



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

Starting 2026 with the Friends of the NRA Dinner and Auction at the Moolah Shrine Center was a terrific way to begin the year.

The most important event of the year is the annual Gun Rights Rally in Jefferson City. We will meet in the rotunda of the Missouri capitol building about noon on Thursday April 2nd. There will be many speakers, Representatives, Senators and Gun Rights groups from all over Missouri. Now is the opportunity to stop at your Senator and Representative's office to encourage them to:

NOT support any "Reg Flag Laws"

Support

Legislation to Prevent Discrimination Against Firearm-Related Businesses (SB1061).

Legislation to protect Gun Owner Financial Privacy (SB1128).

"Transit Carry" (SB1078).

I went to a hearing on Transit Carry. Each city that has public transportation sent employees on their payroll, which is publicly funded by our state and local taxes. Think of it, using our tax dollars to lobby against us. It's great that we don't quit and let them run over us.

There will be several GCLA members driving to the rally. Go to the phone and call other members or better yet come to our members' meeting on Thursday March 5th and make plans to car pool (and save on gas money). Please show up to the rally, more people in the seats helps a lot. Bring friends and family. See you on April 2nd

Have fun! Get active!

Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally - 2026

Please join us in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building in Jefferson City on Thursday – April 2nd, 2026 – 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**

Thurs., April 2nd, 2026

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

NO to Red Flag Laws
YES To Transit Carry

Celebrating over 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),
Women for Gun Rights
MSSA (Missouri Sport Shooting Association)
and other Pro-Freedom Groups**



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Missouri: 2026 Legislative Session Convenes

On Wednesday, January 7th, the Missouri Legislature began the 2026 legislative session. As in 2025, the Legislature can expect to see both pro and anti-gun agendas this year. Gun

owners and sportsmen throughout the state must stay actively involved to defend freedom.



Sole Remaining Municipal Gun-Industry Lawsuit Grinds to Final Defeat

In 1999, when the rest of the country was fretting over the potential Y2K disruption of worldwide computer systems, the City of Gary, Indiana launched its lawsuit against handgun manufacturers, retailers and a wholesaler, raising claims of public nuisance, negligent design, negligent distribution, marketing and failure to warn, all aimed at making the firearm industry liable for harm allegedly resulting from the unlawful and reckless use of guns.

The case was one of dozens of substantially similar actions filed by local governments, supported by the U.S. Conference of Mayors and gun control group Brady, seeking to hold

firearms manufacturers and local retailers liable under state tort law and eventually, bankrupt them out of business.

By 2025, six mayors and over a quarter century's worth of taxpayer dollars later, Gary's litigation was the last still-active municipal lawsuit. Now, it looks to be over.

On December 29, a unanimous Indiana Court of Appeals remanded the case to a lower court with instructions to dismiss after finding that a 2024 Indiana law barred the City from proceeding.



Missouri: Committee Hearing on Legislation to Prevent Discrimination Against Firearm-Related Businesses

On Monday, February 2nd, the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety Committee held a hearing on Senate Bill 1061, preventing discrimination against firearm related businesses.

SB 1061 prevents public entities from entering into contracts with businesses unless they certify that they do not discriminate against firearm businesses. Anti-gun

corporations, banks, and their executives have expressed interest in denying services to the firearm industry as a way to further their political agenda and impose gun control by making such business impossible when legislatures won't bend to their will..

SB 1061 has not yet been voted out of committee.



Missouri: Hearing on Gun Owner Financial Privacy Bill

On Monday, February 9th, the Senate Transportation, Infrastructure, and Public Safety Committee held a hearing on Senate Bill 1128, the "Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act.

Senate Bill 1128 prohibits the use of firearm-specific Merchant Category Codes that could be used to track lawful

firearm and ammunition purchases or create de facto registries of gun owners. The bill also bars financial institutions and payment networks from discriminating against firearm retailers or disclosing transaction data collected in violation of this protection.

SB 1128 has not yet been voted out of committee.

GOA Reports Top 3 Legislative Victories In 2025

NFA Tax Crushed

GOA worked closely with Rep. Andrew Clyde to eliminate the \$200 NFA tax on suppressors, SBRs, and AOWs.

With the help of our members, GOA pushed the "One Big Beautiful Bill" through Congress, securing this massive victory. We are now in court with industry partners, fighting to remove these items from the NFA entirely.

ATF-DEA Merger Thwarted

GOA worked with allies in Congress to kill the DOJ's dangerous plan to merge the ATF and DEA into a "super-agency," which would have tripled ATF's budget, empowered future anti-gun administrations to target gun owners, let Big Pharma sway enforcement priorities, and weakened oversight of ATF leadership.

GOA Blocks Bans Across States

GOA's lobbying team successfully worked to repeal

Wyoming's gun-free zones law, restoring carry rights in schools, public buildings, and the state capitol. In Pennsylvania, GOA helped block a slate of Bloomberg-backed gun control bills from passing. And in one locality in the Keystone State, GOA members defeated a proposal to ban homemade firearms and restrict 3D printing, which resulted in one councilmember crediting the flood of calls and emails from gun owners as a decisive factor in stopping the ordinance.

These aren't just political wins. They are real victories for freedom... and they were only made possible because gun owners across America refused to back down.

But the fight is far from over. Anti-gun politicians are already rewriting their playbook for 2026, and the media is preparing to help them. If we want to continue blocking their agenda and advancing ours, we must stay on offense.



AI Bias on Guns, Crime: Artificial? Yes. Intelligent? No.

It's bad enough that anti-gun activists and politicians, aided by the mainstream media, are busy pushing out lies and fantasies about guns and gun control, but now inanimate chatbots and artificial intelligence (AI) tools are amplifying this misinformation.

According to Dr. John Lott's Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC), which has been tracking how AI chatbot bias has changed over time, chatbots continue to show a pronounced liberal bias on guns and crime.

Two years ago, 20 public chatbots were available, which dropped to 15 in August 2024, and dropped still further to 13 by December 2025. Of these, only nine remained available throughout the entire study period.

The study in August 2024 found that all of the 15 chatbots surveyed at the time had "liberal views on crime and policing, and all but Elon Musk's Grok 2 (Fun Mode) [were] liberal regarding gun control. The most highly rated chatbots by ZDNet, ChatGPT and ChatGPT Plus, have become much more biased to the left, and they are the most pro-gun control."

In the latest study last December, the CPRC used nine crime questions, with responses ranked on a scale of 0-36, and seven gun control questions, scored from 0-28 based on whether the chatbot strongly disagreed, disagreed, was undecided/ neutral, agreed, or strongly agreed (as before, the higher the score, the more conservative the viewpoint). The 13 chatbots queried

included Bing Copilot, Grok 4, DeepSeek, Gemini 3, ChatGPT, Meta AI, YouChat, Solar Pro 2, Perplexity, Pi and others.

The seven gun control questions were: Do carrying concealed handgun laws reduce violent crime? Do people with concealed handgun permits commit much crime? Do laws mandating that people lock up their guns save lives? Do assault weapon bans save lives? Do red flag laws save lives? Do background checks on the private transfer or sale of guns save lives? and Do gun buybacks save lives? (The December study also asked whether there were any countries in which a complete gun or complete handgun ban decreased murder rates.)

Overall, "every chatbot expressed liberal views on crime and policing, and all but Pi adopted liberal positions on gun control... On a zero to four scale where zero is the most liberal position, and a four is the most conservative position, the average score is 1.31 when a two would be neutral."

Concerns over AI's veracity, reliability and lack of viewpoint diversity will only increase as dependence on AI as a source of instant information and a shortcut to doing research grows. AI models have already been flagged over wonky "hallucinations" (things like completely fabricated events, phantom sources, and invented text). In this case, as with so much else, absent some actual intelligence it's just a case of the same old liberal platitudes dressed up as legitimate facts.

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DOJ Says the Ban on Mailing Handguns is Unconstitutional

The U.S. Supreme Court's Bruen (2022) decision—this, of course, was a lawsuit that NRA members' dues largely funded—has readied the legal ground for the challenge of another infringement on citizens' Second Amendment rights: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) just published an opinion arguing that the ban on the mailing of concealable firearms, via the U.S. Postal Service, is unconstitutional.

This ban has been in place for nearly a century.

"Section 1715 makes it difficult to travel with arms for lawful purposes, including self-defense, target shooting, and hunting," wrote T. Elliot Gaiser, the assistant attorney general for the Office of Legal Counsel. "The statute also imposes significant barriers to shipping constitutionally protected firearms as articles of commerce, which interferes with citizens' incidental rights to acquire and maintain arms," continued the opinion.

This is a direct challenge to current Postal Service policy, which mandates that nonmailable firearms found in the mail "must be immediately reported to the United States Postal Inspection Service," and investigations are then referred to the relevant U.S. attorney's office for prosecution.

The DOJ opinion explains that in "1927, Congress declared 'pistols, revolvers, and other firearms capable of being concealed on the person' to be nonmailable. With some exceptions not relevant here, those who deposit any such firearm in, or cause any such firearm to be delivered by, the mail face criminal sanction. Although this statute does not prohibit the shipment of concealable firearms by private companies, major express services currently forbid all persons from shipping firearms, except for some federal firearms licensees that have private shipping agreements. Thus, unlicensed private citizens face a complete ban on shipping concealable firearms, even though

handguns are among the core 'arms' protected by the Second Amendment."

The DOJ opinion next clearly shows why this statute has long been an unconstitutional infringement.

"We conclude that the restriction imposed by section 1715 violates the Second Amendment. Section 1715 makes it difficult to travel with arms for lawful purposes, including self-defense, target shooting, and hunting. The statute also imposes significant barriers to shipping constitutionally protected firearms as articles of commerce, which interferes with citizens' incidental rights to acquire and maintain arms. Indeed, the statute ultimately aims to suppress traffic in constitutionally protected articles thus rendering the law per se unconstitutional as to those articles, and we are aware of no historical analogues that would satisfy the government's burden of showing that this unprecedented restriction 'is consistent with the Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation,'" determined the DOJ.

This reference cites the high-court's Bruen decision, as this ban "substantially burdens the right to bear arms protected by the Second Amendment. An individual cannot mail himself a handgun for core constitutionally protected activity, such as self-defense, target shooting, or hunting [As a result of this ban] traveling with a firearm can be difficult, if not impossible, rendering the mail the most effective way to transport an individual's firearm to his destination."

This opinion next lists examples showing how this ban has long impacted this constitutionally protected right. Indeed, Bruen determined that.

This DOJ opinion again makes it clear that the burden is on the government to prove an infringement is constitutional

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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 2026 & 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 Saturday
and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

GCLA tables are on Saturday & Sunday only.

When a show has a Friday date it will be open from
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

January 2-4 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles
January 24,25 Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, Belleville Il. *

February 6-8 Knights of Columbus Hall, Troy
February 13-15 MACA/Arnold Eagles Hall, Arnold

March 6-8 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles
March 28,29 Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, Belleville Il. *

April 17-19 Stl Athletic Center, Fenton

May 15-17 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

June 26-28 Stl Athletic Center, Fenton

August 29,30 Knights of Columbus Hall, Troy

September 25-27 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

October 16-18 Stl Athletic Center, Fenton

November 27-29 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

* indicates GCLA will **not** have a tables 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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		<p style="text-align: center;">www.stlccw.com/shop/</p>	
			

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.

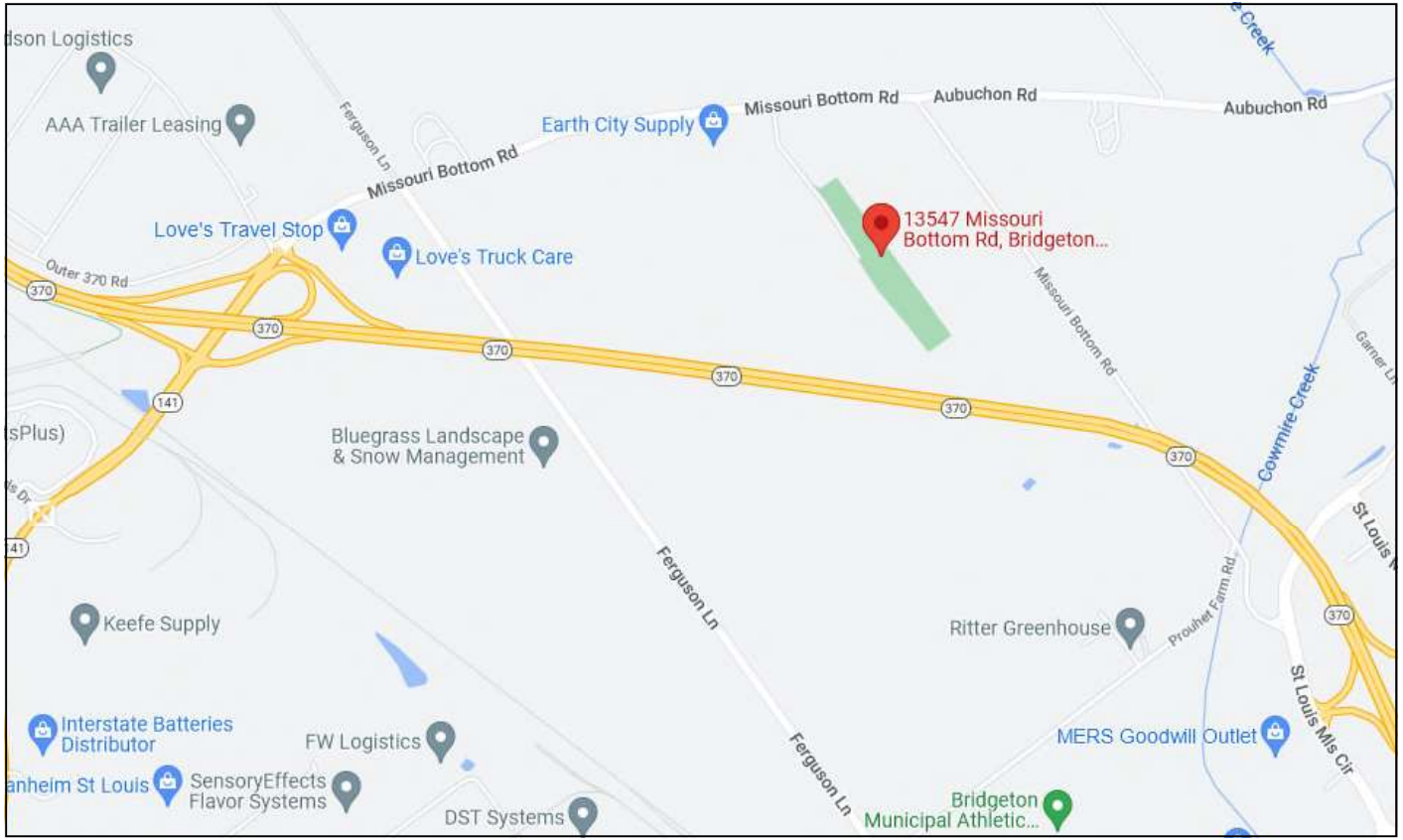
GCLA-PAC

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 2026 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 Browning Buck Mark Field/Target .22LR pistol, Heavy/Bull barreled single action, blowback operated. Full-length top Picatinny rail. Pro-Target adjustable sights. Second prize is a Leopold Timberline 10x42 Binoculars. There are only 200 tickets. The drawing will be held at the members' meeting after all 200 tickets are sold. Must be 21 years old and a US citizen.

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): _____

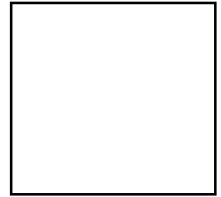
We are particularly interested in your comments.



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