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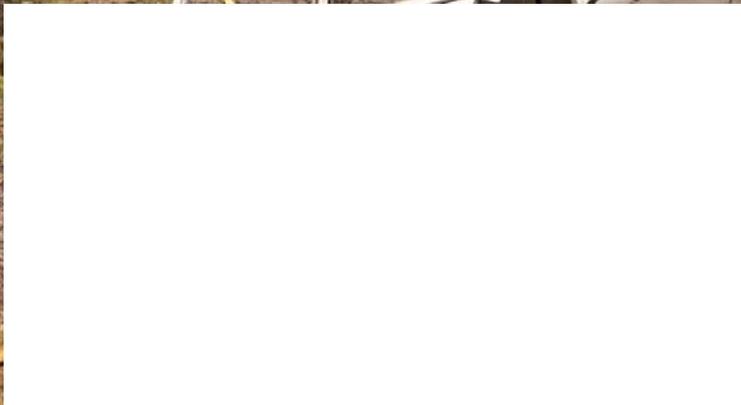
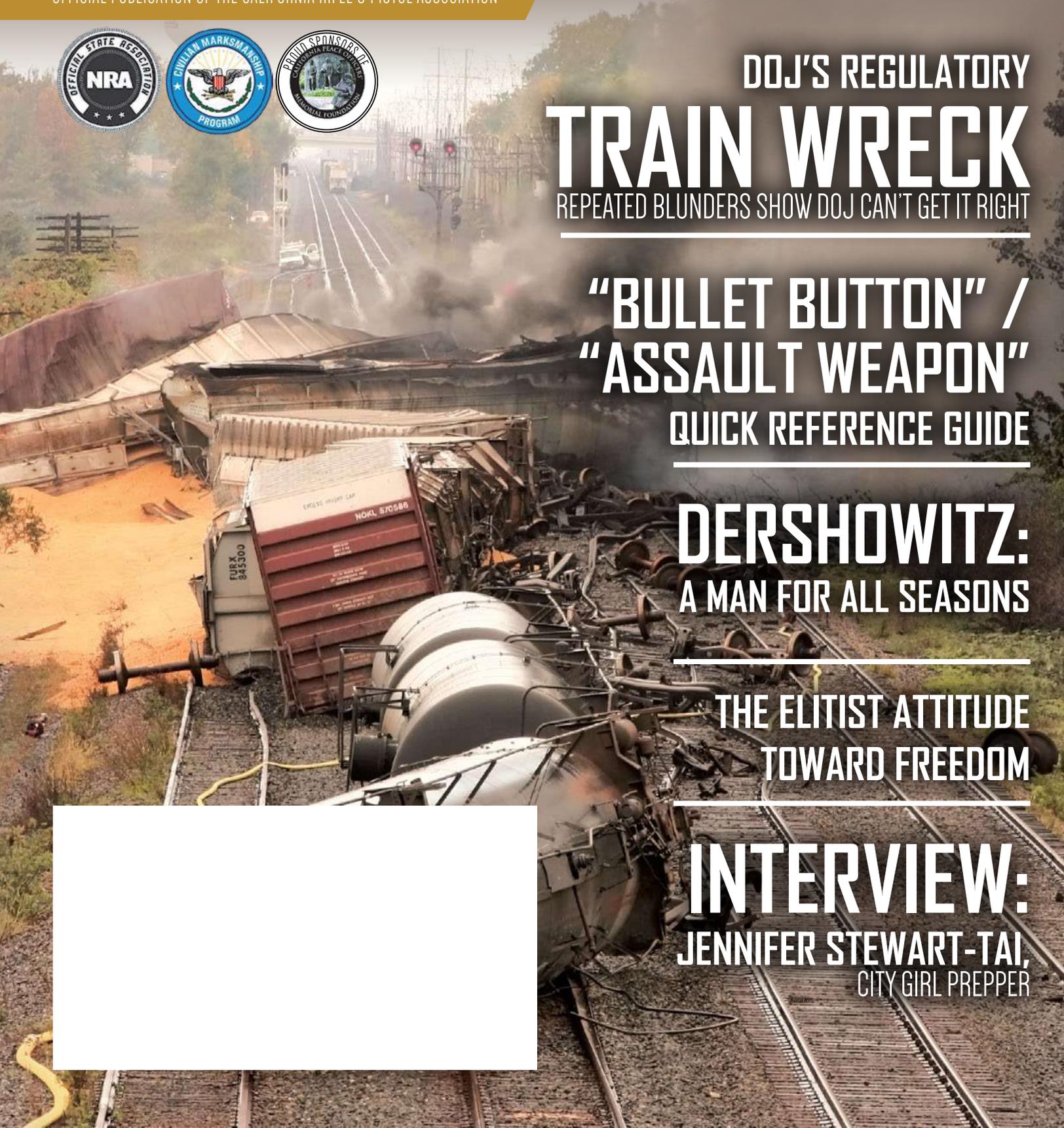
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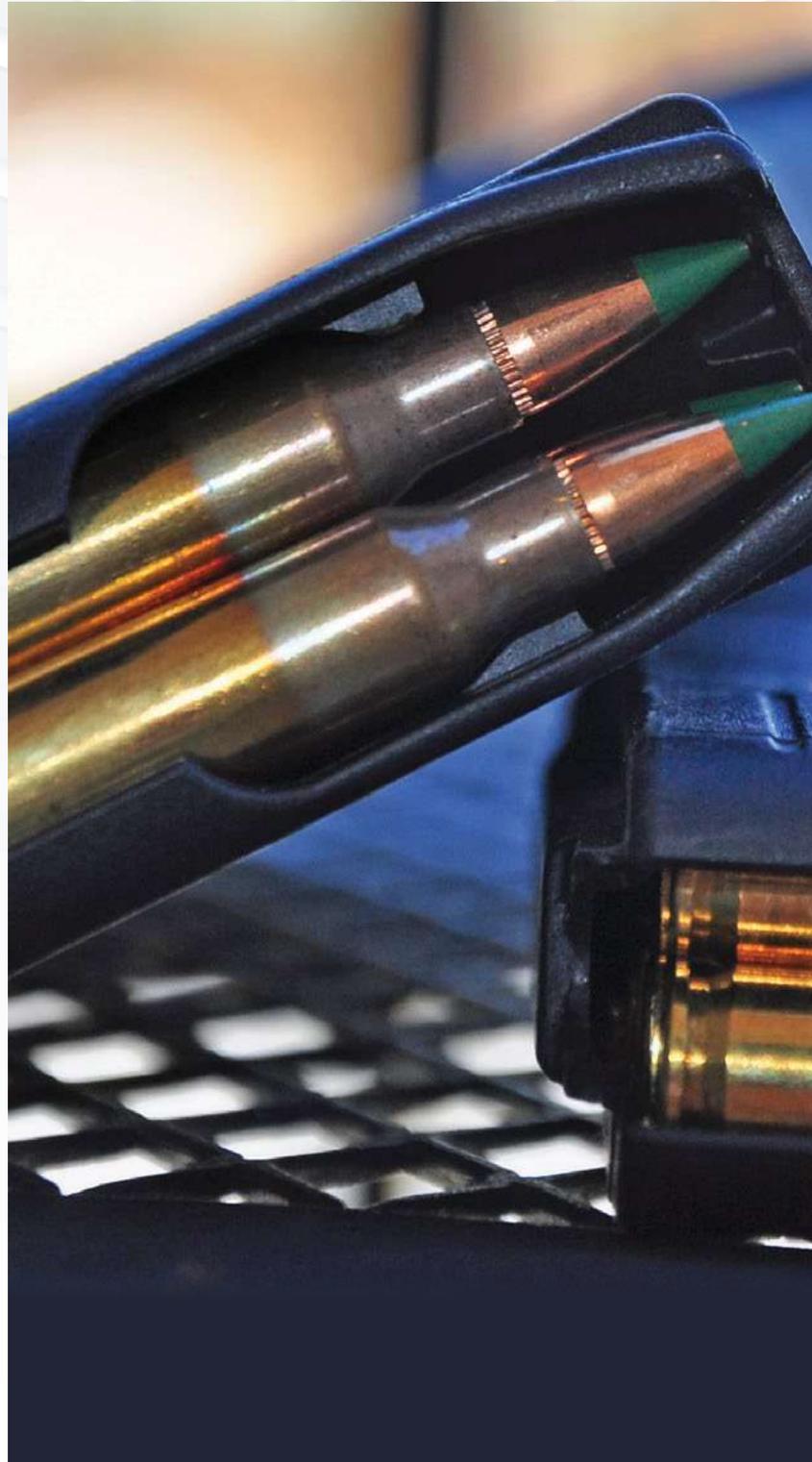
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DOJ'S REGULATORY

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REPEATED BLUNDERS SHOW DOJ CAN'T GET IT RIGHT

Passing gun ban laws is one thing. Politicians hold a press conference, disingenuously brag about “making us safer,” and incorporate the gun ban lobby’s pre-packaged talking points into their campaign rhetoric. Hell, they don’t even read the bills they vote for!

Actually implementing gun laws is very different. It takes far more skill and detailed knowledge than politicians have. Often the real work falls on the California Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Firearms. It’s a part of the DOJ that is particularly vulnerable to anti-gun-owner political influence.

And DOJ has repeatedly failed to get things right.

Executive or administrative regulations are supposed to “flush out” or clarify statutes that are passed by the Legislature but may not be specific enough in describing what the law covers and how it will be implemented or administered. For over 20 years, NRA and CRPA have had a Regulatory Watchdog program in place to monitor and challenge the Bureau of Firearms’ policies and procedures, particularly efforts to avoid enacting necessary regulations, to short-cut the process and skip public stakeholder comment when it does enact them, or to adopt illegal “underground regulations” by adopting internal “policies” with no oversight or authority.

Recently, DOJ’s actions concerning the implementation of regulations for the registration of newly classified “assault weapons” serve as an example of such behavior. Over the course of the last eight months, DOJ has attempted to enact such regulations, not once, not twice, but three times. And with each attempt, DOJ refused to alter their approach despite the outcry from law-abiding gun owners and Second Amendment supporters.

DOJ'S FIRST ATTEMPT AT "BULLET-BUTTON ASSAULT WEAPON" REGULATIONS

DOJ first proposed their so-called “bullet-button assault weapon” regulations just before New Year’s Eve as “File and Print Only.” In its proposed regulations DOJ attempts to expand the definition of an “assault weapon,” repeal existing definitions, add over 40 new definitions, require applicants to provide excessive personal information (including photos of their firearms and information on from whom and where they were acquired), add requirements for serializing firearms built from 80% receivers, expand the “assault weapon” definition to include certain shotguns, and prohibit removing or altering a firearm’s magazine release mechanism (i.e. bullet button) once registered as an “assault weapon.”

A number of these requirements exceed the legislative mandates of Assembly Bill 1135 and Senate Bill 880 (the near identical laws signed by Governor Brown last year expanding the definition of “assault weapons”). And it is not too far of a stretch to say that they require action by the Legislature to enact, or at the very least California’s Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

Under the APA, these extensive substantive regulations should be subject to the legal rulemaking process, including taking public comment from gun owners and “stakeholders,” who frankly often know a lot more about guns, and gun laws, than the DOJ staff does. But the new “assault weapon” statute itself provides a narrow exemption from the APA for regulations dealing specifically with creating and administering the process for registering firearms as “assault weapons.” DOJ has been trying to get around the APA, to get its proposed burdensome and unnecessary regulations (that go far beyond the registration

process) past the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), and to avoid having to consider any public comment or dissent, by shoehorning these expansive regulations into that narrow exception for setting up registration procedures.

For some reason — could Firearms Bureau staff have wanted to avoid being called out for their shenanigans? DOJ refused to release a copy of the proposed text of the regulations to the public, and specifically requested the attorneys at the OAL do the same — California Public Records Act be damned. Thankfully OAL didn’t play along. After NRA and CRPA attorneys insisted on being given a copy of the proposed text from the OAL, the “secret” proposed regulations were released.

Once we got a look at them, CRPA/NRA attorneys submitted a letter to DOJ and OAL explaining the flaws in the proposed regulations. NRA and CRPA were the only Second Amendment advocacy organizations to provide members of the public with a comprehensive analysis of DOJ’s proposed regulations and their effects. The free webinar can still be viewed online at www.crpa.org/webinars.

Facing mounting pressure, DOJ withdrew its first set of proposed regulations.

DOJ FAILS AGAIN

Undeterred, DOJ re-submitted its proposed regulations to OAL a second time on May 15, once again as “File and Print Only.” There were no substantive changes, but this time DOJ included a cover letter that attempted to counter the NRA and CRPA’s opposition letter that had previously been submitted to the OAL.

Again DOJ, and initially OAL, refused to publicly release the text of their newly proposed regulations. But again CRPA/NRA lawyers got OAL to release them.

CRPA/NRA attorneys again submitted

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another comprehensive opposition letter to the OAL. The letter dismantled DOJ's proposal point-by-point as unnecessary and lacking appropriate legislative authority, and illustrated how it was otherwise vague and unenforceable.

On June 26, the OAL formally rejected DOJ's proposed regulations, sending DOJ once again back to the drawing board.

Meanwhile, the deadline for gun owners to register their firearms deemed to be "assault weapons" was ticking away. Thankfully, DOJ recognized it couldn't get it done by December 31, 2017, and the deadline to register guns as "assault weapons" has been extended to July 1, 2018.

DOJ TRIES AGAIN

Faced with two failures, you would think that DOJ would finally make some changes before submitting its proposed regulations to the OAL for the third time. But DOJ's third attempt at proposing regulations for the registration of newly classified "assault weapons" remained substantively unchanged from the version rejected by the OAL.

Tellingly, unlike DOJ's second attempt, there was no cover letter or additional documents accompanying the proposal. This surprising lack of any explanation for the resubmission to OAL suggests DOJ may have appealed directly to the governor, who may have instructed the OAL to approve the regulations. And that is exactly what OAL did. For on August 1, nearly a full month before OAL was required to make a decision, the regulations were formally approved and adopted.

Now that the regulations have been officially adopted, gun owners are left with the option of complying with DOJ's power grab, or fighting the regulations in court. We prefer the latter, and a lawsuit will soon be filed to that effect.

FUTURE REGULATIONS NEEDED. WHAT COULD GO WRONG?

Unfortunately for Californians, even after the regulations mentioned, DOJ will still need to create more regulations.

In addition to new restrictions on "assault weapons," there are several other new gun laws from 2016 — aptly dubbed "Gun-mageddon" — that need regulatory clarification. These include mandatory theft/loss reporting, a ban on the possession of magazines capable of holding more than ten rounds (which has currently been enjoined thanks to an NRA and CRPA supported lawsuit), restrictions on home-built firearms, and restrictions on the sale or transfer of ammunition. Some of these new laws require additional regulatory action by DOJ.

While we have already seen some of those regulations, some others have still not been proposed. In some cases, DOJ has already blown the deadline for enacting the regulations!

Next year, the restrictions on so-called "ghost guns" will go into effect. After July 1, 2018, anyone who wants to manufacture or assemble a firearm (not already registered within the Automated Firearm System) will have to seek DOJ permission and a serial number prior to making the firearm. Also, those who made their own firearms (and possess certain firearms without serial numbers) will need to seek a serial number from DOJ, engrave it into the firearm, and prove to DOJ that the serial number was etched into the firearm. These requirements will need their own regulations. If the proposed regulations for "assault weapons" are any indication, this process will require pictures and a number of additional/unnecessary requirements.

In July 2019, the requirements for background checks and record keeping for ammunition sales will go into effect. Again, DOJ will be called upon to create regulations

for these processes. There is some suspicion that DOJ is already working on these regulations along with the ammunition vendor licensing requirements. But if DOJ has not already started the regulation process, it will need to make sure to have it completed before these requirements go into effect. Included in the requirements is a way for DOJ to do an instant background check for an ammunition purchaser who does not have a firearm registered to him or her. Under the current law, DOJ is supposed to check the Automated Firearm System to see if there is a firearm registered to the ammunition purchaser and, if there a firearm registered to the individual, to check if the purchaser is in the Armed Prohibited Person Database.

CONCLUSION

We doubt DOJ will draft, submit, and implement the regulations they are required to in a timely and legal fashion. If experience is any indication, DOJ will try to avoid doing the work necessary to get the regulatory job done, and will propose regulations, if at all, that are nonsensical, overly burdensome, infringe on Californians' rights, and are unauthorized and illegal.

With your help and commitment, CRPA/NRA will be there to stand in the way when they do.

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CAPITOL REPORT

by Roy Griffith, CRPA Legislative Advocate

Iwish I had better news to report. What I can say is, we are way better off than we were this time last year. This time last year, we had already faced several bad bills fast tracked directly to the Governor's desk. That is not the case this year. Honestly, we are facing embarrassing bills drafted by politicians using your Second Amendment rights to get reelected and make names for themselves. While at the same time taking advantage of the liberal stronghold they have to bring down good bills just because they go against their own personal ideologies.

As I write this article, we do not have any bills we are following, good or bad, on the Governor's desk. SB 620 (Bradford's bill that seeks to eliminate the language prohibiting judges from waiving the pen-

alties when someone uses a gun during the commission of mayhem, rape, murder, robbery, carjacking and other extremely violent felonies.) and SB 464 (Hill's attempt to put small firearms dealers out of business by setting new requirements for storage and security of firearms) are on the Assembly floor. AB 424, Assemblymen McCarty's effort to strip away local authority from school superintendents, is on the Senate floor.

Some good news, SB 497, Portantino's effort to limit you to the purchase of one long gun a month was placed in the suspense file in Assembly Appropriations. This does not mean it won't make it to the floor, but it is currently stalled. We have reached out to all Assembly and Senate members, and have asked you to do the

same, urging a no vote on all these bad bills. If, or when, necessary we will carry the same opposition battle to the Governor's desk.

More bad news, our resident elk tag reduction bill has been held up in Senate Appropriations Committee. Senator Hertzberg and his consultant felt that their personal bias against hunting outweighed the merits of the bill. Even with the Chairman urging a no vote from committee members, only two members voted no (Allen and Jackson), three voted yes (Stone, Vidak and Adkins), and four, even though you paid them to sit there for the day, chose NOT to vote at all (Hertzberg, Hueso, Monning and Stern). Assemblyman Frazier has formally requested reconsideration, but at the time of this article I cannot say how it will go.

Use the link below to find information on any bill I have mentioned, or any other of interest to you. Please contact your representatives and let them hear your voice regarding their vote on matters important to you!

We will continue to fight each of these bills through every step of the process! Thank you all for your support, giving your time and resources to be involved in this very important cause!



ROY GRIFFITH CRPA LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE

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.

BILL		SUPPORT	STATUS
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.	7/11 Failed in committee
AB 521	(Frazier): Hunting: Elk Tag Fees:	California has seen a steady decline of hunters over the past 20 years. Hunters are an essential component of wildlife management and hunting generates dollars vital to conservation efforts throughout California. High prices have been found to be a barrier to new hunters.	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.	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.”	4/4 Reconsideration granted by Assembly Committee on Public Safety
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.	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.	7/11 Senate Appropriations Committee
BILL		OPPOSE	STATUS
AB 7	(Gipson): Firearms: Open carry:	This bill will further burden law-abiding Californians by expanding the ban on open carry of unloaded firearms.	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.	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 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.	7/11 Senate Floor
SB 464	(Hill): Firearms dealers: storage and security:	SB 464 will place even more burdensome storage requirements on California licensed firearm dealers, who already face the most restrictive regulations in the nation. All SB 464 will do is result in adding more costs to licensed firearm dealers which will then result in higher prices for the consumer, and potential closing of small businesses.	7/19 Assembly Appropriations
SB 497	(Portantino): Firearms: Transfers:	This bill would make the 30-day prohibition and the dealer delivery prohibition applicable to <i>all</i> 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.	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, strike the enhancement for the use of firearms in the commission of a felony, otherwise required to be imposed by the current provisions of law.	7/10 Failed on Assembly Floor
BILL		WATCH	STATUS
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.	4/25 Assembly Appropriations Committee

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COURT REPORT

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

LITIGATION SPOTLIGHT: *Into the Fray—The Battle Against “Gunmageddon”*

As many California gun owners are well aware, a package of anti-gun bills which have collectively become known as “gunmageddon” were enacted last year, including Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom’s self-promoting anti-gun Proposition 63. These new laws include restrictions on newly classified “assault weapons,” a ban on the possession of standard capacity magazines, and a comprehensive and burdensome ammunition sales registration scheme.

To combat the threat to Second Amendment rights, NRA and CRPA attorneys have filed several important lawsuits that have already resulted in major victories, with additional lawsuits that will soon be filed.

RUPP V. BECERRA

The first of these lawsuits, *Rupp v. Becerra*, was filed in April, and challenges the new “assault weapon” restrictions enacted pursuant to Senate Bill 880 and Assembly Bill 1135 as a violation of the Second Amendment, due process, and takings clause of the United States Constitution.

Under these new laws, firearms previously required to be equipped with a “bullet button” are now considered “assault weapons,” and are therefore prohibited for sale or transfer in the state of California, even to a person’s next of kin upon the owner’s death.

Current owners of firearms equipped with “bullet buttons” now have until July 1, 2018 to register them with the California Department of Justice (“DOJ”). As part of this requirement, DOJ last December attempted to enact burdensome and unnecessary regulations for this required registration. But after strong opposition from NRA and CRPA attorneys, DOJ withdrew their proposal before it could take effect.

Undeterred, DOJ once again submitted proposed regulations for the registration of “assault weapons” in February which were substantively identical to DOJ’s December proposal. This time, however, DOJ included a cover letter responding to NRA and CRPA’s opposition. In response, NRA and CRPA attorneys took DOJ to task, and submitted a comprehensive opposition letter which point-by-point dismantled DOJ’s arguments. And in June, DOJ’s regulations were formally rejected, sending DOJ back to the drawing board once again.

Despite being rejected twice, DOJ made yet another attempt to submit regulations for “Assault Weapon” registration on July 21, 2017. This set of regulations was essentially a resubmission of their first two failed proposals. Unfortunately, despite their blatant flaws, DOJ’s gratuitous regulations were accepted by the Office of Administrative Law (“OAL”). Though they are now official, NRA and CRPA attorneys are finalizing a lawsuit which will challenge these regulations as a violation of California’s Administrative Procedures Act.

DUNCAN V. BECERRA

On the heels of *Rupp*, a lawsuit titled *Duncan v. Becerra* was filed in San Diego Federal District court. *Duncan* is a challenge to Proposition 63 and Senate Bill 1446’s ban against the possession of magazines capable of holding more than 10 rounds, which have always been legal to possess despite a ban on their manufacture, importation, or sale which took effect in 2000. Like *Rupp*, the *Duncan* lawsuit challenges the new law as a violation of the Second Amendment, due process, and takings clause of the United States Constitution.

Upon a motion by NRA and CPRA

attorneys, the judge halted the enforcement of the possession ban in late June. The ruling was welcomed by gun owners, who would have been required to dispose themselves of their standard capacity magazines by July 1. Conversely, it was met with disappointment proponents of the ban, including Newsom and Attorney General Xavier Becerra, who parroted anti-gun talking points in response to the court’s decision.

Now that the July 1 enforcement date has come and gone, it is unclear what action DOJ will take in response. But if they rely on the same shoddy data and reason used to justify any appeal, NRA and CRPA attorneys will be ready to oppose them at every step of the way.

ON THE HORIZON—A CHALLENGE TO CALIFORNIA’S RESTRICTIVE AMMUNITION SALES SCHEME

Rupp and *Duncan* are the first in a series of planned lawsuits by NRA and CRPA attorneys which seek to overturn the erroneous provisions enacted by “gunmageddon” and Proposition 63. In the immediate future, a lawsuit challenging the restrictive ammunition sales scheme enacted under Proposition 63 and Senate Bill 1235 is currently being prepared, and you can be a part of it by serving as a plaintiff. If you are a California resident and Second Amendment supporter, please send an email to potentialplaintiffs@michellawyers.com for more information on what it means to be a plaintiff, even if you have questions or concerns. But don’t hesitate in reaching out. Act now and be a part of our fight against California’s unconstitutional and ineffective gun control laws!

For more information on the *Duncan* and *Rupp* lawsuits, as well as the upcoming lawsuits challenging California’s

recently enacted ammunition sales registration scheme, be sure to subscribe to CRPA email alerts at www.crpa.org. And please take a moment to consider donating to the CRPA Foundation to support the Duncan and Rupp cases and planned future lawsuits challenging the “gunmageddon” bills, including Proposition 63.



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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. 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. Challenges all of California’s restrictions against standard capacity magazines. On June 29, the judge granted CRPA’s request to stay enforcement of the magazine ban, which was set to take effect on July 1. As a result, the ban has been out on hold while the case is litigated.	On July 27, the California Attorney General appealed the decision to issue an injunction to the Ninth Circuit. Briefing on appeal is expected to begin at the end of August.
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 <i>Peruta</i> . 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 <i>Peruta</i> .	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 “Gunmageddon,” 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 “Gunmageddon” bills and Prop 63. Additional lawsuits will soon be filed. The City of Los Angeles has agreed to repeal its ultra-compact firearms ordinance, and is in the process of enacting an ordinance to do so.
Challenge to “good cause” requirement for CCWs	<i>Peruta v. California (Formerly Peruta v. San Diego)</i>	On June 26, the Supreme Court issued an order declining to hear the case but not without a strong dissenting opinion from newly appointed Justice Gorsuch and Justice Thomas, which highlights how the en banc panel improperly declined to answer the core question of the case.	While the <i>Peruta</i> case is officially over, another lawsuit, <i>Flanagan v. Harris</i> , 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 in public.
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. On July 12, the Ninth Circuit denied plaintiffs’ request for an “en banc” hearing.	Plaintiffs now have the option of submitting a petition for review to the United States Supreme Court.
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 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 "hand-gun 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. The case was dismissed without prejudice in December 2016.	<i>Duncan</i> 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 agreed to repeal the ordinance as a result of the lawsuit.	Now that the ordinance has been repealed, 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.

CALIFORNIA AND 9TH CIRCUIT AMICUS AND CONSULTING SUPPORT

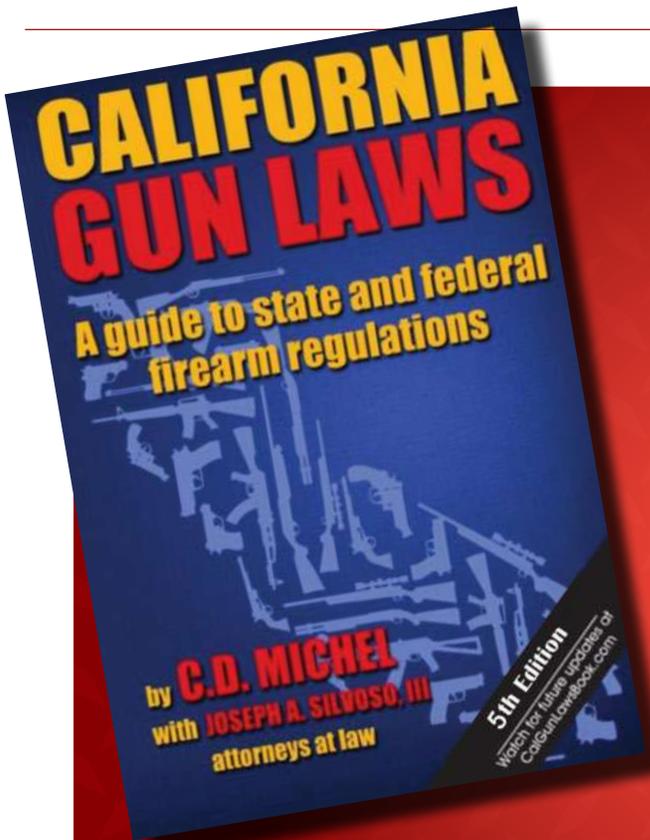
FFL Zoning Restrictions	<i>Teixeira v. Alameda County</i>	In December 2016, the 9th Circuit ordered the case to be reheard by an 11-judge "en banc" panel. NRA and CRPA attorneys filed an amicus brief on January 31, 2017. Oral arguments were held on March 22, 2017.	Awaiting a decision from the 11-judge "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> . On June 22, the case was dismissed with prejudice.	The case is now closed.
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 can now seek review by the United States Supreme Court. A petition for review is currently due September 1, 2017.
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 on the cross-motions for summary judgment.
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.

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 reconsidering its firearms policy, and will work with plaintiffs to settle the matter outside of court.
State Court challenge to California's micro-stamping requirements	<i>NSSF v. California</i>	On December 1, 2016, the California Court of Appeals issued a ruling in favor of NSSF, allowing the lawsuit to proceed in the lower court. But on March 22, 2017, the California Supreme Court agreed to rehear the case following a petition from the State of California.	The case is currently being briefed before the California Supreme Court.

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 have petitioned the United States Supreme Court for review.	Several briefs both supporting and opposing plaintiffs' petition to the United States Supreme Court are expected to be filed.
Challenges Washington D.C.'s "good reason" requirement for the issuance of a CCW permit	<i>Grace v. District of Columbia</i>	On July 25, the D.C. Circuit issued its decision declaring Washington D.C.'s "good reason" requirement for the issuance of a CCW as a violation of the Second Amendment. The court also issued a permanent injunction prohibiting D.C. from enforcing the requirement.	D.C. can still appeal the decision to a larger "en banc" panel of the D.C. Circuit, or petition the United States Supreme Court for review.



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CRPA **PROGRAMS** **REPORT**

by Sarah Barrett

Have you joined the fight? Are you willing to get involved in our grassroots or become a volunteer for local events? Have you passed by our booth at any of the gun shows and asked what CRPA is doing? Have you taken any of our classes at our Training Center in Fullerton? **THE TIME IS NOW.** Now is the time to become engaged. Our programs are being mobilized throughout the entire state of California, and we are calling out our supporters to become active and utilize our programs. We are interested in partnering with YOU, and sharing all that we can do together. Remember, we have 58 counties here in California that we cater to and serve. Regardless of that number, it has never scared us. It is our mission that through our programs, we are continuously on the front lines advocating for and defending the Second Amendment, and especially protecting your right to keep and bear arms! Will our shooting heritage be as strong in the next generation? This is the reason we will continue the education and support the future generation, providing programs that are thriving and a priority. Please check out our programs as there is something for everyone!



SARAH BARRETT **EVENTS/ PROGRAMS**

Sarah joined CRPA in 2016 running the Events Department and currently runs all Programs as well. She is dedicated to defending and protecting the Second Amendment and strongly believes it is only her heritage to pass down this right to the future generations. Sarah

enjoys planning all types of events and helping develop more and new programs for the public to utilize at CRPA. Outside of work, Sarah loves camping, practicing calligraphy, and being a foodie- always trying new food!"



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VOLUNTEERS

It has been a busy summer coordinating all of our wonderful volunteers with exciting CRPA events every weekend! Our members have helped young children shoot rifles for their very first time at Youth Safari Day, while other volunteers were actively signing up new members at gun shows. Our CRPA booth is manned EVERY Saturday and Sunday at Bass Pro Shop. We would like to show appreciation to our committed volunteers and offer a 25% discount on all Bass Pro merchandise as well as 15% off the rest of the store. Come volunteer at our Bass Bro booth in Rancho Cucamonga!

CRPA will soon be raffling off a brand-new Springfield XD Pistol! Every volunteer will receive one raffle ticket per new membership sold in the months of September and October. A winner will be picked in November. Don't forget, for every 25 new members a volunteer recruits, he or she will receive an exclusive CRPA belt buckle!



FIELD REPORT

In the field, change and adaptation are a necessity. Right now, our field representatives are working hard to transition from our traditional model of membership recruitment to a full-fledged campaign operation for the coming 2018 elections. This transition will help CRPA's campaign efforts on the ground; with field representatives as an active part of the 2018 campaign, CRPA will be better equipped to effect positive change. CRPA will continue to grow and develop the field staff into a campaign-ready team, which will maximize membership growth and voter education. We will continue the fight for the Second Amendment in California and we will win. Together, we will show the anti-gunners that the Second Amendment is here to stay; we will not give up our rights. Always remember, Be Safe, Shoot Straight, Fight Back!



GRASSROOTS OUTREACH

CRPA Grassroots is revving up for the 2018 Elections! Through events, volunteers, and social media, the footprint of CRPA is continuously growing. We aim to continue that growth through the Grassroots Outreach initiative. Orange, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Kings counties have already been activated and are preparing more meetings, while other counties will soon follow in Central, Northern, and Southern California. Through these outings, new volunteers are joining CRPA daily, preparing to do their part in the upcoming election season. Partnering with National Rifle Association University (NRAU), we will tap into the energy of California's youth by visiting college campuses to combat the constant stream of biased anti-Second Amendment messages. Providing a community for students to freely exercise their First and Second Amendment rights will help engage them in the sphere of local and state politics and will mobilize them for the coming fight in 2018.

TRAINING PROGRAMS

CRPA is fortunate to have an incredible base of instructors who dedicate their time throughout California in teaching youth, beginners, women, men, hunters, Boy Scouts, BSA leaders and advanced students the skills to be safe at home, in the range and in the field. CRPA's Training Center is developing its calendar to hold a multitude of classes for members, and surrounding community members. As an organization, CRPA is dedicated to supporting instructors in their commitment to educating others and works with them in accommodating classroom and advertising needs. Classes offered are geared towards emergency preparedness, safety, firearm education and increased knowledge and information. In today's society, being educated in the safe and correct handling and treatment of firearms is crucial and the ability to be prepared in the case of an emergency is paramount. CRPA's Training Center in Fullerton is developing so that you, society's defense, can reach out to instructors throughout California to find training that is right for you, so that you will be better prepared to protect yourself, your family, and your community. See our Training Calendar online for upcoming student courses, or contact our Training Center Specialist Tarryn Binnings at tbinnings@crpa.org for further inquiries. If you are an instructor and would like to become more involved through CRPA, please email tbinnings@crpa.org.

VOLUNTEERING WITH CRPA



by Heather Allen

I recently read a quote from Marjorie Moore, who said, “Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” These words have never been more true. Here in California, we cannot afford to be silent; by volunteering with the CRPA, you can help create a more pro Second Amendment community. We need your help spreading the word about all the work CRPA does to protect and preserve your right to keep and bear arms.

We at CRPA are extremely grateful for the hard work and commitment of our volunteers. Their dedication to expanding our membership, providing answers to the latest 2A questions, and educating people about gun rights, makes them a crucial part of the California gun community. Additionally, our volunteers help teach shooting to the next generation of gun owners.

Thanks to our volunteers at Youth Safari Day at Raahauge’s Shooting Range, hundreds of young boys and girls came out and enjoyed their very first shooting experience. I can say first hand that our own CRPA volunteers did an amazing job with every child (including my 8 year old!). They took the time to go over rifle safety, shooting techniques, and trigger discipline. CRPA volunteers made Youth Safari Day an event both parents and children will remember for a lifetime!

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

SEPTEMBER 9-10	Code of the West Vallejo Show Eureka Gun Expo Paso Robles Gun Show Victorville Gun Show
SEPTEMBER 16-17	Fresno Gun Show Crossroads Cal Expo
SEPTEMBER 23-24	Crossroads Cow Palace
SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 1	Durham American Legion Gun Show Mountain Aire Visalia
OCTOBER 7-8	Rip City Riders Chilly Billy Fun Run & BBQ Mountain Aire Sacramento Gun Expo
OCTOBER 14-15	Ukiah Gun Show
OCTOBER 20-22	Old Town Clovis Antique and Gun Show Yreka 51st State Gun Show Turlock Gun Show
OCTOBER 28-29	Code of the West Antioch Gun Show Loleta Gun and Knife Show

***Reminder: CRPA is at Bass Pro Shop EVERY Saturday and Sunday from 10am-5pm. Should you find yourself interested in volunteering, please feel free to contact: Heather Allen at (657) 500-8752 or hallen@crpa.org**

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Especially: Ken Moore, Kathy & Galvin Graham, Tim McMahon, Dianna Slone, Virginia Duncan, Allen Powell, Lyn Collins, Brian & Emily Collins, Preston Smith, Jebb Harris, Art Grant, Emily Casavan, Jack Einwechter, Mike & Laura Rosenbaum, Pete Bakatich, Joe Richards, Don Sadler, Richard D’Alosio, Ed Curry, Don Mendenhall, Ray Spinelli, David Lopez, Brian Ouellette, Bryan Thompson, Dennis Fuente, John Crites, John Murakami, Mark Friedman, John Vertido, Bob Corkean, Dan Catania, Barry Bookman, Mike Nichols, Ed Theesfeld, Paul Chappel, Rich Damschen, Jerry Clark, Jerry Johnson, Elizabeth Morgan, Chris Wulf, Jimmy Richardson, Gary Poteet, Fabian Derache, Cheryl Johnson, Mike Lux, Jack Hawley, Keith Heckman, Mike Callison, Barry Bardack, Dennis Kenneally, and Edward Sanchez.

THANK YOU FOR FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT! IT MAY NOT BE EASY BUT IT IS WORTH IT!

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

CRPA ACTION REPORTS

Personal Information

First Name:	Nickname:	Last Name:	
Street Address:			Primary Phone:
City, County, State, Zip Code:			Secondary Phone:
Email Address:			Date of Birth:

Volunteer Information

Are you a U.S. Citizen?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Have you volunteered with CRPA?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of a felony? If yes, please explain:	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	Have you ever volunteered for another organization? If yes, which one(s):	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

**If you have been convicted of a felony you cannot work for the CRPA. (See Code of Conduct for more details)*

CRPA Information

Please indicate how far you are willing to travel for an event:
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Skills, knowledge, certificates, or experience which may be valuable as a volunteer:
Area(s) of interest as a volunteer:

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APEX PREDATOR



BY RICK TRAVIS,
CRPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Nature is an incredible teacher that is often ignored in modern society. In the fast-paced world we live in, very few enter the magnificent and diverse classroom settings offered at the University of Mother Nature. Those who visit as glampers, car campers, and day hikers are akin to a high school senior taking a tour of a prospective college or university. They have visited, but they are not an alumnus of that institution.

Hunters are conservationists and the chief “Apex Predator” in North America. Observations of other predators in the wild will quickly demonstrate that there is a growing weakness within our pack. Every predator teaches its young the basics of how to survive and thrive in the ever-changing conditions found in nature. Hunter Education, seminars, and workshops replicate some of that in the classroom and limited field settings.

The weakness comes in the fact that the art of sharing past experiences has been virtually torn away from the teaching environment. This is a serious detriment from the education of those who are new to our fold. We are a nation of story tellers and listeners. We learn through this medi-

um and advance our basic knowledge and skill sets. Stories of other hunters teach us not to repeat the mistakes of the past. They also inspire us to delve deeper into the landscape and truly travel the roads less or never traveled.

During this hunting season, I encourage each of you to take a moment to learn of other hunters who came before. Easy places to start would be any of the books written by Aldo Leopold or Teddy Roosevelt. Look at stories of baseball legend Babe Ruth, who was as adept at hunting turkeys, ducks, quail and pheasants in the Carolinas as he was hitting home runs for the Yankees. Modern athletes such as Shaquille O’Neil, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Brett Favre, and Chipper Jones are among an ever-growing crowd of big game hunters.

Legendary actors from yesteryear such as John Wayne, Clark Gable, and Roy Rogers were hunters, as are modern icons like Chris Pratt and Kurt Russel. Russel is an avid big game hunter who advocates openly in Hollywood for hunting to address hunger in the United States. Pratt shares hunting wisdom in YouTube videos. If you’re more of a music aficionado, then Luke Bryan, Jason Aldean,



The Great Bambino bagging a turkey.

Blake Shelton, Joe Perry and many others all take part in the sport and share their stories.

This season, take time to learn a couple of new stories that you find interesting and share them with others. Write down your experiences and share them with others. Become a true apex predator and take someone new into the field, share stories as you teach them, and help them create their own legends.

HUNTER'S

CODE OF ETHICS:

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

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

CRPA opposes the ongoing duplicitous efforts by animal rights extremist groups (see humanewatch.org, 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 explode, decimate game herds, and terrorize suburban neighborhoods.

These are the core principles of NAM:

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

DERSHOWITZ: A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

LIKE SIR THOMAS MORE WHO REFUSED TO CORRUPT HIS RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES TO PLEASE HIS KING, EMERITUS HARVARD LAW PROFESSOR ALAN DERSHOWITZ HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO CORRUPT HIS CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES TO PLEASE HIS FELLOW LIBERAL DEMOCRATS OR EVEN SUPPORT HIS OWN BELIEFS.

by Dan Gifford



Alan Dershowitz is the quintessential liberal's liberal. The stereotype Democrat's Democrat. He "proudly" voted for Hillary Clinton, hates guns and said he'd omit the Second Amendment if he could re-write the Bill of Rights, among other examples of his bona liberal fides. But there is a flip side to those personal opinions.

No matter that Dershowitz "proudly" voted for Clinton, he told NewsMaxTV that prosecutors need to investigate FBI claims that State Department Undersecretary Patrick Kennedy "pressured" Bureau Director James Comey to drop his investigator's finding that Hillary Clinton's private email server contained classified information that was illegal for it to have. And that Second Amendment?

"We're the only country in the world that puts in our Constitution the right to bear arms. It's an absurd thing to be in our Constitution, but it's in our Constitution. We have to live with it." Whoaaaaa...

Live with it? Not destroy it? That is major heresy according to establishment liberal dogma—especially so for a big name Harvard law professor.

But it's a heresy of liberal doctrine he had committed before when I asked

him in 1993 whether he viewed the Second as a collective right of states to arm its militias—the establishment position of my fellow ACLU board members then and now which would allow application of draconian gun control laws on individuals—or a right of individuals to possess and carry arms.

"Foolish liberals who are trying to read the Second Amendment out of the Constitution by claiming it's not an individual right or that it's too much of a public safety hazard, don't see the danger in the big picture.

They're courting disaster by encouraging others to use the same means to eliminate portions of the Constitution they don't like."

That quote has been widely used by others, but it first appeared in the 1995 University of Tennessee Law Review article I'd been asked to write, *The Conceptual Foundations of Anglo-American Jurisprudence in Religion and Reason*.

What Dershowitz said then doesn't sound so heart stopping now, but he said it long before two US Supreme Court rulings also said the Second Amendment was an individual right.

Other law luminaries like the late Don

B. Kates, William W. Van Alstyne, Daniel Polsby, Sanford Levinson and Akhil R. Amar also wrote that they had come to the same conclusion during the mid-90s, but it is too often forgotten how much the messenger matters.

On that score, Dershowitz was the first of the super star law professors with instant national household name recognition to say the Second Amendment was an individual right and that its scope needed to be honestly discussed.

None of that pleased the liberal Democrat high priesthood. Nor does Dershowitz' current refusal to join its inquisition to exorcise the presidency of the demonic Donald Trump from the White House.

But card carrying liberal Democrat Dershowitz won't help its band of Special Counsel, Congressional and media inquisitors torture the Constitution's protections against overzealous government power.

Neither will he countenance the inquisitorial mental and emotional torture of anyone in search of imaginary Russian criminal collusions and fabricated impeachable connivances that may be admitted or attested to under prosecutorial duress.

"My hate mail is now coming from



partisan Democrats, who care more about destroying Trump than protecting our civil liberties,” Dershowitz says.

And that’s what sets Dershowitz apart as a man for all seasons not unlike Sir Adrian Bolt’s Oscar winning Sir Thomas More characterization.

This scene with More’s zealous son in law, John Roper, illustrates the point. Just substitute Dershowitz for More and the farce TV news enabled Trump hater of your choice for Roper. Your call as to whether Trump qualifies as the Devil.

Roper: So now you’d give the Devil benefit of law!

More: Yes. What would you do? Cut a great road through the law to get after the Devil?

Roper: I’d cut down every law in England to do that!

More: Oh? And when the last law was down, and the Devil turned round on you—where would you hide, Roper, the laws all being flat? This country’s planted thick with laws from coast to coast—man’s laws, not God’s—and if you cut them down—and you’re just the man to do it—d’you really think you could stand upright in the winds that would blow then?

Yes, I’d give the Devil benefit of law, for my own safety’s sake.

Dershowitz understands that the implicit “corrupt motive” of politics and personal animosity in the Trump Russia et whatever else inquisition is a slippery slope for turning political differences into felonies.

That’s no logical fallacy given the history of other heretic hunts.

“I know because I am currently being accused of being corruptly motivated

in making my argument against charging President Trump with obstruction of justice. My emails are filled with such charges. The following email is typical:”

“YOU ARE NOT A LIBERAL BUT RATHER A ZIONIST REPUBLICAN AUTHORITARIAN BIGOT,” as well as “SELLING YOUR OPINION/SERVICES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!”

“I want to know how much the Trump Administration is funneling to you under the table, of course, to keep your support of him off the record?”

And if it’s not money, what sort pay off is it? Favors, promises, bribes... what?”

Those are the same sorts of NRA collusion accusations Dershowitz received more than twenty years ago after publication of his Second Amendment dissertation.

It’s emotional stuff that could make others fold, but it’s stuff that has stiffened Dershowitz’ resolve about the principles that he believes must be followed when investigating Clinton, Trump or anyone else.

“The chips have to fall where they may. Everything should be looked into, everything is fair game, everything should be investigated and everything has a double dimension,” Dershowitz said.

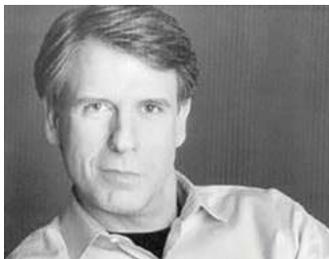
“The political dimension: Do you think this reflects well or poorly on a candidate—and that’s fair game. But second, if there is to be criminal dimension, there has to be overwhelming proof... of...all the elements of crime. And so far from what I’ve heard, I haven’t heard that those elements come even close to being satisfied.”

“Whether you’re a Democrat or a Republican, we don’t want to see policy differences turned into criminal prosecution,” Dershowitz added.

“I took that position when they went after [former House Majority Leader] Tom DeLay, when they went after the former governor of Texas, those are Republicans. So I’m strongly opposed to using the criminal law to make political statements whether it’s against Democrat or Republicans.”

“Anglo-American law is based on precedent. What happens today can be used tomorrow. So beware of creating precedents that lie around like loaded weapons in the hands of overzealous or politically motivated prosecutors.”

POLITICS & ACTIVISM



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I DON'T CARRY, BUT I CARE

by Jennifer Stewart-Tai

I have a confession to make. I don't carry. And I've only shot a firearm once during the last 25 years. But I am a member of the CRPA and I fiercely believe in protecting the 2nd Amendment right of the citizens of the United States.

As a young girl, I grew up shooting with my dad and brother in the desert. Today I own City Girl Prepper, an emergency preparedness gear and training company for women and families.

Most of my experience with firearms is just with our family's 22 rifle; picking off cans from rocks in the desert. But safety was always a priority. We weren't allowed to shoot if we didn't respect the firearm and follow the rules. We always understood the power and seriousness of holding a gun. Cleaning it was also part of the bargain. I can still hear my dad telling me, "you shoot it, you clean it." Thank goodness, my older brother thought it was fun to break a gun down and clean every nook and cranny. Today he is quite the collector and aficionado.

Preparing and personal protection go hand in hand. Anything worth anything is worth protecting. Not just your property but the things that can't be replaced like family and dignity. I suggest that everyone stock some type of protection. Since I know that not everyone is comfortable with firearms, I often recommend the non-lethal route as a good start.

Every woman, and American woman has the right to protect herself.

All through college I carried a stun gun. I attended California State University, Long Beach in the 1990s and there was always a reported rapist on the loose. I would enter the edge of the parking lot and give that thing a few zaps. I figured if anyone was still going to come after me they were stupid and deserved it.

As soon as my teenage step-daughter turned 16 we gave her pepper spray. Now that she's on a college campus, it's one of the things she always carries with her, ready to use.

There was a time in the mid-1990s when I had to take a class just so I could purchase and carry pepper spray. I knew I wanted to protect myself. I was young and single, traveling

around America for my job. I refused to be a victim. I gave up the convenience of carrying my luggage on the plane so I could have my pepper spray while I traveled.

In my field of work, I meet quite a few women gun owners. There are so many great gun clubs for women and awesome instructors who specialize in training women. I also see a lot of couples who collect and shoot as their hobby.

I recently had a conversation with an executive woman who was telling me about her very feminine firearms and how she was expecting a Tiffany blue version for her birthday. I asked her if she had her CCW and she told me it wasn't worth the hassle. Plus, she didn't think her request would be approved because of her lack of "need."

As I showcase my products at gun shows I often hear that gun owners are tired of being criminalized. It is common knowledge that a low percentage of criminal assaults and robberies are committed with guns that were acquired by legal purchase from an authorized gun store.

Despite this common sense, the newest gun regulations set to go into effect July 2018 are taking something legally acquired within a 15-year period and making it illegal with no regard to the increased expense and inconvenience to the owner.

Imagine if you bought a car legally and drove it for several years. Then out of the blue you were notified that you had received a fix-it ticket and either had to make modifications or register your vehicle as an entirely different class of car. Fix or register, or become a law breaker. It doesn't make sense. The California Bureau of Firearms expects 250,000 gun owners to register between 1-1.5 million rifles because of the expanded law. The next question is how this will be enforced. This regulation will take a quarter million gun owners and potentially make them criminals.

Our challenge as Californians is great. We can't let this inherent right to protect ourselves be diminished with every regulation to the point that it is taken away. Learning to formally handle a firearm has been on my to-do list. With every new regulation, I am more motivated to get back to the range and learn how to formally handle a firearm, before it's too late.



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CONVERSATIONS WITH A VEGAN



by Roy Griffith



I have had many conversations with vegans and vegetarians throughout my career. It is something I do not necessarily look forward to, but at the same time something I never walk away from. My hope is I can implant one seed of reality in their mind. I never intended to make a hunter out of them, but hopefully, just hopefully, an educated voter. Please understand what I have to share is *not* directed at individuals who choose not to eat meat for health reasons. I am speaking to those who, for moral reasons, or ‘environmental’ reasons, feel they are taking the high road by not hunting and/or not eating meat. I may use the term vegan and vegetarian interchangeably but trust me I know there is a difference. I am not writing this article to offend or insult anyone, but provide some food for thought, offer differing points of view and make at least the point that no one’s hands are free of blood!

Vegans must acknowledge that agriculture is an animal killing enterprise. It is a huge business that has devastated hundreds of thousands of acres of prime wildlife habitat worldwide, mostly impacting critical winter range and wetlands. This habitat that once sustained thousands of species of wildlife is turned into a monoculture of brussel sprouts that sustains no wildlife and guzzles large quantities of water, impacting threatened and endangered aquatic species. Worse yet, in this monoculture all wildlife, insects, rodents, birds and big mammals alike, are killed for merely entering or threatening to enter it.

Each year hundreds of deer and pigs are legally killed and wasted throughout California to ‘protect’ vegan’s crops. Is the life of a deer killed to protect red wine or spinach worth less than the life of a deer I respectfully harvest and share with family and friends? As a young game warden who had to issue these permits, the process troubled me greatly. I was raised to waste nothing, especially when it came to a magnificent game animal! I thought about how I was expected to write someone a ticket for wasting a duck they left in the back of their truck because they did not like duck. It was lawful for a land owner to kill and waste a beautiful deer because it threatened their cash crop—a crop grown on what was beautiful deer habitat just a few years earlier!?! Don’t get me wrong, both examples are troubling, and we need agriculture to feed this country. My point is, no matter how you sustain yourself, animals have died in the process.

I take great pride in harvesting my own free-range organic meat. I, and I alone, take responsibility for the life I take and show the animal the utmost respect from mountainside to table. I alone process it and I do not waste an edible scrap. Let the

average vegan say that about the plant products they need to sustain themselves. Estimates indicate in North America deer hunting alone yields roughly 300 million pounds of venison a year from land that did not require irrigation, chemical treatment, or equipment intensive manipulation. At the same time, the land is shared with thousands of other wildlife species.

Numerous studies have shown omnivorous diets are much more environmentally friendly than vegetarian diets. There are many factors that come into play to make this a reality. Agricultural crops take much more water than wild or free range live stock on non-irrigated grassland. Agriculture is big business, requiring large carbon fuel burning equipment, to plant, harvest, and transport. Other large tracts of land are required to process and store agricultural crops.

Lastly, ask a vegan what he or she has personally contributed out of their bank account to benefit wildlife or remediate this habitat loss. In 2016, California hunting license sales alone brought in over \$11 million. Combined with tags and permits, the number rises to over \$26 million. Additionally, hunters, through the purchase of sporting arms, ammunition and equipment, made over \$41 million available to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in the form of Pitman Robertson dollars (a tax on sporting arms, ammunition and equipment). This money can only be used for projects benefiting wildlife. But all users, both consumptive and non-consumptive, enjoy a better California because of it! So yes, hunters more than paid their share for wildlife management and support the purchase and enhancement of wildlife habitat.

I hope I at least gave you something to think about. For many of you, I know it was something you already knew, but maybe now you are a little more willing to share your beliefs at the next family get together with Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe from Marin County! There are many good books and articles on this topic. Some of the best that really connect with non-hunters are written by ex-vegans. Tovar Cerulli, author of *The Mindful Carnivore: A Vegetarian’s Hunt for Sustenance*, said it best in an article he wrote for *The Atlantic* in 2013: “I needed to take responsibility for at least a few of the deaths that sustained me, to confront that emotional and moral difficulty. I needed to look directly at living, breathing creatures. I couldn’t have all the killing done by proxy.” Another well written and equally compelling book on the topic is; ‘*The Vegetarian Myth, Food, Justice and Sustainability*’ by Lierre Keith. Both these individuals make compelling arguments even more thought-provoking as they were both anti-hunting vegans before they saw the light.

"BULLET BUTTON" / "ASSAULT WEAPON" QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

QUICK TIPS

FOR GUN OWNERS WITH FIREARMS NOW CLASSI- FIED AS "ASSAULT WEAPONS"

On January 1, 2017, the definition of an "assault weapon" ("AW") under California law was changed to include firearms which were required to be equipped with a "bullet button" or similar magazine locking device.

This change does not affect existing definitions of other types of AWs, including: make/model AWs; semiautomatic, centerfire rifles with an overall length less than 30 inches; semiautomatic, centerfire rifles with fixed magazines capable of accepting more than 10 rounds; semiautomatic pistols with fixed magazines capable of accepting more than 10 rounds; shotguns with revolving cylinders; and semiautomatic shotguns with both a folding or telescoping stock and a pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the weapon, thumbhole stock, or vertical handgrip.

A complete list of firearms which are prohibited by make/model can be found in the California Code of Regulations or in the "Assault Weapon Identification Guide" on DOJ's website at: <https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/firearms/forms/awguide.pdf>.

The following flowchart will help gun owners who own firearms not already registered as an "assault weapon" to determine if the firearm is classified as such, either under the new law or existing law. Several definitions are also provided for key terms used in the flowchart, but some of these definitions are from now rejected regulations and are subject to change.

If after reviewing this flowchart you believe you are in possession of an illegal "assault weapon," contact a skilled firearms attorney immediately.

PREREQUISITE FEATURES OF AN ASSAULT WEAPON (AW)

The Penal Code now classifies the following as an AW:

RIFLES: A semiautomatic, centerfire rifle that does not have a fixed magazine but has any one of the following: (A) A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously beneath the action of the weapon, (B) A thumbhole stock, (C) A folding or telescoping stock, (D) A grenade launcher or flare launcher, (E) A flash suppressor, or (F) A forward pistol grip.

PISTOLS: A semiautomatic pistol that does not have a fixed magazine but has anyone of the following: (G) A threaded barrel, capable of accepting a flash suppressor, forward handgrip, or silencer; (H) A second handgrip; (I) A shroud that is attached to, or partially or completely encircles, the barrel that allows the bearer to fire the weapon without burning the bearer's hand, except a slide that encloses the barrel; (J) The capacity to accept a detachable magazine at some location outside of the pistol grip.

SHOTGUNS: While the change in the Penal Code affects certain rifles and pistols, the DOJ has taken the position that semiautomatic shotguns required to be equipped with "bullet buttons" are also affected.

KEY DEFINITIONS

"FIXED MAGAZINE"- An ammunition feeding device contained in, or permanently attached to, a firearm in such a manner that the device cannot be removed without disassembly of the firearm action.

"DISASSEMBLY OF THE FIREARM ACTION"- "The fire control assembly is detached from the action in such a way that the action has been interrupted and will not function. For example, disassembling the action on a two-part receiver, like that on an AR-15 style firearm, would require the rear take down pin to be removed, the upper receiver lifted upwards and away from the lower receiver using the front pivot pin as the fulcrum, before the magazine may be removed."

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE IF I OWN A NEWLY DEFINED "ASSAULT WEAPON"?

1. REGISTER: A firearm that was lawful to acquire and possess last year but now is considered an AW can be registered on or before July 1, 2018. Once the registration system is active, you can register at: <https://cfars.doj.ca.gov/login.do>. **NOTE:** Any AW may be "jointly" registered with another family member over the age of 18 (including a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, or sibling) who resides with you. But they must separately complete the AW registration.

2. MODIFICATION: You can modify your firearm so that it is no longer an AW. This can generally be accomplished in two ways:

A. "Featureless Build:" If a rifle (while still semiauto-

matic, centerfire, and not having a fixed magazine) does not have any of the features listed in A-F above; or if a pistol, (while still semiautomatic and lacking fixed magazine), does not have any of the features listed in G-J, then it isn't an AW under the recent change to California law. Removing or changing all of these features may prevent the firearm from meeting the definition of an AW. For example, one may replace the pistol grip with an aftermarket grip like the "Monsterman Grip;" pin or rivet their telescoping stock in place; or remove the "flash suppressor" or replace it with a muzzle brake.

B. "California Compliant Build:" If you remove one of the three prerequisite features for the new "assault weapon" definition (i.e., for rifles: semiautomatic, centerfire, or not having a fixed magazine) the firearm can then still have all of the features listed in A-F (with the exception of the grenade launcher). Most firearm owners choose to install an aftermarket device on their rifle that causes the firearm to have a "fixed magazine." The parts replace the "bullet button" magazine lock. The devices prevent the magazine's release unless/until the upper receiver is pivoted up from the lower receiver of the firearm. Because removal of the magazine requires "disassembling the firearm's action," the magazine is considered "fixed."

Some owners are choosing to affix their magazine to the receiver and then loading the firearm through the chamber breach. Some are converting their rifles from centerfire to rimfire. While others are restricting their firearm's ability to function as a semiautomatic.

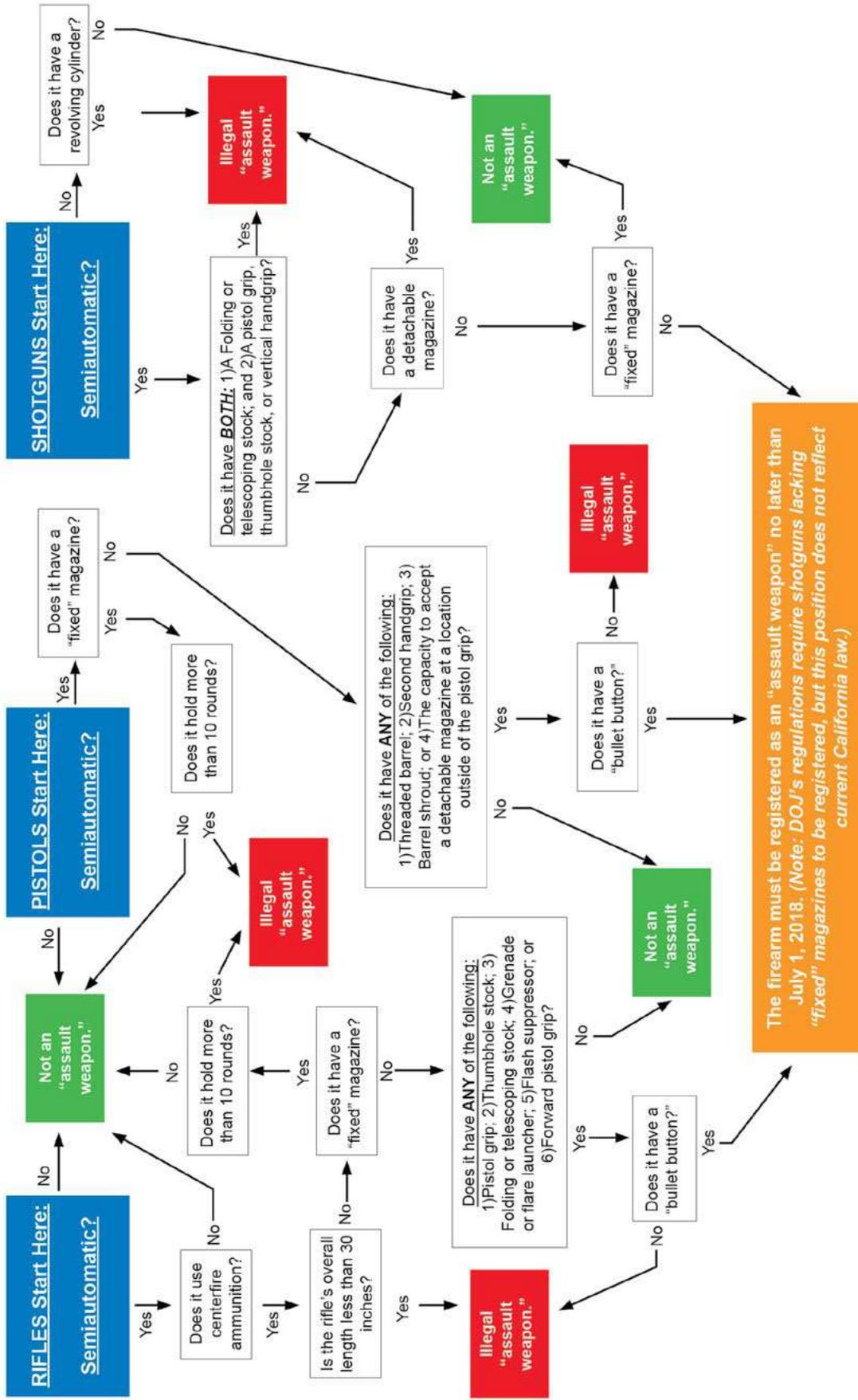
3. DISASSEMBLY: A firearm has to be assembled and functioning to be an AW. Consequently, disassembling the firearm, or removing a crucial part of the firearm that will prevent it from functioning, or even taking the upper receiver off from the lower receiver, should take the firearm out from under the "AW" definition. But once disassembled, the firearm can never be reassembled in California into a configuration that meets the definition of an "AW," and you should never manifest the intent to reassemble the firearm in an "AW" configuration in California (never discuss your firearm or how it might be reassembled with anyone). **CAUTION:** If a firearm is lacking a non-essential part, like a magazine, or a part not required for the firearm to function, or if the firearm is disabled by a gun lock but can otherwise still function properly, it is NOT a "disassembled" firearm. The firearm would still be considered an AW.

4. SALE/SURRENDER: AWs can be surrendered to law enforcement, or sold to properly licensed "assault weapon" dealers, or sold out of state to out of state dealers.

5. REMOVAL FROM CALIFORNIA: Some firearm owners are taking their firearms out of California. Firearm owners choosing this route should be mindful of other state laws and federal transfer requirements, particularly if the firearms are in a location where others may access them. And once removed from the state, it cannot be brought back into the state in an AW configuration.

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THE ELITIST ATTITUDE **TOWARD FREEDOM**

by Rick Travis

The old adage the “wolf in sheep’s clothing” is applicable when discussing Sacramento’s elitist politicians that work daily around the clock to erode your freedoms. This is troublesome when you consider some startling facts about our political landscape here in California and what is at stake. The future of the free world is being fought on our home turf and most Californians are just as oblivious to that fact as is the rest of the nation’s citizenry.

California is the most populous state in the nation boasting over 39 million according to the US Census Bureau on July 1, 2016. Los Angeles County has roughly ¼ of the state’s population within its borders, making it larger than 40 other states in the nation. San Diego and Orange counties rank 5th and 6th in population, making each of them larger than 30 states in the nation.

California has the world’s sixth largest economy according to the American Enterprise Institute’s 2015 analysis at \$2.44 trillion placing it ahead of France. Agriculturally, the state produces 1/3 of the nation’s vegetables and 2/3 of its fruit and nuts accounting for \$47 billion in receipts according to *Business Insider* on November 10, 2016. This makes California’s citizenry the most powerful state in the nation by gross domestic product (GDP) according to the United States Bureau of Economic Analysis in 2015.

Citizens of California live in literally the most powerful state in the nation and therefore have a responsibility to stand not just for our state but for our nation. The number of those over the age of 18 and eligible to vote hovers at near 30 million. In 2016, 18.2 million people had registered to vote according to the *Los Angeles Times* on October 31, 2016. Thus, despite

the main stream media’s claims, the idea that most voters are engaged is erroneous. Signing up to vote is one thing, voting (14.6 million) is another.

California’s near 40 million residents are being ruled by 120 people in the Legislature and the governor. This leadership is not bipartisan. Take into consideration that the democratic super majority allows just 83 people to decide our fate on the Second Amendment and other choices in this state. These facts are as ridiculous as the microscopic end-of-the-tail hair on a Great Dane wagging the beast back and forth at will.

These elitist politicians mask themselves as the protectors of the people in what is often described as the IYI – intellectual yet idiot-phenomenon occurring around the world. Anti-Second Amendment politicians in Sacramento such as Richard Bloom, Mike Gipson and Kevin



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McCarty in the Assembly and Kevin De Leon, Jerry Hill, Anthony Portantino and Scott Weiner in the Senate portray themselves serving your best interests.

To serve you they need to be able to grapple the basics of the policy they are promoting. When it comes to a general understanding of firearms policies the IYI elitists are founding members of the “Clueless in Sacramento Club.” Take for example the following remarks made by them in the past few years.

Senator Kevin De Leon in 2014 proved at a press conference he called that he had zero understanding of how firearms worked when he made the claim, “This is a ghost gun. This right here has the ability with a 30-caliber clip to disperse with 30 bullets within half a second. 30 magazine clip within half a second.” There is no such thing as a “30 round clip” and the cyclic rate of a standard AR-15 would not unload a full 30 round magazine in that limited amount of time.

Senator Anthony Portantino who is always on the prowl for a catchy sound bite attempts to make anyone who sup-

ports gun ownership look archaic when he espouses, “California’s in the 21st century, and you shouldn’t be able to walk into a gun store and come out with an arsenal.” Statements like these are flat out inane. Many law abiding gun owners might purchase more than one firearm for perfectly good reasons such as purchasing 2-3 rifles so their children can participate in sport shooting. His attempt to make that appear to be criminal is shameful.

Gavin Newsom made the following statement on MSNBC in October 2015, “If we continue to fight the National Rifle Association on their home court, which is the legislative front, I think we’ll continue to be frustrated. But when you have an ability to go directly to the public, that’s a completely different field of engagement, and I think the NRA is not adept at that kind of engagement.” Newsom couldn’t be more wrong when you look at the results nationwide and here in California of the focus of the NRA on changing the political landscape.

NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris Cox and his staff are dedicated to the fight

as seen in his promise that every dollar raised by the NRA in California will go to the fight in California. He also went on to say in a joint statement with NRA Executive Vice President Wayne La Pierre, “The NRA stands ready to restore the Second Amendment in California. But we need the help of every California gun owner to do so.”

The time is now for every California gun owner to join the NRA and CRPA in this fight against those who have forgotten they serve the people in an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. When our politicians openly work to diminish our Second Amendment they are violating the very oath they have taken.

Now more than ever we need each of you to engage five people you know to join this fight. We need each of you to help us unseat every anti Second Amendment politician at every level in this state. Together we can win and preserve the Second Amendment for future generations.



A HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN "ASSAULT WEAPON"

by Ryan Hallenberg

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending the Santa Barbara Historical Arms and Blade Show. While there, I had the privilege of getting hands-on time with some of the greatest rifles in history. I got to handle everything from old muzzleloaders, trapdoor rifles, and bolt action guns, to early semi-automatics and other weapons of war.

Next to our modern AR-15s and AKs, many may see these early weapons as primitive relics of the past. Muzzle loading flintlocks and percussion firearms seem cumbersome and time consuming, single shot guns and manual repeaters appear sluggish compared to contemporary semi-automatics. Though these guns may seem antiquated when compared to our modern firearms, it is impossible to forget that all of these weapons, no matter how primitive, were weapons of war. At the time of their production, each and every one of these firearms was a cutting edge "assault weapon."

While today some believe that average American's have no right, or need, to have military grade weaponry, there is tremendous historical precedence that suggests otherwise; throughout American history, the average American citizen has always had access to the same weapons that the military possessed.

From the very beginning, American Second Amendment rights have applied to military weapons. The militias that assembled at Lexington and Concord were armed with their personal weapons. Most of them carried the very same firearm, the Brown Bess musket, as their redcoat counterparts.



Our struggle for independence was made possible by a well-armed citizenry. Having lived through the revolution, and having seen the importance of keeping military small arms in the hands of the people, our founders enshrined the right to keep and bear arms as part of the highest law in the land. Our founders knew the value of an armed society first hand; with this in mind, they wrote the Second Amendment to encompass the keeping and bearing of military weapons.

Our forefathers knew that an armed citizenry would be the strongest bulwark against government tyranny. As such, our predecessors saw no problem with military "assault weapons" in the hands of the people. In fact, throughout much of the 19th century, the average American could own weapons that were far superior to what the Army possessed.



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By the Civil War, there were several examples of breech loading guns, and even several repeaters. While the Union army was using single shot muzzle loading rifles, such as the Springfield 1861, any American could purchase a Sharps rifle, which had triple the Springfield's rate of fire. During the Plains Wars, the Army was once again outclassed by civilians. The army had single shot trapdoor rifles, whereas the general public had Winchester repeaters. During both conflicts, the people clearly had the upper hand in terms of firepower, and nobody questioned it.

After the First World War, the military had caught up to civilians; but, the average American could still have the latest military rifle, shotgun, and even automatic weapons. The notion that American civilians shouldn't have access to military style weapons is relatively new. In the last few decades, we have seen the creation of the myth that gun owners don't need so much firepower, and that we have never had it. The anti-gun activists and politicians obviously don't know their history very well. Americans have always had "assault weapons." From the Brown Bess Musket to the AR-15, the average citizen was, and will continue to be, entitled to military style weapons. We will not forfeit this right.

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INTERVIEW:

JENNIFER STEWART-TAI, CITY GIRL PREPPER

HOW DID YOU GET INTO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS?

I've always been a very prepared person. My dad and brother are Eagle Scouts so I grew up camping and participating in outdoor activities. Ever since college, I've carried some type of non-lethal protection and have had an outlook of hoping for the best and preparing for the worst. I got more serious about emergency preparedness after 9/11. My son was just 14 months old and I wanted to make sure that I always had what I needed to take care of him.

TELL ME ABOUT CITY GIRL PREPPER?

City Girl Prepper is my dream. It's a collection of backpacks and gear designed for women and families to be prepared for anything that comes their way. Some of the products are for every day inconveniences and some of the products are for more serious emergencies. City Girl Prepper backpacks address important items that many packs overlook including psychological first aid and feminine products.

In 2012, my husband and I took the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training. While I was taking the class, I was issued a pair of one-size fits none gloves. I was frustrated that my issued gear didn't fit and prohibited me from participating in some of the exercises. At the same time, I was telling my circle of friends about my training. I heard the same responses from them; they knew they needed to be prepared, they either didn't know where to start, or had started and had become overwhelmed in the process. I knew I had to do something. I created a line of backpacks designed for women and their families. I also feature gear that is female friendly.

CAN YOU OUTLINE SOME OF THE BASIC NECESSITIES FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS?

The most important item you can store is water. A person needs at least 1/2 gallon per person per day for consumption and another 1/2 gallon for bathing and cleansing. Water is the most important item because your body can only sustain for three days without it. The other supplies won't make much difference if you don't have water. Shelter is the next most important item on the list. It's important to have a way to protect yourself from the elements.

HOW DO YOU GET PEOPLE INVOLVED IN PREPPING? HOW DO YOU MOTIVATE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE?

There needs to be a combination of education and opportunity to purchase. I showcase at several events where people can learn and shop at the same time. My Survive in Style parties are also a great forum for this. But ultimately, the product has to speak to you. A boring red backpack that you are going to store in your trunk is uninspiring. But a cool pack with a brand that represents your values is a different story, most emergency gear is designed to look tactical and that style doesn't really appeal to the mass market. Since almost 80% of all buying decisions are influenced by women, the conversation needs to be happening. Having products that appeal to women is another step to increase participation.

THE BIG ONE IS INEVITABLY COMING, HOW MUCH OF THE POPULATION IS ACTUALLY READY?

FEMA estimates that 85% of America is not ready. And believe it or not, that number has not changed in nearly 30 years. If you think about a neighborhood block of 10 families, eight or nine of those families don't have any supplies at all. There are more and more studies to substantiate that we are past due and our faults will cause more damage than we expect. Recently a major newspaper reported that a U.S. Geological Survey found that a large earthquake happens along the Grapevine north of Los Angeles approximately every 100 years. The last major earthquake to take place there was 160 years ago and ruptured 185 miles of the San Andreas Fault. An earthquake of this magnitude would be felt along the Los Angeles basin.

WITH SO FEW PEOPLE ACTUALLY PREPARED, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO MOBILIZE MORE OF THE POPULATION?

I plan to mobilize more of the population by creating a line of products that appeals to the mainstream shopper. Not everyone wants something in their car or house that looks like it belongs in the military. In fact, most consumers combine form and function when making a purchase. Most people would rather have a cool kitchen gadget in a fun color instead of a boring knife. Military and tactical looking gear can often intimidate people and cause them to not take as necessary steps. By keeping the conversation

fun and mainstream and talking about every day inconveniences people are more likely to be prepared. Sweat the small stuff and be ready for the big stuff.

IN THE EVENT OF THE BIG ONE, WHAT CAN WE EXPECT TO HAPPEN WITH SO LITTLE OF THE POPULATION READY FOR A DISASTER?

It's not going to be pretty in the event of a big earthquake. I've heard people say that the first three days is when everyone plays nice. Enough of the population has food in their fridge, freezer, and pantry and they might have enough bottled water and liquids around the house. But after three days it's going to get ugly. While most emergency packs are designed for a three-day timeframe, experts recommend 14 to 21 days of supplies. If we look at Hurricane Katrina as an example of what can happen, we see that it took weeks for supplies and aid to be mobilized and distributed efficiently. And we know that the towns affected 10 years ago by Hurricane Katrina are still rebuilding.

ARE THOSE WHO ARE PREPARED IN ANY DANGER FROM THOSE WHO AREN'T?

Absolutely! People are going to have to make tough decisions when an emergency strikes. Actually, the decision should be made today—there won't be time to think about how to proceed. You'll need to be ready to act. Unfortunately, families who prepare have to decide if they plan to help their friends and neighbors, and if so at what cost to their own family's survival. They also need to decide how they are going to protect their supplies. I often hear gun



owners joke that they don't need to be prepared because they have their guns and they'll just take someone else's stuff. Unfortunately, with the preparedness numbers as low as they are, there won't be much to take. The easier route is to stock up on your own gear and protect what is yours.

HOW DOES SELF-DEFENSE PLAY INTO THE PREPPER MINDSET?

Self-defense is very important in the prepper mindset. You're going to be placed in situations that are going to require all of your mental and physical strength. There's the possibility of needing to walk distances you are not used to walking with supplies you aren't used to carrying. It's important to have the skills to protect yourself and your family. Situational awareness is a buzz word right now with the increase in active shooter situations. But self-defense starts with a survival mindset, followed by training, and constant vigilance of one's surroundings.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE TO PREPAREDNESS IN THIS COUNTRY?

I think there are two obstacles to preparedness in this country the first one is that people don't want to spend money on something they think they won't have to use. I believe people have the money to spend on preparedness but choose to allocate their money on items that are more fun. I also believe that the makers of emergency gear are speaking to the wrong target market. I hear women say all the time, "my husband is taking care of that." But statistics say otherwise. If the husband really was taking care of it then we have higher rates of preparedness in our nation. Women need to feel just as confident with preparedness items as other areas of their life. Unfortunately, it may take a disaster to prompt families to be prepared.



72-HOUR EMERGENCY BACKPACK

RATTLESNAKES

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

by Steve Bledsoe, Southwestern Field Herping Associates

1) Despite the fact that in some rattlesnake species the venom of newborn snakes can be neurotoxic, it is not true that baby rattlesnakes are more dangerous than adult snakes. The key is venom volume when someone is bitten. Baby rattlesnakes are not capable of delivering a lethal dose of venom unless the snake is held in hand and allowed to chew on the victim.

2) Never try to catch or kill the snake to take to the hospital. The antivenom used in our country, CroFAB, is a polyvalent, produced by using the venom of five different native viper species. It is effective for bites from all native rattlesnakes found in the USA. Trying to catch or kill the snake is how most people are bitten in the first place, and it's doubtful if a doctor in a hospital would be able to accurately identify the species anyway.

3) In an envenomation event, swelling, not blood flow, is the main driver of spreading venom to new tissue. Blood flow is good. Swelling is bad.



2ND AMENDMENT FOR ALL

by Kathy Graham, CRPA Recruiter

Without the 2nd Amendment this country would be all but lost. I for one, am a proud gun owner. Without our firearms, we would not be able to survive. It is not just about personal protection; it is also about being able to provide food for our families. Every day, hunters put food on the family table by hunting and foraging.

Not every person who owns a firearm owns an “assault weapon.” Many California gun owners use a hunting rifle as a tool to supply food for themselves and their families. Also, so called “assault weapons” can also be used effectively for hunting purposes.

It stresses me to think that I may not be able to hunt and provide for my family due to an ammunition ban. If the ban on ammunition, or the limitation of ammunition, is enacted and we are limited to 50 rounds per month, nobody will be able to become proficient with their firearm.

We as Americans have a constitutional right to keep and bear arms. The Second Amendment states that:

“THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED.”

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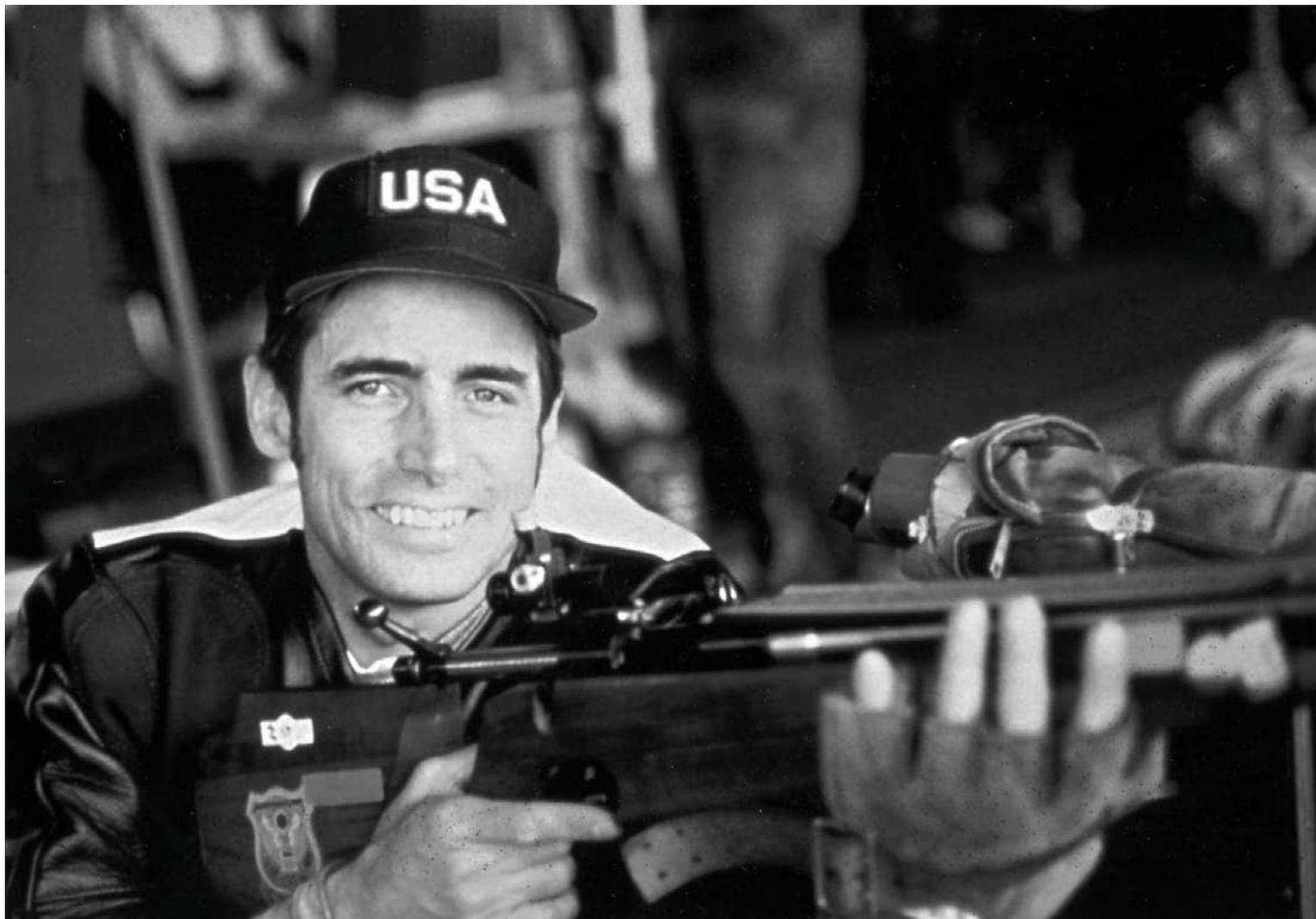
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DAVID KIMES

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CRPA congratulates board member David Kimes on his admission into the U.S. International Shooting Hall of Fame! Established in 1991, the International Shooting Hall of Fame recognizes shooters who have excelled in international competition over an extensive period of time. With his storied and spectacular career, David Kimes certainly fits the description.

Kimes was a two-time All-American at the University of California, Berkeley in both 1961 and 1962. From there he was drafted into the Army in November of 1963. In Army ba-

sic training, David set the record for rifle qualification with the M14 at Fort Ord. His marksmanship skills caught the attention of the Army Marksmanship Unit and he was part of the World Shooting Championship team in 1966.

After his discharge from the Army, he continued his competitive shooting career with the Army Reserve Rifle Team. David was a part of the reserve team for the next twenty years. Like the Olympics, the shooting World Championships occur every four years; David went five times. After attending three World Championships, David won his fourth. In 1974, he won

the gold medal in the 300-meter Standard Rifle Three-P event and set the world record. After winning the championship and setting a new world record, David was determined to do it again *and* break his own record.

To do this, he left no stone unturned. David quit work, lived off his retirement fund and the U.S. Army Reserve pay checks he earned attending competitions with the team. He trained five days a week at the Los Angeles Rifle and Revolver Club, and shot at competitions on the weekends. While training, he discovered Olympic rifle gold medalist Lanny Bassham's Mental Management Systems and went to Texas to train one-on-one with Lanny. While training with Bassham, David learned the importance of precision shading, mental visualization, mental shot program, positive self-talk, and much more. All of these concepts helped build the "mental tool box" he would use at the 1978 World Championships in Korea. While competing there, David achieved his goal, winning the gold medal *and* breaking his own world record. David also made the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team.

He served eight more years on the U.S. Olympic Committee's Athlete Advisory Council representing the shooting sports. David has gone on to give back to the shooting community in many ways. He has been a shooting coach for wounded warriors at the Warrior Games. Prior to his coaching, the Navy team had only won one bronze medal in shooting; immediately after coming on to coach the team, Navy took home 3 gold medals and 1 silver medal. In 2015, David's incorporation of visualization and mental management/rehearsal, helped the Navy team bring home 38 medals.

His emphasis on positivity and constructive training has changed the lives of those lucky enough to work with him. David's power of positivity improved more than just their shooting; whether it be in sports, their career, or their personal life, David's positive self-talk helped them grow immeasurably. We commend David for his years of dedication to shooting sports and for his own spectacular career.



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no double jeopardy or self-incrimination.

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by Roxanne Johns, Membership Specialist

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You can find Brian volunteering at the Crossroads Costa Mesa Gun Show and engaging people in Second Amendment conversations. When questioned with what he would like to convey to potential volunteers, Brian had this to say:

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