

G.C.L.A. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance April - June 2018

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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 annual Gun Rights Rally at the capitol rotunda in Jefferson City was a marked success (pictures below). The attendance was greatly improved over the last few years. This new found sense of urgency is firing up more participation. The Representatives and Senators see and feel your presence when stopping in their office. Telling these politicians that removal of the gun free zones is a positive for our personal safety. Signs that prohibit bad behavior mean absolutely nothing for your protection and safety, they're just signs.

The groups and their members from across Missouri that planned the gun rights event need a loud THANK YOU!





Larry Deptula passed away on April 8th. Larry was a Charter Member of GCLA, member number 4. His tireless efforts working in Lincoln County with Missouri Representatives and Senators had a great affect on getting Concealed Carry passed in 2003. Larry was also a NRA representative or EVC (Election Volunteer Coordinator) for many years. His hard work and the time he gave the NRA and GCLA, fighting for our gun rights, made a large difference. Thanks Larry for making a difference.

Have fun! Get active! Steve Marx President, GCLA

GCLA's Purpose

GCLA's purpose is to preserve and protect the 2^{nd} 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 - 2018

New Tribune April 12th, 2018 - Rallies continue to support pro-gun rights, opposition to anti-gun legislation.

They've had several successful efforts in recent years, and they want to let Missouri lawmakers know they are continuing their pledge to protect gun rights of citizens.

Wednesday April 11th was the 26th annual Gun Rights Rally Day at the state Capitol. The Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance was one of the organizations that sponsored the event.

The rallies began as efforts to get conceal-and-carry legislation passed in Missouri, and now their purpose is to demonstrate continuing support for pro-gun rights legislation and opposition to anti-gun legislation.

Those at the rally said the legislation they wanted to see passed this session was House Bill 1936, sponsored by state Rep. Jered Taylor, R-Nixa.

The bill would have made changes to the list of locations an individual can carry a concealed firearm in Missouri. The bill also would have prohibited the state, political subdivisions, and public institutions of higher learning from imposing any policies or contractual requirements that would have an effect of prohibiting employees or students from carrying concealed firearms into locations where concealed carry is

not otherwise prohibited by law.

The bill would not make changes to the penalties for carrying a concealed firearm in locations already prohibited.

The bill made it through the House General Laws Committee and House Rules Committee but did not make it onto the House calendar for floor debate.

Missouri Firearms Coalition Political Director Alexandra Salsman told attendees that many lawmakers are trying to find a way to bury the bill.

"This is absolutely unacceptable," she said. "They are counting on gun owners to support them and fund their campaigns as they run for reelection later on this year. HB 1936 would do away with the dozens of so-called 'gun-free zones' that blanket so many locations here in Missouri."

Salsman said in these places - like churches, child care centers, polling stations, hospitals and schools — "you and I are forced to disarm and simply 'hope for the best' if confronted by an armed assailant.

"I don't know about you, but with virtually every mass shooting in the last 10 years taking place in one of these 'gunfree zones,' that sounds simply outrageous."

Iberia school board approves arming teachers

.IBERIA, Mo. -- The Iberia R-5 School District elected to change the district's policy, in accordance with state law, Tuesday to allow approved teachers to carry concealed weapons at the Board of Education meeting.

The policy change was made in an effort to protect students and staff members from dangerous situations such as an active shooter.

The board also approved contracting with Shield Solutions Inc. to train and insure staff members who would like to apply to become district emergency response officers.

Superintendent Lyndel Whittle said several staff members have voiced interest in undergoing the training.

Iberia R-5 is a rural school district located east of the Lake of the Ozarks in Miller County with approximately 725 students and 110 employees.

About 340 residents responded to an online survey on the topic of arming teachers, and Whittle said the policy received strong support.

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Drawing Winners

The most recent GCLA drawing was held at our members' meeting on Tuesday May 1st, 2018.

Jeffery Ingram of Sullivan, MO (right, with GCLA Secretary John Zeman) was the winner of the first prize, a Remington Model 783 .308 Scoped Rifle.

Second prize, an Armscor .38 Special 2" Barrel, 6 shot, was won by Mike Roberts of St. Charles, MO.

The next GCLA-PAC drawing will be at our members' meeting on November 6th, 2018. First prize is a Ruger Precision Rimfire 22LR (Model 8400) with 15 round magazine & hard case. Second prize is a Benchmade 3" Self-Folding Knife with Friends of NRA Logo on the blade.



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Parkland students plan national bus tour and voter registration drive to take on NRA

The voter registration drive will build on their efforts in March when they held massive rallies across the country

The student survivors of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting are taking their efforts to promote gun reforms on a national bus tour around the United States where they say they will focus on registering young voters, and educating their peers about the importance of gun control.

The bus tour, which the organizers have dubbed "March for Our Lives: Road to Change", will make more than 50 stops in 20 states, where they say they plan on fighting back against the National Rifle Association's influence in American politics.

"We're going to places where the NRA has bought and paid for politicians who refuse to take simple steps to save our lives - and we'll be visiting a number of communities that have been affected by gun violence to meet fellow survivors and use our voices to amplify theirs," the March for Our Lives website says of the bus tour, which is slated to start on June 15 in Chicago.

The bus tour will come nearly three months after the student activists organized a massive rally in Washington to protest gun violence, which was accompanied by sister protests throughout the country.

The students said they are funding the tour through donations but declined to say how much they've raised. March For Our Lives received heavy financial and publicity support from celebrities including Oprah Winfrey and George Clooney. They're also backed by a tight knit, wealthy community where parents and residents have lent them office space and professionals have also been coordinating publicity for them.

In addition to the national tour, the students are also planning a separate tour in Florida, targeting every congressional district in the Sunshine State.

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Citigroup Mandates Restrictions on Client Firearm Sales

The CEO of Citigroup, Mike Corbat, sent an email to employees detailing new policies regarding firearm sales by its business customers. This move makes Citi the first Wall Street bank to take up a defensive position against guns.

The new policy, according to ABC News, will prohibit firearm sales to customers who have not passed a proper background check, or who are under the age of 21-years-old.

The new restrictions also ban the sale of bump stocks and high-capacity magazines.

These new restrictions, which Citi refers to as "current best practices," follow in line with other major retailers like Dicks Sporting Goods and Walmart to enhance their firearm sale policies.

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YouTube Policy Changes Crack Down Even Further on Firearm Channels

YouTube is making policy changes that puts the kibosh on certain firearm content that can be viewed on its platform.

A post on Full30's Facebook page says an email from a Google/YouTube rep informed Tim Harmsen (MAC) of some serious changes to YouTube's content policies.

• Intends to sell firearms or certain firearms accessories through direct sales (e.g., private sales by individuals) or links to sites that sell these items. These accessories include but may not be limited to accessories that enable a firearm to simulate automatic fire or convert a firearm to automatic fire (e.g., bump stocks, gatling triggers, drop-in

auto sears, conversion kits), and high capacity magazines (i.e., magazines or belts carrying more than 30 rounds).

- Provides instructions on manufacturing a firearm, ammunition, high capacity magazine, homemade silencers/ suppressors, or certain firearms accessories such as those listed above. This also includes instructions on how to convert a firearm to automatic or simulated automatic firing capabilities.
- Shows users how to install the above-mentioned accessories or modifications.

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RESERVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

The Annual Missouri Gun Rights Rally will be Wednesday April 10th, 2019 In the Capitol Building Rotunda in Jefferson City.

The FBI Defends Life-Saving Potential of Legally Armed Citizens in America

America was host to 50 active shooter events in 2016 and 2017 combined. Now, some have been led to believe that the firearm industry is to blame. Despite that criticism, an investigation ran by the FBI in April showed, in numerous occasions involving active shooters, that somebody was there and able to stop them by using a firearm.

."Armed and unarmed citizens engaged the shooter in 10 incidents. They safely and successfully ended the shootings in eight of those incidents," the reports reads.

"Their selfless actions likely saved many lives. The enhanced threat posed by active shooters and the swiftness with which active shooter incidents unfold support the importance of preparation by law enforcement officers and citizens alike."

Those are the final conclusions in the FBI's study.

Ten of the active shooters in the study were confronted by citizens, and eight of them ended successfully, The Daily Caller

reports. Of those, four were stopped by lawfully armed citizens, while the others were all unarmed – including one man who intentionally struck the shooter with his car.

"In one incident, a citizen possessing a valid firearms permit exchanged gunfire with the shooter, causing the shooter to flee to another scene and continue shooting."

Who would have guessed? It seems these cowards prefer to target places where they won't face a fight. . .

Still the narrative that "guns kill people" continues to be pushed.

Fortunately, we have strong leaders who still understand that Americans can (and should) be trusted to take responsibility for the safety of themselves, their loved ones, the communities in which they live, and above all, the quickest way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.

The FBI's recent report attests those beliefs.

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Illinois Gun groups want a restraining order against Deerfield's assault weapons ban

Gun-rights advocacy groups are asking a Lake County Circuit Court judge to bar the village of Deerfield from enforcing its ban on assault weapons that is set to kick in June 13.

The ordinance enacted April 2 by the Deerfield Village Board gives residents until June 13 to turn in any guns that fit the village's definition of assault weapons, remove them from the village or modify the guns so they're no longer considered assault weapons. The ordinance empowers the town's police chief to confiscate the assault weapons of anyone charged under the ordinance.

Owners found in violation can be fined up to \$1,000 a day, according to the ordinance.

Two lawsuits were filed in April challenging the ordinance on various grounds, including a claim that the ordinance deprives gun owners of property they are legally entitled to possess. The plaintiffs in both lawsuits are asking for a temporary restraining order to block Deerfield from enforcing the ban until the court can hear their arguments for a permanent injunction.

A hearing to consider the restraining order motions is set for June 8, just days before the ban is set to take effect.

"The fast-approaching compliance date compels plaintiffs to seek more immediate and intermediate relief until this matter can be fully heard on the merits," said attorney David Sigale in a petition on behalf of Deerfield gun owner Daniel Easterday, the Illinois State Rifle Association and the Second Amendment Foundation.

Sigale's petition notes that Deerfield residents in possession of the those weapons face prosecution, confiscation and destruction of their property and hefty monetary fines.

"This causes significant harm to the plaintiffs in the form of loss

of property rights and criminal penalties," Sigale wrote in the petition.

Easterday attested that he would possess a semi-automatic rifle and large-capacity magazines in his home for self-defense and sporting purposes but for the Deerfield ordinance.

"I refrain from doing so because I fear confiscation of my property, as well as prosecution," Easterday said in the affidavit.

His lawsuit is asking a Lake County judge to strike down the Deerfield ordinance primarily on the grounds that Illinois law preempts local municipalities from enacting bans that were not in effect as of July 19, 2013.

Deerfield officials have characterized the assault weapons ban as an amendment to an earlier ordinance that was approved within the permitted time frame, and that the state's Firearm Concealed Carry Act specifically allows future amendments.

Both lawsuits claim the ban is not merely an amendment to the earlier ordinance that defined assault weapons and required safe storage and transportation within the village.

The second court challenge - which is supported by the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislation Action, according to an NRA press release - makes additional arguments. The suit filed by Guns Save Life and Deerfield gun owner John William Wombacher III asserts that Deerfield's ban amounts to taking property without compensation, in violation of the Illinois Constitution and the Eminent Domain Act.

The Guns Save Life lawsuit also is asking the court to find that the Deerfield ordinance does not ban possession of largecapacity magazines that aren't affixed to an assault weapon, contrary to a village press release.

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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.

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

April 20-22 Lamborghini Athletic Ctr., 49 Lawrence St., St. Charles

May 5,6 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville II. * May 19,20 Pacific Eagle's Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

June 1-3 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd June 23,24 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville II. *

July 7,8 St. Charles Convention Center

August 25,26 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville II. *

September 14-16 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd

October 6,7 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville II. *
October 13,14 Pacific Eagle's Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific
October 19-21 Arnold Eagle's Hall, Arnold

December 8,9 Pacific Eagle's 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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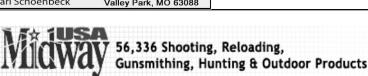
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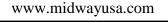


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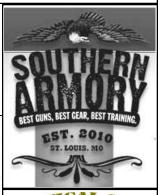




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Associate Membership

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.

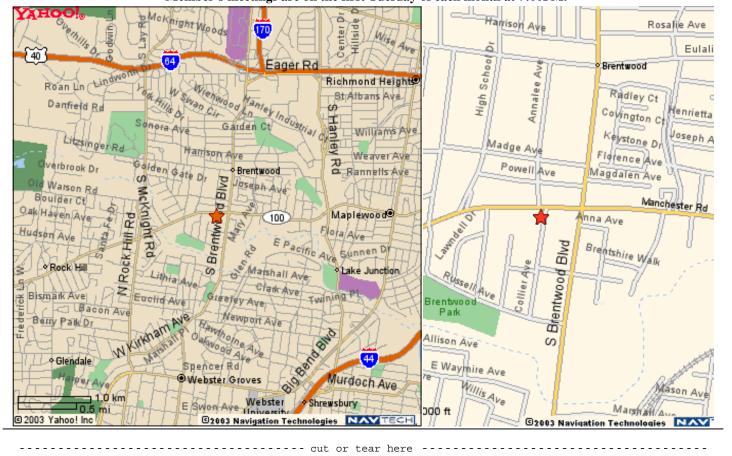
Send donations to GCLA-PAC, P.O. Box 440280, St. Louis, MO 63144

NOTICE: All proceeds from our current Gun Drawing are going to the GCLA PAC. The prizes are: First prize is a Ruger Precision Rimfire 22LR (Model 8400) with 15 round magazine & hard 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 6th, 2018.

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Date: _____ APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP GATEWAY CIVIL LIBERTIES ALLIANCE P.O. Box 440280 Brentwood, MO 63144 _____ Day Phone: ___ Name: _ _____ Evening Phone: _ Address: _ ____ Mobile Phone: ___ City/State: _ 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: / / .

We are particularly interested in your comments.

MSSA Member: Y / N

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