



Theodore "T.R." Roosevelt Jr - A "Strenuous Life" well lived October 27, 1858 – January 6, 1919

In a life of six decades, TR compiled a staggering list of accomplishments:
youngest President in American history

Nobel Peace Prize

Medal of Honor recipient and Colonel of the "Rough Riders"

Assistant Secretary of the Navy

New York Governor

NYC Police Commissioner

Western rancher, hunter, & published naturalist

Founder of the Boone & Crockett club

Established the National Forest Service, National Parks & Monuments, Wildlife Reserves

South American explorer of the "River of Doubt"

Author of 40+ books

Devoted husband, father of six children





Teddy Roosevelt

Presented by

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for the
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Bio of Kurt Skinner

As an ICBM launch officer stationed at Minot AFB, North Dakota in the late 1990s, my unit, the 91st Missile Wing, was preparing to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Colonel Roosevelt's "Rough Riders" victorious capture of San Juan Hill in the 1898 Spanish American War. The 91st MW nickname of "Rough Riders" was in honor of North Dakota's proud Badlands connection to Theodore Roosevelt (he famously declared that he would "never have become President were it not for his time spent in North Dakota.") I met Roosevelt's great-grandson, Tweed Roosevelt, during his visit to our unit that year and I was hooked. I decided to win the 91MW Teddy Roosevelt trivia contest and commenced on a study of this great American life that, 20+ years on, has led to a bookshelf full of TR writings and biographies, and a fascination with his "strenuous life" well lived that has continued to inspire me to this day. With the encouragement from a few of the nation's finest TR "reprises", Joe Wiegand, Larry Marple, & Gib Young, I decided to finally pursue this avocation of TR living history.

