

Programming

Program Director
Brian Lanb Show
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Dear Director:

Aired Saturday August 13, 1994 at 19:00 hours (PDT) was a rebroadcast program that had Elain Povich of Chicago and a woman named Cornwell or Cronwell. During this program's initial broadcast, a caller mistakenly stated that congress had appropriated \$2,000,000 for the NRA. None of the panel disputed this shoddy attempt of negative propaganda. The best they did was claim ignorance. Allow me to present some of the facts.

The only government funds allocated to the NRA was to the NATIONAL RECOVERY ACT, a "New Deal" program that was delcared unconstitutional shortly after its inception in the early 1930's. This was over 60 years ago.

The National Rifle Association is funded solely by membership dues and contributions. It has never received congressional financing.

The NRA was established in 1871 by a group of ex Union military officers (including Gen. Ambrose Burnside) who were apalled by the poor marksmanship of the huge majority of conscripts and volunteers that served in the War Between the States. The aims of the Association were to establish and administer uniform shooting sport rules so that future wars would not find the American citizen soldier lacking in the ability to hit his target. Success in this venture has been severely limited because most of its small resources have been spent to combat the total ignorance of a biased media with an agenda to end the American way of life.

The Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice of the Director of Civilian Marksmanship (DCM) is an official agency of the Department of Defense (DOD). It has always been totally funded by the government. This is the agency that has recently had its sustaining budget approved over the objections of those who believe that inanimate objects and the national defense are somehow evil; and the media mentioned above.

The DCM was established in 1903 due to the urgings of military officers aware of the poor performance in the field of those sent to fight the Spanish/American war. Most of its funds are used for administrative personnel. It is engaged in encouraging young Americans to learn to shoot well and join the armed services. About 1965 congress hired a famous management assessment company to determine if the DCM should be abandoned. The report indicated that the money (although their budget was too small an amount) was extremely well spent, and that the DCM should continue.

Since the inception of these organizations, many American lives have been saved in armed confrontations by those who have received training and practice in marksmanship through the various programs of both.

Sincerely,

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