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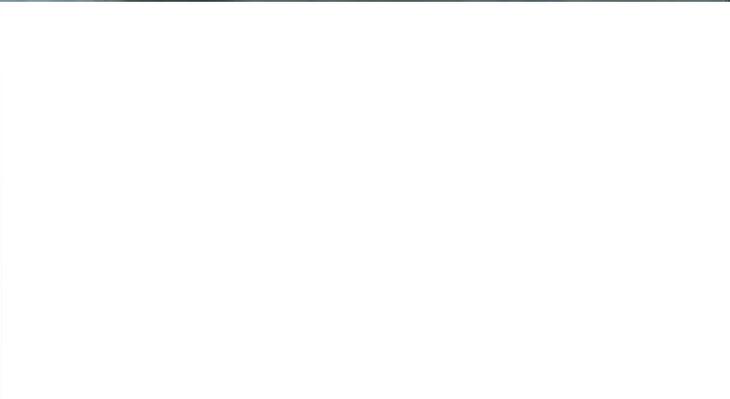
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THE EPIC BATTLE OVER THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS FAR FROM OVER

By C.D. Michel

After years of debate, the United States Supreme Court affirmed in 2008 (*District of Columbia v. Heller*) and 2010 (*McDonald v. Chicago*) that the Second Amendment protects the right of individuals to keep and bear arms to defend their families, and that federal, state and local governments cannot infringe that individual right. While those cases clarified that the right belonged to individuals, not state militias exclusively, they nonetheless left many questions unanswered about the scope of the right to keep and bear arms, and the appropriate level of scrutiny a court should apply in adjudicating a Second Amendment case.

Since 2010 a litigation free-for-all has played out in courts across the country as lawyers, many poorly equipped to litigate these cases, many ego-driven, have jumped into the fray hoping to jockey into position to be the next Second Amendment case that the Supreme Court takes. Billionaire Michael Bloomberg and other deep pockets have lined up on the other side, coordinating lawyers across the country to urge lower courts to limit the scope of the Supreme Court's rulings. There have been mixed results, and frequent dissents. The jurisprudential lines have been drawn, and judges are philosophically split on the appropriate standard of review to apply, and whether the Second Amendment has teeth.

A dozen or so of those cases made their way back to the Supreme Court, with all except one being rejected. But some of those rejections came with strong pro-Second Amendment dissents by Justices Clarence Thomas, Antonin Scalia and Samuel Alito (*Jackson v. San Francisco*, *Friedman v. Highland Park*). The one per curiam Second Amendment decision that was issued by the court, striking down a ban on possessing tear gas and less-lethal weapons (*Commonwealth v. Caetano*) did not resolve one of the biggest outstanding issues: whether the right to bear arms extends outside the home.

One June 25, the Supreme Court declined to review a case that could have answered that question, *Peruta v. California*.

In 2014, the *Peruta* case made history when a three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals held that the San Diego County Sheriff's restrictive policy of requiring applicants to demonstrate a special need beyond self-defense to get a concealed carry license violates the Second Amendment.

The gun ban lobby, anti-gun-owner United States Senator General Kamala Harris (who as Attorney General of California refused to even participate in the case initially), and certain 9th Circuit judges went apoplectic. At the urging of one of those judges, the 9th Circuit took the rare step of deciding on its own to rehear the *Peruta* case *en banc*. In 2016, the 11-judge *en banc* panel overturned the three-judge panel opinion by a 7-4 vote.

Even though the three-judge decision was overturned, that opinion changed the firearm licensing landscape in California. Conservative thinking sheriffs and police chiefs in charge of issuing these licenses to carry realized they thought more like the

judges on the three-judge panel than the seven *en banc* judges who reversed the decision. Dozens of counties and cities are now issuing public carry licenses that hadn't before. Tens of thousands of new licenses have been issued.

The *en banc* decision in *Peruta* was presented to the Supreme Court for review, and the case was considered carefully by the Court, as indicated by the fact that it was rescheduled for consideration 12 times before the cert petition was ultimately rejected on the last day of the court's 2017 term. Nevertheless, Justice Thomas, tellingly joined this time by newly appointed Justice Neil Gorsuch, authored another dissenting opinion from the denial. Their dissent emphatically points out how the *en banc* panel improperly declined to answer the core question presented in *Peruta*: whether the Second Amendment protects a right to carry a firearm in public, and instead only ruled specifically that concealed carry is not protected. Those type of mental gymnastics, which were also called out by the dissenters on the *en banc* *Peruta* panel, are "indefensible," Justice Thomas wrote, because the *en banc* ruling improperly refused to address "the State's regulatory scheme as a whole," -- which generally prohibits the average citizen from carrying a firearm either openly or concealed in public. As poignantly noted by Justices Thomas and Gorsuch: It is "extremely improbable that the Framers understood the Second Amendment to protect little more than carrying a gun from the bedroom to the kitchen."

More generally, and perhaps more significantly, the dissenters noted that the *en banc* decision "reflects a distressing trend" in the lower courts of "treating the Second Amendment as a disfavored right." "For those of us who work in marbled halls, guarded constantly by a vigilant and dedicated police force, the guarantees of the Second Amendment might seem antiquated and superfluous." But the Constitution "does not rank certain rights above others," and the Supreme Court should not impose a hierarchy of constitutional guarantees by "selectively enforcing its preferred rights."

And there it is.

Some judges understand what Thomas and Gorsuch are saying. On June 29th, just three days after the Supreme Court declined to review the *Peruta* case, Cuban-born Federal District Court Judge Roger T. Benitez bucked the "distressing trend" that the *Peruta* dissenters warn about, and issued an injunction in an CRPA and NRA supported lawsuit that challenges California's laws prohibiting the possession of standard capacity firearm magazines that can hold over ten rounds. For now at least, Judge Benitez's ruling in the *Duncan v. Becerra* case stops the ban from taking effect. Judge Benitez' ruling confirms that the Second Amendment is not a second-class right, and must be respected and protected by the courts.

In 1960, when he was 10-years-old, Judge Benitez emigrated from communist controlled Cuba to the United States. He was accompanied by his 13-year old brother, but his mother was initially unable to accompany them because she had been arrested by Castro's forces on suspicion of sympathizing with the United States

government. After being held for three days without being allowed to call a lawyer or her family, she was fortunately released, and was eventually able to escape Castro's regime.

Judge Benitez' family's experiences under communist rule have impacted his judicial career, and apparently shaped his thinking. His well-reasoned decision to issue an injunction stopping California law from turning hundreds of thousands of California gun owners into criminals demonstrates that. It shows Judge Benitez's profound respect for, and appreciation of, the freedoms enshrined in the United States Constitution – an appreciation likely brought into sharp relief compared to the oppressive dictatorship he and his family lived through.

It seems Judge Benitez has seen how insidious government infringements on civil rights can be, and grasps how the Founding Fathers shaped the Bill of Rights to protect us from statist politicians incrementally increasing those infringements, even in the beguilingly alluring name of "public safety." It's a perspective many jurists sadly lack.

Judge Benitez' ruling is welcome news for gun owners under siege from shrewd California lawmakers with an extreme "progressive" agenda. Last year, California anti-gun-owner politicians were faced with a threat from Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom's self-promoting Prop 63 as Lieutenant Governor Newsom, trying to build name recognition for his gubernatorial campaign, battled to seize the mantle of the "King-of-Gun-Control" from California State Senator Kevin DeLeon. As a result, Senator DeLeon raced to pass a number of gun bans that have collectively become known as "Gunmageddon." Both Prop 63 and Gunmageddon included a ban on the possession of standard capacity magazines that can hold more than ten rounds. Although acquisition and importation of the magazines had been banned since 2000, under the new laws gun owners were compelled to "dispossess" themselves of the magazines by July 1. It's government confiscation with a fake mustache. But by issuing the preliminary injunction, Judge Benitez instead preserved the status quo while the constitutionality of the ban is fully litigated in court, where plaintiffs are seeking to eventually have a permanent injunction issued.

Unsurprisingly, Lieutenant Governor Newsom, Prop 63's main proponent, was unhappy with Judge Benitez' decision. As he stated to Fox News, "large-capacity magazines enable murderers to unleash dozens of rounds without having to stop and reload."

However, the issue should be understood from the landmark 2008 Heller case in which, "the enshrinement of constitutional rights necessarily takes certain policy choices off the table." Despite Prop 63's purported public safety interests, those interests "may not eviscerate the Second Amendment," as Judge Benitez put it.

Even so, Newsom's claim that banning these magazines would somehow save lives is pure fallacy. To support this preferred political "policy choice," attorneys for the government offered several "studies" and "expert" testimonies trying to prop up that claim. Unlike some courts that have almost blindly accept the government's claims without scrutinizing the evidence, Judge Benitez took a close look. He found that the State's evidence was inconclusive at best. One of those "experts" admitted that "it is not clear how often the ability to fire more than 10 shots without reloading . . . affects the outcomes of gun attacks." Another so-called expert cited nothing more than news articles in concluding that "the bans on large capacity magazines can help save lives by forcing mass shooters to pause and reload ammunition."

As Judge Benitez correctly notes, "the burden of justification is demanding and it rests entirely on the State." In order to

meet this burden, the State cannot "get away with shoddy data or reasoning." But in this case, the State's evidence is nothing more than a "false dichotomy." For as "a purely public policy choice, a government may declare that firearms of any capacity are dangerous in the hands of criminals," while simultaneously concluding that "firearms with larger than 10-round magazines in the hands of law-abiding citizens makes every individual safer and the public as a whole safer." As a result, banning such magazines "is hardly the reasonable fit" constitutionally required to uphold such a ban.

In addition to the lack of evidentiary support for the policy being advocated, Judge Benitez bravely questioned, in his meticulously thorough 66-page ruling, the appropriateness of the trend of lower courts to apply a convoluted, multi-step test in scrutinizing the constitutionality of gun control laws. It's a subjective test that lets judges put their fingers on the scales of justice, and almost always results in upholding any form of gun-control. Even if that test were applied here, Judge Benitez found the State's evidence to be "incomplete," "unreliable," and "speculative" at best, flatly rejecting the State's attempt to support its ban with anything less than "hard facts and reasonable inferences drawn from convincing analysis."

Lieutenant Governor Newsom wasn't the only one to criticize Judge Benitez's clear and well-founded reasoning. Having just recently suffering a defeat before the Office of Administrative Law, which rejected his Department's most recent proposed "assault weapon" regulations, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra put out a press release stating that "Proposition 63 was overwhelmingly approved by voters to increase public safety and enhance security in a sensible and constitutional way."

Judge Benitez was "mindful that a majority of California voters approved" Prop 63, just as he was equally mindful that "the Constitution is a shield from the tyranny of the majority." If all that was needed to undermine constitutionally protected rights was a simple majority vote, the Constitution would long ago have lost all meaning. Without the Constitution to preserve and protect America's civil liberties we could, and given that bureaucrats crave power and power inevitably corrupts almost certainly eventually would, find ourselves under oppressive government regimes — like those of 1960s Cuba.

Of course, this won't stop the state from appealing the decision to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, where the politicians hope to find a more sympathetic audience that will bend over intellectually backwards to defer to the government's arguments.

The Second Amendment will come before the Supreme Court again next session. With President Donald Trump making appointments, it's likely the Supreme Court will take a case, and make it clear to recalcitrant lower courts that it meant what it said in the Heller and McDonald cases, that Judge Benitez is right, and that the Second Amendment is not a second-class right.

To learn more about the Duncan case, as well as other NRA / CRPA lawsuits brought to protect the rights of California gun owners, subscribe to NRA and CRPA email alerts at www.carpa.org. Also, please take a moment to consider donating to the CRPA Foundation, to support the Duncan case, and other NRA / CRPA efforts in California.

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CAPITOL REPORT

by Roy Griffith, CRPA Legislative Advocate

Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water. We will continue to support Assemblymember Frazier's attempt to bring it up for reconsideration in January. Additionally, AB 472, which would have provided financial incentives to maintain waterfowl habitats, failed in the same committee.

We are still fighting against SB 464 and SB 497. SB 464 would place extreme regulations on licensed firearms dealers; if passed, it could elevate firearms prices and put small firearms dealers out of business. SB 497 would expand the thirty day handgun prohibition to cover all firearms. If passed into law, SB 497 would limit purchasers to one gun every 30 days. We will continue to monitor and fight these bills.

To follow the status of any of the mentioned bills, please sign up for our legislative email alerts and visit CRPA.org daily. I would like to thank the entire CRPA communications team for all their hard work and assistance keeping you updated on the fight in Sacramento.

I would also like to thank you all for your membership and for taking the time from your busy schedules to get involved in the fight to preserve and expand the Second Amendment in California. Please take advantage of every opportunity to tell someone about CRPA and what we are doing in California. We will turn the tide in this state one vote at a time!

In the last few months, the legislative session has been in full swing here in Sacramento. Working with the NRA and the GOC we have had several victories along with some disappointing delays.

For example, our testimony on AB 424 (McCarty) convinced the legislature to water down the bill. AB 424 originally would have banned afterschool programs that involved firearms. The bill would have put an end to on campus hunter's education, sport shooting, and JROTC.

Though it is still attempting to ban concealed carry on all school campuses, due to our actions, the legislature has moved to protect shooting sports for California's youth. We will continue to fight against AB 424's attempt to end carry on campus. However, despite some success with AB 424, AB 521 (Frazier), which had cleared the Assembly 57-4, was delayed in the Senate. AB 521 aimed to reduce elk tags from over \$400 down to \$100, and provide \$20 apprentice tags for children. Unfortunately, the bill was stalled in the



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Roy joins CRPA after 32 years in law enforcement. He started at a small town police department in Northern California and went on to spend 26 years at the California Department of Fish & Game. More than six of those years he spent in special operations. Roy's final 12 years with the department were spent on Hunter Education – one of his biggest passions. Outside of his work, Roy enjoys hunting, fishing, backpacking, and spending time with his wonderful wife, kids, and grandkids. Roy is excited about his role at CRPA and the opportunity to help fight to protect our Second Amendment and hunting rights in California.

SUPPORT			
AB 472	(Frazier): Water transfers: Idled Agricultural Land:	wildlife, waterfowl, and bird nesting habitat. Promotes more waterfowl habitat. Financial incentives for land owners to develop and maintain waterfowl habitat.	Update 7/11 Failed in committee
AB 521	(Frazier): Hunting: Elk Tags:	Fees for residents of California has seen a steady decline of hunters over the past 20 years. Hunters are an essential component of wildlife management and hunting generates dollars vital to conservation efforts throughout California. High prices have been found to be a barrier to new hunters.	Update 7/11 Failed passage in Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water, will bring up for reconsideration in January
AB 718	(Frazier): Mosquito abatement and vector control districts: Fees:	This bill provides financial relief for land owners regarding mosquito abatement to free up dollars to develop and maintain waterfowl habitat.	Update 7/11 Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 757	(Melendez): Firearms: Concealed carry licenses:	This bill would define “good cause” for these purposes to include self-defense, defending the life of another, or preventing crime in which human life is threatened, and would provide procedural guidelines to the issuing authority on determining the presence or absence of “good cause.”	Update 7/11 Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 986	(Gallagher): Hunting and Sport fishing licenses: sport fishing license duration:	reduction in license fees for veterans. This bill would require a resident or a nonresident, 16 years of age or older, upon payment of the fee, to be issued a sport fishing license for the period of 12 consecutive months beginning on the date of Issuance.	Update 7/11 Senate Appropriations Committee
AB 1040	(Mathis): Department of Justice: permits:	This bill holds DOJ accountable for a 30-day response time to stated permits and applications. While this bill takes some good steps forward, it does not address all of the concerns we have relating to licensing processing, renewals, and allowed activities by licensees when they obtain the license/permit.	Update 7/11 Senate Appropriations Committee
OPPOSE			
AB 7	(Gipson): Firearms: Open carry:	This bill will further burden law-abiding Californians.	Update 7/10 Senate Appropriations
AB 8	(Bloom) Mountain Lion, Depredation permits:	This bill would change the Department of Fish and Wildlife’s authority in the issuance of depredation permits from ‘shall’ to ‘may’. This could greatly reduce the number of mountain lions previously taken on depredation permits and restrict the department’s ability to keep numbers in check with wildlife and increase livestock loss.	Update 7/10 Senate Appropriations
AB 424	(McCarty): Possession of a firearm in a school zone:	This bill would remove the authority of school superintendents or those with equivalent authority to give written authority for to possess a firearm within a school zone. AB 424 could result in the decimation of various youth programs such as ROTC and Hunter Education Classes, which would hinder the development of California students.	Update 7/11 Senate Floor
SB 464	(Hill): Firearms dealers: storage and security:	SB 464, will place even more burdensome firearm requirements on California licensed firearm dealers, who already face the most restrictive regulations in the nation. All SB 464 will do is result in adding more costs to licensed firearm dealers which will then result in higher prices for the consumer, and potential closing of small businesses.	Update 7/19 Assembly Appropriations
SB 497	(Portantino) Firearms: Transfers:	This bill would make the 30-day prohibition and the dealer delivery prohibition applicable to all types of firearms. The bill would exempt from that prohibition the purchase of a firearm, other than a handgun, by a person who possesses a valid, unexpired hunting license, and the acquisition of a firearm, other than a handgun, at specified charity fundraising events.	Update 7/19 Assembly Appropriations
SB 620	(Bradford) Firearms: Crimes: enhancements	This bill would in the interest of justice, and at the time of sentencing or resentencing, to strike an use of firearm in commission of felony enhancement otherwise required to be imposed by the current provisions of law.	6/13: Set for Assembly Public Safety
WATCH			
AB 1525	(Baker): Firearm warnings:	This bill would require a specified warning to be given to a person who takes the firearms safety certificate examination and would make a passing grade on the firearms safety certificate test at least 85%. The bill would also require the applicant to acknowledge receipt of the prescribed warning prior to issuance of the firearm safety certificate. The bill would require the department to update the testing material at least once every five years.	Update 4/25: Assembly Appropriations Committee
To view the complete list of bills on the CRPA watch list, please visit CRPA.org .			



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LITIGATION SPOTLIGHT:

RUPP V. BECERRA — THE FIRST VOLLEY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST “GUNMAGEDDON”

On April 24, 2017, attorneys for the California Rifle & Pistol Association, with support from the National Rifle Association, filed the first in a series of important lawsuits challenging California’s recently enacted anti-gun-owner laws that have become known collectively as “gunmageddon.” The lawsuit, *Rupp v. Becerra*, challenges California’s newly expanded “Assault Weapon Control Act” (AWCA), which makes it illegal to manufacture, sell, transport, import, or transfer hundreds of popular and commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms, including those equipped with “bullet buttons.” The law inappropriately demonizes and condemns these firearms as “assault weapons.”

In 2016, California Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill No.880 and Assembly Bill No.1135 into law, redefining the term “assault weapon” to include certain semiautomatic firearms that do not have a “fixed magazine” and at least one other prohibited “feature” such as a pistol grip, telescoping stock, or flash hider. As a result of this new definition, firearms equipped with a “bullet-button” or similar magazine locking device are now considered “assault weapons,” and are prohibited for sale or transfer in California as of January 1, 2017. Individuals who currently own such firearms must register them as “assault weapons” with the Department of Justice no later than December 31, 2017.

Rupp challenges this new definition—as well as California’s broader statutory scheme—because it arbitrarily and unconstitutionally restricts the use and possession of the most

commonly owned firearms in the United States. Specifically, the lawsuit challenges the AWCA as a violation of the Second Amendment, due process clause, and takings clause of the United States Constitution.

Joining the California Rifle & Pistol Association as plaintiffs in the case are Steven Rupp, Steven Dember, Cheryl Johnson, Michael Jones, Christopher Seifert, Alfonso Valencia, and Troy Willis. Each of these individuals are law-abiding gun owners from Orange or Riverside County, and are prohibited from purchasing or acquiring a commonly-owned semi-automatic firearm or own a firearm now classified as an “assault weapon” which must be registered by December 31, 2017.

Rupp is the first in a series of planned lawsuits that will challenge the “gunmageddon” bills and Prop 63. On May 17, CRPA attorneys filed the second of these lawsuits, this time challenging on Second Amendment grounds California’s new ban on possessing *standard* capacity magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds. That lawsuit, *Duncan v. Becerra*, was filed in San Diego County federal court. Plaintiffs are seeking an injunction to stop the enforcement of the ban, set to take effect July 1, 2017, while the case is pending.

Multiple additional lawyers are coming. To stay up to date on the Rupp case and other important Second Amendment issues, make sure you are subscribed to CRPA email alerts by visiting www.crupa.org.

NRA/CRPA CALIFORNIA AND NINTH CIRCUIT LITIGATION MATTERS

ISSUE	CASE NAME	CASE STATUS	WHAT'S NEXT
Challenge to California's "assault weapon" restrictions	<i>Rupp v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed on April 24, 2017, in response to Senate Bill 880 and Assembly Bill 1135, and challenges California's entire "assault weapon" regulatory scheme as a violation of the Second Amendment, due process clause, and takings clause of the United States Constitution.	Plaintiffs will soon be conducting discovery and will file a motion for summary judgment.
Challenge to California's ban on standard capacity magazines	<i>Duncan v. Becerra</i>	The case was filed on May 17, 2017, in response to Senate Bill 1446 and Proposition 63, and challenges all of California's restrictions against standard capacity magazines as a violation of the Second Amendment, due process clause, and takings clause of the United States Constitution.	Plaintiffs have filed a motion to suspend enforcement of California's new ban against "possession" of standard capacity magazines while the case is pending, which is set to take effect on July 1, 2017.
Challenge to CA and Los Angeles firearm carry restrictions that prohibit both open and concealed carry	<i>Flanagan v. Becerra (Formerly Flanagan v. Harris)</i>	The case was filed on August 17, 2016 as a direct response to Peruta. The suit seeks to force the court to decide whether or not it is willing to uphold a complete prohibition on the right of law-abiding citizens to carry a firearm for self-defense. On February 23, 2017, the district court dismissed plaintiff's claims challenging California's concealed carry restrictions in light of Peruta.	The challenge to California's ban on the open carry of firearms will now proceed to be litigated in the district court. Regardless of the outcome, the challenge to California's concealed carry restrictions in light of California's total ban on open carry have been preserved for appeal.
Additional Upcoming Challenges to "Gun-mageddon," Prop 63, and LA's Ultra-Compact Firearms Ban	N/A	CRPA and NRA attorneys are preparing multiple challenges to the new laws that were passed in 2016 that improperly punish law-abiding gun owners. CRPA and NRA attorneys also submitted a pre-litigation demand letter to the City of Los Angeles demanding that it repeal its ultra-compact firearms in September 21, 2016.	<i>Rupp</i> and <i>Duncan</i> have already been filed in response to the "Gun-mageddon" bills and Prop 63. Additional lawsuits will soon be filed. The City of Los Angeles is considering whether it will repeal its ultra-compact firearms ordinance, otherwise it will face further litigation in 2017.
Challenge to "good cause" requirement for CCWs	<i>Peruta v. California (Formerly Peruta v. San Diego)</i>	In June 2016, a divided 11-judge "en banc" panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 7-4 in favor of the County, holding that the government's denial of the only means of carrying a firearm under state law does not implicate the Second Amendment. The decision reverses an earlier three-judge panel decision of the 9th Circuit and now stands in direct conflict with the Supreme Court's decision in <i>Heller</i> .	On January 12, NRA and CRPA attorneys submitted a petition for review to the United States Supreme Court. Several amicus briefs in support of the petition have been filed. A decision on whether or not the Court agrees to hear the case is expected shortly.
Challenge to DOJ's excessive DROS fees that generated a massive surplus	<i>Bauer v. Becerra (Formerly Bauer v. Harris)</i>	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 9th Circuit affirmed the district court opinion.	Plaintiffs now have the option of submitting a petition for review to the United States Supreme Court or requesting an "en banc" review by a larger panel of the 9th Circuit.
Challenges DOJ's Use of DROS surplus to fund APPS	<i>Gentry v. Becerra (Formerly Gentry v. Harris)</i>	Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint alleging that the DROS fee is an invalid property tax. The case is currently in the discovery process.	The case is expected to go trial in 2017.

Challenge to CA DOJ's underground regulations regarding the FSC Program	<i>Belemjian v. Becerra (Formerly Belemjian v. Harris)</i>	This case forced DOJ to comply with the process for enacting regulations, which it sought to avoid when implementing the FSC program in February 2015. Plaintiffs appealed the lower court's denial of Plaintiffs' request for attorneys' fees.	Briefing concerning attorney's fees has been completed. Oral arguments are expected to take place in late 2017.
Vagueness challenge to AB 962's "handgun ammunition" sales registration requirement and mail order ban	<i>Parker v. California</i>	In December 2016, as a result of Prop 63, the California Supreme Court dismissed its review of a Court of Appeals' opinion upholding the trial court's order striking down AB 962. The Court of Appeals' decision is now the final opinion in the case and Plaintiffs are seeking their attorneys' fees against the State.	Plaintiffs' motion for attorneys' fees will be heard in 2017. Separate litigation is being prepared to challenge the ammunition restrictions in Proposition 63.
10+ Round Magazine Possession Ban	<i>Fyock v. Sunnyvale</i>	The passage of SB 1446 and Proposition 63 prohibiting the possession of 10+ round magazines statewide now preempts the local ordinance and mooted the case. The case was dismissed without prejudice in December 2016.	Duncan has been filed to challenge the State's 10+ round magazine ban. If that litigation is successful, this case will be refiled against Sunnyvale.
Preemption challenge to LA ordinance banning possession of 10+ round magazines	<i>Bosenko v. City of Los Angeles</i>	The city is in the process of repealing the ordinance because it is now preempted by state law.	Once the City repeals its ordinance, the case will be dismissed.

In addition to these 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.

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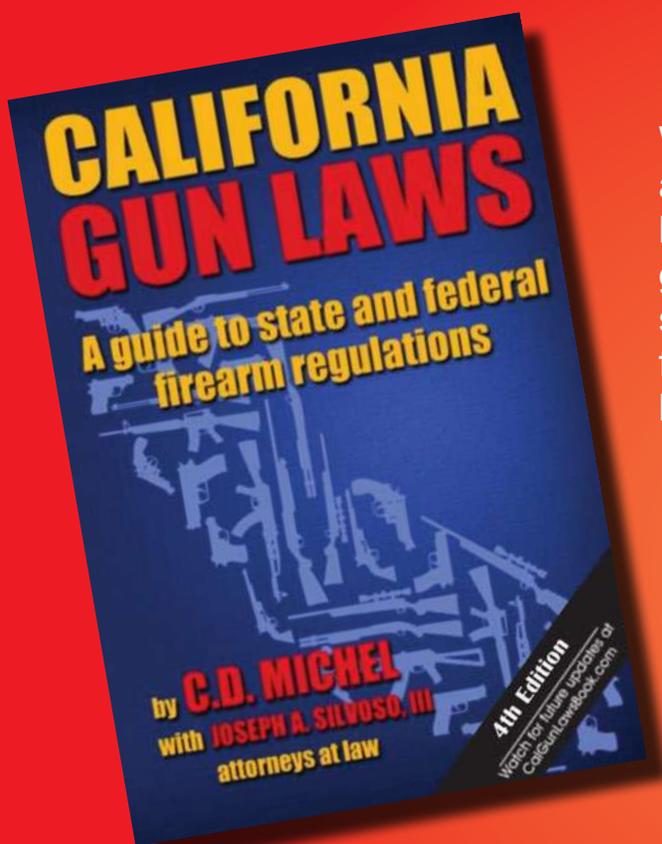
FFL zoning restrictions	<i>Teixeira v. Alameda County</i>	In December 2016, the 9th Circuit ordered the case to be reheard by an 11-judge "en banc" panel. NRA and CRPA attorneys filed an amicus brief on January 31, 2017. Oral arguments were held on March 22, 2017.	Awaiting a decision from the 11-judge "en banc" panel of the 9th Circuit.
Hawaii CCW scheme	<i>Baker v. Kealoha</i>	On March 10, 2017, the 9th Circuit issued an order remanding the case to the District Court in light of the "en banc" panel decision in <i>Peruta</i> .	The case will now proceed in the District Court.
California Handgun Roster	<i>Pena v. Lindley</i>	The federal district court upheld the Roster in 2015. Plaintiffs appealed, and oral arguments were held on March 16, 2017.	Awaiting a decision from the 9th Circuit.
10-Day Wait as applied to current firearm owners	<i>Silvester v. Harris</i>	In December 2016, the 9th Circuit issued its decision upholding the 10-day wait as applied to current gun owners. Chief Judge Sydney Thomas went even further and stated that the restriction is "presumptively lawful" and therefore falls "outside the scope of the Second Amendment." Plaintiffs petitioned the 9th Circuit to rehear the case, but that petition was denied on April 4, 2017.	Plaintiffs now have the option submitting a petition for review to the United States Supreme Court.
1st Amendment challenge to handgun ad prohibition	<i>Tracy Rifle and Pistol v. Becerra (Formerly Tracy Rifle and Pistol v. Harris)</i>	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 submitted in the district court.	Awaiting a decision from the District Court.
FFL zoning ordinance	<i>NSSF v. Pleasant Hill</i>	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	<i>Doe v. Becerra (Formerly Doe v. Harris)</i>	The California trial court upheld DOJ's regulation and the plaintiffs have appealed the decision to the California Court of Appeals.	The case is currently being briefed before the California Court of Appeals. Oral arguments are expected to take place late 2017.

Challenge to ban on possession and carriage of firearms on recreational Army Corps lands	<i>Nesbitt v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineer</i>	At the request of both parties, oral arguments have been canceled, and the case has been referred to the 9th Circuit's mediation program.	The Army Corps of Engineers is re-considering its firearms policy, and will work with plaintiffs to settle the matter outside of court.
State Court challenge to California's micro-stamping requirements	<i>NSSF v. California</i>	On December 1, the California Court of Appeals issued a ruling in favor of NSSF, allowing the lawsuit to proceed in the lower court. But on March 22, 2017, the California Supreme Court agreed to rehear the case following a petition from the State of California.	Briefing in the California Supreme Court is underway.

NRA and CRPA also provide assistance in a number of critical Second Amendment cases across the country that could set precedent for future challenges to California gun laws. The following are some of the more significant examples of these cases.

NATIONAL AMICUS SUPPORT

Challenges Maryland's ban on "assault weapons" and 10+ round magazines	<i>Kolbe v. Hogan</i>	On February 21, 2017, an "en banc" panel of the 4th Circuit issued an opinion upholding Maryland's ban that referred to America's most popular types of rifles as "exceptionally lethal weapons of war."	Plaintiffs will soon file a petition for review to the United States Supreme Court.
Challenges Washington D.C.'s "good reason" requirement for the issuance of a CCW permit	<i>Grace v. District of Columbia</i>	On May 17, 2016, the Court granted the Plaintiffs' request for an order blocking enforcement of the "good reason" requirement. The government appealed the decision to the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and the Court issued a stay of the lower court's order that prohibited D.C. from enforcing its "good reason" requirement.	Oral arguments in the case were held on September 20, 2016, along with <i>Wrenn v. District of Columbia</i> . A decision from the D.C. Circuit can be expected anywhere in the next 3-9 months.



Written by long-time CRPA and NRA attorney and life member C.D. Michel, this book will go over all the details for the NEW gun laws in California, along with current state and federal firearm laws affecting firearm owners, and particularly warns about legal traps and troublesome "gray areas."

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PROGRAMS REPORT

by CRPA Editorial Staff

Those who support the Second Amendment in California fall into three major categories in terms of background. There are the professionally taught individuals, who because of life choices (mostly service to their country and community) received some of the highest firearms training available. The next group is the generational supported individual who learns from organized shooting programs as a youth (think BSA, CYSSA, 4-H, JROTC, GSA, etc.) and/or family. The final group are those who like me decided to take up the sport at some level.

I started off in Northern California learning to shoot during my college years

and continuing my passion for the sport when I moved to Southern California. I had always desired to learn at an early age how to properly use and shoot a firearm, but did not have anyone at the time to teach me. Since I started working for CRPA over a year ago, my shooting skills have finally begun to develop in earnest! There are so many others out there carrying a similar story. This is what drives my passion for the second amendment and providing opportunities statewide to others seeking to learn, hone and take their skillsets to the next level.

This past week at Camp Three Falls, CRPA continued their annual summer youth shooting sports outreach. Young

boys & girls from the ages of 9-15 were shooting Shotgun in which some had previous experience, while others were learning for the very first time. Watching them, I again had that feeling of wishing I had been in their shoes at their age. Not only were the youth learning and advancing their skills, but they were loving every minute of it and wanted more! I am proud to work for CRPA and to develop programs such as these youth camps where youth can practice in a safe, supportive and fun learning environment. Positive lifelong memories are being made as we train the next generation.

CRPA has been developing some exciting innovative programs in which have

had the great support of many gun stores and the public! CRPA was honored last month to participate in the “Giving Back Weekend” at Kings Gun Center in Hanford, CA. We would like to thank Todd at Kings Gun Center for inviting us to be a part of this special weekend in which we gained 48 NEW members! The “Giving Back” Weekend Event is an awesome example of how our community can push back against the Anti-2A narrative promoted by our opposition. Attendees gave blood and donated non-perishable foods as well. They learned firsthand about all CRPA is doing to fight on their behalf, and had the opportunity to become a member or renew their membership. Being at this event, we saw at first hand the impact of giving back and how easy it was! CRPA would like to encourage gun stores, ranges and clubs statewide to co-sponsor these events. Todd and his people stoked the fires of passion for the event with a free gun giveaway for those who gave blood and signed up new members. Thank you to Todd and his amazing staff who truly go the extra mile for their community and the state as well.

Many Second Amendment supporters for assorted reasons do not fully engage in this multi-million-dollar fight for our rights. We often in meetings explain that if each gun owner in California gave \$1 to the fight that would be 10 million in the fight to change California. The fact is that a small minority actually give. Working with King’s Gun Center and Mil-Spec Armory, CRPA has now launched the “Round-Up Program.” Special thanks to Todd & Ari for being the first to launch this outstanding initiative. Every purchase made, is rounded to the nearest dollar and goes towards the FIGHT in California for defending the Second Amendment! This program provides gun stores with the tools to get their customers on the front lines of

the fight. This program has real potential when you look at the millions raised by people dumping their change at McDonalds, CoinStar and other places. Encourage your local gun store to be proactive in this fight. Election 2018 is only 17 months away and we have the numbers to win with your help.

CRPA is dedicated to supporting our gun stores by promoting events you may have on the calendar. Please let us know if you are having an event at your gun store and would like CRPA to be involved. We want to be there to help, be a resource, and show support whenever we can. Ranges are encouraged to contact us to promote their events as well!

Our Grassroots program for gun owners up and down the state of California has been growing at a continuous rate. This program is bringing individuals, gun stores, ranges and clubs together to advance the pro-2A agenda in California. Attendees learn how the NRA and CRPA work together statewide to defend and promote your rights, activities and heritage. Speakers inform on the legislative, legal and regulatory progress made by the joint CRPA and NRA efforts in the state. The goal is to increase our numbers statewide as we move toward Election 2018 and beyond. Future meetings will have trainings and opportunities to get involved and engage in the fight! This fight is far from over and we need the support. CRPA will host a grassroots meeting in each county and we hope you will come and join the fight!

The CRPA Training Center in Fullerton, CA offers classes such as; Hunter’s Education, Basic Rifle, Basic Pistol, Basic Shotgun, Range Safety Officer, Survival, Game Meat Cooking, and so much more! Classes are continuing to sell out and we have been provided with so much positive feedback. We also have classes for

those interested in becoming an instructor for many of our classes. Wait a minute, let’s back it up...Game Meat Cooking Class? You read that correctly. Our previous Game Meat Cooking Class was an outstanding experience is now called “Gastro to Gourmet Game Cooking”. Attendees learn everything from meat prep to cooking methods to sides to pairings. This class is designed to take you to the next level.

Looking for an experience? CRPA will be offering several opportunities to find out if you have the skills to survive in the wild or urban environment when you least expect to. In this issue, you will find our annual Northern California (Dunnigan) and Southern California (Norco-Corona) pheasant hunts available to youth and adults in which we partner with Raahauges who provide the dog handlers and location. These pheasant hunts help CRPA to fundraise for youth hunting programs while providing a fun filled experience for all. Participants will enjoy a hunt, family style lunch and have an opportunity to walk away with hunting gear, dog supplies and firearms.

CRPA is there to educate, encourage and inspire each generation to preserve and protect the Second Amendment! It is crucial that this next upcoming generation has the access and opportunity to own a fire arm, learn how to use it well, and to develop into the shooter they would like to be. It is this generation that we want to continue to pass down the education and passion for the Second Amendment. Our current generations and older have so much to teach and offer to youth, we encourage anyone interested to help us out at any of our upcoming events!

For information on events or training, please visit our website at crpa.org or give us a call at 714-992-2772, or email sbarrett@crpa.org



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APEX PREDATOR



by Rick Travis,
CRPA Executive Director

NEW HUNTERS IN THE FIELD

This season prepare for something glorious. Brand new hunters and many of them younger, more diverse and eager to make this a way of life. We at the CRPA have seen some serious trends in our California Hunter Education Classes. Every class every month is filled with a serious waiting list. Every class has people of all socio-economic backgrounds, racial diversity, young and old, male and female. My point is that our combined efforts with the Hunter Education Program and their instructors throughout the state is yielding tens of thousands of new people to the sport.

In the past, seasoned hunters have not always supported the new hunter with open arms and this article is a reminder of the role of the seasoned hunter in growing our sport. We will explore the motivations of the new hunter and how to use those motivations to expand our ranks.

Many new hunters are getting into the sport for health reasons. I break these into three sub groups: the “X sport” hunter, “natural food” hunter and “all in” hunters. The “X sport” hunter is not to be confused with the extreme sports phenomenon seen on television. These new hunters want to cut their teeth on the idea of getting their food from the toughest terrain. They want a full body, multiple day workout that hopefully culminates in a successful hunt. They are hard-working and seek the challenge of nature and are looking for help in learning the skills to accomplish their goals. Hunting organizations and clubs can be of service to these new hunters by providing classes and/or seminars in wilderness survival, navigation and tracking.

“Natural food” hunters are a large segment of the new hunters we see coming up in our classes. Think of people you know who are “foodies.” These are those same people who are expanding

their epicurean appetites to include the natural game meat from the wild. They are intensely concerned with the quality of the meat, where it comes from and the best ways to hunt it. They are seeking cooking classes, meat preparation and storage classes as well as sharing recipes.

“All in” hunters in this group combine both and can be compared to those who don’t just watch Steve Rinella and his Meat Eater programs but seek to emulate them in every way. They are motivated by a 360-degree viewpoint of getting back to nature in every aspect. This group in many ways is a throwback in personality to the great historical hunters like Teddy Roosevelt, Aldo Leopold and others. They can be served by a variety of classes and seminars, but every attempt should be made to get them out as part of a deer camp or hunting expedition as soon as they are ready.

New hunters also fall into a few



other sub groups such as “legacy” hunters, “conservation” hunters and “curious” hunters. This side of the new hunting house offers similar but new challenges in retaining them as part of our community.

Having “legacy” hunter membership is where most organizations pride themselves on developing and retaining new hunters. These are the traditional pass down knowledge from generation to generation according to the stereotypical model. That may not be the case. Many students report that no one has hunted in their household for one-to-two generations. Some are returning to the sport in hopes of reconnecting with their past. Some are seeking to start a new legacy and often bring the next generation or even three generations together to establish a new tradition. The point is

that organizations and people interfacing with this group need to listen to their motivations to retain them.

“Conservation” hunters are the new hunter who want to learn equally about hunting and how in the off season they can help conserve all wildlife for the future. This group is vitally important to the future of the sport in fighting the anti-hunting community throughout the state. These people are looking to get involved with projects. Groups can attract these new hunters with programs that focus on hunting trips for those who participate in conservation work.

“Curious” hunters may sound like a catch all name for this last group but do not be fooled. This group is comprised of people who come from very different places. Examples include foreign exchange students who wish to

learn and take back their experiences to change policies and attitudes of their country. We have a unique opportunity to turn them into global ambassadors for the sport. Single moms are found in this group who want to provide their children with the skill sets and self-assurance found in the sport. They are more than willing to help at any level to get involved.

This year’s graduating class of new hunters provides our community with literally over 30,000 individual and unique opportunities to turn these individuals into lifelong friends and partners in the sport. The challenge this month for all of you experienced Apex Predators is to connect with at least three of them. Happy hunting!

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 preservation approach, the vast majority of hunters obey hunting regulations and adhere to the hunters' code of ethics which prohibits waste of game and unsporting hunting methods. The truth is that licensing fees paid by hunters provide the vast majority of the funding for natural resource conservation efforts in California and that 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, 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 predator species to continue 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 and 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 is by Law** – Laws developed by the people and enforced by government agencies will regulate the proper use of wildlife resources.
- **Opportunity for All** – Every citizen has the freedom to hunt and fish.
- **Non-frivolous Use** – In North America 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.
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RATTLESNAKES, DOGS & YOU

By Derek Fong

As winter comes to an end, most of us are thinking what we are going to do this Spring & Summer. Thoughts of Fishing, Camping, Hiking or just taking walks through the neighbor parks, but what most of us don't think about is, when are the Rattlesnake coming out.

In California, the temperature in Southern California can average 75-85 degrees annually, whereas Northern California will be about 10-15 cooler. These are great climates to recreate in and most Californians do. But these temperatures are also great rattlesnake weather too. Rattlesnakes are cold blooded reptiles, which mean they can be rather sluggish during the coolest parts of the day or season and most active when it warms up. A rattlesnake can but most active in 75-85 degree temperatures, (hmmm, where did I see that figure before?) but cannot endure direct sunlight greater than 90 for any long periods of time. On an average spring or summer day, rattlesnakes are most active from dusk to dawn. The typical movements and habits of rattlesnakes during the day are; in early mornings, they are likely to be coming in from hunting for food earlier in the evening. They likely will be sleeping or dormant at peak heat of the day, but as the sun starts going down, rattlesnake start venturing out. Most rattlesnakes will gravitate to either rocky, concrete or asphalt areas, because these areas are still warm from the day's sun exposure. Rattlesnakes will lie in these areas until the cold blooded reptile warms up. As they warm up, so does their metabolism, now they're ready to hunt for a meal. This is the same time of the day we are most active, thus a greater chance to encounter a rattlesnake.

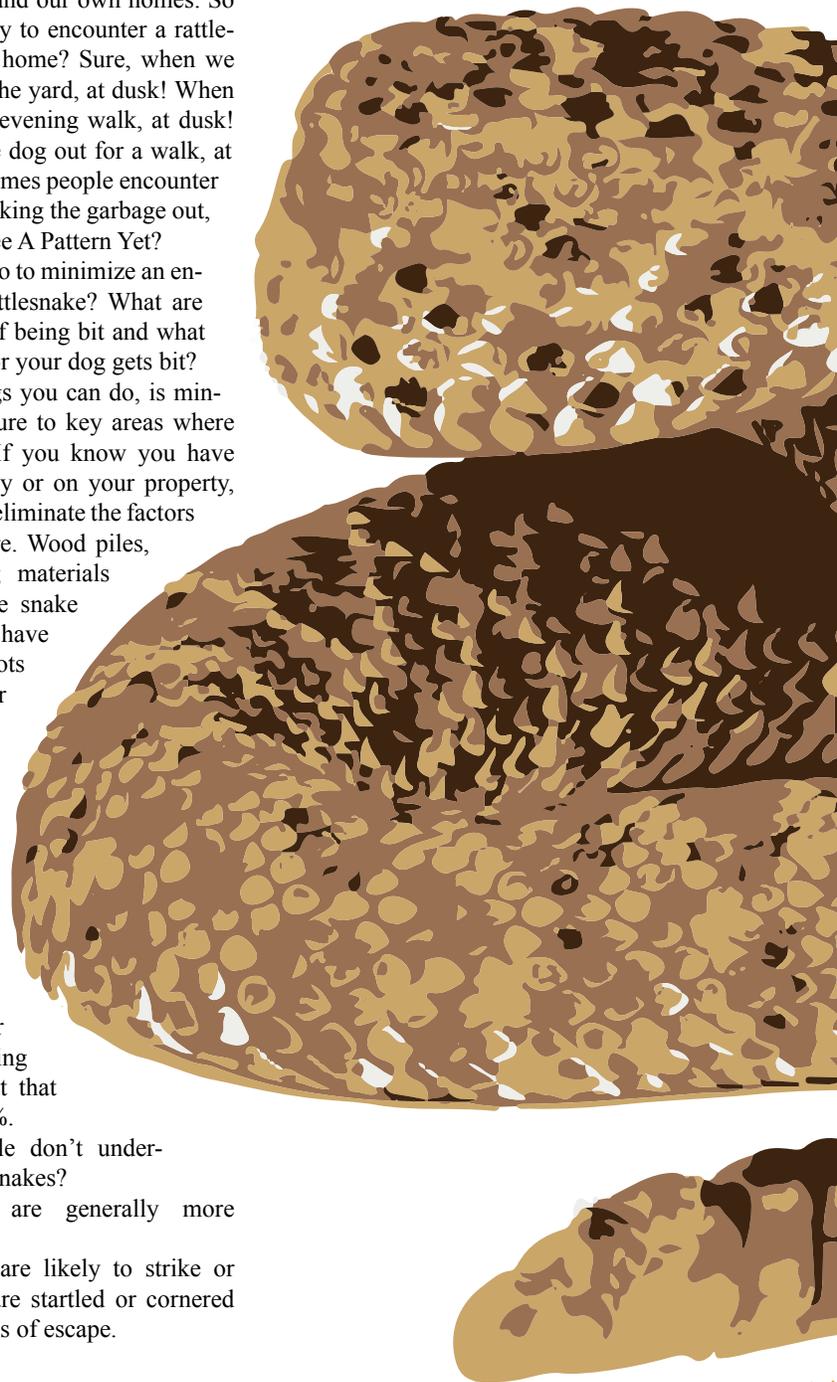
You may encounter them on bike paths, walking areas near parks, creeks, streams and in hiking areas along the

foothills. But where many of us run into them, is right around our own homes. So when are we likely to encounter a rattlesnake around the home? Sure, when we begin to work in the yard, at dusk! When we go out for an evening walk, at dusk! When we take the dog out for a walk, at dusk! And many times people encounter them when they taking the garbage out, at dusk. Do We See A Pattern Yet?

So what can you do to minimize an encounter with a rattlesnake? What are the real dangers of being bit and what do you do if you or your dog gets bit? The obvious things you can do, is minimize your exposure to key areas where rattlesnakes are. If you know you have rattlesnakes nearby or on your property, be pro-active and eliminate the factors why they are there. Wood piles, piles of building materials or large rocks are snake magnets. If you have many rodents or lots of gophers in your yard, you're just sending snakes an invitation to come over for dinner. You may consider installing tightly woven mesh screen at bottom of your fence to deter snakes from entering your property, but that can never be 100%.

What most people don't understand about rattlesnakes?

- Rattlesnakes are generally more afraid of you.
- Rattlesnakes are likely to strike or bite if they are startled or cornered with no means of escape.



- Rattlesnake bites are generally not deadly, but can be permanently debilitating if not treated promptly.
- Rattlesnake venom can be Hemotoxic, Neurotoxic or both.
- Most rattlesnake bites contain hemotoxic elements which damage tissue and affect the circulatory system by destroying blood cells, skin tissues and causing internal hemorrhaging. Rattlesnake venom also contains

neurotoxic components which immobilize the nervous system, affecting the victim's breathing, sometimes stopping it. Most rattlesnakes have venom composed primarily of hemotoxic properties. Baby rattlesnakes and the Mojave Green are the exception; they have venom which contains more neurotoxic properties than hemotoxic which makes them very dangerous.

Now that you know about rattlesnakes and what are the dangers, how do you explain this to your dog? The best way is train by example. Some will argue which method is best, but I've dealt with a multitude of these methods and still the "Training Collar" method is still the best, originally designed to keep horses from leaning against corral fencing. By using a mild electrical current running through a wire along the fence posts and activated when the horse leans against the fence. A momentarily "shock", teaching the Horse not to lean against the fence. Well we don't use electrical fences, nor do we use unregulated electricity.

Today, we use highly sophisticated electronics that are specifically designed for dogs. The collars utilized by a professional can send a message to your dog that whistles, hand signals and voice commands just can't accomplish. The inhumane training with "Pinch or Spiked Collars" is gone. These electronics are so sensitive and precise; the stimulation settings can be no more than a pinch on the ear or a rug shock when touching another person.

I've use mine in the field to tell my dog where I am and some collars beep to tell me where they are.

The training collar are used as "negative association" tool when training for rattlesnakes, meaning positive reinforcement and praise can be given to the dog when things are correctly, but a mild stimulation when you're trying to get the dog's attention. The stimuli that we concentrate are

- 1) Sight
- 2) Sound
- 3) Smell when training each dog.

The dog is run through a field exercise, that consist of these three factors and each time the dog goes to investigate, they are corrected. After a number of opportunities and corrections, the dogs want to have nothing to do with that thing that Smells, Sounds or Looks like that Rattlesnake.



You might ask, does it work on all dogs, in general, Yes, but there exceptions. With over 11,000 pet owners & dogs trained over the last 22 years, yes there are occasional failures. To what extent, we do somewhere between 375 to 500 dogs annually, less than a handful come back for a “retraining session”. How many customers bring back their dog for refresher class? 40% of each season customers are repeats. We suggest to dog owners, 1) dogs from 1 to 5 years,

retrain every year, 2) 6 to 10 years, every other year and 3) we don’t recommend training for older dogs. What are the Toughest & Easiest dogs to Snake Breaktm? The Larger the dog, the easier to train and smaller the dogs like Chihuahua, Terriers, Herding types and Mini Pins are the most tenacious and they take more training! www.SnakeBreak.com

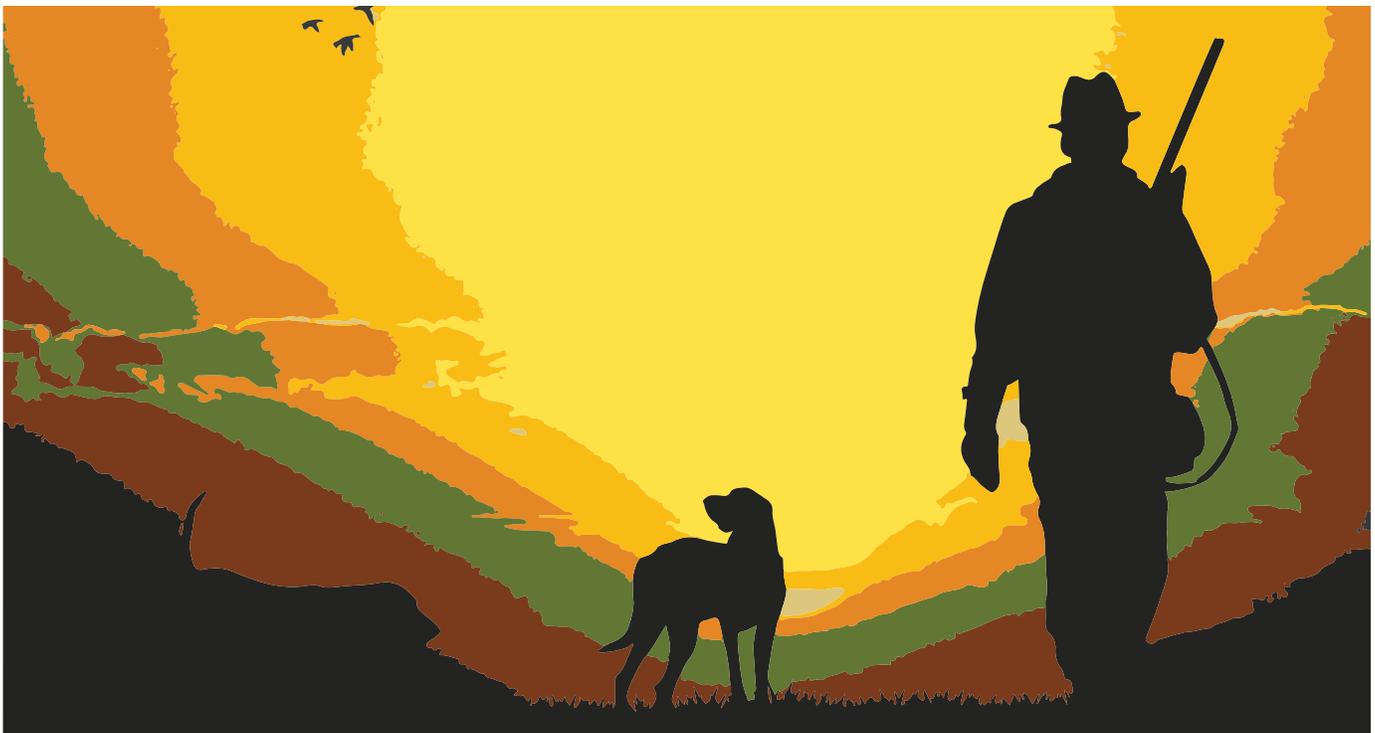
So what if you or your dog gets bit, Don’t Panic! Here are some of the Do’s & Don’ts if you get bitten:

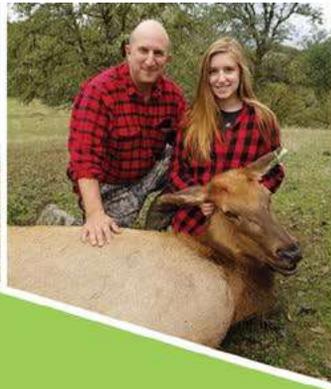
To summarize, take precautions while out walking, hiking or recreating with “man’s best friend”. Recognize the signs from your surroundings & body language from your dog and you’ll be better prepared when that encounter happens. As a preventative measure, there is a vaccine developed for dogs called Red Rock Vaccine. This is not cure all for rattlesnake bites, only to reduce the damage the venom may do to affected areas, medical attention is still required. (the Red Rock vaccine has been proven Not to work on Neurotoxins, i.e Mojave Green Rattlesnake).

Derek Fong, has been involve with a group of dedicated volunteers from the Quail & Upland Wildlife Federation in Santa Clarita, CA. Holding these classes since 1995, known as “Snake Breaktm – Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinics for Dogs” and these volunteers have contributed 1000’s of man hours to train over 11,000 dogs. Derek Fong is a Life NRA, CRPA & QUWF member and is currently working for Idaho Department of Fish & Game, where he has brought his wealth of knowledge to a new populous and continues to champion the Rattlesnake Avoidance Training for Dogs, known as Snake Breaktm.



1. **DO**-Keep the victim Calm & Quiet
2. **DO**-See If you can collect the Rattlesnake they bit you (preferably not alive) and take to hospital with you.
3. **DO**-Seek medical attention immediately
4. **DO**-Keep wound below heart level
5. **DON’T** – Don’t suck the venom out of the wound like John Wayne
6. **DON’T** – Don’t take a knife and cut the wound in any way.
7. **DON’T** – Don’t restrict the blood flow, such as with a tur-niccate
8. **DON’T** – Don’t apply Ice of freeze the wound
9. **DON’T** – Don’t squeeze the wound and get venom in your eyes, mouth or any open cuts, you may get poisoned too!
10. **DON’T** – Whatever you do, Don’t Panic! Your heart will pump the venom via your blood and will damage more of your flesh.





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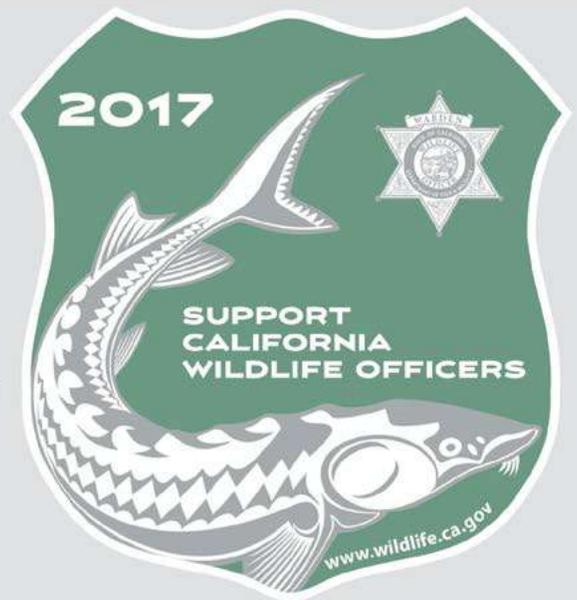
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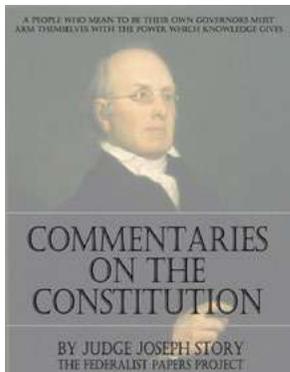


A *Fabio* Fourth of July

“THE DAY YOU GIVE UP YOUR WEAPON IN THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES IS GOING TO BE HISTORY.”

By Dan Gifford

Italian born Fabio Lanzoni knows something way too many native born Americans have forgotten. He knows what we really celebrate on the Fourth of July. No, it’s not fireworks. No, it’s not baseball, hot dogs or watermelon. Fabio knows the Fourth of July celebrates the successful rebellion by an armed population against the tyranny of their own government. Perhaps that was the motivation behind Fabio’s recent comment that, “The day you give up your weapon in the United States, the United States is going to be history.” The model and actor is a man I have only exchanged social pleasantries with several times so his political views were as unknown to me as the status of his Hollywood demand. But I do know his gun comment in Life Zette (www.lifezette.com) is somewhat of a surprise; saying such a thing here in Tinseltown can be a career killer, even if it does reflect the founding *raison d’être* of the Second Amendment.



This articulation by Supreme Court Justice and Harvard law professor Jo-

seph Story in his 1833 book, ‘Commentaries on the Constitution,’ is certainly the most accurate and often quoted: “The right of the citizens to keep and bear arms has justly been considered, as the palladium of the liberties of a republic; since it offers a strong moral check against the usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers; and will generally, even if these are successful in the first instance, enable the people to resist and triumph over them.” Hold Story’s “the usurpation and arbitrary power of rulers” phrase in mind. Fabio’s comment indicates he not only understands that principle, he also understands its everyday application as expressed by University of Texas law professor Sanford Levinson in his “The Embarrassing Second Amendment” Yale Law Journal essay. Levinson writes,



“... just as ordinary citizens should participate actively in governmental decision-making, through offering their own deliberative insights, rather than be confined to casting ballots once every two or four years for those very few individuals who will actually make the decisions, so should ordinary citizens participate in the process of law enforcement and defense of liberty rather than rely on professionalized peace-

keepers, whether we call them standing armies or police.” Against that background, it is worth noting what Stanford Hoover Institute historian, Victor Davis Hanson, and many others see: “Currently, the political and media opponents of Donald Trump are seeking to subvert his presidency in a manner unprecedented in the recent history of American politics.”

The Federalist:

“We Are Watching A Slow-Motion Coup D’etat. This coup d’etat is not only about President Trump. It represents not the rule of one man or even many, but by the multitude of our elites. To achieve this they have undermined the institutions of the Fourth Estate, the bureaucratic apparatus of the U.S. government, and the very nature of a contentious, yet affable, two-party political system. Unlike the coup d’etat that sees a military or popular figure lead a minority resistance or majority force into power over the legitimate government, this coup d’etat is leaderless and exposes some of the deepest fissures in our system of government. This coup d’etat represents not the rule of one man or even many, but by the multitude of our elites.” If Hanson, The Federalist, and others are right, this so far nonviolent, elitist cultural “usurpation” represents a formidable axis of forces. That axis is basically an *anschluss* of “deep state” or “shadow government” career federal employees in the intelligence, military, law enforcement and regulatory bureaucracies — the oft referred to “establish-

ment” rulers — who want to keep their federally funded power, and the First Amendment protected news and entertainment industries who mouth the narratives provided by those establishment denizens. As Fred Wisner, the CIA’s former head of Policy Coordination, put it in the book “The Mighty Wurlitzer: How the CIA Played America,” he was “capable of playing any propaganda tune he desired” through bought reporters. But there’s another player in that axis. That one is a cadre of psychiatrists and psychologists who claim that President Donald Trump is mentally ill, unfit to hold office and that he’s practicing a “usurpation and arbitrary power” that is dangerous for America. Its point man is Johns Hopkins psychology professor John Gartner.

The Daily Kos:

“John Gartner PhD started a petition for mental health professionals to sign demanding that Trump be removed from office under the 25th Amendment. It now has 48,000 + signatures. He also started a Facebook page with has nearly 1,000 members. He became well known in the media as a go-to mental health professional able to explain why Trump was psychologically dangerous as president due to his mental illness. “Read more here (search www.dailykos.com/), including the text of Gartner’s speech at the Yale conference on Trump’s (alleged) mental unfitness and form your own opinion. The claim by Gartner and his professional cohorts has been augmented by fired F.B.I. Director James Comey as reported in The New Yorker: “When Donald Trump accused his predecessor Barack Obama of wiretapping him, James Comey, then the F.B.I. director, told colleagues that he considered Trump to be ‘outside the realm of normal,’ and even ‘crazy.’ “Gartner says Trump exhibits Hitlerlike traits and has taken it on himself to warn the world. He recently told FOX ‘Tucker Carlson that moral duty is especially apt for Jews like him who were raised with horror stories about Nazi perpetrated horrors like Kristallnacht and the ensuing Holocaust. Yale historian, Timothy Snyder, agreed with Gartner when

questioned by Salon (www.salon.com). Salon: “In your book (“On Tyranny”) you discuss the idea that Donald Trump will have his own version of Hitler’s Reichstag fire to expand his power and take full control of the government by declaring state of emergency. How do you think that would play out? “Snyder: “I think it’s pretty much inevitable that they will try. “That strikes me as the same sort of concocted egghead smear I saw do in Arizona Republican U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater when he ran for president in 1964.



He too was claimed to be unhinged by psychiatric professionals polled by Fact magazine. Both the news and entertainment media of the time endlessly parroted that.

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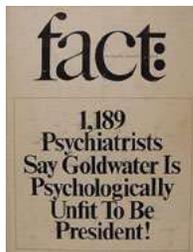
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Goldwater sued Fact for defamation and was awarded what were big bucks at the time. The American Psychiatric Association (APA) then issued the Goldwater rule, reaffirming medical privacy. It forbids commentary on a patient that a psychiatrist had not personally examined. However, Gartner and company respond that Trump is so deranged, and so Hitler like, that he and other shrinks have a moral duty to warn the public that transcends the APA's rule. Does Gartner's moral duty to warn legitimize a situational ethic moral duty to do more? The scent of what author Tom Wolfe might call assassination chic is wafting through the air as Victor Davis Hanson notes: "The publisher-editor of the German weekly magazine Zeit raised the topic on German television of killing Trump to end the "Trump catastrophe." So, did British Sunday Times columnist India Knight, who tweeted, "The assassination is taking such a long time." A former Obama Pentagon official, Rosa Brooks, recently mused about theoretical ways to remove Trump, including a military coup, should other avenues such as impeachment or medically forced removal fail: "The fourth possibility is one that until recently would have said was unthinkable in the United States of America: a military coup, or at least a refusal by military leaders to obey certain orders. Atlantic now darkly warns that Trump

is trying to create an autocracy. Former Weekly Standard editor in chief Bill Kristol suggested in a tweet that if he faced a choice (and under what surreal circumstances would that happen?) between the constitutionally, democratically elected president and career government officials' efforts to thwart or remove him, he would come down on the side of the revolutionary, anti-democratic "deep state": "Obviously strongly prefer normal democratic and constitutional politics. But if it comes to it [emphasis added], prefer the deep state to the Trump state. "No doubt some readers interpreted that as a call to side with anti-constitutional forces against an elected U.S. president. "They are all playing with fire. Elitist rhetoric like Kristol's paves the proverbial road to hell. Would our military and police side with the deep state, a Trump state or would it fragment into the inter-cine horror of Syria?"



That's unknowable despite the apparent preference of this Naval Special

Warfare Unit. But the founding presumption was that civically engaged armed Americans of the sort Sanford Levinson referred to will understand and revere their constitutional freedoms enough to figure out the correct side and make a crucial preservation difference. Fabio knows that can't happen if Americans give up their private arms. Lest it be forgotten, the stated goal of the modern gun control movement is confiscation; as noted in an earlier piece of mine, 'The Reasonable Restrictions Ruse':

"Talked about or not, registration followed by confiscation is the goal of anti-Second Amendment activists. We know it is because the founder of the modern 'gun control' movement, the late Nelson 'Pete' Shields, said so and his successors continue to say so. Not publicly, mind you. Such candor is reserved for people like me during my five-year stint on the board of the ACLU of Southern California. "Psychiatrists and psychologists I have interviewed over the years regard gun ownership as something of a mental illness in and of itself and are therefore almost entirely against private gun ownership. So, I suspect that almost all those at the Yale "duty to warn" conference would regard Story's reason for private firearm ownership as a mental illness and favor their outright government confiscation. I'll bet Fabio knows that too.

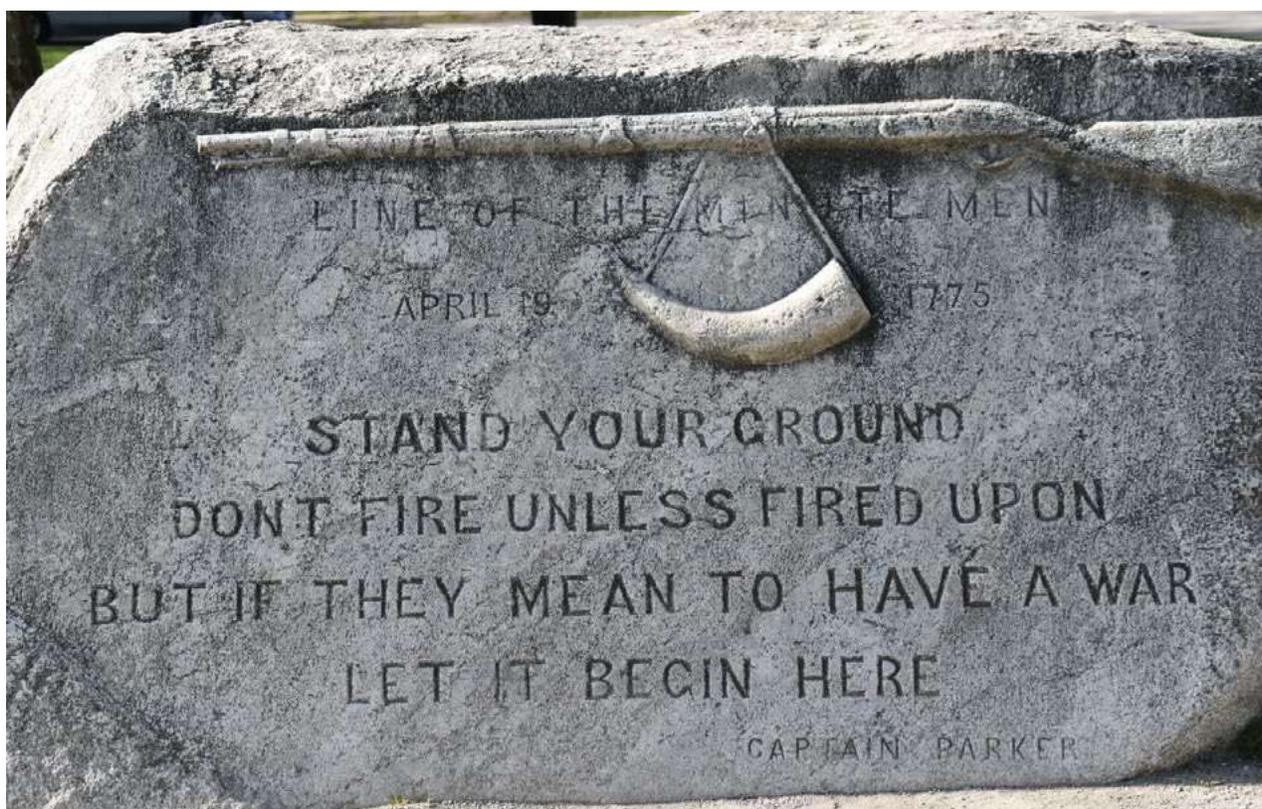


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SHOT HEARD

BUT NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD

By Rick Travis



Most of us at one time or another have encountered that moment when we learned something so profound that we asked, “How did I not know that?” The typical response to our self-imposed question is to blame others. Let’s face it, with the amount of information that floods our everyday lives we often choose to gloss over some pretty important details. Those details need to be studied in order to have a full understanding of what we believe, hold dear, and are willing to fight for.

Have the average Pro 2nd Amendment American ask their most liberal counterpart what happened on April 19,

1775 and the majority will respond with they don’t know. Some will respond with the following story.

On April 19, 1775, a group of colonists stopped soldiers from crossing the Old North Bridge near Lexington and Concord. Both sides refused to yield and aimed their rifles at one another. A shot was fired and the American Revolution was born. That shot is known as “The Shot heard around the world.” No one can tell you who was involved, what actually happened, why it is so critical for our community to know the details of that day.

The educational system and the far-left agenda is more than happy with distilling down this seminal event in world

history to a meaningless sound bite. The loss of this crucial part of American history allows them to craft a narrative that denies Americans their rights. The very foundation of our beliefs and our understanding of the 2nd Amendment and its origins is being threatened. The events of that day must be revived and retold to all.

Trouble in the American colonies had been brewing for years. The major participants like Sam Adams, John Hancock, Paul Revere and Dr. Warren had been active for years redressing grievances with their government as British citizens. That’s correct, folks, as “British Citizens,” not Americans. The single fact is critical to understanding the whole

story of April 19, 1775. Those events began eleven years prior with a series of taxes known as the Sugar Act (1764) and the Stamp Act (1765). Both were deemed unconstitutional by the majority of the colonies but neither led to armed resistance against King George III's oppressive government.

Colonial Americans were introduced to a series of taxes known as the Townshend Duties which included taxes on tea and other items. This led the colonials to make the taxation without representation argument since the British parliament used political measures to make the colonists pay for things that London thought necessary without their consent. (This is similar to what Sacramento politicians do to all Californians now but that's another subject for a different article.) Protests took place and that led to King George III sending troops to Boston in 1769.

Dissenting British citizens (Colonials) the very next year (1770) taunted a small detachment of British soldiers in Boston and threw snowballs and ice at them. One hit soldier fired his weapon and soon a volley of shots were fired, resulting in what is now known as the Boston Massacre. It is important to note several things at this point. Despite several laws being broken by the British government and severe political unrest, the citizens had not fired any shots. Protests at this point had ranged from street fights to public shaming and vandalism.

The Boston Tea Party was a response to the Tea Act (both occurred in 1773), and again, even when confronted by British redcoats, there was no armed engagement. I keep bringing up that point because unlike today, the vast majority of the population possessed firearms. Most of those were comparable to the military firearms possessed by the British troops. This simple fact is ignored in the 2nd Amendment debate, both the government and the citizenry possessed the same firearms.

Colonials formed the Continental Congress the following year (1774) in response to a series of taxes and acts known as the Intolerable Acts. With all of this turmoil, political unrest, suspension of freedoms and divisiveness, there was still no armed conflict. Parliament sent orders to the commanding general in Boston to seize all arms, powder, and a group of dissident citizens whom we call patriot leaders.

On the morning of April 19, 1775, General Thomas Gage sent 700 Redcoats to seize the arsenals at Lexington and Concord. This act by the government was both illegal by law and done without proper notice and representation. They were also assigned to capture Sam Adams and John Hancock. Both assignments would prove to be largely unsuccessful and result in change on a global scale.

The night before this event, a young man in the Green Dragon Tavern overheard this information and alerted Paul Revere and William Dawes to make the famous midnight ride warning of the Redcoats coming (remember everyone was still British at this point). The warning of the Redcoats coming to seize their arms was what activated law abiding citizens to arm themselves.

Lexington Green is a relatively small town square; about seventy men showed up and stood their ground for what they believed in. These men laid it all out with not just their lives, but those of their family and all that they owned. They had a choice that morning to simply surrender the firearms to the government and live under what they saw as a tyrannical government, or to make a stand. They chose to stand up to the most powerful military on the planet at the time, outnumbered 10 to 1 with no protection. This is where the famous first shot was fired. At the end of the short skirmish, eight colonials lay dead and ten were wounded; The Redcoats lost one soldier and moved on toward the arsenal at Concord.

The call to arms rang out across the Massachusetts countryside, and by the time the Redcoats made the 5-mile jour-

ney to Concord, they were encircled by hundreds of militiamen. The Redcoats carried out their order destroying the arsenal, and then the fighting really began. Over a 16-mile stretch from Concord to the outskirts of Boston, militiamen would inflict over 300 casualties, reducing British forces to less than half their original strength. This was done. For most, the story ends here with the Minutemen winning the day.

While it is true the soon to be called Americans won the day, the story is only half known. Taking a tour of the battlefield today you will learn that the retreating redcoats looted and burned colonial homes and farms to the ground. They killed civilians in the process and left families homeless. Industry and livelihoods were casualties of that day. The point is, the price was steep for something that has been taken for granted by far too many.

The right to possess and use firearms is a right that is in our very American DNA. It was the government's attempt to take that right away that triggered armed resistance and ultimately led to the revolution. It was the actions of a government and the response of the people that was on the minds of the framers of the constitution some 16-years later that led to the 2nd Amendment.

April 19, 1775, is a date in history that every American should know in its finest details. Every American should make it their mission to ensure that the next generation understands it. Every American should remind their politicians that the rights of Americans cannot be seized illegally by their government.



146TH NRA ANNUAL MEETINGS & EXHIBITS

FREEDOM'S SAFEST PLACE

BY DENNIS SANDOZ

The 146th National Rifle Association Annual Meetings and Exhibits at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta was a huge success attended by 81,836 members and family members. It was a jam packed event filled with activities, meetings, lectures, and workshops, not to mention the 15 acre exhibit hall filled with over 800 exhibitors. This year's event included a 50% increase in exhibit floor space, which significantly reduced pedestrian congestion due to the larger walkways through the exhibit. It was impossible to see and do everything on my list during the three days the exhibits were open, so

it was necessary to prioritize my choices. On several occasions, I had to choose which of three simultaneous events to attend, and left early on multiple occasions to be able to attend the next event. With all the meeting and activities on my to-do list, I did not complete the first pass of my exhibit tour until the morning of the third day. I had just enough time to complete my second pass of the exhibit area by closing time of the last day. I always find things I missed during my first exhibit tour, so I find it important to make a second pass. Over 800 exhibitors showed their most popular products and I really enjoyed the opportunity to touch what was

on display. This is a great opportunity to pick up the latest catalogs from the many vendors; although, by the end of each day, my arms were tired carrying all the material back to the hotel room for packing to send home. I always bring an empty suitcase to accommodate the important items I pick up during the annual meeting. The catalogs, free hats, souvenirs, DVDs, autographed books, and free samples completely filled my extra suitcase.

BELOW: One end of the 15 acre exhibit hall filled with over 800 exhibitors.



SPECIAL EVENTS

In addition to the jam packed exhibit floor, the annual meeting included many other activities to attend. The National NRA Foundation Banquet; A Night of Christian Music with Matthew West; 11th Annual Women's Leadership Forum Luncheon & Auction; NRA-ILA Leadership Forum; NRA-ILA Dinner and Auction; NRA Country Jam: Story Behind the Song Featuring Chris Janson, Josh Thompson, Lindsay Ell and Cary Barlowe; NRA Annual Meeting of Members; NRA Presents Hank Williams Jr. and Friends with Special Guest Lee Brice; 2017 National Prayer Breakfast; and the 4th Annual NRA Women's New Energy Breakfast are all some of the main events that occurred over the 4 day period. In addition to the Pyramid Air Gun Range and the NRA Store that were open during the 4 day meeting, over 6 Workshops, 16 Seminars, and 12 special presentations were held during the three days the exhibits were open. Many of the workshops, seminars, and special presentations were scheduled for two hours, which made it essential to plan each day to avoid missing something important and still have enough time to see the immense exhibition area. 1500 patriots attended the NRA Foundation Banquet to raise money for the future of shooting sports. The evening was filled with live and silent auctions, special remarks by Wayne LaPierre and event sponsors, fun, food, firearms, and fellowship among likeminded individuals. The highlight of the evening was the auctions and raffles of ammunition, firearms, gear, hunting trips, and general merchandise.



White House Counsel Kellyanne Conway and Susan LaPierre, head of the NRA's Women's Leadership Forum, participate in a living room chat-type event about life on the campaign trail and in the Whitehouse.



President Trump spoke to an enthusiastic audience of almost 9,000 at the NRA-ILA Leadership Forum.

The 11th Annual Women's Leadership Forum Luncheon & Auction featured Kellyanne Conway as the key note speaker. Tom Selleck made a guest appearance and donated six of his Smith and Wesson revolvers for auction. In "a living room chat" setting, moderated by Susan Howard of the TV show "Dallas" Fame, he impressed the sold-out crowd of almost 1000 with answers to questions about his life as a TV and movie personality. Tom Selleck has been a NRA member since he was eight years old, and along with Susan Howard, is a member of the NRA Board of Directors. The NRA-ILA Leadership Forum featured President Donald J. Trump as the key note speaker; he received an enthusiastic response from nearly 9000 attendees. President Trump Received the NRA's endorsement for President at the 2016 Annual Meetings and Exhibits in Louisville, and NRA members provided unwavering support during the tumultuous election campaign. This was the first time a sitting US President has addressed the NRA since President Ronald Reagan's remarks at the Annual Meetings in Phoenix in 1983. In addition, many other na-

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tional figures spoke during the four-hour meeting, including Wayne LaPiere, Chris Cox, Sheriff David Clark Jr., Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke, Senator Ted Cruz, and Governor Rick Scott.

BOOK SIGNINGS

I always enjoy book signings at the annual meeting. The book signing features

and their books on the exhibit floor. The authors are usually hosted by an exhibitor, who often provide complimentary copies of books for the author to sign.

COLLECTORS ROW

This Annual Meeting’s Collectors Row featured displays from eighteen gun collector clubs. For me, exploring

these fascinating collections is one of the high points of attending the NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits. I also attended the Awards Ceremony held to honor the meetings best displays. Jennifer and Gary Gole created the “Winchester Junior Rifle Corps Youth Marksmanship Program 1917 to 1925” display for the Winchester Arms Collectors Association. Their display was awarded the 57th Annual NRA

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Gun Collectors Committee Trophy. Jennifer and Gary have been collectors for more than 25 years. They have a passion for anything Winchester, but mainly focus on guns and accoutrements related to the Winchester Junior Rifle Corps program.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Due to the overwhelming number of exhibits and events, I was only able to at-

tend 4 of the 12 special presentations held during the three day meeting. I have been attending Special Presentations given by Martin K. A. Morgan at the NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibits for many years. He is an excellent and informative speaker; the poster for one of his presentations is included above. Also, I attended the presentation, "Craig Boddington's Perfect Shots". Craig is an excellent speaker with an extensive amount of hunting ex-

perience. I was only able to squeeze one seminar into my schedule, "Introduction to Handloading" presented by Hornady. Even though I have reloaded for years, I always learn something new. Next year, the 147th NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibits will be held May 4-6, 2018 in Dallas, Texas. I strongly encourage all NRA members to attend this enjoyable and memorable event whenever possible.

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PINK PISTOLS SAN DIEGO PRO-SELF DEFENSE

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ARMED & UNARMED LGBT SELF DEFENSE TRAINING

by Piper Smith

Last year I founded the San Diego Chapter of the Pink Pistols a few days after the deadliest incident of violence against LGBT Americans in US history. On June 12th, 2016, Omar Mateen killed 49 Americans and wounded 58 in a combination terrorist attack/hate crime inside a nightclub in Orlando, Florida. This was the worst terrorist attack since September 11th, 2001. He was shot and killed by armed officers after a three-hour delay. At that time, I had only recently developed the self-knowledge required to 'come out' to my friends and family as a member of the LGBT community. I had been a political science major after finding significant inspiration and eventual identity in libertarian ideological

tenants many years prior. When I was living on my own after returning home from the Air Force, the first tool I purchased was a 12ga shotgun for home defense, and a life membership in the CRPA and NRA. I didn't think too much about it back then, and I had no plan to get involved in the larger 2nd Amendment community. I had no burning desire to buy many additional firearms; I saw a need (home defense), so I bought an appropriate tool for the job. When I 'came out' as a member of the LGBT community in 2015/2016, I began to experience hate from my fellow Americans. This was a new experience for me, and a horrifying one at that. Prior to coming out I guess I was vaguely aware of the claims of discrimination and danger that

the LGBT community faced. To be quite honest, I never took it too seriously or knew much about the brutal reality of just how dangerous it can be to be different even in the modern 21st-century United States. I have been verbally and physically harassed, I have been shunned, I have been shamed, I have been ostracized, I have had to fight to keep employment even while being at top 5% nationwide producer, I have been spit on, and I have been thrown against a wall, and I have been told to my face that I don't deserve life. When my girlfriend and I hold hands and get disapproving stares, we have to consider if it's worth the risk to our lives to show even the slightest level of affection to each other in public. In a restaurant we have to

consider if it's worth the risk of someone tampering with our food. A job we have to consider if it may be in our best interest to hide our LGBT reality for fear of overt or covert retaliation from coworkers and/or management. Responsible firearm possession and a strong self-defense/self-reliant mindset don't fix all these systemic social injustices; but they can certainly help even the field with the more dangerous ones. Last month I was invited to speak on behalf of Pink Pistols and pro self-defense LGBT Americans on national television. I was hesitant given that it was a left leaning under 35 year-old oriented show and channel. I vetted and interviewed the producer and host to the best of my ability, and at the end of the day I put on my sales hat and took a risk. It turned out to be abso-

lutely spectacular; my interview and the episode itself is likely the most pro-second amendment leaning 30 minutes you will ever see on Comedy Central in your lifetime. When I founded the San Diego LGBT self-defense chapter (Pink Pistols) after Orlando last year, I had no real plan or idea where to take the group. I simply saw that the LGBT community was unfortunately a woefully soft target and something needed to be done. My group is the first to incorporate both armed and unarmed self-defense training events. I have now built it into the largest and most active LGBT self-defense group in the country. We hold the most diverse events you will ever see. When you can hold an impromptu Memorial Day BBQ at a local park and have roughly fifty Americans

from every variety of race, age, gender, political affiliation, and life experience intermingling peacefully and respectfully in our current divisive and polarized society...When the white guy in the MAGA cap can have a beer with the African American Bernie supporter while the III% militia leader chats and cooks a burger with a trans-woman, you know your mission is a virtuous one. We do weekly casual range meetups, and large professional training events covering situational awareness, unarmed self-defense, pistols, shotguns, rifles, RSO, active shooter response, etc. Our most recent major event was a massively successful professional home defense training taught by Matthew Klier's 'Active Shooter Defense School' in nearby Alpine San Diego. The fact that





the horrific attack in Orlando was a combination terrorist attack/hate crime is important. While some Americans are more likely to be attacked than others, we are all equal in our human vulnerability against violent aggressors whether they are foreign or domestic. I am a firm believer in the constitution and have studied its ideological origins extensively. From the bottom of my soul, I know that this nation should strive to protect all its citizens equally in their pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness. At the end of the day, LGBT and non-LGBT Americans share the same hopes, dreams, struggles, and triumphs in life. I believe it is our duty to remember this in these times of attractive hyper-partisanship. Come join the most fun, diverse, non-partisan, self-defense/2nd Amendment community in California. We are vigilant and empathetic Americans, and our country needs a lot more of us.

<https://www.facebook.com/Pink-PistolsSanDiego/>





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~Piper Smith



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FIREARMS AUCTION HOUSE TO PARTNER WITH CRPA

“We are thrilled to be working with the California Rifle and Pistol Association in defending our Second Amendment rights in these ever-changing tides of gun control in our Great State,” shares Carol Watson, owner of Carol Watson’s Orange Coast Auctions.

OCA is an auction house specializing in the acquisition and dispensation of antique and modern, historic, collectible and sporting firearms. During the course of their business, they acquire and sell all types of firearms such as Civil War, WWI & WWII military examples, as well as antique and modern firearms of all types.

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Department of Justice (DOJ), and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) in the liquidation of firearms collections.

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“Often people who want to help support the cause of hunting or firearms rights have items they don’t need or are left with, firearms they don’t know what to do with, and then chose to donate them to CRPA. Having a relationship established with OCA facilitates CRPA in turning these donations into cash to fund our work in Sacramento, support our legal efforts, and promote hunting and shooting for the next generation,” said Mike Barranco, Vice President of CRPA.

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donated to CRPA to be sold at auction. “My father was a life-long firearms collector. When he passed away, I wasn’t sure what to do with his large collection of firearms, reloading tools and safes. OCA came to my house and picked everything up for me. They made the process seamless and convenient. OCA will get my dad’s collection in to the hands of other collectors who have the same interests and appreciation,” shared Kay Johnson, OCA client.

Located in Anaheim, OCA is opened Tuesday through Sunday, 9am to 5pm, and is available to answer any questions or concerns. Verbal appraisals are available at no charge for items intended to go to auction.

For more information about donating please contact CRPA at (714) 992-2772 or they can be reached via email contact@crpa.com. To reach OCA directly, please call (714)-213-8709, or visit their website at www.cwocauctions.com.



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STRENGTH IN MEMBERS



The Dunsmuir Rod & Gun Club was incorporated on August 13, 1956 — over 66 years ago! Our members were known as the “Hungry Hunters.” These avid hunters and fishermen recognized the need to have a shooting range available for community members. We began shooting on Mt. Bradley, which is located half way between the town of Dunsmuir and the Castle Crags rock formation. We moved to our current location in 1960, which was leased from the City of Dunsmuir. We have trap shooting, a 100-yard rifle range, a 25-yard pistol range and a 15-yard pistol range. We draw participants from throughout northern and central California and southern Oregon. As a non-profit organization, we remain an asset to the community and brings income to the City of Dunsmuir through visiting participants.

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AUGUST



4 ADI PRE-CCW CLASS

CRPA Training Center
271 East Imperial Highway, Suite #610
Fullerton, CA 92835

5 RIFLEGEAR GUNSTORE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

18065 Mount Shay St, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
Saturday 10:00am – 6:00pm

5-6 CROSSROADS ONTARIO GUN SHOW

Ontario Convention Center
2000 E Convention Center Way
Ontario, California 91764
Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am – 4:00pm

12 HUNTER'S EDUCATION CLASS- CRPA TRAINING CENTER

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Saturday 8:00am – 6:00pm

12-13 CARSON CITY GUN SHOW

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Orange County Fair and Event Center
88 Fair Drive
Costa Mesa, California 92626
Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am – 4:00pm

25-27 **CRPA STATE METRIC CHAMPIONSHIP**

Los Angeles Rifle & Revolver Club
1700 N. Loma Ave.
South El Monte, CA 91733

26 **THE BIG RENO SHOW**

Grand Sierra Resort and Casino
Los Angeles Rifle and Revolver Club
2500 2nd St, Reno, NV 89595
Friday – Saturday 9:00AM – 6:00PM
Sunday 9:00AM – 3:00PM

26-27 **CAL STATE INT. 3-P CHAMP SMALLBORE RIFLE**

Los Angeles, California 93001
Bakersfield Gun Show
Kern County Fairgrounds
1142 South P Street, Bakersfield, CA 93307
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27 **CAL. STATE INT. ENGLISH PRONE CHAMP SMALLBORERIFLE**

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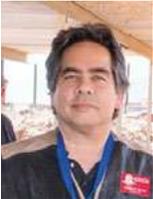
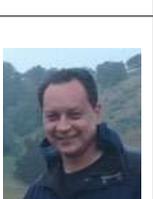


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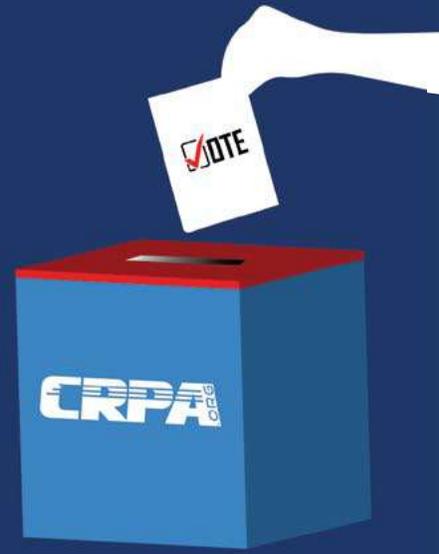


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CANDIDATE BIOS

	<p>DENNIS OSTLER A member of CRPA since 1998, Dennis has been a supporter of the shooting sports in California for many years. His main interest is all forms of silhouette shooting. He is the President of the Lincoln Heights Kiwanis, Publisher and Life Member of the Los Angeles Silhouette Club, and an Angeles Shooting Range shareholder. Dennis has been attending and competing in shooting sports for over twenty years.</p>
	<p>ELIZABETH SMITH Elizabeth is a legal secretary in estate planning for over thirteen years. She became a CRPA member in the early 1980s due to her participation in the state pistol championship shooting sports. In 2010 she was awarded the 2010 High Woman for Airgun, 2010 Free Pistol Mks. These awards were coming from her 1992 status as Air Pistol Sharpshooter and 1993 status as Air Pistol Expert. Ms. Smith holds is a Basic Pistol instructor with the NRA and in 1999 was named the Free Pistol Woman Champion in addition to the 1997 Ari Pistol Sectional High Woman and Air Sectional 2nd Expert.</p>
	<p>DEREK SCHULLER Derek grew up around guns, hunting, and fishing. Growing up, his grandfather had a ranch where he went to shoot his .22 and .410. He helped butcher animals on the ranch and hunted quail with his father. Derek enjoys shooting, hunting, fishing, and archery. He also studies martial arts and recently earned his 4th degree black belt in Kempo Karate; he is currently pursuing his 5th degree blackbelt. Derek has an Associates Degree in Computer Engineering and a certificate in Robotics Engineering. He graduated from Cal State University Northridge with a degree in Political Science; he opted to pursue this degree due to his strong political beliefs regarding gun control and Second Amendment issues. Derek has been a member of the NRA since his early 20s and a member of CRPA since 2005. He started volunteering with CRPA during the Clinton gun ban, as well as an internship at CRPA before coming onto the Board of Directors several years ago.</p>
	<p>DAVID KIMES David Kimes is a 1980 Olympian and two-time World Champion. He is a Level 3 Rifle Coach and head coach of the CTC, with 25+ years of experience in International Shooting. He worked as a computer programmer in the aerospace industry and worked on the Apollo missions, including the first walk on the moon. Since 2011, David has been a coach at Los Angeles Rifle & Revolver club and works with the Paralympic shooting team as a coach for the Warrior Games. David states that hard work, good ethics, memorable life experiences, and the satisfaction of being able to pass along successful techniques that took many years to learn have been hugely rewarding. He is a long-time life member of CRPA.</p>
	<p>HERB WILLIAMS Herb is totally dedicated to preserving our right to own firearms and use them for hunting self-defense and all other legitimate purposes. Past president of the CRPA 1999-2000. On the board of directors since 1987, served on many standing and special committees. Presently chairman Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Committee, member Executive Council, Executive Committee, Investment Portfolio Review Committee, and Legislative Policy Committee. Has Spoken before City Councils, County Boards of Supervisors, Fish & Game Commission, and on the radio in support of gun and hunting rights. Several Letter to the Editor printed in support of guns and hunting. Hunter for 57 years, big game, upland game, and waterfowl. Competitor, S.B. Rifle, B.E. Pistol, has also shot Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, H.P. Rifle, Hunter's Pistol Silhouette, PPC Cowboy Action, and Chevy Truck Sportsman's Team Challenge. Coach on his local Junior S.B. rifle team 1979-2009.</p>

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Each adult dues-paying CRPA Member (except as noted below) is entitled to vote for the candidates appearing on this election ballot. If elected, the candidate will serve on CRPA's committee to which they are elected and as a member of the CRPA Board of Directors.

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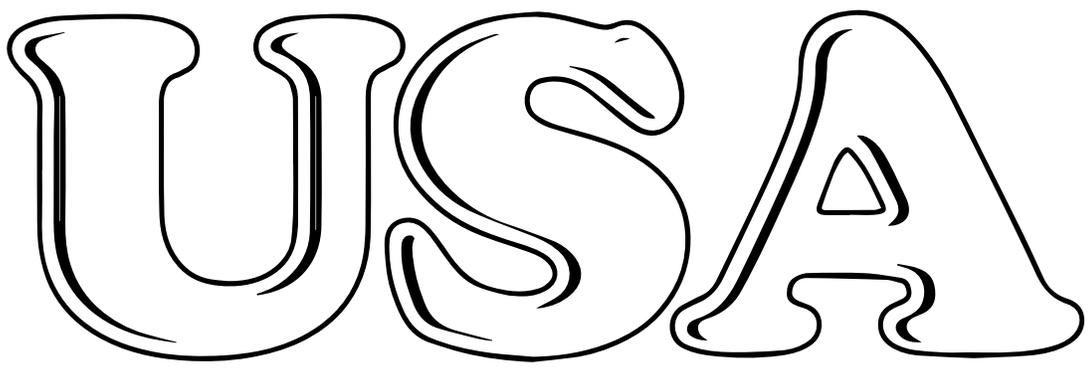
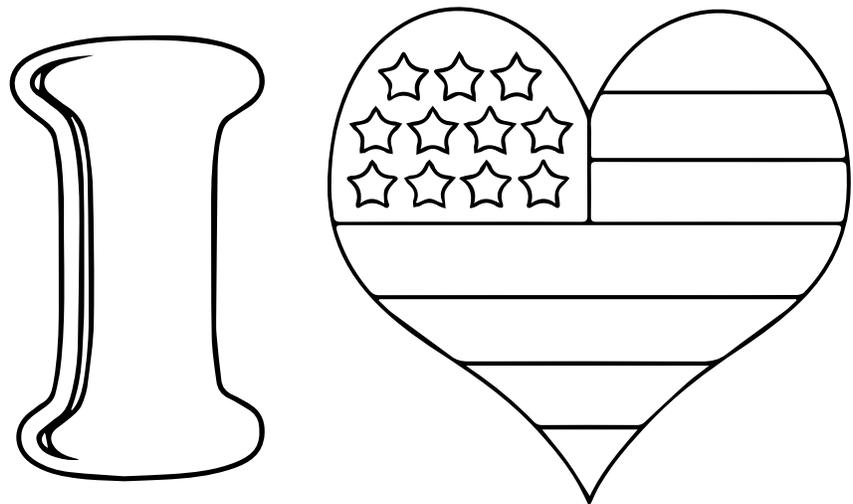
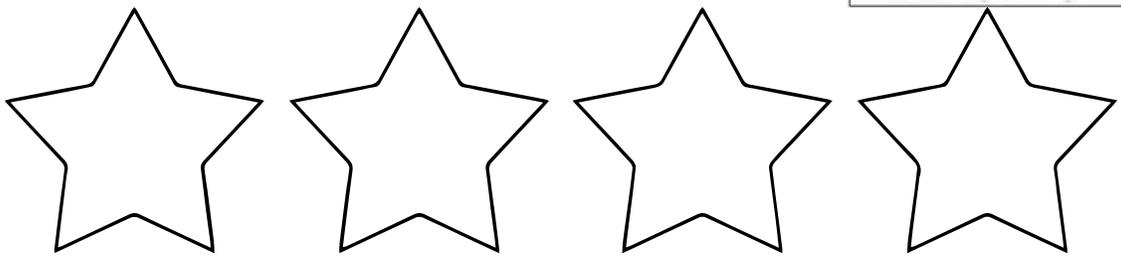


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