

## **President's Message**

### **John Schnittgrund**

We are now in October and nominations for board positions are open. We are looking for members who might want to get involved in some way. Members of the board and the officers are not required to give a lot of time and no one misses any of the family obligations they may have. Keeping this organization going is the purpose for being involved and new ideas are always needed. The nomination process closes October 15. Nominations must be submitted in writing through the web site or by mail to 10025 Park Meadows Dr. Lone Tree, CO 80124.

If you are a user of the web site you may have noticed that the new pension administrator has a section in the member area of the web site. It is our hope that she will keep information about the pensions, both new and old hire, up to date. We are encouraged that she has asked for this space and that she is committed to servicing our members. This pension part of the web site contains all of the information you will need to contact the administrator. Any questions about pension matters should be directed to the administrator, Laura Hall.

We recently met with Chief Pazen. We asked to meet with the chief because there have been some problems with the CCW process. The delivering of forms to HQ had fallen on the retiree and has caused some concern. We also, wanted to make sure that our relationship with the Dept. improves. There had been some perceived problems with the last administration. Chief Pazen assured us that there are no concerns on his side and any problems we might have can be addressed.

I spoke with Sgt. Smith at the range. He stated that the changes in State Law regarding CCW permits makes the delivering of paperwork impossible except for retirees who live in the City and County of Denver. If you live outside of Denver it is your responsibility to deliver the paperwork and your shoot slip to the sheriff in the county where you reside.

Sgt. Smith reminded us that the paperwork for the permits must be completed prior to coming to the Range. Range personnel do not have the time to help fill out the papers or check paperwork for completeness. Paperwork can be found on our web site when you click on the shoot day button. There has also been some concern that safety is not a priority for some attending the shoot day. There have been problems with loaded weapons being taken into the building and Sgt. Smith stated that some retirees have to be reminded about safety. I would ask that everyone follow the safety procedures. I would hate to see this benefit go away.

There are some events coming up that I hope are well attended. The luncheon at the Great Wall on Oct. 10 and the Laughlin reunion Oct 21-24 come before the election in November. I look forward to seeing you at these events.

If there is anything we might be able to assist you with please let us know. Remember you don't have to be on the board to be involved. Come join us.