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# PROGRAMS REPORT



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This has been the year of more devious plots to come after your Second Amendment freedoms than ever before. The California Rifle and Pistol Association has been vigilantly fighting the multi-pronged attack throughout the state never losing sight of its core responsibilities. The election and general political climate from the local level to the state capitol to the beltway has defied all the models of years past.

During times of crisis, many people either turn on each other or rally together. I am happy to report that our membership has rallied and worked with us like never before to defeat those in Sacramento who seek to take away our rights. This year we have accomplished much and I want you to know where we are and where we are heading.

The first assault on our rights and the one that continues right up to the time you receive this magazine is Lt. Gov. Newsom's Proposition 63. His grab bag of tactics contained within the proposition aimed at absolute totalitarian gun control under the guise of "Safety for All" has been met by an army of patriots through our Coalition for Civil Liberties Polit-

ical Action Committee that was led by CRPA in partnership with CalGuns Shooting Sports Association, California Waterfowl, Congress of Racial Equality, FFLGuard, Gun Owners of California, Jews Can Shoot, Law Enforcement Alliance of America, National Rifle Association, NRA Members' Council, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pink Pistols, San Francisco Veteran Police Officer's Association and Women Against Gun Control. This is truly a historic alliance united in the fight to preserve your rights.

CRPA worked with law enforcement throughout the state to oppose legislation and proposition 63. The result is that the Association of Deputy District Attorneys for Los Angeles, California Correctional Peace Officers Association, California Fish & Game Wardens' Association, California Police Chiefs Association, California Reserve Peace Officers Association, California State Sheriffs' Association, Law Enforcement Action Network and the Western States Sheriffs' Association all joined us in our opposition to the No on Proposition 63 campaign (stoptheam-mograb.com).

CRPA and its fantastic volunteers

worked booths at major retailers such as Bass Pro, gun shows, trade shows, 2A events and ranges throughout the state in support of the referendum signing to overturn the laws signed by Governor Brown this year. CRPA volunteers have been staying in the fight and bringing the message to California's voters that they must engage in defeating Proposition 63.

Ranges were under attack this year on a variety of issues. CRPA, working closely with a special unit from the NRA, has worked statewide with legal teams, range experts, and specialized teams to not only assist but help ranges be better prepared for future events. Keeping ranges open is key to providing all Californians with a safe place to shoot.

CRPA opened its training center where NRA, Hunter Education, Self Defense, Medical and other curriculums are being taught. In addition, CRPA is work-



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ing with regional trainers to increase access to firearms training to a broader community. Families, women, youth, those new to the sport and seasoned shooters are all benefiting from these opportunities. Many of these are being done with alliances with Cal Guns Shooting Sports Association, NRA, California Fish and Wildlife, local chapters of national organizations such as Rocky Mountain Elk and National Wild Turkey Federation along with local clubs.

Hunters have had their access to hunting lands fiercely protected by the CRPA and its legal team with the National Monument enactments throughout the state. Our alliance with the NRA/ILA and Safari Club International has been excellent.

Despite all of the attacks made upon all of us there are several salient points we must remember:

1. No matter what happens on November 8, 2016, the fight is not even close to being over.
2. We have a decade long fight ahead of us to roll back the bad legislation of the past decade.
3. Your continued support is vital in this fight.

Our promise to you our members and the people of California is that we will not rest until the battle is won. We will continue to fight on with everything we have in our arsenal to protect you and your rights. We will achieve victory no matter what the costs.

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