

G.C.L.A. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance

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President's Corner

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Members' meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Cannoli's Restaurant & Bar (in the back room) at 462 N Hwy. 67, Florissant, MO

Next to the Walgreens Store at the intersection of N. Lindbergh Blvd. and Washington St. (see map on page 7)

The year 2021 is developing into real challenge to sort out the false propaganda.

The recent mass shooting in Colorado is just the event the anti Second Amendment groups have been waiting for. Yelling from the roof top that none of this could happen if only we had "Red Flag Laws" not stopping there the rant continued "universal background check", "no high capacity magazines", "expanding gun free zones will make us all safer". I'm sure I've missed a point or two of this nitwittery that they are spewing.

The cold hard truth is that Colorado has had all of these in effect starting as far back in 2013. This is a bold lie that keeps being repeated over and over from "the evil people".

Moving on, the Covid Pandemic is ending. The world around us getting back to the new normal.

We are having our monthly members meeting at Cannoli's Restaurant at Washington and N. Lindbergh in Florissant.

The speaker at the June 3rd meeting was Senator Onder. Senator Onder has been a real conservative and a gun rights supporter, not with talk but introducing Transit Carry and the Second Amendment Preservation Act in the Missouri Senate. His continuing work helped put the Second Amendment Preservation Act on Governor Parson's Desk to be signed into law.

The money that we receive from our gun drawings and 50/50 drawings at members' meetings goes to support these good gun right supporters in local and state government. These good supporters of our rights have made Missouri a leader of our God given Freedoms. Please ask Don Childers for extra drawing tickets to sell to people you come in contact with. This effort will help our PAC Fund for Missouri grow.

The GCLA needs a new Webmaster. Those who have the skill please step up and help. Lee Taylor has been doing this since Dale Baron passed away. Lee needs to have help and a replacement.

Hope to see you at future members meetings .

Have fun! Get active! Steve Marx President. GCLA

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. ٠

Missouri Legislator Speaks at June Members' Meeting

The speaker at our June members' meeting was Senator Robert (Bob) Onder Jr.

Senator Onder was sworn into office on Jan. 7, 2015 to serve the residents of Missouri's Second Senatorial District in St. Charles County. He previously served in the Missouri House of Representatives from 2007 to 2008.

Senator Onder is a member of the Missouri State Medical Association and a Life Member of the National Rifle Association. He is also a former board member of Missouri Right to Life. Senator Onder is a graduate of Washington University School of Medicine and St. Louis University School of Law.

Senator Onder is one of our best Second Amendment supporters and gave us an excellent, informative, and entertaining presentation of our Second Amendment rights, laws and bills in Missouri. He expounded on the intricacies of the laws and getting them passed through legislation, with several related stories. With some Q&A at the end the presentation was greatly appreciated.

GCLA graciously thanks Senator Onder for giving his time and presentation .



Missouri Governor Parson signs the Second Amendment Preservation Act

The Second Amendment Preservation Act (SAPA) was signed into law on Saturday afternoon June 12, 2021 by Governor Mike Parson--former sheriff of Polk County. SAPA applies to Missouri only. It is intended to provide Missouri citizens with a shield against federal overreach with regard to the Second Amendment. The key provision of SAPA is a \$50,000 fine that would apply to Missouri personnel (including law enforcement) who knowingly assist in federal gun grabbing in Missouri.

With an exuberant crowd, the well-attended public ceremony took place in the large lobby of Frontier Justice, a firearms store

and indoor shooting range in Lee's Summit. After several speeches by the establishment owner and bill sponsors, including House sponsor Representative Jered Taylor, Governor Parson's pre-signing comments included "...I have and always will stand for the Constitution and our Second Amendment rights. This legislation today draws a line in the sand and demonstrates our commitment to reject any attempt by the federal government to circumvent the fundamental right Missourians have to keep and bear arms to protect themselves and their property."

SCOTUS Unanimously Rebuffs Biden Administration on Warrantless Searches for Handguns

The Supreme Court unanimously rejected Biden administration arguments in a case from Rhode Island that police should be allowed to enter homes without a warrant to seize handguns.

The ruling in the case, Caniglia v. Strom, court file 20-157, came May 17.

Erich Pratt, Senior Vice President of Gun Owners of America, praised the new decision.

"The Supreme Court today smacked down the hopes of gun grabbers across the nation," Pratt said.

"The Michael Bloombergs of the world would have loved to see the Supreme Court grant police the authority to confiscate firearms without a warrant. But the Supreme Court

unanimously ruled that the Fourth Amendment protections in the Bill of Rights protect gun owners from such invasions into their homes."

Bloomberg, the billionaire former New York mayor, is an activist and major funder of gun-control groups.

The case came before the high court for oral argument two months ago as President Joe Biden and congressional Democrats began pressing for aggressive new restrictions on Second Amendment gun ownership rights, including controversial "red flag" laws, which allow gun seizures from law-abiding gun owners with limited due process, in the wake of highly publicized deadly mass shootings in March at a Boulder, Colorado, supermarket and at Atlanta-area spas.

Police generally cannot conduct searches of private property without consent or a warrant.

In Cady v. Dombrowski the Supreme Court held in 1973 that police may conduct warrantless searches related to "community caretaking functions," but only for "vehicle accidents." Since then, the principle has become "a catchall for a wide range of responsibilities that police officers must discharge aside from their criminal enforcement activities," the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals stated in the Caniglia case.

The community caretaking doctrine holds that police don't always operate as law enforcement officials investigating wrongdoing, but sometimes as caretakers to prevent harm in emergency situations....

During telephonic oral arguments March 24, Department of Justice lawyer Morgan Ratner supported the city of Cranston's (Continued on page 4)

Annual Gun Rights Rally Day

The 2021 annual Gun Rights Rally held on Wednesday April 28th 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. There were more speakers this year than before, with many Senators and Representative coming down, giving short speeches. It was noticed that there were more woman speakers this year, which is a good sign for upcoming Second Amendment issues. The good crowd helped the effort and volunteers helped marshal the speakers to the line and podium. This helped make the event go really well.

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!

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GCLA Supports Missouri Youth Shooting

At our members' meetings held on May 13th, GCLA made donations of \$750.00 to each of six youth shooting groups. GCLA President Steve Marx presented the donations to: Team Hedges Parent Club, Arnold Junior Shooters SCTP, Y-HEC

at Arnold, Arnold Junior Shooters Steel Challenge, Gateway Gun Club Youth Shooters and St. Louis Area Homeschool Shooting Sports. GCLA also made a donation of \$500.00 to Scout Troop 443.

GCLA also made a \$200 donation - and a member made a \$250 donation - to the Classical Academy de Lafayette 'Team Patriots', which recently came to our attention.

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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position, arguing police have to be free to act in potential emergencies.

"Although there have been a lot of questions this morning about whether this is emergency aid or exigent circumstances or community caretaking or something else, the label you give it is not nearly as important as the principle. And the key principle is if someone is at risk of serious harm and it's reasonable for officials to intervene now, that is enough," Ratner said.

Writing the Supreme Court's short, 4-page opinion in the case, Justice Clarence Thomas noted the Cady v. Dombrowski precedent, which he indicated applied to police "responding to disabled vehicles or investigating accidents."

"The question today is whether Cady's acknowledgment of these 'caretaking' duties creates a standalone doctrine that justifies warrantless searches and seizures in the home," Thomas wrote.

"It does not," he added...

Justice Alito Invites Challenges to Red Flag Laws

In a separate concurring opinion, Justice Samuel Alito wrote that the Supreme Court is "properly reject[ing] the broad 'community caretaking' theory."

At the same time, he noted that the case implicates "another body of law that petitioner glossed over: the so-called 'red flag' laws that some States are now enacting."

Such laws, he wrote, "enable the police to seize guns pursuant to a court order to prevent their use for suicide or the infliction of harm on innocent persons."

Although this particular decision does not address those issues, "provisions of red flag laws may be challenged under the Fourth Amendment, and those cases may come before us."

Biden Announces Expansive Gun Control Restrictions

Joe Biden just bypassed Congress to attack your Second Amendment rights!

Biden is targeting homemade and pistol-braced firearms. And he is calling on Congress and states to enact Red Flag gun confiscation orders.

Like a dictator, Biden is seeking to unilaterally regulate firearms that gun owners currently own. And he's doing this via executive action - bypassing the constitutional requirements which give Congress the authority to pass legislation.

Gun Owners of America is on the ground RIGHT NOW in Washington D.C. fighting for your rights. And their legal team is already preparing to challenge Biden's gun ban agenda at every step in the process.

GOA stands completely opposed to any effort by the Biden Administration to regulate self-built firearms or kits used to assemble a homemade firearm in any manner.

The practice of making a firearm at home is older than our Republic itself, and this tradition is certainly guaranteed under the Second Amendment today!

Joe Biden knows he cannot beat gun owners in Congress, so instead he's abusing his executive authority - throwing the FULL WEIGHT of the federal bureaucracy behind his attack on gun owners. Biden has ordered the Attorney General Merrick Garland to further regulate homemade guns and parts kits even without a new act of Congress. And he's ordered a pistol-braced firearm ban—treating them as SBRs under the NFA - that is certain to result in the confiscation, destruction or coerced registration of millions of pistol AR-15's and other legally-purchased pistols.

But Gun Owners of America has the "street cred" to beat the Biden administration at its own game.

In case you missed our exciting news from recent days, Gun Owners of America and our sister organization Gun Owners Foundation JUST WON our lawsuit to halt the implementation of the bump stock ban.

The legal precedent set by our victory will be INSTRUMENTAL in reigning in the administrative state and PREVENTING the ATF from implementing Biden's gun control.

With your help, GOA and GOF are going to SUE the Biden Administration.

But understand that this is going to be a long, protracted battle. We are already in communication with legislators in Congress and are coordinating efforts to fight the administration with every legal tool that we have available.

GCLA 2021 Board of Directors

The election was held at the March 4th members' meeting. John Cuba Steve Marx, Bruce Buwalda were elected to the Board Of Directors. Dan Hyatt was elected to be the Alternate Board Member. Ketterer - Vice President, John Zeman - Secretary and Gene Dultz - Treasurer .

Congratulation and good luck to the 2021 Board Members.

The Officers for 2021 are Steve Marx - President, Kevin

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. May 23,23 St. Charles Convention Center July 31, August 1 St. Charles Convention Center Sept. 17-19 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd October 22-24 MACA/ Arnold Eagles Hall, Arnold November 27,28 St. Charles Convention Center * indicates GCLA will **not** have a table at this show ** indicates NRAMembership Recruiting table only Any Member WhoWould Like ToWork 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.

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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.

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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.

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We are particularly interested in your comments.	



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