



# G.C.L.A. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance

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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)

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## President's Corner

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The season is changing and day light is getting shorter. Hunting season is upon us. Missouri Department of Conservation has a fine system of outdoor shooting ranges. In my opinion the Missouri Department of conservation is at the top for promoting shooting activity. I stopped at Henges range on a Sunday to burn a few rounds to maintain my skill level. The new availability of ammunition should help your desire to start getting out and back to the range.

The GCLA has been inviting prominent Missouri Representatives and Senators to speak at our members' meetings. GCLA members have had positive contact with these elected officials through special events and fund raisers. If you can join in these events please contact a GCLA Board Member for information.

The elected people have made themselves accessible to the GCLA because of our efforts to elect good people that are protecting our Second Amendment rights here in Missouri.

GCLA needs all of our members to promote our gun drawings. These drawings are our way of building up the GCLA PAC fund to support the good guys in Missouri in their election campaigns. That also includes the 50/50 drawing at the monthly members' meeting with the proceeds going to the GCLA PAC.

2022 elections are going to be very big in Missouri. Many hands in helping makes it a lot easier.

Hope to see you at future members meetings .

Have fun! Get active!

Steve Marx  
President, GCLA

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## GCLA's Purpose

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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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## Missouri Legislators Speak at September Members' Meeting

The speakers at our September members' meeting were Representative Dean Plocher (right) and Representative Dan Shaul (far right).

Representative Dean Plocher has served in the Missouri House of Representatives from the 89th district since 2016. He lives in Des Peres. He is an amazing supporter of the Second Amendment. He currently serves as majority floor leader and is going to be the next Missouri Speaker of the House. Dean gave a very informative and engaging talk. Covering topics such as SAPA, budgets, Covid, CRT (Critical Race Theory), 1619 Project, Missouri initiative petition reforms, Missouri Constitution change issues and reform, Schools & vouchers, Kim Gardner and more. He took questions on Vehicle Temp Tags, and the Teachers Union and how you need to get involved.

Representative Dan Shaul is a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, having served since 2015. He represents parts of Barnhart, Arnold, Kimmswick and Imperial in Jefferson County (District 113) in Missouri. Dan is an avid supporter of the Second Amendment, he is on his school board and is over the Missouri state voting map redistricting. Dan gave a great talk on getting involved with and getting on your local school board. He gave a detailed overview of the state redistricting and the issues that have arose.

Thanks to Dean and Dan for giving us their time and speaking with us .



## Election of 2022 Board of Directors

The annual election for members of the Board of Directors of GCLA will be held at our October 7th Members' Meeting. The expiring board members are: Gene Dultz, Mark Luther, John Zeman and the alternate board member Dan Hyatt. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Board members elected at the meeting will serve a three year term.

The 2021 Board of Directors of GCLA are:

Terms expire in 2021

Gene Dultz  
Mark Luther  
John Zeman.

Terms expire in 2022

Chris Brown  
Don Childers  
Kevin Ketterer

Terms expire in 2023

John Cuba  
Steve Marx  
Bruce Buwalda

Alternate Board member for 2021

Dan Hyatt

Members interested in running for the board, or if you know a member who is interested, please send an email to [questions@gclastl.org](mailto:questions@gclastl.org). If you are nominating someone, please provide contact information so we can reach out the them to make sure that they are willing to run.

At the October 16th Board of Directors' Meeting the board will elect from among themselves the officers for 2022.

## SAPA to be signed into law by Parson

The Second Amendment Preservation Act, was approved by the legislature on the final day of session, was signed into law on Saturday, June 12, 2021.

HB 85, commonly known as SAPA, would nullify any federal law that restricts gun ownership, including those related to taxes, tracking, confiscation orders, and prohibitions on possession. Another section would require those who knowingly deprive a Missouri citizen of those rights to be liable for redress for \$50,000, including law enforcement departments.

"I'm happy that the governor agreed with the General Assembly. He recognizes the threat the current administration poses on Second Amendment rights to law-abiding Missourians," sponsor

Rep. Jered Taylor said. "I look forward to standing next to the governor on Saturday to push back on the federal government's overreach and protect Second Amendment rights in Missouri."

The bill was a focus of Republican leadership as this year's session drew to a close; the Senate passed it after a lengthy standoff the night before session ended, and the House gave its final approval with an hour left before the legislative deadline.

The measure saw extensive pushback from the other side of the aisle. Senate Democrats filibustered the bill for several hours, and House members voiced their own opposition to the bill before its final passage.

## A Constitutional Convention Could Threaten Your Second Amendment Rights

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Once again, the extremely dangerous notion of calling an Article V Constitutional Convention is raising its ugly head within the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The Pennsylvania Senate State Government Committee will consider two resolutions on Tuesday, September 28th to advance Article V conventions of the states. SR 152 would impose fiscal restraints on the federal government and SR 67 proposes to limit the number of seated judges on the Supreme Court to nine.

While the stated intent of these resolutions might be a good idea, calling an Article V Constitutional Convention is downright dangerous.

Despite assurances to the contrary, there simply is no way to ensure that such a Constitutional Convention would be limited to the subjects for which they were called. The danger of a so-called “runaway convention” is real. In fact, former SCOTUS Chief Justice Warren Burger wrote a letter on the subject that warned just that.

And let’s remember that the Constitution of the United States was

drafted at a convention called for the “sole and express purpose of revising the Articles of Confederation.” While the outcome of that convention was glorious, any convention called today would not consist of the same caliber of people.

This ain’t 1787. Today, we have elected officials who are hostile to the Bill of Rights. Not only could such people erase the Second Amendment to the Constitution, but they could alter the very form of government we have now, even tampering with other enumerated Constitutional Rights.

We need to ask ourselves this question, “Do I trust a group of people to meet with the power to amend the constitution, given that many of them showing up for such a task would be ill-informed and could even try to hijack such a convention?”

Take a minute to familiarize yourself with the dangers of an Article V Constitutional Convention by reading this excellent article in The New American. While written in 2009, the arguments are as valid today as they were then.



## House-Passed NDAA includes Anti-Gun Provisions

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Sunday, September 26, 2021

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed its version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), the annual defense bill that directs funding for our nation’s military. Unfortunately, this year’s bill contains two anti-gun provisions opposed by NRA-ILA.

The first provision, included in the bill by Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA), would ignore due process protections afforded by the U.S. Constitution and allow for the confiscation of firearms owned by those in the armed forces.

The Speier language would allow the military judicial system to issue ex parte protective orders that prohibit firearm possession. In other words, military personnel could be forcibly disarmed of their lawfully-possessed firearms before having so much as an opportunity to contest the accusations against them and present evidence in their defense. This would represent a clear denial of constitutional due process protections for those who have sworn an oath to protect and defend our country and the U.S. Constitution.

The second provision, offered as an amendment by Rep. Norma

Torres (D-CA), would undo components of two export-reform regulations crafted by the Trump Administration. The regulations were designed to enhance the competitiveness of American companies in the firearms and ammunition sectors, remove burdens for gunsmiths and other small businesses, modernize export controls, and enhance national security.

Instead, the Torres amendment would empower anti-gun legislators to inject politics into what is normally an administrative exercise handled by subject matter experts, leading to unnecessary delays and costs to otherwise legal transactions. The amendment passed by a vote 215-213.

Anti-gun provisions like those included in the House-passed NDAA are glaring examples of the challenges law-abiding gun owners face with a Nancy Pelosi-led Congress. However, the fight is not over. The U.S. Senate has yet to consider their version of the NDAA, and both chambers will need to iron out any differences between their respective bills before it becomes law. NRA-ILA will continue to fight against the inclusion of these anti-gun provisions in the final bill.



## Gun Registry by the U.N.

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Written by Erich Pratt Published: 24 September 2021

The Biden Administration is considering signing a treaty with the U.N. that would lead to a GLOBAL GUN REGISTRY.

But the U.S. Senate will have to approve this treaty, which is why Gun Owners of America is circulating a petition with a goal of collecting 1 MILLION signatures against this surrender of our basic rights.

It’s not just the Second Amendment that’s at stake here...

...This treaty with the U.N. would threaten our national sovereignty by surrendering our constitutionally protected rights to a global governing body.

If Joe Biden can get away with forking over a liberty enshrined in

the Bill of Rights, America will no longer be a country of, for, and by the People.

That’s why we need to call upon the U.S. Senate to rip this treaty into a thousand pieces, incinerate it, and bury the ashes.

With our God-given liberties on the line, we need to speak up louder than ever before to ensure every “moderate” and “swing voter” in the Senate hears the full force of the American people.

That’s why GOA has set such an ambitious goal of collecting one million signatures against this sovereignty-sacrificing treaty that would hand over our Second Amendment rights to globalist bureaucrats.



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# The Truth About Missouri's Constitutional Carry Law

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By Bryce Booher - published on [thetruthaboutguns.com](http://thetruthaboutguns.com)

'Constitutional carry' is clearly on the rise. States all across the country are moving to allow their citizens the ability to legally carry concealed firearms without state-required safety courses. In some states, the requirements for a carry permit can be overly burdensome by being too long, too expensive, or too restrictive or all three. But along with the spread of constitutional carry comes a new definition of what constitutional carry actually means.

Because these requirements vary from state to state, I can only speak to what I know about my own state. For the last five years, I've been a firearms instructor in the state of Missouri, teaching concealed carry safety courses.

On January 1st, 2017, Missouri's constitutional carry law went into effect. There were three major areas of change the new law brings (and a lot of smaller changes I won't get into here).

1) 'Stand Your Ground' law: Before 1/1/17, no one had a duty to retreat from any dwelling, residence, vehicle, or private property owned or leased by so long as they were there lawfully. Under the new law, you do not have a duty to retreat from any place you are occupying lawfully.

2) Castle Doctrine: Before 1/1/17, the castle doctrine didn't apply to house guests, nannies, or anyone else not actually living in the home. Under the new law, the castle doctrine applies to anyone lawfully in your home for any lawful purpose.

3) The third major change in the statutes - and the most misunderstood - was the legal ability to carry a concealed firearm without acquiring a concealed carry weapons permit (or CCW permit). Many assumed (incorrectly) that this meant you could carry a concealed firearm anywhere in the state without consequence. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case.

Putting it as simple as possible, the new law made it legal to carry concealed where it was already legal to carry openly. There are

two problems with this.

1) There are provisions in Missouri's law that allow cities to pass local ordinances banning the open carrying of firearms (Branson is one of those cities). The way around those ordinances was to get a CCW permit. The new constitutional carry law did not address those ordinances, which means if you do not have a CCW permit, you are not legally allowed to carry a firearm open or concealed in those cities.

2) There are also 17 places listed specifically in the statutes in which you are not allowed to carry a concealed firearm (Missouri Revised Statutes Chapter 571.107). If you DO NOT have a permit, and choose to carry concealed in any of these places, you can be arrested for a Class B misdemeanor. If you have a CCW permit and carry in those places, management must ask you to leave (or leave your firearm in the car, etc), BEFORE calling law enforcement. If they chose to call law enforcement without first asking you to leave, law enforcement would have to ask you to leave before any citation can be given. If you refuse to leave, you can be given citations and could face suspensions or revocations of your permit, etc (so don't be THAT guy).

As you can see, Missouri's new constitutional carry law is far from perfect. Are these provisions steps in the right direction for gun owners? Probably, so long as the language doesn't become misconstrued and used against good people trying to do the right thing. However, there are still plenty of reasons to get a CCW permit (aside from those listed above).

It's important that we understand what our state law actually says. Don't take the media's word for it (or gun store jibber-jabber). Do your own research and educate yourself.

*Bryce Booher runs Defensive Resources LLC and is a NRA certified firearms instructor.*

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## About Half of New Gun Owners are Women

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Monday, September 20, 2021

In a blow to the tired stereotypes perpetuated by gun control supporters, a recent academic survey found broad diversity among recent first time gun buyers. The findings bolstered what many observers had anecdotally discovered, the last year-and-a-half's pandemic and civil unrest-fueled record-breaking gun sales.

Provided with the preliminary survey results, the Wall Street Journal reported,

the 2021 National Firearms Survey, designed by Deborah Azrael of the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Matthew Miller of Northeastern University, show an estimated 3.5 million women became new gun owners from January 2019 through April of this year. About 4 million men became new gun owners over that period, they found.

Therefore, the study suggests that 46.6% of new gun owners since January 2019 were women.

The news is of particular interest to those who understand the Second Amendment isn't about duck hunting. Pew Research Center data suggests that women are more likely than men to cite self-defense as their reason for purchasing a firearm. In 2017, Pew reported,

Male and female gun owners are about equally likely to cite protection as a reason why they own guns: About nine-in-ten in each group say this is a reason, and 65% and 71%, respectively,

say it is a major reason. But far larger shares of women than men who own guns say protection is the only reason they own a gun: About a quarter of women who own guns (27%) are in this category, compared with just 8% of men.

The 2021 survey also found that new gun owners were more diverse than the general population. The Wall Street Journal noted, "Among new gun buyers, 55% were white, 21% were Black and 19% were Hispanic. Among new women gun owners, 28% were Black." For context, Census data places the U.S. demographic breakdown at 13.4% Black and 18.5% Hispanic.

The survey findings won't come as a surprise to those who have been paying attention. Starting in the earliest days of the pandemic, there were media reports throughout the country noting a diverse deluge of first-time gun buyers showing up at gun dealers. Moreover, surveys of these dealers showed a similar situation unfolding. In February, NSSF noted, "sales among women accounted for 40 percent of all sales, and purchases by African Americans increased by 56 percent compared to 2019."

Azrael and Miller's findings are even more notable given the anti-gun movement's recent attempts to leverage the current identity politics mood in pursuit of their civilian disarmament agenda.

The recent survey data is strong evidence that the public is ignoring these political opportunists, understanding that the Second Amendment right is for all Americans.

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## Annual Membership Renewal

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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.

July 31, August 1 St. Charles Convention Center

Sept. 17-19 Machinist Hall 12365 St. Charles Rock  
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October 15-17 MACA/ Arnold Eagles Hall, Arnold

November 27,28 St. Charles Convention Center

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Show**

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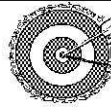
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## Associate Membership

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.

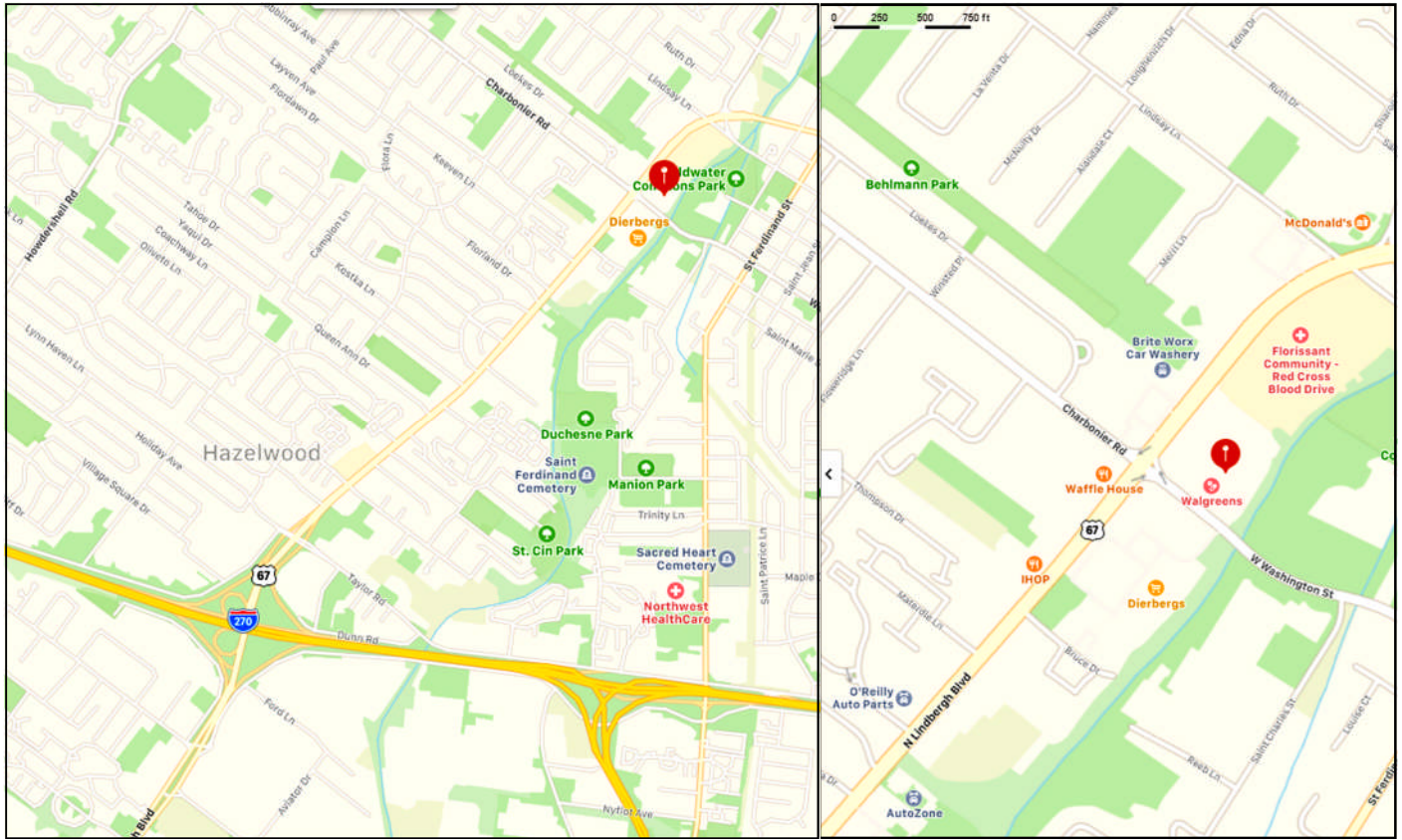
## GCLA-PAC

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 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 our December 2nd members' meeting.

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.**



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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual: Adult Membership Dues are \$24.00. Youth (under 16) Membership dues are \$10.00.  
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MSSA Member: Y / N Sponsor (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

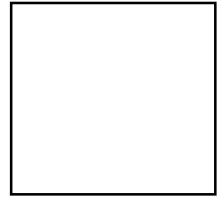
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