

## The Well Armed Woman Florida State Shoot

The Well Armed Woman Shooting Chapters is a non-profit organization with chapters throughout the country. Their motto is to Educate, Equip and Empower women in the shooting community. They have over 350 chapters nation-wide and over 12,000 members! Here in Florida there are 25 chapters! Early April saw 175 ladies from these chapters all converge on NE Florida for the 2018 TAWW State Shoot.

The State Shoot was held at Ancient City Gun Range in St. Augustine, FL, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Friday, the 6<sup>th</sup>, a couple of pre-shoot classes were offered, including a TAWW Certified Instructor course taught by founder Carrie Lightfoot, and a Range Safety Officer course taught by local instructor Trampas Swanson. A Meet-and-Greet was held that evening at the St. Augustine Shrine Club, where the food was delicious and the crowd was excited. In keeping with the St. Augustine area, the evening was pirate-themed. The chapters competed in a pirate t-shirt contest and there was a best pirate outfit award.

Saturday started early for the ladies, with a show time of 7 am. After a comprehensive safety brief, the ladies were set loose to attend three two hour block classes with topics ranging from Individual First Aid Kits to Basic Pistol to IDPA 1 and 2 to a Shoot House to Vehicle Engagement, and much more! There were over 10 different classes, most being taught by certified instructors local to NE Florida. About a third of the ladies won the opportunity to shoot a 50 cal Armalite AR 50! There were many tired but happy faces by the time 5:30 pm rolled around.

The Banquet was held Saturday evening, again at the St. Augustine Shriners Club. Carrie shared her insights with the ladies and expressed how proud she was of all of them. The keynote speaker was Roger Eckstine, a competitive shooter and author of The Shooters Bible. There were many raffle prizes given away and everyone made sure to grab a picture with Carrie.

If you are interested in getting involved with The Well Armed Woman Shooting Chapters, visit [www.twawshootingchapters.org](http://www.twawshootingchapters.org) to find a chapter near you.

