



## **Downstate New York Diasporans Firearm Club**

### **Essential Firearm Club Details**

#### **Name of Chapter – Downstate New York Diasporans Firearm Club (DNY-DFC)**

1. **Club Founder & President's Name:** Wayne A. Francis
2. **Meeting Locations:** TBD (tentatively at designated libraries and ranges)
3. **City/State of Chapter:** New York State (Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester Counties, NYC)
4. **Contact Phone & Business Email:** (516) 652-8328; [admin@nydfirearmclub.org](mailto:admin@nydfirearmclub.org)
5. **Chapter Web Page:** <http://www.nydfirearmclub.org/>
6. **Chapter's Focus:** Home/Business-Defense and Firearm Safety Education; Women/Families
7. **Chapter Facebook Page:** Under Development
8. **Chapter WhatsApp Group:** Waiting list available and capped at 150 members

#### **Leadership Team:**

**Wayne A. Francis** – Founder & President (Nassau County/Africa)

**Christopher Goodwin** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Nassau County, retired LEO, Vet)

**Donavan Lambert** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Westchester County)

**Prof. Adrian Goodwin** – Lead Instructor (Nassau County, LEO, Entrepreneur)

#### **Charter:**

To form a local chapter of NAAGA in the Downstate New York area (Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester Counties specifically and tangentially the 5 boroughs of NYC) to support those ranging from beginners looking to get Home/ Business/Self Defense Safety Training to well-versed firearm enthusiasts and former law enforcement, veterans looking to build a network of like-minded people of color who support the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. With a strong emphasis on Safety and building a positive “Gun Club Culture” amongst law-abiding Black & Brown people, we hope to increase the awareness of the steps necessary to purchase, own, and safely store/utilize firearms primarily for Home Defense. Further, we will promote “Range Roundups” where we get together for social gatherings/networking in a training environment.

#### **Meeting Locations:**

Tentatively the Freeport or Baldwin, Long Island Library, and periodically at the Nassau County Rifle & Pistol Range in Uniondale, Long Island (near Nassau Coliseum). During the pandemic and if Libraries are not open to groups, we will take advantage of Virtual events for trainings and membership meetings. Outings to Upstate New York (and other States) to visit an outdoor range will also be planned several times a year to provide exposure to long range courses and a broader array of weaponry/ammunition (i.e. ARs, sharpshooter training, bolt actions, etc.).



### **Who is this for?**

**YOU!** Whether you've been thinking about gun-ownership for awhile or only started contemplating it since the post-civil unrest era in America this past summer, it's for you. Perhaps, like some of our members, you're a former law enforcement officer or a military veteran that enjoys being around other firearm enthusiasts like yourself, then it's for you. Maybe you just want to have something to give you an added peace of mind that you're not "defenseless" in the event that your home is ever invaded by an intruder, then it's for you also!

We've got an eclectic mix of individuals/professionals who want to be a part of a supportive community that fosters learning and development in the area of Firearms Safety and Ownership for the Black/Brown family and individuals. We're providing a forum for a diverse mix of professionals of color from various industries, an opportunity to network in a new way, within the broader "2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment culture" around us that other communities have been practicing for decades.

We seek to remain steadfast to build upon the foundation of the NAAGA Emergency Support Teams (NEST) initiatives nationwide, generate more comprehensive programs for Black/Brown women, and through our existence expand the footprint of NAAGA Chapters to empower more communities. While our membership primarily will operate within Downstate New York in the counties that authorize firearm ownership, we remain open and available to anyone in the New York area who is interested in our support and services. So even though those who reside in the five boroughs of NYC don't get to enjoy the same privileges (given the more restrictive laws on the books) that those of us who live in the outer Counties and Upstate do, we still welcome you to still participate and take advantage of the education and training that will permit you to still "get in the game" versus being on the outside looking in.

### **Requirements to Start the Process for Membership:**

- Paid annual membership dues to the National NAAGA HQ. (*Couples Membership recommended if you have a significant other, sibling, etc. for less than \$40 total*). Active membership status with NAAGA for 90 days. – **Interests are joining now!** (see website link at bottom of this document and send proof of registration/blue membership card to [admin@nydfirearmclub.org](mailto:admin@nydfirearmclub.org)).
- Paid annual membership dues to the Local Chapter - **\$125** (includes membership toolkit, 2 mandatory firearm safety courses facilitated by G&G Security/DFC Speakers Bureau, bi-monthly/quarterly range visits, preparation for the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Hunter Education & Safety course, guidance for County/NYS/NYC permit and firearm acquisitions, access to ongoing trainings locally and nationally, urban firearm enthusiasts social media groups and more). – **Make Payable to \$DiasporansFC** on CashApp or [mrwaynefrancis@gmail.com](mailto:mrwaynefrancis@gmail.com) via Zelle or PayPal (*family & friend/trusted receiver option*).
- Familiarize oneself with the policies, procedures, culture, and mission of NAAGA. (see below)



### **Coursework for Membership:**

The Downstate New York Diasporans Firearm Club (DNY-DFC) also requires all chapter members to complete the following assignments within the first six months after submitting your application:

- Take the Virtual New Chapter Members Orientation Session.
- Take a Firearm Safety Course sponsored by the Chapter and hosted by G&G Security.
- Attend at least 3 meetings a year (every other month and periodic range visits in between).
- Achieve at least 80% on the NYS DEC Hunter Education Course (LEO/Vets exempt).
- Attend a minimum of one (1) Range Roundup for onsite tactical training (Women Only Groups available).

### **Prescribe to the Pledge:**

As proud gun owners/enthusiasts, it is our responsibility to help prevent accidents by keeping our firearms out of the hands of children and at-risk individuals.

There are simple precautions every gun owner/enthusiast can take to prevent accidents, like safe handling and safe storage practices.

**Respect it and Secure it.  
Pledge and Commit to practicing firearm safety at all times!**

**Resources** (*learn more about what it takes to be part of something much greater than ourselves*)

<https://naaga.co/about-us/>

<https://naaga.co/how-it-started/>

<https://naaga.co/mission/>

<https://naaga.co/memberships/>

<https://naaga.co/chapters/>

### **\*DISCLAIMER:**

Per the NAAGA HQ, any person who has a felony conviction or who has a misdemeanor conviction for domestic violence (and the conviction has not been pardoned or expunged **AND** rights to possess a firearm restored), is not eligible to become a member of NAAGA. Under federal law, that person is not legally allowed to possess a firearm and therefore is prohibited from joining NAAGA. An attestation must be completed for Chapter membership to confirm that one meets the eligibility criteria for membership.