



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

Thanks to all who attended the Gun Rights Rally in Jefferson City. The bus that Mark Luther, our vice-president, chartered made it very convenient for us old guys. Mark also went to different gun clubs to promote the rally as well as the bus ride, which was open to anyone for a free will donation.

The many elected legislators that spoke to the rally attendees were very much positive to our cause. GCLA handed out "Guns Save Lives" buttons to all speakers who then pinned them on before returning to the House or Senate chambers. That's good P.R. for our cause.

IDPA (International Defensive Pistol Association) shoots are starting up as warm weather and more daylight arrive. I've made it to a couple and believe you me a old guy like me had to clean the dust off my shooting skills. I shoot for the fun and social aspects as well as maintaining my skill level after being cooped up all winter. Remember your shooting skills are perishable when you don't go out and shoot.

Hope to see you at the next GCLA monthly meeting.

Have fun! Get active!
Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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Trump DOJ Creates Second Amendment Task Force

April 9th, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) formally announced the creation of a Second Amendment Task Force with Attorney General Pam Bondi declaring, "It is the policy of the Department of Justice to use its full might to protect the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens."

Attorney General Pamela Bondi released the following statement regarding her creation of a 2nd Amendment Task Force at the Department of Justice:

"The prior administration placed an undue burden on gun owners and vendors by targeting law-abiding citizens exercising their 2nd Amendment rights. The Department of Justice's new 2nd Amendment Task Force will combine department-wide policy and litigation resources to advance President Trump's pro-gun agenda and protect gun owners from overreach."

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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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Missouri HB-328 - Allow concealed Carry on Public Transit

Missouri House Bill 328, sponsored by Rep. Tim Taylor, R-Bunceton, would allow people with concealed carry permits to bring firearms onto public transit.

The bill confirms that eligibility for a concealed carry permit is based on consistently passing required background checks, as well as meeting age and residency criteria.

HB 328 passed in the Missouri House on Thursday, April 1, and has moved to the Senate, where the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee held a hearing on Tuesday, April 22.

The latest action on HB 328 came on Thursday, April 24, when a Senate committee voted during an executive session to advance the bill to the full Senate for further consideration. The state's ongoing legislative session runs through May 16.

We are running out of time. Contact the Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Cindy O'Laughlin and Senate Majority Floor Leader Tony Luetkemeyer and urge them to bring HB 328 to the Senate floor for a vote.

Contact your Missouri State Senator and encourage them to vote for HB 328 .

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Missouri: Firearms Preemption Bill Passes House Committee

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

On May 6th, the Missouri House General Laws Committee passed House Bill 726, strengthening firearms preemption laws, by a vote of 7-1. It will now advance to the House floor for consideration, where it has yet to be scheduled.

House Bill 726, the House equivalent of Senate Bill 74,

repeals the exception for localities to regulate open carry, and creates fines for localities that violate statewide preemption laws. Attorney General Andrew Bailey has taken action against localities violating statewide preemption previously, and this bill ensures that those who violate statewide preemption will face strict consequences.

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US House Judiciary Committee Votes to Advance Concealed Carry Reciprocity Legislation

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

On March 25, 2025, the House Judiciary Committee held a markup for several bills, including two NRA-backed bills. With this crucial step in the legislative process now complete, these pieces of legislation can now be considered by the full U.S. House of Representatives.

The NRA's top priority H.R. 38, "Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act" introduced by Representative Richard Hudson, a bipartisan bill, was reported favorably out of committee along party lines of 18 Yeas and 9 Nays.

Representative Tom Emmer's "Firearm Due Process Protection Act," H.R. 2184, which provides a legal recourse

for law-abiding Americans who were improperly denied the ability to legally purchase a firearm due to administrative errors during a background check was also reported favorably out of the committee by voice vote.

Both bills now advance for consideration by the full U.S. House of Representatives. On behalf of the millions of law-abiding gun owners across the United States, we thank Chairman Jim Jordan, Representatives Hudson and Emmer, and the members of the House Judiciary Committee who worked hard to advance both of these crucially important bills .

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Anti-Gun ATF Bureaucrats Removed from Office

The ATF seems to be cleaning house of those not on board with the government's new stance on Second Amendment rights. Since the beginning of the year, the ATF has fired Chief Legal Counsel Pam Hicks, who was a favorite among the anti-gun groups. Ms. Hicks was replaced with a much more gun-friendly lawyer named Robert Leider. Marvin Richardson was also removed as Deputy Director and replaced with Robert Cekada, who has made it clear he wants to repair the relationship between the ATF and the gun community.

Another long-term Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) employee is out as the purge of anti-gun advocates continues. The latest casualty, Megan Bennett, has been forced to retire.

Ms. Bennett was the Assistant Director of the Office of Enforcement Programs and Services (EPS). Recently, she came under fire for presenting former ATF Director Steve Dettelbach with what appeared to be an 80% AR-15 lower receiver in violation of Washington, DC law. DC requires all AR-15 lowers to be serialized and the transferee to go through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS).

It was clear by the ceremony that Dettelbach didn't go through background checks.

The changes are a good first step, but only time will tell how different the ATF will look in the future.

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US House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Votes to Advance Legislation to Protect Veterans Second Amendment Rights

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

On Tuesday, May 6, 2025, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, led by Chairman Mike Bost (R-IL-12), held a markup for several bills. Among these bills being considered was H.R. 1041, the Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act, sponsored by Chairman Bost himself. The Committee voted to favorably report this legislation by a vote of 13-11. With this important step of the legislative process complete, the bill can now be considered by the full U.S. House of Representatives.

This bill would reverse a decades-long practice that has been used by the Department of Veterans Affairs to strip hundreds of thousands of veterans of their constitutionally protected Second Amendment rights without the same level of due process afforded to all other law-abiding Americans.

A previous version of this legislation was included in the House Appropriations bill in 2023. This legislation would

cement this crucial constitutional protection and prevent future anti-gun administrations from trying to reinstate this unconstitutional policy. Additionally, this legislation would instruct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to notify the Attorney General that veterans who had previously lost their rights through this bureaucratic overreach should no longer be considered prohibited persons.

This legislation would essentially restore the constitutional rights of hundreds of thousands of veterans who have wrongfully been denied their right to keep and bear arms, and protect countless veterans in the future from suffering that same fate.

On behalf of the millions of law-abiding gun owners nationwide, we thank Chairman Bost and the members of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs who have worked diligently to advance this important bill.

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Demand This Key Committee Deregulates Suppressors and Protects Pistol Braces

Call the US House Ways and Means Committee at (202) 225-3625 to save suppressors and pistol-braced firearms

We need you to take action and pick up your phone to defend our God given Second Amendment rights.

The Hearing Protection Act and the Stop Harassing Owners of Rifles Today (SHORT) Act, are stalled in the House Ways and Means Committee and we need your help to move these bills.

- H.R. 404—The Hearing Protection Act, introduced by Rep. Ben Cline, would remove suppressors from the National Firearms Act of 1934 ("NFA"), stripping away all regulation and eliminating the \$200 tax stamp.
- H.R. 2395—The SHORT Act, introduced by Rep. Andrew Clyde, would prevent any future attempt to reintroduce the Biden administration's unconstitutional pistol brace ban. The NFA was the actual law that the Biden Administration used to justify the pistol brace ban.

You helped deliver a mandate to President Trump last November and now we need the House Ways and Means Committee to help President Trump deliver on his campaign promise to restore the Second Amendment.

So please, take 5 minutes out of your busy day, pick up the phone and call the House Ways and Means Committee at (202) 225-3625 and direct your message to the majority.

When we flood their office with calls, they will act. Congress pays attention when you take time out of your busy day to call them. A phone call to your Member of Congress is the equivalent of 100 people sending them a letter! Even if it's after hours, leave a message.

Urge them to move the Hearing Protection Act and the SHORT Act out of committee, as that will ensure that the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is not treated as a second-class right. We need the committee to do everything in its power to make these bills into law and gut the National Firearms Act.

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DOJ Revives Federal Firearm Rights Restoration Provision

On March 20, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) published an interim final rule entitled, Withdrawing the Attorney General's Delegation of Authority. That bland title belies the historic nature of the measure, which is aimed at reviving a provision of federal law that could, for the first time since 1992, allow federally prohibited persons to petition for restoration of their Second Amendment rights. The rule took immediate effect on March 20, but DOJ will accept comments on the measure up to June 18.

Federal law – codified at 18 U.S.C. 922(g) – imposes a ban on firearm possession and receipt for 13 categories of individuals based on certain underlying convictions or events. For most categories, the ban is presumptively permanent. The most

prominent of these categories includes those who have been "convicted in any court of ... a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year." The crimes, under ATF's interpretation of the statute, can include not just felonies but misdemeanors punishable by more than two years imprisonment.

Most of the federal prohibited person categories have no necessary relationship to violent tendencies. At the very least, people caught up in these categories should have an opportunity to make the case they have paid their debt to society, where applicable, and can be trusted to safely exercise their rights .

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US Rep. Hinson and Sen. Cotton Reintroduce Bill to Repeal Firearm Transfer Tax

On April 1, 2025, Representative Ashley Hinson (R-IA-02) and Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) reintroduced the Repealing Illegal Freedom and Liberty Excises Act, or the RIFLE Act. These bills (H.R. 2552 and S.1224 respectively) would remove a \$200 excise tax that is imposed on law-abiding gun owners when they purchase certain firearms and accessories that are governed by the National Firearms Act.

Since 1934, gun owners wishing to purchase items such as suppressors and short-barreled rifles have been forced to pay a \$200 “sin tax” to the federal government. This tax is, according to the ATF, intended to “curtail, if not prohibit, transactions” of these lawful items. But this legislation would remove that imposing financial barrier.

Speaking on this important legislation, Representative Ashley Hinson said, “The Second Amendment is a Constitutional right that is not to be infringed. Law-abiding gun owners should not be forced to pay an unconstitutional firearm tax. This bill will remove unnecessary financial barriers on lawful

gun owners from the antiquated 1934 National Firearms Act and protect the Second Amendment rights of Iowans and Americans.”

“Law-abiding Americans who exercise their Second Amendment rights should not be subject to unnecessary taxes and restrictions preventing them from doing so. Passed into law in 1934, the National Firearms Act needs to be amended. Our legislation will remove the red tape that places an undue financial burden on would-be gun owners,” said Senator Cotton.

Representative Hinson has been joined by 28 of her colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives, and Senator Cotton has been joined by 12 of his colleagues in the U.S. Senate. NRA-ILA will continue to update you as this important legislation makes its way through the legislative process.

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Trump DOJ Stuns Nation: Sides with Gun Owners in Supreme Court 2A Showdown

Gun rights attorneys are calling it “monumental” and “a huge deal,” and at least one national gun rights organization is hailing the Trump administration for turning the U.S. government’s position on the Second Amendment a full 180 degrees by submitting an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court supporting petitioners in a case challenging the constitutionality of a state gun control law.

It appears to be the first time in history the government—in this case the Department of Justice—has taken the side of gun owners. The case, known as Wolford v. Lopez, challenges Hawaii’s Act 52, an extremely restrictive gun law adopted in response to the Supreme Court’s 2022 Bruen ruling, which struck down New York’s unconstitutional concealed carry law.

Civil rights Attorney Mark W. Smith, host of the Four Boxes

Diner on YouTube, declared, “This is a huge deal, a sea change in the way the Supreme Court will be functioning in the way the Department of Justice will be interacting with the United States Supreme Court when it comes to our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. This is a big deal.”

He was referring to the government’s declaration in the amicus brief that, “The United States has a substantial interest in the preservation of the right to keep and bear arms and in the proper interpretation of the Second Amendment.”

Likewise, fellow civil rights attorney William Kirk, president of Washington Gun Law and host of his own YouTube broadcast, asks his viewers, “Did you ever believe, especially during the last four years, that you would ever hear the Department of Justice have this as their official statement?”

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U.S. Sen. Mark Kelly Introduces New “Assault Weapons” Ban

April 22, 2025

Dubbed the “GOSAFE Act,” this unconstitutional bill would regulate the sale, transfer and manufacture of “gas-operated” semi-automatic firearms by establishing a list and prevent modifications of so-called “prohibited firearms.”

According to a press release from the bill sponsor U.S. Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) the GOSAFE Act would:

Regulate the sale, transfer, and manufacture of gas-operated semi-automatic firearms by:

- Establishing a list of prohibited firearms;
- Preventing modifications of permissible firearms;
- Mandating that future gas-operated designs are approved before manufacture;
- Preventing firearm self-assembly and manufacturing;

- Prohibiting machinegun conversion devices;
- Limit high-capacity ammunition devices;

This legislation is certainly more restrictive than what even California and New York have on the books regarding semi-automatic firearms.

Dudley Brown, President of the National Association for Gun Rights, said this of the introduced legislation:

“This is NOT your grandfather’s ‘Assault Weapons’ Ban. The so-called ‘GOSAFE Act’ would ban nearly every semi-automatic firearm in common use and would annihilate the firearms industry if passed. This is not something to take lightly — even with Republicans in the majority. We’ve seen Senate Republicans cave on gun control too many times to sit back and do nothing.”

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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 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
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

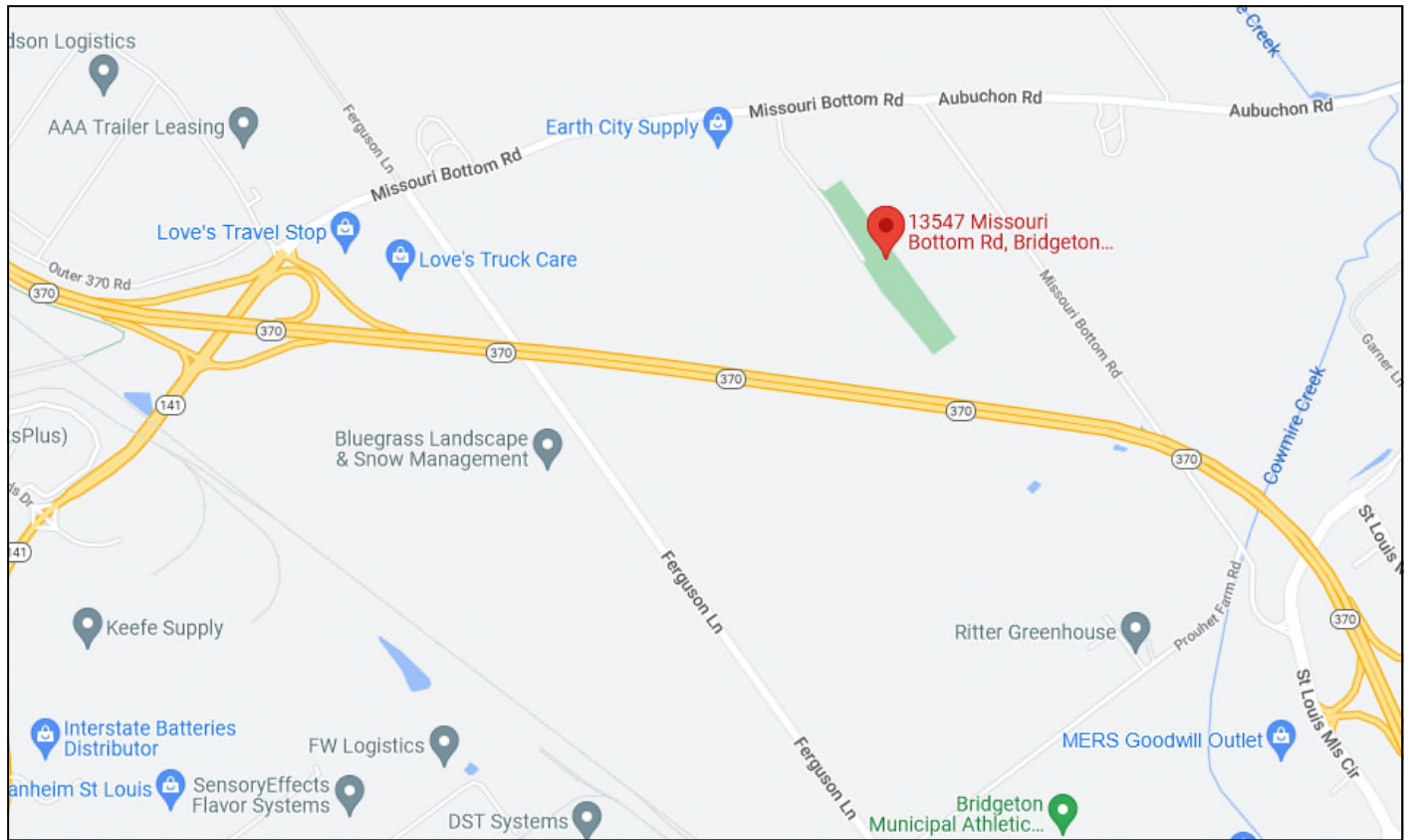
Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance has a Political Action Committee. This PAC allows GCLA to support the Missouri candidates that believe in our gun rights. The PAC needs funding to be effective and we need to start preparing now for the 2024 elections.

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.

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: \$_____ []

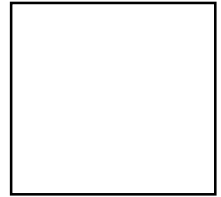
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MSSA Member: Y / N Sponsor (optional): _____

We are particularly interested in your comments.



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