



# G.C.L.A. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance

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## 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)

## President's Corner

The new year has arrived with a fresh start for our Missouri legislature. There have been many pre-filed bills that are anti-gun rights submitted by legislators from the urban parts of the state. This is not the answer to dealing with the lawlessness that is occurring in Missouri. The solution is to vigorously enforce the current law both state and federal. This has proven to work very well. It was only 40 years ago under Ronald Reagan in the 1980s that produced proven results and improved our quality of life.

The 2024 gun rights rally in Jefferson City has been set for Wednesday April 17th. I would like to encourage you to plan to be there. Starting at 10:00AM to 12:00 noon in the capitol rotunda. There are planned speakers and several of our state senators and representatives will also speak. This is a super chance to speak to our elected senators and representatives, letting them know how important your rights are. GCLA is a supporter of this event and encourages you to make the difference by attending. In past years GCLA has discussed forming car pools to the rally. Please plan to be there!

Have fun! Get active!

Steve Marx  
President, GCLA

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## Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally - 2024

Please join us in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building in Jefferson City on Wednesday – April 17th, 2024 – 10:00 AM to noon for the Annual Gun Rights Rally Day.

Your attendance will help encourage our legislators to pass GOOD pro-gun-rights and self-defense legislation this year! A strong turnout is needed to provide support for legislators committed to strengthening the rights of Missouri gun owners while standing fast against anyone trying to repeal or weaken our Second Amendment Rights.

Let's show our legislators that we, the law-abiding and strong voting block of gun owners, are many and united in our desire to be able to keep our families safe. So, let's take the day and go to the rally!

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 17th, 2024**

**10:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**NO to Red Flag Laws**

**NO To Repeal MO 2nd Amendment  
Preservation Act! (SAPA)**

**YES To Transit Carry on Bus Systems**

*Celebrating 20 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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# A Big Year for the Second Amendment

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While second amendment advocates made huge strides in 2023 to defend and expand the right to keep and bear arms, 2024 will be an even more important year for the future of the Second Amendment.

For starters, the Supreme Court will likely provide more guidance for how it will apply the Second Amendment in cases challenging the constitutionality of firearms restrictions. Last November, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *United States v. Rahimi*. That case challenged the constitutionality of the federal firearms prohibition that applies to individuals subject to certain protective orders. The Supreme Court will likely issue a decision in *Rahimi* this spring.

The Supreme Court has also already agreed to hear a case challenging the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives authority to issue the regulation that reclassified “bump fire stocks” as “machineguns.” That case, *Garland v. Cargill*, could have far-reaching effects on executive authority beyond just invalidating the bump stock rule. A broad ruling in *Cargill* would likely be the end of the Biden administration’s rule on frames and receivers, its ban on pistol stabilizing braces, and its new proposed rule to expand who needs a federal firearm license.

There are also numerous other legal challenges working their way through federal courts right now that will have enormous impact on the scope of the Second Amendment. These cases range from challenges to state laws banning firearms and magazines to attempts by anti-gun states to undermine the Supreme Court’s decision in *Bruen* by effectively banning

carrying a firearm anywhere in public.

Beyond legal challenges, gun owners will likely see the right to carry movement continue to expand in 2024. Louisiana, North Carolina, and South Carolina will all seriously consider permitless carry legislation in 2024. Unfortunately, the state legislative outlook is not all positive for gun owners though, as some anti-gun states will continue to trample on the right to keep and bear arms. Fortunately, gun owners will be given an opportunity at the ballot box to elect state legislators who firmly respect their constitutional rights. Nearly six thousand state legislative seats will be up for election in 2024.

Of course, the most impactful elections in 2024 will be at the federal level. With control of Congress and the White House at stake, the 2024 election will have potentially long-lasting consequences for the Second Amendment. Electing a pro-gun president and congress will of course put an end to the regulatory onslaught against gun owners by the Biden administration, but it will also shape the future of the Second Amendment for decades to come.

Control of the presidency and senate are required to put judges who respect the right to keep and bear arms on the federal bench. Giving President Biden four more years of judicial appointments could put an end to all of the hard-fought gains that gun owners have made in the courts. The stakes couldn’t be higher for the future of the Second Amendment.

All gun owners will need to work together to defend the Second Amendment in 2024 .

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## Missouri AG Andrew Bailey: The Supreme Court must protect free speech | Opinion

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In a free society, the debate between opposing viewpoints should be played out in the marketplace of ideas. Enshrined in the First Amendment, our right to free speech is the bedrock of our great nation. Unfortunately, free speech is under attack by the very people sworn to protect it: government officials. In October, the United States Supreme Court agreed to hear our bombshell censorship case, *Missouri v. Biden*, in which we alleged — and proved — a conspiracy by government officials to silence conservative speech on social media. In partnership with Louisiana, my office filed suit to combat the Biden administration’s censorship of speech that challenged the government’s narrative on everything from the COVID-19 lab leak theory, to the Hunter Biden laptop story. The Biden administration’s censorship campaign was unsparing. Left-leaning federal bureaucrats used both direct and implied threats to distort public debate on key issues over the course of several years. We sued to stop it, and thankfully, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case.

The vast censorship enterprise uncovered in *Missouri v. Biden* is highly disturbing. What’s worse is it’s not the only example. The Supreme Court has agreed to review yet another case involving government censorship against political opponents: *NRA v. Vullo*. *Vullo* goes back to 2017, when then-New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo hatched a plot to destroy the National Rifle Association and its ability to advocate for gun rights. Working with Maria Vullo, then head of New York’s Department of Financial Services, New York initiated a campaign of public

warnings and backroom threats to financial institutions designed to hamper the NRA’s ability to function. Their message: Drop the NRA, or face regulatory reprisals. This campaign succeeded. As an example, one of the NRA’s longtime insurance partners told them it had no choice but to drop their business for fear of losing its New York business license.

The New York DFS then issued a directive calling on all banks and insurance companies doing business in New York to “review any relationships they have with the NRA or similar gun promotion organizations, and to take prompt actions to managing these risks and promote public health and safety.” Gov. Cuomo issued a public directive the same day which underscored the purpose of Superintendent Vullo — to drive the NRA out of New York. The NRA filed suit to end this blatant violation of its First Amendment rights. New York’s actions are inherently unconstitutional. In the 1960s, the Supreme Court held that implicit threats of reprisal against speakers disfavored by the government violate the First Amendment. This precedent is the same that supports our lawsuit, *Missouri v. Biden*. The NRA’s First Amendment claims withstood multiple motions to dismiss. On appeal, the Second Circuit wrongfully reversed. Under this view, any censorship of free speech would be justified by simply claiming the government has a general regulatory interest in combating so-called “misinformation.” Thus, I filed a brief requesting the Supreme Court review *NRA v. Vullo*. The court agreed to hear the case, and the stakes could not be higher.

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# Missouri HB 1708 - Concealed Carry on Public Transportation

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**House Bill 1708** removes the prohibition on carrying firearms for self-defense on public transit property and in public transit vehicles. Additionally, HB 1708 allows an individual to transport an unloaded and/or non-functioning firearm on public transit buses. Criminals routinely ignore the many gun laws on the books and gun free zone

designations. By repealing this prohibition, it will ensure that law-abiding citizens are not forced to choose between utilizing public transportation and exercising their Second Amendment Rights.

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## Missouri Pre-filed Gun Control Bills

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This is only 2 of the Gun Control Bills:

**Senate Bill 163** and **House Bill 210** would criminalize private firearm transfers. If approved by the general assembly, the bill(s) would make it illegal for a person to sell or transfer a firearm unless the person is a firearms dealer; selling or transferring to a firearms dealer, or performing the transaction through a licensed firearms dealer

**Senate Bill 40** would impose criminal liability on gun owners who do not follow requirement for storing firearms if a child gains access. If a child gains access to a readily dischargeable firearm and a person failed to secure the firearm or left the firearm in a place they knew or should have known the child could gain access..

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## NRA EVP Wayne LaPierre Announces Resignation from NRA

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The National Rifle Association of America (NRA) announced that Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre announced he is stepping down from his position as chief executive of the organization, effective January 31. Long-time NRA executive and Head of General Operations Andrew Arulanandam will become the interim CEO & EVP of the NRA.

During an NRA Board of Directors meeting in Irving, Texas, NRA President Charles Cotton reported that he accepted LaPierre's resignation. According to the NRA, LaPierre cited health reasons as a reason for his decision. The NRA continues its defense of a lawsuit by the New York Attorney General, and LaPierre is an individual defendant in that action. It is well-known that the NYAG vowed to pursue the NRA when she was candidate for her office and, upon being elected, filed a lawsuit to dissolve the Association in August 2020.

In March 2022, the NRA scored a major legal victory, when a New York court dismissed the NYAG's claims to dissolve the organization. The court issued an opinion that vindicates the NRA's position: the NYAG's effort to shut down the Association ran afoul of common sense, New York law, and the First Amendment. Since then, the NRA maintains that it is committed to good governance. With respect to the NYAG's allegations, the NRA Board of Directors reports it has undertaken significant efforts to perform a self-evaluation, recommended termination of disgraced "insiders" and vendors who allegedly abused the Association, and accepted reimbursement, with interest, for

alleged excess benefit transactions from LaPierre, as reported in public tax filings.

LaPierre said, "I am proud of the NRA's advocacy in New York and, through it all, determination to defend the Second Amendment. I can assure you the NRA's mission, programming, and fight for freedom have never been more secure. What makes the NRA unlike any other advocacy organization is the depth and experience of its professional team, the unwavering support of its members, and its fighting spirit. I have enormous confidence in our board of directors, executive leadership team, and my long-time colleague Andrew Arulanandam. Andrew knows every facet of this organization and has stood shoulder-to-shoulder with me in every arena imaginable. Andrew knows how to help the NRA win – he's been one of the key authors of our playbook for decades."

Cotton said, "On behalf of the NRA Board of Directors, I thank Wayne LaPierre for his service. Wayne has done as much to protect Second Amendment freedom as anyone. Wayne is a towering figure in the fight for constitutional freedom, but one of his other talents is equally important: he built an organization that is bigger than him. Under the direction of Andrew Arulanandam, the NRA will continue to thrive – with a renewed energy in our business operations and grassroots advocacy. Our future is bright and secure."

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## The Hawken: Missouri's Official State Rifle

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Rifle created by St. Louis brothers in 1815 becomes Missouri's Official State Rifle.

Missouri state legislators recently passed a bill making the Hawken the official Missouri state rifle. With Gov. Mike Parson's signature, Missouri becomes the seventh state to have an official rifle, joining Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Alaska and Tennessee. The state's selection of the Hawken rifle is fitting, as Samuel Hawken set up shop in St. Louis, Mo., along with his brother, Jacob, to supply arms to the many pioneers heading west in the late 1840s.

Unlike earlier American arms, Hawken rifles were shorter, handier and more powerful, with a larger-diameter bore than

the Pennsylvania and Kentucky rifles of earlier generations. These single-shot, half-stocked, largely percussion-primed rifles were suited to the harsh environment and dangerous game encountered by Americans embracing Manifest Destiny in the mid-19th century. Hawken rifles became famous not just for their ruggedness but also their accuracy and range.

In celebration of Missouri's recognition of the Hawken, renowned master gunsmith Bob Browner, a St. Louis native, undertook a project to build a faithful reproduction of an original Hawken to serve as the state's official rifle. The resulting bench copy includes classic Hawken features, such as the buckhorn rear sight, oval barrel key escutcheons and raised cheek comb.

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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 2024 & 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 13,14 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. \*

February 10,11 St. Charles Convention Center  
February 16-18 MACA / Arnold Eagles Hall, Arnold

March 2,3 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. \*  
March 8-10 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

April 19-21 Stl. Athletic Center, Fenton

May 17-19 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

June 21-23 Stl Athletic Center, Fenton

July 13,14 St. Charles Convention Center

September ?? Maca / Arnold Eagles Hall, Arnold

October 4-6 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

October 25-27 Stl Athletic Center, Fenton

Nov. 30, Dec. 1 St. Charles Convention Center

December 6-8 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

\* 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**

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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.

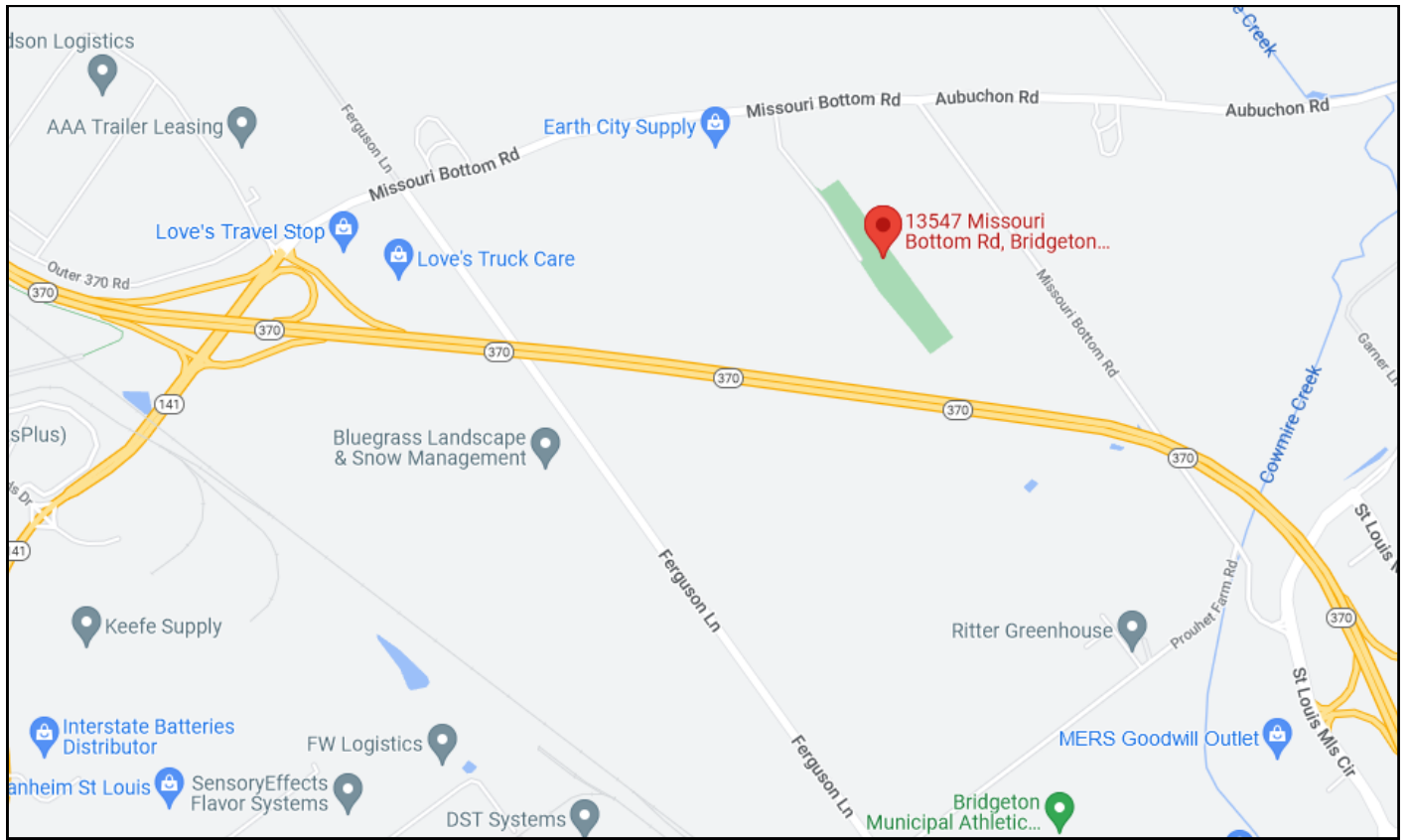
## GCLA-PAC

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 2024 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 for our next drawing are: First prize is a Ruger Wrangler Single Action Only Revolver, 22LR with Birdhead Synthetic Grips. Second prize is a S&W GunSmarts Eye & Hearing Protection. There are only 200 tickets. The drawing will be held at the members' meeting after all 200 tickets are sold.

**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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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

Annual: Adult Membership Dues are \$24.00. Youth (under 16) Membership dues are \$10.00.

First year membership can be pro-rated.

Membership: \$24.00 [ ] \$10.00 [ ] 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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