



G.C.L.A. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance

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Members' meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. 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

Getting up early at 3:00 a.m. and turned on The Jim Bohannon Show. His guest was the gal from the anti gun group, Brady (formerly known as the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence). Their narrative is slick and deceptive. When asked a question on whether any of the proposals would have prevented the tragedies this past week, she would not give a direct answer and talked around it. The push for total background checks is the beginning for full registration. Knowing who bought what and where to find you when the elites decide you are not worthy any longer of your rights. Criminals and thugs don't abide by any laws or edicts. This is about total control of the people and nothing more. Just ask the people of Venezuela about losing their gun rights to a totalitarian government.

More positive thinking for shooting opportunities. There are several I.D.P.A. shooting events every month. The participators are welcoming and helpful. Sharpshooters Range offers indoor competition on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Town and Country Gun Club in Maryville, IL has matches every Thursday starting at 5:30 p.m., outside, shooting at it's best. Range West at Reis Rd and Manchester has indoor matches every Thursday at 6:00 p.m. To shoot at these venues you have to go online to register ahead of time. The participation is robust. There is no better way to hone your skills.

Have fun! Get active!

Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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Election Time is Here

The 2020 campaign season is upon us. It is more important than ever to keep pro-gun legislators in Jefferson City and Washington DC. We need to support our friends who are in office and make friends of those who we want in office.

We can do this by donating to the candidates that we agree with. Donate money, donate time, volunteer at the campaign offices. They remember those who support them.

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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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Cox and North Depart from the National Rifle Association

Fairfax, VA -(Ammoland.com)- The National Rifle Association's embattled chief lobbyist, Chris Cox, has resigned his position with the powerful gun rights organization.

Cox has been in a leadership position with the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action for 24 years. He was the chief lobbyist and principal political strategist for the organization at the time of his resignation.

To many members, he was the face of the NRA. Cox would announce the NRA's endorsement of political candidates. In 2016 he would announce the NRA's support of Donald Trump from President. He made YouTube videos on the NRA's stances on issues.

NRA members have given Cox mixed marks in his tenure in power. In a YouTube video, he seems to have supported extreme risk protection orders (red flag laws). His supporters claim he has been instrumental in lobbying for gun rights.

The NRA suspended Cox from the NRA-ILA. In a lawsuit filed by the NRA contends that Cox was part of former NRA President Oliver North's coup attempt against NRA executive vice president and CEO Wayne LaPierre. The coup failed, and North resigned from his post as NRA's president.

Cox vehemently denied his role in the conspiracy. After the allegations came to light, Cox stated to the New York Times he was loyal to the NRA and the membership base.

"The allegations against me are offensive and patently false. For over 24 years I have been a loyal and effective leader in this organization," Cox said. "My efforts have always been focused on serving the members of the National Rifle Association, and I will continue to focus all of my energy on carrying out our core mission of defending the Second Amendment."

North allegedly threatened to blackmail LaPierre unless he agreed to step down from his position. He said he would

release "damning information" against LaPierre that would hurt him and the organization. According to court records the threat came through public relations firm Ackerman McQueen.

In its lawsuit against North, the NRA claims that North said he could work with Ackerman's co-founder to negotiate an "excellent retirement" for LaPierre if he cooperated. It also implicated another board member, former Oklahoma congressman Dan Boren (D), in the alleged scheme.

Ackerman McQueen produces NRATV. The media company is currently in a legal battle with the NRA. The NRA accuses Ackerman McQueen of not fulfilling their contract. The NRA asked for analytics about traffic that NRATV was taking in. The NRA says Ackerman McQueen refused to supply this data. The NRA suspended all live programming on the NRATV platform.

LaPierre refused to step down and released a letter about the alleged attempt to oust him from his position. The NRA Board of Directors overwhelmingly backed LaPierre and North was forced to resign his position.

The internal fighting and external attacks against the association by anti-gun groups has hurt the NRA. NRA members have been calling for the gun rights group to refocus on protecting the Second Amendment. To many, the NRA was too focused on being an entertainment company pushing their NRATV stars and launching products such as "NRA Carry Guard" and "The NRA Wine Club."

The NRA has not announced a permanent replacement for Cox. Cox, for his part, has not stated what he plans for his next endeavor.

Neither Cox nor the NRA has given statements on the resignation.

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Jim Jordan: If the FBI Can Spy on a Presidential Campaign, Imagine What They Can Do to You

During former Special Counsel Robert Mueller's testimony, Republican Congressman Jim Jordan pointed out the double standard Mueller's team applied to the Trump campaign and the Clinton campaign during the 2016 presidential election.

Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz is expected to release the findings of his investigation into the origins of the FBI probe surrounding the Trump campaign. The results are expected to be damning and will potentially expose FISA court abuse, in addition to spying, against private American citizens.

During an interview with Fox News Wednesday night, Jordan stressed this point and warned that if the FBI can spy on those working for presidential campaigns, they can spy on anyone.

"If they can do this to the President of the United States. If they can go spy on two people, two Americans associated on his campaign based on this idea that there was some conspiracy which we know now is completely false, if they can do this to the President, imagine what they can do to you and I?" Jordan said. "For Bob Mueller not even to look at that or answer any questions about that, not even want to look at that, that's a big concern."

As Jordan mentioned, U.S. Attorney John Durham has been appointed by Attorney General Bill Barr to further investigate improper behavior at the FBI and Department of Justice during the 2016 presidential election and beyond.

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Remington Requests Sandy Hook Case Go To Supreme Court

Lawsuits against gun manufacturers were once the preferred response to almost any kind of shooting. Unlike any other product on the planet, gun makers were being held responsible for the unlawful acts committed by others. It was such a problem that Congress passed the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. The purpose was to protect these companies from malicious and punitive lawsuits that stem from acts outside of their control.

However, the law didn't stop them.

While most have been tossed out since the law's passage one, in particular, hasn't been. A court recently decided to ignore the law when it came to a lawsuit against Remington stemming from the horrible events at Sandy Hook.

Now, Remington is asking for the Supreme Court to hear the case.

The maker of the rifle used in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting asked the U.S. Supreme Court to hear its appeal of the Connecticut Supreme Court ruling against the company.

Remington Arms, based in Madison, North Carolina, cited a much-debated 2005 federal law that shields firearms manufacturers from liability in most cases when their products are used in crimes.

The Gunman opened fire at the Newtown, Connecticut, school with a Bushmaster AR-15-style rifle on Dec. 14, 2012, killing 20 first graders and six educators. The 20-year-old gunman earlier shot his mother to death at their Newtown home, and killed himself as police arrived at the school. The rifle was legally owned by his mother.

A survivor and relatives of nine victims filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Remington in 2015, saying the company should have never sold such a dangerous weapon to the public and alleging it targeted younger, at-risk males in marketing and product placement in violent video games.

Citing one of the few exemptions in the federal law, the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled 4-3 in March that Remington could be sued under state law over how it marketed the rifle to the public. The decision overturned a ruling by a trial court judge who dismissed the lawsuit based on the 2005 federal law, named the Protection of Lawful

Commerce in Arms Act.

Should the Court agree to hear the case, it could well become a landmark ruling.

And, to be honest, there are several avenues for the Court to approach it.

On one hand, there's the Second Amendment avenue which is the most obvious. The lawsuit claims the weapon is "dangerous" to the public. Now, this is the most popular firearm in the nation and we're not all dead by any stretch of the imagination. If this is allowed to stand, though, there will be other lawsuits, possibly to the point that the most important firearm in the nation—the very one Americans would need to fend off a tyrannical government—would be virtually impossible to buy and sell because no company could afford the liability.

This would factor into the Courts thinking, at least to some degree.

On the other hand, though, is a free speech angle. The lawsuit holds Remington responsible for Sandy Hook due to how the gun was marketed. Companies have the same free speech rights that we as individuals do. While saying it would be ideal for shooting up a school might be going way too far, the company merely marketed the weapon as a military-style firearm for people who were wanting that sort of thing.

Yet if that argument is considered persuasive by the courts, what kind of Pandora's box would it open? Would automakers suddenly become liable for car accidents because they market the high speeds and quick acceleration of their sports cars, for example?

Companies should be free to market their products as they see fit, with the exception of outright lying to the public.

The hope is that the Supreme Court will hear this case, then slap it down hard. This kind of nonsense exists just to try and use the civil courts to create de facto gun control. After all, it doesn't matter if AR-15s are legal if you can't find one to buy, right?

It's time for the Court to step in and put an end to this nonsense once and forever.

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Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally - 2020

Please make plans to join us in the Capitol Building in Jefferson City on Tuesday – April 7th, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. to noon 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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NRA-ILA Recognizes GCLA's Efforts

Our NRA-ILA Campaign Field Representative demonstrated our unique dedication to the mission of NRA-ILA in advocating for pro-Second Amendment candidates for office. Our CFR, Chris Brown, recommended that the GCLA be

specifically recognized for our efforts in Missouri. As a small token of their appreciation, NRA-ILA recognized us with a letter (view letter) and certificate recognizing our outstanding efforts.

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G.C.L.A. Member Mike Roberts passed away

Mike Roberts passed away at the age of 68 on Wednesday, August 7, 2019. Mike was very active in GCLA, kept track of legislation that could affect our Second Amendment rights and presented this information in the legislative update portion of our members' meetings. Mike will be greatly missed by us in GCLA.

Michael retired from Boeing after a successful 45-year career as an engineer. He was a graduate of Purdue University and earned multiple master's degrees over the course of his life. At an earlier age, Michael volunteered his time and talents serving as a volunteer police officer for the Kirkwood Police Department. Michael was a man of many passions and hobbies – he was a gun enthusiast who loved shooting, he was fascinated by antique outboard motors, and he enjoyed traveling to destinations around the world. Most of all, Michael loved taking care of his family and making memories with them during all the times they shared together.

Mike had Leukemia which took a sudden turn for the worse.

The Memorial Gathering was held at Baue Funeral & Memorial Center, 3950 West Clay, St. Charles, 63301 on Monday August 12, 2019 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Missouri Legislator Gives Recap of the Past Legislative Session

At our June Member's meeting guest speaker Dean Plocher (R), Representative from the 89th District gave a recap of the past legislative session. Dean is the chair of the General Law Committee. He reviewed what the committee processed.

The Q&A and discussion topics covered were:

- Transit carry bill didn't make it, but will be brought up again, they would like it with a CCW provision.
- Campus Carry had an amendment added and then failed in the House but passed in the Senate.
- Gun Free Zones.
- Discussion on the issues in changing laws and the state constitution and process involved.
- Bills 46, 48, and 49 failed in committee.
- Discussion on "Red Flag" bills, the presumption of innocence being ignored and the constitutionality.
- Dean noted that people are needed to show up for gun legislative hearings, and how there is no NRA representation either. This needs to change.

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RESERVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR
Gateway Friends of NRA Dinner and Auction
Saturday, April 4th, 2020 - doors open at 5:30 p.m.
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

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.

GCLA Gun Show Schedule

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

July 6,7 St. Charles Convention Center

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

August 17,18 Cabela's & Bass Pro Shop **

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

October 4-6 Olympic Athletic Event Ctr.,
49 Lawrence St., St. Charles

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

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

October 18-20 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

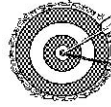
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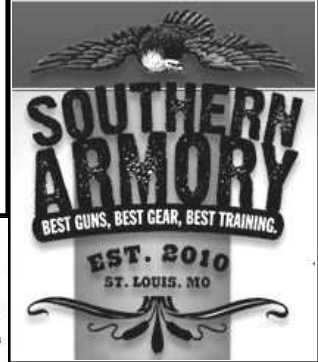
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Associate Membership

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.

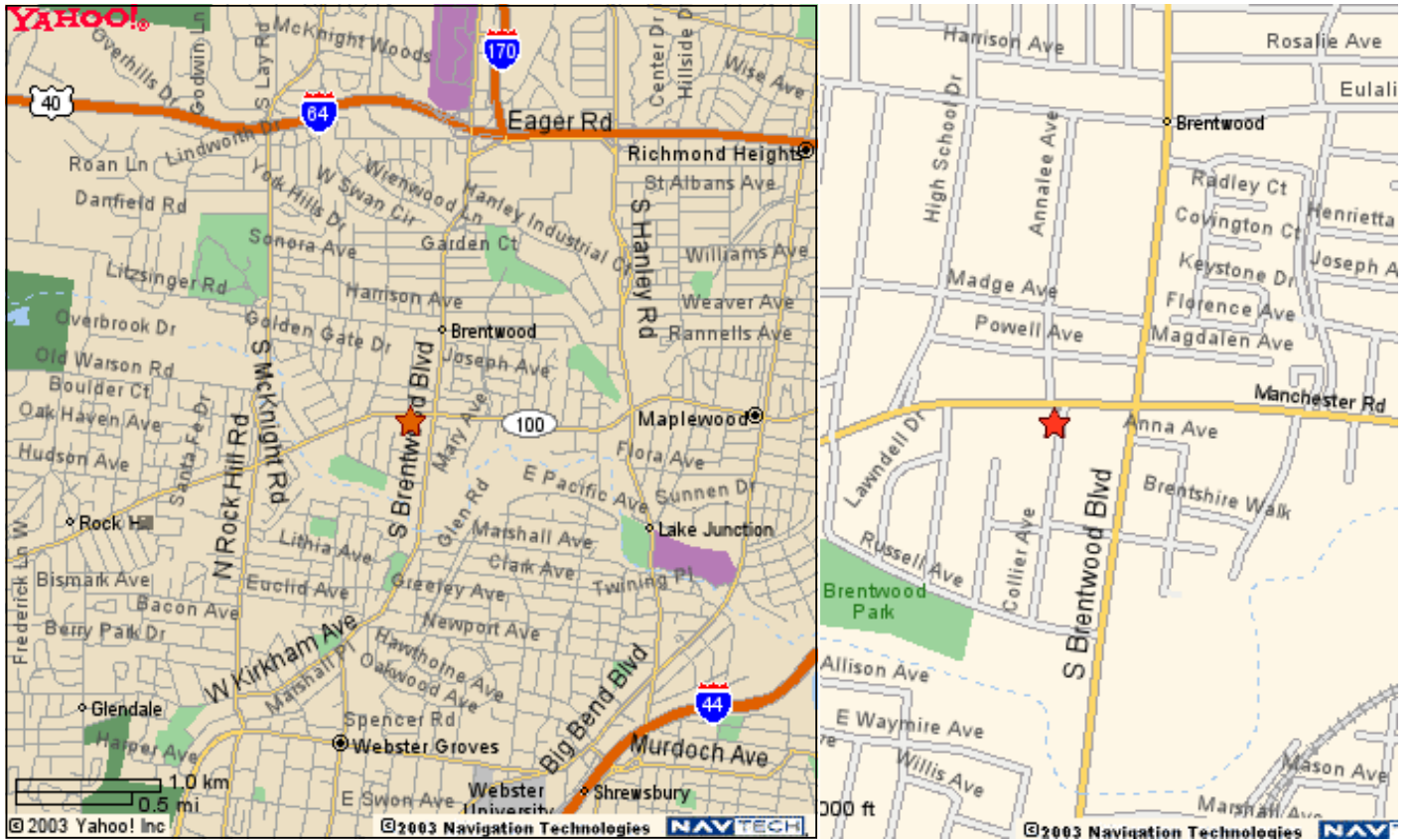
Send donations to GCLA-PAC, P.O. Box 440280, St. Louis, MO 63144

NOTICE: All proceeds from our current Gun Drawing are going to the GCLA PAC. The prizes are: The next GCLA-PAC drawing will be at our members' meeting on Tuesday November 5th, 2019. First prize is a Sig Sauer P365 9MM Pistol with Textured-polymer grip, Striker-fired trigger, Two 10 round magazines. Second prize is a Diamondback .380 Pistol, which is a micro compact semi-auto made entirely in the USA. The drawing is scheduled to be held at our members' meeting on Tuesday November 5th, 2019.



Member meetings location - American Legion Post (Goff Moll) #101 at 2721 Collier Ave. Brentwood, MO
 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: \$_____ []

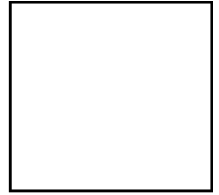
NRA Member: Y / N If an NRA annual member, your expiration date: / / .

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

We are particularly interested in your comments.



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