



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

Summer is here and the outdoors is calling. So far the temperature has been wonderful. Good time to get active in the IDPA (International Defensive Pistol Association) shooting events or go to one of the many Missouri Conservation outdoor ranges to maintain your shooting skills. Don't forget the Arnold Rifle & Pistol Club is looking for new members as well as the Glendale Gun Club, so don't let the summer slip by.

On Sunday June 7th antigun group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense had their antigun protest by marching down Lockwood in Webster Groves. I just had to be present with my extra large "GUNS SAVE LIVES" sign, with an orange GCLA button and a "BLACK GUNS MATTER" button topped with a nice NRA hat. They must be getting used to me. The reaction wasn't as noticeable the year as in the past. This has become an annual event for them. After the march went by I stood on the sidewalk for oncoming traffic to see the sign. The positive toots of the horn told me that not all residents of that town are goofs.

Have fun! Get active!
Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally - 2027

Please join us for the Annual Gun Rights Rally Day in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building in Jefferson City. The rally is being planned for either Wednesday March 17th or 24th, 2027 with the time also to be determined.

Your attendance will help encourage our legislators to pass GOOD pro-gun-rights and self-defense legislation this year!

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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Missouri August 4, 2026 Primary Election

Missouri's Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

This year's primary election includes several important races and ballot measures that could have a significant impact on the future of **Second Amendment rights** and **conservation issues** in Missouri.

The following recommendations are endorsed by **GCLA**. We encourage all supporters of the Second Amendment to vote for these candidates and ballot measures based on their demonstrated commitment to protecting constitutional freedoms, defending the rights of law-abiding gun owners, and supporting Missouri's outdoor heritage.

Your vote matters. Please make a plan to vote on **Tuesday, August 4, 2026**, and encourage your family, friends, and fellow supporters to do the same.

Dist 72 Jeffrey Jacks - St Louis County
Dist 74 Jack Howard - St Louis County
Dist 87 Dan Hyatt - St Louis County
Dist 96 Rep Brad Christ - St Louis County
Dist 100 Rep Philip Oehlerking - St Louis County
Dist 107 Rep Mark Mattiesen - St Charles County /
St Louis County
State Senate Dist 22 Jim Avery - St Louis County /
Jefferson County
Dist 97 Rep David Casteel - Jefferson County
Dist 114 Rep Dave Broach - Jefferson County
Dist 111 Cecelie Williams - Jefferson County
Dist 65 Wendy Hausman - St Charles County
Dist 108 Rep Mike Costlow - St Charles County
State Senate Dist 2 Senator Nick Schroer - St Charles
County.
Dist 40 Chad Perkins - Lincoln County
Dist 134 Alex Riley - Green County
Dist 48 Tim Taylor - Howard County
Dist 49 Jim Schulte - Callaway County

A "YES" vote is endorsed on Amendment 1

A "YES" vote on Amendment 1 will continue support for Missouri conservation efforts and state parks.

Amendment 1

Shall Missouri continue for 10 years the one-tenth of one percent sales/use tax that is used for soil and water conservation and for state parks and historic sites, and resubmit this tax to the voters for approval in 10 years?

The measure allows continued collection of the existing sales and use tax, which generates revenue of approximately \$140 million annually.

A "YES" vote is endorsed on Amendment 4.

A "YES" vote on Amendment 4 will make it harder for wealthy, out-of-state special interests to spend millions of dollars changing Missouri's Constitution.

Groups such as Moms Demand Action, Everytown for Gun Safety, Michael Bloomberg, and other national gun-control organizations have the financial resources to flood Missouri elections with advertising aimed at urban media markets like St. Louis City and County, Columbia, and Kansas City.

Without stronger protections, these organizations can pour millions into ballot campaigns designed to add policies such as red-flag laws, magazine bans, assault-weapon bans, and other gun-control measures directly into the Missouri Constitution.

Amendment 4

Shall the Missouri Constitution be amended to:

- Modify current requirements that a statewide majority of voters may approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution;
- Require a majority of voters in each congressional district to approve initiative petitions to amend the constitution; and
- Make available to each voter the full text of initiative petitions with their ballot?

The Department of Corrections estimates increased annual costs of up to \$21,817. The Office of State Public Defender estimates an unknown fiscal impact. Other state governmental entities estimate no costs or savings. Local governmental entities estimate no costs or savings.

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Drawing Winners

We had our most recent drawing at our May 7th, 2026 members' meeting.

The winner of the first prize, a Browning Buck Mark Field/Target .22LR pistol, Heavy/Bull barreled single action, blowback operated. Full-length top Picatinny rail. Pro-Target adjustable sights was Kevin Mann of Troy, MO.

Second prize, a Leopold Timberline 10x42 Binoculars, was won by Micheal Rusk .

Our next drawing will be: First prize, a Springfield Hellcat RDP 9mm Pistol. Second prize, a Caldwell E-MAX Hearing Protection Low Profile

Only 250 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held after all 250 tickets are sold.

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Missouri: Legislature Adjourned from 2026 Session

The Missouri State Legislature adjourned sine die on Saturday, May 30th, ending the 2026 legislative session. Several pro-gun bills were introduced, including financial privacy protections and public transit carry, but were unable to

cross the finish line before the end of session.

We will return to Jefferson City for the 2027 legislative session .

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ATF “Engaged in the Business” Rule Vacated

GOA’s legal team won a major victory recently against the ATF & DOJ in our case GOA & Texas v. ATF.

This case was a challenge to the Biden-era “Engaged in the Business” rule, which essentially criminalized private sales of firearms, requiring sellers to obtain a Federal Firearms License (FFL) and run a background check before doing so.

In reality, the true plan behind this rule was to create a universal background check system without any act of congress. Instead, ATF would simply arrest those who did not comply.

Combine this with the fact that prior, the Biden Administration mandated that all background check forms be held by ATF indefinitely, further growing ATF’s illegal registry of guns and gun owners.

When the rule was released, GOA along with the Attorney Generals of 4 states, sued the ATF over the enforcement of this blatantly unconstitutional rule.

Recently, a federal judge agreed with us, vacating the rule and declaring that the ATF may not apply the final rule to anyone — including individuals and organizations that are not parties in our case.

Although we are celebrating the win in this rule being vacated, ATF still maintains an illegal registry.

We’re working to dismantle this registry with the help of Congress, and we won’t let up until ATF’s illegal registry is completely abolished.

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New ATF Director

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

New ATF Director Tells Congress Agency Committed to Rebuilding Trust with the Industry, Federal Firearms Licensees, Lawful Gun Owners

America’s Second Amendment community had some insights into the outlook of the newly confirmed ATF Director Robert Cekada, when he recently testified before the House Oversight Committee’s Subcommittee on Federal Law Enforcement. The May 14 hearing, Privacy Protections & the Second Amendment: Examining ATF’s Relationship to the Tiahrt Amendment, concerned the need for “critical oversight” of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Tiahrt Amendment, and ATF’s track record on protecting Second Amendment rights.

The Tiahrt Amendment, named after former U.S. Representative Todd Tiahrt, generally prohibits ATF from disseminating firearms trace data other than to law enforcement agencies or prosecutors investigating crimes, with the object of protecting law enforcement, confidential informants and other witnesses.

Clay Higgins (R-LA), the Subcommittee Chair, set the stage by referring to recent history showing that ATF “has sometimes disregarded the law.” Some violations “clearly stem from the political and ideological opposition that some ATF bureaucrats have for the Tiahrt law,” with several “glaring examples.” The Biden-era ATF “assisted gun control groups in creating a map of gun shops” by providing Tiahrt-protected information in a freedom of information (FOI) response, which “seemed intended to help anti-Second Amendment groups.” Another disclosure of trace data was made to the Gun Owners of America (GOA) in response to a FOI request, resulting in an ATF “gag order” to prevent the GOA from sharing the information and, ultimately, in

litigation.

Chairman Higgins continued, explaining the Biden administration’s ATF took a variety of other “troubling actions” that “used bureaucratic complexities to prey upon legally operating firearms dealers and license-holders,” notably through a zero-tolerance approach to compliance and an expanded definition of “engaged in the business” of dealing firearms, “potentially implicating unsuspecting, everyday Americans as federally regulated gun dealers, and subjecting them to severe penalties for noncompliance.”

ATF, he said, had “defied both the letter and spirit of the law,” and its improper treatment of protected data not only served “as a window into the agency’s successes and failures” in upholding the Second Amendment, but demonstrated that rigorous, ongoing oversight of the agency was necessary regardless of which party controlled the White House.

Director Cekada began by affirming ATF’s commitment “to protecting and preserving” the right to keep and bear arms. The agency, he said, has “entered a new era of reform to rebuild trust with the industry, federal firearms licensees, lawful gun owners, and the public while still prioritizing our efforts on public safety.” Actions taken towards this goal include revoking the zero-tolerance compliance policy and replacing it with “a new policy that emphasizes fairness and transparency while recognizing that FFLs are often the first line of defense against gun crime.” ATF had also issued 34 notices of final and proposed rulemakings in compliance with President Trump’s executive order on Second Amendment rights, and Cekada encouraged committee members and their constituents to submit comments on these proposed rules because “we want to make sure that we get these right.”

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U.S. Supreme Court Unanimously Narrows Scope of Unlawful Drug User Prohibition

On June 18, the U.S. Supreme Court issued an opinion which unanimously narrowed the scope of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(3), which bans firearm acquisition or possession by anyone who is an “unlawful user” of a federally “controlled substance.” The case, *U.S. v. Hemani*, concerned an individual who was found to have an accessible firearm in his home at the same time he admitted to federal agents that he used marijuana approximately every other day. The conviction could have subjected Hemani to up to 15 years in federal prison.

Neil M. Gorsuch wrote the opinion for a seven-justice majority (Justice Alito, joined by Justice Kagan, wrote a concurrence agreeing in the judgment but not its reasoning). The majority opinion applied the two-step analysis set forth in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*. Step one of the analysis asks, “whether the [Second] Amendment’s terms cover the conduct in question.” If so, “the Constitution ‘presumptively’ protects it.” The government conceded that was true of the unlawful user provision because it “bans a class of people including Mr. Hemani from possessing essentially any firearm for any purpose.”

That invoked step two, in which “the government then bears the

burden of showing its regulatory efforts are ‘consistent with the Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.’” To meet its burden, the Court said the government could “‘reason[n] by analogy,’ showing that its contemporary regulation is ‘relevantly similar’ to ones ‘well-established’ in the Nation’s history.” In this case, that meant the government would have to show the “why” and the “how” of its proffered historical analogues were similar in purpose and operation to the modern ban on “unlawful users.”

The government attempted to meet this burden by pointing to historical laws governing “habitual drunkards.” None of these laws operated specifically by disarming the affected individual. The Court unanimously rejected this analogy. The habitual drunkard laws, it wrote, “targeted different kinds of people, did so for different purposes, and operated in different ways.”

As the Court’s decision shows, constitutional rights are not special privileges the government gets to bestow on those it considers model citizens. Rather, they are active and enduring constraints on the authority the government wields over the people .

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Anti-Gun Municipalities Double-Down When Policies Are Challenged

Why is it that, after being told their gun laws are unconstitutional, so many areas under control of anti-gun extremists seem to respond with something along the lines of, “Oh yeah? Watch what we do next!” We saw this type of response after the landmark *NYSRPA v. Bruen* (2022) decision that affirmed law-abiding gun owners have a right to carry firearms for self-defense away from the home.

Like spoiled children who run to their room when told they cannot do something by their parents, anti-gun extremists ran to anti-gun legislatures to ram through anti-gun laws that sought to circumvent the *Bruen* decision. We saw several states, including Hawaii, New Jersey, and New York, quickly pass and enact new laws to restrict the lawful carry of firearms.

The laws in both New Jersey and New York—based on

expanding so-called “sensitive places” where carry is prohibited to the point where virtually nowhere is deemed suitable for lawful carry—have suffered losses in court, Hawaii’s has been dealt a crushing blow to its anti-self-defense regime by the U.S. Supreme Court. In apparent preparation for this loss, anti-gun extremists ran to the Hawaii legislature shortly after the Supreme Court heard the challenge to its unconstitutional law, filing another feeble attempt to potentially circumvent a ruling by the Court.

Many states are thumbing their nose at the Second Amendment and the Trump administration by doubling down on anti-gun efforts when told they are already doing something unconstitutional. Disappointing, but hardly surprising.

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Lawsuit Filed Challenging Post Office Carry Ban

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

The National Rifle Association, Gun Owners of America, Gun Owners Foundation, and three NRA members today filed a lawsuit challenging the federal prohibition on carrying firearms at United States Post Offices.

Federal law prohibits knowingly possessing a firearm in a federal facility—including a United States Post Office—as well as carrying firearms on postal property. Violations are punishable by a fine, up to one year of imprisonment, or both.

The complaint argues that the post office carry ban violates the Second Amendment under the Supreme Court’s text-and-history test set forth in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*. In *Bruen*, the Court held that the Second Amendment protects the right to

carry handguns publicly for self-defense and that firearm regulations must be consistent with the nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.

The lawsuit notes that although the first post office was established in 1639 and the Post Office Department was established by the Second Continental Congress in 1775, firearms were not prohibited in post offices until 1972. The complaint therefore contends that the post office carry ban contradicts the nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation and is thus unconstitutional.

The case, *Hornbake v. Blanche*, was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania .

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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.

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

April 17-19 Kennedy Rec. Center, St. Louis

May 15-17 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

July 31 - August 2 Kennedy Rec. Center, St. Louis

August 28-30 Knights of Columbus Hall, Troy

September 11-13 MACA/Arnold Eagles Hall, Arnold

September 25-27 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

November 27-29 Steel Shop Athletics, St. Charles

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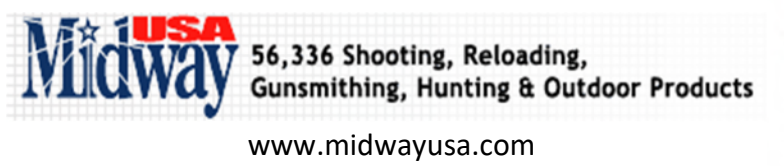
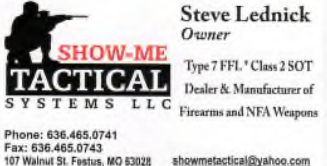
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**Any Member Who Would Like To Work At A Gun
Show**

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

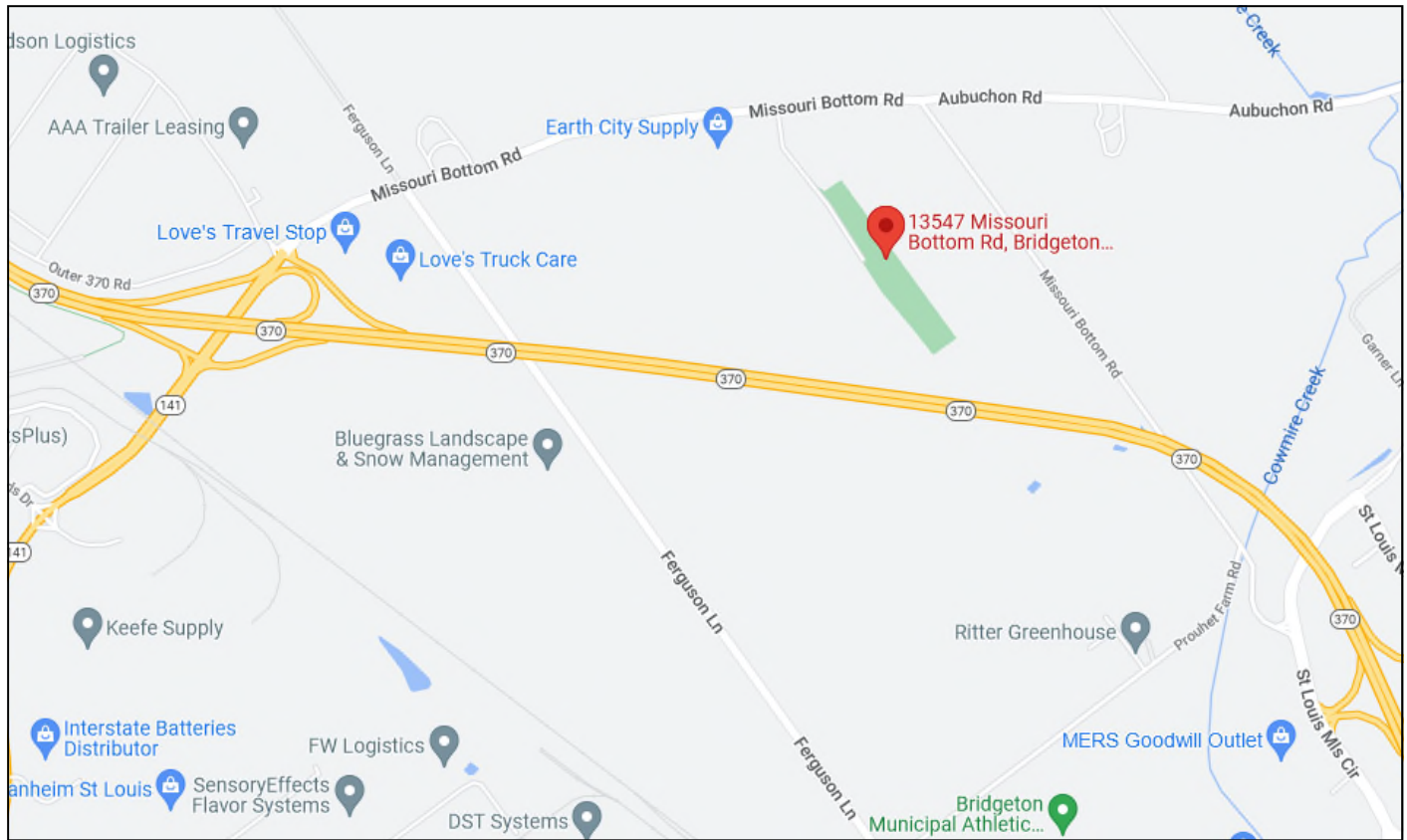
Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance has a Political Action Committee. This PAC allows GCLA to support the Missouri candidates that believe in our gun rights. The PAC needs funding to be effective and we need to start preparing now for the 2026 elections.

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, a Springfield Hellcat RDP 9mm Pistol. Second prize, a Caldwell E-MAX Hearing Protection Low Profile. There are only 250 tickets. The drawing will be held at the members' meeting after all 250 tickets are sold. Must be 21 years old and a US citizen.

Meeting location - Gateway Gun Club, 13547 Missouri Bottom Road,
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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: \$_____ []

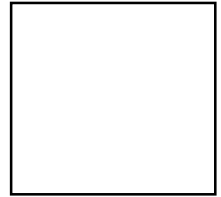
NRA Member: Y / N If an NRA annual member, your expiration date: / / .

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

We are particularly interested in your comments.



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