

1 of 1000 Aiming for \$1,000,000

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The Iowa Black Powder Federation held our annual meeting last November of 2011 and one of the main topics of discussion (that was led by James Jaskoviak) was the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association Program (NMLRA) 1 of 1000 Endowment program.







The *1 of 1000 Program* is the permanent endowment program of the NMLRA. The program was conceived and promoted by the late past president of the NMLRA Merrill P. Deer. The concept is to create a \$1,000,000 endowment to support the long-term financial stability of the Association and the muzzleloading sport that we love.

This is how it works. Each member who joins the *1 of 1000 Program* donates \$1000 (or more) in a lump sum, **or** with an initial payment of \$250 and the balance paid within three years, on a schedule of the donor's choice. We have a new, and I believe exciting optional way, for people to become members of the 1 of 1000. It is the 1 of 1000 Automatic Payment Authorization Plan. Under this plan an individual can join the 1 of 1000 for as little as \$27.78 down if they agree to have the same amount automatically debited monthly from their checking or savings account on the 15th of each month. This plan should help those who prefer not to start with a pledge payment of at least \$250.00. Donors who choose the payment option will have a place in the program reserved for them until the pledge is paid in full.

Participation is limited to the first 1000 members

The donation will be placed in the permanently restricted endowment fund of the NMLRA. The principal will remain in the endowment, and can be used only to generate interest or to purchase a permanent asset such as land. The principal can never be used for the general operation of the Association. Also, the Board of Directors have voted that no more than 75% of the interest can be spent. The

interest earned produces income for the new and innovative programs that help ensure the long-term viability of the organization and help it to prosper.

-  Support the NMLRA
-  Earn a Tax Deduction
-  Honor a Special Person
-  Join at a Discount
-  Receive Recognition
-  Win a custom Powder Horn

The NMLRA is a non-profit educational organization with a 501(c) 3 tax exemption from the IRS. Donations to the NMLRA such as membership in the *1 of 1000 Program* are Tax Deductible to the full extent of the law.

The opportunity for membership in the *1 of 1000 Program* is an excellent way for all of us to support the association. Considerations: join yourself; join with your spouse, \$1000 each; honor a special person, friend, or family member, deceased or living; join as a muzzleloading club or business.

All of us like a bargain. It may be possible for you to join the *1 of 1000 Program* at a substantial discount. If your employer provides a matching funds program for tax-exempt organizations, apply for it. For example, if your employer matches fifty cents on the dollar, your donation of \$667 plus you employer's match of \$333 pays your membership. A dollar-for-dollar match would pay half of your membership cost. Participants in this program will each receive a personalized certificate and a sterling silver pin recognizing their contribution to the Association's financial security. Effective June 15, 2009 all new *1 of 1000* members will also receive a FREE David Wright, signed and numbered, limited edition print entitled "The Spirit of America" while supplies last. Shipping, if required, will cost the member \$22. All *1 of 1000* members and one club member from each *1 of 1000* member club are also invited to participate in a special match, created to recognize this important program and the members who have made this commitment to the NMLRA's future.

The match consists of one shot each at a unique, covered target, at twenty-five yards on the offhand line. The match, same rules, is also shot at the Western National Shoot. The match winners will have their names added to the *1 of 1000* Match plaques in the clubhouse.

I strongly encourage all NMLRA members who are able, to seriously consider becoming a member of the 1 of 1000 Program. When you do, you will support the NMLRA endowment, thereby helping to protect the future of muzzleloading; earn a tax deduction; honor yourself or a special person, possibly join at a discount, receive recognition; and have a chance to bring forth ongoing support for our shooting sports and our 2nd Amendment Rights of the Constitution of the United States of American.

IT DOESN' T GET MUCH BETTER THAN THIS!

Why do you ask when I say; It doesn't get any better than this? We are at a very pivotal time in our nations history and we must now stand up and be counted in ways and forms that we have never done before. We must continue an ongoing legacy to let tomorrow's future know where we came from and give light to where we must go. The NMLRA, the IBPF and many other organizations such as the NRA are marking time right now to produce not only the history and the current shooting sports, but the best yet is that we that belong to these local, regional, state and national organizations know that we can be allowed our inalienable rights as American Citizens to know that we not only have an American Heritage but a very unique America future.

After long discussion the Board of Directors of the IBPF moved and seconded and voted unanimously to give the NMLRA a check for \$1000.00 to join the 1 of 1000 Endowment Program in support of our great National Association. In doing so we believe that a strong national and state organization help support the entire nations freedom process and that we must continue to find new and inventive ways to support our 2nd Amendment Rights.

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