



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 Missouri legislature will be back in session shortly.

The state of Tennessee has passed concealed carry on city transit buses in Knoxville, Nashville, Chattanooga and Memphis (the whole state). Of course the urban busy bodies are predicting total lawlessness. Those of us who have been to Texas and ridden the systems in Dallas or Houston know that this is not true. Believe me, if there was chaos being created by CCW holders on public transit the law would have been rescinded.

This is a good opportunity for us here in Missouri to start talking up this change of law to allow concealed carry on the busses and Metrolink.

This year has been particularly violent on Metrolink and at the bus stops waiting for a bus. We, as a group of CCW holders, are being denied service on our publicly funded transit systems for the reason that we don't want to be a victim of this violence.

The work starts now to get a bill introduced in Jefferson City to let all citizens ride this publicly funded transit.

Tell your representative and senator that you will not stand for being denied service for the sake of refusing to be a victim by carrying your personal safety.

Have fun! Get active!
Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally - 2018

Please make plans to join us in the Capitol Building in Jefferson City on Wednesday, April 11th, 2018 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.

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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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Election for 2018 Board of Directors

The annual election for members of the Board of Directors of GCLA will be held at our October 3rd Members' Meeting. The expiring board members are: John Cuba, Steve Marx, Dale Barron and the open alternate board member position.

Nominations will be taken from the floor. Board members elected at the meeting will serve a three year term.

The 2017 Board of Directors of GCLA are:

Term expires in 2019
Terry Brookman
Don Childers
Kevin Ketterer

Term expires in 2018
Gene Dultz
Mark Luther
John Zeman

Term expires in 2017
John Cuba
Steve Marx
Dale Barron

Alternate Board member for 2017
- open -

At the October 17th Board of Directors' Meeting the board will elect from among themselves the officers for 2018.

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GCLA Supports Missouri Youth Shooting

At our members' meetings held on August 1st, GCLA made a donation of \$500.00 a youth shooting group. In the picture to the right, GCLA member Harry Smelcer presents the donation to the Saint Louis Homeschool Shooting Sports represented by Monty Schrunk. Monty gave a brief description of the activities of the young members of the Saint Louis Homeschool Shooting Sports and answered question from the meeting attendees.

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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Missouri Carry Area Restrictions

Courtesy of MissouriCarry.com

- **Any Place Prohibited By Federal Law**
- **Public Buses – Felony under Missouri law** (See 578.305.4 RSMo)
- **MetroLink Trains – Misdemeanor under Missouri law** (See 70.441.1.(2) and 70.441.3.(11) RSMo)
- **Locations Where Not Authorized – Not a criminal act under Missouri law** (See 571.107 RSMo) A ccw permit does not authorize any person to carry concealed firearms into the 17 locations summarized below. (See statute for full details on each.) Doing so is not a criminal act under Missouri law, but may subject the permit holder to denial to the premises or removal from the premises. If the individual refuses to leave after being asked and the police are called, he or she may be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed \$100; a second offense within 6 months is a \$200 fine and suspension of the ccw permit for one year; a third offense within 12 months is a \$500 fine and the loss of the ccw permit for 3 years.

1. Any police, sheriff, or highway patrol office or station without the consent of the chief law enforcement officer in charge of that office or station
2. Within twenty-five feet of any polling place on any election day
3. The facility of any adult or juvenile detention or correctional institution, prison or jail
4. Any courthouse or building used by a court

5. Any government meeting including state legislature
6. Government owned buildings except public housing
7. Bars (except owners), without the consent of the owner or manager
8. Any area of an airport to which access is controlled by the inspection of persons and property
9. Any place where the carrying of a firearm is prohibited by federal law (crimes fall under federal law)
10. Any school (including colleges) without the consent of the governing body of the higher education institution or a school official or the district school board
11. Any child care facility without the consent of the manager
12. Any casino without the consent of the owner or manager pursuant to rules promulgated by the gaming commission
13. Any gated area of an amusement park
14. Any church or other place of religious worship without the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship
15. Any private property conspicuously posted off-limits to concealed firearms with 11×14-inch sign with one-inch letters
16. Any sports arena or stadium with a seating capacity of five thousand or more
17. Any hospital accessible by the public.

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Second Amendment Guarantee Act Would Protect Popular Rifles, Shotguns from Antigun Politicians

In August, Congressman Chris Collins (R-NY) introduced legislation that would shield popular rifles and shotguns, including the AR-15, from being banned under state laws. The bill, known as the Second Amendment Guarantee Act (SAGA), would also protect parts for these firearms, including detachable magazines and ammunition feeding devices.

The bill is a response to antigun laws in a small handful of states – including California, Connecticut, D.C., Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York – that criminalize the mere possession of highly popular semiautomatic long guns widely available throughout the rest of the country. Although rifles or shotguns of any sort are used less often in murders than knives, blunt objects such as clubs or hammers, or even hands, fists, and feet, gun control advocates have sought to portray the banned guns as somehow uniquely dangerous to public safety.

Anti-gunners' focus on these so-called "assault weapons" was renewed after the U.S. Supreme Court's 2008 decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*. That decision made clear that handguns – by far the type of firearm most commonly used in crime – were subject to Second Amendment protection and could not be banned. This led gun control advocates to seek out other sorts of guns to demonize, and they've since been strenuously promoting the myth that semiautomatic rifles and shotguns with certain features such as detachable magazines, pistol grips or adjustable stocks are "weapons of war" with no legitimate civilian use.

The SAGA would ensure that state regulations could not effectively prevent the manufacture, sale, importation, or possession of any rifle or shotgun lawfully available under federal law or impose any prohibitive taxes, fees, or design limitations on such firearms.

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The Need for National Reciprocity

A report from the Crime Prevention Research Center estimates that the number of concealed carry permits issued last year was the largest increase ever – continuing a four year trend of record setting increases in the number of concealed carry permits. This rapid growth of permits has been attributed to increases among African-Americans and women.

Economist John Lott estimates that there are now more than 16.3 million concealed carry permit holders in the United States, with more than 1.83 million new permit holders last year alone. In other words, about 6.5% of all American adults hold concealed carry permits. This estimate is driven down by the restrictive anti-gun regimes in New York and California; about 8% of adults outside of these two states have concealed carry permits.

The growing number of concealed carry permit holders underscores the need for national reciprocity. As we noted in May, 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 to state as more and more Americans are carrying concealed firearms to protect themselves and loved ones, including while traveling. The estimated increase in permit holders in the last year means that another 1.83 million Americans could become accidental criminals if they happen to cross into the wrong

state or aren't aware of changes in state laws that often come with little public notice.

Concealed carry is not an issue driven entirely by the winds of electoral politics. Lott reports that the rapid growth in permits continued at a similar pace after the November 2016 election. The ability to travel across state lines with a lawfully carried concealed weapon for self-defense should not be denied by the political whims of anti-gun politicians but this is the current reality for many of tens of millions of law-abiding Americans who carry concealed in the United States.

Fortunately, momentum for national reciprocity is building in Congress despite hysterical, fear-mongering opposition. The Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, S.446, has 37 cosponsors in the Senate and the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017, H.R. 38, is up to 205 cosponsors in the House. This legislation would simply recognize that the right to bear arms does not end at the state line.

Though support for national reciprocity and the number of law-abiding gun owners it would impact are both increasing, getting the legislation through Congress requires all of us to make sure our representatives know how important it is.

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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

ABA Continues to Attack Gun Owners, Due Process

Over the years, the American Bar Association has defended the due process rights of some very unpopular groups, including, enemy combatants, terror suspects, and convicts on death row. The organization also advocates that stringent due process standards be applied to the disposition of positive rights, such as “universal access to healthcare,” and welfare benefits. Such advocacy might give some the false impression that the ABA holds a principled position on due process rights in general. When it comes to the due process rights of gun owners, however, the ABA has abandoned any pretense of principle and adopted the prevailing left-wing orthodoxy.

At the 2017 ABA Annual Meeting, held August 10-13, the ABA House of Delegates adopted Resolution 118B, which “urges state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to enact statutes, rules, or regulations authorizing courts to issue gun violence restraining orders.” Gun violence restraining orders force a gun owner to surrender their firearms to law enforcement, or authorize law enforcement to seize said firearms, absent a disqualifying criminal conviction. NRA has opposed such legislation where introduced because such orders diminish the due process afforded an individual before they are stripped of their Second Amendment rights, and because of these orders’ obvious potential for abuse.

Under the resolution, governments are encouraged to implement legislation to allow for confiscation even after ex parte orders, which are orders that can be issued without the target of the restraining order present to provide evidence in their own defense.

Fleshing out the proposal, the ABA resolution states that the legislation should contain the following three provisions,

1. *That a person (a “petitioner”) with documented evidence that another person (a “respondent”) poses a serious threat to himself or herself or others may petition a court for an order temporarily suspending the respondent’s possession of a firearm or ammunition;*
2. *That there shall be a verifiable procedure to ensure the surrender of firearms and ammunition pursuant to the court order; and*
3. *That the issuance of the gun violence restraining order shall be reported to appropriate state or federal databases in order to prevent respondent from passing a background check required to purchase a firearm or obtain a firearm license or permit while [the] restraining order is in effect.*

The ABA resolution contains no provisions or language meant to secure, or even acknowledge, the rights of the target of a gun violence restraining order.

According to a report from the ABA Journal, there were some opposed to the adoption of Resolution 118B. Former chair of the ABA Section of Individual Rights & Responsibilities Peter Langrock opposed the measure, stating, “I’m here because I’m a lawyer and I believe in the Constitution.” Further explaining his position, Langrock noted that gun violence restraining orders

could implicate the First Amendment, as the orders could be used to strip a person of their rights based on speech. Moreover, Langrock pointed to the resolution’s significant implication for due process rights. In an encouraging sign for the future, ABA’s Law Student Division also registered their dissent.

Other ABA Annual Meeting attendees brushed off these legitimate concerns. Estelle Rogers, an executive committee member of the ABA’s woefully misnamed Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, referred to this diminution of due process and Second Amendment rights as “a modest common-sense reform.” Ms. Rogers would do well for herself and the profession to review the case law regarding the numerous abuses of constitutional rights taken under the banner of “modest” and “common-sense” reforms.

The 2016 compilation of legislative policies of the ABA includes a raft of gun control proposals. In it, the ABA advocates for outmoded gun control measures, such as limits on the sale and possession of affordable handguns and waiting periods. The organization also supports a ban on commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms, a ban on .50-caliber rifles, gun owner licensing, and legislation to make flawed microstamping technology mandatory.

The organization often uses the ABA Journal, which it contends is “read by half of the nation’s 1 million lawyers every month,” to push these policies. In 1990, the journal featured a column by ABA President L. Stanley Chauvin Jr. that advocated on behalf of a semi-auto ban. Worse, when addressing the potential Second Amendment implications of such legislation, the ABA president rejected any notion that the Second Amendment protected an individual right. Chauvin contended,

If the framers of the Constitution had intended the arms language to be a personal right, we might rhetorically ask why they did not list it with the others in the First Amendment. The Answer is simple: The framers did not want it there, and did not intend for it to be there.

Further, the ABA has routinely collaborated with a who’s who of gun control activists. The 1990 ABA Annual Meeting featured an address by Handgun Control, Inc.’s Sarah Brady. In 1994, the ABA joined the Joyce Foundation (who is a major source of funding for the handgun prohibitionist organization Violence Policy Center) to put on the National Conference on Gun Violence, which featured an appearance by the Bradys and several Clinton Administration officials.

Despite the ABA’s more than 50-year history of gun control advocacy, Resolution 118B stands out as notably pernicious. The organization has never respected Second Amendment rights, but in order to endorse this resolution the ABA necessarily disregarded constitutionally guaranteed due process protections; something the group purports to cherish and that is a cornerstone of our system of government. The House of Delegates’ actions suggest that when it comes to ABA policymaking, all rights are subservient to the group’s anti-gun bias.

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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

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 **
September 15-17 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.

October 6-8 Lamborghini Athletic Ctr., 49 Lawrence St., St. Charles

October 7,8 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *
October 14,15 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific
October 28,29 St. Charles Convention Center

November 24-26 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.

December 2,3 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 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.

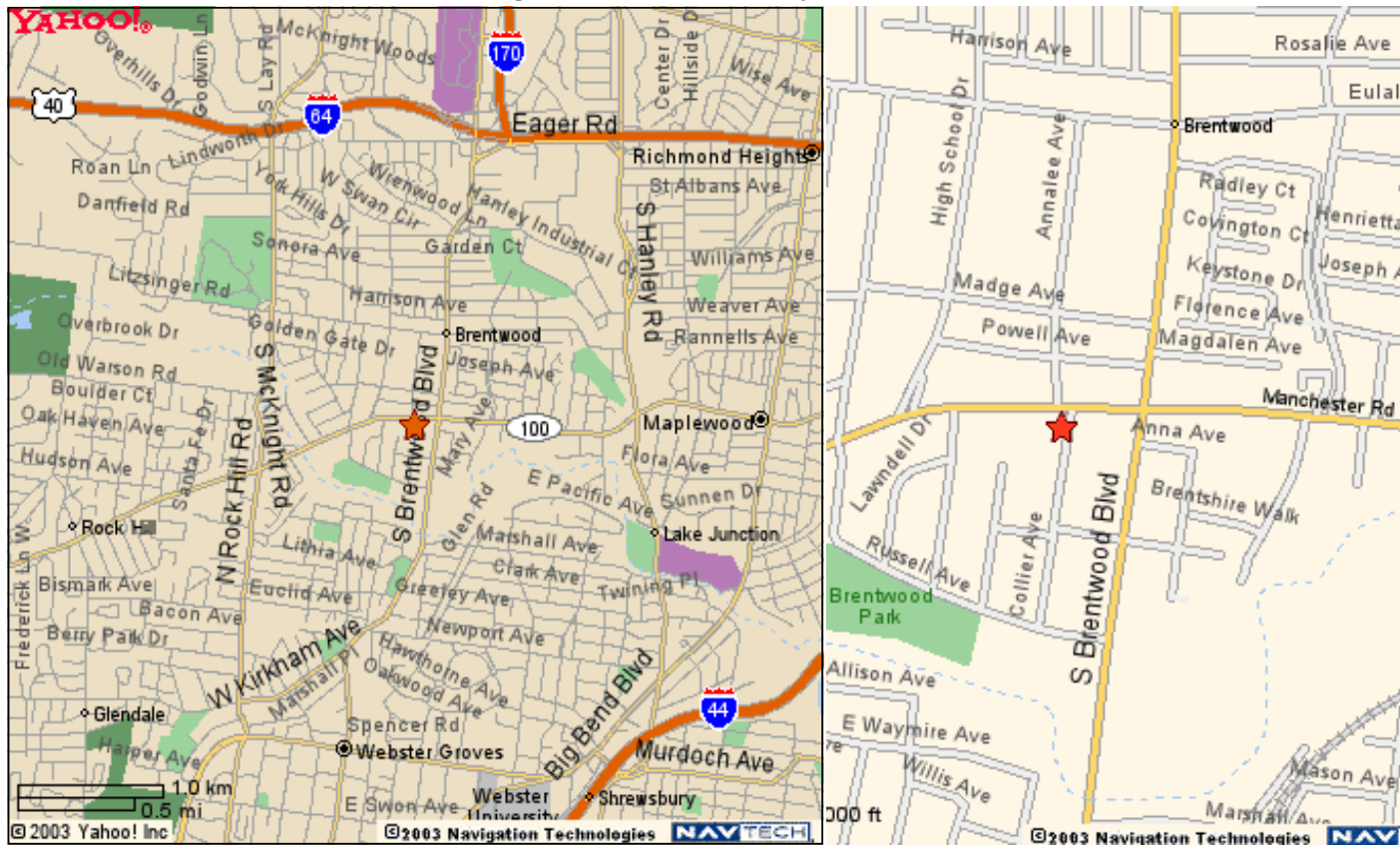
Send donations to GCLA-PAC, P.O. Box 440280, St. Louis, MO 63144

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: \$_____ []

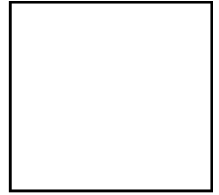
NRA Member: Y / N If an NRA annual member, your expiration date: / / .

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

We are particularly interested in your comments.



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