



G.C.L.A. NEWS

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Members' meetings are
on the first Thursday of
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462 N Hwy. 67,
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Next to the Walgreens
Store at the intersection
of N. Lindbergh Blvd.
and Washington St.
(see map on page 7)

President's Corner

2021 is starting out with hope for improving. At the time of writing this column, the committee is hoping to get plans in place for a 2021 Gun Rights Rally in the Jefferson City Capitol Rotunda, working with Kevin Jamison and the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance. GCLA will keep you informed on any positive development for 2021.

On January 19th a hearing on the pre-filed Senate Bill 39 (the Second Amendment Preservation Act) will be held. We hope to have a couple of GCLA members attend to be a part of the Pro side. The bill is about not going along with Missouri enforcing anti Second Amendment edicts and directives from outside Missouri State legislative action. GCLA will keep you informed.

On the Federal level the new director of the BATF is showing her anti Second Amendment bias. She is trying to go after pistols with an arm brace. She is classifying them as short barrel rifles which requires a \$200.00 tax to own or transfer. This is going to end up on court. This will affect handicapped shooters that need to have an arm brace for support to let them shoot well.

The new year will start with challenges and a chance to help keep Missouri a solid pro gun rights state. Stay informed of the goings on in Jefferson City and participate in any hearings that may affect our gun rights in Missouri.

Have fun! Get active!
Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally - 2021

Please make plans to join us in the Capitol Building in Jefferson City on Wednesday – April 28th, 2021 – 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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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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“Stand Up For Your Constitutional Rights!”

Attend This Year's

GUN RIGHTS RALLY DAY



**In the CAPITOL BUILDING
in JEFFERSON CITY**

Wed., April 28th, 2021

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Stop 'Red Flag' Laws!
Transit Carry on Bus Systems**

Celebrating 17 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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Missouri Bill Would Take on All Federal Gun Control: Past, Present and Future

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (Dec. 15, 2020) – A bill filed in the Missouri Senate would take on federal gun control; past, present and future. Passage into law would represent a major step toward ending federal acts that infringe on the right to keep and bear arms within the state.

Sen. Eric Burlison (R-Battlefield) filed Senate Bill 39 (SB39) on Dec. 1. The bill is identical to two bills filed in the House.

Titled the “Second Amendment Preservation Act,” the legislation would ban any entity or person, including any public officer or employee of the state and its political subdivisions, from enforcing any past, present or future federal “acts, laws, executive orders, administrative orders, court orders, rules, regulations, statutes, or ordinances” that infringe on the right to keep and bear arms.

DETAILS OF THE LEGISLATION

The bill includes a detailed definition of actions that qualify as “infringement,” including but not limited to:

- taxes and fees on firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition not common to all other goods and services that would have a chilling effect on the purchase or ownership of those items by law-abiding citizens;
- registration and tracking schemes applied to firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition that would have a chilling effect;
- any act forbidding the possession, ownership, or use or transfer of a firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition by law-abiding citizens;
- any act ordering the confiscation of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition from law-abiding citizens.

The proposed law defines “law-abiding citizen” as “a person who is not otherwise precluded under state law from possessing a firearm.”

Under the proposed law, infringement on the right to keep and bear arms would include the National Firearms Act of 1934, the Gun Control Act of 1968. Pres. Trump’s bump-stock ban, proposed federal “red-flag laws,” and any future gun control schemes implemented by the federal government.

The legislation includes a provision that would allow anybody who violates the law and knowingly deprives somebody of their right to keep and bear arms as defined by the law to be sued for damages in civil court.

“Sovereign, official, or qualified immunity shall not be an affirmative defense in such actions.”

The bill also includes provisions that would apply to federal agents who knowingly enforce or attempt to enforce any of the infringing acts identified in the law, or who give material aid and support to such enforcement efforts.

Under the proposed law, they would “be permanently ineligible to serve as a law enforcement officer or to supervise law enforcement officers for the state or any political subdivision of the state.” This would also apply to state or local law enforcement agents working with federal task forces or deputized by federal agencies.

In other words, Missouri law enforcement officers who cooperate with the feds in a violation of a person’s right to keep and bear arms would lose their jobs and never be able to work in Missouri law enforcement again.

EFFECTIVE

The federal government relies heavily on state cooperation to implement and enforce almost all of its laws, regulations and acts – including gun control. By simply withdrawing this necessary cooperation, states and localities can nullify many federal actions in effect. As noted by the National Governors’ Association during the partial government shutdown of 2013, “states are partners with the federal government on most federal programs.”

Based on James Madison’s advice for states and individuals in Federalist #46, a “refusal to cooperate with officers of the Union” represents an extremely effective method to bring down federal gun control measures because most enforcement actions rely on help, support and leadership from state and local governments.

Fox News senior judicial analyst Judge Andrew Napolitano agreed. In a televised discussion on the issue, he noted that a single state taking this step would make federal gun laws “nearly impossible” to enforce.

“Partnerships don’t work too well when half the team quits,” said Michael Boldin of the Tenth Amendment Center. “By withdrawing all resources and participation in federal gun control, states and even local governments can help bring these unconstitutional acts to their much-needed end.”

LEGAL BASIS

The state of Missouri can legally bar state agents from enforcing federal gun control. Refusal to cooperate with federal enforcement rests on a well-established legal principle known as the anti-commandeering doctrine.

Simply put, the federal government cannot force states to help implement or enforce any federal act or program. The anti-commandeering doctrine is based primarily on five Supreme Court cases dating back to 1842. *Printz v. U.S.* serves as the cornerstone.

“We held in *New York* that Congress cannot compel the States to enact or enforce a federal regulatory program. Today we hold that Congress cannot circumvent that prohibition by conscripting the States’ officers directly. The Federal Government may neither issue directives requiring the States to address particular problems, nor command the States’ officers, or those of their political subdivisions, to administer or enforce a federal regulatory program. It matters not whether policy making is involved, and no case by case weighing of the burdens or benefits is necessary; such commands are fundamentally incompatible with our constitutional system of dual sovereignty”

WHAT’S NEXT

On Jan. 6th SB 39 was officially introduced after the Missouri Legislature convened for its 2021 session. On Jan. 14th the bill was referred to the General Laws Committee where it must pass by a majority vote before moving forward in the legislative process.

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Biden's Tweet Was Attack On All Gun Owners

Joe Biden's recent Twitter message to former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords may read like a threat against one gun rights organization, but it is really an attack on every gun owner in the nation, the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) said today.

Biden pledged to work with Giffords on her extremist gun control agenda, and promised to "defeat the NRA," in the process. But, that's just cover for a bigger goal.

Joe Biden has labored relentlessly for decades to reduce the Second Amendment to rubble. He may attack one group by name, but his goal is to crush the rights of every gun owner in our country.

By attacking the Second Amendment Rights of 100 million Americans Biden is not bringing us together but dividing us further. If people take to the streets in protest, it will be his fault and he should be impeached for violating our constitutional rights. Maybe it is time to ban him from Twitter and Facebook!

This week SAF is launching its new major advertising effort to recruit tens of thousands of gun owners into the 2nd Amendment

First Responder program. SAF is running a one-minute message 40 times this week, on several national networks, to educate millions of law-abiding gun owners about the gun rights battle. This message will appear on DirecTV, Fox News, Fox Business, CNN, MSNBC, The Weather Channel, One America News Network, CNBC, HLN, Bloomberg and Dish TV.

This hard-hitting ad urges gun owners and viewers concerned about the civil right to bear arms to join the fight by texting 'PROTECT 2A' to '474747'. By texting, people can support SAF's educational and legal action programs to protect their rights.

Joe Biden isn't fooling anybody. He spent 47 years on Capitol Hill trying to turn the right to keep and bear arms into a regulated privilege. Now that he's headed to the White House, he thinks he will be able to complete his mission. SAF is working to swell the ranks of its 2nd Amendment First Responder project to stop him.

SAF didn't start this fire, Biden did..
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H.R. 1 – the so-called "For the People Act"

H.R. 1 – the so-called "For the People Act" is the first Bill the Democrats introduced in the new Congress.

Better named the GAG ACT, it's really a MASSIVE crack down on your freedoms, designed to expand the Radical Left's RAW POWER over you and me with draconian legislation that would:

- Impose sweeping new regulations on conservative organizations, to shut us up and cripple our effectiveness during election years;
- Force grassroots organizations to publicly release the names of supporters making them vulnerable to threats, intimidation, or worse, from radical left-wing mobs;
- Increase regulation of Americans' online speech beyond paid advertising to include communications on groups' or individuals' own websites and email messages. That's right, Big Brother wants to monitor everything you and I say about the jobs politicians are doing in Washington, D.C.

Then there's the load of bureaucratic rigmarole it would force grassroots citizens like you to jump through simply for exercising your First Amendment right to contact Congress about issues you care about.

On top of all of that, it would give hand-picked Biden bureaucrats massive new controls on our elections, letting them steamroll federalism and dictate to the states how their elections should run.

You don't have to think very long to see how terrible this could get . . .

Government agents with the expanded powers to target American citizens for their political speech - power they've PROVEN they'll wield to protect the BIG GOVERNMENT politicians who reward them with more of your tax dollars!

That's a vicious cycle you and I may never be able to unwind if the GAG ACT passes.

Remember H.R. 1 is just the tip of iceberg .
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G.C.L.A. Board Member Dale Barron passed away

Dale Barron of St. Louis, Missouri, died peacefully at the age of 75 at his nursing home on Friday, December 4, 2020 following a courageous battle with a rare and aggressive form of cancer further exacerbated by the tyrant COVID-19.

Dale was a Life Member and Benefactor of the NRA, a Director of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance and a Board Member of MSSA. He enjoyed visiting the shooting ranges and attending gun shows. Dale was also an Election Judge and enjoyed working

the polls.

Dale was laid to rest with his mother in Concordia Cemetery. A celebration of remembrance will be planned at a later date when it is once again safe to gather. If you desire to be informed of the event, please comment below or email uncle.dale.barron@gmail.com.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Dale and his family.
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Drawings Winners

The most recent GCLA drawings were held at our members' meetings on Thursdays February 4th & March 4th, 2021.

At the February meeting, the winner of the Henry Lever Action Frontier Rifle with 20" Octagon barrel .22 S/L/LR. was Mike White of Imperial, MO.

The Bechmade Knife was won by Curtis Bonsignore.

At the March meeting, the winner of the Henry US Survival Rifle .22 LR, (2) 8 Round Magazines was Luke Goldkamp. The Bechmade Knife was won by Jennifer Mills.
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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.

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 Rd

November 27,28 St. Charles Convention Center

* indicates GCLA will **not** have a table at this show

** indicates NRAMembership 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

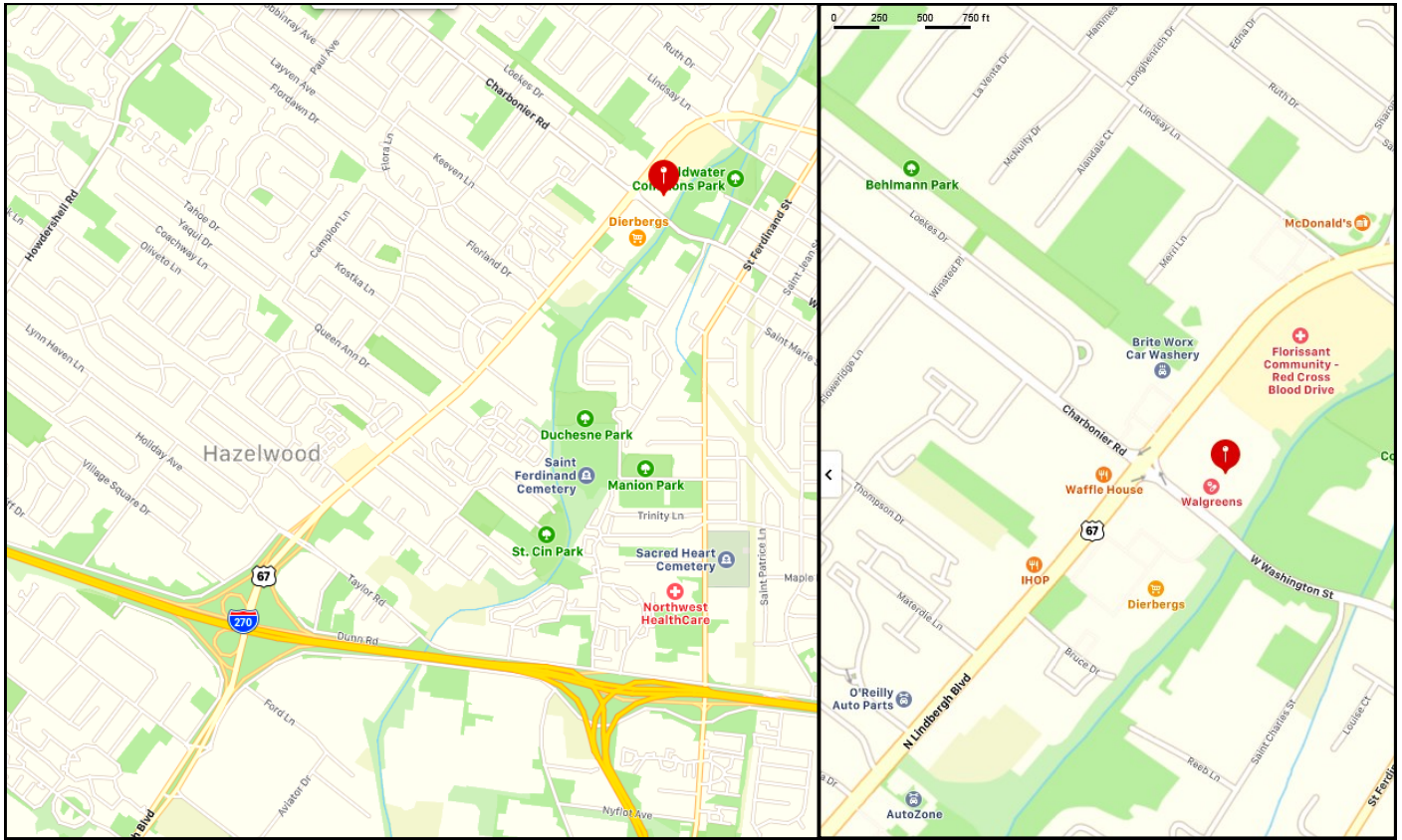
Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance has a Political Action Committee. This PAC allows GCLA to support the Missouri candidates that believe in our gun rights. The PAC needs funding to be effective and we need to start preparing now for the 2022 elections.

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 Stevens/Savage 320 Security 12 gauge 18.5" 5 round Matte. Second prize is a Benchmade 3" Self-Folding Knife with Friends of NRA Logo on the blade. The drawing will be held at a members' meeting, the date still to be determined.

Member meetings location - Cannoli's Restaurant & Bar (in the back room) at 462 N Hwy. 67, Florissant, MO 63031
next to the Walgreens Store at the intersection of N. Lindbergh Blvd. and Washington St.

Member meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM. (except in May this year, on the second Thursday)



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: _____

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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