Krebs Custom Gunsmiths Teach Introductory AK Rifle Class at WVC Gunsmithing Program

Looking to learn more from a nationally-known gunsmith, students in the WVC Gunsmithing Program invited Marc Krebs from Krebs Custom of Wauconda, IL to campus to teach a two-day comprehensive class on AK rifles — how they work and how to upgrade from standard features. Krebs, along with Steven Alessi, provided instruction to the students.

Alessi, a 2015 graduate of the WVC Gunsmithing Program, is the current Production Floor Manager at Krebs Custom. WVC Gunsmithing Lead Instructor Brian Wick stated that Alessi had a very good experience during his time in the Gunsmithing Program and talked with the current students in the Program about opportunities within the field of gunsmithing.

Following the visit from Krebs and Alessi, Mr. Wick stated, “I have heard nothing but positive remarks from our students. Our goal is to have Krebs come in and teach a week-long class next year on how to build AK-47’s up to his standard.”

Marc Krebs of Krebs Custom (left) is pictured with Lead Instructor Brian Wick. Krebs and Krebs Custom have maintained a reputation for producing various custom models of top-quality AK-pattern rifles, as well as innovative accessories and parts that bring the Kalashnikov rifle into the 21st century, and that enhance the usefulness of AK to both US military and law-enforcement personnel, and civilian owners.

Students were able to shoot an AK-47 gun full auto while at the Mt. Carmel Shooting Range, under the direction of the instructor and with appropriate licensure and approval from local authorities.
**WVC Food Drive Benefits the WADI Food Pantry**

Through the generosity of students, faculty, staff and the community, the Wabash Valley College Student Senate was able to collect over 2,000 non-perishable food items to donate to the Wabash Area Development Incorporated (WADI) Food Pantry to help those less fortunate in Wabash County during the holiday season.

The 2,061 items donated to the WVC Student Senate’s food drive were the most donated on any IECC campus, and, as a result, a travelling trophy for the campus that collects the most items will reside on the WVC campus for the next year.

In addition to the WVC Student Senate, several WVC clubs participated in the food drive including the Teaching Our Youth Club, Science Club, Health Professionals Club, and the Ag Club/Collegiate Farm Bureau.

**Softball Camp to Be Held at WVC**

Wabash Valley College will host a Softball Camp on Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11, 2018. The camp, for girls ages 7-17, will be held in WVC’s Spencer Sports Center Gym. Hitting and Fielding will be on Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11, from 1:00-3:30 p.m. The Pitching portion will be on Saturday, February 10 and Sunday, February 11, from 3:30-4:15 p.m.

The cost is $35 for one day of Hitting and Fielding, $60 for two days of Hitting and Fielding or for one day of Hitting, Fielding, and Pitching. The two-day camp for Hitting, Fielding, and Pitching is $80.

Participants will need to bring their ball gloves and wear tennis shoes. Please wear sweat pants for sliding drills. Bats are optional. The concession stand will be open for campers to get drinks and snacks.

Registration deadline for a T-Shirt is February 2. Call 618-262-8641, ext. 3394, for further information. Participants needing registration forms may obtain them at [www.wvcwarriorathletics.com](http://www.wvcwarriorathletics.com) or by contacting Asa Deffendall at the Campus Store in the David L. Hart Student Center.

The Camp will be conducted by WVC Head Softball Coach Paul Schnarre, his assistants Asa Deffendall and Mark Colvin, and the WVC Lady Warriors Softball Team.

**Tribe Community Garden Receives Notice of Walmart Community Grant Award**

On November 30, WVC Retention Coordinator Jennifer Stroughmatt received notice the Tribe Community Garden Project has been selected to receive a $2,500 Walmart Community Grant Award.

WVC began its Community Garden Project in the fall of 2015 under the direction of Jennifer Stroughmatt. Stroughmatt, the Tribe Activity Scholarship students and Pathways to Success Garden students have been hard at work growing food to provide the community food pantry with fresh fruits and vegetables. Having expanded from tomatoes, beans and cucumbers in the first year, the Community Garden has been working on a large bed of strawberries, watermelons, an asparagus bed, and growing potatoes in tire towers.

The Community Garden project offers students the opportunity to develop a love for service, learn leadership and interpersonal communication skills, and make a connection with the bigger picture of what it means to serve and support a community.

“The Community Garden will benefit from the Walmart Grant greatly,” stated Stroughmatt. “The Grant means everything to the growth of the Garden. Without it, the students would be limited in how they can expand and grow the good works they are doing for their community.”

**Tribe Students Celebrate “A Disney Christmas”**

The WVC Tribe Activity Scholarship Students entered a “Peter Pan” themed float in the Mt. Carmel Christmas Parade on December 2.