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GRPC 2009: Challenges Ahead



Come meet national gun rights leaders and your fellow grassroots activists at the 24th Annual Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC 2009) in St. Louis, Missouri, September 25, 26, & 27, 2009. This is your once-a-year chance to network and get an insider look and plan pro-gun rights strategies for the coming year.

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upcoming court cases and revisit the U.S. Supreme Court Heller Decision.

The full roster of GRPC 2009 speakers has not yet been set. Past speakers include: Alan M. Gottlieb, Joseph P. Tartaro, U.S. Representatives Ron Paul, Chris Cannon, Bob Barr & Jean Schmidt, Robert Levy, Esq. & Alan Gura, Esq., counsel for the Heller case, Wayne LaPierre, John Lott, G. Gordon Liddy, Michael Reagan, Larry Elder, Ken Hamblin, and many others.

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- * Women & Guns
- * The New Gun Week
- * KeepAndBearArms.com

FREE Pre-Registration for GRPC is now open at www.saf.org

Books, monographs and other materials—enough to start a Second Amendment library—are free, as are Saturday Luncheon, Friday and Saturday evening receptions and morning and afternoon snack breaks.

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The President's Podium

Kevin L. Jamison, MSSA President

It is summertime, but the living is not easy. Most of the board is engaged in competitions. Those not engaged in competition are preparing for competitions and events. Through modern technology we have been able to keep in contact and handle the Association's business.

A new case in support of our right to "keep and bear arms" is going to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Heller case decided that the Second Amendment was an individual right to keep handguns at home for self-defense.

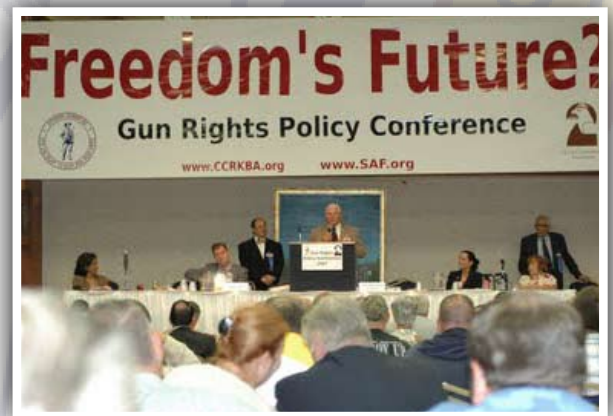


The Court's decision was limited to preventing the federal government from restricting this right. It is a peculiarity of our Constitutional system that not all parts of the Bill of Rights prevent restrictions by the states or local government. The Second Amendment is one of those parts.

The Chicago Gun Case (see www.ChicagoGunCase.com) challenges the city's arbitrary gun restrictions. The case is being supported by a brief signed by thirty-four state Attorney Generals, including

Missouri's Chris Koster. The NRA state associations, including MSSA, have signed on to a separate brief. The more briefs in support of our rights, the greater the chance of prevailing in the Supreme Court. This effort will cost us between \$500 and \$1,000. I have asked other Missouri groups to join us in this effort and I am confident that we will have assistance.

We will learn more about our prospects at the Gun Rights Policy Conference put on by the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF). This year the Conference will be held in St. Louis on 25 through 27 September, 2009. It will be at the Airport Renaissance Hotel. We can all learn more about our prospects at the Conference. The Conference is free, and the SAF pays for lunch. Hotel rooms are available at a reduced rate; call (800) 468-3571.



Persons who attend the conference will hear national speakers on where our rights are now, where they are going, and what we must do. It is wise to take an extra suitcase to the Conference, and not just an overnight bag. Persons attending the conference will be given stacks of books and other materials and some means to take them home will be required. Even if it is only possible to attend part of the conference, it will be worth it.

The Conference is a great opportunity to meet other gun rights activists from around the state and across the country. It is a great opportunity to exchange ideas, the books are free, lunch is free and the company is great; how bad can that be?

2009 Missouri Gun Show List

Aug 22 Springfield, Remingtons, 1655 West Republic Rd

Aug 28-30 St Charles, Heart of St Charles Banquet Center

Aug 29-30 Sedalia, Convention Hall

Sep 4-6 Columbia, Boone County Fairgrounds

Sep 11-13 Bridgeton, Machinist's Union HALL

Sep 11-13 Clinton, Benson Convention & Expo Center

Sep 12-13 Kansas City, KCI Expo

Sep 19-20 Stover, Stover Community Center

Oct 9-11 Cape Girardeau, Arena Building

Oct 10-11 Pacific, Pacific Eagles Club

Oct 17-18 Joplin, John Q. Hammons Convention Center

Oct 24-25 Springfield, Ozark Empire Fairgrounds

Oct 30-Nov 1 Grandview, Elks Lodge #2088

Nov 7-8 Kansas City, KCI Expo

Nov 7-8 Saint Charles, Convention Center Plaza

Nov 27-29 Columbia, Boone County Fairgrounds

Nov 27-29 Bridgeton, Machinist's Union HALL

Nov 27-29 Warsaw, Community Building Downtown

Dec 5-6 Springfield Ozark Empire Fairgrounds

Dec 12-13 Kansas City KCI Expo

Dec 18-20 Cape Girardeau, Arena Building

Dec 19-20 Pacific, Pacific Eagles Club

Dec 19-20 Sedalia, State Fairgrounds



2009 MSSA DINNER!!

THE ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER IS TO BE HELD JANUARY 23, 2010 AT THE DAV HALL SAME PLACE AS LAST YEAR.

MEETING TO START AT 2PM. DINNER TO START AT 6PM.

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Do you have a firearm or a firearm related accessory that you want to sell? We have a limited amount of space every newsletter that we can share with our members.

Log on to our website and send us an email with the item you would like to sell.

You MUST Include:

Detailed Item Description
Price
Your Phone Number
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So if you have something in your gun safe that you want to “unload” let us know and we’ll see if we can help out.

This is a free service for members of MSSA.

AFFILIATE OPPORTUNITIES

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association has **NRA Instructor** training opportunities through NRA Training Counselors and Senior Training Counselors. There are active MSSA members who are qualified for such duties. NRA shooting disciplines include Instructor training in:

- Basic Pistol shooting
- Basic Rifle shooting
- Basic Shotgun shooting
- Muzzleloading Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun
- Personal Protection in the Home
- Home Firearm Safety
- Metallic and Shotshell Reloading
- Range Safety Officer and Chief Range Safety Officer

And for the more advanced

- Training Counselor training can be acquired.

Training is available on site. For qualifying Affiliate Clubs, financial aid is available to help offset the costs. For info, contact:

LEE KOESTER
leekoester@hotmail.com
or, call Lee at 573-449-2849

Though MSSA may not be able to help with finances, non-affiliated and out-of-state clubs can also contact Lee for training information.

MSSA AFFILIATES

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Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance (GCLA)	St. Louis Antique Arms Association, Inc.
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By John Lienberger P1.

Junior Shooters

Making A Mark



FOUR MISSOURI JUNIOR SHOOTERS TRAVEL TO FORT BENNING, GA.

Four Missouri Junior Shooters attended the UNITED STATES ARMY MARKSMANSHIP UNIT SMALLBORE RIFLE CAMP at Fort Benning, GA. The camp was held June 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, 2009. The camp was for intermediate and advanced shooters with 30 juniors attending. The United States Army Marksmanship Unit International Rifle Team conducted the camp.

Dan Hermsmeier (Chesterfield, MO.), **Zachary Painter** (Webb City, MO.), **Garrett Spurgeon** (Canton, MO.), and **Clayton Hinton** (Canton, MO.), were the four juniors from Missouri. The first day they shot a diagnostic match to determine their level of shooting skills and were then assigned their coach for the camp. Dan was coached by Hank Gray, Zachary Painter was coached by Nichole Allaire, Garrett Spurgeon was coached by Armando Ayalla, and Clayton Hinton was coached by Jason Parker. All coaches are world class shooting competitors. Each shooter was coached in the fundamental principles and techniques of 3-Position International Smallbore Rifle and International Air Rifle. Each shooter received individual coaching, practiced shooting finals, and made adjustments to their shooting positions and equipment.



It was a great experience for the junior shooters as they were using electronic targets. They were also shooting on a range that has been host to many international competitions and learned a lot about preparing for and shooting a final.

The last day they shot a full course International 3 Position Smallbore Match and a Prone Match. Scores were:

Dan Hermsmeier: Prone- 390	3 Position- 1137
Garret Spurgeon: Prone- 378	3 Position- 1098
Clayton Hinton : Prone- 380	3 Position- 1067
Zachary Painter : Prone- 381	3 Position -1067

Dan finished 1st Place in the 3 Position Match and 4th in the Prone Match. I was impressed with the performance of all our juniors. **It was a job WELL DONE!**

I take this opportunity to thank the Missouri Sport Shooting Association, Tim Oliver – Learn to Carry Productions –LTD., The St. Joseph Rifle and Pistol Club – Inc., Kiwanis Club –Canton, MO., and the American Legion Otto Bruner Post 170 – Canton, MO. for their support. Thank You!

John Leinberger, MSSA Director Junior Activities and CMP Missouri State Junior Director accompanied the juniors on this trip.

By John Lienberger P2.

Junior Shooters

Making A Mark



MSSA/NRA JUNIOR SMALLBORE CAMPS 2009

**By John Leinberger –MSSA Director for Jr.
Activities**

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association sponsored two NRA Junior Competitive 3 Position International Smallbore Rifle Camps at the Bucksnot Gun Club Rifle Range near Marshall, MO. The camps were held June 18,19,20, and 21, 2009 and July 9,10,11, and 12, 2009 with 22 juniors attending the camps.



The junior shooters were coached individually and attended classroom instruction including firearm and range safety, the fundamentals of shooting (dominant eye, sight alignment, sight picture, aiming, breathing, trigger control, natural point of aim, and follow through). Each position was explained and demonstrated and then coached on the line. Practice matches were also held. An approved NRA match was held the last day of the camp and an awards ceremony was held.

First camp match winners were: Jacob Butler - 1st (510-5), Aaron Kesinger - 2nd -(466-7), Samantha Marshall -3rd- (452-7).

Second camp match winners were: Garrett Spurgeon - 1st - (551-13), Kelsea Hunt – 2nd - (539-11), and Jack Berhorst – 3rd - (464-5).

Junior shooters in the first camp were: Samantha Marshall, John Moore, Ryan Biggs, Jack Brazeal, Zachary Painter, Aaron Kesinger, Kenneth Butler, Andrew Holeman, James Parker, Nathan Andrews, William Athey, and Shaun Athey.

Staff for the first camp were: Sheryl teeters, Harold Miederhoff, John Leinberger, Kurt Schinze, Phil Anderson, Paul Vilmer, and George Hamilton.

Junior shooters in the second camp were Seth Anderson, Jack Berhorst. Sarah Estes, Kelsea Hunt, Alyssa Manhart, Grant Maupin, Jeremy Peterson, Garrett Spurgeon, Lance Thomas, and Laura Thomas.

Staff for the second camp were: Harold Miederhoff, John Leinberger, George Carder, Robin Berhorst, George Hamilton, Melissa Mata, Christine Manhart, Kelly Thomas, and Amy Estes.

All the juniors worked hard on improving their shooting skills and did a great job of shooting at the camps. These young people are the future and we can be proud of them.

Also I thank all the volunteers that helped at the camps and the parents and grand parents for making it possible to their juniors to attend the camps.

-John Leinberger

Missouri Sports Shooting Association Director for Junior Activities.





Friends of NRA Event

MSSA Board Member, Stu Strickler attended a Friends of NRA event recently and wanted to share a nice pic of a youngster who won a Benelli 20 gauge shotgun. The text associated with the Newspaper clipping is below.

The annual NEMO Friends of NRA Banquet was held Thursday, June 4, 2009 at the Queen of Peace Catholic Hall Ewing, Mo at 5:30 pm. Approximately 60-65 people attended. The Benelli 20 gauge shotgun was won by Mac McSorley of Canton, MO.

Congradulations Mac!

To date the Friends of NRA Program has awarded over 1.7 million dollars in grants in the state of Missouri to advance shooting sports. The National Rifle Association appreciates your support to keep America Free!

NEW MSSA TRADESHOW BOOTH



The MSSA Board of Directors voted to purchase the organizations first tradeshow display in August. We had been using a cardboard setup at gun shows and events but wear and tear were taking its toll so we looked into other options.

We also noticed at the recent NRA convention hosted in St. Louis in 2007, all of the nice setup booths that other organizations had brought to the event. The board voted on it and now its time for an upgrade.

You can see the new tradeshow booth for the first time in St.

Charles at the Heart of St. Charles gun show taking place Aug. 28th-30th. From there it will make its way around the state at a number of upcoming gun shows and events.

The tradeshow display was purchased at a discount from EvaDisplays.com

MSSA SHOUTBOX

Secretary:

We have lost a Life member somewhere. Anyone who knows the address or whereabouts of LeeAnn Robinson, last address Kansas City, please contact and have her send new address to MSSA.

Welcome to our newest Life member, James Johnson from Williamsburg.

Treasurer:

When you send in your renewals, please keep in mind the years you renew for are figured from your last renewal date. Not from the date you renew. If you are late with your payment there is no penalty except a loss of months before you have to renew again.



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2009 Gun Rights Policy Conference / FREE

Yes I want to attend. I understand that registration, conference materials and luncheon will be provided courtesy of CCRKBA and SAF. All other meals, lodging and airfare are to be paid by attendee.

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APRIL 19, 1775

When marksmanship met history, and the heritage began...

Plant Appleseeds and Grow Riflemen

By Sheila Stokes-Begley-future Rifleman

For the last few months WMSA has been mentioning Appleseed shoots, and urging participation, we have a link on our web site to the Appleseed site, and the location of Appleseed shoots. One weekend in June, I was fortunate enough for Denny & I to be able to attend a Appleseed. I knew they told American history of the Revolutionary war during the weekend, they introduced participants to people they might not have ever heard of. I knew they helped people learn to shoot, and I knew they would teach about the inches, minutes, and clicks. I confess, I need to do more reading on that part. I knew I would be taught how to fire prone, sitting, standing & with a sling. Now going in, I thought I was a fairly good rifle shot, handguns are sort of my thing, but I've used a rifle a couple of times and thought it wouldn't be that hard to make the "Rifleman" grade, it's ONLY 25 meters.....I could just slap myself for that one!

Saturday, got there and was glad to see Chris Midkiff's smiling face. Chris is WMSA's hotline administrator, and the Appleseed coordinator. This shoot took place at Pioneer gun club's McBride range. I was there a few years ago for a Cowboy Action shoot and met some of the nicest people. The range was lovely then and they have improved it! I got to meet Jack Smart who is President of Pioneer. What a nice guy, and he was even in the Appleseed shoot too! If you've never been to McBride, it is a wonderful place to shoot, and I am so grateful they let Appleseed have a shoot there. That is the only one that has been close enough for us to go.

We headed down to our assigned shooting area and we all had brought some sort of a shooting mat. Denny's and mine was an area rug from Walmart. Sunday I put a tarp under it since it had rained. One of the first lessons was on how to use a sling properly. I always just used my sling to carry my shotgun. I knew they could be used to help steady aim, but not being a "rifle person" I didn't really dwell much on it, till then. Then we were shown a proper prone firing position. I can't

believe it, but after only two days, I got to tell you, it is comfortable, and I can shoot and reload quickly that way too! We also learned how to shoot sitting, bracing our elbows with our knees. We saw different variations of that position too. Greg Sackett suggested I reverse the way my legs were crossed and that did the trick for me. There were about 60 shooters in this Appleseed, men, women and children.



Some very experienced, some not so. But we all came to learn. We would shoot at different targets, sometimes "redcoat" targets, sometimes the AQT (Army Qualification Test) with the targets made smaller, so at the distance of 25 meters, it is the same. In the AQT, we would fire from different positions depending on the stage of the AQT we were firing.

There were transitions added in too, start in standing, drop to seated, load fire 2 rounds from one magazine, switch to another magazine and fire 8 rounds. Some stages you start standing drop to prone fire, magazine change, fire more. All the while the instructors are walking the line, making sure you are following their safety rules and giving you tips and advice, correcting a foot, making a suggestion for a stance. In between each round, you put a plastic "flag" in your barrel,



lock the slide open and put the safety on, and you step behind the “green” line. If they find one not in that condition, you are called back (nicely, no one is out to humiliate anyone) to fix your error. It works, it becomes habit.

Sunday we picked up the pace, more position changes and a “dash for points” team competition. 4 targets for all of us, 4 teams. We start from back a ways, at the go, sprint to our mats, pick up our guns and fire a set amount of shots at each of the targets on the team redcoat. Then the team targets were compared. It is to get your heart rate up (as it would be in a real situation) and see if you can still remember your lessons on focus on the front sight, focus on breathing, eyes open, see where the front sight is after you’ve fired, where was that sight when the gun fired? Finger on the trigger, listen for the reset click.

To be honest, I shot horribly. I have a new Ruger 10/22 (my beloved Winchester 1906 was not a good choice for this weekend, being tube fed, it would be hard to do the reloads) In fact, I can’t remember shooting this bad in my life. I hate the bolt release, I can only get it to work using my leatherman to push it in. The instructors seemed unfazed, they offered me the loan of a gun, but when I explained about the leatherman “fix” it was fine. I made the gun work, and just left my leatherman open on the mat. They knew what it was for, no one objected.

On Sunday Chris realized the sling I had ordered wasn’t the best of all sling options and loaned me one. Oh, that made a difference too! By then I could shoot a tight group, not on the target mind you, but a tight group. One of the instructors helped me adjust my sights, and another student loaned us a tool to do the front sights and a .223 cartridge to do the back ones.

All the students seemed willing to help each other any way they could. By the end of the day my shooting had vastly improved, and while I did not make rifleman this time, I will be at the next shoot I can make as I have no intentions of being stuck peeling potatoes.

Now, where does the peeling potatoes come in? Only a part of the Applesseed is marksmanship, the other part is what I am about to tell you now. On Fred’s guide to becoming a rifleman, it asks if you are a cook, or a rifleman. If you can’t shoot well enough, you are a cook. There is much more to being a Rifleman than shooting a rifle.

After we were attacked on Dec. 7th, the reason the Japanese did not follow up with an invasion of the West coast is they feared the “rifle behind every blade of grass”. Back then America had a tradition of gun ownership and marksmanship, and the world knew it. And now?

A Rifleman is prepared to defend their country from all enemies, foreign and domestic. They are willing to sacrifice time, energy and effort to do that. Do tyrants fear gun owners, well, no not really.

Do they fear/respect EFFECTIVE gun owners? Oh YEAH! What makes a gun owner a Rifleman? It is partly skill, and partly mindset. That you will do what it takes to preserve freedom and liberty. There were sets of stories told during Applesseed, some of my favorites were Dangerous Old Men, which I am begging Chris to tell at the WMSA picnic this year.

I also loved Greg Sackett’s story about Pru Wright. When you listen to these stories, of what was sacrificed by Patriots so we could have liberty, it is very humbling. I can’t see them saying “I can’t work a gun show because I need to mow the lawn”. These men and women risked their property and lives for us, and many of them paid with all they owned including their lives, and that of their families.

Greg asked a pertinent question during one section. Could we make those sacrifices? If you just want to go to work, enjoy your home, your family and your life, could we make those choices? I asked him, in the current situation, what makes people think they will be able to keep them anyway?



Now, I know a lot of us are CCW holders, we are the sheepdog type (from Col. Dave Grossman's On Sheep, Wolves and Sheepdogs). Well, your Taurus .40 is a tool right? A bit works really well in a horse's mouth, but not so good on his foot. A horseshoe works better there. A rake works good for leaves, not so good at clearing weeds out of a garden. A proper tool for the job, right? There are jobs a rifle is much better suited for than my handgun, and I have been remiss as a patriot, not to be prepared. Oh, yes, I owned a rifle, but I was not a Rifleman.

If you have been following elections in Iran and the current revolt as people are claiming Barry's buddy Ahmadinejad stole the election. People are in the streets holding signs "Where's My Vote", and some of them are being shot by the tyrant's police force. Now, knowing that the 3 black panthers convicted of voter intimidation in the last election have been freed and charges dropped by the current administration, and that ACORN is still getting tons of your tax money to proceed with vote fraud, do you ever foresee a time when our country might see it's citizens in the street in the same circumstance?

Would Barry call in the U.N. to help restore order?
Of course, and all guns must be seized, for our own

safety, of course, crisis, catastrophe, of course. Are you prepared? To defend your home, your liberty, your family, your freedom from all enemies foreign and domestic? Do you not have time to do a 4 year stretch in the military to become proficient in firearms?

Actually, as I understand it, the military doesn't even teach marksmanship so much anymore. But that is why we won the War for Independence. Because the British didn't stress marksmanship, the Americans did, they had to. Patriots are prepared, they know the proper tools for the job, they are proficient.

They are Riflemen, they have the tools, the skill, the knowledge and the mindset. Out of the 60 or so in my class, 5 made Rifleman. I think I am like the rest, I will practice, I will go to another Appleseed, and I will become a Rifleman. I am a Patriot, I will not let the sacrifices go in vain, I will not forsake the dream of freedom given to us by our founding fathers.

You see the storm clouds on the horizon, you know you need more to be prepared?

<http://www.appleseedinfo.org/>

If you think you are prepared, go anyway, take your family. It's family friendly, it's a lot of fun and you will learn more than you can imagine. You think you

are prepared? Take a friend and introduce them to the joy of shooting and the history of liberty. Know an ignorant Barry supporter? Take them, let them find out the history of America and what a travesty Barry's "Apologize for America" tour is.

I realize that a lot of MSSA shooters have had excellent instructors and excellent instruction. And there is a chance that many MSSA shooters could make rifleman at their first Appleseed.



But I have to be honest, out of the 60 or so of us in my class, only 5 made rifleman by the end of the weekend. I can hear it now, "I was in the military, I know how to shoot".

Ok, but you could probably also do 400 sit ups and 300 push ups too. Over time, skills need to be brushed up. Besides, the way I look at it, Captain Bob (my Paint horse) and I go to school about every other week. We have a wonderful Parelli instructor that we both think most highly of. But when Captain & I got a chance to go to a clinic presented by another gal that would add some "arrows of knowledge to my savvy quiver", we went and learned a lot.

Do you really feel there is not one more little tidbit of knowledge you might learn that would make you the winner at your next competition? Women & children shoot free this year, and for men it's only \$70 for the whole two days. This is the bargain of the year!

But go, enjoy yourself, preserving liberty is that much fun. You'll thank me for it.

-Sheila Stokes-Begley-future Rifleman



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MSSA MEETING NOTICE:

The next MSSA Board of Directors meeting will be held at NOON on **October 17, 2009**, at the Department of Conservation's Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City, Missouri.

All MSSA Members are strongly encouraged to attend.

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Liberty Notes

By Kevin L. Jamison

Summer 2009

It is a good day for Liberty.

Today a judge accused me of posturing in court. What he considers posturing I consider a vigorous defense of my client's interests. But he is the one who makes the decisions.

A man found a bullet and claiming that he did not want his children to be hurt by it, he struck it with a hammer. In doing so he shot himself in the stomach. It is not reported if alcohol was involved.

A man wanted to know what it felt like to be shot and so goaded his brother into shooting him in the leg. It turns out that being shot hurts. Surprisingly, alcohol was not involved, but he had been smoking marijuana.

On the 4th of July I attended a tax protest; it seemed appropriate. Over 300 people attended and it was only one of several tax protests in the area that day. A number of people driving by honked in support but this support was not universal. A person in a "Barrak the Vote" T-Shirt hurried up in an apparent attempt to provoke something. His first comment was to observe that there were no "people of color" among us. He repeated this several times until one man demanded that T-shirt stop calling him a racist. T-Shirt claimed, all innocence, that he had done no such thing, but he had. I told T-Shirt that if that was his best observation our conversation was over. He protested that he had many more observations. I told him that he had fired his best shot and he knew it. He did not leave, but did not approach me again. He formed a knot of like-minded, self-satisfied tax advocates, one of them wearing a Handgun Control T-Shirt. They succeeded in distracting some of our number away from their goal of communicating with people driving past. Since communicating with people driving past was the goal, the T-Shirts were lightly successful and very pleased with themselves they were. I passed out some WMSA materials. President Sheila attended a similar gathering in Harrisonville and was more successful. There will be many more such gatherings. Our people who attend such gatherings must seize the opportunity. We shall need many friends in the coming years.

The Washington Post newspaper proposed to sell access to the Obama administration to lobbyists at a rate of \$25,000 per head. These days newspapers have to make money somehow.

I am often asked if Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) will prevent gun ownership. By itself, it will not. To prevent gun ownership there must be a court order committing a person to a mental health facility. The court must

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first hold a hearing in which the subject has the right to counsel and to submit evidence. Under federal law if an administrative agency finds that a person is disabled for reasons of mental incompetency AND also finds that the person is also dangerous or cannot handle his or her own affairs. After years of research I am satisfied that if someone came back from a war and did not have PTSD, he was not paying attention. Some handle it better than others; some have it worse than others. Persons with strong religious beliefs or family ties deal better with PTSD, but there is no charm against it or elixir that will send it away. Stress later in life may bring it up like some nasty infection that has festered deep in the body waiting for some weakness to give it a chance for control. I represented a man in his divorce who attended the PTSD clinic at the Veteran's Hospital. After a time I determined that he did not have PTSD from Viet Nam, he got it from that woman. He may have suffered, as John LeCarre put it, "A bad war" but it was the stress of his marriage coming apart that brought the germ to the surface. Another man in a similar case argued with his wife. In the aftermath he sought solace in routine activities. As a shooter his routine activity was to load and unload rifle magazines. This alarmed his wife and increased the tension. Forty years after each war sees a spurt of autobiographies of men who have been in heavy combat or were prisoners. Forty years after a war the warriors are retired and without work or family to occupy them and the old germs come to the surface. They confine the old germs to paper. This often helps, but can leave a written confession. The victor in a gunfight will suffer from PTSD to a greater or lesser extent. This is not a weakness; it is a fact of life. If one suffers from stress-induced ulcers, one sees a medical doctor. If one suffers from PTSD, one sees a doctor who is familiar with the brain-box; this is the way things are.

Missouri Attorney General Kris Kostner has signed onto a brief with thirty-three other state attorney generals in support of the Chicago gun case. This case challenges Chicago's arbitrary and selective restrictions on gun ownership. The case has been submitted to the Supreme Court and the brief asks that the Court consider if the Second Amendment prevents the states from restricting gun ownership. The Heller decision only found that the federal government cannot restrict handgun ownership in the home. The Chicago case will be a tremendous expansion on this principle. Mr. Kostner must be congratulated for giving us this support.

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association has joined with the other NRA State Associations to yet another brief supporting the Chicago gun case. WMSA has voted to support this effort. The cost of the brief is not yet known; it may be as much as five hundred to one thousand dollars for each state, and this is to begin the briefing processes. If the Court takes the case, it will cost more. If we do not spend the money now, it will cost our children and grand-children many multiples of this amount. Progress on the case may be tracked at www.Chicagoguncase.com.

A local park is overrun with deer. The deer eat neighboring gardens and experts warn they will suffer from starvation and disease. Experts recommend that they be hunted. Opponents of the hunt argue that the deer were here first and local residents must endure anything occasioned by the deer. It is over looked that when the residents moved in, the predators wisely moved out. Without predators, the deer over-populate their range. They die from starvation and disease; they spread the disease before death. Deer are also killed by cars. I see a great numbers of deer by the side of the road, the obvious result of collisions. In the middle of Gladstone a deer ran into the side of my car. It probably did him more harm than it did to me, but it indicates that there are entirely too many deer. Every year a number of people are killed in collisions with deer. I had a client who hit a deer while on his motorcycle, he lived but broke everything he had that was breakable. This was unfortunate; I relied on his continued employment to pay my bill. Opponents of hunting demand that deer be captured and relocated, assuming some place can be found with a shortage of deer. They also demand that deer be injected with contraceptives. There are logistic problems with both these plans, and they cost as much as a congressman's favorite plan to revitalize the economy. Hunting is the only economical approach, and results in meat to feed the hungry.

I have been hearing from gun owners that the BATF has asked to see their collection. This is especially true of Curio & Relic licensees and multiple handgun purchasers. The BATF appears to be interested in seeing if the collector still has the guns or has been selling them. There have been newspaper reports from the southern border

states regarding these requests for inspection, but I am hearing this from people in Missouri. The BATF will call and ask politely for an appointment. The gun owner is fully within his rights to decline. However, that will only inspire the BATF to ask every thug they arrest if he has purchased guns from the person who stands on his rights. Eventually one of the thugs will get the point and work off his own charges with a statement that will support a search warrant. The search will not be polite. This makes it difficult to advise gun owners facing such a call. To stand on one's rights will be taken as concealing evidence, suspicious behavior and will attract attention and not out of respect for standing on one's rights. I have explained the facts of life to callers and told them to make their own decision. This is not a matter of being a coward; it is a matter of surviving to fight another day.

A client of mine was stopped for speeding and during the process it was discovered that he had a pistol in his pocket. He was arrested and charged for carrying a concealed weapon. I was astonished to hear of this case. The statute specifically says that it is perfectly legal to carry a concealed handgun in a motor vehicle even if one does not have a License To Carry. There were more surprises. At the first hearing I presented a motion to dismiss based on the statute. The prosecutor was astonished to hear of the statute, which astonished me. The statute only allows concealed handguns, and only in motor vehicles. I should be used to this by now.

During a home invasion in Arizona a woman called 911 to report that her husband and child had been killed and she was wounded. During the call the invaders came back into the house, she shot at the intruders and then asked 911 how much trouble she was in for doing so. This is not an unusual reaction for persons who have been the victor in a gunfight. It should not be, but the attitude of society wounds the gunfight victor.

At the NRA convention I met a man who wore a cap which remembered the Tiger March in Korea during the war. I have read about that march. When the UN forces penetrated North Korea a North Korean officer known only as "Tiger" gathered military and civilian prisoners, told them they would march and if anyone fell behind "this would happen". He then shot a nearby prisoner, and it would not be the last. He marched and murdered prisoners out of the reach of rescue. When all the prisoners were turned over to the Chinese, he disappeared. One hopes that such a creature died in agony and is now burning in hell. It would be poetic justice, but one cannot count on poetry. I am aware of American and allied soldiers who killed prisoners and civilians then and now. War brings out the best and the worst in people. It has brought out the worst in some of our soldiers, but our society condemns such loss of control and punishes it. Tiger starved and murdered helpless people for weeks in public. One does not do such things unless one expects approval. Some nations imprison their psychotics other nations unleash them. I have seen pictures of terrorist prisoners in Iraq being humiliated hundreds of times. The terrorists make videos of torture and murder. I have seen these photos, but rarely, and only in passing as if they were isolated incidents and equivalent in some way to the humiliation of prisoners. We know that life is not fair.

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