

# G.C.L.A. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance

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## **President's Corner**

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#### NEW MEETING LOCATION

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

Gateway Gun Club

13547 Missouri Bottom Road Bridgeton, MO 63044.

Off Exit #9,141 (Earth City Expwy) from 370

(see map on page 7)

The midterm election in November is fast approaching. Take the time to vote for and support Second Amendment candidates on the ballot. Without their support of our God given rights we are at great risk of losing them. The chance to be an election judge poll worker is a way to help keep the process honest and transparent. Contact your local Board of Elections to volunteer.

To show that the unhinged left never gives up. The credit card providers are being pressed to create a new code on credit card transactions to identify purchases of guns from gun dealers. This is an end run to keep track of who bought what and where. The sales of ammo would also be flagged. Thank God for Attorney Generals in Tennessee and Montana as well are 11 Republican Senators attempting to prevent this end run on our Second Amendment.

Thank you to all of the people that supported the Friends of the NRA dinner and auctions in the area. The money raised goes to support youth shooting programs. The younger generation that has good skills, training and knowledge will help protect our rights for the future.

In November "VOTE YOUR GUN RIGHTS"

Have fun! Get active! Steve Marx President, GCLA

# Election Time is Here

The 2022 election 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

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.

### **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.

#### **Election of 2023 Board of Directors**

The annual election for members of the Board of Directors of GCLA will be held at our October 6th Members' Meeting. The expiring board members are: Chris Brown, Don Childers, Kevin Ketterer and the alternate Dan Hyatt. Nominations will be taken from the floor. Board members elected at the meeting will serve a three year term.

The 2022 Board of Directors of GCLA are:

President	Steve Marx
Vice President	Mark Luther
Secretary	John Zeman
Treasurer	Gene Dultz

Terms expire in 2022

Chris Brown Don Childers Kevin Ketterer

Terms expire in 2023

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#### Steve Marx Bruce Buwalda Terms expire in 2024 Gene Dultz Mark Luther John Zeman. Alternate Board member for 2022

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. 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 18th Board of Directors' Meeting the board will elect from among themselves the officers for 2023.

# **Gun Control HIDDEN Inside Funding Bill**

Anti-gunners in Pelosi's House have a new plan to ram through gun control provisions before they officially retire or lose their seats in January.

The House is about to vote on a Continuing Resolution bill to fund the government, which will likely expire in December.

At that point, Congress will be in a lame duck session, and will try to pass a funding bill for fiscal year 2023 – BEFORE the new House majority takes hold.

Hidden inside that funding bill for 2023 are TEN gun control provisions – including budget hikes for the ATF!

That's why we need to tell Congress not to let the Continuing Resolution expire before the next House majority takes hold.

Here are the TEN gun control provisions hidden in the FY 2023 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill:

- 1. Massive ATF Budget Increase to Facilitate Biden's Pistol Ban
- 2. Gun Registration Funding
- 3. Gun Confiscation Law Funding
- 4. Financial Benefits for Families of Deceased ATF Agents Killed or Injured on the Job while Enforcing Gun Control
- 5. Ammunition Background Check Study
- 6. Gun Control Research, Unbound by the Dickey Amendment

- 7. Anti-gun Community Violence Interventions
- 8. "Domestic Violence Firearms Lethality Reduction Initiative"
- 9. "Violent Anti-Government Ideology" Research
- 10. Gun Control Earmarks

This bill also provides the ATF with \$14,000,000 to modernize the National Tracing Center, which is the branch that maintains, accesses, and searches ATF's digital, searchable gun registries.

And to ensure that NO ONE gets away with failing to comply with the ATF's burdensome regulations, the bill proposes \$40 MILLION for gun confiscation orders.

We all remember Biden's speech where he called half of the country a "threat to democracy."

In the above list of 10 gun control provisions, there's funding for: "Violent Anti-Government Ideology" Research.

It's not hard to imagine that gun owners who own so-called "assault weapons" and share our Founding Fathers' hatred of tyranny could be considered anti-government ideologues.

We cannot let this spending bill get passed by anti-gun lame duck members of the House before the new House majority takes hold.

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# **Democrat Candidates Reject Our Gun Rights**

All of the Democrat candidates in Missouri that have a voting record have a D or F rating.

All of the Democrat candidates in Missouri without a voting record did not return the NRA questionnaire.

The 2012 election was the last time that the NRA-PVF candidate ratings had Democrat candidates with an A or B

rating, and almost all returned the questionnaire to the NRA. This is a continuing shameful and scary turn of events.

If you are truly a supporter of the Second Amendment, please consider your vote carefully. Remember, elections have consequences.

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?	(D) Jessica DeVoto District 70	F
F	(D) *Gretchen Bangert District 71	F
AQ	(R) Karan Pujji (D) *LaDonna Appelbaum	? F
A	District 72 (D) *Doug Clemens	F
А	District 73 (D) *Raychel Proudie	F
AQ ?	District 74 (D) *Kevin Windham Jr.	F
AQ	District 75 (D) *Alan Gray	F
A	District 76 (D) *Marlon Anderson	?
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F	(D) *Rasheen Aldridge <u>District 79</u> (D) *L K SL D L	F
D	(D) *LaKeySha Bosley District 80	F
AQ	(R) Kirk Hilzinger (D) *Peter Merideth	AQ F
F	District 81 (R) Jake Koehr	?
Α	(D) *Steve Butz District 82	F
AQ F	(R) Robert Crump (D) *Donna Baringer	AQ F
AQ	District 83 (D) *Sarah Unsicker	F
F	District 84 (D) Del Taylor	?
А	District 85 (D) Yolonda Fountain Henderso	n ?
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A	District 87 (D) *Paula Brown	F
A	District 88 ► (R) Holly Jones	AQ
A	(D) Kyle Luzynski	F F
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A	(R) Gary Albert Bokermann (D) *Barbara Phifer	? F
A	District 91 (D) *Jo Doll	F
A	District 92 ►(R) Bob Mahacek	AQ
A	(D) *Michael Burton District 93	F
?	► (R) Kenneth Abram (D) *Bridget Walsh Moore	AQ F
Α	<u>District 94</u> ►( <b>R</b> ) *Jim Murphy	A
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►(R) *Michael O'Donnell	A	► (R) Renee Reuter	AQ		A	► (R) Donnie Brown	AQ
(D) Ann L. Zimpfer	F	District 113		(D) Stephanos Freeman	?	District 150	0
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(D) Leslie Derrington	F	► (R) Ken Waller		District 133		►(R) *Herman Morse	А
District 97		(D) Jessie Shepherd	?	(R) Melanie Stinnett	?	District 152	
►(R) David Casteel	AQ	District 115		(D) Amy Blansit	F	►(R) *Hardy Billington	Α
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(R) Ryan Higgins	?	(D) Barbara Marco	?	►(R) *Alex Riley	А	► (R) *Darrell Atchison	Α
(D) Deb Lavender	F	District 116		(D) Samantha Deaton	?	District 154	
District 99		►(R) *Dale Wright	Α	District 135		►(R) *David Evans	Α
(R) LaVanna Wrobley	AQ	District 117		►(R) AJ Exner		District 155	
(D) *Ian Mackey	F	►(R) *Mike Henderson	Α	(D) *Betsy Fogle	F	►(R) *Travis Smith	Α
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►(R) Philip Oehlerking	AQ	►(R) *Mike McGirl	Α	►(R) *Craig Fishel	А	▶(R) *Brian Seitz	А
(D) Colin Lovett	F	(D) Sally Brooks	?	(D) Stephanie Hein	F	(D) Ginger Kissee Witty	?
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►(R) Ben Keathley	AQ	► (R) Brad Banderman	AQ	► (R) Darin Chappell	AQ	►(R) *Mitch Boggs	Α
(D) Melissa Greenstein	F	District 120		District 138		District 158	
District 102		►(R) *Ron Copeland	Α	►(R) *Brad Hudson	Α	(R) *Scott Cupps	А
(R) *Richard West	?	District 121		District 139		District 159	
District 103		►(R) *Bill Hardwick	Α	► (R) Bob Titus	AQ	►(R) *Dirk E. Deaton	Α
►(R) Dave Hinman	AQ	District 122		District 140		District 160	
District 104		►(R) Tara Peters	AQ	►(R) Jamie Ray Gragg	AQ	►(R) *Ben Baker	Α
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(D) Gregory Upchurch	?	District 123		District 141		►(R) *Lane Roberts	Α
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►(R) *Adam Schwadron	Α	District 124		District 142		► (R) *Robert Bromley	Α
(D) Cindy Berne	F	►(R) *Don Mayhew	Α	►(R) *Jeff Knight	Α	District 163	
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District 108		►(R) *Ann Kelley	Α	District 145		AQ = A rating based on question	nnaire.
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#### New Credit Card Rule Creates Gun Registry

On September 9, the International Organization for Standardization ("ISO") announced that it would create a new Merchant Category Code ("MCC") specific to firearm and ammunition retailers. MCCs are the codes that payment processing networks (like Visa, MasterCard, and American Express) use to categorize various transactions. This is the system that allows various credit cards to offer different benefits for certain categories of purchases or to charge different fees for those same categories.

In June, Amalgamated Bank petitioned the ISO to create a new firearm specific MCC. This was the second such petition after the ISO denied an identical petition last year. The petition was supported by, among others, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), New York Mayor Eric Adams, and the anti-gun groups Giffords and Guns Down America. The petition, at least initially, seemed to lack the support of Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

If fully implemented by the various payment processors, the hope of gun control groups for this new MCC is that it would create a registry of gun owners that they have long sought and provide them with another tool to attack lawful industry when firearms are used in crime.

Several provisions in federal law, but most notably a key part of the Firearm Owners Protection Act of 1986, prohibit the federal government from centralizing most firearm records into a registry. The new MCC could provide a way for the government to outsource the creation of a registry that the government itself is prohibited from creating. If banks and payment processors share their records with the government, that would be a major step towards the registration of all gun owners in America.

Anti-gun groups will almost certainly use the new flagging system to create liability for any banks or payment processors who do business with the firearm industry. When a firearm is used in a high-profile crime, these groups will now also sue any bank or payment processor that facilitated any transfer of the firearm and claim that these financial institutions didn't do enough to stop the gun from falling into the wrong hands. The inevitable goal of such a campaign is to convince banks and payment processors to stop dealing with the firearm industry entirely by claiming that it is "too risky" of an industry to be involved with. In this case, that "risk" is being manufactured by the creation of the new MCC.

Fortunately, the ISO codes are not mandatory for payment processors to adopt. Pro-gun representatives and senators are already working to ask the major payment processors if and how they intend to implement the new code.

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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 2022 & 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 9,10 St. Charles Convention Center			
August 27,28 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville II. *			
September 24,25 Machinist Hall 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd			
October 8,9 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville II. *			
October 14-16 MACA/ Arnold Eagles Hall, Arnold *			
November 26,27 St. Charles Convention Center			
* indicates GCLA will <b>not</b> have a table at this show			
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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 Tisas 1911A1 US Army Pistol, .45 ACP, 5" barrel, 7 round magazine. Second prize is a Cabela's Catch-All Gear Bag. The drawing will be held at our members' meeting. The date is still to be determined.

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#### Meeting location - Gateway Gun Club .13547 Missouri Bottom Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044. Member meetings are on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM.

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