



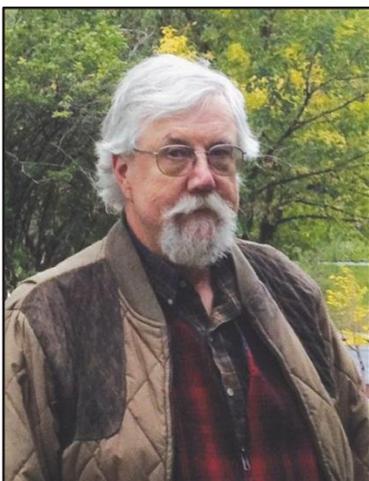
I am writing to you to introduce a new initiative called “Friends of TSJC Gunsmithing.” The idea for “Friends” grew out of a discussion with the gunsmithing program staff and the Alumni office after my wife and I made a planned donation to support the program. We hope the school means as much to you as it does to us and hope you will be interested in participating in “Friends.”

The right to gunsmith is one of the less discussed aspects of our Second Amendment rights. Maintaining the program at TSJC in these challenging times to ensure that alumni have lifelong learning opportunities and that the school is there to train the next generation is critical to the future of the trade.

Practicing gunsmithing either as a profession or hobby is at the heart of our relationship with the gunsmithing program at TSJC. Our path through the full time program and/or NRA summer courses has given us the skills to begin to practice our craft, but it’s just a beginning. The goal of starting “Friends of TSJC Gunsmithing” is to establish an ongoing relationship between the College and those of us who have been trained there to provide lifetime learning opportunities and to lend our support to the program to make sure it is there to train the next generation.

“Friends of Trinidad State Gunsmithing” works with the TSJC Alumni Office but to succeed it needs to be driven by the full time alumni and NRA alumni. Our intent is to promote the alumni and support a strong ongoing gunsmithing program at TSJC. Membership is open to former full time gunsmithing students and NRA students along with friends who simply believe in the need to keep gunsmithing a strong and viable trade.

Our goals are to develop an alumni registry to help link you with each other and potential clients, a restricted Facebook group for discussions, a listing of available jobs, and other ways to support Trinidad State Gunsmithing grads and program projects. Over the next little while, we’ll be telling you how to connect, and an exciting new initiative to establish an NRA Certified Training Center at the College in Trinidad.



I will be in contact with you again shortly either by e-mail or in person to solicit your ideas and to ask for your help to establish the “Friends of TSJC Gunsmithing.”

If you would like more information or to volunteer to help, please contact me at [TSJCGunsmithingFriends@gmail.com](mailto:TSJCGunsmithingFriends@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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