



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

Memorial Day, or as the old timers called it Decoration Day, will be here shortly. Take time to recognize all the sacrifices that were given to preserve our constitution and life style. I always take time to go out to the Jefferson Barracks and visit family members and reflect on the passing of time.

This reflection is what affects my determination to make the most on efforts to protect our rights in Missouri.

It is the endless labor to affect a positive change in our gun rights in this year to year challenge. Trying once again to push to reintroduce concealed carry on city transit was pursued but didn't go anywhere. Next year is an election year and the opportunity to reintroduce this as part of a bill looks good.

Stay in touch with your State Representative and State Senator, keep on their radar.

Have fun! Get active!
Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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Refuting statistics

Here are some statistics that spell out major parts of the gun-rights battle.

The Congressional Research Service put the number of civilian firearms ownership in the USA at 310 million back in 2009: 114 million handguns, 110 million rifles, and 86 million shotguns.

The fastest growing group of gun owners is women, according to Gary Kleck in Targeting Guns.

Firearms are used defensively roughly 2.5 million times per year, more than four times as many as criminal uses. This amounts to 2,575 lives protected for every life lost to a gun.

The accidental firearm death rate is at its lowest point since records were started nearly 100 years ago according to Injury Facts 2000 from the national Safety Council.

Motor-vehicle accidents, drowning, suffocation, and fires each kill more children under the age of fifteen than do firearms.

Less than one handgun in 6,500 is ever used in a homicide.

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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: General Assembly Adjourns

The Missouri General Assembly continued to ensure that your Second Amendment rights are protected as the 2017 legislative session adjourned. Many anti-gun bills were defeated and did not receive hearings. These bills aimed at restricting your Second Amendment rights include:

House Bill 185, sponsored by state Representative Bruce Franks, Jr. (D-78), would require lawful gun owners to report lost or stolen firearms within a certain period of time or face harsh penalties, potentially including jail time.

House Bill 241, sponsored by state Representative Doug Beck (D-92), would make it illegal to transfer a firearm to any person on the federal “No Fly” list. This secret government list routinely has names mistakenly placed on it without a clear restoration process for getting your name removed. This type of blacklisting without due process is an affront to the constitutional values we hold as Americans.

House Bill 363, sponsored by state Representative Stacey Newman (D-87), would require that all sales or transfers of firearms be processed through a licensed firearms dealer.

House Bill 364, also sponsored by state Representative Stacey Newman (D-87), would create provisions requiring permits to

purchase firearms in the state of Missouri.

House Bill 365, also sponsored by state Representative Stacey Newman (D-87), would establish extreme risk protection orders and gun violence seizure warrants, and prohibit certain persons involved in domestic violence from possessing a firearm. These seizures and Second Amendment rights revocations would occur without due process of law.

House Bill 366, also sponsored by state Representative Stacey Newman (D-87), would add unnecessary extra steps for a person to purchase a firearm in the state of Missouri.

Additionally, deeply flawed **Senate Bill 73**, a bill which would require private membership organizations, such as the NRA and GCLA, to disclose their members’ names, did not move. Second Amendment supporters contacting their state Senators and opposing this legislation was instrumental in halting it in the legislative process.

A special thank you to Speaker Todd Richardson, Representative Robert Cornejo, Senator Bob Onder and Senator Brian Munzlinger for their leadership and support of our Second Amendment rights in Missouri.

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New Missouri voter ID law goes into effect

The new Missouri voter ID law goes into effect on June 1st. It generally requires photo IDs for voting. There are provisions that allow you to use a utility bill or paycheck. But you must give a sworn statement about your identity.

If you come to the polls without any qualifying ID then you'll

not be able to cast a provisional ballot. Provisional ballots will only be counted if election officials can verify your identity by comparing your signature to the one on file with the election authority.

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Lawyer explains arrest of homeowner who shot suspected auto thief

by Dave D’Marko

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The homeowner who shot a thief he said was trying to steal his truck from his driveway has been arrested.

Police were called to the home on East 47th Street early Friday morning. Now the man in his 70s is back home, while he waits to see what prosecutors have to say about the shooting.

Missouri Legislators are discussing creating a “Stand Your Ground” law, but right now the state has what’s best known as “castle doctrine”. While it gives you liberty to defend yourself in your home when you feel threatened, attorney Kevin L. Jamison says that doesn’t extend to defending your property.

Jamison wrote the book “Missouri Weapons and Self Defense”. He teaches classes on how to defend yourself, not only from criminals, but from prosecution for the actions you take.

“Giving a warning is always a good idea, because that will usually cause the thief to run away, because they are bullies,

not gun fighters.”

It’s still unclear exactly what happened this morning at the home. Police say the homeowner shot a would-be truck thief after a “confrontation.” The suspect ended up driving the truck from the driveway into neighbor Tee Haynes yard, before giving up and being placed under arrest.

But the homeowner was arrested too, much to the surprise of Haynes.

“The Second Amendment is to bear arms and protect your family and protect your property, he did the right thing.”

But Jamison says Missouri’s Castle Doctrine requires the shooter to be defending themselves or someone else from a reasonable fear of unlawful force.

“If the car is just parked someplace, you can’t shoot people for breaking into your car,” Jamison said. “You have to be defending a person, you can not use deadly force to defend property.”

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"Lawful Purpose and Self Defense Act" Introduced

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017, Chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources Rob Bishop (R-UT) introduced **H.R. 2620**, the "Lawful Purpose and Self Defense Act." This bill would remove ATF's authority to use the "sporting purposes" clauses in federal law in ways that could undermine the core

purpose of the Second Amendment. Under Chairman Bishop's legislation, all lawful purposes – including self-defense – would have to be given due consideration and respect in the administration of federal firearms law. .

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Drawing Winners

The most recent GCLA drawing was held at our members' meeting on Tuesday May 2nd, 2017.

Jacqueline Hampton of St. Louis, MO (right) was the winner of the first prize, a Kel-Tec PMR-30 Pistol with 100 rounds of .22 WMR Ammo, Hard Case and 2 Magazines.

The second prize, a Benchmade 3" Self-Folding Knife with Friends of NRA Logo on the Blade, was won by Kevin Sellers of Arnold, MO .

The next GCLA-PAC drawing will be at our members' meeting on Tuesday November 7th, 2017. First prize is a Ruger 10/22 Takedown (Model 11100) with 10 Round Rotary Magazine and Convenient Carry-Case. Second prize is a Benchmade 3" Self-Folding Knife with Friends of NRA Logo on the Blade.



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GCLA Supports Missouri Youth Shooting

At our members' meetings held on April 4th, GCLA made donations of \$1000.00 each to seven 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 Brian Caldwell, Ethan Caldwell, Alan Weidemann & Keith Markley, Team Hedges represented by Lt. Brad Kelling and Arnold Junior Shooters SCTP represented by Paul Wilson. Also, not pictured, GCLA President Steve Marx presented the donations to Y-HEC at

Arnold represented by Chris Wills, Arnold Junior Shooters Pistol Team represented by Shelly Cendroski & Kathy Loida and Gateway Gun Club Youth Shooters represented by John Cross & Ken Karcher.

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

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RESERVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR
Gateway Friends of NRA Dinner and Auction
Saturday, March 17th, 2018 - doors open at 5:30PM
ORLANDO GARDENS

located at 2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

For information contact Chris Brown

Phone: 314-346-5816 or Email: c.brown285@sbcglobal.net

Demand soars for concealed carry permits, data shows

The number of concealed carry permits in the United States has topped 15 million over the last year, according to data collected by the Crime Prevention Research Center.

That's the largest one-year increase ever in the number of permits issued, according to the research center. In July 2016, the center reported that 14.5 million people had concealed handgun permits. As of May of this year, the number is already 15.7 million.

John Lott, founder of the group and a Fox News columnist, said several states, including Arizona, Florida, Michigan and Texas, have seen a big jump in the number of gun permits issued. There are several reasons for the increase – most notably, a rise in women and minorities seeking to purchase handguns, Lott said.

"I think you're continuing to see a change in the composition of people who go and get permits," Lott said. "Women are growing at a much faster rate than men."

Between 2012 and 2016, Lott said, the growth rate for women was twice as much as it was for men. He also said minorities are purchasing handguns at a higher rate compared to previous years.

Firearms instructors are reporting an increase in the number of black women learning how to use guns around the country, as noted in an earlier Fox News report. Gun instructors who teach self-defense courses say more women are looking toward guns to protect themselves against crime.

In a May 10 statement to Fox News, NRA spokeswoman Catherine Mortensen said women are the fastest growing segment of firearms buyers in the country.

"The NRA is a natural home for women firearms owners," Mortensen said. "Increasingly, women today don't want to rely on a spouse or neighbor for protection. They want to be able to protect themselves and their families."

The Crime Prevention Research Center – a nonprofit, gun advocacy research group – releases an annual report each July documenting firearm statistics by citing numbers provided by state agencies.

The center's official report for 2017 is due in July but Lott said data already collected shows a significant increase in permits in a number of states.

Arizona had 272,622 such permits in 2016 and 315,107 as of May 2017. Florida had 1,581,742 last year compared to 1,755,580 as of April 30.

Lott noted other factors contributing to an increase in permits. "You're seeing states making it easier for people to go and get permits," he said.

In contrast, states like California and New York have among the toughest requirements for permits in the nation.

In Sacramento County, as of December 2016, residents are "required to pay \$220 in application fees, pass a state criminal background check, take a 16-hour training course and have approval of the sheriff's department by having 'good moral character' and a good reason to have CCW," according to the center .

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Concealed Carrying New High Underscores Need for National Law

Information collected by the Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC) indicates an unprecedented surge in the number of concealed carry permits, with the largest one-year increase on record occurring between May 2016 and May 2017.

As of late last year, the number of Americans with carry permits hit the 15 million mark, and the current estimate of permittees is at 15.7 million – almost double the number from 2011.

Apart from the accelerating rate at which carry permits are being issued, this development is significant for other reasons. The drivers of this wave are increasingly women and minorities: according to the CPRC's 2016 report, "The number of women with permits has increased twice as quickly as the number of men with permits. Some evidence suggests that permit-holding is increasing about 75% more quickly among minorities than among whites."

This growth is particularly striking when considered in the context of the upswing in "permitless carry" jurisdictions. Just this year, North Dakota and New Hampshire joined other states that allow concealed carrying without a state-issued license or permit. While the new carry statistic is impressive on its own, there is no doubt that it underrepresents the actual change in concealed carrying since last year.

This also reinforces the need for a national concealed carry reciprocity law. Despite the expansion of permitless carry, many gun owners continue to seek permits in order to have their carry

rights recognized in other jurisdictions. As more and more Americans become legally qualified to carry, it makes less and less sense to subject the right to carry a firearm for self-defense to the existing patchwork of inconsistent reciprocity laws that change from state line to state line.

Senate Bill S. 446, The Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, sponsored by Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), and **H.R. 38**, The Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, authored by Congressman Richard Hudson (R-NC), would allow law-abiding permit holders to carry a concealed handgun when traveling interstate.

The first operative section in both bills plainly states that the scope of the proposed reciprocity law excludes persons who are "prohibited by Federal law from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm" – felons, persons with mental illness disqualifications, illegal drug users, and others. Such claims also ignore the unfortunate detail that criminals and other dangerous people pay no mind to permitting or other laws and already carry guns and other weapons illegally (and undoubtedly, will continue to do so).

The prediction that existing permit holders will run riot should a national reciprocity law pass likewise overlooks reality, being hard to square with the CPRC's analysis concluding that concealed carry permittees are "extremely law abiding."

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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 for 2017 & 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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GCLA Gun Show Schedule

Show times are generally 9am To 5pm for Sat. And 9am to 3pm on Sun.
When a show has a Friday date it will be open from 4pm to 8pm

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

December 3,4 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

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

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

February 4,5 St. Charles Convention Center

February 11,12 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

February 11,12 Cabela's, St. Louis Mills, Hazelwood **

February 17-19 VFW Post #3944 10815 Midland Blvd.

March 11,12 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

March 24-26 St. Charles Convention Center

May 6,7 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

May 20,21 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

June 2-4 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.

June 24,25 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

July 8,9 St. Charles Convention Center

August 18-20 VFW Post #3944 10815 Midland Blvd.

August 26,27 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

September 9,10 Cabela's, St. Louis Mills, Hazelwood **

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* 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 annual membership for a discounted rate 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 2018 elections.

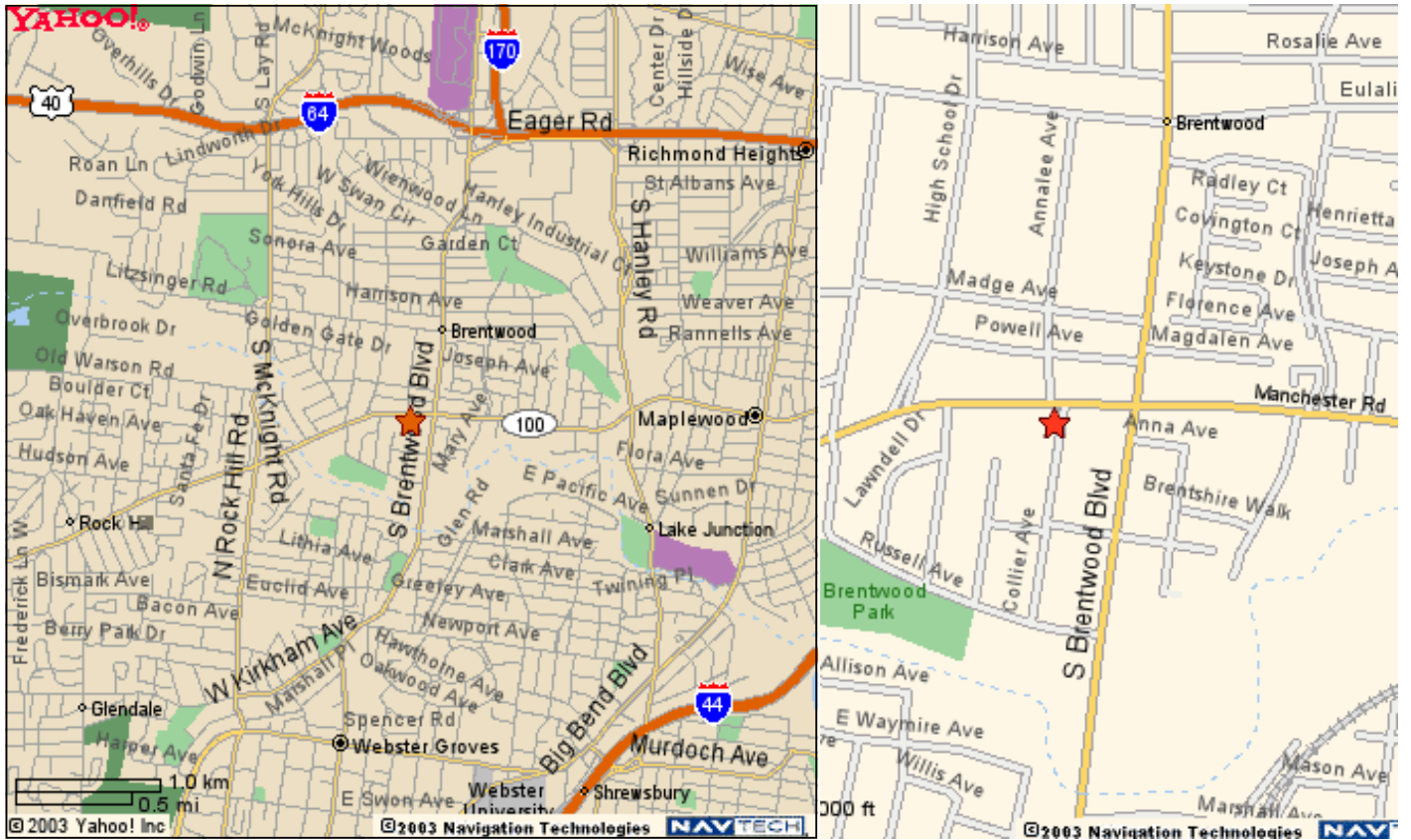
Send donations to GCLA-PAC, P.O. Box 440280, St. Louis, MO 63144

NOTICE: All proceeds from our current Gun Drawing are going to the GCLA PAC. The prizes are: First prize is a Ruger 10/22 Takedown (Model 11100) with 10 Round Rotary Magazine and Convenient Carry-Case. Second prize is a Benchmade 3” Self-Folding Knife with Friends of NRA Logo on the Blade. The drawing is scheduled to be held at our members’ meeting on Tuesday November 7th, 2017.



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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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