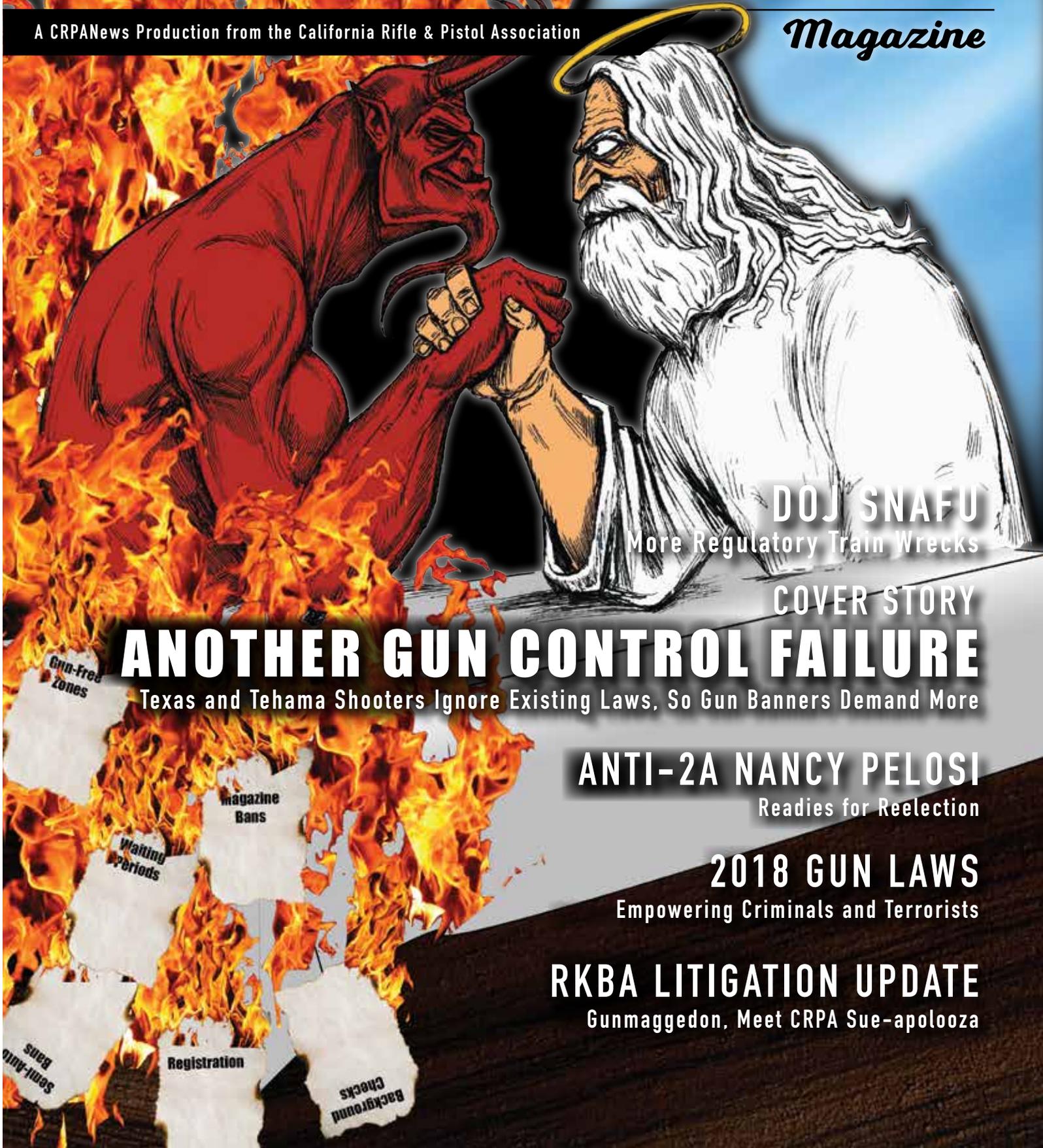


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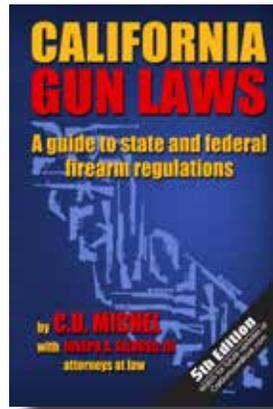
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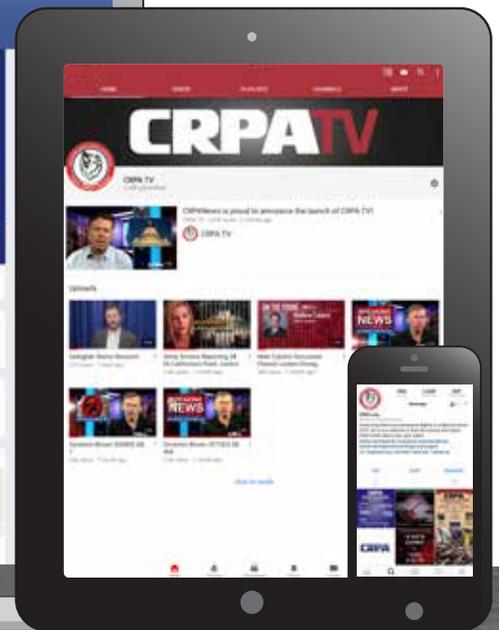
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# CAPITOL REPORT

by Roy Griffith, CRPA Legislative Advocate

Since my last article, Governor Brown signed the following bills that we were in opposition to: AB 7 (Gipson) Open Carry, AB 424 (McCarty) Concealed Carry on School Grounds, AB 1525 (Baker) Firearms Warnings, and SB 620 (Bradford) Reduced penalties for criminals who use a firearm in the commission of a crime. The Governor did veto SB 464 (Hill), Firearms Security. This was a huge victory for FFLs and small businesses throughout California.

Only time will tell the impacts of these bad pieces of legislation. SB 620, Senator Bradford's bill, will eliminate the language prohibiting judges from waiving the penalties when a criminal uses a gun during the commission of mayhem, rape, murder, robbery, carjacking and other extremely violent felonies. AB 424 (McCarty), takes away the authority of school officials to decide who can, and cannot, carry firearms on their school grounds. This can only make our schools even more vulnerable to attack. Refer to our website for details on these, and other, pieces of legislation we followed this session.

Soon we will have a better idea what we will be facing in the 2018 session. I do not want to begin to speculate what bad legislation Sacramento will throw at us. We do know from experience

our opponents are reactionary and will do their best to capitalize on the senseless events where disturbed individuals use firearms to do harm. The message we have to be ready to share is that in these recent incidents the system failed! All the gun control measures in the world will not make a difference when laws already in place are not implemented. Career criminals are not kept behind bars, and worse, are allowed to purchase and possess firearms. We will continue to oppose bad legislation that erodes your rights and support any laws that intend to make life tough on criminals.

I have some good news for you since my last article. Assemblyman Brian Dahle was appointed as the new Minority Floor Leader. Assemblyman Dahle is strong supporter of what we hold dear and has consistently voted to defend the Second Amendment and our wonderful hunting heritage. We will continue to work with Assemblymen Dahle and like-minded members to put forward good legislation and fight bills that aim to erode the rights we hold dear.

It's the time of year to be thankful for all we have, share good food and good times with family and loved ones. Thank you for all you do and the continued support. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!



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BILL		SUPPORT	STATUS
<b>AB 472</b>	(Frazier): *Water transfers: idled agricultural land: wildlife, waterfowl, and bird nesting habitat.	Author gutted and amended bill. Now bill details employer liability: small business.	9/7/17 Gut and amended
<b>AB 521</b>	(Frazier): Hunting: Elk Tag Fees:	California has seen a steady decline of hunters over the past 20 years. Hunters are an essential component of wildlife management and hunting generates dollars vital to conservation efforts throughout California. High prices have been found to be a barrier to new hunters.	8/21/17 Pulled from reconsideration by author/dead
<b>AB 718</b>	(Frazier): Mosquito abatement and vector control districts: Fees:	This bill provides financial relief for land owners regarding mosquito abatement to free up dollars to develop and maintain waterfowl habitat.	10/3/17 Signed by governor
<b>AB 757</b>	(Melendez): Firearms: Concealed carry licenses:	This bill would define "good cause" for these purposes to include self-defense, defending the life of another, or preventing crime in which human life is threatened, and would provide procedural guidelines to the issuing authority on determining the presence or absence of "good cause."	4/4/17 Bill died, party line vote
<b>AB 986</b>	(Gallagher): Hunting and Sport Fishing licenses: Sport Fishing license duration:	Reduction in license fees for veterans. This bill would require a resident or a nonresident, 16 years of age or older, upon payment of the fee, to be issued a sport fishing license for the period of 12 consecutive months beginning on the date of issuance.	6/2/17 Pulled from committee by author, confirmed two-year bill
<b>AB 1040</b>	(Mathis): Department of Justice: Permits:	This bill holds DOJ accountable for a 30-day response time to stated permits and applications. While this bill takes some good steps forward, it does not address all of the concerns we have relating to licensing processing, renewal, and allowed activities by licensees when they obtain the license/permit.	4/4/17 Hearing canceled by author, dead

BILL		OPPOSE	STATUS
<b>AB 7</b>	(Gipson): Firearms: Open Carry:	This bill will further burden law-abiding Californians by expanding the ban on open carry of unloaded firearms.	10/13/17 Signed by governor
<b>AB 8</b>	(Bloom): Mountain Lion, Depredation permits:	This bill would change the Department of Fish and Wildlife's authority in the issuance of depredation from 'shall' to 'may.' This could greatly reduce the number of mountain lions previously taken on depredation permits and restrict the department's ability to keep numbers in check with wildlife and increase livestock loss.	4/25/17 Hearing canceled by author, confirmed two-year bill
<b>AB 424</b>	(McCarty): Possession of a firearm in a school zone:	This bill would remove the authority of school superintendents or those with equivalent authority to give written authority to possess a firearm within a school zone.	10/14/17 Signed by governor
<b>AB 1525</b>	(Baker): Firearm warnings:	AB 1525 would increase the responsibilities on dealers by requiring new warning signs to be posted at gun stores and included in all firearm packaging. Additionally, AB 1525 places a mandate on manufactures by changing their California only "descriptive materials" on firearms to feature a warning sending people to the California Department of Justice web address that fails to provide technical support to the consumer, and currently is not kept up to date.	10/15/17 Signed by governor
<b>SB 464</b>	(Hill): Firearms dealers: Storage and security:	SB 464 will place even more burdensome storage requirements on California licensed firearm dealers, who already face the most restrictive regulations in the nation. All SB 464 will do is result in adding more costs to licensed firearm dealers which will then result in higher prices for the consumer, and potential closing of small businesses.	10/13/17 Signed by governor
<b>SB 620</b>	(Bradford): Firearms: Crimes: enhancements	This bill would in the interest of justice, and at the time of sentencing or re-sentencing, strike the enhancement for the use of firearms in the commission of a felony, otherwise required to be imposed by the current provisions of law.	10/11/17 Signed by governor

BILL		WATCH	STATUS
<b>SB 497</b>	(Portantino): Firearms: Transfers:	SB 497 was amended and no longer limits the sale of long guns to one per month. SB 497 now only requires peace officers to use locked containers to secure unattended handguns.	9/5/17 Amended in assembly. No longer limits long gun sales.



# COURT Report

by C.D. Michel, CRPA President & General Counsel

## Battle Lost, War For RKBA Goes On: Supreme Court Declines Review of NRA / CRPA Supported Legal Challenge to Maryland's "Assault Weapon" Law

**O**n Monday, November 27, the United States Supreme Court (SCOTUS) declined to review the case of *Kolbe v. Hogan*, which challenged Maryland's restrictions on some of America's most popular and commonly owned rifles. The petition sought review of an earlier decision by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals which held that the Second Amendment does not protect the most popular rifles in the country—including AR-15's—as well as standard capacity magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds.

By declining to review the case, SCOTUS did not take a position as to whether or not such laws are unconstitutional. In fact, SCOTUS left open the possibility of a future lawsuit that will once and for all settle the question as to whether or not the Second Amendment protects the most commonly owned rifles and magazines in America, as well as deciding what level of scrutiny should be applied when evaluating the constitutionality of laws that infringe on the right to keep and bear arms. Lower

courts have been upholding unconstitutional laws by applying a lower standard than SCOTUS has held should apply.

In California, both the NRA and CRPA are working together to challenge California's recently enacted gun laws, including the new "assault weapon" restrictions, in the hopes that SCOTUS will ultimately take up another Second Amendment lawsuit and settle these outstanding legal issues. The first case, titled *Rupp v. Becerra*, challenges California's entire "assault weapon" ban as a violation of the Second Amendment, Due Process Clause, and Takings Clause of the United States Constitution. Another case, titled *Duncan v. Becerra*, challenges California's restrictions against magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds.

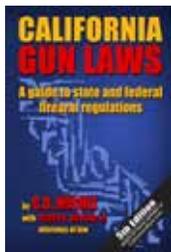
Already, the *Duncan* lawsuit has resulted in an important injunction prohibiting California from enforcing its restrictions while the lawsuit is pending. NRA and CRPA attorneys have also filed a motion for a similar injunction in *Rupp*, and are currently awaiting a decision on that motion from the court.

But the *Rupp* and *Duncan* aren't the only cases that could potentially reach the Supreme Court in the near future. NRA

and CRPA attorneys have also filed a lawsuit challenging California's restrictions on carrying a firearm in public for self-defense following the *Peruta* case. That lawsuit, titled *Flanagan v. Harris*, seeks to force the court to decide once and for all whether it is willing to uphold a complete prohibition on the right of law abiding citizens to carry a firearm for self-defense in public.

And on November 9, 2017, NRA and CRPA attorneys filed a petition to SCOTUS challenging a recent Ninth Circuit opinion upholding California's use of DROS fees to fund its APPS program and other general law enforcement activities unrelated to conducting background checks. That case, titled *Bauer v. Becerra*, is currently pending in SCOTUS, awaiting a decision on whether the Court will take the case for review.

To stay informed on all of these cases, as well as other important Second Amendment issues both here in California and throughout the nation, make sure you are subscribed to NRA and CRPA email alerts. To subscribe to email alerts, visit the NRA-ILA website at [www.standandfightCalifornia.com](http://www.standandfightCalifornia.com) and the CRPA's website at [www.crpa.org](http://www.crpa.org).



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## NRA/CRPA California and 9th Circuit Litigation Matters

Issue	Case Name	Case Status	What's Next
Challenge to California's "assault weapon" restrictions	<b><i>Rupp v. Becerra</i></b>	The case was filed on April 24, 2017, in response to Senate Bill 880 and Assembly Bill 1135. It challenges California's entire "assault weapon" ban as violating the Second Amendment and Due Process and Takings clauses of the U.S. Constitution. Plaintiffs filed a preliminary injunction motion to prevent the State from requiring individuals to provide the date they acquired their firearms and the name and address of the person from whom they acquired them, as a condition of registration.	Plaintiffs will soon be conducting discovery and will either file a motion for summary judgment or proceed to trial.
Challenge to California's ban on standard capacity magazines	<b><i>Duncan v. Becerra</i></b>	The case was filed on May 17, 2017, in response to Senate Bill 1446 and Proposition 63. It challenges California's current restrictions on magazine capacity. On June 29, the court granted CRPA's motion for a preliminary injunction and stayed enforcement of the magazine possession ban while the case is litigated, which was set to take effect on July 1.	On July 27, the California Attorney General appealed the court's decision to issue an injunction to the Ninth Circuit. Appellate briefing is underway. Meanwhile, the case is progressing on the merits in the district court.
Challenge to DOJ's recently enacted "assault weapon" registration regulations	<b><i>Villanueva v. Becerra</i></b>	The case was filed on September 8, 2017, in response to California DOJ adopting regulations concerning newly classified "assault weapons" under SB 880 and AB 1135. It challenges the regulations as violating California's Administrative Procedures Act because they were enacted without appropriate legislative authority and without any input from members of the public.	Plaintiffs filed a motion seeking a preliminary injunction to prevent the illegal regulations from being enforced while the lawsuit is pending. The State has filed a motion to dismiss the case, which plaintiffs are also opposing.
Challenge to CA and Los Angeles Firearm Carry Restrictions that Prohibit Both Open and Concealed Carry	<b><i>Flanagan v. Becerra</i></b> <b><i>(Formerly Flanagan v. Harris)</i></b>	The case was filed on August 17, 2016, as a direct response to Peruta. It seeks to force the court to decide whether it is willing to uphold a complete prohibition on the right of law-abiding citizens to carry a firearm for self-defense. The parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment, which were argued on November 6, 2017. The court took the matter under submission and will be issuing a ruling any day.	Depending on the court's ruling on the cross motions for summary judgment, the next step is either a trial or an appeal to the Ninth Circuit.
Challenge to "good cause" requirement for CCWs	<b><i>Peruta v. California</i></b> <b><i>(Formerly Peruta v. San Diego)</i></b>	On June 26, the Supreme Court issued an order declining to hear the case, but not without a strong dissenting opinion from newly appointed Justice Gorsuch and Justice Thomas, highlighting how the "en banc" panel improperly declined to answer the core question of the case.	While the Peruta case is officially over, the Flanagan lawsuit seeks to force the court to decide whether it is willing to uphold a complete prohibition on the right of law-abiding citizens to carry a firearm for self-defense in public.
Challenge to California DOJ's misuse of the DROS Fee	<b><i>Bauer v. Becerra</i></b> <b><i>(Formerly Bauer v. Harris)</i></b>	In March 2015, the district court issued an opinion upholding California's use of DROS fees to fund APPS and other law enforcement activities. On June 1, 2017, the Ninth Circuit affirmed the district court opinion. And on July 12, it denied Plaintiffs' request for an "en banc" hearing. On November 9, 2017, Plaintiffs' filed a petition for review to the U.S. Supreme Court.	Wait to see if Supreme Court accepts review.
Challenges DOJ's Use of DROS surplus to fund APPS as an Illegal Tax	<b><i>Gentry v. Becerra</i></b> <b><i>(Formerly Gentry v. Harris)</i></b>	Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint alleging that the DROS fee is an invalid tax. On August 9, 2017, the district court issued a ruling granting Plaintiffs' request to prohibit DOJ from using DROS fees to fund unrelated law enforcement efforts and requiring DOJ to perform its statutorily required review of the current \$19 fee to determine whether it is "no more than necessary to fund" DOJ's costs for processing DROS transactions.	Discovery is ongoing and a bench trial on Plaintiffs' remaining claims has been set for March 16, 2018.

Challenge to CA DOJ's underground regulations regarding the FSC Program	<b><i>Belemjian v. Becerra</i></b> <b>(Formerly <i>Belemjian v. Harris</i>)</b>	This case forced DOJ to comply with the process for enacting regulations, which it sought to avoid when implementing the FSC program in February 2015. Plaintiffs appealed the lower court's denial of Plaintiffs' request for attorneys' fees.	Briefing concerning attorney's fees has been completed. Oral arguments are expected to take place in late 2017 or early 2018.
Vagueness challenge to (AB 962's "handgun ammunition" sales registration requirement and mail order ban	<b><i>Parker v. California</i></b>	In December 2016, because of Prop 63, the California Supreme Court dismissed its review of a Court of Appeal opinion affirming the trial court's order striking down AB 962. The Court of Appeal's decision is now the final opinion in the case, and Plaintiffs are seeking their attorneys' fees against the State.	Plaintiffs' motion for appellate attorneys' fees was heard on September 14, 2017. Separate litigation is being prepared to challenge the ammunition restrictions in Proposition 63.
Challenge to California's recently enacted ammunition sale restrictions	<b>N/A</b>	NRA and CRPA attorneys are in the final stages of preparing a lawsuit challenging California's recently enacted ammunition sales restrictions created by Proposition 63 and Senate Bill 1235.	Make sure you are subscribed to NRA and CRPA email alerts to stay informed on this and other important Second Amendment lawsuits.

In addition to the previously mentioned cases, NRA and CRPA regularly provide consulting advice and prepare amicus curiae or "friend of the court" briefs in a number of other firearm related cases. NRA and CRPA have supported or will be supporting the following cases.

## California and 9th Circuit Amicus and Consulting Support

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Case Name</b>	<b>Case Status</b>	<b>What's Next</b>
FFL Zoning Restrictions	<b><i>Teixeira v. Alameda County</i></b>	On October 10, 2017, an 11-judge "en banc" panel of the 9th Circuit issued an opinion which held that the Second Amendment does not protect a right to sell firearms, and that as a result, Alameda County's ordinance does not unconstitutionally burden the right to keep and bear arms.	Plaintiffs may now petition the United States Supreme Court for review.
California Handgun Roster	<b><i>Pena v. Lindley</i></b>	The federal district court upheld the Roster in 2015. Plaintiffs appealed, and oral arguments were held on March 16, 2017. NRA and CRPA filed an amicus brief in the case on July 27, 2015.	Awaiting a decision from the 9th Circuit.
10-Day Wait as applied to current firearm owners	<b><i>Silvester v. Harris</i></b>	In December 2016, the 9th Circuit issued its decision upholding the 10-day wait as applied to current gun owners. Chief Judge Sydney Thomas went even further and stated that the restriction is "presumptively lawful" and therefore falls "outside the scope of the Second Amendment." Plaintiffs have petitioned the United States Supreme Court for review.	Awaiting a decision from the United States Supreme Court on whether or not it will review the case.
1st Amendment challenge to handgun ad prohibition	<b><i>Tracy Rifle and Pistol v. Becerra</i></b> <b>(Formerly <i>Tracy Rifle and Pistol v. Harris</i>)</b>	In July 2015, the district court denied a request to prohibit enforcement while the case proceeds. That decision was appealed, and in February 2016 the 9th Circuit upheld the lower court's order within two weeks of oral arguments. Cross-motions for summary judgment have been filed in the district court.	Awaiting a decision from the District Court on the cross-motions for summary judgment.
FFL zoning ordinance	<b><i>NSSF v. Pleasant Hill</i></b>	The case has been settled.	The City has agreed to pay NSSF over \$400,000 in legal fees.
Challenges DOJ regulation barring sale of more than one handgun in 30 days to COE holders	<b><i>Doe v. Becerra</i></b> <b>(Formerly <i>Doe v. Harris</i>)</b>	The California trial court upheld DOJ's regulation and the plaintiffs have appealed the decision to the California Court of Appeals.	The case has been fully briefed and will soon be scheduled for oral arguments.
Challenge to ban on possession and carriage of firearms on recreational Army Corps' lands	<b><i>Nesbitt v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineer</i></b>	At the request of both parties, oral arguments have been cancelled, and the case has been referred to the 9th Circuit's mediation program.	The Army Corps of Engineers is reconsidering its firearms policy, and will work with plaintiffs to settle the matter outside of court.

State Court challenge to California's micro-stamping requirements	<b><i>NSSF v. California</i></b>	On December 1, the California Court of Appeals issued a ruling in favor of NSSF, allowing the lawsuit to proceed in the lower court. But on March 22, 2017, the California Supreme Court agreed to rehear the case following a petition from the State of California.	The case has been fully briefed and will soon be scheduled for oral arguments before the California Supreme Court.
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NRA and CRPA also litigate and provide assistance in a number of critical Second Amendment cases across the country that could set precedent for future challenges to California gun laws. The following are some of the more recent and significant examples of these cases.

## National Cases with California Interest

Issue	Case Name	Case Status	What's Next
Challenges Maryland's ban on "assault weapons" and 10+ round magazines	<b><i>Kolbe v. Hogan</i></b>	On February 21, 2017, an "en banc" panel of the 4th Circuit issued an opinion upholding Maryland's ban that referred to America's most popular types of rifles as "exceptionally lethal weapons of war." Plaintiffs have petitioned the United States Supreme Court for review.	Several briefs both supporting and opposing Plaintiffs' petition to the United States Supreme Court have been filed, including briefs from <a href="#">NRA</a> and the <a href="#">CRPA Foundation</a> .
Challenges Washington D.C.'s "good reason" requirement for the issuance of a CCW permit	<b><i>Grace v. District of Columbia</i></b>	On July 25, the D.C. Circuit issued its decision declaring Washington D.C.'s "good reason" requirement for the issuance of a CCW as a violation of the Second Amendment. The Court also issued a permanent injunction prohibiting D.C. from enforcing the requirement.  On September 28, the D.C. Circuit denied Washington D.C.'s request for rehearing.	On October 5, 2015, Washington D.C.'s Attorney General decided to not petition the case to the United States Supreme Court. As a result, Washington D.C. is now effectively a "shall-issue" jurisdiction.

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## Local Ordinance Project Report

The Local Ordinance Project (LOP) is a joint venture between NRA and CRPA to research and actively monitor all of California's 58 counties and 482 municipalities to oppose any proposed ordinance, law, or policy that threatens Second Amendment rights. LOP efforts include developing and working with a network of professionals, citizens, local government officials and law enforcement professionals to effectively oppose local threats to California gun owners. Opposition campaigns typically include the preparation of opposition letters or pre-litigation demand letters, grassroots coordination, public information campaigns, and, in some cases, appearances at city council hearings. In many instances, these efforts have prompted local governments to vote down proposals or pull them from consideration. LOP efforts also serve as the foundation for NRA and CRPA litigation efforts against municipalities that enact anti-gun legislation.

<b>Jurisdiction and Issue</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>LOP Response</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
<b>Statewide Local Elections</b>	LOP works hard to inform California gun owners of political candidate's voting records on Second Amendment Issues.	Continually develop and maintain detailed voting histories of local politicians, including whether they proposed or supported any firearm-related legislation.	Ongoing.
<b>LA City's Ban on Sales of "Ultracompact" Handguns</b>	For years, the Los Angeles Municipal Code prohibited the sale or transfer of "ultracompact firearms," even if those firearms were listed on DOJ's "Roster of Handguns Certified for Sale" in California.	On September 20, 2016, NRA and CRPA attorneys submitted a pre-litigation demand letter highlighting how the ordinance was preempted by state law.	As a result of NRA and CRPA's pre-litigation demand, the LA City Council voted to repeal the ordinance.
<b>Palm Springs Anti-Gun Ordinance Package</b>	In June 2016, the City Council instructed the LAPD to work with the anti-gun organization "Crime Gun Solutions" to study and identify so-called "bad apple" gun dealers located in the City of Los Angeles.	In a joint-effort with FFLGuard, prepared and submitted a letter to all FFLs located within the City warning them of the Council's action.	The City has not prosecuted a single dealer as a result of its efforts targeting so-called "bad apple" gun dealers.
<b>San Carlos Moratorium on Firearm Retailers</b>	The City of San Carlos recently proposed and adopted a moratorium on firearm retail businesses as a result of several anti-gun residents complaining of a newly proposed Turner's Outdoorsman which was set to open in mid-November.	NRA and CRPA alerted members to attend the City Council meeting, and submitted a letter of opposition to the proposed moratorium. But the City Council ultimately approved the temporary moratorium on a 4/5ths vote.	The City will soon vote on whether or not to extend the moratorium while the City considers enacting a more restrictive FFL zoning ordinance. NRA and CRPA are continuing to monitor City Council agendas and will provide members with more information as it becomes available.
<b>Moraga Locked Storage and FFL Zoning Ordinance</b>	The Town Council has listed implementation of a "safe firearm storage" and "home based firearm dealer" ordinance as a proposed goal for 2017.	On November 8, 2017, the Town Council proposed a mandatory locked-storage ordinance. NRA and CRPA alerted members to the proposal, and submitted a letter of opposition.	As a result of NRA and CRPA's opposition letter, Moraga pulled the proposed ordinance from consideration. The Town Council is expected to reconsider the proposal early next year.
<b>Encinitas Locked Storage and FFL Zoning Ordinance</b>	March 2016, several City Council members asked staff to prepare an ordinance requiring the locked storage of firearms and restricting where FFLs may be located.	Continuing to monitor City Council agendas for any updates.	City staff have not yet submitted a draft ordinance for review.
<b>Sonoma County CCW Fees</b>	In October 2016, Sonoma County Sheriff Steve Freitas sought approval from the County Board of Supervisors to impose a mandatory psychological test for all CCW applicants and raise the associated fee from \$150 to \$550.	Submitted opposition letter warning of the proposal's serious legal problems, such as how state law capped the psychological testing fee at \$150.	In November 2016, the County Board of Supervisors pulled the proposal from consideration and stated it has no plans for re-introduction at this time.
<b>Belvedere Handgun Storage Ordinance</b>	In September 2016, the City introduced an ordinance requiring all handguns kept at home to be stored in a locked container, providing an exception only for individuals who possessed a valid CCW.	Submitted opposition letter warning of the ordinance's serious legal problems, including state preemption issues.	In October 2016, the City agreed to amend the ordinance to include an exception for all law-abiding citizens when carrying the firearm, regardless of whether or not they possess a valid CCW.

<b>El Cerrito CCW Fees</b>	Under the City's "Master Fee Schedule," residents applying for a CCW must pay a local processing fee of \$961, well in excess of the \$100 statutory maximum for such fees.	Submitted pre-litigation demand letter seeking repeal of the City's excessive application fee.	In November, attorneys for the City agreed that the current fee violates the statutory \$100 cap. As a result, the City will soon introduce a resolution to amend the "Master Fee Schedule" accordingly.
<b>San Jose Anti-Gun Ordinance Package</b>	In September 2016, Council members Ash Kalra and Raul Peralez introduced an anti-gun package for discussion and referral to the City Council.	On October 17, 2017, the City Council discussed a proposed mandatory locked-storage ordinance. NRA and CRPA alerted members to the proposal, and submitted a letter of opposition.	The City Council ultimately voted 6-5 in favor of adoption, but not before serious questions were raised about the precise language of the ordinance, as highlighted by NRA and CRPA's opposition letter. The City Council is expected to hold a final vote in the coming weeks.
<b>Gun Shows at the Del Mar Fairgrounds</b>	At the request of several anti-gun residents, the Del Mar Fairgrounds Board of Directors held an open discussion in November 2016 regarding the use of the grounds by gun shows.	Alerted members to attend meeting and voice support for gun shows. Submitted letter of comment informing Board members of all of the rules and requirements gun show operators are required to adhere to in the State of California.	Following the public discussion, the Board did not take any action and continues to allow the use of the grounds by gun shows.
<b>Riverside County CCW Applications</b>	Several cities in Riverside are charging excessive application fees (as high as \$800 for an initial application) for the issuance of a CCW.	NRA and CRPA have submitted public record requests and will soon be submitting pre-litigation demand letters to each of the offending cities.	Ongoing.
<b>Kern County CCW on School Grounds</b>	Following the enactment of Senate Bill 707, which restricted CCW holders from carrying firearms on school grounds, the Kern County High School Board sought to allow teachers and staff to carry firearms at school.	CRPA provided the Board with a comprehensive guide discussing the school's authority to allow individuals to carry firearms on school grounds.	In November 2016, the Kern High School District Board voted in favor of allowing teachers and staff to carry firearms on school grounds. Recent legislation, however, has rescinded the school's authority to issue written permission to carry on school grounds.
<b>Cupertino Anti-Gun Ordinance Package</b>	On January 12, the Cupertino Public Safety Commission held an open discussion on several proposed anti-gun measures.	Alerted members to attend the Public Safety Commission meeting. Submitted opposition letter informing the Commission of the proposal's serious legal problems not adequately discussed in staff reports.	The Commission ultimately failed to reach a consensus, but the proposal could still come before the City Council at any time. NRA and CRPA are continuing to monitor meeting agenda's for any developments.
<b>Buenaventura FFL Zoning Ordinance</b>	On March 20, the City Council held an open discussion on a proposed ordinance requiring FFLs to install vehicle impact security devices in the form of "bollards" at all entrances to the store.	Alerted members to attend meeting and voice opposition. Submitted a letter of opposition informing the City of the ordinance's serious legal problems.	The City Council discussed NRA and CRPA's opposition prior to making its decision, but ultimately voted 6-1 in favor of the ordinance.
<b>West Covina Chief of Police</b>	The City is currently in the process of selecting a new Chief of Police. The current Chief, David Faulkner, refused to honor the City Council's resolution defining "good cause" for a CCW permit.	Alerted members to attend a special meeting soliciting input from residents and businesses regarding the recruitment of a new Chief of Police.	A decision by the City has not yet been made.
<b>Statewide Public Record Requests</b>	NRA and CRPA regularly seek and obtain public records in connection with any anti-gun efforts in California. Such efforts include proposed anti-gun ordinances, gun buyback programs, and other anti-gun regulatory enforcement issues.	Responses to these requests often yield valuable results, such as which members of a local government entity are working with anti-gun groups, sources of funding, and other important information.	Ongoing.

# Firearms Regulatory Matters Report

Regulatory Counsel efforts involve the continual monitoring of the California Department of Justice (DOJ) and local law enforcement interpretations of California firearm laws to protect gun owners and firearm dealers against unwarranted and unlawful regulatory and enforcement actions. Regulatory Counsel efforts include drafting regulatory comment letters, drafting NRA and CRPA member alerts, and providing advice to NRA and CRPA members. Regulatory Counsel also collaborates with overlapping litigation, legislative, and regulatory matters to effectively oppose improper actions and incorrect interpretations of California law by state and local agencies.

Issue	Description	Regulatory Counsel Response	Current Status
<b>CA DOJ's "Bullet-Button Assault Weapon" Regulations December 2016</b>	In December 2016, CA DOJ submitted its anticipated regulations regarding the procedures for registering newly classified "assault weapons" under Senate Bill 880 and Assembly Bill 1135.	NRA and CRPA alerted members to the proposal, submitted a pre-litigation demand letter to DOJ and an opposition letter to Office of Administrative Law, and produced a webinar outlining the effects of the proposal should it become law.	These regulations were withdrawn before they went into effect.
<b>CA DOJ's "Bullet-Button Assault Weapon" Regulations May 2017</b>	After withdrawing the December 2016 regulations in February 2017, CA DOJ resubmitted the regulations for "assault weapons" in May 2017.	NRA and CRPA again alerted members to the proposed regulations, and submitted a comprehensive opposition letter. NRA and CRPA also produced a webinar outlining the new changes and requirements for registration.	On June 26, California's Office of Administrative Law formally rejected DOJ's proposed regulations, sending CA DOJ back to the drawing board for a second time.
<b>CA DOJ's "Bullet-Button Assault Weapon" Regulations July 2017</b>	Shortly after California's Office of Administrative Law formally rejected DOJ's second set of proposed regulations, DOJ resubmitted their regulations without any substantive change.	NRA and CRPA again alerted members to the resubmission, but before NRA and CRPA attorneys could respond, California's Office of Administrative Law approved the regulations nearly a full month before it was required to make a decision.	NRA and CRPA attorneys have filed the Villanueva lawsuit challenging the regulations as a violation of California's Administrative Procedures Act.
<b>CA DOJ's Proposed "Ammunition Vendor Licensing" Regulations</b>	In July, CA DOJ submitted its anticipated regulations for the issuance of ammunition vendor licenses.	NRA and CRPA alerted members to the proposal and provided members with information on how to submit comments on the proposal.	NRA and CRPA attorneys have submitted a letter of comment on the proposed regulations, and continue to monitor the proposal and provide analysis as DOJ fails to enact necessary regulations.
<b>CA DOJ's Proposed "Large-Capacity" Magazine Regulations</b>	In December 2016, CA DOJ proposed a series of "emergency" regulations relating to magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds.	NRA and CRPA alerted members to voice their opposition and submit comments, and prepared a comprehensive analysis of the proposed regulations' effects. NRA and CRPA also submitted a letter of opposition to the Office of Administrative Law.	On December 29, 2016, CA DOJ voluntarily withdrew its proposal.
<b>Public Record Requests</b>	NRA and CRPA regularly seek and obtain public records from CA DOJ and local law enforcement relating to internal agency policies and interpretations of CA firearm laws.	NRA and CRPA regularly seek and obtain public records from CA DOJ and local law enforcement relating to internal agency policies and interpretations of CA firearm laws.	Ongoing.
<b>New California Gun Laws</b>	Given California's continually evolving and complex firearm laws, many gun owners, manufacturers, and dealers are often left wondering how best to avoid being prosecuted for otherwise unintentional violations that can result in serious consequences.	NRA and CRPA regularly work to provide Californians with up-to-date information on California laws, regulations, and policies regarding firearms to help gun owners avoid prosecution and retain their right to keep and bear arms.	Ongoing. In connection with these efforts, NRA and CRPA continue to produce several webinars on a variety of topics, including the loaning of firearms, the new "assault weapon" laws, the new ammunition sales laws, and the recently adopted "assault weapon" regulations.

<b>Assistance for California Members</b>	NRA and CRPA continually assist members with questions concerning California firearm laws.	NRA and CRPA have a variety of resources available to members, including the ability to refer individuals to attorneys specializing in firearm laws.	In connection with these efforts, NRA and CRPA attorneys continue to provide analysis of parts and configurations of firearms, and provide lectures and general advice to members of the public and law enforcement regarding changes in California gun laws.
<b>Gun Violence Restraining Orders</b>	Since January 2016, a new law allows law enforcement or immediate family members to seek a “gun violence restraining order” against another.	NRA and CRPA published a comprehensive guide for judges, prosecutors, attorneys, police, and gun owners explaining all aspects of the new law.	The published guide is available on <a href="http://www.crpa.org">www.crpa.org</a> .
<b>Implementation of Prop 63</b>	Beginning January 1, 2018, courts will require those convicted of firearm prohibiting offenses to turn in/transfer firearms pursuant to Prop 63.	To better inform the courts and members of the public regarding this process, and in an effort to avoid confusion and inadvertent violations, NRA and CRPA prepared and submitted a letter of comment to the Judicial Council of California.	NRA and CRPA are continuing to monitor the implementation of Prop 63 and have provided public comment to the Judicial Council of California.
<b>Assistance to Gun Clubs and Youth Groups</b>	California law substantially regulates and restricts the acquisition, transfer, and loan of firearms. Firearm clubs and youth groups are particularly affected by these restrictions.	NRA and CRPA are currently assisting these groups navigate CA’s requirements and advising how best to avoid unintentional violations of CA law.	Ongoing.
<b>California’s Firearm Violence Research Center</b>	California granted \$5 million to create the “California Firearm Violence Research Center.” The individual chosen to head this center is a known anti-Second Amendment advocate.	NRA and CRPA are continuing to monitor the center’s activities to ensure taxpayer money is not wasted on biased and unsubstantiated research.	Ongoing.

## Hunting Regulatory Matters

NRA and CRPA regularly monitor issues impacting hunters in California and continually develop strategies for taking action when necessary before the Legislature, the Fish & Game Commission, local municipalities, and various regulatory agencies. Hunting Regulatory efforts are also dedicated to pushing back against rabidly anti-hunting forces such as the United States Humane Society. Hunting Regulatory efforts seek to improve policies impacting hunters in California to effectively promote and defend the right to hunt in California.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Recent Action</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Coalition Building &amp; Uniting Hunting Groups to Promote and Protect Hunting Rights</b>	N/A	Prepared two full days of presentations developed by NRA and CRPA to California hunting groups laying out a plan for addressing attacks on hunting rights in California.	The groups unanimously agreed to form a coalition and develop a coordinated system to effectively and efficiently oppose and roll back anti-hunting regulations.
<b>Potential Legal Challenges to Regulations Restricting Hunting Right</b>	Fish & Game Commission, Municipalities, Regulatory Bodies	Prepare memoranda on viability of lawsuits challenging regulations; maintain ongoing list of potential legal challenges.	Ongoing efforts to closely monitor current and potential legal challenges to timely and effectively intervene or file litigation as appropriate.
<b>Monitoring anti-hunting forces</b>	Fish & Game Commission, Municipalities, Regulatory Bodies	Prepare memoranda on viability of lawsuits challenging regulations; maintain ongoing list of potential legal challenges.	Ongoing efforts to closely monitor current and potential legal challenges to timely and effectively intervene or file litigation as appropriate.

<b>Monitoring anti-hunting forces</b>	Fish & Game Commission, Municipalities, Regulatory Bodies	Ongoing monitoring of lawsuits and activities of potential interest to hunting related matters in California. Regularly submit public records act requests for documents concerning efforts of anti-hunting groups. Analyze Fish & Game Commission meeting agendas and prepare lobbyists for addressing matters of interest at FGC & WRC meetings.	Ongoing efforts to closely monitor various hunting related issues to allow for timely and effective intervention as necessary.
<b>Increasing Support for Hunting Rights Throughout California</b>	N/A	Developed and distributed computer presentations for distribution by coalition of hunting groups that outline the attacks hunters are facing. Presented to Council to Advance Hunting and Shooting Sports regarding issues in California to garner support.	Ongoing efforts to grow hunting rights coalitions and spread awareness.
<b>Membership Alerts</b>	N/A	Prepare alerts regarding new hunting rules and regulations and advise of NRA and CRPA efforts to promote and defend hunting rights in California.	Ongoing.
<b>Anti-hunting Regulations</b>	Fish & Game Commission	Development of petitions to repeal or amend current regulations that negatively affect hunters and to promote adoption of regulations that benefit hunters.	The petition to allow big game archery hunters to carry side arms has been referred to the Department for possible implementation.
<b>Opposing HSUS Predator Policies</b>	Fish & Game Commission, Municipalities	Ongoing efforts to prepare representatives for attendance at Wildlife Resource Committee hearings on predators. Presented at coyote management symposium regarding negative impacts of HSUS on predator management policies. Drafted manuscript explaining HSUS lies for publication in predator management circles. Grassroots organization to mobilize and direct local residents of cities with HSUS coyote policies.	Ongoing efforts to challenge HSUS regarding non-lethal coyote policies in cities where pets and family members are being attacked. Working to broaden coalition of individuals opposed to HSUS policies in light of dangers to typical family households while informing industry members of predator management about opportunities to oppose.

## Range Matters Report

Ongoing monitoring of legal issues and counsel assistance efforts for environmental, land use, design and safety litigation and representation nationwide involving shooting ranges/areas. Regularly perform range evaluations and meet with Club Board of Directors on behalf of NRA and CRPA to strategize and assist with coordination of defense campaigns against NIMBY, environmental NGOs, agency and/or municipality matters.

Issue	Recent Action	Status
<b>Stormwater runoff</b>	Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Region 5R has been inspecting all shooting ranges in the region requiring sampling for potential lead contamination in stormwater runoff, utilizing drinking water standards. This has the potential to set extremely bad precedent for regulating ranges for stormwater runoff (using drinking water standards) and may potentially shut down numerous ranges.	Ongoing efforts to assist ranges and engage the RWQCB Region 5R representatives to contest the validity of RWQCB's actions. Working to prevent RWQCB from using the drinking water standards (0.010 mg/L for lead) and invoke the proper stormwater standards (0.262 mg/L), if not stopping RWQCB's actions entirely.
<b>Non-conforming "Use Status" and "Use Intensification"</b>	Counties are attempting to break shooting ranges' grandfathering as a non-conforming use under County Ordinance. Once the grandfathered status of a range is broken through a use intensification argument or a subsequent County Ordinance requiring a Conditional Use Permit under the guise of health and safety concerns, compliance with current County Ordinance is effectively impossible and range closure is certain.	Ongoing efforts to assist ranges in defending their grandfathered status is crucial in keeping these ranges open and operating.

# PROGRAMS REPORT

by Sarah Barrett, CRPA Programs & Events Manager

Here at CRPA, we are focused on preserving and protecting the Second Amendment for the next generation. We do this by providing a variety of programs that empower youth and adults to be safe, shoot straight, and fight back! Coming in 2018, we have a variety of fresh, new programs in development and we continue to work hand-in-hand with many grassroots organizations and dedicated members all across the beautiful state of California.

One organization we are thrilled to be more involved with in 2018 is Boy Scouts of America (BSA). CRPA will continue to sup-



port councils and different regions with legal and legislative support, as well as offer scholarship and co-sponsoring opportunities! As we at CRPA have been working with BSA for many years now, we also attend camp Three Falls, and offer our own staff as RSO's as we help youth to obtain their merit badges. CRPA also has plans to support BSA Shooting Sports Training by hosting troops at our newly-renovated training center in Fullerton, CA, as well as other remote locations across California.

Not only do we support JROTC matches, statewide championships, and co-sponsoring events, we would also like to extend scholarships to encourage attendance at any of CRPA's youth hunt camps in 2018. Due to the fires in the Northern California area, programs such as JROTC have lost many businesses, organiza-

tions, and opportunities to shoot, most notably the devastation of the Napa Rifle & Pistol Club, also known as the Napa Gun Club. We have also recently



lost a few ranges in Southern California as well, in which CRPA would like to offer any support and assistance possible to help members and their families recover from such a tremendous loss, both in Northern and Southern California.

As CRPA supports many events, matches and championships throughout the state, we will be working towards



developing and sponsoring a state championship, as well as a few scholarships! The state championship will include shotgun and trap, as well as marksmanship: pistol

and rifle. The two scholarships we would like to offer are: a CRPA Conservation Scholarship and a Shooting Sports Scholarship. This will help National 4-H Shooting Sports to have even more participation and additional motivation for youth to get engaged! Details of these scholarships can be found below. Furthermore, in 2019, CRPA will be hosting a National 4-H Western Heritage event locally, despite this event having been in Montana and Missouri in the past years. We are honored to host this event here in California for the first time, and are excited to continue building a stronger Sass community (cowboy action shooting) that anyone can be a part of!

## CRPA SHOOTING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

CRPA is establishing a Collegiate Shooting Scholarship Program to support the preservation of the Second Amendment into higher education. This annual one-time scholarship is open to high school seniors and college

freshmen in California and serves as an opportunity for these students to receive CRPA support in continuing their education and their passion for shooting sports.

Applicants must:

- Provide unofficial transcript showing at least a 3.0 GPA
- Include a copy of acceptance letter of chosen college
- Write a short essay (500-750 words) on the importance of the Second Amendment and how it affects their lives.



### WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

CRPA is establishing a College Scholarship Program dedicated to the conservation of wildlife in California. This annual one-time scholarship is available to high school seniors and college freshmen and sophomores in California offering support to students who want to preserve California wildlife.

Applicants must:

- Provide unofficial transcript showing at least a 3.0 GPA
- Include a copy of acceptance letter of chosen college
- Write a short essay (500-750 words) on their plan to continue wildlife preservation efforts throughout their collegiate careers or how preservation of wildlife has enriched their lives.

**To submit your application or for more information, please email [contact@crpa.org](mailto:contact@crpa.org).**

### PHEASANT HUNTS

We just recently completed our first pheasant hunt of 2017 in Dunnigan, California at Mike Raahauge Shooting Enterprises. We had a great turnout of first time hunters who learned how to properly hunt pheasants and some who even won some raffle prizes! We look forward to 2018 as we have two more of these pheasant hunts planned in central California in January, and Imperial Valley in February.



### YOUTH HUNTING AND YOUTH CAMPS

Youth Hunt Camps are coming in 2018 all across the state of California, and we can hardly wait! CRPA works with Boy Scouts of America during these camps to educate youth on hunting and conservation. The students are given the opportunity to go out and hunt with shotguns and dog handlers, as well as learn the proper way to clean and prepare the pheasants. This is a great opportunity for CRPA to engage the next generation of hunters by learning from the masters of the current generation! Please stay tuned for more details and locations. CRPA also co-sponsors the annual Jr. Pheasant Hunt in San Diego, a fun day filled with seminars on Dog Retrieving and Turkey Hunting, as well as a Trap Shotgun Range, Field Hunting, Bird Cleaning, and of course- great food!

### NATIONAL PROGRAMS WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH IN 2018:

- NSSP (National Shooting Sports Programs)
- National 4-H Shooting Sports
- CYSSA (California Youth Shooting Sports Association)
- NSSF (National Shooting Sports Foundation)
- SSSF (Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation)
- SCTP (Scholastic Clay Target Program)
- BSA (Boy Scouts of America)
- Project ChildSafe
- West End Gun Club
- Mother Lode Gun Club



### Sarah Barrett CRPA PROGRAMS & EVENTS MANAGER

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# ANOTHER GUN CONTROL FAILURE:

**Texas and Tehama Shooters  
Ignore Existing Laws,  
So Gun Banners Demand More**

*by C.D. Michel, CRPA President and General Counsel*

**A**s Democratic Party strategist and current Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel famously said; “You never want a serious crisis to go to waste, and what I mean by that is an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before.”

Pushing gun control in the wake of tragedies, even before the facts are known, is now standard practice for the gun ban lobby and the politicians who serve them. Get out early, control the narrative, push talking points, and make it about too many guns that are too easily available. Demand “common sense” gun bans “to make us safer.”

Of course, its baloney. But this messaging campaign was in full swing after the horrible murders in Sutherland Springs, Texas and Rancho Tehama, California, and the gun-facts-clueless main stream media played along as usual.

But what’s the real story here? What’s the takeaway from the actions of these cold-blooded murderers?

Multiple gun laws failed. Repeatedly. Hardened security helped, but it took good guys with guns to ultimately put an end to the bad guys.

California has the toughest and most restrictive firearm laws in the country. So much so, that after the passage of the latest



wave of gun bans in 2016 (aptly dubbed “Gunmageddon” by California gun owners), elitist and statist gun-control activists are now getting to the bottom of their gun control wish list. Every gun sale is background checked. Prohibited persons with guns are supposed to be monitored and tracked down. Certain guns are illegal. Guns are banned on school grounds.

Meanwhile, none of the gun laws promoted as “common sense” safety measures stopped the shooter in Tehama from getting guns illegally and driving right into an elementary school’s “gun free” zone. The shooter was well known to neighbors as a man with a history of violence. He was “known” to police, who frequently had tense contacts with him. He was out on bail for stabbing a neighbor. He was subject to a restraining order. The day before his attacks, he was contacted by the Tehama County Sheriff regarding a do-

mestic violence call. And it appears he made guns himself, illegally.

While the exact details of his multiple run-ins with law enforcement are uncertain at present time, one thing is crystal clear: this man was banned from acquiring or possessing firearms under multiple California gun laws. Yet he did.

He had several firearms that he acquired easily and possessed openly. So the social narrative that the press should be covering is that gun possession bans failed. They don’t stop violent crazies who can always get a gun one way or another. So what new law would have stopped this murderer? Fortunately, the school he tried to invade was locked down and hardened enough to slow him down from getting in. Defensive actions like that are great, but not all schools can be retrofitted that way. What about them?

The Sutherland Springs church massacre illustrates similar gun control failures. Although in Texas not every gun sale must be processed through a licensed firearm dealer, the Texas shooter

did and passed the obligatory background check. That background check should have stopped the sale, because the shooter had a bad conduct discharge from the United States Air Force for assaulting his spouse and child, and serving 12-months confinement. This conviction for a crime of domestic violence prohibited him from possessing firearms. But the Air Force never gave the information to the FBI, so it never made it into the prohibited person database.

There’s more. The Texas shooter had recently escaped from a mental health facility! This also prohibited the Texas shooter from owning or possessing firearms. For whatever reason, this wasn’t in the database either.

Turns out the National Instant Check System is woefully incomplete, as the NRA and NSSF have been pointing out for years. Check it out: [www.FixNICS.com](http://www.FixNICS.com).

Before these facts in the Texas and Tehama shooting were known, gun-ban advocates ramped up the media spin machine, condemned the NRA, and again demanded stricter gun control laws. Then in Texas, we learned that an armed citizen, NRA member and certified firearm instructor, and “good guy with a gun” intervened to put a stop to the bloodshed before it got worse. The false narrative of more gun control laws will keep us safer met reality.

Taking away the right of law-abiding citizens to defend themselves will do nothing to stop evil. Citizens have a choice. Take some responsibility to be prepared to defend yourself, or trust in the government, and the laws that repeatedly fail, to protect you.

To CRPA, the choice is obvious. So obvious in fact, that CRPA will be offering free classes to all religions in how to secure and protect places of worship. Demand is high. Subscribe to CRPA bulletins for more information.

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## DOJ'S REGULATORY TRAIN WRECK

### A History of Bureaucratic Failures: Part III

by C.D. Michel, CRPA President and General Counsel  
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We continue this month with part 3 of our ongoing series highlighting DOJ's regulatory train wrecks over the years. In part 1, we highlighted the many attempts and subsequent failures of DOJ to enact further restrictions on so-called "assault weapons." In part 2, we explained how DOJ contradicted its own opinions when pushing regulations or policies to expand the number of firearms covered by Senate Bill 23, as well as more chronological failures since 1999.

For this third installment, we highlight some of the more recent failures, some of which have resulted in litigation which is still ongoing.

#### 2014 – DOJ Prohibits Licensed Collectors from Purchasing Certain Handguns

In 2014, the Chief of the Bureau of Firearms at DOJ sent a letter to California licensed firearm dealers informing them of a new DOJ policy prohibiting licensed collectors from purchasing more than one handgun a month if the handgun is not specifically a "curio or relic," as defined under federal law. But DOJ's position, is again specifically contradicted by existing California law. A lawsuit titled *Doe v. Becerra*, is currently challenging DOJ's unsupported interpretation of the law. The case has now been fully briefed before the California Court of Appeals and is awaiting oral arguments.

For more information, be sure to check out the NRA/CRPA Legal Affairs Report available online at <https://www.nraaila.org/legal-legislation/state-legislation/california/2017/october-2017-litigation-report/> and <http://crpa.org/legal-affairs-report/>.

#### 2015 – DOJ's Failure to Issue "Firearm Safety Certificate" Regulations (Or Lack Thereof)

In 2013, the legislature passed Senate Bill ("SB") 683, which extended the requirements for handguns sales (specifically, the Handgun Safety Certificate and demonstration of safe handling requirement) to all firearm sales, creating what is now known as the Firearm Safety Certificate ("FSC"). Generally, the new law requires individuals to obtain an FSC prior to purchasing firearms, and to perform a safe handling demonstration with the firearm prior to taking delivery.

The law took effect on January 1, 2015, and DOJ had over a year to propose and implement the required regulations for the FSC program and safe handling requirements. But DOJ did nothing to facilitate the implementation of the law.

Finally, in October of 2014, DOJ told all firearm dealers and instructors that the FSC requirements were coming, but said that they would not be available until January 1—the same day the requirements were to go into effect. Essentially, DOJ telling firearm dealers and instructors that DOJ was not providing ANY advance notice to Californians.

Following DOJ's announcement, and the subsequent industry backlash, DOJ attempted to make the FSC requirements available in mid-December 2014 during the middle of the holiday season. But DOJ overlooked the fact that all of its requirements were "regulations," which required DOJ to submit them for approval to California's Office of Administrative Law pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act ("APA"). If DOJ failed to do so, the regulations would risk being found illegal and unenforceable. Even so, DOJ made it clear it had no intention of implementing the requirements though the APA until later in 2015, after the requirements became law.

In response, NRA and CRPA filed a

lawsuit challenging DOJ's refusal to follow proper rule-making procedure and enforcing illegal "underground regulations." Only after that suit was filed did DOJ finally introduce so-called "emergency" regulations in March 2015—three months late and a year and a half after the law requiring the regulations were passed. But the so-called "emergency" regulations were nothing of the kind! They were put in place and "extended temporarily" throughout the year as far as they could, with DOJ taking no action to make the regulations permanent until October 2015.

Then DOJ, as required by the APA, published the proposed regulations, asked for the required public comment, and had the prerequisite hearing for the regulations. Unsurprisingly, DOJ ignored all public comments and concerns raised by the firearms industry. DOJ published the "emergency" regulations as permanent regulations without a single modification.

#### 2016 - Lack of Regulations for Sales to Private Patrol Operators

In 2014, the legislature passed Assembly Bill 2220 ("AB 2220"), allowing for Private Patrol Operators (i.e., security guard companies, "PPOs") to acquire firearms and loan them out to their employees. California law has unique restrictions on legal entities, like corporations, acquiring firearms. Only individuals are able to acquire and own firearms. AB 2220 was drafted to allow PPOs to acquire firearms, and to loan them to employees (in compliance with California's numerous other restrictions on acquiring and loaning firearms.) This law, like the law for FSCs, gave DOJ ample time to craft and adopt the required regulations.

Recently, DOJ released an information

bulletin regarding their failure to implement necessary regulations for the sale of firearms to PPOs. Because DOJ has still failed to implement the necessary regulations, DOJ has given PPOs and their employees blanket immunity from a number of California firearm laws. What's more, the bulletin expressly instructs law enforcement to not arrest security guards found to be in possession of firearms which are not registered to them.

It remains to be seen, but it is unlikely that DOJ will attempt to fix the issue anytime soon. And unless significant changes are made with respect to other necessary firearm related regulations, it is very well likely that we will start seeing similar bulletins regarding other California firearm laws.

**2016 – NRA and CRPA Challenge DOJ's Prohibition Against Out-of-State PPTs**

In November 2016, NRA and CRPA petitioned the OAL to declare DOJ's prohibition on out of state sellers from engaging in private party transfers as an "underground regulation. While the Office of Administrative Law ultimately decided to take no action on the petition, further legal options are being considered at this time, including potential litigation.

**December 2016 - "Emergency" "Large-Capacity" Magazine Regulations**

Around the same 2016 holiday time that DOJ first proposed "assault weapon" regulations, DOJ proposed "emergency" regulations for laws relating to "large-capacity magazines." Keep in mind that, aside from restricting the possession of "large-capacity magazines" and adding/modifying certain exceptions for the restrictions on "large-capacity" magazines, not much else changed under California law for magazines. Nevertheless, DOJ created new regulations for firearm dealers with "large-capacity magazine" permits and to add definitions for what a "permanently altered" magazine is, and which dual tube shotguns had "large-capacity magazines" and which didn't.

There were a number of problems with these so-called "emergency" regulations.

Despite the laws restricting "large-capacity magazines" being signed by Governor Brown in July and the requirements of Proposition 63 being known to DOJ for an entire year, DOJ waited until two days before Christmas to introduce its regulations. The timing was certainly questionable. Either DOJ was trying to sneak regulations in during the holiday season thinking no one would notice, or it had waited until the end of the year to propose "emergency" regulations for a law that had been in place since 2000. In either case, this did not constitute an emergency, and the OAL essentially provided DOJ with information that the proposed regulations would be rejected.

NRA and CRPA filed a joint-opposition letter to the proposal, as did Shasta County Sheriff Tom Bosenko. In response, DOJ withdrew the regulations instead of going through the humiliating experience of having its regulations rejected.

**July 2017 - DOJ Blows Ammo Vendor Regulation Deadline**

California law requires DOJ to create regulations establishing the process to obtain an ammunition vendor's license for people who sell ammunition and who aren't already California firearm dealers. The law requires these regulations to be in place by July 1, 2017 and for individuals to apply for these licenses prior to January 1, 2018. On January 1, 2018, it will be illegal for Californians to sell ammunition (barring limited exceptions) unless they have an ammunition vendor's license or California firearm dealer's license. California law also requires DOJ to come up with a database of ammunition vendors, establish the fees a vendor may charge for a transfer, and establish the certificate of eligibility requirements for ammunition vendor employees.

Finally, on July 14, after NRA and CRPA attorneys warned of the consequences of delay, DOJ released its proposed regulations and began the rulemaking process. The proposed text, however, was less than two pages long, and for the most part restated what was already contained in the Penal Code. So why the long delay?

Also troubling is that the APA

process takes almost two months to complete. While regulations are under review, there is a 45-day public comment period after the regulations are posted, and afterwards, DOJ must provide a "Final Statement of Reasons" saying why it followed or did not follow the public comments. If DOJ does decide to implement some of the public's suggestions or modify the regulations following comments, the timetable can be extended depending on how substantial the change is. In other words, even though the regulations have now been published, the earliest the regulations could be in place is late September. The OAL has 30 days to review the submitted regulations as well, which could push the regulations into October. This would leave less than three months for ammunition vendors to obtain their licenses.

**Conclusion**

DOJ has shown that it cannot be trusted to interpret the law objectively. Over the years DOJ has repeatedly attempted to enact burdensome and unnecessary regulations and policies, avoided passing needed ones, and tried to avoid its statutorily mandated duty to allow for public comment, to consider those comments carefully, and to respond to them truthfully. The CRPA/NRA Regulatory Watchdog Program is a critical effort to keep them honest.

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# NEWS ALERT

## Another Day, Another Failure—California DOJ Recognizes Own Shortcomings by Allowing Security Guard Companies to Acquire and Lend Firearms Without State System in Place

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California Department of Justice DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT Kevin Gardner, Chief		<b>INFORMATION BULLETIN</b>
Subject: <b>Assignment of Firearms to Licensed Security Guards by Private Patrol Operators</b>	No. 2017-BOF-01 Date: 11/02/2017	Contact for information: <b>Bureau of Firearms (916) 227-7527</b>

**TO: All California Law Enforcement Agencies, California Firearm Dealers, Private Patrol Operators, and all other interested persons**

**AB 2220 (Stats. 2014, ch. 423) – Private Patrol Operators**  
This information bulletin provides a brief summary of Assembly Bill (AB) 2220 (Stats. 2014, ch. 423) which became effective July 1, 2016. The California Legislature enacted legislation that establishes procedures allowing a Private Patrol Operator (PPO) business entity to be a registered owner of a firearm. Additionally, this bill allows a security guard to be assigned a firearm by the PPO and for a firearm custodian to be designated by the PPO.

**Background**  
Previous practices and statutes authorized the purchase, registration, and ownership of firearms by an individual, but not by a business entity. AB 2220 authorized business ownership and registration of firearms in the case of PPOs who are actively providing armed private contract security services. A PPO may assign firearms it owns to employees who are licensed to carry firearms by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS). An assignment of a firearm by a PPO to an employee does not constitute a loan, sale, or transfer of a firearm. (Pen. Code §§ 28010, 28012, 28018.)

**Records of Sale Submitted to the Department of Justice**  
The current Dealer Record of Sale (DRoS) Entry System (DES) is not capable of recognizing a business as a firearm purchaser or owner. As a result of AB 2220, the Department of Justice (DOJ) intends to modify the DES and Automated Firearm System (AFS) to allow a PPO to be listed as the purchaser and registered owner of a firearm. Additionally, the DOJ intends to create a process for PPOs to submit a Certificate of Assignment to identify the employee of the PPO in AFS who has been assigned a firearm owned by the PPO. (Pen. Code § 28012.) These changes are anticipated to be completed by July 1, 2019.

For the interim period, California firearms dealers are advised to continue completing the current DRoS process to the owner or manager of the PPO for any firearms being purchased on behalf of the business. The PPO is responsible for maintaining their own firearm assignment records.

**Law Enforcement**  
Until modifications to the DES and AFS systems are complete, law enforcement personnel may continue to encounter armed security guards who have the requisite permits and qualifications to carry a firearm in the course of their duties as security guards, but who are not actually the registered owners of the firearm. A security guard licensed to carry a firearm by BSIS, is eligible to be assigned a business owned firearm by a PPO for whom they are employed. An assignment of a firearm to an eligible and licensed security guard by a PPO is not a violation of Pen. Code § 27545. (Pen. Code §§ 28010, 28012, 28018.)

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In some cases, law enforcement has confiscated the firearm during a traffic stop or other encounter where the only issue was the firearm not being registered in the security guard's name. In circumstances where the firearm is properly assigned to a security guard, law enforcement agencies are encouraged to refrain from taking any action to confiscate the firearm or arrest the security guard for offenses related to possession of a firearm by an individual other than the registered owner, if the firearm can be determined to be registered to a representative of the security guard's employing PPO.

If you have any questions regarding this Information Bulletin, please contact the Department of Justice, Bureau of Firearms at (916) 227-7527.

Sincerely,  
  
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For XAVIER BECERRA  
Attorney General

On November 2, 2017, California Department of Justice (“DOJ”) quietly released a new information bulletin (see below) regarding the transfer of firearms to certain licensed security guard companies (commonly referred to as Private Patrol Operators or “PPOs”). This bulletin gives PPOs and their employees blanket immunity from several California firearm laws due to DOJ’s inability to implement necessary regulations and systems.

For many years, California required all firearms purchased in the state to be registered to the individual acquiring ownership of the firearm. But this requirement presented a unique problem for businesses like PPOs who need to acquire firearms in the name of their company and then loan the firearms to employees for the purposes of their employment. To address this issue, California enacted Assembly Bill No. 2220 (“AB 2220”) in 2014.

Commencing July 1, 2016, AB 2220 allows PPOs to acquire firearms from California licensed firearm dealers in the name of the PPO, as opposed to a specific individual, and provides a means for the PPO to lawfully lend its firearms to its employees. AB 2220 also allows PPOs, previously in possession of firearms, to register those firearms in the name of the PPO. But, to implement the provisions of AB 2220, DOJ was required to enact certain necessary regulations and systems by July 1, 2016 to carry out this process. This included updating the DRoS (which stands for Dealer Record of Sale) Entry System to allow California licensed firearm retailers to process such transactions for the PPO.

Given DOJ’s repeated failures at enacting appropriate and necessary regulations for firearms (such as the recently adopted regulations regarding the registration of newly classified “assault weapons”), it should come as no surprise that DOJ failed to enact the regulations necessary for the implementation of AB 2220. To this day, DOJ has failed to even propose any regulations on the subject. PPOs were rightly frustrated with DOJ’s clear inability to perform its ministerial duties. And to make matters worse, DOJ’s information bulletin suggests that the necessary regulations and requirements will not be in effect until July 1, 2019—more than five years after AB 2220 was enacted.

With the release of this information bulletin, however,

Document can be found on <https://oag.ca.gov/>

PPOs will have at least some cover moving forward should they choose to engage in what the state considers lawful activity. But it also presents its own unique problems. As stated in the bulletin:

For the interim period, California firearms dealers are advised to continue completing the current DROS process to the owner or manager of the PPO for any firearms being purchased on behalf of the business. The PPO is responsible for maintaining their own firearm assignment records.

Such a statement would be laughable if it wasn't so tragically flawed. For one, DOJ is instructing firearm dealers to continue selling firearms to individual owners or managers of the PPO in their name when in fact they are purchasing the firearm on behalf of the company (a potential violation of federal law). Even so, DOJ fails to make any mention of how California licensed firearm dealers should conduct such transactions. To that end, we suggest PPO owners or managers notify the California licensed firearms dealer in advance of the purchase. What's more, we also strongly advise dealers and PPOs to comply with the federal requirements for transferring firearms to a business or corporation as discussed on the federal 4473 form.

DOJ also fails to clarify what is meant by the statement that the "PPO is responsible for maintaining their own firearm assignment records." California law states that the "firearms custodian is responsible for the tracking, safekeeping, and inventory of those firearms of the PPO for which the custodian is designated." But the law doesn't specify what that recordkeeping should entail and neither does DOJ. Without further clarification from DOJ, PPOs will have no way of knowing what is specifically required in order to comply with the law.

To further exacerbate matters, DOJ is also advising law enforcement on how to interpret the law by stating:

Law enforcement personnel may continue to encounter armed security guards who have the requisite permits and qualifications to carry a firearm in the course of their duties as security guards, but who are not actually the registered owner of the firearm. A security guard licensed to carry a firearm by BSIS, is eligible to be assigned a business owned firearm by a PPO for whom they are employed. An assignment of a firearm to an eligible and licensed security guard by a PPO is not a violation of Pen. Code § 27545.

In other words, the process and requirements codified in the Penal Code for PPOs to loan firearms to their employees (which is an exception to California's requirement that most firearm transfers, sales, or loans be conducted through a California licensed firearm dealer) does not apply in the above circumstances solely because DOJ failed to perform its ministerial duty. But it gets much, much worse:

In some cases, law enforcement has confiscated the firearm during a traffic stop or other encounter where the only issue was the firearm not being registered in the security guard's name. In circumstances where the firearm is properly assigned to a security guard, law enforcement agencies are encouraged to refrain from taking any action to confiscate the firearm or arrest the security guard for offenses related to possession of a firearm by an indi-

vidual other than the registered owner, if the firearm can be determined to be registered to a representative of the security guard's employing PPO.

As a threshold matter, the mere possession of an unregistered firearm by a Californian is not a crime (unless the firearm was required to be registered as an "assault weapon" or .50 BMG rifle or was a machinegun, short-barreled rifle/shotgun, destructive device, etc. required to be registered to the possessor pursuant to the National Firearms Act). There are countless individuals in California in lawful possession of a firearm that has not been registered in their name—such as when the firearm was lawfully purchased prior to the requirement that the firearm be registered to the purchaser at the time of purchase or when transactions between two individuals did not need to be processed through a California licensed firearms dealer. DOJ should understand this is the case. If you are contacted by law enforcement and have your firearm seized under such circumstances, you should contact an attorney immediately for further assistance.

### The Impending Storm on the Horizon

It should be of great concern to every California resident that DOJ is providing this alert simply as a stop-gap measure for its own failure in adopting necessary regulations. But given DOJ's checkered past and pending regulatory matters, we can't say that this is unexpected.

DOJ is already showing signs of its inability to enact necessary ammunition vendor license regulations, which were supposed to be in effect as of July 1, 2017. Without those regulations in effect, retailers of ammunition who are not California licensed firearm dealers will be unable to lawfully continue selling ammunition as of January 1, 2018—less than 2 months from now.

Given the current lack of regulations, we call upon DOJ to issue a similar information bulletin before the end of the year that provides ammunition retailers similar exceptions from the recently enacted restrictions on the sale or transfer of ammunition. Considering the hundreds of ammunition vendors, their employees, and hundreds of thousands of law-abiding California residents who will be detrimentally effected by DOJ's ineptitude, it only seems fair that a similar letter be issued as soon as possible.

# It's time for more parishioners to lock and load when they going to worship

by John Lott, Jr., Opinion Contributor for The Hill  
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Are you ready to become the eyes and ears at your place of worship? On May 14th and 15th, 2018, CRPA will be hosting a 2-Day Sheepdog Seminar in Southern California (location TBD). This seminar will prepare you to watch out for anyone and anything that threatens the safety of your congregation.

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There are simply too many targets for police to be able to guard everyone. And even when they are in the right place at the right time, an officer's uniform is like a neon sign saying, "Shoot me first."

It's also not realistic to keep terrorists and criminals from getting weapons. The war on guns has been as much of a failure as the war on drugs. Terrorists can also resort to homemade bombs, and have lately made a habit of using vehicles as weapons.

What happens when background checks on gun purchases inevitably fail to stop these killers from attacking? What is the backup plan?

Shortly after the attack at the Sutherland Springs church on Nov. 5, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton (R) warned: "This is going to happen again, and so we need people in churches — either professional security, or at least arming some of the parishioners or the congregation — so that they can respond if something like this... when something like this happens again."

An article in the Wall Street Journal on Sunday discussed how parishioners across the country are starting to carry permitted concealed handguns at church.

Paxton isn't alone in his view that people have to take responsibility for their own safety. Ron Noble, the Secretary General of INTERPOL from 2000 to 2014, cautioned that even with "extraordinary security," it would be virtually impossible to keep weapons out of soft targets. This means that only the terrorists will have weapons.

Permit holders have stopped dozens of

would-be mass public shootings in malls, churches, schools, universities and town centers. Gun control advocates perennially fear that a permit holder will accidentally shoot a bystander, or that a police officer will accidentally harm a permit holder. But this has never happened in a mass public shooting.

Permit holders are also incredibly law-abiding. According to my research, Americans as a whole commit crimes 37 times more frequently than do police officers, but police themselves commit crimes at seven times the rate of permit holders in Florida and Texas.

The heroic actions of Stephen Willeford on Nov. 5 are a testament to the power of a good guy with a gun. He saved many lives at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. The killer, Devin Kelley, was circling back to shoot the wounded when Willeford showed up with a rifle. Willeford's fast actions stopped Kelley's attack, saving the lives of the twenty wounded and possibly many more.

But Willeford isn't alone. Permit holders have stopped some other church attacks over the last decade. For example:

- Antioch, Tenn., Sept. 24, 2017: A shooter, Emanuel Kidega Samson, killed one and injured seven others. But the attack could have been much worse. An usher, Robert Engle, first tried unsuccessfully to wrestle the Samson, a very large bodybuilder. But Samson was slightly injured in the skirmish, giving Engle a chance to retrieve his permitted concealed handgun from his car.

Engle went back into the church and managed to hold the attacker at gunpoint until police arrived.

- Aurora, Colo., April 24, 2012: Kiarron Parker crashed into a car in a church parking lot, before exiting his vehicle and opening fire. Parker was only able to kill one person before being shot dead by a parishioner who was an off-duty police officer.
- Spartanburg, S.C., March 25, 2012: Jesse Gates kicked open a church door and pointed a shotgun at the pastor and his congregation. Parishioner Aaron Guyton, a concealed weapons permit holder, got the drop on Gates and held him at gunpoint. Sheriff Chuck Wright called Aaron and others at the church, “everyday heroes.”
- Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 9, 2007: Matthew Murray killed two people in the Colorado Springs New Life Church parking lot before being shot by church member Jeanne Assam. A wounded Murray then committed suicide. The church was a mega church with over 10,000 members, and Murray had over a thousand rounds of ammunition. Assam had gotten a concealed handgun permit to protect herself from an ex, and was a volunteer

security guard at the church.

Normally, churches are easy targets. Some killers have even picked churches for precisely this reason.

- Charleston, S.C., June 17, 2015: Dylann Roof originally targeted Charleston College, but friend Christon Scriven has suggested that Roof switched targets because of worries that armed security would stop him. “I don’t think the church was his primary target, because he told us he was going for the school,” Scriven said. “But I think he couldn’t get into the school because of the security ... so I think he just settled for the church.”
- Detroit, Mich., Feb. 2016: The FBI fortunately foiled a plan by Khalil Abu Rayyan to engage in a mass public shooting at one of the largest churches in the Detroit area. The FBI tapped the individual’s phone calls, and heard the chilling words: “It’s easy, and a lot of people go there. Plus people are not allowed to carry guns in church. Plus it would make the news.”
- Both Michigan and South Carolina prohibit concealed handguns in church. That’s not surprising — these mass pub-

lic shootings happen practically every single time in gun free zones. Over 98 percent of all mass public shootings since 1950 have taken place in areas where general citizens are prohibited from carrying firearms.

We can’t just keep ignoring the fact that killers pick targets where people can’t defend themselves. We should be a lot more afraid of the killers than we should be of permit holders. It’s understandable not to want to even think about self-defense while praying at church.

But these attacks become massacres when there’s no one to fight back. Permit holders who carry in the course of daily life should be able to bring their guns to church. They should be able to protect their fellow worshipers.

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# Did Australia's Semiautomatic Firearm Ban Reduce Murder Rates?

by Clayton E. Cramer, College Professor

In the aftermath of the still inexplicable Las Vegas mass murder, gun control advocates are returning to their longstanding claim that the very strict ban Australia enacted on semiautomatic firearms after the 1989 Port Arthur Massacre reduced murder rates. It is certainly true that Australia murder rates fell from 1.9/100,000 (in 1990-1991) to 1.3/100,000 (in 2006-07). But if that law made the difference, why did it reduce murder rates in the U.S. even more (9.4 in 1990; 5.7 in 2007)? That's an impressive reach across the Pacific Ocean!

Clearly, something else is in play. Lead was removed from automotive gas in many countries in the last few decades. It started in 1986 in the U.S. and was completely removed by 1995. Australia started phaseout in 1985. What's lead got to do with murder? Lead has two very destructive effects: when children are poisoned, it causes retardation. In adults, it causes violence and aggression. This is a more plausible explanation of declining murder rates in *both* countries than a law that only affected *one* country.

Even for the intended purpose of reducing mass murder, the law failed. Australia still has mass murders, but not with guns: a 2008 mass stabbing that killed eight siblings in Queensland, Australia; mass murder with a blunt object (Robert Xie murdered five people in Sydney in 2009); Queensland's Palace Backpackers Hostel was intentionally burned in 2000, killing 15; and the 2011 Quakers Hill Nursing Home fire killed eleven, set by a nurse after police questioned him about drug abuse.

So far, the Las Vegas mass murder does not fit into any of the three common patterns of mass murder in the U.S. (psychotic; political terrorism; domestic violence). It will be a while before answers are forthcoming (if at all). But Australia is *not* the example that some want to believe.

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# A FAMILY OWNED BUSINESS

## Orange County's Neighborhood Ammo Store

by Christy McNab, Store Owner of LAX Ammunition OC

Our store is a family-owned shop with a lot of heart and red floors to match. We put the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment up on the main wall in huge letters to ensure it was seen by all who visit. It's our way of honoring it, because we believe that without it, the Bill of Rights could not and would not exist. My husband and I entered into the industry in 2009 with a humble beginning, selling ammo on three wobbly tables at gun shows for LAX Firing Range and Ammunition. We worked hard towards the idea of opening our own ammo store, never knowing if our dream would ever come to fruition. We were fortunate enough to be granted permission by the owner of the original LAX Range and Ammunition store in LA to open our own store in Orange County. We literally put everything we have on the line to open it, facing numerous hurdles like trying to get a landlord to accept our use, a city to allow us, and permits to let us operate. We actually had a City Planning Commissioner (that we had called to request a map of the zones within the city that specifically allowed gun and/or ammo stores),

tell me angrily, "the city of (blank, blank--) does not want your kind of business here!"

At times, it seemed like everything was against us. In the middle of trying to find a location, the passage of Proposition 63 became a reality. We knew how much of a challenge operating a store like ours in California could be, and Proposition 63 amplified that challenge by tenfold. I will admit, there were times when we thought we were taking too big of a gamble on our family's future. But, we decided that now more than ever, Southern Californians needed help with accessing their ammunition, so that they could continue with their hobby, their careers, their passion, their rights. If we allowed the passage of Prop 63 to scare us into bailing on our dream, then where would that leave law-abiding citizens like us? After examining and discussing Prop 63 to the point of exhaustion, the true intent of the new laws became clear: Proposition 63 was designed to dishearten law-abiding gun owners, shooting enthusiasts, and small business owners such as ourselves. It's true intent is to burden, intimidate,

and discourage us to the point where we say, "I give up. It's too much of a hassle!" That's when my husband and I said, "We need to do this." So, we forged ahead. Now LAX Ammo OC is open and stocked with roughly 50,000 pounds of ammunition. In the grand scheme of things, we are small, but we are mighty!

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# Anti-2A Nancy Pelosi Readies for Reelection

by Dan Gifford, Film Producer and Reporter

After 30 years of Second Amendment opposition, hypocrisies, prevarications and increasing evidence of possible dementia or stroke, the San Francisco Democrat retains her rep for iron fisted discipline and intimidation as House Minority Leader. Where did she learn to do that?

The answer is, her iron-fisted daddy and some of his friends.

Her daddy was Thomas "Big Tommy" D'Alesandro, Jr., a five term Democrat US Congressman from Maryland and three term Mayor of Baltimore for whom I gofered while in high school.



That's seven year old Nancy with her father during his 1947 mayoral inauguration.

D'Alesandro wanted to be Governor of Maryland, but had to get out of the 1954 race after revelations he had received undeclared money from a business man convicted of fraud and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

The friends of "Big Tommy" included the man who got him elected as mayor, Maryland political kingpin James H. "Jack" Pollack.

Pollack was a former prizefighter who liked to playfully punch me in the shoulder on occasion as a reminder that he was still a tough guy at 60 something. No doubt about that as I told Rochelle Schweizer for her book, *She's the Boss: The Disturbing Truth About Nancy Pelosi*.

Outside the ring, Pollack became a bootlegger and street enforcer who was arrested multiple times for payoffs, bribery, corruption and a murder. That charge never went to trial because the case files disappeared. At the height of his power, Pollack raised the dead to vote, lined voter's pockets with "walking around money" and held sway over Maryland's legislature. The New York Times noted that Pollack "would stand



in the hallways of Annapolis literally controlling the General Assembly through his handpicked henchmen." One of those was his own son, "Morty."

Other friends included members of the "Baltimore Crew." It was a faction of New York's Gambino crime family that operated independently until Vincent "The Executioner" Mangano installed Louis "Lugene" Morici as the reigning capo over Maryland and some surrounding areas. Maglione answered to Lucchese mobster Frankie Carbo, a former Murder, Inc killer.



Carbo was a "constant companion" of Mayor "Big Tommy," in addition to other known mobsters, according to FBI reports obtained via the Freedom of Information Act.

"It was reported that these individuals had worked hard for Thomas D'Alesandro's reelection to Congress and on his campaign at that time to become Mayor of Baltimore. It was stated that John Cataneo and Magliano during the time of this campaign were under Federal indictments for violation of the Selective Service Act and for fraud against the Government and were subsequently convicted in Federal court. Cataneo allegedly admitted giving large sums of money toward the Democratic campaign and stated that he would receive the sanitation contracts for Baltimore if Mr. D'Alesandro was elected mayor."



He was.

It is believed none of that alleged criminal association or corruption was earnestly investigated by the FBI because Congressman D'Alesandro was a member of the House Appropriations Committee and was friendly with FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

Neither was there a holding to account of D'Alesandro's son for the gang rape of two eleven year old girls.

The FBI report:

"Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro was the only one of twelve of those tried at that time who was successful in obtaining an acquittal. Following this acquittal, a Baltimore, Maryland, Grand Jury indicted Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro on charges of having committed perjury in that he had lied during the afore-mentioned trial on charges of rape. In addition,

James H. Pollack, Baltimore City political boss, was reportedly also indicted on the charge of obstruction of justice in that he had attempted to influence testimony of several of the youthful defendants who had been tried with Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro. It was reported that Franklin Roosevelt D'Alesandro was tried on the above charge of perjury at Salisbury, Maryland, during 1954, following a change of venue, and was found not guilty."

So instead of a prison stretch, daddy and friends got "Roosie" a life stint as a Baltimore Court House clerk. That's where I met him amid rumors that he could alter records for a price. Few dared say that above a whisper for fear of retaliation and "Big Tommy" knew it.

Retaliation and the fear of it was the prime weapon "Big Tommy" said he recommended to achieve goals and enforce discipline in the bare knuckle world. Said he learned that's what worked early in life: When accused, deny everything, admit nothing and make counter accusations and reprisal threats.

That is exactly what Nancy Pelosi famously did in 2009 when she was trapped in a lie about not having been told by the CIA that it was waterboarding terrorists in order to make them talk. She was outraged that the US was "torturing" terrorists and claimed the CIA had not told her it was performing what were euphemistically called "enhanced interrogations." The CIA responded that it had told her and pointed to a letter dated prior to her meltdown. She responded with counter charges that the letter was a fake, which the CIA was fully capable of producing, and made threats to cut budgets and dramatically expand congressional oversight of the CIA and other intelligence agencies.

Whether "Big Tommy" would approve of her using his advice to undercut part of the national defense against terrorists who were trying to murder Americans in order to cover up her own apparent prevarication, ineptness or frequently occurring memory losses is a matter to be pondered.

What I understood Pelosi's father to mean was that the best defense is a good offense against those seeking your destruction for their own political gain. However, he must have recognized that political survival tactic had its limits, because "Big Tommy" was a man with a history of putting community safety and national defense first even at the risk of his own political career, a principle daughter Nancy does not appear to share.

How do those ideals square with "Big Tommy's" mob associations and political corruption? D'Alesandro was part of a political and moral dichotomy I found was rather common among big city pols then.

He had opposed the Klu Klux Klan, among other groups, in battles against separate but unequal racism in Baltimore when Jim Crow was quite popular. He had made radio broadcasts in Italian urging his pions to reject Benito Mussolini and anti-Semitism at a time when both were more popular than can be imagined today. On the flip side, Baltimore politicians, police and judges received alleged payoffs with one hand while they kept organized crime and street criminals under control with the other. That was mainly accomplished by setting zones in which certain activities were allowed. Rule breakers faced ungentle enforcement.

Several years before the New York City Police Department announced it would no longer beat confessions out of suspects, "enhanced interrogation" at the Baltimore cop shop was freely employed using the three languages hard-core criminals understand: Loud, fear and pain. Brutal? Unconstitutional? Maybe so. But contrast the relative calm of that Baltimore past with Baltimore's present filled with headlines like "Woman lucky to be alive as upscale Baltimore neighborhood terrorized by marauding bands of teens" or "Baltimore's soaring homicide rate: 'This is a killing field'." Those didn't happen in D'Alesandro world.

Now fast forward and compare the national domestic calm of past years with the alternative of bloody attacks which the CIA says its interrogators stopped by forcing terrorists to talk. Somehow, Nancy Pelosi missed her father's presumed lesson about community security being more important than political pettiness.

I met Pelosi's father shortly after moving to Baltimore from North Carolina during the early 60s. The introduction was made by a guy who became a friend after helping me in a street fight against some neighborhood characters seeking to test the new kid on the block. In the pre-snowflake world, that was a common big city ritual to establish pecking order among males who then became friends. Afterward, my new friend said he'd been asked to find a helper to deliver envelopes and run errands.

He said the main routine was to collect little white envelopes at union headquarters like the Longshoremen's and other places and deliver them to people in Baltimore's city hall, police department, courts and political power centers. The recipients all wanted their envelopes ASAP, but the number getting them had expanded to the point that my new friend could not make the appointed rounds fast enough to stifle the kvetching. So for 50 bucks, decent weekly teen money for that time, I rolled off the turnip truck I rode into town and signed on.

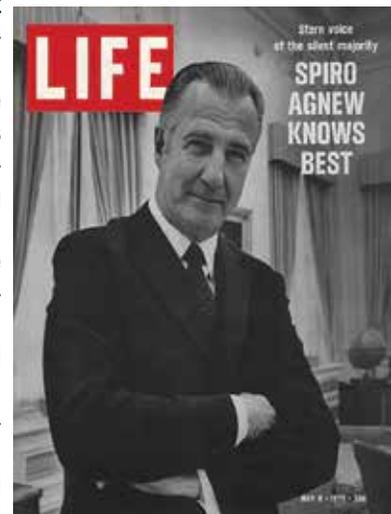
After being introduced around, learning the routes and being repeatedly told by serious men that my task was to deliver the envelopes, not to wonder what was in them or to talk about them, I found myself with a pretty easy job that included lots of side benefits like the good will of important people and free food at some of Baltimore's best restaurants -- and Baltimore had some truly great eating places.

That's why I was always glad to find an envelope I'd know was for D'Alesandro in my stack and head for his drop at Sabatino's in Baltimore's Little Italy.

If Sabatino's sounds familiar, it's the same restaurant where government prosecutors found Nixon Vice President and former Maryland governor Spiro T. Agnew received payoffs "in little white envelopes" while an elected state official.

It's also the restaurant where Agnew gathered his family after pleading no contest to tax evasion and other charges.

That scene of the crime surreality was interrupted by another diner, according to the Baltimore Sun, who summed-up the normalcy of Maryland corruption: "Hey, governor," shouted an old acquaintance, a veteran East Baltimore bookmaker who, coincidentally, had simultaneously faced gambling charges in a federal courtroom just a few doors from Agnew's earlier that same afternoon, "I see they got you today. What the hell, they got me, too, don't worry about it."



According to Agnew, everybody in Maryland politics got payoffs and it wouldn't surprise me if they still do.

On arrival at Sabatino's, I'd be offered pastries or even a meal. But on occasion, "Big Tommy" himself would be there. Sometimes, he'd invite me to his table and then engage in the sort of personalized conversation that had gained him so many friends and supporters. A fair percentage of that support was certainly due to the job and charity patronage he dispensed, but unlike most younger politicians I've met, people really liked Pelosi's father because there was nothing at all phony about him.

He was genuinely interested in my studies at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (Baltimore's top academic high school), what I thought about current events and what I wanted to do in life. The fact that I knew North Carolina US Senator Sam Ervin, a fellow Democrat and my boyhood mentor in things Constitutional, probably enhanced his friendliness. But D'Alesandro's style was an "old school" caring style shared by his contemporaries that would seem to be at odds with the obvious corruption they engaged in and that I abetted until wising up.

The envelopes we delivered allegedly contained cash. I say "allegedly" since I wasn't foolish enough to open any and look, but I did learn later that certain people were required to tithe to the Baltimore powers that assured their businesses or activities could operate. Some of those were legal adult businesses that benefited from prostitution like the many strip joints mentioned in the FBI reports that comprised "The Block" near Baltimore's inner harbor. Others were illegal businesses like the drug dealing that was quarantined in West Baltimore -- where HBO's "The Wire" action took place -- under the tacit thumb of a prominent black venture capitalist named Little Willie Adams. He and his friends received envelopes too, I was told, but they were delivered by others.

Adams always denied his venture capitalism business hid gangster activities or that he had parlayed the well known numbers racket he admitted running to the U.S. Senate's Kefauver Committee on organized crime into one that included a heroin operation run at extreme arms length by others. The understanding between him and those I visited each week, I was told, was that Adams could keep on keepin' on so long as no drugs showed up for sale in other parts of the city -- which they didn't. Those willing to put their lives at risk in his land of the "misdemeanor murder" took their chances.

So when six foot nine, 290 pound something Baltimore Colt star defensive tackle "Big Daddy" Lipscomb died from shooting enough heroin to kill five men in 1963, there was barely an official shrug following the pro forma outrage of being "shocked!" that heroin was available in Baltimore.

That was about the time I met Nancy Pelosi the first and only time at some Catholic function. Practically everybody I first met in Baltimore was Catholic and they all tried their hardest at one time or other to convert this protestant southerner with the Catholic ancestry of English recusants and archbishops to the "true faith." On this

occasion, Municipal Court Judge Mary Arabian, a rare Baltimore judge with a well known dislike of police, had me in tow to meet some people.

She was a smart, beautiful woman with jet black hair. Unfortunately for my teen hormones, she was also a Mother Superior version of Judge Judy whose interest in me was purely parental. She insisted that I bring my report cards and assorted other schoolwork by her office on occasion for inspection and discussion. She and others in Baltimore's hierarchy were concerned that academic standards in the public schools were sliding; and except for my school, they were.

At one time, I began to think of Judge Arabian's social and school interest and that of others I met as border line mania. All seemed obsessed with the protection of children and mainstream society from the corruptions and vices they knew could only be contained by their extra legal means but never eradicated by legislation.

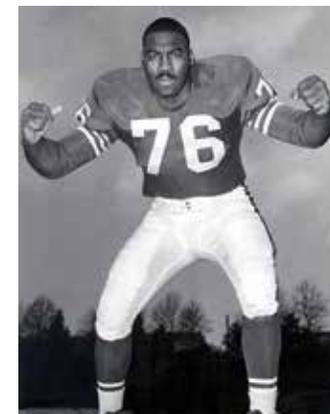
They were probably right, but not once did I hear any include the payoffs I allegedly delivered on their list of corruptions. For what it's worth, that alleged money was used to assure their office tenure which they equated with community protection. Never did I observe evidence of high lifestyles or profligate spending by D'Alesandro, Pollack or any of their associates.

Whatever hypocrisy that frames also frames a bigger irony: The corrupt political world of "Big Tommy" D'Alesandro that protected little Nancy while she learned power patronage politics provided more safety, more personal freedom and less government intrusion into private lives than The People's Republic of Political Correctness fascism big Nancy and her legion of latte liberals want to impose by fiat.



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*by Roxanne Johns, CRPA Membership Specialist*

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Happy New Year to all our incredible CRPA members!

We've had an extremely busy year in every area, and we thank you for your ongoing support and commitment through all of it. We want to ensure you that we value you and are hearing your concerns, needs and suggestions. We hope that this is clearly seen in the programs, trainings, services and resources we offer, the lawsuits we file and the legislation we support and oppose.

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As the battle to preserve and protect our Second Amendment rights has intensified, we have also heard your growing request for a way to partnership with CRPA beyond your Life Membership. As we begin the new year, we are very excited to offer new membership levels. Please review the levels and consider upgrading your Life membership to a Defender Life membership in 2018. I would be happy to discuss these new membership levels with you over the phone. I'm available M-F, 8:30AM-5:00PM at 800-305-2772, Extension 8754.

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# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

by Heather Allen, CRPA Volunteer Coordinator

Our Volunteer Spotlight this edition belongs to 10-year CRPA member Virginia Duncan. Her name should sound familiar to you. Virginia was the plaintiff in the Duncan v. Becerra law suit which led to the injunction that blocked Proposition 63 from taking effect. When I asked her about the case she responded, "It was a great way to show my 8-year-old grandson how to stand up and fight for what you believe in."

Virginia is originally from the Philippines and moved to California in 1974. Her first firearm purchase was a Springfield and she currently enjoys shooting her Glock 19, 223 Rifle and Beretta 12 gage shotgun.

Virginia has a lot to say to potential volunteers. I hope you will take good heed!

"The CRPA fights strictly for the state of California. All the money stays here and goes directly to filing lawsuits, lobbying, hosting women's events, holding classes to teach the proper understanding of firearms, and so much more. Share with your friends and family what the CRPA is doing and ask them to become members!

I also tell volunteers to be sympathetic and use kind words with people who are against the Second Amendment. Ask them why they are anti-gun. Usually it is because they fear what they do not know and what the media tends to confirm. I have converted many anti-gun leaning people by sharing how I grew up and how having a firearm by your side can save you, your family members and other people in harm's way. I often remind them that so much damage can be done within the 5 minutes waiting for law enforcement to arrive. I ask them to take a class, allow me to educate them and sign up for at least one shooting event. I haven't encountered one person who did not change their minds about firearms after taking a class. I also tell them how states that do not infringe our 2A rights have very low crime rates due to criminals knowing they can be shot.

If it wasn't for my husband of over 30 years, Sean, I wouldn't have been able to do the things I have done thus far to support and help preserve our Second Amendment rights. He stood by my side and I am so thankful for him."

On behalf of the CRPA I would like to say THANK YOU to both Virginia and Sean Duncan. We appreciate all the time and effort you pour into the CRPA including the most recent event, Gals With Guns in San Diego. You are a true inspiration and we are a very lucky organization to have you as a Life Member!!



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# CRPA On The GO

by Kevin Small, CRPA Grassroots Specialist

## Grassroots Outreach - Outreach, Mobilize, Engage

CRPA sat down with Glen Caroline, Director of Grassroots Programs and Campaign Field Operations for the NRA-ILA, to discuss the importance of grassroots activism in the fight for our rights in California.

### CRPA:

**Coming out from DC doesn't happen every year, how historic is this meeting for the NRA especially being able to do it in Southern California?**

Glen Caroline:

I haven't been to California for NRA in many years so having the opportunity to get back out here was too good to be true for me. As you know, we did our Second Amendment Law Symposium today and tomorrow we are going to have what I think is going to be an important grassroots meeting with myself representing NRA headquarters, the CRPA, and the Members' Councils to talk about how we can collaborate more on the grassroots front to make a difference here in California. So I think anytime you can have staff from headquarters get out and meet with the grassroots of California, it's a great opportunity and I'm glad I was able to do it.



### CRPA:

**Tell me about the investment that the NRA has in California and the potential of that investment collaborating with CRPA and the relationship that we have?**

Glen Caroline:

We raise and spend a lot of financial dollars here in California; what I hope to do as the Director of the NRA-ILA Grassroots Programs and Campaign Field Operations Division is to have that financial investment matched by an investment in grassroots resources. I know that CRPA and Members' Councils have volunteers all across the state, and we have a lot of new and emerging grassroots programs that I think we can collaborate on together. But I think since we have such a solid grassroots base of support, it's important for us to further harmonize our efforts and to make sure we take advantage of all the targets of opportunity we have in California because you know better than I just how challenging the environment is here and I think one way that we can help right the ship a little more is to more fully engage and coordinate our grassroots efforts.

### CRPA:

**Awesome, and that's probably included in this next question, but I did want to get more of a pointed answer. Just as far as with the NRA and CRPA working together, what are some of the specific things that you hope to accomplish in California, not just for the 2018 elections but for 2020?**

Glen Caroline:

I think the first thing I would like to see happen from a grassroots perspective is for me personally to get a better lay of the land of the different grassroots resources and programs you have been working on and then to share our best practices of things that we have learned over the years, particularly in the realm of grassroots organizing for campaign work and especially targeting our outreach to millennials on college campuses, because I think it's really important that we all make an investment in the next generation of grassroots activists. So specifically, my goal would be to find out what resources each organization has so we can make sure that each one of us is spending our time and our efforts in the area that we can get the best return on that investment.



**CRPA:**

**So, tomorrow you have the NRA Grassroots Summit where you will be speaking to some CRPA and Members' Councils volunteers ; looking forward, what are some words of encouragement that you can offer them in your speech tomorrow?**

Glen Caroline:

I think the main takeaway is, change takes some time to occur, but inevitably occurs in NRA's favor when people don't give up and they don't give in and I think by making incremental steps towards your end goal, that leads to bigger more cumulative victories. I know coming from Massachusetts it is difficult to stay energized and stay to stay focused when it seems like you are swimming against the tide, but we have seen in states across the country, we have seen in various election cycles, that when we harness our energy and our focus towards a common mission, we may not get everything we want all at once, but incrementally, we've seen that empowerment of the grassroots is the long term strategy for us to accomplish our mutual goals.

**CRPA:**

**Finally, there is obviously a stigma here in California where there are lots and lots of regulations; what would your message be to those people who have kind of turned away from the efforts and just committed to moving away?**

Glen Caroline:

I would say that sometimes in life the easy course of action is to at times take the path of least resistance and move locations to improve your lot, but I think the people of CA and NRA members and gun owners deserve a vested core of grassroots activists that aren't looking to move to another state that may be more friendly, but to make CA a more friendly state for gun owners who live in the state. It is a shame when restrictions on a constitutionally protected right is what drives people to seek different locations to live. So, I want good Californians who love their state, who have grown up here, who have moved here from other states, to really invest their time and energy in changing this state so it's a better place, not only for them to live as gun owners, but of equal if not more importance, for their children and their grandchildren moving ahead.

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# Gun Bans Being Pushed Locally.

## Support the CRPA Local Action Program

by Matthew D. Cubeiro, Attorney

Anti-gun California politicians and bureaucrats love to claim they are “leading the nation” promoting the statist civilian disarmament agenda. California has become the moldy petri dish for growing ill-conceived laws before pushing the bans nationwide.

These efforts often start locally. Cursed with a weak state preemption law, local politicians with aspirations for higher office have learned that they push controversial gun laws locally and get support from gun ban lobby publicists and lawyers who have the pre-written for them. The media is drawn to the conflict, and the local politician gets media coverage that few other local issues generate. That turns into the much sought after “name recognition” that often makes the difference in an election.

CRPA and NRA have been fighting with these local ordinances for over 20 years, with great success. But recent cash contributions from billionaire elitists and their “progressive” foundations have increased the ability for groups like the benignly misnamed *Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence*, which is essentially the national law firm for the gun ban lobby, to push local ordinances. Through the years there have been “Saturday Night Special” bans, gun shows, “ultra-compact” handgun bans, .50 BMG bans, bans on minors in gun stores, prohibitive security requirements on gun stores and gun shows, increased taxes on gun sales and ranges, and a host of other proposals. Most recently, the gun ban lobby is pushing things like mandatory locked-storage ordinances, restrictions on the possession of standard capacity magazines, the registration of all ammunition sales, mandatory theft/loss reporting requirements, or restrictive zoning and conditional use permit requirements for firearm retailers. These are all part of the efforts to eradicate the gun “culture.”

The most recent example is the San Carlos City Council adopting a moratorium on new firearm retailers opening in the city. Turners’ Outdoorsman, one of California’s largest and most respected firearm retailers, was set to open a new location in San Carlos mid-November. Turners’ Outdoorsman had invested heavily in choosing and developing the new location, but only **after** it got approved for the new storefront from the City’s planning manager, staff, and Chief of Police.

Enter several anti-gun San Carlos residents and the gun ban lobby. They petitioned the City Council to enact a moratorium and adopt more restrictive zoning ordinances to block gun stores from opening. On November 13<sup>th</sup> the City Council enacted the moratorium by a 4/5ths vote, disingenuously claiming at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, it was necessary to ban the new Turners’ Outdoorsman store to protect the safety of San Carlos residents. Wow.

If the simple opening of a new firearm store can be turned into a “public safety” issue, then any city can use that false claim to ban

all firearm retailers. That’s a precedent we can’t tolerate.

Other California jurisdictions have also been pushing mandatory locked-storage ordinances for firearms kept at home. The most recent examples include the City of San Jose and Town of Moraga. But the storage of firearms is already regulated by California state law. In addition to California’s negligent storage restrictions, any firearm sold by a California licensed firearms dealer must include a firearm safety device, and dealers must also obtain an affidavit from customers who purchase long guns stating ownership of a gun safe or lock box. Despite these comprehensive restrictions, some jurisdictions like San Jose and Moraga seek to enact ordinances that require firearms to be stored unloaded and in a locked container at all times.

These types of local restrictions do nothing to promote public safety. They do however, create a confusing patchwork quilt of laws that can easily trap and turn unwitting law-abiding gun owners into accidental criminals. In San Jose, even the Chief of Police noted that a violation of such an ordinance would likely not come to light unless officers were called to a home or business on a report of burglary or other criminal activity, making it clear that such ordinances are only enforced after the fact - and usually against the victims of a crime.

### Fighting Back Through LAP

NRA and CRPA’s efforts in opposition to local restrictions are made possible by the Local Action Program (“LAP”), a joint-effort to actively monitor local government proposals that threaten the right to keep and bear arms. NRA/CRPA LAP has been in place for over 20 years, with coalition partners ranging from other gun-rights organizations, individual activists, businesses, local government officials, and law enforcement professionals.

NRA/CRPA LAP efforts typically include the preparation of policy and legal opposition letters, pre-litigation demand letters, coordination of grassroots activists, public information campaigns, and appearances at city council or board of supervisor meetings. In many instances, these efforts have convinced local governments to vote down proposals or pull them from consideration. LAP also serves as the foundation for NRA and CRPA litigation efforts against local jurisdiction that enact anti-gun legislation.

CRPA’s Grassroots & Volunteers Program needs your help to defend the Second Amendment in California. Stand with CRPA and NRA to help take our state back. For more information, send an email to [contact@crpa.org](mailto:contact@crpa.org).



When it comes to keeping you and your family safe, you generally have two options: trust the government to protect you, or take some responsibility to be prepared to protect yourself.

So do you trust the government with your life? Or with your family's safety?

We don't. Here at the California Rifle & Pistol Association (CRPA), we believe every American has the right to choose to accept some responsibility for their own safety. We see plainly that the government typically fails to keep its promises. "Progressive" (aka statist) California politicians make false promises that a new law will keep us safe, hold self-promoting press conferences, and demonize guns and gun owners. Then they go soft on violent criminals, throw police under the bus, and work to minimize or eliminate the right to keep, and especially to bear outside the home, arms.

There are plenty of laws on the books to prevent bad guys from legally acquiring firearms. But either they're not enforced, or their implementation is botched by bungling bureaucrats. When the laws fail, as we correctly predict they inevitably will, opportunistic politicians simply use that failure as an excuse to call for more extreme restrictions that only hurt the good guys with guns.

**Case in point** -- the crazy, cowardly, and evil bastard who murdered 26 people in cold blood in the church shooting in Sutherland Springs had assaulted and battered his girlfriend and their infant, and had been jailed in a military prison for a year because of his violent behavior. He was legally prohibited from possessing firearms. But the military failed to send his -- or almost anyone's -- conviction information to the FBI background check center -- as required by law.

*Sadly, it's not the first time the background check system has failed.* Almost a dozen killers prohibited from possessing firearms have passed flawed background checks. In fact, governmental systems failures are so typical that they are predictable. NRA and CRPA have been telling politicians to fix the system for almost 20 years. (see FixNICS.org and the videos linked at the CRPA TV channel on Youtube).

As it turns out in the Texas massacre, two good guy gun owners, NRA members who happened to be nearby, helped prevent more innocent lives from being taken. These humble heroes took the murderer out -- *with an AR 15* -- before he killed any more innocent people.

But of course, elitists and California politicians still blame the guns and their "easy availability." Never mind that guns are harder to legally acquire than ever before, and that these days violent criminals and terrorists can simply make a gun with a 3D printer.

Your CRPA is fighting back against the "you can trust big government to keep you safe" lie. The CRPA/NRA legal team has several pro RKBA cases in the California courts, and several pending in the US Supreme Court (including one that could bring shall-issue CCW to California), that could knock statist politicians back on their heels and give the Second Amendment the legal respect it so rightfully deserves.

So will you help CRPAF fight for a Second Amendment with teeth?

CRPAF is helping empower others too, through its educational programs and by launching a "Church Shield" program to train all places of worship to shoot back. The response has been enthusiastic. Apparently, they are choosing not to trust exclusively in government protection.

But we need your help.

Through the CRPA Foundation, CRPA is leading the effort in California to take back the right to keep and bear arms. We've got a team of outstanding lawyers who are fighting back in court to protect our rights. In fact, they are the ones who got an injunction to stop the state from banning the possession of any magazine that can hold over ten rounds. Now we must hold on to that victory. Your tax-deductible contributions to the CRPA Foundation help fund eligible CRPA programs including our four-plus lawsuits against "gunmageddon," our Supreme Court efforts, and our educational programs like Church Shield to make sure there's a future for the Second Amendment.

It's an expensive effort, and the opposition is well funded by liberal foundations and billionaire social engineers who believe in a future where big government tells us how to live.

So I'm counting on you. Will you help us keep up the fight for our freedoms?

Yours in freedom,

C.D. "Chuck" Michel  
President & General Counsel  
California Rifle & Pistol Association

Please checkout

<https://www.nratv.com/series/wayne-lapierre/episode/wayne-lapierre-season-1-episode-5-the-truth-about-background-checks>

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## LET CRPA HELP YOU **PROTECT YOUR RANGE!**

STAY CURRENT ON  
BEST RANGE  
MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The NRA / CRPA Range Assistance Program assists California ranges facing environmental, noise, safety, and other issues; they also advise ranges on best management practices.

If your range needs assistance, proactive information that could help your range avoid problems in the future, or wants to help CRPA fight for the RKBA by turning your range into a CRPA / NRA activist center, contact CRPA at [contact@CRPA.org](mailto:contact@CRPA.org).



# PLACES TO SHOOT

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### **Safer Arms Indoor Shooting Range**

2555 Dominic Drive  
Chico, CA 95928  
(530) 893-2235  
[www.saferarmsrange.com/](http://www.saferarmsrange.com/)  
Open to Public  
Indoor  
Pistol, Smallbore Rifle

### **Down Range Indoor Training Center**

13407 Garner Lane  
Chico, CA 95973  
(530) 896-1992  
[www.downrangechico.com](http://www.downrangechico.com)  
Open to Public, Memberships Available  
Indoor  
Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery

### **The Gun Range**

The Gun Range  
3479 Orange Grove Ave  
North Highlands, CA 95660  
(916) 972-1484  
[thegunrange.biz](http://thegunrange.biz)  
Open to Public  
Indoor  
Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun

## CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

### **Gunrunner Gun Shop & Shooting**

2040 Yosemite Pkwy  
Merced, CA 95341  
(209) 723-3006  
[www.merced-gunrunner.com](http://www.merced-gunrunner.com)  
Open to Public  
Indoor  
Pistol

### **Fresno Trap & Skeet Club**

5195 N Humboldt Avenue  
Kerman, CA 93630  
(559) 846-8750  
[www.fresnotrapandskeet.com/](http://www.fresnotrapandskeet.com/)  
Open to Public  
Outdoor  
Shotguns, Trap and Skeet

### **Kings Gun Center**

426 Park Avenue  
Hanford, CA 93230  
(559) 585-2000  
[www.kingsguncenter.com/](http://www.kingsguncenter.com/)  
Open to Public, Memberships Available  
Indoor  
Pistol, Rifle, Archery

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### **Angeles Shooting Ranges**

12651 Little Tujunga Canyon Road  
Lake View Terrace, CA 91342  
(818) 899-2255  
[www.angelesshooting.com](http://www.angelesshooting.com)  
Open to Public, Memberships Available  
Outdoor  
Center-Fire Rifle, Handgun/Smallbore, Rifle,  
Hanguns, Rifles, Shotguns

### **Iron-Sights Shooting Range**

618 Airport Rd.  
Oceanside, CA 92058  
(760) 721-4388  
[www.iron-sights.com](http://www.iron-sights.com)  
Open to Public, Memberships Available  
Indoor  
Pistol, Rifles, Shotgun

### **Lemon Grove Rod & Gun Club**

16232 Sequan Truck Trail  
Alpine, CA 91901  
(619) 445-4030  
[www.lemongroveguncub.com](http://www.lemongroveguncub.com)  
Open to Public, Memberships Available  
Outdoor  
Handgun, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Trap,  
Sporting Clays



# CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM

CRPA works with and supports the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), a national organization created by federal law that, like CRPA, provides training and education to citizens who own a firearm or airgun for hunting, sport or to defend themselves or their loved ones.

The CMP's highest priority is serving youth through gun safety training and marksmanship events that encourage personal growth and build life skills. CRPA whole-heartedly joins in and supports these efforts!

CMP has also developed excellent match management systems and procedures for putting on competitive and recreational shooting events that are being incorporated into CRPA's event and match management processes.

CMP also sells surplus .30 and .22 military rifles to qualified U.S. citizens at a great price! Check them out at [www.thecmp.org](http://www.thecmp.org).

TO LEARN MORE, COME VISIT:

[CRPA.ORG/CIVILIAN-MARKSMANSHIP-PROGRAM](http://CRPA.ORG/CIVILIAN-MARKSMANSHIP-PROGRAM)

# MASTER EVENTS CALENDAR

## JANUARY

For more information visit:  
[www.crpa.org/events](http://www.crpa.org/events)

List your events on CRPA's Master Events Calendar!

**COMPLIMENTARY!**

Send an email to [EVENTS@CRPA.ORG](mailto:EVENTS@CRPA.ORG) with your event's NAME, DATE, TIME, LOCATION & ANY OTHER FUN DETAILS

# 6-7

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Crossroads San Bernardino Gun Show

National Orange Show Event Center  
689 S E Street  
San Bernardino, CA 92408  
January 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Crossroads Daly City Expo Gun Show

Cow Palace  
2600 Geneva Avenue  
Daly City, CA 94014  
January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

#### Angels Camp Gun Show

Calaveras County Fairgrounds  
2465 Gunclub Road  
Angels Camp, CA 95222  
January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

#### Mountain Aire Sacramento Gun Expo

McClellan Conference Center  
5411 Luce Avenue  
McClellan Park, CA 95652  
January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

# 13-14

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Lancaster Gun Show

Antelope Valley Fairgrounds  
2551 West Avenue H  
Lancaster, CA 93536  
January 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### International Sportsmen's Expo

Cal Expo  
1600 Exposition Blvd  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
January 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

#### CYSSA Coaches & Coordinators Conference

Yolo Sportsman's Association  
24189 Aviation Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616  
January 21<sup>st</sup>



# 18-21



### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Colusa Gun Show

Colusa County Fairgrounds  
1303 10th Street  
Colusa, CA 95932  
January 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

#### Code of the West Vallejo Gun Show

Solano County Fairgrounds  
900 Fairgrounds Drive  
Vallejo, CA 94589  
January 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

#### Lone Pine Pheasant Hunt

Lone Pine Pheasant Club  
1164 Tuttle Creek Road  
Lone Pine, CA 93545  
January 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

# 27-28

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Crossroads Costa Mesa Gun Show

OC Fair & Event Center  
88 Fair Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
January 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

# FEBRUARY

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Mountain Aire Grass Valley Gun Expo

Nevada County Fairgrounds  
11228 McCourtney Road  
Grass Valley, CA 95949  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>



## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Solano County Home & Garden Show

Dixon Fairgrounds  
655 South 1st Street  
Dixon, CA 95620  
February 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

### Code of the West San Jose Gun Show

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds  
344 Tully Road  
San Jose, CA 95111  
February 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Code of the West Turlock Gun Show

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds  
900 N. Broadway  
Turlock, CA 95380  
February 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

### Dixon Gun Show

Dixon Fairgrounds  
655 South 1st Street  
Dixon, CA 95620  
February 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

### Annual Chico Gun Show

Silver Dollar Fair Ground  
2357 Fair Street  
Chico, CA 95928  
February 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Mountain Aire Lodi Gun Expo

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds  
413 E Lockeford Street  
Lodi, CA 95420  
February 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>



## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### GUN LAWS for GUN OWNERS SEMINAR

CRPA Training Center  
271 E. Imperial Hwy, Suite #610  
Fullerton, CA 92835  
February 10<sup>th</sup>

## CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

### Mountain Aire Madera Gun Expo

Madera District Fair  
1850 Cleveland Avenue  
Madera, CA 93637  
February 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

# 2-4

# 10-11

# 17-18

# 24-25

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Santa Barbara Historical Arms & Blades Show

Earl Warren Show Grounds  
3400 Calle Real  
Santa Barbara, CA 93105  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

### Crossroads Ontario Gun Show

Ontario Convention Center  
2000 E. Convention Center Way  
Ontario, CA 91764  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Crossroads Ventura California Gun Show

Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 West Harbor Blvd  
Ventura, CA 93001  
February 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

### 16th Annual San Diego Jr. Pheasant Hunt

Location: pending  
Please visit [www.crpa.org](http://www.crpa.org) for set location  
February 11<sup>th</sup>

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Imperial Valley Pheasant Hunt

Woodland's Hunt Club  
1600 Edgar Road  
Imperial, CA 92251  
February 17<sup>th</sup>

### Victorville Gun Show

San Bernardino Fairgrounds  
14800 7th Street  
Victorville, CA 92395  
February 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

# TRAINING CENTER

by Tarryn Binnings, CRPA Training Center Specialist

## IN CALIFORNIA



Ray Spinelli

I started teaching hunters as a way to give back. I get so much joy from passing on this information; I am grateful for the opportunity to pass this knowledge down. If we don't educate the next generation, hunting and conservation will go away.



Don Mendenhall

I feel good about passing on the tradition, things that were passed on to me from my parents and sharing that with my sons, grandson and the public in general. I love seeing mothers, dads, grandparents bringing their siblings in as a family. Seeing the kids' faces when they pass the test.



Jerry Johnson

Becoming an instructor is about preserving the right to hunt in California. Helping get more people involved in the sport is a crucial way of preserving the legacy of hunting in this state.

### INSTRUCTORS - SoCal Region

## HUNTERS EDUCATION COURSES

### Hunter's Education

Do you want to learn how to hunt? Do you want to pass down this age-old tradition to a friend, child, or grandchild? If so, sign up for a CRPA Hunter's Education course and get your hunting certificate. Students receive training in firearms handling and safety, sportsmanship and ethics, wildlife management and conservation, archery, black powder, wildlife identification, game care, first aid, and survival. The class comprises of 10 hours of classroom, homework, and field instruction. Students will learn their essential role in wildlife conservation in the state. Sign up today and get your certificate to participate in the hallowed American pastime of hunting!

### Advanced Hunter's Education - Hunting Seminars

### Game Cooking Seminar

You've got your hunting license and can safely and responsibly harvest game; now how do you cook it? CRPA's Game Cooking Seminar teaches students everything they need to know about wild game preparation, cooking techniques, and more. Learn delicious and easy recipes from one of our experts so you can wow your friends and family with a tasty and nutritious organic meal. Register today and take your cooking skills to the next level.

### Waterfowl Seminar

It's duck season! Learn how you can improve your hunting skills with this Waterfowl Seminar. This seminar is designed for hunters of all ages and skill levels, and teaches everything you need to know about waterfowl hunting. Get informed on the best practices for decoy placement, blind design, and ballistics. Additionally, after this seminar you will be able to identify various ducks, hunt waterfowl safely and proficiently, and expand your knowledge of duck calls and calling. You will also learn the ins and outs of hunting on State and Federal Waterfowl management areas and game-care. Sign up today and learn how to hunt waterfowl like a pro!

### Upland Game Seminar

For generations, Americans have been hunting upland game birds for sport. Sign up for our CRPA Upland Game Seminar and take part in this essential part of our hunting heritage. The seminar will cover bird identification, habitat, lifecycle, game care, and cooking. Additionally, you will learn the history of upland game hunting, along with how to take advantage of various hunting opportunities, and how to apply for special hunts. Sign up today!

## NRA COURSES

### Basic Pistol

Whether a new or experienced shooter, we can always brush up on our skills. An NRA Basic Pistol Class is the perfect way for new shooters to sharpen their abilities with a handgun, and for experienced ones to refresh techniques and safety practices. The course covers gun safety, proper operation of revolvers and semi-automatic pistols, ammunition knowledge and selection, as well as pistol selection and storage. Additionally, students will learn shooting fundamentals, pistol inspection and maintenance, marksmanship, and shooting range safety. Sign up now and improve your pistol skills!

### Basic Rifle

Want to hit your target consistently at 300+ yards? Register for a Basic Rifle class and improve your marksmanship skills! Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; rifle parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting from the bench rest, prone, sitting, standing and kneeling positions; cleaning, and continued opportunities for skill development. Sign up today!

### Basic Shotgun

Almost every gun owner has one; do you know how to use yours? Sign up for a Basic Shotgun class and become better acquainted with your shotgun today! Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; shotgun parts and operation; shotgun shell components; shotgun shell malfunctions; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting at straight away and angled targets; cleaning; and continued opportunities for skill development.

## **Basic Range Safety Officer**

NRA Range Safety Officers (RSO) have the knowledge, skills, and attitude necessary to organize, conduct, and supervise safe shooting activities and range operations. Do you have what it takes to be an RSO? If so, sign up for a Basic Range Safety Officer Class. You must be 21 years of age or older. Throughout the course you will learn the Range Safety Officer's roles and responsibilities, range standard operating procedures, range inspection/range rules, and range safety briefings. Additionally, you will learn how to deal with firearms stoppages and malfunctions on the range.

## **NRA Home Firearm Safety Course**

It's 2AM and you are suddenly awoken by an intruder in your home; do you know what to do? If you want to learn more, sign up for a Home Firearm Safety Course. In the class you will acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitude to safely handle and store firearms and ammunition in your home. During the class, students are taught safe handling practices, primary causes of firearms accidents, firearms parts, how to load and unload, gun cleaning, care, and storage. All students will receive a copy of the NRA Home Firearm Safety Book.

## **SURVIVAL COURSES**

### **Wilderness First Aid Clinic**

When you go out into the wilderness are you truly prepared? You never know what Mother Nature might throw at you. Scrapes, bruises, and broken bones can all occur out on the trail; could you treat and stabilize yourself or an injured person? Sign up for our Wilderness First Aid Clinic and learn these essential skills for any outdoorsman. Learn how to treat cuts, broken bones, burns, gunshot wounds, and more. If you plan on spending any stretch of time in the wilderness, this class is a must.

### **Wilderness Survival Course**

What started as a fun day hiking in the wilderness has quickly gone south. You have been lost for hours, the sun is setting, and you are running out of food and water; will you make it out safely? If you want to learn how to be more independent, competent, and safe in the outdoors, sign up for our Wilderness Survival Course. Designed for all ages and skill levels, this class will introduce you to

critical survival skills and provide the first taste of field training. In the course, you will get hands on training in fire making, water purification, shelter construction, emergency signals, how to handle exposure, and general preparedness.

### **Map & Compass Navigation Certification**

In this era of smartphones and GPS navigation, the ability to navigate effectively has been greatly overlooked. While your phone may be able to tell you where to go, what would you do if it stopped working or ran out of battery? Could you find your way home or out of the woods? If you are interested in learning this vital skill, sign up for a Map & Compass Navigation Certification. The class will teach you how to become comfortable using a map and compass and leave you with the ability to problem solve and navigate in the field. You will learn how to read topography, how to use a navigation compass, how to triangulate your position when lost and much more.

### **Wildlife Trapping & Tracking**

Learn the essentials of tracking and harvesting wild game in this one of a kind course. Learn the vital skills necessary for anyone looking to become a true master of outdoor survival and bush craft. This course will go beyond anything you can learn in a book or online; it will give you the tips and tricks to make you truly effective at tracking in the field. By taking this course, you will learn how to track wild animals, people for search and rescue, how to construct various traps and snares, and more. This intensive one-day course will truly prepare you to catch wild game in the field with minimal supplies.

### **Travel Disaster Preparedness**

Your dream vacation or business trip has just turned into a disaster; an earthquake, hurricane, or flood has decimated the area. Roads are damaged and impassable, cell towers are down, and the situation is deteriorating quickly; can you make it out safely? Sign up for a Travel Disaster Preparedness/Urban Movement class and learn the skills to keep yourself alive in the event of a disaster while abroad. The course will teach you to blend in with locals, locate essential resources, evade attempts of unlawful detainment and violence and much more. This class is essential for any traveler or law enforcement officer.

## **UNARMED COURSES**

## **Refuse To Be A Victim Seminar (RTBAV)**

Crime is on the rise and now more than ever it is essential to protect yourself online and on the street. RTBAV teaches students how to avoid and control potentially violent confrontations. Students teach common weaknesses that criminals exploit and a variety of practical countermeasures. The seminar covers criminal psychology, automobile crimes, cyber safety, home security, and the use of personal safety devices. This awareness class combines techniques and technologies to help students avoid and deter dangerous situations.

## **NRA Reloading, Metallic Cartridge**

Learn the essentials of tracking and harvesting. Every gun owner has thought about it at least once; we have all considered the benefits of reloading at one point or another. Now is your chance to become a reloading pro with the NRA Reloading Metallic Cartridge Course. In the course you will learn the safe and precise methods necessary to construct dependable and accurate ammunition. In the class you will learn how to safely and efficiently reload through coursework and hands on practice! Sign up today and start reloading.

## **FIRST AID/CPR/AED**

### **BLS Provider Course NEW (AHA Instructor taught)**

Basic Life Support is a skill that everyone should have. Being educated can mean the difference between life and death when an emergency strikes. Sign up today for a BLS Provider course and learn how you can save lives. The course will cover rescue techniques for adults, children, and infants and will teach choking relief, rescue breathing, and more.

### **Range Emergency Care (REC)\*\* AllSafeDefense**

Are you prepared for a medical emergency? The Range Emergency Care course focuses on what you can do to help in case of life threatening events like cardiac arrest, penetrating wounds from bullets and knives, amputations, external hemorrhage, allergic reactions, and more. Participants will practice simple, but highly effective, rescue skills that can be used in the event of a medical crisis. Select footage from actual medical emergencies will be shown to students and then discussed by the class. By taking the Range Emergency Care course, students will leave with enhanced knowledge, skills, and abilities. Sign up today.

# BE SAFE. SHOOT STRAIGHT. **FIGHT BACK!**

## Which Instructor Course are you interested in taking?

Please specify:

### I want to become an NRA Instructor

- Home Safety Courses
- Pistol Courses
- Rifle Courses
- Shotgun Courses
- Personal Protection
- Chief RSO

### I want to become an AHA Certified First Aid / CPR / AED Instructor:

- LA / Orange County
- Inland Empire
- San Diego County
- Central Region
- Sacramento County
- San Fransico Bay Area

Can you see yourself leading a group of new shooters through the journey of safe fire-arm handling and use or sharpening the skills of a marksman? What about guiding classes of families and growing kids on the path to becoming a responsible and ethical hunter? Join forces with California instructors to keep education and interest alive! Commit to the mission of education and let us know how we can help. Tell us which classes you would like to instruct and we will help provide you with the resources to do so, from start to finish.

Please fill out our Instructor Course Form for Instructors to the process with CRPA.

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# 2017 CRPA ORG

## Long Range Rifle Championship

by Mike Barranco, CRPA Vice President

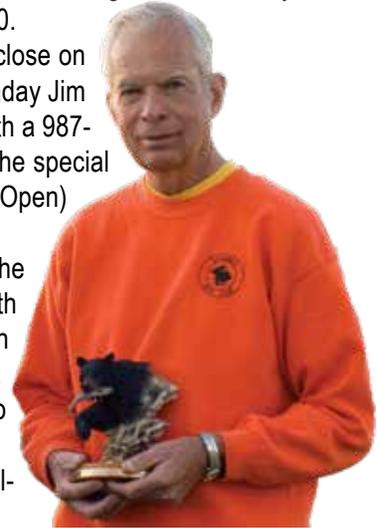
CRPA's annual long range rifle championship was held the first weekend in November and the 58 competitors who made the trip to Coalinga despite the rainy forecast were rewarded with good weather and mostly pleasant winds. The course of fire was 3 x 20 shots at 1,000 yards with iron sights on Saturday and 2 x 20 shots with scopes or iron sights on Sunday, for a possible total score of 1000.

The competition among the 25 shooters in the traditional "sling" class was close on Saturday, with Curtis Gordon leading at 591 and several others at 588. On Sunday Jim O'Connell dropped only one point and pulled ahead to win the championship with a 987-34x. Gordon was second at 984-45x. Ken Letwin finished third at 979-37x. The special awards included High Senior Charles Machalowski, 969-35x, High Senior (F Open) Steve Jennings, 976-35x, and High Junior Justin George, 968-33x.

F-Class competitors outnumbered the sling shooters this year. Among the shooters firing on the half-sized F-Class targets, Niklas Montin dominated both days, handily winning the T/R category with a score of 985-45x. In the Open category, Brian Sumoba edged out Bud McDaniel by two points with a 981-42x.

Thanks to Jim O'Connell for running the match and the competitors who helped on the line and in the pits.

The 2018 CRPA state high power championships begin in Coalinga with Full-bore the last weekend in February, Palma the first weekend in March, and the new Mid-Range match the fourth weekend in March at the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center.



Jim O'Connell,  
high sling rifle competitor, with the Bear Trophy



### CRPA Adds Mid-Range High Power Rifle Championship for 2018

High power rifle shooters will have the opportunity to compete in a new CRPA state championship event starting this year. Thanks to match director, Peter White, and the Folsom Shooting Club, the first High Power Rifle Mid-Range Championship will be held at the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center on the fourth weekend of March.

The championship will consist of two 3 x 600 matches: iron sights on Saturday and iron sights or scopes on Sunday. The high "sling" competitor will be awarded the Bear Trophy. F-Class Open, F-Class Target Rifle, and NRA AR Tactical Rifle winners will be recognized, also provided there are sufficient competitors in these categories. A 600-yard club match on Friday will serve as a warm-up and on Thursday there will be a squatted practice.

The mid-range 600 yard course is familiar to service rifle and match rifle shooters and one where all high power shooters can succeed without prone specialized prone rifles. The new AR Tactical Rifle category opens the door to competitors who would like to try precision shooting with their tactical-style rifles. The NRA calls it "Prone service with a bipod." The rules allow .223 and .308 caliber AR-type rifles equipped with scopes and bipods or fired field-expedient style front and rear rests. Pesky slings are not required. How hard could it be?

The Folsom Club's Sacramento Valley Shooting Center is in Sloughouse, about 15 miles south of Sacramento. Besides excellent camping at the range, there are many places to stay nearby in Jackson and Rancho Cordova. Lunch is provided to competitors all four days and juniors shoot for free, thanks to Folsom Shooting Club and the CRPA.

Contact Peter White at [prwhite1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prwhite1@sbcglobal.net) for the match program or for information.

# A Recap of CRPA's 2017 High Power Rifle Championship

by Connie Taylor, Jim O'Connell, & Mike Barranco

## Fullbore

CRPA's 2017 high power rifle championship events started in February with the Fullbore match. About 40 competitors participated this year, including seven in F-Class. The two-day course of fire was 20 shots at 300, 600, 900, and 1,000 yards on Saturday. This was repeated on Sunday but with 10 shots fired two-to-the-mound, where two competitors alternate firing on one target. The two sighters at each distance were "convertible" both days, meaning if you liked your sighters, you could keep your sighters and make them count as record shots.

At the end of the first day four competitors had shot 798 out of 800, with Curtis Gordon leading at 53 Xs. On Sunday Jared Perry and Jim O'Connell both fired 394/400 and finished with 1192 out of a possible 1200 for both days. Jared's 65 Xs put him 10 Xs ahead of Jim and added another Bear Trophy to his extensive collection. Curtis finished third, one point back at 1191-72x.

The class winners were Sharpshooter, Amber Kingshill, 1053-13x; Expert, Paul Schultz, 1127-29; Master, Jim Gaines, 1185-66x, and High Master, Jim O'Connell, 1192-55x. Niklas Montin won the F-Class with an 1180-50x.

## Palma

The first weekend in March 50 competitors, many returning from the Fullbore match the previous week, attended the state Palma Rifle championship. The Palma course of fire is 15 shots at 800, 900, and 1,000 yards. The championship consisted of two Palma courses over the weekend. But rough weather on Sunday caused the elimination of the second 1,000 yard match.

When the firing ended Saturday, Jared Perry led with a 447/450, closely followed by Jim O'Connell at 446 and Allen Thomas at 445. The rain on Sunday convinced about one-third of the competitors to head for the barn. Bob Gill led the survivors with a 289/300. But Jared's 286 was good enough to keep the lead and win the championship with an aggregate of 733-41x. Lane Buxton finished second at 728-26x, and Gill was third at 727-29x.

There were 16 competitors in the F-Class and a Bear Trophy was awarded to Mark Roth, who finished with a 739-31. Peter White finished second in F-Class with a 730-24x.

## High Power Rifle

The Coalinga Rifle Club hosted the state High Power Rifle Championship once again on the first weekend of May. The class winners were Marksman, Zack McLain, 730-10x; Sharpshooter, Lauren Wood, 757-9x; Expert, Sam Blacksmith, 759-9x; Master, Paul Schultz, 764-21x; and High Master, Matt Early, 782-25x. Bob Gill won the championship and another Bear Trophy with a score of 784-31x. Bob has set the bar for the high power championship at the mid to high-780s for three years now.

Special awards went to Lauren Wood, High Woman; Justin George, High Junior; John Armanini, High Senior; and High Grand Senior, Jim O'Connell.

Light rain started late Saturday night and the weather looked unfavorable Sunday morning. But just before shooting time the rain quit and the 43 competitors who stayed for the EIC match had nice shooting weather. Matt Early finished first with a 493-17x. The high non-distinguished competitor was Damon Brown. His 480-13x was good for a 10-point leg and the last points needed to earn the civilian Distinguished Rifleman Badge, number 2346. Members of the Grizzlies junior team captured the other three leg medals. Loet VanHoven earned a silver leg with a 478-8x. Nathaniel Nye and Sam Blacksmith earned bronze legs with a 476-9x and 476-7x, respectively. Thanks to Jim O'Connell for running the match and to Ken Blaedel, Joel Sylvia, and Bob Gill for running the line and pits.

## 100-Yard Rifle Championship

The Mother Lode Gun Club held CRPA's 100-yard reduced course high power championship the first weekend in July at their scenic home range in Jamestown.

Joel Sylvia fired a 492-11x to win the championship and the Bear Trophy. First Master was Morgan Owen with a score of 490-13x, followed

by Jason Van Curen, 488-15x. Owen also won the Dean Alley Memorial Trophy by firing 981-23x combined score for both days.

First Expert and High Junior went to Hunter Blacksmith, 488-19x. Koa Van Hoven shot a 484-11x to win the Sharpshooter class and Miranda Wilds was high Marksman with 430-1x.

Awards and door prizes provided by Creedmoor Sports and Hornady were presented at the barbeque after the match by MLGC's Dick Coffin and Peter Tidball.



Robert Taylor II of Sonora, Winner of the 2017 State Trophy Individual service rifle match.



2017 Service Rifle Championship winners: Expert Zach McClain, Master Wes Grass, High Master Jared Perry, Champion Matt Early, High Senior, High Junior Sam Blacksmith, High Woman, Lauren Wood.



# APEX PREDATOR

*by Rick Travis, CRPA Executive Director*

*"I came here to tell you the truth, the good,  
the bad and the ugly."*

*– Lt. Colonel Oliver North*

**T**hose famous words are applicable when it comes to the subject of this month's article affecting us as the Apex Predator. Many of us have been roaming the western United States and beyond in search of meat for the next year, a world class challenge or experience or that lifetime opportunity. This year the CRPA will be once again defending and advancing your hunting opportunities. I will begin with some simple truths here in our state, move to the bad, then the ugly and finish with the good.

The truth is, that these are exciting times for hunting and hunters as modern technologies, training and opportunities are expanding. Hunting shows and the return to natural meat movement have had a combined positive impact on how hunters are viewed by the public.

We should be proud of the efforts of the Department of Fish and Wildlife in our state and their focused efforts through their Hunter Education Program that has successfully led to a decline for years in accidents and other mishaps in the field. The efforts of Captain Pelzman, Lieutenants Blake, Bundeson, Norris, Olague, and their hundreds of hunter education instructors statewide that provide arguably some of the finest courses in the nation. The result is that hunters in California are better trained and safer compared to many of their counterparts from other parts of the country.

Every year, hunting comes under scrutiny if not a down right attack by the anti-hunting community at Fish and Game Commission meetings; lobbyists working the legislature to erode and eventually deny us of our rights in the sport of hunting and the media painting a negative picture of sportspeople. This year will be no different as we confront several proposed management plans for deer, elk, predators and others. The bad part is that we have yet to unify as a close-knit group. There has been progress made with the Hunting and Conservation Coalition which is comprised of many groups such as California Bow Hunters, California Deer Association, California Hawking Club, California Houndsmen for Conservation, California Rifle & Pistol Association, California Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Pheasants Forever, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and others who meet regularly with the Department of Fish and Wildlife. (Note: if you're not a part of this effort please contact us at [contact@crpa.org](mailto:contact@crpa.org)). Hunters must see any move toward any part of hunting as a move toward all of hunting. Period. In order to achieve this goal we need each of

you to act as liaisons to your individual clubs and groups to get the word out and to get involved. United we can accomplish much for future generations of hunters and conservationists. If we fail to unite as one we will continue to lose everything we love about hunting.

There is hope as this year we have seen considerable progress in our efforts to recruit new hunters, retain the ones we have and reactivate those who had ceased to be involved. This effort known as R3 is enabling our community to share resources and get the word out more effectively than in years past. This is the result of the HCC and the Department working together for the good of the hunting community at large.

The ugly in our world is that many of us hear so much news we tune out and miss some things that while disturbing are vital for us to understand. Many of you by the time your reading this will have been stopped by the department upon re-entering the state to have your game meat checked. Some of you may feel this is an intrusive measure...I know because I have received phone calls on this very subject. However, when all the information is put into context this isn't ugly but in fact very positive.

The good news is that Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) thankfully has not come to California thanks to the efforts of the Department of Fish and Wildlife. The Department through its Declaration Form for out of state Elk and Deer, check stations and education have thus far been hugely successful. This disease is devastating to ungulate herds, their management and to hunting opportunity. The department deserves our gratitude to their hard efforts to help us preserve our wildlife.

So, the next time your delayed by a Warden, Biologist or other DFW official, pause and consider the delay is most likely helping all of us. Be polite and thank them for what they are doing. Trust me, it will go a long way in preserving our sport.



**Rick Travis, CRPA Executive Director**

*Rick Travis serves as CRPA's Executive Director. In addition to his prior work as CRPA's Programs Director, Rick has over 30 years of public service experience working with various organizations, businesses, and government agencies.*



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 FG 901 (Rev 1/2013)

Description	Number	Pounds
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The above species of fish and/or game were legally taken and possessed by \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_. It is illegal to import any animal for commercial purposes prohibited by California law or regulation.

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# California Department of Fish and Wildlife



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(a) Birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians shall not be imported or possessed in this state unless all of the following requirements are met;

(1) The animals were legally taken and legally possessed outside of this state.

(2) This code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto do not expressly prohibit their possession in this state.

(3) A declaration is submitted to the department or a designated state or federal agency at or immediately before the time of entry in the form and manner prescribed by the department.

(b) Birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians legally taken and legally possessed out side of this state may be imported into this state and possessed without a declaration if the shipment is handled by a common carrier under a bill of lading or as supplies carried into this state by common carriers for use as food for the passengers.

(c) The commission and the department shall not modify this section by any regulation that would prohibit the importation of lawfully killed migratory game birds taken in any other state or country and transported into this state pursuant to the migratory bird regulations adopted annually by the Secretary of the Interior.

Original copy of the declaration form shall be retained by the person importing the fish or game, second copy shall be mailed to the Department of Fish & Wildlife, 1416 9th Street, Law Enforcement Division, Sacramento CA 95814, within 24 hours after entering state, third copy shall be deposited at the point of entry with any state or federal agency or officer, and fourth copy shall remain with the fish or game if transported by other than owner or common carrier.

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Licensing fees paid by hunters provide the vast majority of the funding for natural resource conservation efforts in California. Hunting, trapping, and strategic depredation efforts are critical components contributing to the historical success of NAM.

CRPA opposes the ongoing duplicitous efforts by animal rights extremist groups (see [humanewatch.org](http://humanewatch.org), [huntfortruth.org](http://huntfortruth.org)) to abandon NAM in favor of an unbalanced and unscientific approach to species management that would ban hunting and encourage unchecked populations of predators species to explode, decimate game herds, and terrorize suburban neighborhoods.

These are the core principles of NAM:

- **In the Public Trust - Wildlife belongs to the people.** It is managed in trust for the people by government agencies.
- **Prohibition on Commerce of Dead Wildlife -** It will be illegal to sell the meat of any wild animal in North America.
- **Allocation of Wildlife -** Laws developed by the people and enforced by government agencies will regulate the proper use and conservation of wildlife resources.
- **Opportunity for All -** Every citizen has the freedom to hunt and fish.
- **Non-frivolous Use -** We can legally kill certain wildlife for legitimate purposes under strict guidelines for food and fur, in self-defense, or property protection. Laws are in place to restrict casual killing, killing for commercial purposes, wasting of game, and mistreating wildlife.
- **International Resources -** Because wildlife and fish freely migrate across boundaries between state, provinces, and countries they are considered an international resource.
- **Managed by Science -** The best science available will be used as a basis for informed decision making wildlife management.

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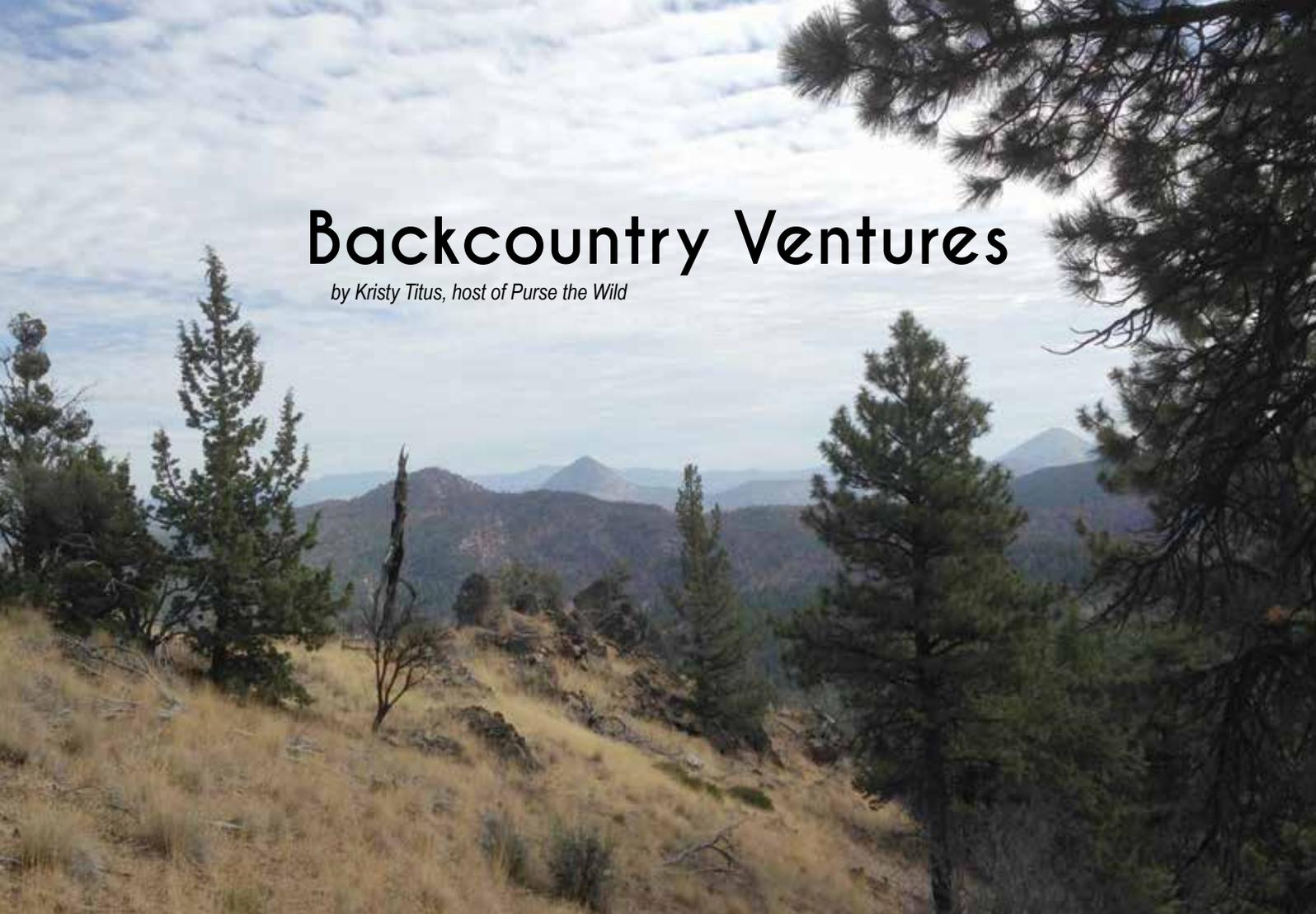
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# Backcountry Ventures

by Kristy Titus, host of *Purse the Wild*



California is famous for white sandy beaches, the shimmering lights of Hollywood and movie stars. When I think of California, I find myself singing the tune from the Beach Boys wishing that I too was a California girl, but not for the reasons that many may think.

Having been raised leading a pack string of mules into the backcountry venturing into the uncharted, my parents always included me in our family outdoor pursuits. Learning the value of setting goals and creating my own success started with small moments afield; as a five year old, tiny child I learned to halter my mule Bullet and would strike out, mule in tow to take him to graze and water. There were times that I was stepped on or accidentally trampled. Both happened at one time or another, but that is what taught me to dust myself off, choke down my tears and keep going. A lesson that many kids benefit from learning- as we know this world can be unkind.

As a strong willed child I insisted on brushing, placing the saddle blanket on my mules back, but having physical limitations, I would allow my father to help me throw the saddle atop his back.

Under watchful eye, my dad gave me the freedom to try and figure out how to correctly cinch my saddle to secure it in place. When I would grow frustrated, he was there to guide me, but never take over and do it for me. After all, I wanted to learn, I wanted to be independent and I wanted to be self-sufficient. This required a commitment of time and patience from my father as it would have

been much faster for him to do it for me- but what would I have learned?

I would then take mount, trotting across the meadows jumping creeks in delight of the freedom felt atop my mule Bullet. A feeling of accomplishment and confidence. There are so many

people with low self-esteem and lack of confidence that would benefit from a moment like this one. A feeling of freedom and accomplishment like this. These moments that are etched into my heart and soul are the motivation for everything that I do in life.

The awe inspiring dawn of a new day as the sun crests over mighty mountain peaks, the giggle from an excited youngster on their first hunt, mesmerizing a young child or new hunter with the sights and sounds of wildlife- all of these things create and foster

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*For me, the true beauty that is found in California is the stars twinkling bright in the night sky and the citizens that take a stand - to fight for the red, the white and the blue. These patriots that support hunting and our Second Amendment are part of the greatest conservation movement on earth.*

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a lifelong commitment to this great nation, its natural resources, our Second Amendment and a purpose to conserve and protect them for the next generation.

For me, the true beauty that is found in California is the stars twinkling bright in the night sky and the citizens that take a stand to fight for the red, the white and the blue. These patriots that support hunting and our Second Amendment



*Kirsty Titus and Kirstie Ennis*

are part of the greatest conservation movement on earth. The North American Wildlife Conservation Model simply put benefits all wildlife from science based management. This is where hunting is proven to be conservation in a multifaceted approach from tag sale revenue, taxation on firearms and ammunition to management of all wildlife.

Having an appreciation and connection with nature is the soul of the hunter. Our culture as hunters and fishermen, is etched in the provision of the hunt; providing lean, hormone free, game meat for our own table and in our freezers. The foods that nourish us, that give us energy, that fuel life is something that deserves careful and thoughtful attention.

Hunting and firearms ownership is ours to lose and ours to defend. The time honored tradition of hunting and shooting sports has deep seeded roots within the state of California that are strong and flourishing. The wild landscapes take you away from the hustle and bustle of city life, traffic jams, honking car horns and shoulder to shoulder people to a place that its main inhabitants commute on four legs.

Teaming up with The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, volunteers and Roseburg Resource Company, the great state of California invited me along with a very special friend of mine, USMC Kirstie Ennis on her first elk hunt. Kirstie is a tiny blonde hair, blue eyed woman that dedicated her life to protecting our freedoms as a helicopter gunner armed with a .50 caliber machine gun. Kirstie served not one but two deployments in Afghanistan where she along with eight others went down in a helicopter crash. The crash resulted in Kirstie having a broken ankle bone, a torn rotator cuff, torn labrum, stepping of the cervical disks in her spine, facial lacerations and trauma, a shattered jaw, broken facial bones, and traumatic brain injury.

Kirstie loves the outdoors and understands first-hand the therapeutic benefits that are found only on the mountain under the watchful eye of Mother Nature and it was in Northern California that the two of us were able to share in the harvest of her very first successful elk hunt.

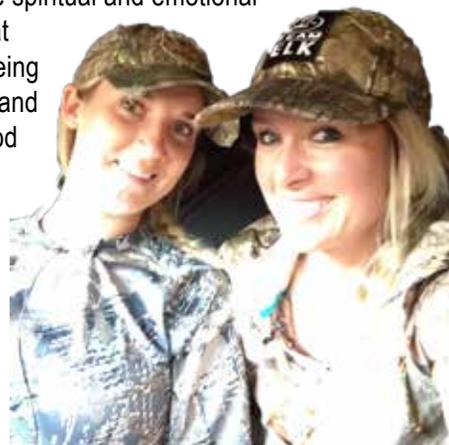
The mountain helps us to discover for the first time or to re-discover ones abilities. Often times we learn that disability is as much a mind-set as it is a physical limitation. The mountain helps

us to discover for the first time or to re-discover ones abilities. Often times we learn that disability is as much a mind-set as it is a physical limitation. According to medical personnel, one day on the mountain has the therapeutic equivalent of two weeks in hospital therapy. In the outdoors, healing is found in both visible and invisible ways that one simply cannot imagine until you witness it first-hand.

Seeing Kirstie on the mountain overcoming her limitations, she reminded me of myself as a child and I knew in that moment that she too was delighting in the freedom

felt there and in the same sense of self-confidence and accomplishment. Kirstie showed how big her heart, her spirit and her determination really was. A short time after the hunt, and some 35 surgeries in total at Balboa Medical Center, Kirstie had her leg amputated not once but three different times due to complications. Regardless of the loss of her limb, Kirstie continues to conquer the mountains of the world.

On the mountain, there is something magical that happens when you are there. As outdoorsmen, we can all attest to the spiritual and emotional restoration that comes from being in wild places and the brotherhood like bond that is forged amongst friends and family in the field.



*Kirstie Ennis and Kirsty Titus*

It is an honor to stand beside other great Americans in the support of America's best and brightest patriots, our service men and women, helping to provide them with therapeutic outdoor adventures and an opportunity to venture back into wild country. Thanks to the generous support of donors and volunteers, freedom to participants is re-discovered on the mountain.

The stars in the sky will always remain a constant marvel for all that cast out in adventure to gaze upon. But the true stars are the patriots that support hunting and our Second Amendment.

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## ROY'S CRITTERS IN CREAM SAUCE

by Roy Griffith, CRPA Legislative Advocate

### Ingredients

2LBS. WILD GAME (OF YOUR CHOICE)  
2-3 TABLESPOONS OLIVE OIL  
1 RED ONION SLICED, 1/4" THICK  
6 CLOVES GARLIC (2 CHOPPED, 4 SLICED THIN)  
1 BUNCH ITALIAN PARSLEY  
6-8 NEW POTATOES, SLICED 1/4" THICK  
8oz. SLICED FRESH MUSHROOMS  
(1) 10oz. CAN OF CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP  
1LB. (16oz.) CONTAINER OF SOUR CREAM  
10oz. OF BURGUNDY (RED WINE)  
SALT/PEPPER TO TASTE



### Preparation

IN BOTTOM OF DUTCH OVEN ADD OLIVE OIL AND TWO CLOVES CHOPPED AND TWO SLICES OF CHOPPED ONION. HEAT UNTIL ONIONS ARE SOFTENED. ADD MEAT AND BROWN ON ALL SIDES. REMOVE DUTCH OVEN FROM HEAT AND TRANSFER MEAT TO A PLATE AND SET ASIDE.

WHILE MEAT IS BROWNING, COMBINE SOUP, SOUR CREAM, BURGUNDY AND PARSLEY IN A SEPARATE PAN OVER LOW HEAT. STIR UNTIL WARM AND BLENDED. IN DUTCH OVEN, LAYER SLICED ONION RINGS, SLICED POTATOES, MUSHROOMS AND MEAT. COVER WITH SAUCE.

REPEAT LAYERING UNTIL ALL THE MEAT, VEGETABLES AND SAUCE ARE GONE. COVER AND PLACE IN A 325 DEGREE OVEN FOR 2 1/2 TO 3 HOURS UNTIL MEAT IS TENDER AND FALLS APART WITH A FORK.



Game used here was Elk.

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