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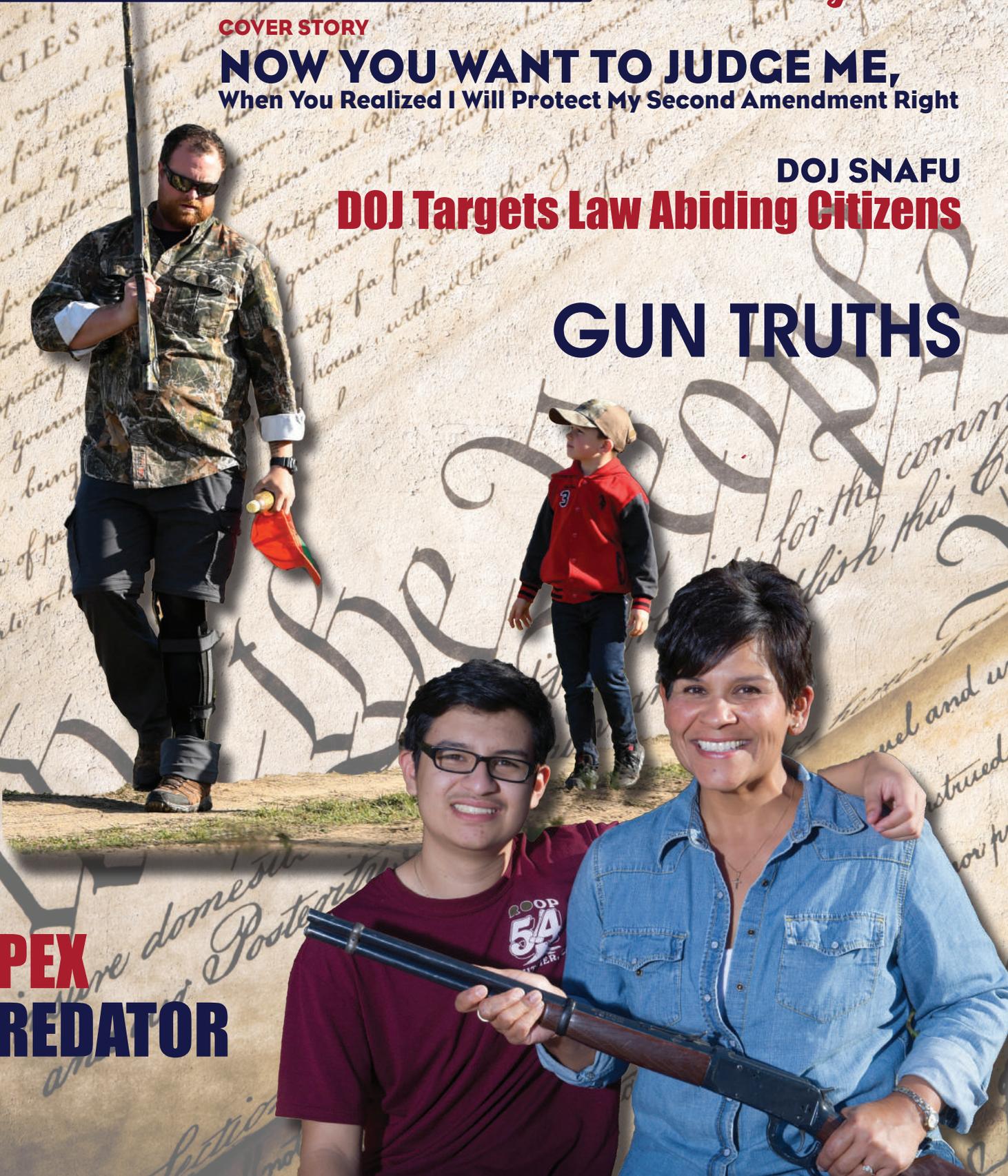
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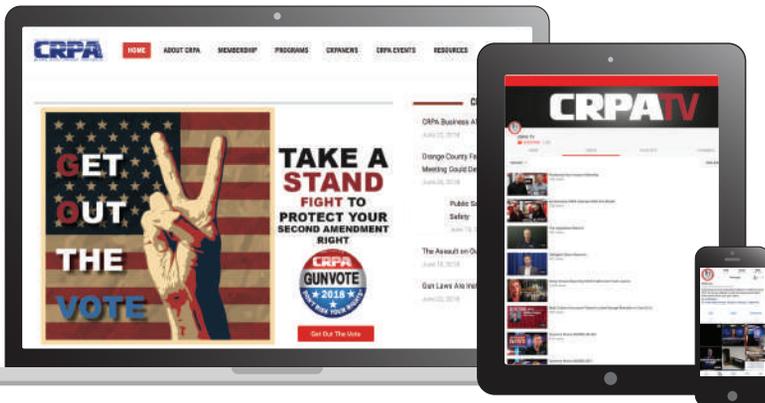
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# CAPITOL REPORT

by Roy Griffith, CRPA Legislative Advocate

I hope this article finds you well. I for one am looking forward to enjoying as much of this beautiful summer weather as I can!

The fight for our rights is in full swing in the Capitol right now. The last two months have been extraordinarily productive for the CRPA here in Sacramento. With our partners from the California Hunting and Conservation Coalition, we were able to stop a major anti-gun offensive! Assemblyman Holden's (D) AB 3199 was introduced as a direct attack against pro-Second Amendment and pro-hunting organizations. By banning firearms raffles, AB 3199 would have eliminated a key source of funding for groups like CRPA, who oppose unconstitutional anti-gun and anti-hunting measures. Defeating this bill was crucial for securing our ability to fight back for years to come!

Despite this success, the anti-gun politicians are still rabidly pursuing their "common sense" gun control agenda. Anti-gun politicians like Assemblyman Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D) and Assemblyman Rob Bonta (D) continue to advocate the systematic destruction of our Second Amendment. Through his position as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, Assemblyman Jones-Sawyer continues to pass any and all anti-gun legislation that comes across his desk, while simultaneously killing truly common-sense bills!

While Gavin Newsom and Kevin de Leon may attack our Constitutional rights, relative unknowns like Jones-Sawyer do more damage to the Second Amendment on a daily basis than either of them put together!

Unfortunately, our legislature continues to advocate depriving young Californians of their right to keep and bear arms! AB 3 (Bonta, D) attempts to raise the age to purchase a long gun to 21. In doing so, law makers will leave the men and women of our nations armed forces, young parents, students, and single mothers defenseless in their homes. Even though this bill is a reactionary response to isolated events of terror, they continue to advance toward the governor's desk.

As if that wasn't bad enough, they are now trying to regulate

and restrict the sale of so called "firearm precursor parts" (AB 2382, Gipson, D)! This means that barrels, trigger groups, and other common and necessary parts would be subject to ridiculous restrictions, similar to the ones now in place for ammunition. We know that this bill will have absolutely zero effect on the criminals who use firearms to perpetuate violence, but the elitist anti-gun politicians never let the truth get in the way of infringing on our Constitutional rights.

Thankfully, we have been able to go on the legislative offensive. This session has been tremendously successful for us in the fight for veterans, sportsmen, and the next generation of hunters! Assemblyman Gallagher, the CRPA Legislator of the Year, has been working hard to make hunting more affordable for California veterans (AB 986) and to improve and increase waterfowl habitat development (AB 2697). Additionally, CRPA is working hard to pass AB 2151 (Gray, D), which will make big game hunting more affordable for California's youth.

I would like to personally thank you all for your support, and for taking the time to get informed on these critical issues. We will win this fight because of dedicated members like you!

For more information or updates about the bills mentioned in this article or other bills we are tracking, check out our website at: <https://www.crpa.org/crpanews/legislative-news-bulletins/legislative-affairs-report/>



**Roy Griffith**  
CRPA Legislative Advocate

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| BILL           |  | SUPPORT   | STATUS   |
|----------------|--|---|--|
| <b>SB 710</b>  | (Anderson, <b>R</b> ) Firearms: silencers  | This bill aims to end the ban on suppressors in California. By doing so, this bill would make it legal to possess a suppressor so long as the proper federal regulations are followed. Additionally, SB 710 would allow anyone who is legally allowed to possess a suppressor to use it to hunt.  | 1/9/18 Failed to pass Senate Public Safety Committee. Bill is dead.                  |
| <b>SB 1092</b> | (Anderson, <b>R</b> ) Firearms: silencers  | This bill would authorize hunting while using a lawfully possessed silencer that is attached to a firearm with a barrel measuring 16 inches or more in length.  | Senate Public Safety 04/10/18 failed vote. Bill dead.                                |
| <b>SB 1311</b> | (Berryhill, <b>R</b> ) Fishing and Hunting: Annual Sportsman's Licenses            | This bill would create annual sportsman's license that provides the same privileges as annual hunting and fishing licenses, but that is valid for a term of one year from July 1st to June 30th. SB 1311 would limit the issuance of these licenses to California residents. Final language pending (02/20/19) but will provide a savings compared to purchasing licenses individually. | 05/31/18: In Assembly read first time.   |
| <b>AB 986</b>  | (Gallagher, <b>R</b> ) Hunting and Sport Fishing Licenses: Duration                | This bill proposes a reduction in license fees for veterans. It would require a resident or 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.   | 06/12/18: Senate NR & Water. Passed 9 to 0 vote.                                     |
| <b>AB 1394</b> | (Allen, <b>R</b> ) Firearms: licenses to carry concealed firearms                  | This bill would remove the good cause requirement for the issuance of a CCW in California. If passed, this would make California a "shall issue" state. This would enable thousands of Californians who are currently prevented from carrying by unconstitutional "good cause" requirements to exercise their constitutional right to self-protection.                                  | 1/9/18 Failed to pass Assembly Public Safety Committee. Bill is dead.                |
| <b>AB 1931</b> | (Fong, <b>R</b> ) Firearms: licenses to carry concealed firearms                   | AB 1931 would authorize the sheriff of a county, or a chief or other head of a police department, to issue a CCW for a period of up to 5 years.   | Pulled at request of author. Dead for 2018.  |
| <b>AB 1932</b> | (Fong, <b>R</b> ) Firearms: licenses to carry concealed firearms                   | This bill will require DOJ to furnish a background check report to a concealed carry permit licensing authority within 60 days of receiving the fingerprints and fees. If passed, this bill will speed up the process of issuing CCWs to law abiding Californians.  | Dead for 2018.   |
| <b>AB 1958</b> | (Quirk-Silva, <b>D</b> ) Firearms: silencers                                       | AB 1958 will allow companies that produce suppressors in California to sell them out of state so long as the sale or transfer is in line with federal law. This bill will help California's jobs and the right to manufacture firearms components.  | Postponed at request of author: Dead for 2018.                                       |
| <b>AB 2067</b> | (Gallagher, <b>R</b> ): School Safety: Armed security guards schools               | Requires state to provide trained armed security for K-12, step forward in light of ground lost due to passage of AB 424 in 2017.   | 05/25/18: Assembly Appropriations. Failed to pass. Dead for 2018.                    |
| <b>AB 2697</b> | (Gallagher, <b>R</b> ) Wildlife, bird, waterfowl habitat: idled agricultural lands | This bill allows land owners to maintain non-irrigated cover crops on land when not in use. Creates and maintains critical nesting and cover vegetation for wildlife.   | 06/04/18: In Senate pending assignment.  |
| <b>AB 2151</b> | (Gray, <b>D</b> ) Hunting: apprentice tags   | AB 2151 aims to make hunting opportunities affordable to all California children. By creating \$20 apprentice tags for big game animals such as elk, pronghorns, bighorn sheep, and bears, AB 2151 will ensure that we can train a robust new generation of hunter conservationists.  | 06/12/18: Senate Committee on N R & W / Passed 6 to 0 vote / to Sen Appropriations.  |
| <b>AB 2318</b> | (Flora, <b>R</b> ) Gun-Free School Zone  | This bill amends gun free zone statute to allow for concealed carry during religious services even if services are held in a school gun free zone. (An act to amend Section 626.9 of the penal code relating to firearms).  | 04/26/18: From committee without further action pursuant to Joint Rule 62(a) (Died). |
| <b>AB 2670</b> | (Kiley, <b>R</b> ): Fish and Wildlife: Free Hunting Days                           | AB 2670 would require the Director of CDFW to declare which days would be Free Hunting Days by July 1st, 2019. The bill would require one of the days to be in the spring rather than winter.   | 04/24/18: Asm Public Safety. Failed reconsideration vote. Dead for 2018.             |
| <b>AB 2733</b> | (Harper, <b>R</b> ) Firearms: unsafe handguns: imprinting                          | This bill removes microstamping requirement and will allow new generation handguns for sale in California. An Act to amend Penal Code section 31910 relating to sales of firearms in California.  | 04/24/18: Asm Public Safety. Failed reconsideration vote. Dead for 2018.             |

| BILL           |  | SUPPORT   | STATUS  |
|----------------|--|---|---|
| <b>AB 2805</b> | (Bigelow, <b>R</b> ) Wild pigs: Validations                            | Establishes new classification for wild pigs from big game to exotic big game. Replaces pig tag with pig stamp. | 06/26/18: Set for Senate NR & Water.  |
| <b>AB 2860</b> | (Allen, <b>R</b> ): Firearms: unsafe handguns                          | Repeal roster requirement for handguns .  | 04/10/18: Set for Asm Public Safety; Pulled at request of author / dead for 2018. |
| <b>AB 3064</b> | (Baker, <b>R</b> ) Firearms: Felons in possession. Penalty enhancement | AB 3064 would increase the severity of punishment for felons illegally possessing firearms.                     | 04/24/18: Failed vote Asm Public Safety. Bill dead for 2018.                      |

| BILL           |  | OPPOSE  | STATUS  |
|----------------|--|---|---|
| <b>SB 221</b>  | (Wiener, <b>D</b> ) Agricultural District 1-A: firearms and Ammunition Sales at Cow Palace | A bill to prohibit the sales of firearms and ammunition at the Cow Palace in city and County of San Francisco.  | 06/19/18: set for Asm. Public Safety.   |
| <b>SB 459</b>  | (Portantino, <b>D</b> ) Firearms: dealer inspections                                       | SB 459 would require DOJ to conduct inspections of firearm dealers at least every 3 years. This will only create more work for an already overburdened DOJ, and create unnecessary red tape for California FFLs.  | 04/16/18 Referred to Asm Public Safety.   |
| <b>SB 1100</b> | (Portantino, <b>D</b> ): Firearms: Transfers   | This bill would limit transfers to one long gun a month, no transfer to someone under the age of 21. Exemption for licensed hunter and non-profit fund raisers.   | 04/17/18 Passed Senate Public Safety.   |
| <b>SB 1177</b> | (Portantino, <b>D</b> ) Firearms: Transfers  | This bill will limit the transfer of long guns to one per month. Exemption for licensed hunters and charity fundraisers.  | 06/14/18 Asm Rules Committee  |
| <b>SB 1487</b> | (Stern, <b>D</b> ): Iconic African Species Protection Act                                  | This bill will make it unlawful for California's to process many species of wildlife they lawfully harvested in African nations.  | 06/26/18: Set for Asm Water parks and Wildlife.                                       |
| <b>AB 3</b>    | (Bonta, <b>D</b> )Firearms: age restrictions   | Gutted and amended in assembly 03/97/18. As amended, this bill would prohibit the sale or transfer of any firearm (Not just handgun) by a licensed dealer to any person under 21 years of age. Additionally, changes to age restrictions on the purchase of ammunition and the issuance of a serial number by the Department of Justice for an assembled firearm. | 06/19/18: reset Sen Public Safety.  |
| <b>AB 736</b>  | (Gipson, <b>D</b> )  | Authorizes DOJ to impose civil fines for violations of certain firearm licensing requirements and increased fine and suspension if occurring within specified time period.  | Approval by LPC 03/20/18.   |
| <b>AB 1927</b> | (Bonta, <b>D</b> ): Firearms: California do not sell list firearms                         | Allows individual to ad themselves to the "DO NOT Sell List."   | 06/19/18: set for Sen Public Safety.  |
| <b>AB 2103</b> | (Gloria, <b>D</b> ) Firearms: license to carry concealed firearms                          | AB 2103 aims to create mandatory firearms training and handling to receive a CCW. This bill is completely unnecessary since issuing authorities already require basic range qualification and safety classes to be issued a CCW.  | 06/12/18: Senate Public Safety / pass re-referred to the Committee on Appropriations. |
| <b>AB 2382</b> | (Gipson, <b>D</b> ) Firearms: firearm precursor parts                                      | This bill would require "the sale of firearm precursor parts" to be treated as firearms. No clear definition of what a precursor part is, a term not even used by industry.   | 06/04/18: in Senate pending committee assignment.                                     |
| <b>AB 2497</b> | (Cooper, <b>D</b> ) Firearms: School gun violence prevention                               | This bill will impose tax on retailers for the sale of firearms and ammunition to pay for mandates school counselors and security officers.   | 04/24/18: re-referred to committee on Public Safety (Pending hearing date).           |
| <b>AB 3199</b> | (Holden, <b>D</b> ) Charitable raffles: Firearms   | This bill would prohibit an authorized raffle from having a firearm as a prize. A violation would be a misdemeanor.   | Held in committee by author.  |



# COURT Report

by Matthew Cubeiro, Attorney

## Rhode vs. Becerra

On Thursday, April 26, the California Rifle & Pistol Association, working with the experts and legal scholars at the NRA, filed an important lawsuit challenging California's restrictions regarding the sale or transfer of ammunition. These restrictions, enacted in 2016 as part of the "Gunmageddon" bills and Proposition 63, require all ammunition sales and transfers to be conducted via face-to-face transactions at California licensed firearm dealers or licensed ammunition vendors. And beginning July 1, 2019, all ammunition purchasers will be required to pass a background check before taking delivery of any ammunition.

Leading the lawsuit is Kim Rhode, a six-time Olympic medal winner who uses specialized ammunition approved by the International Shooting Sport Federation during the competitions she participates in. Joining her are several other law-abiding California gun owners and the following out of state businesses who can no longer ship ammunition directly to their California customers:

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**Sam's Shooters Emporium** - Located in Lake Havasu City, AZ (just outside of California), Sam's Shooters Emporium celebrated 20 years of business as the largest indoor shooting range in Arizona. The owners of Sam's Shooters Emporium, Sam Scarmardo and his wife, are dedicated supporters of the Second Amendment and both NRA Life Members. Visit their website at [www.samsguns.com](http://www.samsguns.com).

The lawsuit, titled Rhode v. Becerra, challenges the California's new ammunition sales restrictions as a violation of the Second Amendment, Commerce Clause, and Equal

Protection Clause of the United States Constitution. The lawsuit also challenges the restrictions as being preempted by the Firearm Owner's Protection Act.

The filing of Rhode marks the fourth lawsuit filed challenging the provisions of Proposition 63 and the other "Gunmageddon" gun control bills. Once such lawsuit, titled Duncan v. Becerra, has already succeeded in obtaining an important injunction against Proposition 63's ban on the possession of magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds. The other two lawsuits, titled Rupp v. Becerra and Villanueva v. Becerra (both of which challenge California's "assault weapon" restrictions and registration requirements), are also seeking injunctions while those lawsuits are pending.

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

| Issue  | Case Name  | Case Status   | What's Next   |
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| Challenge to California's Ammunition Sales Restrictions  | <b><i>Rhode v. Becerra</i></b>   | The case was filed on April 26, 2018, in response to Proposition 63 and Senate Bill 1235's restrictions regarding the sale and transfer of ammunition in California. The lawsuit challenges these restrictions as a violation of the Second Amendment, Commerce Clause, and Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution, as well as a violation of the Firearm Owner's Protection Act. Six-time Olympic medal winner Kim Rhode spearheads this lawsuit as lead plaintiff.   | The state has filed a motion to dismiss. Plaintiffs will soon file an opposition to that motion.  |
| 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 SB 880 and AB 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, but that motion was denied on May 9, 2018.                           | Plaintiffs recently filed an amended complaint and will seek a temporary restraining order preventing the requirement from being enforced while the case is pending.  |
| Challenge to California's ban on standard capacity magazines   | <b><i>Duncan v. Becerra</i></b>  | The case was filed in response to SB 1446 and Prop 63. It challenges California's ban on the acquisition and possession of magazines over ten rounds. On June 29, the district court granted plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction, halting enforcement of the newly enacted possession ban while the case is litigated. The State immediately appealed the injunction order, but the case was ordered to continue in the trial court. The parties have completed discovery, and plaintiffs filed a motion for summary judgment on March 5, 2018. | A hearing before the District Court took place on May 10, 2018, regarding Plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment. And a hearing before the Ninth Circuit on May 14, 2018, regarding the state's appeal of the injunction granted by the District Court. A decision on either could come at any time. |
| 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 under California's Administrative Procedure Act because they were enacted without legislative authority and without any input from members of the public.   | On May 30, 2018, the court issued an order upholding the regulations as valid. Plaintiffs will soon be filing an appeal.  |
| Challenge to CA and Los Angeles firearm carry restrictions that prohibit both open and concealed carry | <b><i>Flanagan v. Becerra</i></b><br><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. On May 24, 2018, the court issued a decision granting Defendant's motion for summary judgment.  | Plaintiffs will soon be filing an appeal.   |
| Challenge to California DOJ's misuse of DROS Fee funds   | <b><i>Bauer v. Becerra</i></b><br><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. Plaintiffs' filed a petition for review, but the United States Supreme Court declined to rehear the case.  | Because the Supreme Court declined to rehear the case, the Ninth Circuit's decision is final, and the case is now closed.   |
| Challenges DOJ's use of DROS surplus to fund APPS as an illegal tax                                    | <b><i>Gentry v. Becerra</i></b><br><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.  | Plaintiffs' motion for leave to amend their complaint to include claims developed through discovery will be heard on June 22, 2018. And a hearing on the case's merits is scheduled for August 24.  |

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| Challenge to CA DOJ's underground regulations regarding the FSC Program                                 | <b><i>Belemjian v. Becerra</i></b><br><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 their request for attorneys' fees.   | On March 29, 2018, the Court of Appeal affirmed the denial of plaintiffs' fee motion. Further action is being considered.  |
| 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, and plaintiffs are seeking their attorneys' fees against the State. | Plaintiffs' motion for attorneys' fees on appeal was heard on September 14, 2017. A further hearing is scheduled for April 5, 2018, and a decision is expected soon. Meanwhile, the denial of fees for work in the trial court is currently on appeal. |

## California and 9th Circuit Amicus and Consulting Support

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.

| <b>Issue</b>  | <b>Case Name</b>   | <b>Case Status</b>   | <b>What's Next</b>  |
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| FFL Zoning Restrictions   | <b><i>Teixeira v. Alameda County</i></b>   | On October 10, 2017, an 11-judge en banc panel of the Ninth Circuit issued an opinion holding that the Second Amendment does not protect a right to sell firearms. As a result, the court held, Alameda County's FFL zoning restrictions do not unconstitutionally burden the right to keep and bear arms. Plaintiffs filed a petition for review, but the United States Supreme Court declined to rehear the case.      | Because the Supreme Court declined to rehear the case, the Ninth Circuit's decision is final, and the case is now closed.             |
| 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 Ninth Circuit.   |
| 10-Day Wait as applied to current firearm owners  | <b><i>Silvester v. Harris</i></b>  | In December 2016, the Ninth 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." The United States Supreme Court declined to rehear the case, but not without a strong dissenting opinion from Justice Thomas. | Because the Supreme Court declined to rehear the case, the Ninth Circuit's decision is final, and the case is now closed.             |
| 1st Amendment challenge to handgun ad prohibition   | <b><i>Tracy Rifle and Pistol v. Becerra</i></b><br><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><br><b>(Formerly <i>Doe v. Harris</i>)</b>                                       | On February 8, 2018, the California Court of Appeal issued a decision invalidating DOJ's long-held position that licensed collectors with a valid COE are only exempt from the one handgun per 30-day restriction for curio/relic purchases.   | Defendants declined to petition the California Supreme Court for review and the case is now closed.                                   |
| 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 Ninth 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. |

NRA & 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.

## Local Advocacy Project

| <b>Jurisdiction and Issue</b>                                     | <b>Description</b>   | <b>LOP Response</b>   | <b>Status</b>  |
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| Huntington Beach Ballot Initiative Banning Semiautomatic Firearms | In December, the City of Huntington Beach issued title and summary for a proposed local ballot initiative that seeks to ban the possession of all semiautomatic firearms within city limits.   | NRA and CRPA alerted members to the proposed initiative and are currently monitoring its development.   | Proponents of the measure have until June 2018 to obtain the required number of signatures to move forward. The City has filed suit against the ballot proponent.        |
| Santa Clara County Gun Shows                                      | In March 2018, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors directed County Counsel to draft an ordinance prohibiting gun shows on county-owned property. In May 2018 the Board proposed an ordinance on the agenda.  | NRA and CRPA alerted members to the proposal. County Board of Supervisors is set to consider ordinance at June 6th meeting.   | NRA and CRPA are monitoring county agendas for any updates.  |
| Healdsburg FFL Zoning Ordinance                                   | In March 2018, the Healdsburg Planning Commission held a public discussion regarding a comprehensive FFL zoning ordinance for the city.  | NRA and CRPA alerted members to the proposed zoning ordinance.  | NRA and CRPA are monitoring City Council agendas for any updates.  |
| LA City's Ban on Sales of "Ultracompact" Handguns                 | 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 City Council voted to repeal the ordinance. As of October 15, 2017, the ordinance has been officially repealed. |
| San Carlos Moratorium on Firearm Retailers                        | 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. The City continues to hold local meetings regarding the next steps in the zoning process. | 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. | NRA and CRPA are monitoring City Council agendas for any updates.  |

| <b>Jurisdiction and Issue</b>        | <b>Description</b>  | <b>LOP Response</b>  | <b>Status</b>  |
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| El Cerrito CCW Fees                  | Under El Cerrito'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 El Cerrito agreed with the NRA and CRPA that the current fee violates the statutory \$100 cap. On the April 17, 2018 meeting agenda the fee was adjusted to \$100.                              |
| San Jose Anti-Gun Ordinance Package  | In September 2016, San Jose Councilmembers Ash Kalra and Raul Peralez introduced an anti-gun package for discussion and referral to the city council.   | On October 17, 2017, the San Jose 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 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.                              |
| Orange County CCW Applications       | Many Orange County residents to this day are still confused as to the specific requirements for obtaining a CCW in Orange County.   | Prepared a comprehensive guide discussing the entire application process for obtaining a CCW in Orange County, including what is required to satisfy the Sheriff's "good cause" policy.                  | NRA and CRPA are working hard to bring "shall-issue" to California. In the meantime, CRPA will continue to provide gun owners with helpful guides on how they can apply for a CCW in their respective county of residence. |
| Cupertino Anti-Gun Ordinance Package | In January 2017, 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 Cupertino City Council at any time.  |
| Buenaventura FFL Zoning Ordinance    | In January 2017, 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. | 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.                   |
| Statewide Public Record Requests     | 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.   |
| City of Morgan Hill                  | City of Morgan Hill-recommend to draft ordinances on duty to report theft or lost firearms, safe storage ordinance while in home, prohibit possession of LCM, require permit to conduct retail sales                                    | CRPA and NRA Attorneys sent letter in advance of actual ordinance language being introduced to inform city of the problems with the proposal   | Next meeting will be in June. Continuing to monitor.   |

| Jurisdiction and Issue            | Description  | LOP Response  | Status                                       |
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| City of Milpitas                  | Holding a safety summit for the community on June 2nd as a spin off from the one held by Santa Clara County.                 | Monitoring.   | Next meeting is June 19th.                   |
| City of Arcata                    | Proposed Mandatory Lock Storage Ordinance fashioned after San Francisco.   | Draft letter sent first week of June prior to next meeting.   | Next meeting in July. Continuing to monitor. |
| Del Mar Gun Show                  | The Fair Board of The Del Mar Fairgrounds is considering banning gun shows or heavily restricting the activity there.        | CRPA and NRA alerted members for the last meeting and many of our member were in full force. CRPA attorneys have drafted letters to the Board to inform them of the strict requirements for all gun shows in California.          | Continuing to monitor.                       |
| Orange County Costa Mesa Gun Show | County Board of Supervisors is considering whether they will continue to allow gun shows at the fairgrounds.                 | CRPA and NRA alerted members regarding the meeting. We had many members show up at the last meeting to show support for the gun show. Currently, the Board of Supervisors is refusing to approve more gun shows past August 2018. | Continue to monitor.                         |
| City of Saratoga                  | Possible mandatory lock storage ordinance. Holding a community meeting on May 29th to prepare for next meeting on June 20th. | CRPA and NRA submitted a letter to the City Council regarding the constitutional concerns with the proposed ordinance.  | Next meeting June 20th.                      |

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# PROGRAMS REPORT

by Sarah Barrett, CRPA Programs & Event Manager

Our Programs at CRPA have been blossoming with the support of our great members. Not only have we seen an increase in volunteer and grassroots involvement, but also in events, training and youth programs. Our newest, Business Affiliate Program in which businesses have stepped up to the plate by partnering more with CRPA and taking advantage of the free benefits of the program. We thank those businesses that have joined this program in order to help CRPA extend its efforts and invited us into their business. We are also proud of how much louder and more evident our voice has become, and hope you continue to stand with us in this fight as we continue to protect and preserve the second amendment in California. We have said it before, but THIS is the time to get involved and actively engaged. CRPA is now looking at new ways to extend its efforts across the board with programs, including the Church Shield Program. Part of our core mission is education, and we're committed to ensuring everyone, including houses of worship, are prepared for any situation.

CRPA hosted its first ever Sheepdog Seminar with Jimmy Meeks and Lt. Col. Dave Grossman at Mariners Church in Huntington Beach, CA in May. Not only did we have a larger number of attendees than we expected, but we even caught the attention of the LA Times. This front-page article detailed this event which targeted all church leaders, especially security teams from all different churches, religions, backgrounds, and locations to encourage the finding of a common ground, in protecting places of worship and faith-based properties. This was a special event and unique opportunity for CRPA to host and partner with Sheepdog. We also had some great vendors at this event to promote safety and training such as, Artemis Defense Institute, Front Sight Firearms Training, Pro-tech Life Safety Services, Clint Sandusky with law enforcement bike patrol, and our CRPA booth including our women's program debut. These vendors were very



Sheepdog event May 14, 2018.

supportive in helping CRPA bring this event together by having their services available to the public and offer their best.

The Sheepdog Seminar covered numerous topics in being prepared in a place of worship should there be an intruder of any kind. This included walking attendees through active shooter tragedies that have happened since 1999, as well as addressed the issues of sex crimes occurring on church and faith-based properties. This seminar was not just about guns, but the second amendment of our Constitution and how to protect the community of a faith-based property. However, we at CRPA believe with certainty that guns CAN save lives and STOP crimes. The principles and topics addressed were applicable to anyone and everyone concerned with violence, and the means and mentality necessary to serve as a protector of one's family, church, community, and nation. Walking away from this seminar, our hope at CRPA was for people to feel empowered and encouraged to be prepared and receive training. As our Executive Director at CRPA Rick Travis stated, "We don't want people to be afraid. We want people to be knowledgeable." However, being knowledgeable is taking responsibility to become educated and to seek the proper training, help, and resources available. This is where CRPA comes in and can offer support and guidance as the state organization that has such high demand for safety and training. Regardless if you are a woman interested in taking one of our Women's Self- Protection classes, or simply want to learn how to use a firearm and what that looks like. We also have classes for anyone looking to advance their firearms skills, hunting skills, learn CPR, etc. CRPA offers variety of classes at our Training center located in Fullerton, CA where we have instructors that truly care about your skill level and guiding you in any way they can.

Currently, CRPA has been fielding many requests for church safety and security training for this upcoming year. It is with great anticipation that we get to partner with a variety of communities and come together on the common ground of protecting our places of worship! As CRPA further develops this Church Shield Program by hosting more of these Sheepdog Seminars up and down the state of California, we ask for you to reach out. If you have a church or faith-based property that could benefit from one of these seminars, please contact us at [contact@crpa.org](mailto:contact@crpa.org) or 714-992-2772. For more training opportunities, please visit our website at [www.crpa.org](http://www.crpa.org) and search "training calendar".



## Sarah Barrett CRPA Programs & Events Manager

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## Now You Want to Judge Me, When You Realized I Will Protect My Second Amendment Right

by Rick Travis, CRPA Executive Director

This year's headlines have been nothing short of tragic when it comes to school shootings. Every event I speak at, whether in front of first responders or a local rod & gun club, the deep sympathy for the communities affected, and the nation as a whole, is real. Conversations before, during and after 2A events always have three elements to them: anger at the perpetrator(s), lack of true government/media accountability, and a tendency to be publicly silent.

Silence, in our culture, is admission of whatever the opposition is purporting to be true. In other words, group A makes a claim about group B. Group B does not respond and the resulting optics in the general audience is that group A's claims are now fact. Note that there is no preponderance of evidence, no public discourse and the result is that a mere claim becomes the soup du jour of the society.

The Second Amendment community is suffering from several ailments in the United States, especially at ground zero of the anti-2A agenda here in California. Self-Victimization within our community is aiding and abetting the opposition's machine politics to stigmatize and ostracize us as a group and as individuals. If we do not resist and fight, we will very likely suffer dire of consequences in the future.

To fight back, one must know truly who their enemy is, what their agenda is, and how to defeat them. The enemy is not lurking in the shadows. Led by the likes of kingpin Billionaires George Soros and Michael Bloomberg, they have become so arrogant that they have openly come out to oppose one of the most basic tenets of our constitution: the Second Amendment. Too many in our community scoff at the mere suggestion that these two men have so much power or are truly the boogeyman they are portrayed to be.

George Soros has a globalist agenda that has focused on controlling the fourth estate in this country, known as the media. The media is like any other business and thus dependent on customers to survive. Those customers are largely advertisers and big business who support them. When the media moves its reporting in favor of these donors and corporate followers, they get an increase in cash flow and thus are literally controlled not by ethics, but by their patron's whims.

According to the Media Research Center (<https://www.mrc.org/commentary/over-30-major-news-organizations-linked->

george-soros) Soros gave over 1.8 million to National Public Radio (NPR) alone. He set up ProPublica, a very progressive shill of top notch reporters, to promote his agenda and make it sound palatable and even credible to the uneducated masses.

The 2A community used to stand in popular culture alongside Superman as a part of everyday life. Using that analogy, Soros is our Lex Luthor and Michael Bloomberg is our technocratic anti-gun version of Brainiac. Bloomberg directly influences the media openly through his media empire and his billionaire status. His anti-gun agenda is well documented, and both directly support the Brady Campaign, Giffords Law Center, and numerous others in their fight to ultimately take away guns from American Society.

Together, they work to choreograph the optics in front of the public to illustrate gun ownership as abnormal from normal society. This is the first step in applying a stigma to each of us who support the founding fathers' vision of this country through our constitution. The term "stigmatization" comes from the Greeks who literally branded someone as inferior to the rest of society for life. Any attempt to place a stigma on our community must be met with a fierce resolve to not stand for it. Do not argue with Soros, Bloomberg, and their cronies. Take your passion to the streets and demonstrate that you are a normal person. Prove to your greater community that law abiding gun owners are model citizens; we are doctors, lawyers, coaches, teachers, first responders, single moms, and people who come from every ethnic, religious, and social background. That is the truth and it will out shine the stigma lie that guns belong to "old white men" who hate everyone that doesn't look like them.

The California Rifle & Pistol Association is leading by example by focusing on educating the public at large through cultural, sporting, hobby and other nontraditional firearms community events. Gun owners, clubs, and other organizations need to join us in pushing back against the rhetoric that we are an insignificant group that can easily be demonized and ostracized. The CRPA will not pass easily into the night and will always focus on "Its Morning Again" in California and America. To win this fight we need each of you to join us in this movement!

History shows over and over again how despots, maniacal leaders, and globalists ostracize those who stand in their way. Groups and individuals who do not mount a defense are not only ostracized, but eventually are eliminated from society. Thankfully,

we are not even close to that demise, but if left unchecked, a strong argument could be made that this could be the final result.

The primary tool of those in power to ostracize an individual or group is to use the media. In the early stages, the media subtly sets up in the public forum a series of seemingly benign questions about what is good for society. In phase two, society begins to discuss these questions and form loose opinions that are corralled into a reward-based group think. This results in a large group mentality that buys into the collective lie that they are justified in their new found opinion and the “others” are no longer acceptable or necessary to a healthy society. The result is the “others” have been successfully ostracized from their community at large.

The media, who Thomas Jefferson proclaimed as the fourth estate, were to be the watch dog over government. French philosopher, Albert Camus, stated that a Press that lost its freedom would be most certainly bad. The average American has to wonder if the Press is truly free to report on a story without bias from any political agenda set forth by its primary donors. Most of us should come to the conclusion that at best, the Press has limited freedom that is being eroded away quickly.

Our community must get up from their couches, quit the infighting, stop the social media pot shots, and get involved in making a stand. Write your local press and submit a letter to the editor when you see something you disagree with. Many of you will ask why you should take the time to do that. My answer is that if you were to stay silent (which is in fact the status quo for many), your silence is the equivalent in the public debate as standing on a podium at halftime and shouting at the top of your lungs, “I agree with the Anti 2A Agenda!”

Look around you and be honest. We are all being stigmatized and a full assault on our way of life to ostracize us from society is happening. The headlines since 2015 to the present have been trying to equate the Second Amendment as a tool to support slavery in the media. *The Atlantic*, *Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*, who are all financed in part by Soros, have been front and center in that propaganda against us. The purpose is to turn the Second Amendment into a race issue dividing this country to support the lie that only gun owners are racist white males.

If the media is successful in making the Second Amendment an archaic relic of slavery, and thus offensive in the public domain, it will be ripped out of our constitution in the same manner Civil War statues have been torn down. The difference is that the link to racism with the Second Amendment is an outright lie with no credible evidence to support the inane claim.

The truth is that every weekend at ranges across this country, people of all genders, sexual orientations, races, ages, etc. openly participate in the sport. These safe activities need to be pushed into the public mainstream demonstrating that law abiding citizens are educating and practicing safe handling of firearms as a natural part of the sport. This is a direct contradiction to the media bias that there is no firearm safety and thus big government needs to restrict firearms, and possibly

remove them, to keep us all safe.

Lies about who we are, what we do, and why we do it in our various aspects of the community will continue until we stop allowing ourselves to be the scapegoat for every mishap. Take any school violence act and look at all who share in the responsibility of what took place.

The vast majority of these incidents involve a younger person, with known mental health issues, who was raised in an environment where life had little meaning. The individual(s) were, or had been, recently treated with various drugs, had obtained a firearm illegally, and then were made a celebrity by the mass media. This very scenario happened before here in America and especially in California.

In the 1990's there was a famous car chase here in Southern California involving a white Ford Bronco that made national news due to the celebrity status. The byproduct of that chase was a series of chases that took several people's lives. Law Enforcement agencies cited that many of these incidents were the result of unstable people seeking celebrity status through their criminal act. The media responded that they had quadrupled their audience covering these events. The media claim is akin to Caesar seeing nothing wrong with the slaughter of innocents within the Coliseum as long as the public enjoyed themselves.

Today the media is an accomplice every time they turn an incident into a celebrity event by publishing the name of the accused. Each newcomer is trying to outdo their predecessor to gain fame. The media hypes that these individuals, who were unpopular before, now get women flaunting over them. This just encourages the next sicko to attack our kids.

Instead of looking at media history dating back to bank robberies and car chases and realizing they are part of the problem when they provide momentary glory to a criminal, they chose to scapegoat the issue onto you, the gun owner.

Hollywood has a fascination with glorifying criminal behavior on a nightly scale. When is the last time you could watch a prime-time drama series that didn't involve at least one act of gun violence? Many popular shows from Hawaii 5-0 to NCIS (any version) make it a staple. The road to be the hero is narrow but the pathway to being equally famous as the bad guy is huge.

Law Enforcement, Military and others use video simulations to train every day to do their jobs. These video simulations allow the practitioner to hone their judgment calls and muscle memories to do the right thing instinctively. There is a plethora of peer reviewed scientific data to show how this is one of the most effective tools in the trainer's toolbox.

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## Rick Travis

### CRPA Executive Director

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# GUN RIGHTS, M.D.

## The AMA's Lying 'Ayes'

by Dr. Robert Young, MD



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Yesterday, the American Medical Association's House of Delegates passed anti-liberty resolutions surpassing what we anticipated just two weeks ago as we covered its planning. You can read about it on AMA Wire and MedPage Today, outlets that uncritically regard the AMA as the fount of all medical correctness. Even the Associated Press wrote that the "physicians group bowed to unprecedented demands from doctor-members to take a stronger stand on gun violence".

But it didn't—less than one quarter of the nation's physicians join the AMA. Its positions do not even represent all its members, let alone the vast majority of physicians who don't belong. The vote of 446 to 99 suggests that fewer than 80% of AMA members may favor these positions. Less than 20% of total audience support is not, shall we say, statistically significant when it comes to mass movements.

The AMA, like most medical specialty organizations, does not ask those it purports to represent what it should do. Its leadership tells us what we ought to believe. This attitude has worsened over the decades as it has taken more sides politically on subjects irrelevant to patient care or physicians' needs, such as how to insure health care and advocating gun control under the guise of "public health". That's why it no longer represents America's doctors.

To summarize, roughly, from most to somewhat less objectionable, the AMA now stands for:

Required training courses and licensing of all gun owners, and registration of all firearms.

Banning ownership of "all assault-type weapons, bump stocks and related devices, high-capacity magazines, and armor piercing bullets."

Banning sales to, ownership and unsupervised use of all firearms for 18-20 year olds.

Keeping schools "gun-free" except for law enforcement, and opposing requiring or providing incentives for teachers to carry weapons.

Stopping nationwide concealed carry reciprocity.

"Red flag" laws permitting family and household members, intimate partners (including dates) and law enforcement to seek firearms confiscation as well as restraining orders.

Adding to the National Instant Background Check System the subjects of all domestic violence restraining orders and gun removal orders, and misdemeanor domestic violence and stalking convictions.

Enhanced training of physicians in suicide risk assessment and intervention, encouraging them to discuss lethal means prevention with families.

There is more, although these are the high (or rather, low) points. The magnitude of these goals is mind-boggling when their full implications are considered.

Licensing all gun owners and registering all their firearms would create the database needed to confiscate them as more types of firearms may be declared illegal.

Banning "assault-type weapons . . . high-capacity magazines, and armor piercing bullets" is manipulative obfuscation at its worst. The most popular rifle in the United States, whose form merely follows function (and is used in maybe 1% of shootings), ordinary magazines that have been legally sold and possessed in the millions for decades, and bullets of all sizes that transfer the energy required for effective impact would all be outlawed.

18, 19 and 20 year olds are legal adults in every other respect. Why not as gun owners?

Barring "incentives" for school districts and teachers who want to protect their pupils could preclude paying for training for those that realize the necessity of affordably armed, qualified staff. Believing that just labelling schools "gun-free" protects our children is delusional.

Nationwide concealed carry reciprocity is simply what is deserved by the legions of exceedingly safe, legal concealed carriers across this nation. No more, no less.

"Red flag" laws passed thus far in a number of states have such minimal due process protections for this constitutional right that their abuse will be too easy. Adding their subjects, and those accused (not convicted) of domestic violence, to the NICS would impose on thousands more people the Herculean task of

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Then there are the violent video games such as Grand Theft Auto where you actually can shoot just about anybody as a criminal and be rewarded. Of course, the same community that will tell you that video simulation works in the first case will quickly deny that the video game version of simulation has any impact on the minds of mentally ill participants. Really, is anyone buying that?

The medical community, our schools, and government have created a culture that is so afraid to discipline a child that it is simpler for a teacher to suggest a parent administer drugs than the kids being taught to do what is right. This has led to a generation of kids who are dependent on drugs to function at an albeit nominal level in society at best.

The fight not to be the scapegoat for the current violent trend toward our children is real. We are the target of those who refuse to accept their role in this national tragedy. We are the only community working to solve this issue with programs, nationally and locally, such as "School Shield" and its various law enforcement counterparts. We are the community that is striving every day to educate the public on firearms safety and have done more to work with law enforcement to address these issues.

Every law-abiding firearm owner, whether you inherited a firearm, or purchased one for self-protection, hunting, competitive shooting, collecting or just enjoying the sport, needs to come together as one to speak out daily on behalf of not just our community, but on behalf of everyone in this country. We are not the scapegoat for this current crisis. We are not the victim. We are the ones working to stop this violence and save the next generation by preserving the Second Amendment.

Scapegoating

clearing their NICS prohibitions after being absolved of unproven accusations.

Training physicians to better evaluate risks of dangerousness in patients is all to the good, until one realizes that the focus will still be to convince them to reject gun ownership as an irredeemable sin.

Anyone who is familiar with good research knows that 99.9% of the time legal gun ownership and use is safe, rewarding, and strengthens the safety of families and communities. Anyone who can read knows that the Constitution's Second Amendment unequivocally protects that individual right. Most physicians know these things, too.

"Noblesse oblige" is a principle that has long demanded that the more fortunate and capable contribute in large measure to the welfare of those less so. The AMA used to be exemplary in this way, as nearly all physicians still are. But on gun-related matters, organized medicine has lost its way. For the AMA, noblesse oblige has mutated into "the conceit of the anointed" (from Thomas Sowell, *The Vision of the Anointed: Self-Congratulation as the Basis for Social*

Policy).

The basis for the AMA's positions against guns and gun owners is, simply, because they say so. We say no, and can back that up.

So who are you going to believe?

Reality, or their own lying "ayes"?

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## GUN RIGHTS, M.D.

## Guns Save Lives (and Money)

by Dr. Robert Young, MD

*Ed: After posting, we learned that Dr. Kleck is revisiting the CDC data. Its surveys were apparently done in only 15 states, with about a quarter of the U.S. population then. These did give a mix of rural and urban, gun friendly and unfriendly. So they still support Kleck's findings, but upon Dr. Kleck publishing his revised conclusions we will revisit the subject.*

Let's crunch some numbers, and ponder the economic cost of 'gun violence'. Mother Jones did in 2015 and concluded that the cost to society of shootings in 2012 was \$229 billion, or over \$700 per American (of 314 million of us then). They parse this as each firearm-related death costing \$6.2 million and medical care for gunshot injuries being \$583,000 each.

There were 33,563 shooting deaths and 81,396 injuries in 2012, for nearly 115,000 individual lives lost or damaged. The human cost of these tragedies to those individuals is incalculable and can be demeaned by discussing them in dollars and cents. Yet they must be in order to tell where the balance of life and death points.

Consider that from 2010-2012, there averaged above 32,000 deaths and 67,000 injuries from shootings each year. (2012 was a little above the average, but this won't matter for our purposes.) That translates to 10.2 firearm-related deaths per 100,000 and 22 injuries treated in ERs or hospitals.

Direct costs, including acute and long-term medical care, police and criminal justice costs right through prison expenses (the largest portion), added up to \$8.6 billion. Indirect costs are mostly the negative impact on victims' quality of life (\$169 billion) and lost wages (\$\$49 billion). These calculations rested on assessing the average financial life at \$6.2 billion, which is low compared to other's. For example, the Department of Transportation used \$9.2 million per person to estimate the total economic and quality of life losses from motor vehicle crashes in 2010 to be \$870.8 billion.

We are no fans of Mother Jones. For instance, like all righteous passivists, they ignore justified homicides—yet this is still impressive work. But now we can tell the rest of the story.

Recall that in April, we reported on Gary Kleck's discovery that from 1996 through 1998, the CDC essentially replicated his 1992 survey of defensive gun uses, and confirmed his findings. Dr. Kleck found there were likely 2.1 to 2.5 million defensive gun uses in the United States during the year queried in his survey, 1992. The CDC's results, adjusted to compare accurately with Kleck's methodology, showed that an average of 2.23 million Americans defended themselves against another person with a firearm each year. That worked out to 1.125% of adult Americans in 1992 attempting a DGU. And that prevalence of DGUs by potential victims of crime occurred over 3 times as often as

firearms were used by criminals.

In 1995 there were just over 15,000 shooting homicides, a near average from 1992 to 1998. There were roughly 81,000 non-fatal shooting injuries. From 1993 to 1997, about 51% of firearm-related deaths were homicides, 44% suicides, 3% accidental, and 2% otherwise.

In 1995, the United States' adult population over 19 increased from about 208 million in 1995 to about 231 million in 2012. (Kleck used 18 and up, again not significant for our purposes.) At the same time, the violent crime rate dropped from 684.5 per 100,000 in 1995 to 387.8 in 2012. Let's say that the likely rate of DGUs has dropped proportionately, to 0.637%. That means there still should have been about 1.47 million DGUs in 2012.

In Kleck's 1992 survey, he found that 46% of respondents believed that without their DGUs someone "might have" (16.2%), "probably would have" (14.2%) or "almost certainly would have" (15.7%) been killed. If nothing else, nearly half of these defenders were willing, ready and able to shoot, but did not necessarily end up doing so (saving criminal lives in the bargain).

Let's very conservatively assume that in only 16% (the "almost certainly" group) of the nearly 1.5 million DGUs that probably occurred in 2012, the defender's action saved injury or death (to someone innocent, even more commendable). If that occurred in 2012's approximately 29% death to 71% injury ratio, these DGUs saved over 67,000 lives and 164,000 injuries. This means, according to Mother Jones' own assumptions, economic savings to this country—just from thwarting criminal assaults—of over \$415 billion in lives plus \$95 billion in injuries, totaling more than \$511 billion in one year alone. That is over \$1,600 for every man, woman and child, well over twice what we lose to all forms of firearm-related death and injury (homicide—justified or not, suicide, and accidents).

If one counts "probably would have", let alone "might have", we're up to a trillion dollars in no time. We could add on the value of property not lost to theft, but that would just be rubbing it in, wouldn't it?

There are plenty of assumptions here. But they are limited, and much more reasonable than the purposeful avoidance by anti-gun "researchers" and media of the actual, daily and widespread salvaging of lives that legal gun ownership and use entail. Guns in civilian hands are invaluable to this nation.

But how that's accomplished is the most important thing: Guns save lives!

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## GUN HORROR STORY

# DOJ Targets Law Abiding Citizens Over Known Armed Violent Felons!

*by Roy Griffith, CRPA Legislative Advocate*

This is the story I wanted to believe would never have to be told. When AB1135 and SB 880 were signed into law by the Governor in 2016 we all knew the registration requirement was a twisted mess and was going to lead to law abiding citizens being turned into criminals by simply trying to comply with the law. What we never wanted to believe was DOJ would give these cases precedent over larger threats to safety.

This is not rumor or gossip, I am sharing a story I have verified. I am not sharing the individual's name, let's just call him 'Mr. Smith'.

Smith had a "run in" with DOJ agents regarding an AR15 platform rifle he registered to be in compliance with the new law. In April of 2018, two DOJ agents showed up at his place of employment and told him they needed to seize his rifle to be destroyed. The agents had previously met with Smith's employer and made arrangements to allow Smith the time off so they could follow him to his residence. When Smith arrived home there where two more agents waiting. Two agents accompanied Smith into his home where they had him open his safe and surrender his rifle. Smith was provided a receipt and the four agents left with no further action.

The following is a timeline of Smith's actions that led to this incident:

Date of purchase of Mega/Gator AR rifle lower: December 2016

Date of purchase of American Tactical / 5.56 rifle upper:  
January 2018

Date of Assembly February 2018

Date of rifle registration: March 31, 2018

Date of DOJ contact / rifle seizure: April 9, 2018

At the time of this story Smith has not received any additional contact from DOJ. Or documentation from the district attorney indicating any charges have been filed. The only documentation received is the DOJ receipt the day the rifle was seized from his residence.

Doesn't the DOJ have something better to do?!? I can think of 10,000 reasons! 10,000 armed dangerous felons on our streets and in our communities who are known to be in possession of firearms. DOJ has been granted funding out of the DROS account to manage their armed prohibited persons list and have made claims in committee testimony they are underfunded and understaffed to manage. Yet, they have time and funding to send four agents to seize a firearm from a law-abiding citizen trying to be in compliance with the law?!? Keep in mind when you register your firearm in compliance with Prop 63 (AB 1135 & SB 880) you are in effect giving DOJ authority to inspect that firearm in your home and/or place of storage. Does any of this sound right to you? When these laws went into effect I really wanted to believe DOJ officers would remain focused on the 'Spirit of the Law' and not the 'Letter of the Law'... obviously not!

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# THE ADVANTAGES OF HANDLOADING

by Duane Thomas, Contributing Editor, Dillon Precision's *The Blue Press*

Recently, California passed two laws affecting ammunition sales. As of January 2018, ammo may no longer be mailed directly to a person's home; it must first go to a licensed vendor who can charge a processing fee. Effective June 2019, buying ammo requires a background check. Neither law applies to reloading components: gunpowder, primers, bullets, and cartridge cases. This is a pristine example of a law having the opposite effect of what was intended. As attempts to regulate the AR-15 made it the best-selling firearm in America for a solid decade, attempts at ammo regulation have caused a huge number of Californians to buy reloading machines and stock up on components. Happily, handloading has many advantages beyond avoiding onerous paperwork.

## COST

The classic reason to handload is, "Saving money!" Today the most popular, affordable centerfire handgun cartridge is 9mm hardball. Even if we're on the lookout for deals, we can't buy 9mm cheaper than we can handload 9mm. Start talking other cartridges, the savings get even greater.

## POINT OF IMPACT/POINT OF AIM

It's common to practice with one load and use another for self-defense. Factory hollowpoints are too expensive for constant practice. There's a myth that different loads for a particular cartridge, of the same bullet weight, will hit to the same POI/POA: "I'll practice with hardball and use the same weight hollowpoints for defense, they'll hit to the same place." It doesn't really work that way. It's common to see significant differences in POI/POA between different loads, of the same bullet weight, in the same gun. We need to learn where our practice and carry loads both hit. If that's not to the same place, obviously, of the two, if we handload, the practice load is the one we can adjust so they do.

## NOISE

There are two common approaches to running a cartridge at a particular power level: light bullets with medium-to-slow burning powder, or heavy bullets with fast burning powder. Light bullet/medium-slow powder causes fast, snappy recoil. Heavy bullet/fast powder gives slow, pushy recoil, which is what people mean when they say a load feels "soft." Which of these a person prefers is a very individual thing. Where heavy/fast has a huge advantage though is in the amount of muzzle blast. A heavy bullet (in 9mm, generally 147 grains) with fast burning powder is much quieter, and more pleasant to shoot, than light/slow-medium at the same power level.

We have two basic types of pistol powders: single base and double base. Single-base powders are composed primarily of nitrocellulose. Double-base powders contain nitrocellulose and nitroglycerin. Ammo using a double-base powder is much louder,

at the same power level, than ammo using single-base powder because the former contains nitroglycerin. When handloading, we can choose a heavy bullet and fast single-base powder, for much less noise than factory ammo generating the same power level.

## MAKING POWER FACTOR

Certain shooting sports require ammo be loaded to a specific minimum power level. Not all factory loads make that standard. By handloading, we can load ammo to exactly the power level wanted.

## CONSISTENT VELOCITY

When we fire a gun fast, much of our accuracy at speed is based on getting the gun tracking consistently. We want, as much as possible, the same recoil impulse, the gun moving in the same fashion, every time. Factory ammo is notoriously variable, velocity-wise. My 9mm handloads have given me standard deviations of down to 5 feet per second for a 20-round string.

## MUZZLE FLASH

Most self-defense shootings occur at night, or otherwise in low light. Ammo with heavy muzzle flash has been known to blind a person using it in self-defense. Ammo companies responded by loading premium defense ammo with flash-retardant powders. The cheap generic stuff, not so much. When handloading, we can choose a powder with little muzzle flash for low-light practice.

## SUMMARY

So, reasons to handload: Cost, synchronizing POI/POA between practice/self-defense loads, low muzzle blast, making power factor at matches, consistent velocity/consistent recoil/better accuracy at speed, and having practice ammo with as little muzzle flash as premium self-defense loads. Now, California has given its residents another reason: to thumb their noses at an overbearing government.



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# Should citizens have “weapons of war?”

by Dan Gifford, Film Producer and Reporter

**Yes. Small arms weapons of the individual soldier are exactly what the Founders intended private citizens to have.**

*“A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”*

*-Second Amendment*

Refreshers are often a good thing to keep our heads straight. That is especially true of Second Amendment basics given the inescapable disinformation noise of our chattering class across all media. Hardly any of that cacophony is louder at the moment than the claim that private citizens have no constitutional right to own “weapons of war.”

It's a silly phrase since almost any weapon or object can be and has been a weapon of war. Knives, handguns, bows and arrows, bottles of gasoline, rocks, tent pegs or whatever. Doubters should read why the Finns coined the term “Molotov Cocktail” and the Bible's stories about David, Judith and Jael. Those and other historical accounts tell of simple objects used as devastating weapons that won battles and wars. It's a long list that may soon even include place settings some do-gooder activist will demand be banned.



Assault place settings.

But the “weapons of war” talked most about today are the civilian versions of rifles that look like military issue rifles and which may have military usefulness. Earlier generations understood that, given the Second Amendment's purpose.

It is “the palladium of liberties of a republic” wrote US Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story in his 1833 book

*Commentaries on the Constitution of the United States*. As such, it is the ultimate guarantor of all other rights against “sudden foreign invasion, domestic insurrection and usurpation of power by rulers.” That means militarily useful rifles and other firearms were exactly what the Second Amendment guaranteed civilians could and should possess. The 1934 *Chicago Tribune* editorial board understood as did others then.

“In the Revolutionary War the people were able to gain their liberties because when they tried for them possession of firearms was common and many of the citizens knew how to use them. A disarmed population of people familiar with weapons would

not have had much chance. In 1789 the weapons in general use would be long rifles, muskets, and clumsy pistols. The people were entitled to have the best weapons they could make or purchase. Now the best weapons for individuals are machine guns and automatic rifles. Use of which can be made of these is indicated by law, but it is not the possession of which is properly an offense under the Constitution.”

For the same reasons the *Tribune* cited, it has been official defense policy for over 100 years to sell actual military surplus arms and ammunition to the public and to sponsor shooting competitions with those weapons.

So 200 years before many feared Richard Nixon might try to use the military and federal police to stay in office if impeached and Admiral Elmo Zumwalt said Richard Nixon did indeed test the waters with the Joint Chiefs of Staff “to find out whether in a crunch there was support to keep him in power,” the Constitution's authors wrote time and again about the dangers to liberty of standing armies in the face of a disarmed population. That admonition is also common to a number of state constitutions.

Protection against criminals was a given, since the Founders realized constitutional rights of due process would keep many lethal people from arrest or jail and loose on the public and that people needed their own arms as protection. But what about that “well regulated militia” phrase? Earlier generations understood both the Founders intent as well as their antiquated phraseology that anti Second activists now claim means something the Constitution's Framers did not.

“The Second Amendment's first portion is not a condition for the second portion.” It is simply, as noted by William Rawle in his 1825 book *A View of the Constitution of the United States*,-- the standard constitutional text at law schools until the 1870s -- a “declaration that a well regulated militia is necessary to the security of a free state.” Its corollary is that “the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.” That point has been made by other legal scholars.



Civilian Marksmanship Program seal

Michigan Supreme Court Justice Thomas McIntyre Cooley, one of the most influential 19th century constitutional experts, wrote what is probably the clearest explanations of the Second in his 1898 book *General Principles of Constitutional Law*.

"It may be supposed from the phraseology of this provision that the right to keep and bear arms was only guaranteed to the militia; but this would be an interpretation not warranted by the intent. If the right were limited to those enrolled [by the government in the militia], the purpose of this guarantee might be defeated altogether by the action or neglect to act of the government it was meant to hold in check. The meaning of the provision undoubtedly is that the people from whom the militia must be taken shall have the right to keep and bear arms, and that they need no permission or regulation of law for the purpose."

That intent was reflected in James Madison's original arrangement of the Bill of Rights. He listed them within the Constitution itself where each applied. Along with free speech, the right to keep and bear arms was placed in Article I, Section 9, the section guaranteeing individual rights such as habeas corpus. So the "right of the people to keep and bear arms," as understood by Madison and his fellow Constitution Framers, has the same individual rights standing --affirmed contemporarily in two US Supreme Court decisions -- "as the right of the people to peaceably assemble" and "the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable search and seizure."

But rights on paper are not always respected for all. So when Second Amendment rights were denied to freed slaves, Congress responded with the Freedman's Bureau Act of 1866, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the first portion of the 14th Amendment. All three were specifically passed to nullify special state laws passed in the South to keep blacks from owning or carrying guns and to stop the ensuing intimidations and murders of unarmed blacks by sheriffs, the KKK and militia members. It was a real life example of Judge Cooley's admonition about the way the militia could be used to oppress by "the government it was meant to hold in check" if the Right to arms was limited to those enrolled in a government sanctioned and controlled formal militia.

But what exactly is the militia? The definition has changed over time and is a bit confusing given our sloppy language and ignorance of history.

To the Founders, "Militia" was defined as "the whole people" with their individual arms and relates not so much to a formal military unit that trained occasionally, but to a system where all citizens were armed for their individual and collective protection against crime, invasion and government tyranny. That meant all able-bodied men within a certain age group were automatically members of the Militia even if not called to active service. The Militia Act of 1903 retained that as the Unorganized Militia and added an Organized Militia.

The Organized Militia is composed of two National Guard forces.

\* The National Guard, called State Defense Forces (SDF), are state equipped



Members of the California State Military Reserve perform squad drills.

military forces over which the federal government has no authority.

\* The National Guard of the United States is a federally equipped reserve component of the United States military under the temporary control of its home state. That control can be rescinded at any time by the president.

Each Guard may wear the same uniform but notice a key difference; one identifies the state while the other identifies the country.



(Top) California label. (Bottom) US Army label.

The Unorganized militia remains the Reserve Militia and is composed of every able-bodied man of at least 17 and under 45 years of age, who is not already a member of the National Guard. That's according to U.S. Code. But state laws are different. All

that come to mind include those over 45 as well. North Carolina's is typical:

"The militia of the State [of North Carolina] shall consist of all able-bodied citizens of the State and of the United States and all other able-bodied persons who have or shall declare their intention to become citizens of the United States, subject to the qualifications prescribed in this Chapter, who shall be drafted into the militia or shall voluntarily accept commission, appointment, or assignment to duty therein."

That militia system is an integral part of national defense policy, the backbone of which is the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, which was written to keep the military out of civilian law enforcement and act as a check on civil police powers.

It's a purpose that cannot work sans a robust Second Amendment. As Theodore Schroeder, a highly important 1800s freedom of speech theorist wrote in his book, *Free Speech for Radicals*: "the obvious import [of the constitutional guarantee to carry arms] is to promote a state of preparedness for self-defense even against the invasions of government, because only governments have ever disarmed any considerable class of people as a means toward their enslavement."



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# Next Generation Optics

by Rick Travis, CRPA Executive Director



Students and young people leading the March for Our Lives rally on Saturday in Washington, DC. Photo credit: Aaron Bernstein/Reuters

Stories in the wake of the February 14 Parkland murders have been myopically focused on our nation's youth fighting for tougher gun control or a nationwide ban of firearms. Every week we see a news story of youth assembling to call for gun control, youth in Pasadena reportedly writing gun control legislation on their own and op-ed pieces written by youth.

This has left many within our community thinking that the next generation is a lost cause. Nothing could be further from the truth. The issue is not that they are uninvolved but rather an issue of optics, familial

The attention span of an average American in 2000 was 12 seconds, slightly longer than a goldfish's nine second span. Microsoft reported in 2015 that our average attention span had fallen to eight seconds, which means the goldfish pays attention longer than most Americans do. People are primarily driven by images rather than words. Accordingly, sound bites shrank from 43 seconds in 1968 to nine seconds just twenty years later according to Craig Fehrman of The Boston Globe. In 2017 the average audio clip was just eight seconds. This means that messages are boiled down to an image and an eight-second or less sound bite.

The anti-2A crowd backed by Soros, Bloomberg, Gifford and others have learned that a picture is worth more than 1,000 words. They produce a well-choreographed parade of children with varying accents and ethnic backgrounds to plea for restrictions on gun rights. No one in our country wants our youth to live in fear for their lives. None of us wants to see another child lose his or her life. The resulting optic is that "All children in America want guns gone for good." The problem is, that is not true. Furthermore, if we allow it to happen our kids will be more vulnerable to acts of violence than ever.

California has robust youth shooting sports programs such

as Boy Scouts of America, with thousands of youth earning merit badges in safe use of rifles and shotguns. Programs such as Future Farmers of America, 4-H, Girl Scouts of America, home school programs, range programs, national and state non-profit organizations, law enforcement Explorers and the Junior Reserve Officers Training Program engage well over one half million youth in their teens.

These programs have a singular flaw in that none of them for assorted reasons, engages,

politics, and as a result these youth's voices are rarely heard locally let alone at the state level. There is a dichotomy that has developed that is putting the rights of this new generation at risk of elimination.

Anti-2A parents and teachers have zero moral issues with utilizing taxpayer dollars to educate and foster civil disobedience to eliminate all firearms from our state. Their arrogance and audacity does not look down the road and consider a world where a youth has been taught that guns are evil. When the youth becomes an adult, he or she will most likely steer clear of jobs in the public safety, military and defense sectors because they will be perceived as evil. The result is that our security as a nation and as communities will decrease and thus all our freedom and security will be in jeopardy.

Pro-2A parents feel that their youth should be focused on their education and pursuing the knowledge necessary to be self-reliant and a productive member of society. These are worthy goals but historically like-minded parents throughout our Nation's history have had to allow their children to stand up for their beliefs. In this instance it only involves being heard by demonstrating they are normal well-rounded members of our society speaking out for their rights. Many of these youth have walked for the Second Amendment and are to be commended.

We need families to start writing letters to the media, pushing back on the media bias and getting their voices heard. We need our members to speak out on how their children and their lives were changed or saved by the lessons learned in the shooting sports. We must make our voices heard.

In collegiate debate there is the principle that "Silence is Admission." We cannot allow our children's voices to be silent in this fight. If we do they will lose their right to free speech the day they lose their right to defend it.

# DOJ SNAFU

## DOJ CHIEF PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOLLOWING SUBCOMMITTEE GRILLING ATTORNEY GENERAL OVER MISHANDLING OF CONTROVERSIAL GUN SEIZURE PROGRAM

by C.D. "Chuck" Michel, Attorney

On Thursday, April 19, California's Senate Budget Subcommittee held a public hearing that included a discussion on the California Department of Justice's grossly mismanaged Armed & Prohibited Persons System ("APPS"). Having appropriated \$24 million in taxes collected from California gun owners in 2013 for the APPS program, and an additional \$4.7 million since then, CA DOJ has utterly failed to reduce the current backlog of individuals listed in APPS.

As if that wasn't enough, the number of individual APPS cases being processed per year has dropped from over 2,100 in 2012, to just over 400 in 2017. Yet somehow, the number of CA DOJ agents assigned to APPS during that same period has nearly tripled in size.

The Senate Budget Subcommittee had serious concerns regarding CA DOJ's management of the program. California State Senator Joel Anderson (R-Alpine), the most vocal critic on the panel, questioned California's Attorney General Xavier Becerra and CA DOJ's Bureau of Firearms Chief Stephen Lindley for over a half hour. During their exchange, Senator Anderson asked how it was possible to send a man to the moon, but somehow impossible for CA DOJ to reduce the APPS backlog.

The lack of any sufficient response from CA DOJ to the Committee's questions is telling. One would think CA DOJ's top priority would be to ensure dangerous criminals and other prohibited persons don't have access to firearms. Instead, the April 19 hearing illustrates how DOJ is more interested in restricting the rights of law-abiding gun owners through burdensome and unnecessary regulations than enforcing existing laws.

Shortly after the hearing, CA DOJ's Bureau of Firearms Chief Stephen Lindley was placed on administrative leave. Whether or not this was a result of the questions raised about DOJ's handling of the APPS program remains unclear. You can watch a recording of the April 19 hearing by visiting <http://senate.ca.gov/media/senate-budget-subcommittee-5-20180419/video>. Discussion of the APPS program begins at approximately the 1:01 mark.

Following the tongue-lashing Attorney General Becerra and Steve Lindley faced at the hearing, California DOJ is now asking California licensed firearm dealers to help them reconcile the deeply-flawed Automated Firearm System ("AFS") database.

California DOJ agents have contacted several dealers requesting that they sign and return a partially completed Dealer's Record of Sale ("DROS") Cancellation/Correction form. In some cases, the transaction for which the correction is sought is so old the dealer no longer has DROS records. What's more, CA DOJ is not providing access to the firearm to the dealer to verify the forms.

Instead, CA DOJ is requesting the dealer to sign the correction—under penalty of perjury—without any verifiable information.

These corrections are needed because CA DOJ has a policy under which it cannot close an APPS case without confirmation that every firearm registered to the APPS suspect is accounted for. In some cases, a person acquires a firearm from one dealer, and then later transfers the firearm via a private party transfer through a second dealer. But the two dealers do not enter the firearm information into DROS the same way. After subsequently becoming prohibited, CA DOJ investigates the individual listed in APPS to determine if they illegally own or possess firearms. As ridiculous as it sounds, unless the firearm's acquisition and later transfer information is identical, APPS will still consider the person to be in possession of the firearm. CA DOJ will then contact one of the dealers to try and force them to help DOJ correct the DROS.

There are several problems with such a request. For one, the information being provided by CA DOJ may not reflect the information contained in a dealers Acquisition and Distribution (A&D) book or related 4473 forms. In these cases, the dealer will also be required to update their A&D and/or 4473 paperwork. But our attorneys advise that under no circumstances should a dealer make a correction to their A&D or 4473 paperwork unless the firearm is physically present before the dealer.

What's more, it is not entirely clear why CA DOJ needs the assistance of California licensed firearms dealers to do something that DOJ should be able to do on its own.

CRPA's attorneys will soon be submitting a letter to CA DOJ requesting clarification on this questionable practice. In the meantime, CRPA attorneys are strongly advising California licensed firearm dealers to not comply with any such request from CA DOJ unless the dealer is able to physically verify all the information for which the correction is sought.

Make sure you are subscribed to NRA and CRPA email alerts to stay informed on this and other important Second Amendment related issues here in California. And be sure to visit the NRA-ILA California dedicated website at [www.StandAndFightCalifornia.com](http://www.StandAndFightCalifornia.com) and the new CRPA website at [www.CRPA.org](http://www.CRPA.org).



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## The Case for Guns Shows

by Christy McNab, Owner LAX Ammo OC

As the owner of LAX Ammunition OC, a retail ammunition store in Orange County, I'll be the first to admit, when the OC Gun Show comes to town, it's hard to be excited about our competitors selling ammo at rock-bottom prices barely 12 miles away. The Gun Show affords vendors a unique advantage over a "brick-and-mortar" store like mine, as it basically equates to a 2-day "pop-up shop" with little to no overhead and a hoard of customers eager to buy ammo and other merchandise at "gun show prices."

In the wake of rising dissent across the nation against anything related to the Second Amendment, gun shows like the one held at the Orange County Fair & Events Center, are being called into question. You'd think I (the business owner) would be thrilled at the prospect of my competition being quashed by the collateral damage of "feel good" policies and action by the anti-gunners and their middle-ground followers, who just, "want action." But I'm not. I'm here to make the case for gun shows.

Before I begin, I wish we could all agree to change the name from "Gun Show" to "Tactical Expo" or something like it. When there's an event for pets, we call it the "Pet Expo," not the "Dog Expo." We do the event a disservice by dedicating a name like "gun" with such a limited description of the show's offerings. In fact, guns are a fraction of what is actually on display at gun shows. It also makes the event sound so much "scarier" to those that hate the Second Amendment, want "common sense gun laws," and fear "gun show loopholes" that don't even exist in California.

Gun shows are so much more than just guns, and I am making the case for them to stay.

I have been attending gun shows since I was a child, accompanying my Dad to the OC show, occasionally to buy guns, but more often to see the latest and greatest in technology, products, and innovation in the shooting and sporting industry. In 2009, I began selling ammo at gun shows for a little-known ammo manufacturer called LAX Ammunition. Now, it is in no small part thanks to gun shows that LAX Ammunition has grown to become the largest ammo manufacturer on the West Coast and employs more than 35 people (some of them Veterans). These are jobs that 35 families in our local community now rely on. For me personally, the experience and exposure at the gun shows eventually gave me the opportunity to open LAX Ammunition OC, a retail store in Orange County. I am proud to now also employ a Veteran full-time.

Gun shows afford no-name brands, mom n' pop enterprises, entrepreneurs, and inventors an opportunity to showcase their



wares to a target audience and earn brand-credibility with each show. These gun show vendors are often American Veterans selling tactical gear, range bags, clothing, targets, and countless other shooting-related items. Veteran-owned and operated company DDT is a prime example of the positive community impact gun shows can have. With little to no start-up capital, gun shows afforded this husband and wife team the opportunity to bring their product to market. Interacting personally with customers at their booth allowed their brand to gain tremendous traction at a speed only gun shows could allow. DDT has garnered serious notoriety at gun shows, and now larger retail chains as well as LAX retail stores carry their amazing products. They've grown thanks to the gun show platform, and are now able to employ a team of 15 people that include Veterans, Army wives and single moms. I also know parents who sold hand-made leather belts to put their six children through college, and a cancer survivor (and Veteran) who sold knife sharpeners to make a living. Most vendors often travel from gun show to gun show each weekend in various cities, counties, and states, working tirelessly to get their product or brand exposure in the hopes of achieving "The American Dream."

Like all Expo events, gun shows provide a unique and affordable platform for established businesses and business start-ups. As long as there are entrepreneurs and capitalists, there will remain a need for gun shows. Ending gun shows would be closing an avenue for opportunity and revenue for many hard-working Americans and the potential for business and employment growth within their communities.

To those who question the safety of gun shows, I have worked these events for nine years, and safety is a top priority for promoters and vendors alike. In fact, the majority of vendors and customers are respectful and law-abiding patriots. We start

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Gun shows are not a place for “gun nuts” to skirt the law and sell weapons as if it were a Black Market “free-for-all.” We value our businesses, our community, and ourselves far too much to be a haven for illegal or immoral activity. Gun shows are however, like all Expos, a place for enthusiasts to come together for 2 days to share their knowledge, merchandise, and services to a diverse community of shoppers.

I ask the show promoters and Boards of Directors of all gun show venues, if you truly want to take action please: first, change the name. Second, continue to hold every vendor and attendee accountable to the law, and third, offer to collaborate with vendors on how to make gun shows better, don't just end them.

And finally, to the Second Amendment community: please do not rest on the idea that gun ownership and the freedoms that come with it (like buying ammunition) are an indelible right. We are living in a time that is hostile to the very foundation of our Constitution, where our rights are considered up for interpretation from all levels of government. Please, take note of the large corporations like Dick's and Wal-Mart and the powers who control events like gun shows, who are abandoning you when faced with the slightest amount of political pressure. Show your support for small business retail stores like LAX Ammunition and others by shopping local. These family-run businesses are working hard to make sure the Second Amendment lives in California. Keep supporting the CRPA, and encourage any new or existing gun owner to do the same. And please, exercise your right to vote in November. If we don't work together, we will lose together!

each show with the Pledge of Allegiance, and honor our troops and law enforcement. We set up our booths and merchandise our products to the letter of the law, and we abide by the law and our good judgment as to whom we sell to. I have personally denied service to questionable customers, and I wouldn't hesitate to do it again. I know my fellow vendors would agree.

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## CRPA Member Voice

*"Just a 2A supporter expressing my 1st Amendment rights while keeping in mind my right to a peaceful assemble"*

-Walter Godoy  
CPRA / NRA LIFE MEMBER



Walter at a local Dicks Sporting Goods retailer.



Walter's Second Amendment tattoos.

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# Something a Bit Different

by Matthew D. Cubeiro, Attorney

Nothing worth doing is ever truly easy, and shooting long distance is no exception. Doing it well requires a high degree of accuracy and precision, both of which require patience and dedication.

Most of my writings for *The Firing Line* focus on new case developments, firearm related legislation, or regulatory enforcement issues. But this time I wanted to do something a bit different. Because every now and then it's good to remind ourselves of what we are fighting for.

## An Unexpected Journey

In March 2017, I had the privilege of visiting New Zealand with my wife for an epic 15-day adventure. We rented a car in Auckland, downloaded a few audio books by J.R.R. Tolkien, and started our drive south. Words alone cannot truly describe how magnificent and beautiful this country is. Should you ever get the chance, I highly recommend a day trip to the Waitomo Caves where you can see thousands of glowworms light up the dark like stars in the night sky.



Waitomo Caves, Waitomo, New Zealand

But I digress. During our stay, we visited family on my wife's side who happen to live on the North Island. Our conversation eventually turned to my line of work. When it did, they suggested I visit their friend Dan Hardy, who owns a firearm manufacturing company also located on the north island. Naturally I was intrigued, so we arranged a visit the next day.

Getting there was a bit tricky at first as the facility was intentionally hard to spot. For what appears nothing more than a farmhouse surrounded by trees from the road hides a massive state-of-the-art firearms factory.

Dan Hardy founded Hardy Rifle Engineering in early 2006 while serving in the New Zealand Army as an Armourer / Weapons Engineer (yes, they spell things differently down there). When his service contract ended in 2007, he began working full time as a custom gun maker.



Hardy Rifle Engineering Factory (Exact Location: Classified)

Hardy Rifle

Engineering initially made a name for itself in the suppressor market. Unlike the U.S., New Zealand encourages suppressor use is encouraged and largely unregulated. Anyone of legal age can walk into any gun store and buy a suppressor in New Zealand, no NFA paperwork, no tax stamp, and best of all, no anti-gun Hollywood hysteria. Shocking, I know.

For the rest of the peasants living in the U.S., it's Hardy's carbon fiber wrapped barrels that are making a splash. Using the same carbon fiber found in the spars and spreaders of America's Cup racing boats, he wraps his barrels using a patented nanotechnology that spreads all loading and stress over the entire laminate. What do all those fancy words mean? Essentially, the resulting dampening of barrel harmonics leads to an extreme level of shot-to-shot consistency while simultaneously providing improved heat dissipation coupled with lighter weight compared to traditional metal barrels.



Hardy Match Grade Carbon Fiber Barrels

While touring the factory, I knew I had to have one of these guns. I was already in the market for a general-purpose hunting rifle, and what better way than to get a fully custom rifle tailored

to my needs?

We discussed options, and I ultimately settled on a .300 Winchester Magnum with a 24-inch barrel in a Tikka T3x action. The rifle would come complete with a carbon fiber stock and Nightforce optic, both of which would sport a hydrographic dip in a unique bone antler camouflage pattern that Dan himself suggested. I was giddy with anticipation, but there was one thing I had to do first.

## Homeward Bound

Importing a firearm into the U.S. sucks, even by California's anti-gun standards. In addition to dealing with U.S. Customs, I had to employ the services of a licensed firearms importer willing to assist me with the necessary paperwork, for only they could submit the required ATF Form 6 on my behalf. Nearly every FFL I contacted, however, flat-out refused to assist or never bothered responding to my inquiries.

It had been months since returning home, and a feeling of despair began to set in. But before giving up completely, I sent out one last call for help to Bill Ortiz, Vice President of Compliance for Turner's Outdoorsman. It was the best decision I could have made.

Bill, with his extensive industry knowledge and network of connections, put me in contact with John Anderson, the import/export manager for Legacy Sports International, Inc., in Reno. John was extremely helpful right off the bat, and I cannot thank him (and Bill) enough for his assistance. All I needed to do was provide a detailed description of the rifle and he sent off the paperwork to ATF for approval. Once approved, I was ready to order the rifle and have Dan start production.

Another wait. This time, however, I knew the rifle was coming. It wasn't long before Dan sent me an email asking if I wanted to see photos of the rifle before it arrived in the U.S. (he didn't want to spoil the surprise). But I had waited long enough, and the photos did not disappoint.



Custom Tikka T3x with Nightforce SHV

Fully assembled, the rifle tips the scales at 8.1 pounds. To put that in perspective, a magnum caliber T3 Lite weighs just under seven pounds off the shelf—without any optic, rail, or muzzle brake. The extreme light weight, coupled with the power

of the .300 Win mag. All that needed to happen now was for the rifle to clear customs and be processed by a California licensed dealer. Naturally, I had my local Turner's Outdoorsman do the DROS, and 10 days later, the rifle was on its way to its new home.

### There Are Many Like It, But This One Is Mine

Eager to take her out for a spin, I hand loaded some Barnes LRX and got to work testing various loads the next weekend. Was it the tack driver I expected it to be out of the box? Well . . . no, at least not at first. But I was sure of one thing—my new rifle was not to blame.

A super-lightweight rifle like this is very difficult to shoot well. Unlike heavier rifles which can be extremely forgiving of subtle movement, the lack of weight makes it very difficult to maintain a steady hold. When I did make a mistake, the rifle wasn't afraid to let me know. And as my first belted magnum cartridge, it took me a while to work up a consistent load. Having traveled halfway across the world, I thoroughly cleaned and applied Loctite to the rail screws and re-mounted the optic using my own scope installation kit (complete with torque wrench). Any issues beyond that rested entirely on me.

After experimenting with various loads, I ultimately switched to a lighter weight Barnes TTSX for increased bullet stability. Lastly, I tested various shooting positions and methods for using my bean bag rest until I found what worked. The end results were nothing short of spectacular.



Three-shot group at 100 yards, about 0.25 MOA.

Whether it be navigating the firearm importation process, developing hand loads with consistently low standard deviation, or achieving .25 MOA groupings, anything is possible with a little hard work and dedication. But none of the rewarding experiences such challenges offer would be possible without the right to keep and bear arms. And its rewards like these that make me appreciate what I am fighting for.

I now have a 130 grain, 3700 FPS laser beam ready to put some meat on the table. And while there may be many Tikka actions like it available, it is truly one of a kind. Rick Travis, Executive Director of CRPA, has invited me to join him on a bear hunt later this year, and I intend to hold him to that invitation. Who knows, maybe one day I'll also get the chance to see New Zealand again and try out one of Dan's suppressors.

### Special Thanks to the following:

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**Turner's Outdoorsman** - <https://www.turners.com/>

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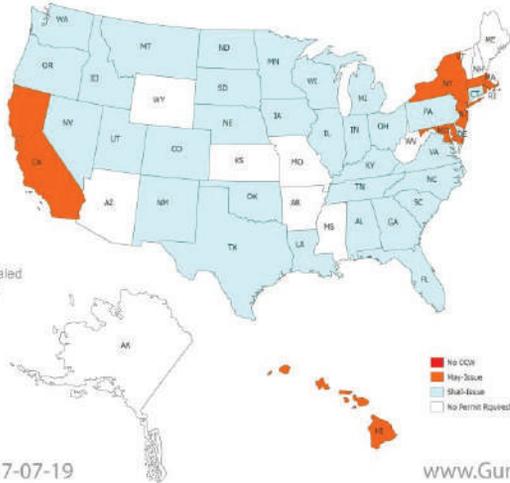
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# GUN TRUTHS

## Concealed Carry

by Guy Smith, [www.gunfacts.info](http://www.gunfacts.info)



### Myth: Concealed carry doesn't prevent crimes

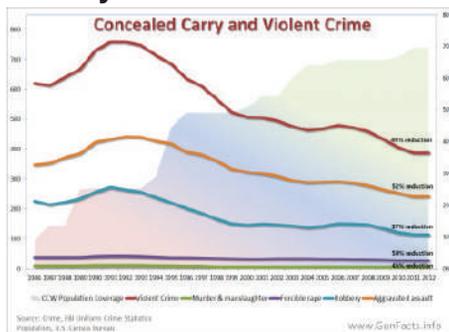
Fact: News reports tell many stories of armed civilians preventing mass murder in public. A few selected at random include:

- A citizen with a gun stopped a knife-wielding man as he began stabbing people in a Salt Lake City store.
- Two men retrieved firearms from their cars and stopped a mass murder at the Appalachian School of Law.
- Citizen takes out shooter while police were pinned down in Early, Texas.
- Citizen stops apartment shoot-up in Oklahoma City.

### Myth: Concealed carry laws increase crime

CONCEALED CARRY - Concealed Carry Expansion and Violent Crime Rates

Fact: Forty-two states, comprising the majority of the American population, are either "right-to-carry" states – where anyone without a criminal record will be issued a permit – or require no permit at all (though there are legal restrictions carrying weapons by felons, domestic abusers, etc.). In 1988 there were only ten "right-to-carry". Statistics show that in these states the crime rate fell (or did not rise) after the right-to-carry law became active.



Fact: Gun homicides were 10% higher in states with restrictive CCW laws, according to a study spanning 1980-2009. <sup>1</sup>

Fact: Crime rates involving gun owners with carry licenses have consistently been about 0.02% of all carry permit holders since Florida's right-to-carry law started in 1988. <sup>2</sup>

Fact: After passing their concealed carry law, Florida's homicide rate fell from 36% above the national average to 4% below. <sup>3</sup>

Fact: In Texas, murder rates fell 50% faster than the national average in the year after their concealed carry law passed. Rape rates fell 93% faster in the first year after enactment, and 500% faster in the second. <sup>4</sup> Assaults fell 250% faster in the second year. <sup>5</sup>

Fact: Crime is significantly higher in states without right-to-carry laws. <sup>6</sup>

Fact: States that disallow concealed carry have violent crime rates 11% higher than national averages. <sup>7</sup>

Fact: Deaths and injuries from mass public shootings fall dramatically after right-to-carry concealed handgun laws are enacted. Between 1977 and 1995, <sup>8</sup> the average death rate from mass shootings plummeted by up to 91% after such laws went into effect, and injuries dropped by over 80%. <sup>9</sup>

### Myth: Right-To-Carry laws increase violent crime 13-15%

Fact: This rather miserable working paper is a wellspring of bad methodology, which might explain why it was not (as of July 2017) published in a peer reviewed journal.

| Type of Crime | % Higher in Restrictive States |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Robbery       | 105%                           |
| Murder        | 86%                            |
| Assault       | 82%                            |
| Violent Crime | 81%                            |
| Auto Theft    | 60%                            |
| Rape          | 25%                            |

### Myth: Concealed carry permit holders shoot police

Fact: The Violence Policy Center started listing instances of CCW holders shooting police. 10 From May 2007 through November 2009 (2.5 years) they recorded nine police deaths, three in one mass killing by a white supremacist using an AK-47 rifle. Of the nine, five had yet to be tried or convicted as of the date of their report.

**Myth: People with concealed weapons licenses will commit crimes**

Fact: The results for the first 30 states that passed “shall-issue” laws for concealed carry licenses are similar.

Fact: In Texas, citizens with concealed carry licenses are 14 times less likely to commit a crime. They are also five times less likely to commit a violent crime.<sup>20</sup>

Fact: People with concealed carry licenses are:<sup>21</sup>

- 5.7 times less likely to be arrested for violent offenses than the general public
- 13.5 times less likely to be arrested for non-violent offenses than the general public

Fact: Even gun control organizations agree it is a non-problem. One said about Texas, “because there haven’t been Wild West shootouts in the streets”.<sup>22</sup>

Fact: Of 14,000 CCW licensees in Oregon, only 4 (0.03%) were convicted of the criminal (not necessarily violent) use or possession of a firearm.

| State <sup>11</sup> | Licenses Issued         | Revoked licenses | % Revoked | Violent Crime Rate Change <sup>12</sup> |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|---|
| Florida             | 1,327,321 <sup>13</sup> | 4,129            | 0.3%      | -30.5%                                  |
| Virginia            | 50,000 <sup>14</sup>    | 0                | 0.0%      | -21.9%                                  |
| Arizona             | 63,000 <sup>15</sup>    | 50               | 0.9%      | -28.7%                                  |
| North Carolina      | 59,597 <sup>16</sup>    | 1,274            | 1.2%      | -26.4%                                  |
| Minnesota           | 46,636 <sup>17</sup>    | 12               | 0.03%     | 8.0% <sup>18</sup>                      |
| Michigan            | 155,000 <sup>19</sup>   | 2,178            | 0.1%      | 1.4%                                    |

Fact: “I’m detecting that I’m eating a lot of crow on this issue ... I think that says something, that we’ve gotten to this point in the year and in the third largest city in America there has not been a single charge against anyone that had anything to do with a concealed handgun.”<sup>23</sup>

Fact: In Florida, a state that has allowed concealed carry since late 1987, you are twice as likely to be attacked by an alligator as by a person with a concealed carry permit.<sup>24</sup>

**Myth: 460 people have been killed by CCW permit holders**

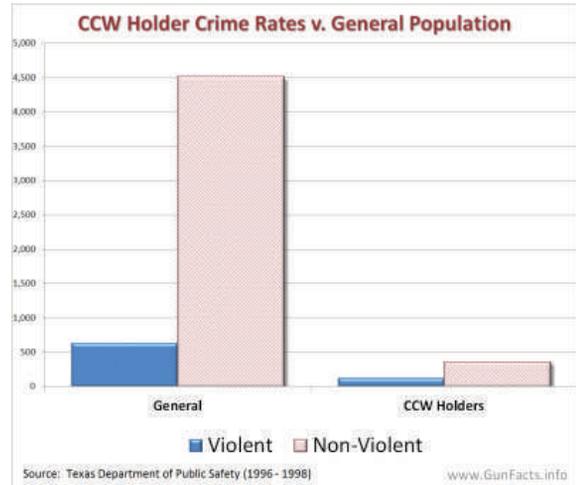
Fact: The “study” by gun control group Violence Policy Center covers a six year span, meaning that at worst there is an average of 76 shootings of all types per year, including justifiable homicides.

Fact: As of 2017, there are over 14,500,000 CCW holders,<sup>25</sup> meaning the worst case kill rate (justifiable or not) is 0.003% of all CCW holders.

**Myth: Concealed guns in bars will cause violence**

Fact: In Virginia, in the first year where CCW holders were allowed to carry in bars, the number of major crimes involving firearms at bars and restaurants statewide declined 5.2% The crimes that occurred during the law’s first year were relatively minor.<sup>26</sup>

**Myth: Texas CCW holders are arrested 66% more often**



CONCEALED CARRY - Concealed Carry Licensee Crime Rates vs General Population Fact: Most arrests cited are not any form of violent crime (includes bounced checks or tax delinquency).<sup>27</sup>

Fact: The Violence Policy Center “study” only includes arrests, not convictions.

Fact: Many of these arrests in this premature VPC “study” came in the early years of Texas CCWs when the law was not understood by most of the law enforcement community or prosecutors.

Fact: Compared to the entire population, Texas CCW holders are about 7.6 times less likely to be arrested for a violent crime.<sup>28</sup> The numbers breakdown as follows:

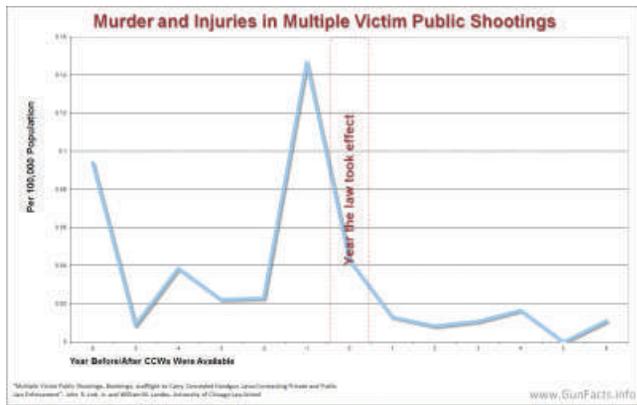
- 214,000 CCW holders<sup>29</sup>
- 526 (0.2%) felony arrests of CCW holders that have been adjudicated
- 100 (0.05%) felony convictions

Fact: A different study concludes that the four year violent crime arrest rate for CCW holders is 128 per 100,000. For the general population, it is 710 per 100,000. In other words, CCW holders are 5.5 times less likely to commit a violent crime.<sup>30</sup>

Fact: “I lobbied against the law in 1993 and 1995 because I thought it would lead to wholesale armed conflict. That hasn’t happened. All the horror stories I thought would come to pass didn’t happen. No bogeyman. I think it’s worked out well, and that says good things about the citizens who have permits. I’m a convert.”<sup>31</sup>

Fact: “It has impressed me how remarkably responsible the permit holders have been.”<sup>32</sup>

## Myth: CCWs will lead to mass public shootings



**CONCEALED CARRY - Concealed Carry vs Multiple Victim Mass Public Shootings Fact:** Multiple victim public shootings drop in states that pass shall-issue CCW legislation.<sup>33</sup>

Fact: CCW holders have prevented or curtailed mass public shootings – Pearl, Mississippi (Pearl Junior High School), Edinboro, Pennsylvania (Parker Middle School), Winnemucca, Nevada (Players Bar and Grill), Colorado Springs, Colorado (New Life Church).

Fact: Of all the alternatives to preventing mass public shootings, police officers believe that civilian concealed carry is the most effective.”<sup>34</sup>

## Myth: People do not need concealable weapons

Fact: In 80% of gun defenses, the defender used a concealable handgun. A quarter of the gun defenses occurred in places away from the defender’s home.<sup>35</sup>

Fact: 77% of all violent crime occurs in public places.<sup>36</sup> This makes concealed carry necessary for almost all self-defense needs. But due to onerous laws forbidding concealed carry, only 26.8% of defensive gun uses occurred away from home.<sup>37</sup>

Fact: Often, small weapons that are capable of being concealed are the only ones usable by people of small stature or with physical disabilities.

Fact: The average citizen doesn’t need a Sport Utility Vehicle, but driving one is arguably safer than driving other vehicles. Similarly, carrying a concealable gun makes the owner — and his or her community — safer by providing protection not otherwise available.

Fact: 56% of Americans say more concealed weapons would make country safer.<sup>38</sup> Millions of Americans have concealed carry permits, and this doesn’t include people who carry in states that do not require permits.

## Myth: Police and prosecutors are against concealed carrying by citizens

Fact: In a survey of 15,000 officers, 91% said concealed carry should be permitted citizens “without question and without further

restrictions.”<sup>39</sup>

Fact: 66% of police chiefs believe that citizens carrying concealed firearms reduce rates of violent crime.<sup>40</sup>

Fact: “All the horror stories I thought would come to pass didn’t happen ... I think it’s worked out well, and that says good things about the citizens who have permits. I’m a convert.”<sup>41</sup>

Fact: “I ... [felt] that such legislation present[ed] a clear and present danger to law-abiding citizens by placing more handguns on our streets. Boy was I wrong. Our experience in Harris County, and indeed statewide, has proven my fears absolutely groundless.”<sup>42</sup>

Fact: “Virginia has not turned into Dodge City. We have not seen a problem.”<sup>43</sup>

Fact: “The concerns I had – with more guns on the street, folks may be more apt to square off against one another with weapons – we haven’t experienced that.”<sup>44</sup>

Fact: “... to the best of my knowledge, we have not had an issue. I had expected there would be a lot more problems ... But it has actually worked out.”<sup>45</sup>

Fact: “Coming from California [where he was on the Los Angeles police force for 28 years], where it takes an act of Congress to get a concealed weapon permit, I got to Maine, where they give out lots of carrying concealed weapon permits, and I had a stack of CCW permits I was denying; that was my orientation. I changed my orientation real quick. Maine is one of the safest places in America. Clearly, suspects knew that good Americans were armed.”<sup>46</sup>

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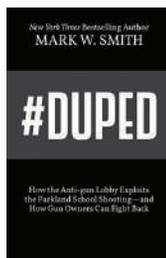
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ANTI-GUN MOVEMENT EXPLOITS SCHOOL SHOOTINGS TO UNDERMINE 2ND AMENDMENT RIGHTS  
Emotions from Tragedy Used to Squash Debate

WASHINGTON, D.C. – America's anti-gun movement and their allies in the media exploit the emotion from tragedies such as the Parkland school shooting to recycle failed gun-control rhetoric, reveals New York Times best-selling author and constitutional attorney, Mark W. Smith, in his new book *#Duped: How the Anti-gun Lobby Exploits the Parkland School Shooting – and How Gun Owners Can Fight Back*.

In *#Duped*, Smith unveils how young people like the Parkland students are exploited for political gain to short-circuit any legitimate debate depriving law-abiding Americans of their Second Amendment right to bear arms. This all-out campaign has put gun owners and Americans who support the right to bear arms on the defensive.

Smith breaks down the seven gun grabbing myths that have been perpetuated by the anti-gun movement, as well as the mainstream media. Smith reveals in *#Duped* data and facts to dispel these myths while not dismissing the ordeal gun violence victims have experienced.

Smith provides gun owners and defenders of the Second Amendment with the intellectual ammunition to counter the arguments of the anti-gun zealots, while at the same time challenges the reader to think about how they will defend themselves and their loved ones if their right to bear arms is taken away – "...once you have given this right away, you will never get it back."

In *#Duped*, readers will learn:

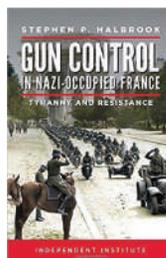
The gun control movement is not about civil rights – they "want to shrink your freedoms by depriving you of your fundamental right to self-defense."

The false arguments the anti-gun movement perpetuates and the inconvenient truths they fail to mention.

Why it's important that we fight for our Second Amendment right – without it, our rights cease to exist.

"Make no mistake, the #NeverAgain kids have the right to express themselves. That they experienced such a traumatic series of events makes it easy to understand why they want to participate in debates about school and public safety. So, let's set emotion aside and discuss the facts. Let's have that debate." New York Times best-selling author, Mark W. Smith in *#Duped*

Stephen P. Halbrook's new book, *Gun Control in Nazi-Occupied France: Tyranny and Resistance*, tells the story of Nazi repression and the bravery of the French resistance. Relying upon primary



sources largely ignored by historians, including German occupation records, records of French collaborationists and patriots, as well as interviews with actual members of the resistance, Dr. Halbrook delivers the authoritative account never before told.

By utilizing a prewar, 1935, French gun-registration law, the Nazi's used French registration records to easily locate gun owners.

This mandatory gun registration made it easy for Nazi occupiers to target gun owners and punish those who refused to turn over their firearms. Countless French gun owners faced firing squads for refusing to comply, but throughout the Nazi occupation, the French Resistance grew, arming itself to conduct resistance activities and fight back against the occupation.

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—**Angelo M. Codevilla**, Professor Emeritus of International Relations, Boston University; author, *Informing Statecraft, War: Ends and Means* (with Paul Seabury), *The Character of Nations*, and *Between the Alps and a Hard Place: Switzerland in World War II and the Rewriting of History*.

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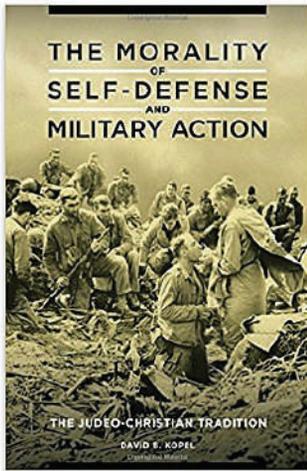
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## CRPA BOOK REVIEW & PUBLICATIONS

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David Kopel's monumental book, *The Morality of Self-Defense and Military Action: The Judeo-Christian Tradition* (2017) has not received the attention it deserves for such a well-researched and magnificently written tome. Kopel has succeeded in *The Morality of Self-Defense and Military Action* by David B. Kopel objectively discussing difficult and controversial topics of moral philosophy that spill into hotter political issues of armed self-defense and justification for wars and revolution, and he does this in an eloquent, logical, and enthralling fashion.

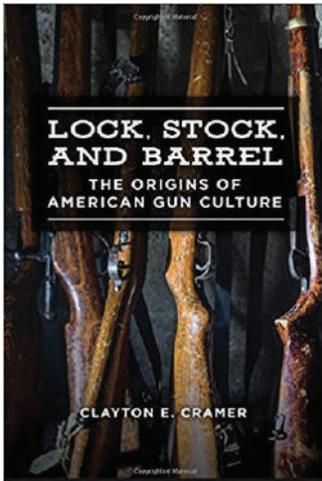
The morality of individual self-defense, collective rebellion in revolution, and engagement in collective military action are topics discussed succinctly and engagingly in this book, as justified by our Judeo-Christian inheritance, a main pillar of Western civilization. Kopel, who is a civil rights attorney and a constitutional law professor, not a moral philosopher (much less a moralist), has achieved what myriad other experts have tried to do but have failed because of preconceived notions, biases, and selective interpretation of Biblical passages and historical events, as well as political immersion while engaging in theological obscurantism. Fortunately, this is not the case with Kopel's more tolerant approach and research that lead to the attainment of truth.

The book is divided into two major parts: Part 1 deals with the Old Testament and proceeds chronologically with the history of the Israelites, the problem of violence in the Hebrew Bible, the Old Prophets, the Diaspora, the Holocaust, and modern Israel. Part 2 discusses the New Testament, the Apostles and continues with Rome, the Middle Ages, the Reformation, Revolutions (including the American Revolution), Modern Christianity, the Quakers, and concludes with Modern Pacifism and its ramifications.

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The most important novel of the twentieth century was George Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. Its protagonist, Winston, works for the Ministry of Truth, where Winston changes history books and even old newspapers so that the past is continually updated to reflect the ever changing needs of the Party. "Day by day, and almost minute by minute, the past was brought up to date."<sup>1</sup>

Revisionism, the revising of history, isn't always bad. History does change as historians reexamine the evidence. Essential

facts seldom change. Even history books published in 1918 agree with recent ones that President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865. Minor facts, and often theories for why events happened get revised, often after the evidence in support of the new position becomes well-established.

This book is in part about some recent historical revisionism: While less dramatic than claiming President Lincoln enjoyed a well-deserved retirement in Springfield, Illinois, it is very close to the Ministry of Truth's slogan: "He who controls the past controls the future. He who controls the present controls the past." The question at the heart of this rapidly changing past is: How recently did America's gun culture develop? This book demonstrates that the traditional, largely assumed view of America as a gun culture from its beginning, is generally correct. The revisionist history is largely driven by the desires of political activists concerning gun control today.

What is a gun culture? While lacking a universally accepted definition, widespread private ownership and use of firearms, a belief that they have some significance beyond their immediate practical need, and the idea that one has a right to possess them, certainly seems an adequate starting definition. By analogy, America in the 1960s was a "car culture."

Traditionally, historians assumed that guns were always part of our culture, a consequence of a nation formed from a "howling wilderness,"<sup>2</sup> a necessity in a place where hunting for food, defense against dangerous animals, and sometimes hostile Indians, was needed. In the last two decades, revisionist historians have argued otherwise. In 1996, Emory University Professor of History Michael A. Bellesiles published an article in the *Journal of American History*<sup>3</sup> and a subsequent book *Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture* (2000), that claimed that many long-cherished ideas about violence, guns, and the effectiveness of the militia in early America were incorrect. Bellesiles argued that guns were very scarce and tightly controlled in America before 1840; there was effectively no civilian market for handguns before 1848; and few Americans hunted.<sup>4</sup> Initially, academics responded with fawning reviews of this courageous attack on the "gun lobby" and its "distortion" of American history.<sup>5</sup>

Bellesiles' book was eventually discredited for engaging in fraud. His summaries of probate inventories were clearly erroneous; often they were completely fabricated. He listed sources in archives that did not exist, or that he had never visited.<sup>6</sup>

At Emory University's request, a blue-ribbon panel of historians examined the controversy. The committee's comments made it clear that it did not believe Bellesiles' responses. In many cases, the committee members were unable to find Bellesiles' cited documents. Their conclusions included:

*But in one respect, the failure to clearly identify his sources, does*

move into the realm of “falsification,” which would constitute a violation of the Emory “Policies.” The construction of this Table implies a consistent, comprehensive, and intelligible method of gathering data. The reality seems quite the opposite. In fact, Professor Bellesiles told the Committee that because of criticism from other scholars, he himself had begun to doubt the quality of his probate research well before he published it in the *Journal of American History*.<sup>7</sup>

Yet the graphs produced from Bellesiles’ “probate inventories” were a large part of why that article, and the subsequent book, were initially regarded as ground-breaking and persuasive. Who argues with statistics?

In response to the report Emory commissioned, Bellesiles resigned from his recently received tenured position, and Columbia University revoked the Bancroft Prize it had awarded to Bellesiles for *Arming America* — an unprecedented event.<sup>8</sup> Bellesiles, at last report, now works as a bartender.<sup>9</sup>

My book *Armed America* (2006) did an adequate job of demonstrating that Bellesiles was not simply wrong, but he had deliberately misrepresented the facts: altering texts, making up texts, and massively misrepresenting his sources. His fellow academics for the most part never noticed because he told lies that led to a very limiting interpretation of the Second Amendment with which they emotionally, and therefore intellectually, agreed.

I was astonished to see Bellesiles’ false claims rise from the grave like a vampire not adequately staked. Pamela Haag’s *The Gunning of America* (2015)<sup>10</sup> argued, as had Bellesiles, that the American gun culture, and thus demand for guns, was created in the mid-nineteenth century; and was the result of clever marketing by the newly formed mass production gun industry (primarily Colt Firearms and Winchester Repeating Arms). Haag asserted that the industry created demand for a product that Americans neither wanted nor needed. Haag also claimed that guns were so rare that non-guns were the primary murder weapon before 1860, based on a survey of murders committed in the 1850s; a survey based on “eighty-five murders... that were mentioned in popular books and pamphlets.”<sup>11</sup> If guns were rare, and guns cause murder, this would be a plausible claim. We will later examine the evidence for this claim.

Haag directly acknowledges that she believed Bellesiles’

claims about the scarcity of guns and gun culture were correct, and appears to have no awareness that Bellesiles had been discredited.

This book will explore:

1. Was gun ownership (and in consequence, gun manufacturing and gunsmithing) rare before 1840?
2. Was the civilian market for pistols small or non-existent before 1848?
3. How did gunsmithing (including gun manufacturing) develop in Colonial and early Republic America?
4. What role did the gun manufacturing industry play in transforming not only American industry but also creating the modern industrial world across Western civilization?
5. Was American gun culture created by clever marketing by gun makers?

The answers to points 1, 2, 3, and 5 later in this book can and do refute the revisionist claims concerning the origins of American gun culture. Point 4 is an interesting and important part of history, hitchhiking on this larger analysis of revisionist history.

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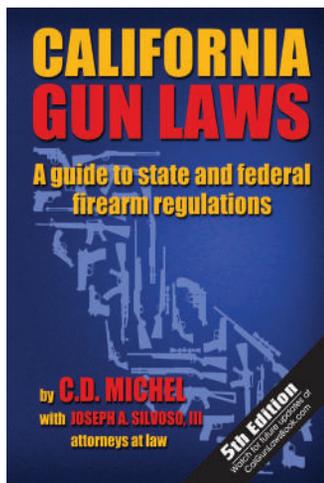
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## IN THE COMMUNITY

*Heather Allen, CRPA Volunteer Specialist: I received an email from Miss Shelby Dykes, a sophomore from Southern California. She was given the task to do a "Social Justice Project" and was told to pick a current issue in the world today. Bravely, she chose a controversial topic, one we all know too well in California-Gun Laws. Luckily, Shelby is a smart young woman and saw how our rights were slowly being wrongly stripped away from us. In her email she expressed she feels "more teens should understand these current issues, so we can move forward as a nation." I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Dykes at our Get Out the Vote Event and was extremely impressed. I was also able to meet her dad who became a member of CRPA, and, I must say did an extremely well job of raising his daughter. Here is Shelby's essay, which I hope will give our members hope for our future in the Second Amendment Community!*

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. Where have you heard this before? Oh... that's right the constitution! This is the second amendment! Basically, this states that we have a right to own firearms and it shouldn't be taken away from us. So, the frequent up roar of people talking about taking away our right to own guns has been quite interesting for many reasons.

"Oh yeah that gun just killed someone"... How often do we hear that? I will answer the question for you... way too often. Cars kill people. Did you hear about the man who ran over a crowd of people killing 100 and injuring thirteen? Alcohol kills people. Did you hear that 28 people die everyday from a drunk driving accident. If you didn't why not? But we all heard about the shooting in Texas the minute it happened. Why don't we just take our privilege to own cars and alcohol away? Just something to think about.

News today filters what they think you should hear. It is biased and unfair. Somehow we hear about all the negative effects of gun violence instead of the benefits of guns being allowed in our society. Did you know 200,000 women per year use guns to defend themselves from abuse? Did you know approximately out of 2.5 million people in the U.S. 48% die from tobacco and only 1% from firearms? Did you know when guns are used, 81% is for defensive purposes in the United States? I bet a good portion of you didn't know this before I told you.

Many people today have a twisted image of guns, that is contorted by our media. For example, the misconception of police being a fan of gun control and stating the citizens don't need guns because the police is our protection. These both are myths. The National Association the Chief of police took a poll and 88% of the people who voted agree that any vetted (non-criminal) citizen should be able to own a gun.

Imagine losing your freedom of speech. What would that world look like? People being taken to jail just because they say what they want. How is losing our second amendment any different? It's not. When firearms are shot, it is dangerous. But, when words are spoken it is just as lethal. If words didn't hurt anyone less people would kill themselves, in 2016 there was recorded amount of 44,569 suicides in America from bullying alone. How about the girl who convinced her boyfriend to get into a car filled with carbon monoxide resulting in his death. She convinced him over the phone. How is this any different from a gun?

Okay, for most of you that was a lot of information to take in all at once. So, now it's onto what I had done this last 6 months or so to impact my society. Nothing about this was easy. I found

so many websites that were dead ends. Then I had come to this website, called the California Rifle and Pistol Association. This is an association made just for our state that works closely with the NRA (the National Rifle Association). In this association people are able to become members and participate in gun safety events, hunting events, women's rifle events, plus so much more! These are so important because most people that are against guns don't understand and fear them. However, these safety classes help people feel safer and more comfortable with gun use. I started emailing the Volunteering Director Mrs. Heather Allen and she was so helpful and amazingly nice! She had sent me a folder full of magazines, stickers, and pamphlets reflecting this topic. I just volunteered at an event and was able to talk to many different people as well as help out at the event!

This event was called "Get Out the Vote" and it helps people understand why voting for our rights is so important and why we need to protect the right to have guns. I learned a lot from the speakers and volunteers working there. I got to meet of course Mrs. Allen (The Volunteering Director of CRPA), a lot of the members and volunteers, as well as the president of the Young American Foundation at Orange Coast College Benny Keene (this is a club for gun right enthusiasts), and Dana Rohrabacher who is currently a Congressman defending law abiding citizens to own firearms for their protection. I don't know if you caught what I just stated, but we want law abiding citizens to have guns, not criminals. Gun reform only hurts law abiding citizens, and criminals break laws what makes you think they will listen to a gun reform. Basically, what I'm trying to say is criminals will always break rules, this is why we need firearms to protect ourselves.

I was able to work an information/ prize booth at the event and it was an unforgettable experience. I met so many people and was able to spread light on the dark places of this topic to many. I not only learned but gained so much from this experience, as well as, giving them hope for our future.

I'm not going to lie right now, I may sound confident and emotionally attached to this topic. Which I am without a doubt. However, I have been kind of terrified and anxious to tell everyone

how I truly feel since this topic is highly controversial. However, if people can stand up for what they believe in so can I. I am entitled to have my own opinion. And, with that being said as we say at the California Rifle and Pistol Association, Be Safe, Shoot Straight, and Fight Back. Thank you!



*Shelby Dykes with Heather Allen.*

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- Help "Get Out the Vote" and share the importance of being a gun-owner and a voter who is actively engaged in the process
- I am a Club and I want to explore ways to have Club members become CRPA members

## THANK YOU!

Return to the California Rifle & Pistol Association  
 Attn: Business Affiliate Program  
 271 E. Imperial Highway, Suite #620, Fullerton, CA 92835  
 Phone: (800) 305-2772 | Email: sbarrett@crpa.org

# CALIFORNIA RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION CRPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

CRPA Membership Levels

| ✓ Membership Option      | Price                                       |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1 Year Membership        | \$35  |
| 5 Year Membership        | \$150                                       |
| 2A Sustaining Membership | \$17.91 / Month                             |
| Life Membership          | \$500<br>Or four \$135 / quarterly payments |
| Senior Life Membership   | \$275<br>Or four \$75 / quarterly payments  |
| Veteran Life Membership  | \$450<br>Or four \$125 / quarterly payments |
| Defender Life Member     | \$1000 + Life Membership                    |
| Activist Life Member     | \$1500 + Defender Membership                |
| Patriot Life Member      | \$1500 + Activist Membership                |

**Check next to membership of choice**

\*A portion of CRPA membership dues are used for lobbying and political activities. The portion used for these purposes is 25% of the total cost of membership paid.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: / / \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT INFORMATION:

AUTO-RENEWAL

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: / \_\_\_\_\_

Check: # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

by Heather Allen, CRPA Volunteer Coordinator



Homer Yates

It is my pleasure to introduce Homer Yates, our Volunteer Spotlight! Homer was born in San Diego and now resides in Northern California. He has been a HUGE asset to the CRPA. Wherever he goes, a giant membership drive follows. He recently signed up Sheriff Richard Warren, Jr. of Glenn County. It was great speaking with him and learning more about what drives him to be such a firm Second Amendment Defender.

**Heather:** Did you grow up with firearms in your family?

**Homer:** I was born on a ranch. As long as I can remember, firearms have always been in my family one way or another.

**Heather:** What was the first firearm you remember shooting?

**Homer:** It was a Winchester .22 pump action hexagon barrel that belonged to my grandfather.

**Heather:** Do you have a favorite gun now?

**Homer:** One that goes "bang!" Honestly, I am happy with any type of pistol, AR, or rifle. I like them all! I used to hunt a lot but now I mainly target and trap shoot.

We talked more about his family and he told me stories about taking his wife and young children at the time, to the Santa Ana River bed every Sunday where they would enjoy a picnic lunch AND shooting! If only my family could have picnics and shoot trap with shotguns and pistols today. It sounded like a wonderful bonding family tradition.

Recently Homer's great-granddaughter turned 2. For her birthday her present was a brand new shiny pink .22 shotgun!

I then started asking Homer about his amazing volunteer work for CRPA.

**Heather:** What would you like to say to potential volunteers in California?

**Homer:** The way it is now, we really only have two choices: Stand up and fight for our rights-whether it be voting, talking to friends and family, or volunteering with organizations like the CRPA. OR do nothing. If you do nothing, what do you think your future will look like? Don't you want to be able to protect yourself and your family? The police and sheriffs cannot protect us 24 hours a day.

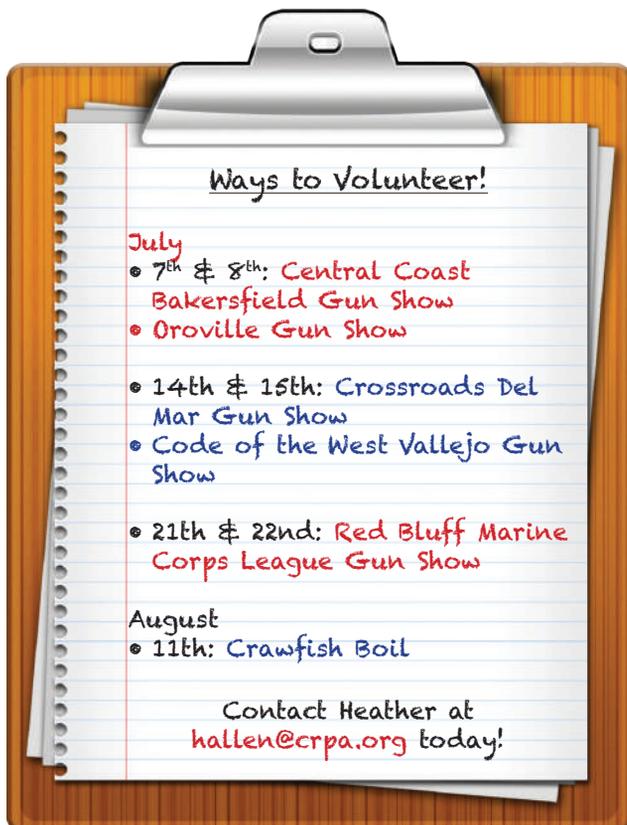
## THANK YOU, HOMER!!

The California Rifle and Pistol Association is proud and appreciative to have you as such a wonderful and hard-working volunteer!!



**Heather Allen**  
CRPA Volunteer Coordinator

Heather Allen serves as the Volunteer Coordinator for the CRPA. Heather comes from a Criminal Justice background which included working for the District Attorney's Office in Newport Beach and interning at the Attorney General's Office for the State of Hawaii in Honolulu.



# Business Affiliates

CRPA would like to give a huge thank you to new Business Affiliates! We are fortunate to be surrounded by businesses who will stand next to us and fight to protect our Second Amendment right. The partnerships we build help bring awareness and support within the 2A community by providing resources, tools, supplies, knowledge, and new friends and business opportunities. Take a stand and partner with the CRPA and join the Business Affiliate Program. Please email Sarah Barrett, Programs and Events Manager, at sbarrett@crpa.org to see what steps you and your business need to become an affiliate.

## VOLUNTEERS ARE OUR MOST POWERFUL WEAPON

The CRPA Grassroots Outreach and Volunteer Corps needs passionate volunteers in every California county to advance the CRPA's mission to protect and defend the right to keep and bear arms.

CRPA has built and is expanding its team of grassroots activists and volunteers who serve, educate, and engage gun owners and shooters in the political process, help get out the pro-gun vote, and help put on shooting and hunting events.

Thousands of CRPA members who are dedicated to supporting Second Amendment rights are taking charge in their communities! These CRPA grassroots activist leaders help us make this volunteer army more powerful and effective!

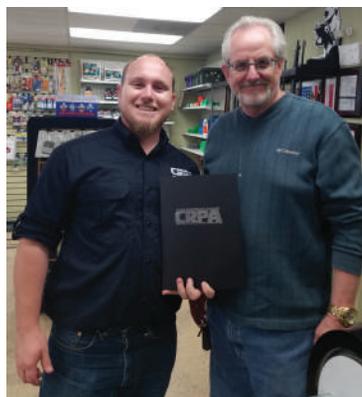
### GO Meeting

Please look out for dates, time, and location on [www.crpa.org](http://www.crpa.org).

\*If you would like to host a private GO Meeting with your local club, please contact Kevin Small, CRPA Grassroots Specialist at [ksmall@crpa.org](mailto:ksmall@crpa.org).



Emily Atkinson and Steven Converse of Ade's Gun Shop in Orange, CA.



Dave Miller with Mike Salva, Manager of Centerfire Firearms in Riverside County.



Dave Miller with Rohn Gomez, Manager of Hammer Down in San Bernardino County.



Trisha Kinney, Owner of Blue Collar Firearms in San Bernardino County, with Dave Miller.



Tyler Ferrari with Hugo, Manager of Duncan's Gun Works in San Diego County.



Tyler Ferrari with Russ McDonald, Manager of Ally Valley Tactical in Riverside County.



Ayyam George, Owner of Joint Task Force Weaponry.



Tyler Ferrari with Jason Griffith, Owner of West Coast Ammo in Temecula, CA



Tyler Ferrari with Vince Torres, Owner of Bullseye Sport Guns and Ammo in Riverside County.

# SUPPORT CRPA BUSINESS AFFILIATES

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



### LAST STANDING TACTICAL

Last Stand Readiness & Tactical is the greater Sacramento area's premier source for gear, guns and provisions. We stock everything you need to be tactically prepared for whatever may come your way. Whether it's firearms and ammunition, medical supplies, outdoor equipment, storable food, water filtration, personal protection equipment, radio communications, military surplus gear, or education and training - we've got you covered.

Not just another gun and gear store. We are the retail outlet of an extensive, motivated and organized community of patriotic individuals who cherish freedom, liberty and the ability to protect ourselves and our loved ones in times of need.

We specialize in battle-tested, semi-automatic rifles and complete load-outs of only the best and most functional tactical equipment. Those of us here at Last Stand Readiness & Tactical look forward to serving the local Sacramento and Internet community. Keep your powder dry.

Visit <http://www.laststandtactical.com>

### WEBB'S FIREARMS

I am a retired 26 year Air Force veteran and located in Suisun City, California. I am an NRA Benefactor Life Member, US Concealed Carry Association Life Member and an NRA Certified Pistol/Rifle/Shotgun Instructor. I am a strong supporter of our constitutional 2nd Amendment rights. I offer sales, transfers, consignments and repair services for firearms. I offer California Firearm Safety Certificates, Safe Handling Demonstrations and personal firearms training. I am not a stocking dealer and order to customer requests.

Visit [www.webbsfirearms.com](http://www.webbsfirearms.com)

## CENTRAL CALIFORNIA



### SMOKIN' BARREL FIREARMS

The Palmdale Fin and Feather Club is a non-profit, members only fishing and hunting club. We are located off the 14 freeway in sunny Palmdale, CA. With 48 fishing docks surrounding our lake, the Fin and Feather is the perfect place to get away and relax.

The Fin and Feather Club stocks healthy Rainbow Trout during the colder months of our fishing season. This year we are set to stock 70,000 lbs! After the weather starts to warm up the Catfish, Bass, Bluegill, Crappie and Perch start to bite, which ensures productive fishing all season long.

Our hunting season begins in the middle of October and runs through the end of January.

We are typically open every day except Thursday, with the exception of certain dates for events. (Members, please see your rules for dates we will be closed).

Visit [www.palmdalefinandfeatherclub.com](http://www.palmdalefinandfeatherclub.com)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



### ANGELES SHOOTING RANGES

Established in 1958.

Angeles Shooting Range has been in business since 1957, \*we do not rent firearms\* but we do offer Reloading classes at the reloading store, competitive matches (DCM Rifle, Metallic pistol silhouette, Field Air Rifle, Sporting Clays) put on by different gun clubs, and facilities for you to bring your own gun to sight in for hunting, Shoot, and general relaxation, we also have most ammunition available for people while they are shooting here. We have steel targets that are out up to 600 yards and a pistol shooting gallery

with 200 reactive targets readily available for you. We also have a shotgun area with automatic throwers for clay birds. We offer a hunter safety courses twice a month, put on by the U.S. Forestry Service. Need to take a break? Join your friends in our picnic area for a quick snack or an energy reload. Please remember that you need to have your own firearms to shoot here because we do not rent firearms.

Visit [www.angelesshooting.com](http://www.angelesshooting.com)



### EVANS GUN WORLD

Evans Gun World boasts a high-tech range, featuring the "SuperTrap" system, enabling the usage of hollow-points, hot loads, and more calibers (shooters must demonstrate proficiency and gain approval on some calibers). Evans Gun World has two separate shooting areas, one of which is a Tactical range primarily used for law enforcement and training but is available for rent to private parties.

Our state of the art ventilation system keeps a clean environment, and the dust and residues headed down range. Placement of targets (ranging from silhouette to rings and more) can be placed from 7 feet to 50 feet away, and our Tactical range allows for up to 25 yards.

We also have rental guns available in many favorite styles and calibers.

Calibers accepted: Handgun Calibers during Regular hours, and then rifle night and shotgun night, up to 50 BMG on Wednesday nights.

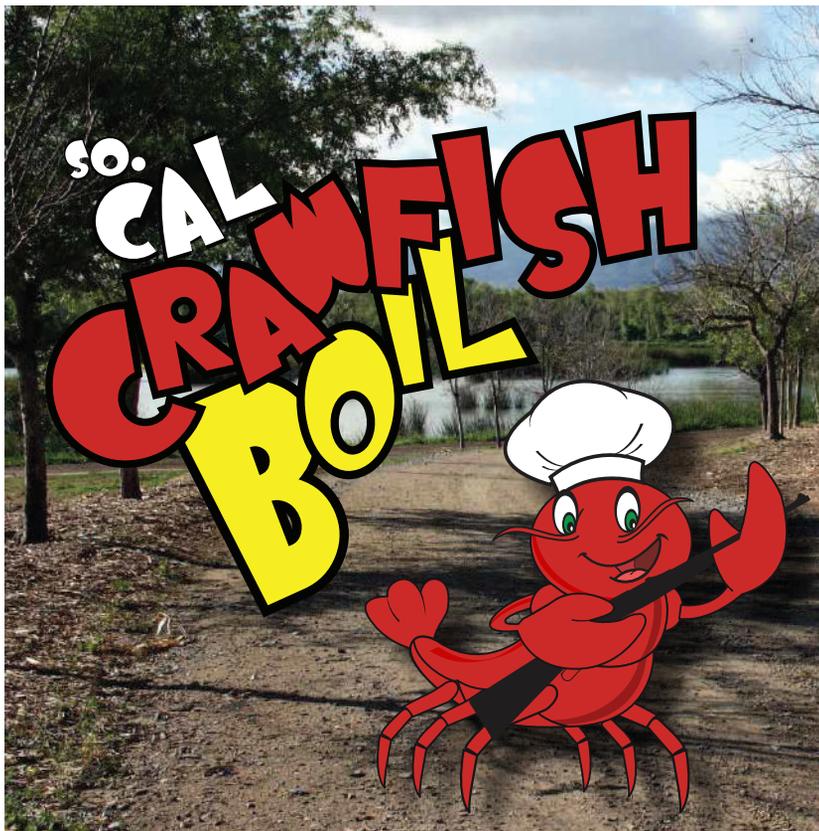
Visit [www.evansgunworld.com](http://www.evansgunworld.com)

### BUSINESSES:

To support CRPA and get listed here,  
email [tfl@crpa.org](mailto:tfl@crpa.org).

Check out Business Affiliate programs  
at [www.crpa.org](http://www.crpa.org)





**AUGUST 11, 2018**  
**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

HOSTED BY

CALIFORNIA RIFLE & PISTOL ASSOCIATION



EVENT BENEFICIARY



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## TICKETS & PACKAGES INFORMATION

### Basic Entry Ticket (\$25)

- Event T-shirt
- (6) Shotgun Shots
- (1) Raffle Ticket for Raffle of your choice
- Access to: Daisy BB Ranges, Petting Zoo, Dog Demonstrations, Face Painting, Rock Climbing, Mechanical Bull, Horse Demonstrations, Archery
- \*\*Activities subject to change!

### Basic Entry with Firearms Activities Ticket (\$40)

- All items from Basic Entry Ticket
- (10) Rounds of Pistol
- (8) Rounds of Rifle

### Hot Lunch Entry Ticket (\$40)

- All items from Basic Entry Ticket
- Ticket for hot lunch (served from 11AM - 2PM)

### Hot Lunch Entry with Firearms Activities Ticket (\$55)

- All items from Basic Entry with Firearms Ticket
- Ticket for hot lunch (served from 11AM - 2PM)

### Add-on Items

- .22 Caliber Experience: (10) Rounds **(\$5)**
- Shotgun Experience: (6) Rounds **(\$15)**
- High Caliber Experience: Select any 3 high caliber rifle or pistols (8 rounds of each) **(\$40) \*\*5 Rounds for Exotic Rifles**

### Corporate Sponsor Package (\$2500)

- (20) Tickets
- (20) T-Shirts
- (50) Raffle Tickets
- Pair of Front Sight Training Memberships
- Coffee & Donuts for group in the morning
- Table spread of Crawfish
- Pot of Gumbo
- Ice chest of waters & sodas for your group
- (2) Helicopter Rides
- Access to Shotgun station for 2 hours
- Rifle & Pistol Shooting Experiences
- Access to all other events
- Company logo exposure on marketing materials

Booth/Vendor Activation: \$100

Chili Cook-off Competition: \$45 Team Entry

BBQ Cook-off Competition: \$45 Team Entry

Helicopter Rides: \$50 per person

Organized Youth Group Camping - \$40

(Includes 2 nights of camping, hot lunch entry ticket and (5) .22 rifle shots)

**\*\*Please call Eva Padilla for Group Discounts\*\***

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# PLACES TO SHOOT

To find more ranges in you area, visit [www.wheretoshoot.org](http://www.wheretoshoot.org)

## NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Nice Shot Range

4765 Caterpillar Rd  
Redding, CA, 96003  
(530) 241-6486  
[www.hangtownrange.com](http://www.hangtownrange.com)  
Open to Public  
Indoor  
Handgun, Rifle

### Redding Gun Club

21777 Seven Lakes Road  
Redding, CA, 96003  
(530) 549-4652  
[www.reddinggunclub.net](http://www.reddinggunclub.net)  
Open to Public, Membership Available  
Outdoor  
Shotguns, Handguns, Rifles

### Tehama Shooters Association

26950 Manton Rd  
Manton, CA, 96080  
(530) 529-9375  
[www.tehamashooters.com](http://www.tehamashooters.com)  
Open to Public, Membership Available  
Outdoor  
Handgun, Rifle, Shotgun

## CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

### The Firing Line

173 Daytyon Ave #103A  
Clovis, CA, 93612  
(559) 294-9400  
[www.thefiringlineclovis.com](http://www.thefiringlineclovis.com)  
Open to Public  
Indoor  
Handguns

### The Range Pistol Club

5151 N Gates Ave  
Fresno, CA, 93722  
(559) 277-9800  
[www.pistolrange.com](http://www.pistolrange.com)  
Private, Membership Available  
Outdoor  
Handgun, Rifle

### Tulare County Trap Club

7394 Ave 328  
Visalia, CA, 93291  
(559) 999-2067  
[www.tularecountytrapclub.com](http://www.tularecountytrapclub.com)  
Open to Public  
Memberships Available  
Outdoor  
Shotguns

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

### Triple B Clays Shotgun Sports Park

831 N Rosemead Blvd  
South El Monte, CA, 91733  
(626) 579-5201  
[www.triplebclays.com](http://www.triplebclays.com)  
Open to Public  
Outdoor  
Shotgun

### Mike Raahauge Shooting Enterprises

14995 River Rd  
Corona, CA, 92880  
(760) 636-9441  
[www.raahauges.com](http://www.raahauges.com)  
Open to Public  
Outdoor  
Handgun, Rifle, Shotgun

### The Target Range & Gun

16140 Cohasset St.  
Van Nuys, CA, 91406  
(818) 787-4373  
[www.fieldtimetargetandtraining.com](http://www.fieldtimetargetandtraining.com)  
Open to Public, Memberships Available  
Indoor  
Handgun, Rifle, Shotgun



## 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

## JULY

### 7-8

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

##### Oroville Gun Show

Oroville Municipal Auditorium  
1200 Myers Street  
Oroville, CA 95965  
July 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

#### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

##### Central Coast Bakersfield Gun Show

Kern County Fair Grounds  
1142 South P Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93307  
July 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

### 14-15

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

##### Code of the West Vallejo Gun Show

Paso Robles Event Center  
2198 Riverside Avenue  
Paso Robles, CA 93446  
July 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

##### Crossroads Del Mar Gun Show

Del Mar Fairgrounds  
2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard  
Del Mar, CA 92014  
July 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>

### 21-22

#### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

##### Red Bluff Marine Corps League Gun Show

Red Bluff Elks Lodge  
355 Gilmore Road  
Red Bluff, CA 96080  
July 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

##### SCI Youth Safari Day

Mike Raahauge Shooting Enterprises  
14995 River Road  
Corona, CA 92880  
July 21<sup>st</sup>

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#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

##### Lot Sale & Vendor Expo

Ammo Brothers (SD location)  
7550 Miramar Road, Suite 240  
San Diego, CA 92126  
July 28<sup>th</sup>

List your events  
on CRPA's  
**Master Events  
Calendar!**

Send an email to  
**EVENTS@CRPA.ORG**

with your event's NAME,  
DATE, TIME, LOCATION & ANY  
OTHER FUN DETAILS



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FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER:  
CALL (714) 992-2772  
CONTACT: CRPA EVENTS DEPARTMENT  
EMAIL: EVENTS@CRPA.ORG



# INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!

- Part-time position, ideal for college students looking for a career in event planning
- Get event experience with an organization that executes more 300 events a year
- Please send resume to [events@crpa.org](mailto:events@crpa.org)
- Starting as soon as possible

# AUGUST

## 4-5



### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Lot Sale & Vendor Expo

Ammo Brothers (Perris location)  
1662 Illinois Ave. Unit 17  
Perris, CA 92570  
August 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

#### CRPA 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Appreciation Event

CRPA Offices  
271 East Imperial Highway  
Fullerton, CA 92835  
August 5<sup>th</sup>

## 10-12

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Trinity County Fair

Trinity County Fairgrounds  
6000 CA-3  
Hayfork, CA 96041  
August 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### 2018 CRPA Crawfish Boil

Mike Raahauge Shooting Enterprises  
14995 River Road  
Corona, CA 92880  
August 11<sup>th</sup>



## 17-19

### CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

#### Central Coast Paso Robles Gun Show

Paso Robles Event Center  
2198 Riverside Avenue  
Paso Robles, CA 93446  
August 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### CRPA Youth Hunter Camp

Camp Three Falls  
12260 Boy Scout Camp Road  
Frazier Park, CA 93225  
August 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Crossroads Costa Mesa Gun Show

OC Fair & Event Center  
88 Fair Drive  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
August 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

## 24-26

### NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### The Big Reno Show

Reno-Sparks Convention Center  
4590 S Virginia Street  
Reno, NV 89502  
August 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

#### Crossroads Ventura Gun Show

Ventura County Fairgrounds  
10 W. Harbor Boulevard  
Ventura, CA 93001  
August 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>



Visit us online at  
[crpa-foundation.careasy.org](http://crpa-foundation.careasy.org)

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Vehicle Donation Program

The CRPA Foundation supports the efforts of the California Rifle & Pistol Association. Funds from The CRPA Foundation's vehicle donation programs help to defend, and expand the legal recognition of the rights protected by the Second Amendment. Donate your car, truck, RV or Boat to The CRPA Foundation to support our ongoing commitment to inform and educate all Californians and California gun owners of their constitutional rights. We'll make it easy for you to donate with your free scheduled pick-up, and you may even qualify for a tax deduction!

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3. Get a tax deductible receipt and help our cause.

# 2018 Service Rifle Championship

by: Mike Barranco, CRPA Vice President

Sixty-four rifle competitors battled the wind and a bit of rain the first weekend in April at the 2018 CRPA Service Rifle championship in Coalinga.

Saturday morning was windy from the start and the standing scores were lower than usual as a result. The skill level with the scoped service rifle has increased to the point where a few of our competitors often lose only one or two points off hand, but only Matt Early (194-6X) and Greg Brown (191-4X) could get past 190. In the sitting rapid fire match the wind was less of a deterrent and several good scores were shot, lead by Jared Perry's 200-7X and many 199s.

The prone rapid fire saw an increase in good scores. Joel Sylvia fired a pair of 6X cleans to win with a 200-12X. Jared Perry and Bob Gill both fired 200-9X. Ken Blaedel and Miles Grove also shot cleans, with 7X and 6X, respectively.

Calmer winds favored a couple of the relays in the 600 yard match to the relief of many competitors. Matt Early dropped no points here, ending with a 200-7X. Jared Perry was second at 197-10X, with many others not far behind.

In the end, it was Matt's standing score that made the difference. The 2017 service rifle champion won this year's Bear Trophy with a score of 791-26X. Scott Bonivert finished second and won the Master Class with a 780-20X. Jared

Perry followed at 779-27X. The class winners were Kevin George, Marksman, 690-5X; Amber Kingshill, Sharpshooter, 752-20X; Murray Moore, Expert, 758-20X. Special awards went to Amber Kingshill, High Woman; Loet VanHoven, High Junior; Vince VanHoven, High Senior.

The 58 competitors who returned on Sunday for the State Trophy Individual Championship and CMP EIC match saw nice weather and tame winds. Jared Perry started with a 100 standing, followed by cleans in both rapids, to reach the 600 yard line without dropping any points. Matt Early fired a 98 standing but caught up at 600, edging Jared by one point to win the match, 496-20X to 495-22X. Justin George was third at 493-16X and Bob Gill was fourth at 490-15X. Four scores in the 490s tells you how skilled our rifleman are. The high scores among the top shooters didn't mean that EIC leg points were too difficult to earn, however. Boris Batkin won the 10-point gold leg with a 479-13X. Sam Blacksmith won a silver 8-point leg with 476-10X. Paula Crenshaw won her first six points towards the Distinguished Rifleman badge with a 474-6X. And George Carr earned six points with a 473-10X.

Thanks to Jim OConnell for running the match and the competitors who helped on the firing line and in the pits.



# CRPA Range Shield

## Range Assistance Program

by: Eric Johnson, CRPA Shooting Sports Specialist

Let me introduce myself your new Shooting Sports Specialist (Eric Johnson). I am in process to become one of your CRPA Range Shield advisors and was recently provided the opportunity to attend the Range Development & Operations Conference in Tampa Florida. The week-long training and conference was informative, comprehensive and would benefit any business or business owner, club, or range manager. From club and associations to building business alliances, business plans, strategic short and long-term goal development. Specialized construction management & resources, public outreach, range safety plans, firearm range protection statutes, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), lead best management practices, all come into play during this week-long conference. You can find the latest information concerning the conferences on the NRA Explore Range Development & Operations Conference web site.

From new firing range development, or existing range expansions. The CRPA Range Shield Program advisors review existing physical range plant conditions, request information of current and past challenges a range is or could be experiencing. The CRPA Range Shield advisor can offer suggestions in a range of operational topics from noise mitigation, air handling systems, bullet traps, baffling, backstop, berms, signage, environmental challenges such as storm water runoff, best management practices (BMP) managing generated waste streams, to recycling programs. The CRPA, Range Shield Program will help identify the array programs needed to protect the environment, range visitor's, employees and volunteers.

Whether you're an indoor or out range, skeet or trap, air-gun or archery the Range Shield Program provides the range operators with numerous resources and vendors where support and guidance can be gathered and utilized.

If you are a range where little or no growth has been seen or membership is declining, steps must be taken to discover why. If you are a range with continuous growth, continue to develop and question why.

- Is it demographic?
- Hours of operation? Cost?
- Facility condition, is the location inviting, safe for the novice shooter?
- Is the parking lot well-lit and inviting, do you have handicap parking available?
- How are your restrooms, are they clean and in good condition and ADA compliant?
- Are firearm safety rules clearly posted, legible and consistently enforced?
- Is the staff well trained in customer service etiquette and

emergency procedures?

- Does the employee have the support of management to suggest operational changes?
- Is staff wearing uniforms branding your vision? Are the uniforms, clean, neat, identifiable, approachable?
- Is personal protection equipment (PPE) being used, serviced, checked and maintained, are range rules and regulations being consistently and uniformly enforced.
- Is the range address posted at intervals with the nearest cross street in the event emergency services are required?
- Is the nearest emergency trauma center address posted with nearest cross street?
- Are fire extinguishers positioned with signage with the appropriate fire suppression media for the intended application.
- Are extinguishers annually serviced and inspected monthly? Do you require employees to have basic training in first aid, cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), Automatic External Defibrillation (AED) etc.?
- Are in-service trainings conducted monthly, quarterly, annually, are trainings documented and filed?

These are just a few areas that demonstrate a commitment to excellence at any facility.

Some homework and field visits will need to be done by you the owner/operator, or by club members to aid in identifying who your direct competition. That competition is not the range down the street but who is drawing way the entertainment dollars and how they are doing it. We all have numerous ways we spend fun funds however, how do we get those fun funds to the range sighting in and pulling triggers. Do you offer family days or nights, moms day on the range, kid friendly activities? Are we reaching out to our veteran community and those with physical challenges? We must be open to change, to experiment, develop new programs and offerings, using the old cliché thinking outside the box...

So, reach out, explore, look at trends or better yet create a new trend. Your younger staff are some of your best resources reach out to them and seek suggestions on improvements with the goal of drawing in the new and supporting the experienced. I recall when one of my son's graduation from boot camp at Ft Sill OK. His NCO provided a list of sites and restaurants in the area to visit. Not knowing the area took the chance and drove 45 minutes to one of the best Italian restaurants in the middle of nowhere. What made the impact on us was we were treated like VIPs even though the place was packed with locals. This business created a niche out of an 1898 bank in the middle of an old two-lane town. Imagine if we did the same, creating niche at each range servicing the local

community by providing unique educational programs to support not just the shooting community but supporting other business in the area.

If you are a public range, club, non-profit, for profit, you should consider bringing the CRPA Range Shield Program to your facility if for nothing more than to see where you are and where you could be in the future. I know this sounds a bit like an advertisement and to some extent it is, however we must do all we can to protect what we currently have and the best way to do this is pro activity at all levels, doing all we can, doing things to the best of our combined ability. It is imperative range operators get out in front of impending challenges and those challenges are coming if not already here. Now is the time to institute change before we are forced to change.

As the only Californian represented at this particular conference was a bit surprising. Either all or most California range operators have sent representatives or are choosing not to participate thinking, hoping, dreaming all will be fine. If you are the

latter, you are in a dream world which may become an awakened nightmare. We in the shooting sports community must take charge of our destiny, to that end two quotes stuck with me. One, "if you're going to be the big dog you have to get off the porch." The second, "if you are green you are growing if you're ripe you are dying. I would rather be a green thorny weed resistant to drought with the ability to adapt than a shallow rooted lawn with one potential.



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# My CCW Simulation Experience

by: Tarryn Small, CRPA Training Coordinator

The question every person asks themselves when contemplating some potential scenario in their life is... "When the time comes...how will I react?" Many think they will perform admirably, like the people on the screen in front of them. Some think they have skill sets that are as keen as they were when they last used them. Some simply don't know. These questions have been on my mind recently, this is my experience in finding out those answers.

When I arrived at the training facility I was impressed with the technology used to train local law enforcement on various encounters. The trainer looked up at me and invited me to step inside the 320-degree simulation room. We went through proper firearm safety and inspection. I holstered the training firearm and placed a unit in the small of my back. The instructor explained that the device would issue a shock if I was hit by a bullet from within the simulation that would last up to 2.5 seconds. He stated that those 2.5 seconds might feel like a lifetime but were designed to teach and not punish. In fact, the act of just wearing the device elevated my heart rate and narrowed my focus. Two new lessons learned, and the simulation had just started.

The instructor briefed me on the upcoming scenario designed to get me to consider entering a familiar house of my own or relative. In this case my grandparent's home. I approached the home as normal from outside to find the front door ajar. I knocked, and the door opened slightly to reveal both of my grandparents bound and gagged. In my mind I realized: "I'm a licensed CCW holder. Ready?" The reality that would take place would be life changing.

The simulation itself is extremely real as everything is "life-sized" and you're in the middle of the simulator. I'm seeing my family and, more importantly, not noticing that there were two men in my grandparent's house when I arrived. Upon seeing my grandma on the floor with tape across her mouth, scared and not moving, I immediately drew my firearm from hip concealment. It is important to note that my focus became almost myopic at this point, causing me not to see my grandfather using his gagged head trying to signal me that there was trouble in the next room.

My attention then moved to grandpa, who was bound and gagged in his chair. Suddenly to my left, a man enters the scene and immediately puts his hands in the air and falls to his knees. I yell, "Get on the ground, stay on the ground!" Remember that myopic issue I just spoke of? It happened again. I was so focused on bad guy number one that I failed to see bad guy number two enter the scene from a hallway to my right, behind grandpa whose signaling I had missed previously. That's when it happened: my

intense focus was interrupted by a 2.5 second shock administered by the instructor. I've been shot.

That jolt was more than a mere shock, tag you've been hit and/or "Whoops" moment. It was the training moment: do you dig in and stay in the fight or give up? I chose to stay in the fight despite the pain. That single lesson was both enlightening and empowering because the questions of what I would do in a scenario were being answered and simultaneously new muscle memories and thought processes were being developed that may one day save my life and those I care for.

I reengage, turning my attention to the assailant on my right, whom I fire on and put on the ground. I then turn my attention to the assailant on my left who is now pulling his weapon out from behind his back. I engage and the simulation ends. Then something amazing happens. I check in with myself. My heart rate is steady. I feel calm and alive. Both assailants were down. I was a survivor. Albeit injured, I was alive to fight another day.

Training is meant to show you your limits, so I eagerly accepted the offer to begin scenario number two for the day. The instructor chose a scenario that I could be exposed to when I stop for gas weekly on my way home from work. I have just finished paying inside the gas station for gas when I decide to go back to the snack section to grab some chips. As I approach the counter, two men enter the front door of the store. Bad guy number one walks up to the counter and curses at the attendant. Within seconds, he pulls a gun and shoots the attendant who falls to the floor behind the counter. The gunman turns towards me as I yell, "Stop! Put the gun down!" He fails to comply, and I engage the gunman and he falls to the ground.

Remember that myopic issue in the first scenario? It happened again. As I am taking in what has unfolded before me, I am fired on by the second man, who had gone further unnoticed for the last twenty seconds. Upon entering the store, he quickly rounded the inside perimeter; concealed by aiseways and shelving units, he approached me at my seven and fired.

As I dealt with the physical discomfort of the stimulate of being shot and the processing of what unfolded before me, I met my threshold stimulus. Tears built up between my eyes and took a minute to control the response and rein in my fears.

I was unable to formulate a response when asked by the instructor how I was feeling. He continued by asking, "Would you like me to begin first with the walk-through?" I nodded and managed to get out a "Yes." My physiological response was curious. I learned that I am not alone in this response and that

highly trained military and law enforcement personnel experience these types of issues in real life and training. The key is not to quit, but to keep training.

Days later, as I sit and write on my experience, I am still reflecting and learning from those two scenarios. I am more committed than ever to continue to train often. The very real training was totally different than the paper targets at my local range. The "realization" of what unfolded in front of me was very real. The decisions were as close as possible to real life, unlike at the range.

I may be preaching to the choir, but the responsibility held, and the decision made to carry a firearm is one that can only be made by one willing to lay down his or her life to protect those they love from the wolves of the world. Those who carry to serve and protect make a conscious decision every day to be aware of their surroundings - to live in condition yellow, to always be prepared no matter where they are, and to always have a plan of action to protect themselves, their loved ones and those around them. My responsibility is to make sure I live as much as possible in a more aware state than those around me.

Death is a very real threat to all of us. Protection is a very real choice. Training is a must to avoid the first and be able to perform the second.



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# APEX PREDATOR

by Rick Travis, CRPA Executive Director

**H**unting season begins within just a couple of weeks of your receiving this edition of the Firing Line Magazine. Slowly over the remaining months summer will give way to fall colors and cool crisp winds will usher in winter. Through the state rituals and new concepts will be tested as people of all backgrounds join as sportsmen in a tradition that date back to the very survival of our species...the hunt.

Normally we examine in each Apex Predator article an aspect of the hunt and this article is no different as it will focus on the wolves at our collective doorstep seeking to eradicate our traditions, abilities and holistic food gathering. They will not do this in any one swift action but instead will remove us from existence through a process of focused political erosion with the determination of the mighty Colorado river carving out the Grand Canyon in record time.

Politicians in Sacramento are in a deadlock fight to change the culture of California and the nation through a process known as social engineering. This is easily accomplished by placing barriers up that are designed to force a new behavior. Think of the idea of we need to rid ourselves of plastic. Government first places a deposit tax on all plastic bottles to force recycling. Then they move on to shopping bags of all types. This is all to force the people to do what a handful in government see or have been paid off to make happen. Ironically, it's the government themselves that in times of crisis that delivers water in plastic bottles and bags.

There is a not so subtle social engineering experiment being conducted throughout the state to make the masses see hunting as an archaic brutal concept of the past. Many within the Second Amendment community have taken on elements of their rhetoric and spread them without realizing they are the equivalent of volunteers for the likes of PETA, Humane Society USA and others. Schools give out comic books and show films making the hunt seem distasteful. Legislators seek to remove the rights of our youth to participate in the sport of hunting by placing so many barriers to the sport that they will do something else.

Take Assemblyman Rob Bonta of the 18th District (Alameda, Oakland and San Leandro) who introduced AB3 to amend California Penal Code section 27510 to raise the age from 18-21 to purchase any firearm and no one under 21 would be able to purchase ammunition of any type. This inane concept will deny every young family under the age of 21 any capability of personal defense. Any young family desiring to obtain game meat to feed themselves at a cheaper rate than buying farm raised game meat in the market (which is arguably no better than commercial meat processes they are seeking to avoid) is denied the opportunity. Bonta's bill if passed is a prime example of social engineering at its worst as the future of that family is unsecured and unhealthy thanks to big government.

Bonta doesn't stop there as AB3 sets up a world where a Californian at 18 years of age can carry a government issued firearm, ammunition and be trusted to enact American domestic and foreign policy throughout the world while on duty but cannot be trusted in California when off duty. The message being sent to our youth is that only the government in its capacity can be trusted. This is a far cry of any founding father's well documented idea of government in the United States.

Many of you at this point are thinking this is very political for a Apex Hunting article. Some may even find it out of place. Consider for a moment that at the end of World War II, Californians came home from fighting the most horrific battle for almost five years. Millions were lost globally and over 23,000 Californians sacrificed their lives. The living came home to a state where they could purchase their former rifles or ones similar and convert them into hunting rifles. That's right the M1 Garands, Lee Enfield, Moisin-Nagant, Mauser K98 and 1903 Springfield were sporterized and found themselves pictured in national hunting magazines such as Sports Afield.

Veterans of World War II created the all time highest year in hunting license sales in 1946-47 according to a U.S. Department of the Interior memorandum dated January 30, 1947.

The reason is simple for this high number of hunters. There was access to firearms people were familiar with. The public didn't see the firearms from the battlefield as evil. The nation had sacrificed for half a decade to ensure people's rights to choose. The net result was that a millenniums long-standing tradition wasn't threatened but instead blossomed.

Today is a time where the veterans of that war are passing away. Their legacy to the sport of hunting is being eroded by an elitist few who are:

- Telling the public that today's military firearms are "evil" and therefore cannot be used for hunting.
- Telling the public that current service members under 21 should be denied the right to access firearms even though they have as much if not more training than many in their communities including some in public safety.
- Telling the public that hunting is no longer acceptable.

The result is a decline in hunting licenses and support of the sport. The reason for this is clearly that we the hunting community have remained unified and silent for far too long and allowed through silent consent our sport to be socially engineered out of existence.

All of us can work together to change the terrain by doing the following:

- Support Hunting Organizations who lobby for your rights here in California.
- Support the California Rifle & Pistol Association's fight for your rights.
- Vote for pro hunting and 2A candidates this year and every

year.

- Visit your local and state politicians office and meet with them and/or their staff and tell them to support hunting
- Volunteer to teach Hunter Education.
- Volunteer to help out at youth hunt camps.
- Introduce family, friends and neighbors in a sensible way to hunting.

Remember social engineering only works when the engineered are silent. I'm talking to you arm chair quarterbacks that love to pontificate but aren't engaged in the fight. The time has come for you to engage the enemy and to shirk off the excuses of the past. Einstein said the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. We know the results of our inaction. Time to do something different.

When the general population sees that what is being attempted to root out of society is "normal" then the attempt fails. Take time this summer and fall to tell as many people you can in a constructive way why hunting is good for your health, is good for the environment and is a tradition and way of life worth preserving.

Be the Apex Predator and stand your ground!!!



**Rick Travis**  
CRPA Executive Director

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# HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS

The scientifically well-established North American Model (NAM) of wildlife conservation has been used to manage and maintain population levels of game and predator species for centuries. Consistent with that traditional approach, the vast majority of hunters obey hunting conservation regulations and adhere to the hunter's code of ethics which prohibits waste of game and unsporting or inhumane hunting methods.

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.

# NUTRIA

by Rick Travis, CRPA Executive Director

The past few years have been difficult to say the least as Hunters working as conservationists with the Department of Fish and Wildlife have faced off annual fires of unimaginable damage, historic droughts and decreasing budgets that have led many of us to ask... "Can it get worse?"

In 1987, a cult classic film known as "The Princess Bride" had a scene where the hero, Wesley, is confronted by Rodents of Unusual Size (R.O.U.S.), which he believed to be a fable. The R.O.U.S. was a mythical creature ten times the size of a rat. Fighting off dozens of 7-8-pound rodents seemed preposterous to movie goers at the time. Sadly, many of us bought into the idea that R.O.U.S.' were nothing more than a creation of pop culture at its best in the 1980's.

Californians have been dealing with their very own version of R.O.U.S. off and on since the turn of the last century. In fact, our version (and that of 30 other states) comes in the form of a rodent that is 3 times the size of Hollywood's version and is actually destroying our wetlands, depopulating several species and could lead to a decrease in huntable waterfowl in the future. These destructive vermin are known as Nutria.

Nutria originate in South America, can weigh as much as 20 pounds and reach 2 feet in length making it a real-life R.O.U.S. Nutria live 3-4 years on average in the wild and can reproduce as early as 4 months of age with litters ranging from 1-13 offspring. Unlike other rodents whose babies are dependent on their parents, Nutria are born fully furred, eyes functioning and have a healthy appetite. They typically join in the hunt for food within hours of birth. A single pair of nutria can lead to over 100 new Nutria in just one year.

Wetlands in California are comprised of a mosaic of marshes to support waterfowl and other species. These mosaics are dependent on a series of dikes and other physical land barriers that are maintained by the very aquatic plant species that Nutria destroy. The negative effect of Nutria begins with their consumption of 25% of their body weight daily. They feed on aquatic plants found above the ground and will also dig down to consume the roots and rhizomes leaving devastation of marshes in their path. The battle to save our wetlands is real as a quarter of a ton of biomass per day will be consumed from a single pair of Nutria and their offspring a year later!

Wetland habitat according to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service only covers about 5% of the 48 states land surface but accounts for supporting 31% of the nation's plant species. Nutria



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convert these wetland areas to open water areas thus destroying the fragile wetland habitat for generations.

California's wetlands are still trying to recover from years of drought and now are being hit with an explosion of illegally introduced Nutria. The enticement from Nutria comes from the misconception that an entrepreneurial fur enterprise is viable. When it fails, the Nutria are released into the wild. This has happened before when commercial fur traders brought Nutria to California in 1899 to Lake Elizabeth in Los Angeles County. Entrepreneurs continued to attempt to bring Nutria into the state throughout the 1940's to 1950's with various levels of success of substituting the Nutria pelts for Beaver and other animals. When each enterprise failed, the Nutria were released into the environment to do their damage. In response, the state was forced to completely eradicate of the species in the 1970's and set up strict laws prohibiting the importation, transportation or possession of Nutria without a permit.

Today, Nutria are back in the central valley once again threatening our valuable wetlands. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife are working to stop the Nutria currently in the San Joaquín River from getting to the delta. The consensus is that if they make it to the delta they may be impossible to manage. The costs are astronomical when you consider that President George W. Bush authorized \$20 million in 2003 to manage the Nutria problem in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay. This is a fight all of us are going to have to assist on to preserve our wetlands and waterfowl hunting. Stay tuned for more in future issues of the Firing Line!

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1/4 CUP DUCK GLACE DE VIANDE, OR 1/2 CUP DUCK OR BEEF STOCK  
1 TABLESPOON ROUGHLY CRACKED BLACK PEPPERCORNS  
1 TABLESPOON GREEN PEPPERCORNS  
1/3 CUP BRANDY  
1/4 CUP HEAVY CREAM

*Prep Time: 30 minutes*  
*Cook Time: 20 minutes*  
*Total Time: 50 minutes*  
*Serving Size: 4 people*

### Directions

1. TAKE THE STEAKS OUT AND SALT THEM WELL. IF YOU ARE COOKING GOOSE BREASTS, LET THEM SIT OUT A SOLID 30 TO 45 MINUTES. GENERALLY, THE THINNER THE STEAK THE SHORTER THE TIME IT NEEDS TO COME TO TEMPERATURE. AND IF YOU MAKE THIS WITH STEAKS 1/4 INCH OR THINNER, TAKE THEM RIGHT OUT OF THE FRIDGE AND INTO THE HOT PAN.
2. HEAT 2 TABLESPOONS OF BUTTER IN A LARGE SAUTE PAN SET OVER MEDIUM-HIGH HEAT. WHEN THE BUTTER IS HOT, PAT THE STEAKS DRY WITH PAPER TOWELS AND LAY THEM IN THE PAN SO THEY DON'T TOUCH EACH OTHER. SEAR THEM, TURNING ONLY ONCE, UNTIL THEY ARE DONE TO YOUR LIKING, USING THE FINGER TEST FOR DONENESS. IF YOU ARE USING DUCK OR GOOSE BREASTS, FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS FOR COOKING A DUCK BREAST HERE. PUT THE STEAKS ON A CUTTING BOARD TO REST WHILE YOU MAKE THE SAUCE.
3. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ONLY ABOUT 2 TO 3 TABLESPOONS OF FAT IN THE PAN; IF YOU'VE COOKED DUCK OR GOOSE BREASTS YOU WILL NEED TO REMOVE SOME. ADD THE SHALLOT AND SAUTE UNTIL IT BEGINS TO BROWN, ABOUT 2 MINUTES. ADD THE GLACE DE VIANDE OR STOCK AND THE PEPPERCORNS AND BRING TO A BOIL. BOIL THIS DOWN BY HALF IF YOU ARE USING STOCK -- YOU NEED NOT DO THIS WITH THE GLACE, AS IT IS ALREADY REDUCED.
4. ADD THE BRANDY, BRING IT TO A BOIL AND LET THIS BOIL FURIOUSLY UNTIL YOU CAN DRAG A WOODEN SPOON THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE PAN AND WATCH IT LEAVE A TRAIL. THIS TYPICALLY TAKES ABOUT 2 TO 4 MINUTES. TURN OFF THE HEAT AND MIX IN THE CREAM. WHEN THE SAUCE STOPS BUBBLING, ADD THE REMAINING 2 TABLESPOONS OF BUTTER ONE TABLESPOON AT A TIME, SWIRLING EACH TABLESPOON IN TO INCORPORATE IT. DOING THIS SHOULD PREVENT THE BUTTER FROM SEPARATING. SERVE EITHER OVER OR UNDER YOUR STEAKS.

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## Voting for Bylaws

CRPA has grown and improved a lot over the past three years! CRPA's message and reputation is spreading across the state as members and supporters recognize the new and improved programs, educational and training opportunities, legal and legislative actions, and increased effectiveness of the Second Amendment movement and pro self-defense messaging in California. While the right to choose to own a firearm for sport or self-defense is still under siege in California, CRPA has been more active on behalf of CRPA members than ever before.

As part of the reboot and upgrade of the CRPA's overall operations, the CRPA Board of Directors recognized the need for the corporate documents and operational structure of CRPA to be updated to keep pace with the tremendous growth of the CRPA. To do that, the Board considered and approved the following changes to the CRPA's corporate bylaws.

Pursuant to the California Corporations Code and the current CRPA Bylaws, CRPA members have the right to vote to approve certain types of changes to the CRPA's bylaws through a membership vote. It is important that CRPA members participate in this process as we work to make the Association stronger and keep CRPA in compliance with all governing laws and regulations.

Please consider the following bylaws revisions and submit your vote by **July 26, 2018** with your name and membership number. Ballots may be scanned and emailed to [rjohns@crpa.org](mailto:rjohns@crpa.org) or they can be faxed to 714-992-2996 or sent U.S. Mail to 271 E. Imperial Hwy., Suite 620, Fullerton CA 92835.

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**1-The Board of Directors voted to simplify and refine the types of CRPA memberships available.** The current bylaws list certain types of membership that are no longer effective or necessary. The Board voted to eliminate both “affiliate” memberships and “associate” memberships. If there are CRPA members who still would come under either one of these types of membership, they will be transferred to the corresponding individual membership for the remainder of their membership term.

**2-The Board of Directors voted to eliminate the voting privileges for persons residing out of state who would purchase a 3-day CRPA membership just for the purpose of participating in a CRPA sanctioned match.** The Board determined that it was not proper to give a 3-day member from out of state the same voting privileges as full-time regular members who are in good standing. Eliminating the ability of these 3-day members to vote also helps to protect the Association and its membership.

**3-The Board of Directors voted to eliminate a cumbersome petition process for seeking a position on the board.** This is a process that has never been used and is not called for under current state law. Even without the petition process, there are still three ways to become a member of the CRPA Board of Directors (Board elected, Officer Appointed, or Member Elected). All of these processes flow through a vetting process by the CRPA Nominating Committee to ensure that candidates have proper qualifications and interests for service on the Board of Directors of the Association.

**4-The Board of Directors voted to clarify proxy voting, and that a CRPA membership does not convey an ownership interest in the CRPA.** These provisions are in conflict with other provisions of the bylaws. Proxy voting is not explicitly mentioned in the bylaws, but California corporations law notes that if not explicitly stated in the bylaws that proxy voting does not apply, then proxy voting is considered applicable. This is an issue because in other provisions of the bylaws, each member gets one equal vote. The bylaws mention of “Membership Certificates” implicates an ownership in the Association, although this type of interest was never intended to be conveyed by a simple CRPA membership. This “membership certificate” provision is an old term that was inserted into the bylaws years ago, but currently conflicts with other portions of the bylaws that make it clear that a CRPA membership conveys no ownership rights in the CRPA. These two items need to be clarified in the bylaws so that we are not in conflict.

**5-The Board of Directors seek to reduce the number of Director positions for the Association.** Currently there are 36 Director positions for the Board of Directors. The Board looks to reduce this number based upon the needs of the Association. The trend for several years in nonprofit organizations has been to reduce the number of Directors for more efficient governance and use of Association resources. The Board of Directors voted to reduce the number of Director positions to 27 Directors.

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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).



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