



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

2018 has come to a close and it's time to reflect.

The rallies in Jefferson City in the Capitol Rotunda come to mind. Last year was marked by good attendance at the rally. The difference this makes in our efforts to counter the nitwittery of the "Moms Demand Gun Sense" is tremendous. Don't kid yourself, this group is dedicated to denying you our rights given to us by our creator. Their presence at the Webster Groves 4th of July parade was a reality check. Thanks to Chris Brown and about 100 NRA members and GCLA people, our opinion was well represented. The sight of a large army transport vehicle decorated with American flags and NRA banners proved there are still normal people in the St. Louis area that care about our freedoms and rights.

The rights we have can disappear in a jiffy.

The group called "Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice" is opposed to legally carrying of your personal safety in the state capitol. Many of us that attended rallies in the capitol, that have Concealed Carry endorsements, are allowed to keep our personal safety on our person by showing our CCW and state ID. The capitol rotunda was the safest place to be on that day. These groups like "Moms Demand Gun Sense" and "Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice" are well organized and well funded by the Bloomberg fortune.

2019 will have many opportunities to show support for what we believe. Get out there and be active. It's great to make a difference.

If we/you don't care, who will?

Have fun! Get active!

Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally - 2019

CORRECTION: Please make plans to join us in the Capitol Building in Jefferson City on **Tuesday, April 16th, 2019** 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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“Stand Up For Your Constitutional Rights!”

Attend This Year's

GUN RIGHTS RALLY DAY



In the **CAPITOL BUILDING**
in **JEFFERSON CITY**

Tues., April 16th, 2019
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Business Rights
Transit Carry on Bus Systems
Gun Rights
Civil Rights

*Celebrating 15 years of Missouri Concealed Carry.
Tell our legislators that your Rights are important.
Make plans to be there. Bring your family and friends!*

For all other information about the Rally call:
GCLA at (314) 385-GUNS (4867)
or Email GCLA at questions@gclastl.org

Rally sponsored by:
MPS (Missourians for Personal Safety),
GCLA (Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance),
WMSA (Western Missouri Shooters Alliance),
Missouri Firearms Coalition
MSSA (Missouri Sport Shooting Association)
and other Pro-Freedom Groups

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Finally, the Supreme Court is taking up gun rights again

By James Phillips and John Yoo Jan 27, 2019

The Supreme Court has granted review of a case involving the constitutional right to keep and bear arms. The case challenges a New York City law that prohibits transporting handguns, even licensed and unloaded ones, to places outside of the city, including to a second home or a shooting range.

For the last decade, the high court has been missing in action on the 2nd Amendment. In 2008, the court found, for the first time, that the 2nd Amendment recognizes an individual right to bear arms (District of Columbia vs. Heller). Two years later it ruled in McDonald vs. City of Chicago that the 2nd Amendment applied to city and state laws, not just federal ones.

Ever since, there has been deafening silence. Until this week, the Supreme Court has steadfastly refused to hear another gun control case, and liberal state and local governments have taken advantage of this judicial neglect to methodically chip away at gun rights.

The court's reluctance to protect the 2nd Amendment beyond its first, halting steps, may stem from its own tentative reasoning. The constitutional text declares: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Liberals have long argued that this language only protects the right of a state to create a militia, not an individual right to own and use firearms. In Heller, however, Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for the majority, concluded that the 2nd Amendment recognized an individual natural right of self-defense that preexisted the

Constitution.

Heller sparked claims that conservative judicial activists had invented a right to bear arms that went beyond the Constitution's text. So the court must now ground the right more securely in the constitutional firmament. The Roberts court — expected to be more conservative with the replacement of the unpredictable Anthony M. Kennedy with Brett M. Kavanaugh — can achieve this by further rooting the 2nd Amendment's text in the broader framework of natural rights.

The founding generation believed in natural law and natural rights, and the Constitution is steeped in that belief. As the Declaration of Independence declared, all men, as rational beings created by God, possessed certain inalienable rights. One of these rights, many of the great political philosophers of the day noted, was the right to self-defense. The 2nd Amendment incorporates an understanding of the breadth and scope of that natural right.

With its overdue decision to hear another 2nd Amendment case, the court can finally elevate the right to keep and bear arms to the same level as the others in the Bill of Rights. Often, the Supreme Court provides in its rulings a test lower courts can apply to determine whether a constitutional right has been infringed.

Until the people decide otherwise, the court's constitutional duty is to keep enforcing the right to keep and bear arms just as it would any other constitutional right. The Constitution does not elevate some rights over others, and neither should the court.

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Drawing Winners

The most recent GCLA drawing was held at our members' meeting on Tuesday November 6th, 2018.

Harry Smelcer was the winner of the first prize, a Ruger Precision Rimfire 22LR (Model 8400).

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

The next GCLA-PAC drawing will be at our members' meeting on Tuesday May 7th, 2019. First prize is a CZ P-07 9mm Handgun with Convertible Omega Trigger System. Second prize is a Henry US Survival Rifle .22 LR.

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GCLA Supports Missouri Youth Shooting

At our members' meetings held on December 4th, GCLA made donations of \$750.00 to each of eight youth shooting groups in the group picture to the 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, Team Hedges represented by Ed Lazarski, Arnold Junior Shooters SCTP represented by Paul Wilson, Y-HEC at Arnold represented by Mark Davis, Arnold Junior Shooters Pistol Team represented by Scott Leaders, Gateway Gun Club Youth Shooters represented by Mitch Hoffman and St. Louis Area Homeschool Shooting Sports represented by Morty Schrunk.

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.

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Missouri: Gun Bills Pre-Filed for 2019 Session

With the 2019 Missouri legislative session to start in a few weeks, legislators have been busy pre-filing both pro and anti-gun legislation.

Pro-Gun Legislation

Senate Bill 5, sponsored by Senator David Sater (R-29), would modify and create new provisions relating to the initiative and referendum process.

Senate Bill 39, sponsored by Senator Bob Onder (R-2), would remove the prohibition on law-abiding citizens carrying firearms for self-defense on public transit. In addition, it would also allow law-abiding citizens to transport unloaded or non-functioning firearms on buses.

Senate Bill 121, sponsored by State Senator Burlison, eliminates sections of the MO Gun Free Zones rules and descriptions. (This is a repeat of the 2018 bill.)

House Bill 82, sponsored by Representative Justin Hill (R-108), would ensure that gun owners may store firearms in their private vehicles when parked in any parking lot.

Anti-Gun Legislation

Senate Bill 23, sponsored by Senator Jamilah Nasheed (D-5), would allow for an individual's Second Amendment rights to be suspended without due process with a "firearm restraining order" and for a search warrant to be issued for the firearms to be seized.

Senate Bill 40, sponsored by Senator Jill Schupp (D-24), would impose criminal liability on gun owners who do not follow a one-size-fits-all requirement for storing firearms if a child gains access.

Senate Bill 41, sponsored by Sen. Schupp, would require those convicted of domestic violence offenses to surrender firearms to law enforcement for disposal, with no provision for the owner to have them sold by a dealer or given away to someone who can lawfully possess them.

Senate Bill 42, sponsored by Sen. Schupp, would allow for an individual's Second Amendment rights to be suspended without

due process with an "extreme risk order of protection" and for the respondent to be detained while law enforcement searches for and seizes firearms.

Senate Bill 94, sponsored by Senator Scott Sifton (D-1), would make it illegal for certain individuals who are already prohibited under federal law to possess firearms.

Senate Bill 163, sponsored by Sen. Schupp, would criminalize private firearm transfers.

House Bill 40, sponsored by Representative Deb Lavender (D-90), would allow for an individual's Second Amendment rights to be suspended without due process with a "firearm restraining order" and for a search warrant to be issued for the firearms to be seized.

House Bill 56, sponsored by Representative Gretchen Bangert (D-69), would require firearms being transported in vehicles to be unloaded and stored in a locked case, trunk, or other secure container. It would also prohibit handguns being transported in vehicle cabins from being left unattended.

House Bill 90, sponsored by Representative Alan Green, requires the department of public safety to commission a study on gun violence in the state of Missouri. This basically funds anti-firearm research to be used for political purposes.

House Bill 162, sponsored by Representative Richard Brown (D-27), would ban certain firearm accessories that do not fundamentally change how a semi-automatic firearm operates.

House Bill 163, sponsored by Rep. Brown, would make it illegal for certain individuals who are already prohibited under federal law to possess firearms.

House Bill 210, sponsored by Representative Greg Razer (D-25), would criminalize private firearm transfers.

House Bill 235, sponsored by Representative Bruce Franks (D-78), would set requirements for how gun owners must report lost or stolen firearms.

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RESERVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Gateway Friends of NRA Dinner and Auction

Saturday, April 13th, 2019 - doors open at 5:30PM

MOOLAH SHRINE CENTER

located at 12545 Fee Fee Rd., St. Louis, MO 63042

For information contact Chris Brown

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

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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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 2019 & 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 12,13 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

February 2,3 St. Charles Convention Center

February 9,10 Pacific Eagle's Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

February 15-17 Arnold Eagle's Hall, Arnold

March 9,10 Cabela's, & Bass Pro Shop **

March 9,10 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

March 16,17 St. Charles Convention Center

March 29-31 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd

May 3-5 Lamborghini Athletic Ctr., 49 Lawrence St., St. Charles

May 4,5 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

May 18,19 Pacific Eagle's Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

May 31 - June 1,2 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd

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

July 6,7 St. Charles Convention Center

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

August ?? Cabela's & Bass Pro Shop **

September 20-22 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd

October 5,6 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

October 12,13 Pacific Eagle's Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

October ?? Lamborghini Athletic Ctr., 49 Lawrence St., St. Charles

October ?? Arnold Eagle's Hall, Arnold

November 30 - December 1 St. Charles Convention Center

December 14,15 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

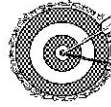
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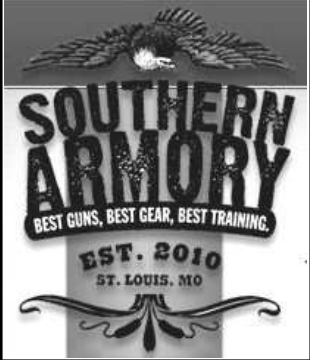
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Associate Membership

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 2020 elections.

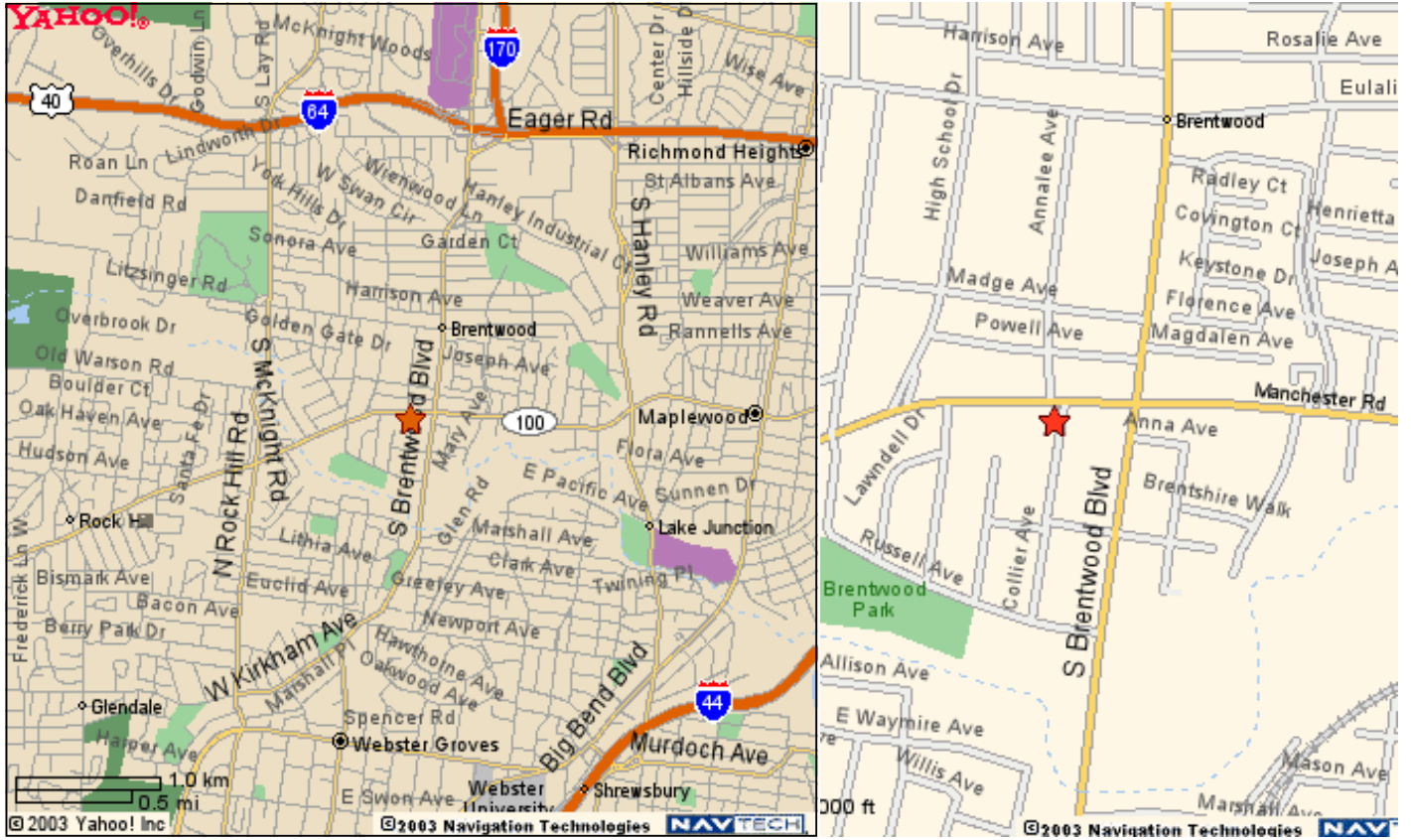
Send donations to GCLA-PAC, P.O. Box 440280, St. Louis, MO 63144

NOTICE: All proceeds from our current Gun Drawing are going to the GCLA PAC. The prizes are: First prize is a CZ P-07 9mm Handgun with Convertible Omega Trigger System, (3) 15 Rd Mags, Streamlight TLR-3 Tactical Light, Custom Holster. Second prize is a Henry US Survival Rifle .22 LR with (4) 8 Round Mags, 100 Rounds .22 LR. The drawing is scheduled to be held at our members' meeting on Tuesday May 7th, 2019.



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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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