



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

The 2020 election is now behind us. The Missouri results for the state were outstanding. Solid gun rights candidates were elected. I would like to think that the GCLA's support and diligence were a contributing factor for their success.

The presidential election final results are questionable. We do know the perceived winner has sworn to appoint people that will try to confiscate and oversee the presence of our firearms that now are owned privately and freely. The thought of which should petrify a free people.

I've been in Cuba several times in the past 20 years. I have met and talked and traveled into the county where real Cubans live their daily life. The country people and culture are so similar to our own here in the USA. The results of the revolution are self evident. The country, after being taken over, issued a decree that all firearms are to be turned in. This government will protect you, there is no further need to possess firearms privately. The same occurred in Venezuela.

Write your senators and representatives on the federal level and for us here in Missouri our state elected people. This has to be one of the most important responsibility as Missouri residents to voice our resolve not to take it sitting down.

Have fun! Get active!
Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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GCLA Updates

Due to the pandemic and the restrictions that forced the cancelation of our members' meetings since March of this year, our drawings did not happen. The drawings are on hold until we can have a members' meeting in person. The board feels that doing a drawing in full view of the members is best to ensure the integrity of the drawing. Also the annual election of directors of GCLA did not happen. This too is being postponed until we can have a members' meeting in person.

The Board of Directors of GCLA did continue to meet monthly, via conference call, in order to conduct the other normal business of the organization.

The Goff-Moll American Legion Post 101 where we held our members' meeting is not going to reopen. We are looking for a new reasonably priced venue to hold our monthly members' meeting.

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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 of 2021 Board of Directors

The annual election for members of the Board of Directors of GCLA was not held this year. We will hold the election at our next members' meeting, whenever that is.

The expiring board members are: John Cuba, Steve Marx, Dale Barron and the alternate board member Terry Brookman. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Board members elected at the meeting will serve a term ending on 2023.

The 2020 Board of Directors of GCLA will be:

Term expires in 2022
Chris Brown
Don Childers
Kevin Ketterer

Term expires in 2021
Gene Dultz
Mark Luther
John Zeman

Term expires in 2020
John Cuba
Steve Marx
Dale Barron

Alternate Board member for 2020
Terry Brookman

At the subsequent Board of Directors' Meeting the board will elect from among themselves the officers for the remainder of 2021.

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Pro-Gun & Special Interest Groups

In light of the results of the presidential election it is clear that our Second Amendment protected right is going to come under fire more than ever before. Although many, for several reasons, feel that the NRA has many problems right now, the NRA is still our largest, strongest and most effective defender of the Second Amendment. Continued support of the NRA is critical.

With that said, there are many additional organizations promoting firearm ownership and defending our right to do so. There may be differences in the minutia, but right now the more organized voices we have with the same basic message the better.

The list below is full of various organizations that you can choose to support in addition to the NRA. It is not a complete list. Please consider supporting as many pro Second Amendment organizations as you possibly can.

General Groups

Gun Owners of America is probably the most popular NRA alternative.

It was created in 1975 by NRA board member and California state senator H. L. Richardson in response to his belief that the NRA was compromising on the protection of gun rights. For gun owners with the same belief today, it's an excellent resource.

GOA primarily focuses on supporting pro-gun legislation and candidates, opposing the opposite including by challenging existing laws in court, and educating the public, media, and government officials about Second Amendment and firearms related issues through the Gun Owner's Foundation, GOA's non-profit arm.

The Second Amendment Foundation has been working to educate the public on the Second Amendment and to defend the Second Amendment in court since the non-profit was started in 1974.

The SAF is extremely active in suing governments at all levels for Second Amendment violations and estimate that they're involved in a whopping 80% of Second Amendment related legal cases currently going on in the US.

Other National Level Groups:

- American Rifle & Pistol Association
- National Association for Gun Rights
- Firearms Policy Coalition
- Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms
- Constitutional Rights PAC (focused on constitutional rights in general, not just Second Amendment rights)

Special Interest Groups

Pink Pistols - Pro-gun activism and pro-LGBTQ activism are typically associated with opposite sides of the political aisle, but Pink Pistols brings the two issues together.

Pink Pistols is not a lobbying group for either firearms or LGBTQ rights and encourages members to engage in activism according to their own conscience.

The Well-Armed Woman is the premier online resource for gun info for women.

It was founded in response to the lack of helpful firearms resources for women.

Their site features a massive array of content by and for women, including not only firearms resources but also info on other defensive behaviors like situational awareness and cybersecurity as well as non-lethal self-defense.

Through The Well-Armed Woman Shooting Chapters program, the organization also has a ton of local chapters spread throughout the US which provide training and the opportunity to socialize with fellow women shooters.

A Girl and A Gun is a similar organization that focuses on introducing women and girls to recreational and competitive sport shooting, paying less attention to using guns for defense.

Evolve USA is a little bit different from a lot of other gun focused organizations in that they aren't at all political. In fact, they're overtly apolitical, actively refusing to discuss or debate anything about gun control from either side.

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Instead, Evolve focuses on solving what they call “America’s dumbest problem,” the 16,000 people every year who are injured or killed due to preventable gun accidents.

National African American Gun Association

It’s no secret that the United States doesn’t have a great historical track record when it comes to respecting the rights of our black residents, including Second Amendment rights, even after the government began recognizing them as citizens.

Even today, firearm ownership among the African American community is much lower than among whites. The National African American Gun Association seeks to change that.

They’re a relatively new kid on the block, founded in 2015 in February (in honor of Black History Month).

Like the Pink Pistols, NAAGA was originally formed to arm and educated a community, while encouraging members to engage in political activism as individuals.

Safari Club International (SCI) is probably the leading voice in advocating for both hunters and for sustainable hunting practices.

The Safari Club works to protect hunting both in the US and

internationally.

Domestically, SCI lobbies government officials on both the state and federal level and litigates cases related to hunting issues. At the international level, SCI is a non-governmental participant in a bunch of different organizations and treaties related to hunting, conservation, and firearms, including the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES).

Through the Safari Club International Foundation, they also engage in massive efforts for conservation, humanitarian aid, and poaching prevention.

Other Special Interest Groups

- Ducks Unlimited
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Quality Deer Management Association
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Mule Deer Foundation
- Pheasants Forever

You have plenty of options available to you, **including GCLA**, so look for those that you can really get behind .

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Gun Grabbers Demand Unprecedented “Executive Actions”

Although the outcome of the presidential election has yet to be certified – and with recounts, lawsuits, and investigations ongoing – gun control advocates are wasting no time cozying up to Joe Biden, and demanding his “executive action” to restrict access to firearms.

A recent article in Michael Bloomberg’s gun control propaganda arm, The Trace, detailed what it called “7 Ways Biden Could Go It Alone on Gun Violence Prevention.” The article noted that the would-be president’s own website states, “Joe Biden ... knows how to make progress on reducing gun violence using executive action.”

“Executive action” in this case means legally-binding steps the president asserts he can take without the Congress actually enacting or amending specific laws.

Vice-President Biden was supposedly the point man for the gun control push Barack Obama launched during his second term. Obama has made a point of repeatedly emphasizing how lack of “progress” on gun control was the most frustrating and anger-inducing aspect of his presidency. The Obama-Biden administration spent years searching for ways to unilaterally clamp down on Americans’ access to firearms. Now, however, gun controllers are suggesting that even more, and more dramatic, executive actions against firearms and their owners were somehow left on the table as lawful options.

Among the dozens of proposals were some that are largely symbolic and unlikely to do much of anything. But others would effectively change longstanding principles of law and even criminalize the possession of firearms that law-abiding Americans currently obtain and own legally.

Obama, for example, was heavily pressured to pursue “universal background checks” by making casual, infrequent sales of firearms subject to a federal firearms dealer’s license. Yet that was a bridge too far even for the Obama ATF. The agency

instead released “guidance” on the issue that did not establish the specific numerical trigger for licensing gun controllers had demanded, instead focusing on the “specific facts and circumstances of [the seller’s] activities.”

The gun control coalition, however, hopes Biden will be more aggressive, urging him to “further clarify which gun sellers must obtain a federal firearms license from ATF.”

The Trace article goes even further, urging Biden to instruct ATF to reclassify popular firearms currently owned by millions of Americans as regulated under the National Firearms Act, which requires special government permission and taxation for making, transfer, and possession..

Should such reclassification occur, these millions of gun owners would suddenly be in felony possession of firearms they had previously obtained legally and in good faith. While it’s possible an “amnesty” could be declared – perhaps allowing the owners to register and obtain tax stamps for their guns or even just to surrender them without prosecution – there’s no guarantee this would be the case. Yet even the best-case scenario would still have the gun owners declaring themselves as such to a hostile and disapproving federal government and paying a \$200 tax for each newly-classified firearm.

Should any of these scenarios come to pass, persecuted gun owners would have nowhere to turn but the courts. Fortunately, as the NRA has noted repeatedly, one of President Trump’s most enduring legacies has been his progress in reshaping the federal judiciary with appointees who are dedicated to the rule of law and the original meaning of the U.S. Constitution.

Whether this backstop will curb the gun-grabbing ambitions of a possible Biden-Harris administration remains to be seen. But as The Trace article makes clear, their supporters and funders in the gun-ban lobby remain as insistent and unhinged as ever.

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GOA Says Joe Biden's Gun Plan Could Bankrupt the Firearms Industry

Written by Jake Dima, Daily Caller
Published: 24 November 2020

President-elect Joe Biden's gun control plan, which in part seeks to remove liability protections on firearm manufacturers and dealers, could bankrupt major players in the weapons industry, two advocates said.

The former vice president's "Plan To End Our Gun Violence Epidemic" seeks to repeal the Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act, which affords firearms dealers and manufacturers legal protection against lawsuits that may result from the misuse of weapons or ammunition sold to the public. Such a measure would effectively leave dealers and sellers vulnerable to wrongful death and injury lawsuits that target the weapon, rather than the perpetrator, senior vice president of the Gun Owners of America Erich Pratt told the Daily Caller News Foundation.

"[Biden's plan] means that gun manufacturers could ultimately be put out of business through frivolous lawsuits, Pratt said in a phone interview. "It's totally irresponsible, imagine holding Ford or GM responsible for the damage caused by hit-and-run drivers. We wouldn't tolerate that and yet that's exactly the type of legal theory they're trying to put on gun manufacturers."

Kevin Jamison, a Missouri self-defense lawyer and firearms trainer, said "The guys pushing these lawsuits, they don't care if they win. They care if they can force these companies to hemorrhage money. They are in the business of putting gun

companies out of business."

Remington Arms Company, which has been producing firearms since 1816, went bankrupt in late September after the corporation was sued by the families of the victims involved in the deadly 2012 Sandy Hook school shooting, according to Fox Business. The gunman used a Bushmaster, a sub-company of Remington, AR-15 during the shooting, Fox reported...

Pratt said the country will be seeing "more" of these lawsuits and he added that Remington's bankruptcy "was the desired intent" of the legal procedure. Jamison called the theories behind the gun litigation "absurd" and said the lawsuits have been allowed to continue even under the Commerce In Arms Act because of misguided courts.

"They've gotten away with it because the courts have indulged these absurd theories of law," the gun lawyer said. "It's a disaster. It has been very bad the last few years, yes, but it's going to be the death of mom and pop and gun shops — individually-owned gun shops — and some of these companies."

Pratt sees the potential for America's gun industry as a whole to crumble under the weight of litigation that could result from Biden's plan.

"The idea of the left would be 'oh sure you can have a Second Amendment right, too bad you just can't find any guns that are being produced and manufactured,'" he said .

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Gallup: Support for Gun Control has Dropped and It's Not a Priority for Americans

The latest results of Gallup's long-running gun issue polling are sure to upset gun control advocates. After a year of COVID uncertainty, civil unrest, and record gun sales, support for further firearms restrictions has reached its lowest point since 2016. Moreover, the data shows that exceedingly few Americans consider additional gun controls the most pressing issue facing the country. As Gallup was one of the few polling firms that did not disgrace itself during the 2020 elections, anti-gun activists should find the results all the more stinging.

Gallup's data makes short work of some of the more ludicrous claims peddled by gun control advocates and opportunistic political grifters. For almost a decade, dishonest gun control supporters have contended that there is near-universal support for the criminalization of private firearm transfers — sometimes referred to as "universal background checks." Gallup's results directly controvert these specious claims; as do the results from every time this gun control measure has been placed on the ballot.

While it is unfortunate that a narrow majority of those polled support stricter gun control measures, the results must be placed in context. Through the 1990s and into the early 2000s, the measured support for stricter gun control routinely topped 60 percent and was sometimes measured above 70 percent.

Moreover, support for stricter gun control has dropped across the political spectrum. Gun control is less popular among

Republicans, Democrats, and independents than when Gallup measured the issue in 2018 and 2019.

The most notable long-term trend highlighted in Gallup's findings is the public's continued rejection of a ban on handguns. Gallup reported, "Americans' support for a ban on the possession of handguns, at 25%, is near the lowest on record in Gallup's 40-year trend." Longtime gun rights supporters will recall that a ban on the civilian possession of handguns was the organizing mission of gun control groups like Brady (formerly Handgun Control, Inc. and the National Council to Control Handguns), Coalition to Stop Gun Violence (formerly National Coalition to Ban Handguns), and the Violence Policy Center. By every available metric, these groups are much further from their goal than when they started.

In addition to their occasional gun control-specific polling, each month Gallup asks Americans "What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?" In October, less than 0.5 percent of respondents cited "Guns/Gun control." Further, the number of responses for "Guns/Gun control" has been similarly negligible for each month since March.

Given the current mood of the country and the flood of new gun owners it has helped bring about, anti-gun politicians would do well to extend their avoidance of gun control from election season into their respective legislative sessions.

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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 2021 & 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 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.

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

February 6,7 St. Charles Convention Center

March 19-21 Olympic Athletic Event Ctr., St. Charles

May 14-16 Olympic Athletic Event Ctr., St. Charles

June 4-6 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd

July 10,11 St. Charles Convention Center

September 17-19 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock
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November 27,28 St. Charles Convention Center

* 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 2020 elections.

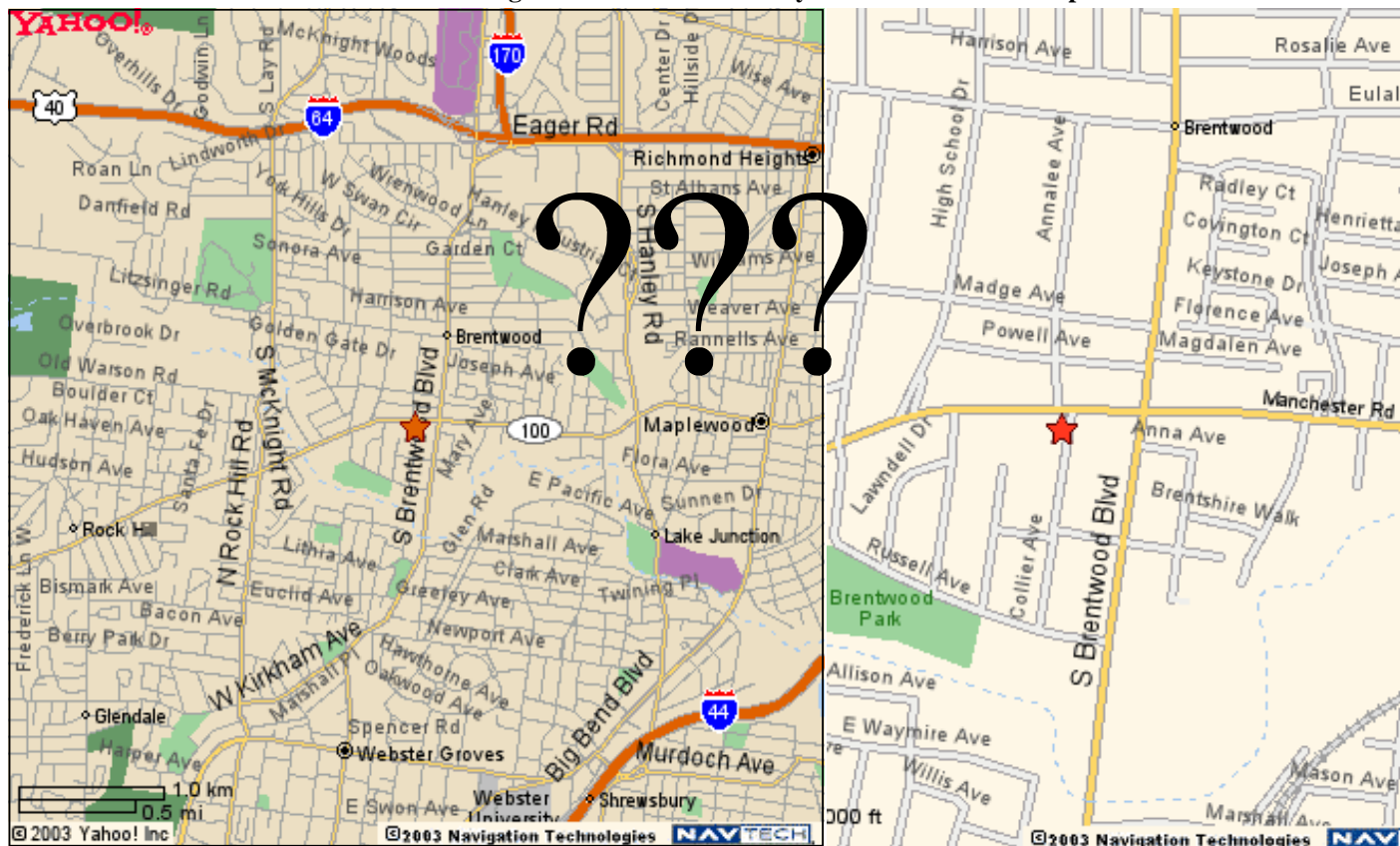
Send donations to GCLA-PAC, P.O. Box 440280, St. Louis, MO 63144

NOTICE: All proceeds from our current Gun Drawing are going to the GCLA PAC. The prizes are: First prize is a Henry US Survival Rifle .22 LR, (2) 8 Round Magazines. Second prize is a Benchmade 3" Self-Folding Knife with Friends of NRA Logo on the blade. The drawing is will be held at the next members' meeting, whenever that may be.



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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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