association

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Shooting Events

Program	Contact	Centerfire Pistol	Rimfire Pistol	Air Pistol	Centerfire Rifle	Rimfire Rifle	Air Rifle	Shotgun	Muzzleloader
Monday Night Pistol	George Taylor (412) 855-6721 Bruce Ungar (412) 343-2256	X	X						
Outdoor Silhouette	Dave Willard (412) 759-3855	X	X		X	X			
CMP Rifle	Bruce Ungar (412) 343-2256				X				
NRA High Power	John Tupta (724) 941-1494 teefam@verizon.net				X				
Pittsburgh Suburban Rifle League	Dean Trew (724) 239-3012					X			
Trap	Bill Minnitte (412) 400-8252 bminnitte1439@comcast.net							X	
Winter Indoor Shooting League	Ted Hildabrand (724) 344-8171 Mike Leone (724) 554-9544 Bruce Long (724) 941-3918 Dave Faust (724) 225-9057	X	X	X		X	X		
Antique Military Rifle Match	Bruce Ungar (412)343-2256 Gary Scherer (724)809-7358				X				
Scholastic Clay Target Program Youth Clay Crushers	Jim Locke (724)554-0211 Mark Sanders (412)418-1172							X	
Indoor Air Rifle & Pistol	Mike Leone (724) 554-9544			X			X		
CMP Junior Rifle Program	Chuck Augenstein (724) 255-6127 Brian Herrig (412) 341-0618					X			
Indoor Air Pistol Silhouette	George Taylor (412) 855-6721			X					
Benchrest Program	Cliff Abbio cliffabbio@gmail.com				X	X			

See our website for more detail about shooting opportunities at the club:
www.mdi.net/dml/programs.html

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**Dues are to be mailed to the Club's PO Box as follows:
Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club
PO Box 12692
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-0692**

Board of Directors Election

At its November 5th Board Meeting the Board elected the following officers for the year 2025:

President: Mark Sanders

Vice President: James Locke

Secretary: Bruce Long

Treasurer: Scott Riggins

Assistant Treasurer: Ell Vines

Executive Range Officer: Bruce Ungar

NRA Whittington Center

“The George Taylor IV Grant”

NRA Whittington Center Funding Available

Each year our club awards the George Taylor IV Grant to provide financial assistance to youths to attend the two-week Adventure Camp program at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton, New Mexico. The 2025 camp will offer two sessions, one from June 8 to June 20, and the other from June 22 to July 4. Our club has reserved three positions in the second session for grant applicants.



The sponsorship is open to youths who will be aged 13 by the first day of their session and not turn 18 on or before the final day. Applicants must have a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian who is a member of the club or be a member of the Mt. Lebanon High School Rifle Team. The grant provides \$650 toward the \$1,300 camp registration and reimburses up to \$300 in travel expenses.

During the program, participants learn from highly trained NRA Whittington Adventure instructors who teach the fundamentals of pistol, rifle, muzzleloading, and shotgun shooting skills with safety always foremost in mind. Students are introduced to competitive shooting, rifle and pistol silhouette, and bullseye disciplines, plus skeet and trap shooting skills. Each student gets to fire more than 1,200 rounds of ammunition during their stay.

To be considered for the grant, please complete the grant application that follows this information and return it, along with a 200-word essay on how you will benefit from attending the camp, and a list of your extracurricular activities and shooting experience by **Dec. 31, 2024.**



2025 NRA Adventure Camp Grant Application Form

Applicant Name:		
Age During 2025 Camp Dates (6/22/25-7/4/25):		
Applicant's Mailing Address:		
Applicant's Phone Number:		
Applicant's Email Address:		
Parent/Grandparent/Guardian's Information	Name:	
	Phone Number:	
	Email Address:	

Extracurricular Activities

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Shooting Experience

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Please complete the grant application and return it, **along with a 200-word essay** on how you expect to benefit from attending the camp, by Dec. 31, 2024.

Application material may be emailed to dmscgrants@gmail.com, or delivered via U. S. Mail to:

The Dormont-Mt. Lebanon Sportsmen's Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 12692
Pittsburgh, PA 15241-0682

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED!!

Ted's Thoughts

Ted's Thoughts December 2024

Some of these views are my opinion and may not reflect opinions of the entire membership

December Meeting – Thursday the 19th @ 7 PM Christmas Party 🔔

The menu will be Italian catered via Angelo's. See attached pic of rifle to be raffled off at the party. The set up for the party will be done at 9 AM on the day of the party.

Gold Henry .22 Rifle Raffle



Winner will be pulled at the party!
Thursday December 19th, 2024
You must be in attendance to win.

Donation is \$5 each, 3 for \$10

Rifle Purchased Via Support from

ACE SPORTING GOODS, BEN ROMANOFF

Typically we have a group of 15-17 members participating at this short work party. It only takes about 2 hours. Please join us!



Firearm News Tidbits

I was in Ace Sporting Goods just before Thanksgiving. They had a ton of new stock in used Colt and S&W pistols. Some of the S&W were Semi Auto but there was a significant number of Revolvers by both Smith and Colt. These are the two best historical pistol manufactures; MHO.

I was in Ace to help a neighbor's wife pick out a revolver for self defense. She has a nice new Smith SA 380 but she has trouble working the slide and magazine. So, I steered her to a revolver. In doing so I discovered something significant about Colt revolvers. I have an Anaconda in 357 Mag / 38 Spl which I trained her on. **The Colt's double action triggers are significantly smoother with lower level of tension. A significantly better trigger than a comparable Smith.** There is a lot to be said for a revolver with those attributes being used for self defense

The Colt snake guns are now back in production. These original Python, Viper, Anaconda, and King Cobra revolvers are now also available in 22 LR; besides the popular center fire 38 and 44 caliber cartridges that made them famous. There is a lot of good derived from the new production of these older historical style pistols. It is a great revival!

There is also a ton of respect for 1911 SA by both Smith and Colt. The original single action 1911 SA by Browning is still the best defensive pistol, MHO; same logic in target shooting. John Moses Browning was a genius. **I think I have heard that before!** His Model 35 or Hi Power is my favorite pistol. First double stacked magazine. All from the period of the early 1900s! The pistols of

today are just replications of Browning's 1911s with just some different bells and whistles; if you are into those sounds, so be it. Refinement yes! Significantly better, no not really. MHO!

Another significant piece of news info is the current CMP auction on the M1D rifles. The M1D is the scoped sniper version of the M1. As a member of our club you can make purchases from the CMP. You will need proof of membership. **Please text Ell Vines 412-721-9632 or send note with dues to get a special signed membership card.** M1D scopes and parts are also available in the auction. Check the CMP web page. It is an excellent reference.

Ammo Tidbits

In pistol ammo for self defense and target shooting it is hard to find a better cartridge than the 45 ACP (Automatic Colt Pistol). My old friend, passed recently, Bill Phillips, with his wry sense of humor, called it the Little Fat Boy. Obviously, this all ties back to Browning in his 1911 45 ACP pistol cartridge. Again, from the early 1900s! Still considered by some of our military special programs as the ultimate defensive close quarter defensive round. It was used in WW2 in two sub machine guns / close quarter automatic weapons, the Thompson and the M3; aka grease gun. Still used by our military in Vietnam late in the 60s-70s.



See the attached pic of the 45 ACP. On the left is a 230 grain FMJ (Full Metal Jacket) or **Hard Ball** as my buddy Dave Faust used to call it. It is designed with a muzzle velocity of 900 fps. This is a defensive round. Either way it is a devastating projectile. On the right is a target round or Semi Wad Cutter 200 grain bullet. So, you can visualize Bill Phillips connotation of the Little Fat Boy. As a defensive round it is a hard pill for your enemy to absorb. Even if the hit is in an arm or leg it typically takes your enemy out of the fight. Nice to know! That's why every Marine in VN 67 was scrambling for the 1911 or an M3. At least you could defend yourself as you wait for McNamara in 1967 to get us a rifle that functioned. He should have never taken our M14s in the manner he did,

never!!

That wad cutter (R) should have been seated deeper; it is my hand load.

Another popular round today is the 9mm. Typically a 115 grain bullet at 1,100 fps hence increasing energy via velocity. Interesting comparison for a future discussion. I'm fond of old theories; maybe that's because I'm 80. Sounds logical to me!

Winchester 22 Long Rifle M-22 40 grain ammunition is under product warning and recall notice. Symbol S22LRT Lot Numbers (last five digits) VA01M, VA90M, VB21M, VB31M, VC82L, VC82L, VD01L, VD90L. (info taken from **Guns&Ammo** January 2025 publication page 63, bottom page dated September 25, 2024. If questions call Winchester at 844-653-8358 or www.winchester.com)

Hunting Tidbits



In archery season I had a run in with ticks. Passed one on to my lovely wife Jacque. It decided to set up camp just outside her ear canal. It took me few seconds to see the cause of her pain. I could not get that bugger to back off with alcohol or extract via tweezers. We ended up in ER. The doc removed it with a tool he bought online via Amazon. See attached pic of the packet that has three sizes. Cost was \$11 so I bought several kits for family. Quite an unusual stocking stuffer – miracles of modern medical science!! If you are trying to pick up a crawling tick just use a small section of scotch tape. Cover and stick them, then fold the tape and toss. I keep a roll in the truck. Ticks are a real pain when ground hog / deer hunting.

My CMP / Camp Perry shooting partner had a noteworthy successful hunt. A buck was shot at 250 yards with a 308. It struck and split heart, that is a significant hunt and shot. I have killed my fair share of bucks in several states but never had a shot for a white tail at that distance, not even close thereto. Congrats Bruce Long!

Range Issues and Notations

We maintain a locker that is set at the bunker edge between Marsico and the Bench Rest Range (BRR). It is for storage of benching devices and bags for benching rifles. I donated 3 sniper bags like we use at Camp Perry Nationals for bench shooting and training for the Sniper Match. Two bags were just recently replaced due to an inadvertent problem with the shooter not extending the muzzle beyond the bag and damaging it. Some members again failed to properly extend the muzzle beyond the bag causing another occurrence. Whoever is responsible please apologize and arrange to replace the bags. The expense is not that significant but the time and energy to fill a bag with wood chips or plastic beads is significant.

There is a problem with short barrel rifle or carbine / pistol bottle neck firearms not being used on the appropriate range. The above-mentioned Upper, Marsico and BRR, ranges are the only ranges on the club where these special firearms can

be shot. Members / guests need to be cognizant of your muzzle when shooting. If not positioned properly the muzzle discharge causes damage. The erroneous use of these firearms has also been occurring at the Lower Meadow Range and Plinking Range. Please note new signage!

Winter Indoor Range access is available on Wednesday PM, Saturday AM / PM and Sunday PM.

Please note the timeline reference on the calendar. Jacketed and Lead CF pistol cartridges and 22 RF Rifles and pistols are permitted firearms on this indoor range.

A special note of appreciation to **Jeff Kelley and Jack Ramsay** for the nice maintenance and upkeep of the target systems etc. and other facilities at the Lower Meadow Range. Also, special recognition and appreciation to **Ken Helfer, Karen McNary and Bill Fertall** for the painting and maintenance of the club

sign at the main entrance. It should also be noted that **Ken and Karen** are the same individuals that did the same nice work on the Range Status Board that is located on the range side of the main road.

Veteran Info

Please consider contacting Guy Reschenthaler / Congressional House Rep and Congressional Senators John Fetterman and incoming Senator Bill McCormick to address Coast Guard parity pay issues in 2025. The Coast Guard is currently under the Department of Homeland Security. **Despite their duties in the Pacific, Atlantic and the other world water courses beyond our waters in defense of our country, they do not have the same pay parity as the other military branches.** That is a problem! Previous legislation under HR2693 (2023) was designed to address that parity problem. Considering the service history of Reschenthaler and McCormick our great state may be able to stimulate new legislation on this parity problem.

Please consider joining the Veterans Breakfast Club (VBC). It is an outstanding Veterans organization. I observed a recent Zoom meeting of the VBC with Le Ly Hayslip. Her memoir / book "When Heaven and Earth Changed Places. It was subsequently made into a movie produced by Oliver Stone, "Heaven and Earth Changed Places" and *Child of War, Women of Peace in 1993*. Le Ly has a dramatic history and recovery from the Vietnam War. She became a successful businesswoman and settled in America. I was very interested in the Zoom meeting. I served in VN in 67/68. Ironically in the same area and time period where she served as a VC for the North / NVA. Her village West of Da Nang near Marble Mountain was in the area I served for my first 5-6 months in 67. I stood guard in an old French Bunker that overlooked her village during her early service as a teenager with the VC. Very interesting history of VN and a great presentation by the VBC. I have a lot of empathy for the Vietnamese people from that history. However, I do not agree with her views of some Marine Veteran jargon. Jargon she considered as a racist reference. An interesting perspective! Not everybody will ever agree all the aspects of the VN history. I just don't always agree with some negative labeling placed on our VN Veterans. However, I do respect that others may have different perspectives. That is what is great about America and our history in the world. We can have different opinions! Agree to disagree!

General Club News Tidbits

Taylor Grant for Youth Summer 2025 New Mexico NRA Camp. Please see the section in the club newsletter with the application and other info.

Chili Off 2024 Champion Doug Jamison on right! **Doug's daughter Sarah is a Whittington veteran**



I'm just getting caught up with the passing of a member and friend, Nelson Solow. I knew he had a stroke in 2023 but thought he was recovering. Nelson was a unique character with a clever sense of humor. He was the Chief Engineer locally for Consolidated. My favorite story about him was how he worked with success at firearm auctions. His trick was to plant his wife and our friends within the bidding crowd at the auction. Then he would get feedback from them about other bidder's \$ stop point. God embrace him and comfort him in your home!

Your dues \$ payment for 2025 is requested! If you need a signed membership card ID card for CMP purchases or other; please include a note with payment.

Observations About Our Culture – Work and Pray for Change

Bigotry and harassment are just another form of bullying. Intolerable behavior! Especially worrisome is the continuing increase in Anti-Semitism. I have opened new doors for myself with Bible Study at Saint Louise where I attend Mass and on occasion at another local church. It is so obvious that our Christian culture / faith is a direct tie to Judaism; Jesus was Jewish. So, any attack against Judaism is an attack against our Christian American culture. A culture established on Christian and Judeo principles by our forefathers. Please work for change.

Another example of bullying recently was an incident at a Penn State football game. A student or PSU fan harassed Taylor Swifts boyfriend's brother. Using a cell phone to take videos to harass with vulgar language. Horrible behavior locally in our state. It is an embarrassment within Pennsylvania. All at a sports event that should have been a cheerful experience. That is exactly what this gentleman was seeking but was bullied and harassed. I hope PSU takes actions against those fans or students.

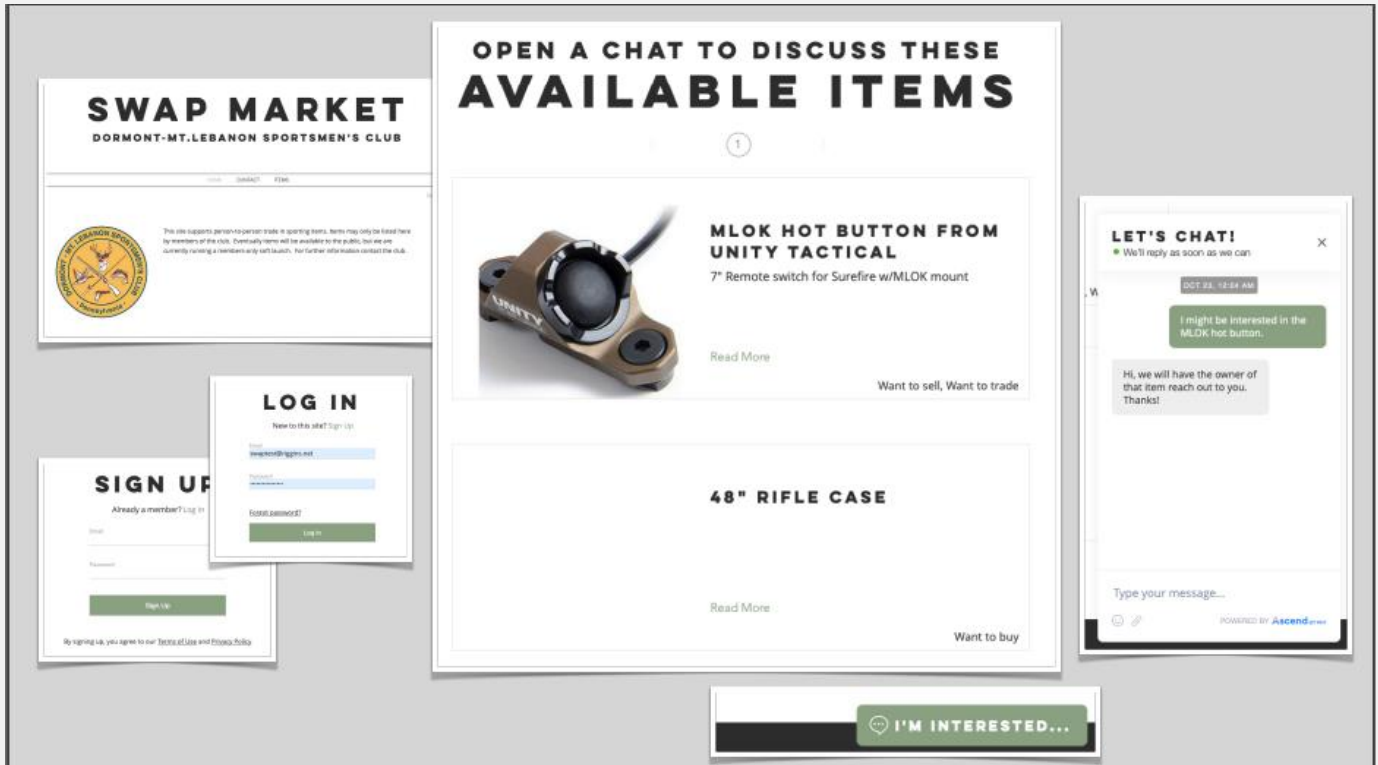
Again, recently in a **great college football game** at Ohio State University, a game verses OSU and Michigan, a fight broke out among the players after the end of the game. There is no logical reason why these young men should not simply be able to shake hands at the conclusion of the game. There is a lot blame for all, but this was a sporting event at collegiate level of higher learning. What good education is derived when bullying is apparent at the conclusion of competition? The universities and fans all bear responsibility beyond just the players. What broke my heart was the pressure and anguish that the OSU kicker had to be feeling and enduring after the game in that tense environment. If you watched the game, you would understand. Painful to watch!

Pray and work for positive change in our American culture!

Mike Leone Suffers Mild Stroke

As I was writing this article, I found out that Mike has suffered a mild stroke and is in USC Hospital. He is expected to be discharged in several days. So, by the time you read this he should be home. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers and consider sending him a card or note.

Swap Market – Digital Swap Meet



- Members who sign up will be able to sell/trade items online.
- No transactions will occur within the site, all inquiries will require face to face interaction to complete the sale/trade.
- Chat will be available.
- For more information about the Swap Market, please contact [Scott Riggins](#)



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Next Meeting: December 19th, 2024
Presentation: Christmas Party
Meal: Catered by Angelo's

KEEP IT SAFE

ALWAYS keep firearms pointed in a safe direction.
ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
ALWAYS keep firearms unloaded until ready to use.
ALWAYS unload, remove the magazine, and open the action of a firearm when someone is going down range.
NEVER handle firearms while someone is down range.
ALWAYS wear proper eye and ear protection at the range.

DMSC Conducts Safety Reviews

Range Safety Officers (RSOs) will conduct random membership checks and safety reviews. RSOs will meet with members and guests while at the firing range. Membership ID's will be checked, and a copy of the range rules will be made available. It is important for all members to review safe gun handling procedures and to focus on the safety rules for each range used. The RSOs will be wearing a distinctive safety vest or hat and will only ask for a few minutes of your time. Guests and Visitors are subject to the same rules as members. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from club grounds and termination of membership.

Safe Shooting Hours

Dates	Begins	Ends
January 1-15	7:00 AM	5:30 PM
January 16-31	7:00 AM	5:45 PM
February 1-15	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
February 16-28	7:00 AM	6:15 PM
March 1-10	7:00 AM	6:30 PM
March 11-31	7:00 AM	7:30 PM
April 1-15	7:00 AM	8:00 PM
April 16-30	7:00 AM	8:15 PM
May 1-15	7:00 AM	8:30 PM
May 16 - July 31	7:00 AM	8:45 PM
August 1-15	7:00 AM	8:30 PM
August 16-31	7:00 AM	8:00 PM
September 1-15	7:00 AM	7:30 PM
September 16-30	7:00 AM	7:15 PM
October 1-15	7:00 AM	7:00 PM
Oct 16 - Nov. 5	7:00 AM	6:30 PM
November 6-15	7:00 AM	5:15 PM
Nov 16 - Dec. 31	7:00 AM	5:00 PM

*** Note: No shooting before 9am on Sundays**

MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO CARRY THEIR GATE CARDS AND BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WHEN ASKED TO BY A RANGE OFFICER OR OTHER MEMBER