



# 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 2024 Missouri Guns Rights Rally in Jefferson City is now behind us. The attendance was just over 100. Member Chris Brown's daughter Lizzie spoke before the group about all of the award medals she has won with the Arnold Junior Shooters and all of the positive activity they had provided. Thanks to all who took time to go to the capitol and speak to our elected officials about our gun rights.

Bad news this session never moved the concealed carry on public transit bill forward for passengers. This is an election year, it was too hot to handle. The inability to pass any of the pro gun bills was very disappointing.

Good news that this is election time! There are many good people running in the primary to help good bills move forward. GCLA is having some of the candidates speak at our monthly meetings. Watch for an email blast about developing speakers. Those who attend our meeting may shoot on the indoor range at no charge, arrive early to enjoy this.

Have fun! Get active!  
Steve Marx  
President, GCLA

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## **RESERVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR**

**Gateway - St. Louis Friends of NRA Dinner and Auction**

**Help support youth shooting sports in Missouri**

Saturday, January 25th, 2025

MOOLAH SHRINE CENTER

located at 12545 Fee Fee Rd., St. Louis, MO 63146

## **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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## Missouri 2024 Annual Gun Right Rally

We celebrated 20 years of Concealed Carry in Missouri at the annual gun rights rally in the Capitol Rotunda in Jefferson City.

Many pro gun rights activists attended the rally. Many State Representatives and Senators as well as several others spoke to the crowd.

After the formal rally ended the attendees disbursed to visit their elected officials to express and lobby for current pro gun legislation and for their Second Amendment rights.

Thank you to everyone that took the time out of their busy lives to travel to Jefferson City in support of their gun rights. Your dedication makes a difference.



## Missouri 2024 Legislative Session

The Missouri legislative session ended on May 17th.

On the positive side, thanks to our Second Amendment friendly legislators, no anti gun bills were passed this year.

On the negative side, due to the incident that occurred at the Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl celebration, our Second Amendment friendly legislators wussed out and failed to pass any of the pro gun bills we supported this year.

Undeterred we will start over again next year trying to get legislation passed to allow Metro Carry and the elimination of other "gun free zones".

It is as vital as ever to vote for Second Amendment candidates in the coming elections. Your vote will make the difference.

## GOA and GOF Join State of Texas in Suit Against Biden's Universal Background Check Rule

Written by Walter Smoloski Published: 01 May 2024

Washington, D.C. — Gun Owners of America (GOA) and the Gun Owners Foundation are thrilled to be partnering with Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton in a lawsuit challenging the Biden ATF's new rule to require background checks on the private sales of firearms. The States of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Utah also joined in the filing, along with the Tennessee Firearms Association and the Virginia Citizens Defense League.

As argued in the suit, the Biden Administration's rule goes well beyond the changes made by Senator John Cornyn in his "compromise" gun control package, which passed in 2022. This rule would subject "hundreds of thousands of law-abiding gun owners to presumptions of criminal guilt for all manner of activities relating to the innocuous, statutorily authorized, and constitutionally protected private sale of firearms."

Simply by selling one firearm, individuals could be required to obtain a Federal Firearms License and conduct a background check or face criminal prosecution.

Erich Pratt, GOA's Senior Vice President, issued the following statement:

"We warned the American public that this legislation brokered

by Senator Cornyn was no small compromise, and here we are today filing our second lawsuit challenging a major policy derived from that anti-gun law.

"Criminalizing untold numbers of Americans for simply selling a firearm in a private party transaction is wrong, unconstitutional, and must be halted by the courts. Anything less would further encourage this tyrannical administration to continue weaponizing vague statutes into policies that are meant to further harass and intimidate gun owners and dealers at every turn."

Texas Attorney General, Ken Paxton, added:

"Yet again, Joe Biden is weaponizing the federal bureaucracy to rip up the Constitution and destroy our citizens' Second Amendment rights. This is a dramatic escalation of his tyrannical abuse of authority. With today's lawsuit, it is my great honor to defend our Constitutionally-protected freedoms from the out-of-control federal government."

GOA spokesmen are available for interviews. Gun Owners of America is a nonprofit grassroots lobbying organization dedicated to protecting the right to keep and bear arms without compromise. GOA represents over two million members and activists. For more information, visit GOA's Press Center .

# POLL SHOWS OVERWHELMING PUBLIC DISAPPROVAL OF BIDEN ON GUNS

CCRKBA - Mar 29, 2024

BELLEVUE, WA – A new survey by The Economist and YouGov shows only 29 percent of Americans approve of Joe Biden’s performance on guns, and the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms says a detailed examination of polling data shows the president is in big trouble on the issue.

According to polling data, 81 percent of survey respondents say guns are an important issue. Not surprisingly, only five percent of Republicans and 24 percent of Independents approve of Biden’s gun policies, while 88 percent of Republicans, 52 percent of Independents and 26 percent of Democrats disapprove of his performance, and a whopping 90 percent of people who plan to vote for Donald Trump disapprove of Biden’s gun policies, the survey revealed.

In addition, 59 percent of men and 50 percent of women disapprove of his performance on guns, and he fails in three of four age categories, 30-44 (57%), 45-64 (57%) and 65+ (60%). Liberals like his policies (55%) but moderates (34%) and conservatives (8%), not so much. Indeed, 83 percent of conservatives and 47 percent of moderates disapprove of the way Biden is handling the gun issue, according to the survey.

“These are eye-opening numbers which squarely put Joe Biden standing in the corner wearing a dunce cap when it comes to guns,” said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. “It should be noted this survey was done before White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre blamed the murder of New York police officer Jonathan Diller on so-called ‘gun violence’ instead of admitting that Democratic Party policies that allowed a repeat offender, with 21 prior arrests, to be on the street might have something to do with the tragedy.

“What’s worse for Biden,” Gottlieb continued, “is that he got lower numbers on only one other subject, immigration. It seems obvious that the president is horribly out of touch with the public on two critical issues. The survey underscores Joe Biden’s total disregard for constitutional rights and border security, and it also reflects how Democrats (56%) are far more likely to approve of his restrictive gun policies than Republicans and Independents.

“Joe Biden’s obsession with restricting or banning popular firearms has him at odds with a majority (54%) of Americans,” Gottlieb observed. “Gun rights versus gun control will likely be a major reason why people head for the polls in November.”

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## Jury Orders Ex-NRA Chief to Pay Back More Than \$4 Million

Story by Jacob Gershman

A Manhattan jury has ordered the National Rifle Association’s former longtime leader Wayne LaPierre to pay more than \$4.3 million back to the gun-rights group for mispending its charitable funds.

A six-person jury deliberated for five days before finding the NRA, LaPierre and two other executives liable for violating state charity laws.

New York Attorney General Letitia James sued the NRA and the executives in 2020 in state court, alleging that company insiders used the nonprofit as their own “personal piggy bank.”

James’s office has alleged that LaPierre spent millions of dollars in NRA charitable assets on private plane trips for himself and his family and vacationed multiple times in the Bahamas on the yacht of an NRA vendor. In addition, attorneys for the state said he arranged lucrative financial deals with company insiders that didn’t benefit the NRA.

LaPierre maintained that he had acted in the best interests of his organization. On the eve of the six-week civil trial in state court, he announced his resignation from the NRA, citing health reasons.

LaPierre, 74, had run the NRA since 1991, expanding it into a lobbying powerhouse and formidable force for Second Amendment rights. A rash of national mass shootings made him a polarizing figure, loathed by gun-control activists. In more recent years, the group’s influence and revenues have diminished as a result of its corruption scandal.

LaPierre and the NRA have said the group has embarked on a major “course correction” by terminating certain vendors, promoting a whistleblower to its top financial job and eliminating virtually all related-party transactions with board members. They also said that LaPierre has already reimbursed the NRA more than \$1 million for “excess benefits.”

With one dissenting vote, the jury ordered LaPierre to pay back \$5.4 million, minus what he had already reimbursed the group, which they calculated at just more than \$1 million. The group’s former chief financial officer, Wilson “Woody” Phillips, was ordered to pay the NRA \$2 million.

The jury said there was cause for LaPierre’s removal from the group, but said the NRA’s general counsel, co-defendant John Frazer, shouldn’t be expelled from the organization. New York State Supreme Court Justice Joel Cohen, who presided over the trial, will make the final decision on whether the executives will be blocked from working for the NRA going forward.

The NRA has claimed the civil lawsuit is politically motivated and is retaliation for its political views. James—a Democrat who as a candidate once called the NRA a terrorist organization—initially sought to dissolve the nonprofit entirely. Cohen rejected her efforts, earlier ruling that imposing a “corporate death penalty” was too severe.

The liability verdict against the NRA makes it more likely that the court will subject the NRA to financial oversight. Cohen is expected to decide whether to appoint a compliance monitor to oversee the NRA’s finances .

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# All Four Reform Candidates Win Seats on NRA Board

Ammoland Inc. Posted on May 6, 2024 by Jeff Knox

NRA election results are in. Not only were all four of our “Four for Reform” candidates for the NRA Board of Directors elected, each winning a 3-year seat, but we almost swept the top spots.

Ronnie Barrett, the founder of Barrett Firearms, came in with the highest vote count, as everyone expected, but he was followed closely by Judge Phil Journey and Rocky Marshall, both reform candidates who got on the ballot via petition of the members. The next seat went to Wayne Anthony Ross of Alaska, a former Vice President who’s been on the Board since 1980. I rounded out the top five. Our fourth reform candidate, Dennis Fusaro, came in at a respectable number 16.

**All in all it was a stellar performance for complete outsiders with no internal NRA organization support.**

As I said during the early days of the campaign, getting one “insurgent” candidate elected without the support of the establishment is extremely difficult, but getting two or three elected, much less four, is damn near impossible. The fact that all four of us were elected, with three of us in the top five, should send a loud and clear message to the Board that the members are ready for some serious changes.

An echo to that message was sent via the list of candidates who didn’t make the cut, including long-time Director and LaPierre defender Joel Friedman, as well as two past-presidents, John Sigler and David Keene. Keene distinguished himself last month by publishing an editorial in the Washington Times newspaper praising Wayne LaPierre, just days after LaPierre had been found liable for failing in his fiduciary duty and misappropriation of charitable funds, being ordered to repay some \$5 million in “excess compensation” that he’d improperly taken from the NRA.

*I hope the current Board members hear the message the membership sent with this vote. We will be only four Directors among 76, which means we’ll have no real power, and very little influence.*

**Nonetheless, I’m hoping our win will put some starch in the shorts of some of those Directors – you know who you are – and help them recognize that it’s time to be part of the solution.**

We hope they’ll work with us and together we might be able to get some positive steps taken. Our election shows that the strategy the Board majority has maintained for the past 5 or 6 years has run its course. If they stick to that strategy, continuing to follow the current “leadership,” we’ll be helpless to stop them, but we will ensure that the members – and the judge – know what happened.

The judge being informed is a critical factor because the New York trial isn’t over yet. The first phase of the trial was to determine whether wrongs were done and accusations were valid – basically whether Wayne LaPierre, former Treasurer Woody Phillips, Secretary John Frazer, and the NRA itself (meaning the Board of Directors) did indeed fail in their fiduciary duties, violate their obligations to the Association and its members, and, in the case of LaPierre and Phillips, misappropriate funds. The outcome of that trial was “guilty as charged” though since it was a civil, not criminal case, they called it “found liable,” rather than “found guilty.”

The second phase of that trial begins on July 15. In that phase the judge will hear arguments and decide what remedies are needed

to protect the NRA and ensure it won’t fall right back into the same traps that allowed the corruption and mismanagement to flourish.

The NRA Board and staff have taken some steps to guard against future problems, but most of those “corrections” are superficial and toothless. Most importantly, they’ve left the same people in control who were in control during the corruption. LaPierre is gone, but his hand-picked replacement fills his vacated office, while the same officers and executives retain key positions throughout the organization.

The NRA Board has some tough choices to make, and if we abdicate our obligation to make those tough choices and do what’s right for the members and the Association, the judge in New York will make those choices for us.

*So far that judge has been very fair and reasonable, so I think he will probably make positive changes that will be good for the Association. Still, it would be much better if those changes came from the people elected by their fellow NRA members, than from a court in New York. One way or another, major changes are coming to the NRA. The only questions are how major the changes will be and who will be in control of making them.*

It is my fervent hope that the majority of the Board will, in the words of the late Senator Everett Dirksen, “feel the heat and see the light.” They know very well that we’re not “turncoats,” “NRA-bashers,” or “the Enemy Within,” as the NRA brass has characterized us. We’re just concerned NRA members committed to transparency and integrity, who want to see the NRA as strong and effective as it once was.

The NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibits will be held in Dallas from May 16 through 19 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, with a Board meeting to follow on Monday, May 20. If you plan to attend, be sure to plan to be in the Members’ Meeting on Saturday May 18. That’s your one annual opportunity to have your voice heard by NRA leaders and fellow members.

*There’s been a lot of rancor over the recent scandals and the Board’s failure to take any substantive steps in response, particularly their unwillingness to fire Wayne LaPierre. That rancor was earned and is fully justified, but for we four new Directors, the mission is more important than personal grudges or past frustrations.*

Our clock starts on May 20, when we are sworn in and become active members of the NRA Board. We are anxious to work with anyone who will work with us for the betterment of the NRA. We’ll listen to their positions and supporting arguments carefully, and we’ll support or oppose those positions based solely on the merits we find in them, not who’s offering the proposal or making the argument. We ask that our soon-to-be fellow Directors give us the same courtesy and consideration.

We all want the same things: A strong, effective NRA, fiscally stable, solidly grounded in the principles of liberty, actively working to protect our rights and promote our sports and hobbies. There shouldn’t be their team and our team, only the team.

*Let’s make the NRA Great Again!*  
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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 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.

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.

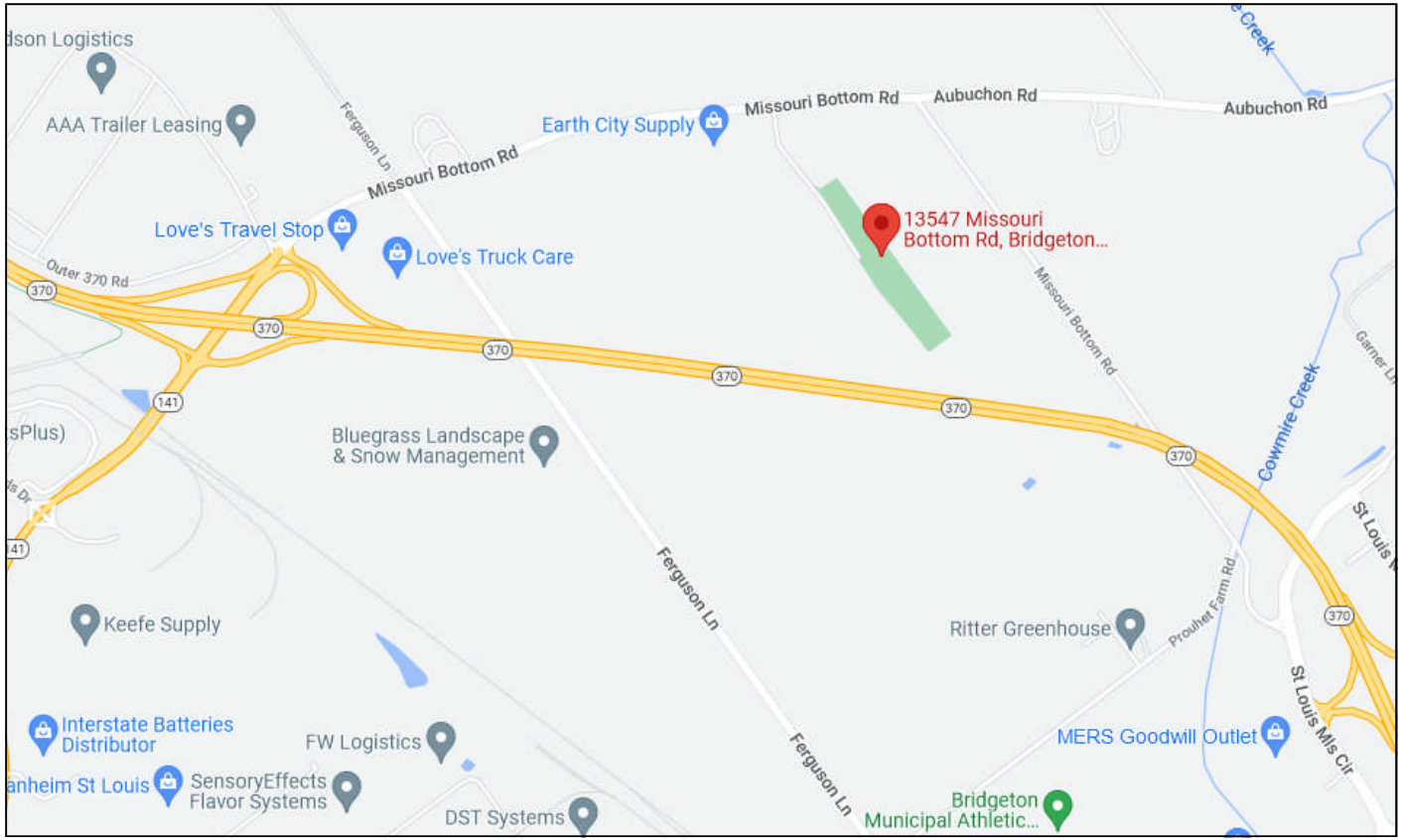
## GCLA-PAC

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): \_\_\_\_\_

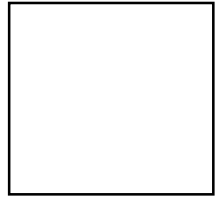
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