



G.C.L.A. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance

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Member's meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at the American Legion Post (Goff Moll) #101 2721 Collier Ave. Brentwood, MO just west of the Schnucks Store at the intersection of Brentwood Blvd and Manchester Rd. (see map on page 7)

President's Corner

The Fourth of July has arrived again. It's time to celebrate our independence as a free people.

"Let speeches, feasting, firing of canon, and shooting of guns be part of the festivities on this august occasion." As said by George Washington.

We Missourians have an occasion, as such, this Fourth of July 2015. The Missouri State Supreme Court has upheld Amendment 5, "That the right to keep and bear arms is a inalienable right, and subjects laws restricting our gun rights to strict scrutiny." The amendment also protects the possession of accessories such as ammunition, magazines and suppressors.

St. Louis City Police Chief Sam Dotson sued to overturn Amendment 5 in February and lost. How many hundreds of thousands of dollars of St. Louis City tax money were flushed down the sewer in this effort to restrict or nullify our inalienable rights?

You can rest assured that Mayor Slay's membership in "Mayors Against Illegal Guns" (Michael Bloomberg's money) was behind Chief Dotson.

Happy 4th of July.

Have fun! Get active!

Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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GCLA's Purpose

GCLA's purpose is to preserve and protect the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America by:

- Monitoring and acting on pending legislation at the local, state, and federal level.
- Encouraging voter registration and participation in the political process.
- Promoting public and personal safety, education and training, and the defense of the nation.

GCLA holds a monthly members' meeting which often features a guest speaker, the fielding of open questions, sharing of news and information, and intelligent discussion.

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Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally

Please make plans to join us in the Capitol Building in Jefferson City on Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 from 10:00am to 1:00pm for the Annual Gun Rights Rally Day.

Join us! Come spend the morning at the capitol to help save our guns and protect our rights.

The anti-gun crowd is always working hard to ban

guns and restrict our gun rights.

Your attendance at the rally is critical. Only a strong turnout can help make the difference. Law-abiding gun owners are not the problem. Our rights are not what is wrong.

Be there! Bring others! Tell your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers.



GCLA Supports Missouri Youth Shooting

At our members' meeting held on July 7th, GCLA made donations of \$500.00 to each of five youth shooting groups. In the pictures below, from left to right, GCLA President Steve Marx presented the donations to Y-HEC at Busch Wildlife represented by Frank Scott, Scout Troop 443 represented by Dale Patton, Team Hedges represented by Chris Koury & his sons, Arnold Junior Shooters SCTP represented by Paul Wilson and pictured to the right Y-HEC at Arnold represented by Ken Hartung.

Back on March 17th, GCLA also made a donation to the Arnold Junior Shooters Pistol Team.

GCLA is committed to supporting youth shooting in the state of Missouri. Getting the next generation involved in shooting and later into the politics of the gun rights is critical in the battle to preserve the true intent of the Second Amendment to our Constitution



GCLA PAC Supports Missouri Pro Gun Candidates

The 2016 election cycle is starting up. GCLA and the GCLA PAC will be doing it's part to keep our members informed and involved.

In previous elections the GCLA PAC has supported many pro gun candidates in their election campaigns. The speaker at our July 7th members' meeting was one of those pro gun candidates that GCLA and the GCLA PAC helped get elected and re-elected.

That speaker at our July 7th members' meeting was Missouri State Representative Paul Curtman (R) District 109. Representative Curtman gave a interesting and informative talk to those in attendance at the meeting. A question and answer period followed.

The GCLA PAC made a \$500.00 donation to Representative Curtman's campaign for reelection in the 2016 elections.

We wish Representative Curtman good luck in the up coming elections.



Election for 2016 Board of Directors

The annual election for members of the Board of Directors of GCLA will be held at our October 6th Members' Meeting. The expiring board members are: Gene Dultz, Mark Luther & Gerry McClenning and the alternate board member Dale Barron. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Board members elected at the meeting will serve a three year term.

The current 2015 Board of Directors of GCLA are:

Term expires in 2017
John Cuba
Steve Marx
Harry Smelcer

Term expires in 2016
Terry Brookman
Don Childers
Kevin Ketterer

Term expires in 2015
Gene Dultz
Mark Luther
Gerry McClenning

Alternate Board member for 2015
Dale Barron

At the October 20th Board of Directors' Meeting the board will elect from among themselves the officers for 2016.

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Missouri Supreme Court Applies Strict Scrutiny to Gun Case, Upholds Ban on Felon-in-Possession

On August 5, 2014, residents of the Show Me State approved Amendment 5 that strengthened Missouri's constitutional right to keep and bear arms, with 61% voting in favor of the measure. The amendment made clear that Missouri citizens have an "unalienable" right to keep and bear arms and that any "restriction on these rights shall be subject to strict scrutiny." It also states, however, that "Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the general assembly from enacting general laws which limit the rights of convicted violent felons or those duly adjudged mentally infirm by a court of competent jurisdiction."

As is typical with any pro-gun measure, and despite the provision's clear language concerning felons and those judicially deemed mentally infirm, opponents were quick with dire predictions of the chaos the provision would supposedly unleash. "Amendment 5 is a disaster," said a St. Louis attorney. "I mean, that was just an inexplicably bad thing that happened in the state." A Jackson County prosecutor said the amendment could have "potentially

deadly consequences" and might allow "some of the most dangerous individuals, including convicted drug dealers and gang members, to legally carry firearms." Everytown for Gun Safety, Michael Bloomberg's gun control umbrella group, blustered: "These amendments call all state and local public safety laws into question, threatening even the most basic laws designed to keep guns out of the hands of felons and domestic abusers."

As is also typical of antigun rhetoric, these statements were wrong. The Missouri Supreme Court issued an opinion in the case of Missouri v. Merritt upholding the state's felon-in-possession law against a challenge brought under the state's constitutional right to keep and bear arms. "The felon-in-possession law, which bans felons from possessing firearms, with no exceptions other than possessing an antique firearm, is sufficiently narrowly tailored to achieve the compelling interest of protecting the public from firearm-related crime," the court wrote. "Therefore, it passes strict scrutiny."

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The 10 Countries with the Most Guns in Private Hands

10. Canada - Estimated private firearms: 9,950,000
- 31 guns per 100 residents
9. Thailand - Estimated private firearms: 10,000,000
- 16 guns per 100 residents
8. Yemen - Estimated private firearms: 11,500,000
- 55 guns per 100 residents
7. Brazil - Estimated private firearms: 14,840,000
- 8 guns per 100 residents
6. Mexico - Estimated private firearms: 15,500,000
- 15 guns per 100 residents

5. Pakistan - Estimated private firearms: 18,000,000
- 12 guns per 100 residents
4. Germany - Estimated private firearms: 25,000,000
- 30 guns per 100 residents
3. China - Estimated private firearms: 40,000,000
- 5 guns per 100 residents
2. India - Estimated private firearms: 45,000,000
- 5 guns per 100 residents
1. United States of America - Estimated private firearms: 270,000,000 - 89 guns per 100 residents.

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Annual Membership Renewal

All current members of GCLA should have received their renewal letter in the mail. If you haven't done so already, please return the renewal form & your annual dues in the return envelope. Your membership is vital to the success of GCLA in the pursuit of our primary goal, fighting for your Second Amendment Rights.

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Minnesota Drops Texas and Missouri from Reciprocity List

Due to recently passed firearms-reform laws, on August 1, 2015, Minnesota no longer recognizes Texas or Missouri concealed-carry licenses. This means Texas and Missouri license holders may no longer legally carry concealed or open in the State of Minnesota using their state-issued carry license.

According to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's Permit to Carry Reciprocity webpage, "Missouri passed a law in 2014 to allow 19-year-old

military personnel and veterans to obtain a permit." Also, "Texas passed a law in 2014 to allow 19-year-old military personnel and veterans to obtain a permit." In both cases, the BCA says, "Minnesota law does not allow issuing permits to anyone under 21."

Two other states, Wyoming and Utah, were also removed from Minnesota's 2014 list.

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Oppose Obama's Proposal to Make Information-Sharing on Guns Illegal

Several weeks ago, the State Department's proposed arms control regulations -- a rewrite which has been widely cited as an attempt to control gun-related speech on the Internet. There is a real reason to be concerned about the implications of these regulations for gun-related Internet speech.

Bottom line: These proposed regulations would define an arms "export" -- which would require State Department permission and substantial fee -- to potentially include any gun-related communication on the Internet or social media.

With this final keystone in place, the Obama administration would have the regulatory framework to comprehensively

regulate gun-related speech in cyberspace, to whatever extent it desires.

And those who violate this restriction on Internet "speech" are in danger of facing decades in prison (up to 20 years) and massive fines (up to \$1 million).

It is imperative that Americans rise up in opposition to it.

If the President persists and does not withdraw these regulations -- despite the outpouring of opposition from gun owners around the nation -- then we'll need to work through the Congress to repeal/defund them on the annual funding bill.

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Gabby Giffords, Mark Kelly: We're for 'Gun Responsibility' Not 'Gun Control'

Kelly and Gabby Giffords claimed they "actually do not support 'gun control' in the traditional sense of the phrase," but "gun responsibility."

This comes after they have spent nearly three years supporting new gun trafficking laws, new laws on gun show sales, new laws on internet sales, limits on ammunition magazine capacity, expanded background checks, and gun control ubiquitously under the guise of domestic violence prevention.

Yet they say they are not for gun control.

They supported expanded background checks when Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV) pushed them in 2013, in Washington state during the 2014 midterm elections, and, more recently, they sided with Sandy Hook Promise on SB 941 in Oregon.

Although SB 941 makes background checks universal and sets the stage for the state to confiscate privately-owned guns more easily, Kelly and Giffords say they are not for gun control.

On March 4 Giffords stood with Representative Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA-5th) to demand that every would-be gun owner pass the same background check her attacker passed, yet she and her husband claim they are not for gun control "in the traditional sense."

According to the Essex News Daily, Kelly said, "Nobody likes to be controlled." He went on to say that the gun control group he and Giffords launched simply supports "basic principles" to keep communities safer.

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GCLA Gun Show Schedule

Show times are generally 9am To 4pm for Sat. And 9am to 3pm on Sun.

When a show has a Friday date it will be open from 4pm to 8pm

January 2-4 Orlando's Garden South, 4300 Hoffmeister

January 10,11 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

January 23-25 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.

January 30-February 1 The Heart of St. Charles, 1410 Fifth St.

February 14,15 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

March 14,15 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

April 25,26 St. Charles Convention Center

May 2,3 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

May 16,17 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

June 5-7 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.

June 27,28 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

July 11,12 St. Charles Convention Center

August 7-9 The Heart of St. Charles, 1410 Fifth St.

August 22,23 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

September 11-13 Stratford Inn, 800 S Highway Dr., Fenton

September 12,13 Cabela's St. Louis Mills, Hazelwood, MO

September 18-20 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.

October 3,4 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

October 10,11 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

November 7,8 St. Charles Convention Center

November 27-29 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.

December 19,20 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

* indicates GCLA will **not** have a table at this show

** indicates NRA Membership Recruiting table only

Any Member Who Would Like To Work At A Gun Show

Please Call:

Don Childers 314-288-8881 –or– 636-677-6104

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Associate Membership

GCLA will send a free annual Associate Membership including "GCLA NEWS" to any active duty service member from Missouri. Here is how this free annual membership works:

- Be full-time active military duty.
- Be a current or former Missouri resident and register Missouri as your state of residence.
- Be recommended by a current GCLA Regular Member, or request your free annual Associate Membership in writing.

If you qualify or know of someone that qualifies please fill out an application from the back of the "GCLA NEWS".

Instead of a membership dues check please send a signed note or pledge that you/they are active duty military and a current or former Missouri resident & register Missouri as your/their state of residence.



Have you joined MSSA?

MSSA is the Missouri Sport Shooting Association. MSSA seeks to support and promote the shooting sports in Missouri, and to encourage participation. Are you participating?

See <http://www.missourisportshooting.org>

MSSA Mission Statement

The mission of the MSSA is to protect and preserve the shooting sports at the state level. MSSA will promote and improve the shooting sports by sponsoring marksmanship training and competitions throughout the state of Missouri.



GCLA is an NRA Recruiter

Don't forget that GCLA is also an NRA recruiter. Help your organization and renew your annual, two year or three year membership through GCLA. We can do the membership for \$25.00 per year and give you a new hat to boot.

If you are not an NRA member and you want to become one, we can also do that.

GCLA earns money through commissions for every new member and renewal application that we send in to the NRA. This is a good deal for both you and GCLA



GCLA-PAC

Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance has a Political Action Committee. This PAC allows GCLA to support the Missouri candidates that believe in our gun rights. The PAC needs funding to be effective and we need to start preparing now for the 2016 elections.

Send donations to GCLA-PAC, P.O. Box 440280, St. Louis, MO 63144

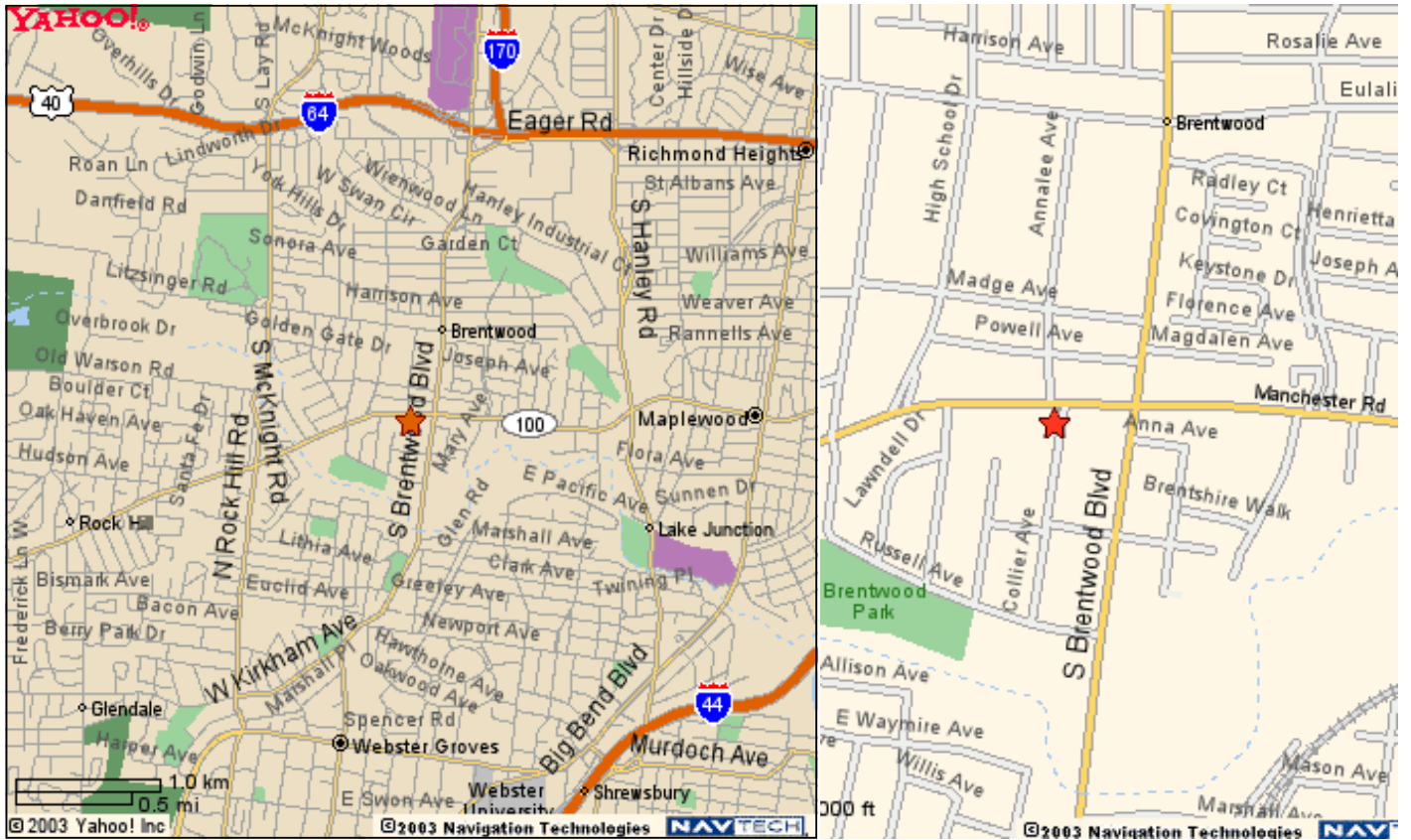
NOTICE: All proceeds from our current Gun Drawing are going to the GCLA PAC. The prizes are: First prize is a COLT 1991 Series Government Model 45 ACP, 5" Barrel, (1) 7 Rnd Mag, Colt Blue Finish.. Second prize is a OTIS Tactical Cleaning System.

The drawing is scheduled to be held at our members' meeting on Tuesday November 3rd, 2015.



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 just west of the Schnucks Store at the intersection of Brentwood Blvd and Manchester Rd.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

GATEWAY CIVIL LIBERTIES ALLIANCE
 P.O. Box 440280
 Brentwood, MO 63144

Name: _____ Day Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Evening Phone: _____
 City/State: _____ Mobile Phone: _____
 Zip Code: _____ - _____ Email Address: _____

Membership Dues are \$24.00 per calendar year (first year can be pro-rated).

Membership: \$24.00 [] Donation: \$_____ []

NRA Member: Y / N If an NRA annual member, your expiration date: / / .

MSSA Member: Y / N Sponsor (optional): _____

We are particularly interested in your comments.



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