

# G.C.L.A. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance
January - March 2025

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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 is time to improve your shooting skill level. You might consider taking a level 1 or level 2 defensive pistol class. Taking this course will improve your confidence and ability as well as accuracy. To keep your skill level up start by being in a defensive pistol group. This is a lot of fun because everyone can give you help if you ask. This isn't offered in a condescending way. Take it from me when getting older practice is priceless.

2025 gives us a fresh start to what we need to focus on and address over the year. The prefiling of bills has moved along, both anti-gun and pro-gun. We will discuss some of these bills as we move into the year.

Last year the state of Illinois was sued over denying Concealed Carry on public transit. The state of Illinois LOST! The state of Missouri can now write and pass a well written bill that allows the good people of our state to carry concealed and take the public transit that is funded by Missouri tax payers.

GCLA dues time is here once more. A great Christmas gift for this year, sign up and pay for a friend or family member to be a GCLA member. The stronger GCLA membership the more voice we have (i.e. Votes). Please remember the monthly members' meeting the first Thursday of each month at the Gateway Gun Club, which includes great discussion and information. We have a nice deli-layout supper before the meeting, put together by Mark Luther. It's more fun to get active and meet other members .

Have fun! Get active! Steve Marx President, GCLA

#### Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally - 2025

Please join us in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building in Jefferson City on Tuesday – April 15th, 2025 – 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM 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! Rally flyer on page 2.

Bring others! Tell your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers.

#### **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

Tues., April 15th, 2025

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

NO to Red Flag Laws YES To Transit Carry

Celebrating 21 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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#### Missouri Legislature

On January 8th, the Missouri Legislature begins the 2025 legislative session. As in 2024, the Legislature can expect to see both pro and anti-gun bills introduced this year. Gun owners and sportsmen throughout the state must stay actively involved to defend freedom.

GCLA will continue to fight to promote and protect our right to keep and bear arms.

Plan on attending the Gun Rights Rally on Tuesday April 15th in the rotunda of the Missouri Capitol Building in Jefferson City. The rally starts at 1:00pm. Visit your legislators and ask them to support pro Second Amendment legislation.

If you cannot attend the rally, please contact your legislators and ask them to support pro Second Amendment legislation.

#### Missouri 2025 Pro-Firearms Related Bills

## + Pro-2A ! Good-2A related ? Need more info HOUSE

**+HB 39 Billington, Hardy** - Prohibits an employer from terminating an employee for having a firearm in the employee's vehicle on the employer's premises

**+HB51 Haley, Willard** - Establishes standards in regards to the tracking of gun purchases by financial institutions

**?HB134 Costlow, Mike** - Establishes the MO Task Force on Nonprofit Safety and Security

**?HB159 Sparks, Justin** - Modifies provisions relating to the offense of tampering in the second degree

**?HB160 Sparks, Justin** -Establishes the offense of use of a minor to commit a crime

**+HB266 Shields, Brenda** - Requires bleeding control kits in all public school and charter school classrooms

**+HB328** Taylor, Tim - Changes the law regarding firearm concealed carry permits - (Public Transit/Church carry)

**+HB363 Sparks, Justin** - Modifies and establishes provisions relating to the use of self-defense (SYG -MOFC bill)

**+HB434** Hardwick, Bill - Establishes the "Anti-Red Flag Gun Seizure Act"

**+HB459** Christensen, Mazzie - Establishes the "Anti-Red Flag Gun Seizure Act"

**+HB466 Wolfin, Bryant** - Changes the law regarding weapons by decriminalizing the possession of knuckles

**+HB548 Costlow, Mike** - Modifies provisions relating to firearm suppressors

**? HB549 Costlow, Mike** - Requires every school district to comply with enhanced safety and security standards **+HB563 Boggs, Mitch** - Establishes protections for

landowners taking wildlife on the landowner's property **+HB689 Waller, Ken** - Creates provisions relating to a prohibition on ammunition registries

**+HB726 Durnell, Lisa** - Modifies provisions relating to firearms (same as Sen. Hudson's SB 74)

#### **SENATE**

**+SB 23 Brattin** - Modifies provisions relating to additional protections to bear arms (SAPA fix)

**? SB 44 Fitzwater** - Modifies provisions relating to public safety - (COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SAFETY)

**? SB 68 Henderson** - Requires local educational agencies to report school safety incidents to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

**+SB 74 Hudson** - Modifies provisions relating to firearms **+SB 77 Schnelting** - Modifies provisions relating to the carrying of firearms on public transit systems

**SB 122 Bean** - Modifies provisions relating to self-defense **+SB 135 Fitzwater** - Modifies provisions relating to additional protections to bear arms (SAPA fix)

**+SB 142 Schroer** - Creates the Anti-Red Flag Gun Seizure Act **? SB 143 Schroer** - Modifies provisions relating to public safety

**+SB 147 Coleman** - Modifies provisions relating to public safety (GFZ - SYG ++)

**+SB 216 Trent** - Creates the Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act

**+SB 273 Schroer** - Modifies provisions relating to firearm suppressors

**+SB 363 Ben Brown** (26) - Modifies provisions relating to self -defense (SYG -MOFC bill).

#### **National Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity**

U.S. Representative Richard Hudson (R-NC) has reintroduced the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 38). Representative Hudson, the longstanding champion of this legislation, along with more than 120 of his colleagues have sponsored this bipartisan bill to provide nationwide reciprocity for concealed carry license holders and residents of Constitutional Carry states.

The Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act ensures that an individual has a right to self-defense regardless of

whether they are at home or traveling. Given the newly elected pro-gun majority in Congress and President Trump's commitment to sign this legislation into law, gun owners must act now!

Please contact your Member of Congress and urge them to cosponsor and/or support the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act (H.R. 38).

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#### SCOTUS TO CONFER ON CHALLENGE TO MARYLAND BAN

The Supreme Court of the United States has distributed the case of Snope v. Brown, which was brought by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms against Maryland's ban on so-called "assault weapons," for a Friday, Jan. 10 conference.

CCRKBA is joined by the Second Amendment Foundation and Firearms Policy Coalition in this long-running case, which was already granted certiorari in June 2022, when the high court vacated an appeals court ruling and remanded it back to the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court for further action based on guidelines established that month by the Court in its landmark New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen decision. Now that the Fourth Circuit has stubbornly clung to its original, and fundamentally erroneous decision supporting the Maryland ban, CCRKBA and its allies have once again petitioned the Supreme Court for review.

Hopefully the high court agrees to take this case again and schedules oral arguments soon. An affirmative ruling by the Court which settles the question whether modern semiautomatic rifles are protected by the Second Amendment will have a far-reaching impact across the country. A decision that removes any doubt about the right of the people to keep and bear modern rifles is long overdue.

An affirmative Second Amendment ruling would immediately have a direct impact on similar gun bans in California, Washington, Connecticut, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Delaware and any other state where modern sport-utility rifles are prohibited.

The national implications of a Supreme Court ruling on Maryland's ban cannot be over-stated.

#### 2025 Board of Directors and Officers

The annual election for members of the Board of Directors of GCLA was held at our October 3rd Members' Meeting. The expiring board members were: Gene Dultz, Mark Luther, John Zeman and the alternate Chris Brown. Gene Dultz, Mark Luther and John Zeman were elected to the board and will serve a three year term. Chris Brown was elected to be the Alternate Board Member for 2025.

At the October 15th Board of Directors' Meeting the board elected from among themselves the officers for 2025.

The 2025 Board of Directors of GCLA are:

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

Terms expire in 2025

Becky Buwalda Don Childers Kevin Ketterer

Terms expire in 2026

Bruce Buwalda John Cuba

Steve Marx
Terms expire in 2027

Gene Dultz

Mark Luther

John Zeman

Alternate Board member for 2025

Chris Brown

Congratulation and good luck to the 2025 Board Members.

#### **2024 Drawing Winners**

Our most recent drawing was held at our November 7th, 2024 members' meeting.

The winner of the first prize, a Ruger Wrangler Single Action Only Revolver, 22LR with Birdshead Synthetic Grips, was Clay Steinbalh.

The winner of the second prize, S&W GunSmarts Eye & Hearing Protection, was John Zeman.

There were only 200 tickets sold.



#### **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 2025 & 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

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Jan. 31-Feb. 2 Knights of Columbus Hall, Troy

February 14-16 MACA/Arnold Eagles Hall, Arnold

March 7-9 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

April 11-13 Stl Athletic Center, Fenton

May 16-18 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

June 20-22 Stl Athletic Center, Fenton

September 5-7 Knights of Columbus Hall, Troy September? MACA/Arnold Eagles Hall, Arnold September 26-28 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

October 24-26 Stl Athletic Center, Fenton

November 28-30 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

\* indicates GCLA will **not** have a table at this show

\*\* indicates NRA Membership 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.

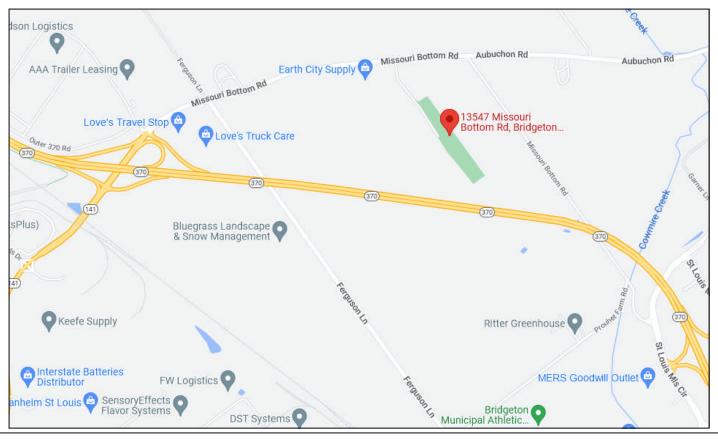
#### Send donations to GCLA-PAC, P.O. Box 440280, St. Louis, MO 63144

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 Kel-tec Pistol P15 9mm Black 15rd 4" - P15BLK. Second prize is a Heritage Rough Rider .22LR, 6 rounds. There are only 200 tickets. The drawing will be held at the members' meeting after all 200 tickets are sold.

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### **Meeting location** - Gateway Gun Club, 13547 Missouri Bottom Road, Bridgeton, MO 63044.

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