



G.C.L.A. NEWS

The Newsletter of the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance

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Member's meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at the American Legion Post (Goff Moll) #101 2721 Collier Ave. Brentwood, MO just west of the Schnucks Store at the intersection of Brentwood Blvd and Manchester Rd. (see map on page 7)

President's Corner

The Christmas meeting and pizza bash to start the season was a wonderful way to end the old year and start the new year.

We discussed the plan to try to reintroduce the idea of people with a concealed carry endorsement to legally carry your personal safety on all metro buses and metro trains. We have contacted Kerry Messer (the grassroots gun rights lobbyist in Jefferson City) to start discussing this idea. I've ridden the bus and electric transit in Houston and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) in Dallas Texas. These major transit systems have had no problems or difficulty with this policy which has been in place for several years. There certainly is no reason that this will not work in Missouri as well. The ability to do this by certified good people will open up more ridership to a different segment of Missouri citizens. This is not a new idea and is working in other states.

The biggest issue that we all have endured is the lawlessness that has occurred in the town of Ferguson Missouri. We here in Missouri are so fortunate to have the means and laws in place to protect ourselves and families if the police and national guard are overwhelmed or, through bad management, cannot do their jobs as planned. This case was seen in August and again in November of this year. Let's hope that the new year brings less of these problems.

G.C.L.A. sends a speedy get well to Dale Barron who is on the mend and looks forward to having him back participating .

Have fun! Get active!
Steve Marx
President, GCLA

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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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GCLA Board of Directors

At the November 18th Board of Directors' Meeting the new board elected, from amongst themselves, the officers for 2015. The results of this election were:

President: Steve Marx
Vice President: Harry Smelcer

Treasurer: Gene Dultz
Secretary: John Cuba

Congratulation and good luck to the 2015 Board Members and Officers.

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Drawing Winners



The most recent GCLA drawing was held at our members' meeting on Tuesday November 4th, 2014.

Michael Edgar of St. Ann, Mo. (left) was the winner of the first prize, a DPMS Panther Oracle AR-15 .223 Rem., Flat Top, (3) 30 and (2) 20 Round Mags, Hard Case & Cleaning Kit. The second prize, Brunton "ECHO" Binoculars, was won by Dean Hodge (right) of O'Fallon, Mo.

The next GCLA drawing will be at our members' meeting on Tuesday May 5th, 2015. First prize is a Ruger Mini 14 Ranch Rifle .223 Caliber, (2) 20 Round Magazines, Hard Case. Second prize is a Red Cross Emergency Kit. Tickets are available at the GCLA gun show table.

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RESERVE THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR Gateway Friends of NRA Dinner and Auction Saturday, March 21st, 2015 - doors open at 5:30PM ORLANDO GARDENS

located at 2050 Dorsett Village Plaza, Maryland Heights, MO 63043
For information contact Chris Brown
Phone: 314-346-5816 or Email: c.brown285@sbcglobal.net

Missouri Annual Gun Rights Rally

Please make plans to join us in the Capitol Building in Jefferson City on Wednesday, April 8th, 2015 from 10:00am to 1:00pm for the Annual Gun Rights Rally Day.

Join us! Come spend the morning at the capitol to help save our guns and protect our rights.

The anti-gun crowd is always working hard to ban guns and restrict our gun rights. (see the

preliminary list of pre-filed bills on page 4)

Your attendance at the rally is critical. Only a strong turnout can help make the difference. Law-abiding gun owners are not the problem. Our rights are not what is wrong.

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

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U.S. Appeals Court Expands Gun Rights

The Wall Street Journal By Ashby Jones 12/18/14

In the first legal ruling of its type, a federal appeals court in Cincinnati on Thursday deemed unconstitutional a federal law that kept a Michigan man who was briefly committed to a mental institution decades ago from owning a gun.

A three-judge panel of the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously ruled that the federal ban on gun ownership for anyone who has been “adjudicated as a mental defective or who has been committed to a mental institution” violated the Second Amendment rights of Clifford Charles Tyler, a 73-year-old Hillsdale County man.

“The government’s interest in keeping firearms out of the hands of the mentally ill is not sufficiently related to depriving the mentally healthy, who had a distant episode of commitment, of their constitutional rights,” wrote Judge Danny Boggs, an appointee of President Ronald Reagan, for the panel.

Lucas McCarthy, Mr. Tyler’s lawyer, called the ruling “a forceful decision to protect Second Amendment rights,” and said he hoped that it would have “a significant impact on the jurisprudence in the area of gun rights.”

The Justice Department didn’t respond to a request for comment.

The decision is the first by a federal appeals court to deem unconstitutional a federal gun law since the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark 2008 ruling, called *D.C. v. Heller*. The *Heller* ruling, in which the court struck down the Washington, D.C., ban on firearms ownership, represented the Supreme Court’s first foray in decades into the scope of the Second Amendment.

Mr. Tyler recently attempted to buy a gun, but was denied on grounds that he had been committed by a court to a mental institution in 1986 after emotional problems associated with a

divorce, Thursday’s opinion said. His commitment lasted less than a month.

Federal law bans gun ownership for a several types of people, including convicted felons, people under 18, illegal immigrants, drug addicts and those ordered by a court to a mental institution. However, federal law also says that people must have opportunities to prove that their disqualifying “disabilities” have ended and that they should be able to own a gun.

The federal government defunded its “relief from disabilities” program in 1992, said the opinion. Since 2008, states have been able to get federal grants to set up their own programs. But such programs are voluntary on the part of the states, and Michigan has yet to set one up, leaving Mr. Tyler without a venue by which to prove that his “disability” no longer should apply.

In other words, wrote Judge Boggs: “[W]hether Tyler may exercise his right to bear arms depends on whether his state of residence has chosen to accept the carrot of federal grant money and has implemented a relief program.... An individual’s ability to exercise a fundamental right necessary to our system of ordered liberty cannot turn on such a distinction.”

Adam Winkler, a Second Amendment expert and law professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, said the ruling could give momentum to the gun-rights movement. “I wouldn’t be surprised to see legal challenges to other parts of the [federal gun] law now,” he said.

Mr. Winkler also said the ruling could prompt Republicans in Congress to move to set up a new “relief from disabilities” program that would allow people to prove they are fit to own guns .

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Pro-Gun Protections Enacted Into Law

December 19, 2014.

Last week, Congress approved the Fiscal Year 2015 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act. Included in the Act were a number of pro-gun provisions that prevent the Obama administration from implementing its anti-gun agenda.

This Act includes new provisions to stop the Obama administration’s efforts regarding Operation Choke Point, a program in which the Department of Justice intimidates financial institutions into refusing or severing financial services to legally-operating ammunition and firearms dealers. In addition, the Act prohibits funds for the Internal Revenue Service to target groups for scrutiny based on their political beliefs, such as the NRA.

Further, the Act contains a new provision to prevent the Environmental Protection Agency, or any other federal agency, from regulating the lead content of traditional ammunition and fishing tackle. For years, radical animal rights and

environmental advocates have used all the tools at their disposal, including litigation, to attempt to ban lead ammunition. A ban on traditional ammunition would affect hunters, sportsmen, law enforcement, military, and target shooters – whether or not they hunt. There are currently no comparable alternatives to lead ammunition in terms of cost, ballistics, and availability. This provision would prevent a traditional ammunition ban and protect not just hunters, but millions of law-abiding American gun owners.

Moreover, the Act contains a provision to prevent the Department of Justice, or any government entity, from spending taxpayer dollars on “gun walking” programs like Operation Fast and Furious. The Act also prevents funds being used by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the National Institute of Health to advocate or promote gun control.

Finally, the Act prevents funds from being used by the Obama administration to implement the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty.

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Pre-filed Missouri Bills for 2015

Preliminary list of bills pre-filed for 2015. This list is a subset of the total bills pre-filed, only those that pertain to firearms, firearm ownership and concealed carry.

HB 28 Unlawful Use Of Weapons

SPONSOR: Rep. Michele Kratky (D), District 65

This bill specifies that a person commits the crime of unlawful use of weapons if he or she knowingly possesses a firearm while also illegally in possession of a controlled substance that is sufficient for a felony violation of Section 195.202, RSMo. Currently, a person commits the crime if he or she knowingly possesses a firearm while also knowingly in possession of a controlled substance that is sufficient for a felony violation of the section.

HB 122 Use Of Deadly Force

SPONSOR: Rep. Joe Don McLaugh (R), District 39

This bill specifies that an individual who is occupying private property under the authority of the property owner will be permitted to use deadly force in certain situations.

HB 128 Liability Involving Concealed Carry Of Firearms

SPONSOR: Rep. Rick Brattin (R), District 55

This bill specifies that although a private owner or other person or entity is authorized to post his or her premises as being off limits to concealed firearms under Section 571.107, RSMo, those provisions cannot be construed to grant any type of immunity, in tort law or with regard to other civil actions, for the act of prohibiting the concealed carry of firearms.

The bill specifies that although certain persons may consent to the carrying of firearms in specified areas where it is otherwise prohibited under Section 571.107, those provisions cannot be construed to impose any type of duty, in tort law or with regard to other civil actions, on the person to consent to the carrying of firearms.

HB 176 Waiting Period For Retail Firearms Purchase

SPONSOR: Rep. Karla May (D), District 84

This bill requires a three-day waiting period, excluding weekends and legal holidays, between the purchase and the delivery of any retail firearm, except purchases made by concealed carry permit holders.

The bill requires a firearm retailer to make available a video about gun violence, approved by the Department of Public Safety, and requires the purchaser of a firearm to view the video before the sale.

The bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety to promulgate rules to implement these provisions. Records of all firearm retail sales must be available for inspection by any law enforcement agency during normal business hours of the retailer and any retailer, employee, or agent of a retailer who fails to comply will be charged with a class D felony. Obtaining delivery of a firearm at retail by fraud, misrepresentation, or false pretense is a class D felony for an offense committed before January 1, 2017 and a class E felony on or after January 1, 2017.

The provisions become effective January 1, 2016.

HB 184 Hunting Accidents

SPONSOR: Rep. Anne Zerr (R), District 18

This bill specifies that the Missouri Conservation Commission

within the Department of Conservation may suspend, revoke, or deny a person's hunting permit or privilege for up to 10 years if the person accidentally kills another person while hunting.

SB 23 Creates the crimes of failing to stop illegal firearm possession, negligent storage of a firearm, and failure to notify a school of firearm ownership

Sponsor: Sen. Maria Chappel-Nadel (D), District 18

This act creates the offense of failing to stop illegal firearm possession. A person commits the offense if he or she is the parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18, he or she knows the child possesses a firearm in violation of the law, and he or she fails to stop the possession or report it to law enforcement.

The offense is a Class A misdemeanor unless death or injury results from the firearm possession in which case it is a Class D felony until December 31, 2016, and a Class E felony beginning January 1, 2017.

This act also creates the offense of negligent storage of a firearm. A parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18 commits the offense by recklessly storing or leaving a firearm in a manner that is likely to result in the child accessing the firearm if the child obtains access to the firearm and unlawfully carries it to school, kills or injures another person with it, or commits a crime with it.

A firearm that is in a secure location or locked is not considered to be recklessly stored or left in a manner likely to result in the child accessing the firearm.

The offense is a Class A misdemeanor unless the child kills or injures another person in which case it is a Class D felony until December 31, 2016, and a Class E felony beginning January 1, 2017.

The parent or guardian of a child injured or killed by a firearm may only be prosecuted for negligent storage of a firearm if he or she was grossly negligent.

This act requires a parent or guardian to notify a school district, or the governing body of a private or charter school, that he or she owns a firearm within 30 days of enrolling the child in school or becoming the owner of a firearm.

The written notification only needs to include the names of the parent and any child attending the school and the fact that the parent owns a firearm.

A person only needs to send one written notification if he or she has multiple children attending the school or becomes the owner of additional firearms. Any time a new child is enrolled in a school the parent or guardian must send an updated notification with the new child's name.

Failure to notify the school under this act is an infraction, punishable by a fine of up to \$100. If a person is found guilty of negligent storage of a firearm and has failed to notify the school of firearm ownership, the person must be fined \$1,000 in addition to any other penalties authorized by law.

This act is substantially similar to SB 548 and SB 124 (2013) and is similar to SB 469 (2013).

SB 42 Modifies the provision allowing law enforcement officers to use deadly force in certain circumstances

Sponsor: Jamilah Nasheed (D), District 5

Under current law, a law enforcement officer may use deadly

force when he or she reasonably believes the force is immediately necessary to effect an arrest and the suspect has committed or attempted to commit a felony, is attempting to escape by use of a deadly weapon, or may otherwise endanger life or seriously injure another person.

This act provides that a law enforcement officer may use deadly force only when all other means of apprehension have been exhausted or are unavailable, the officer has warned the suspect, and the officer reasonably believes the suspect is attempting to

escape and possesses a deadly weapon.

In addition, this act provides that a law enforcement officer who uses deadly force against an unarmed person, who is 20 feet or farther away from the officer, must be immediately suspended from duty without pay until the incident has been fully investigated.

NOTE: above applies only to Law Enforcement however if passed would soon be applied to All citizens .

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GCLA Gun Show Schedule

Show times are generally 9am To 4pm for Sat. And 9am to 3pm on Sun.

When a show has a Friday date it will be open from 4pm to 8pm

January 11,12 Belle-Clair Expo Center, Belleville Il. *

January 2-4 Orlando's Garden South, 4300 Hoffmeister

January 23-25 Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.

January 30-February 1 The Heart of St. Charles, 1410 Fifth St.

February 14,15 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

February 20-22 Stratford Inn, Fenton

April 25,26 St. Charles Convention Center

May 16,17 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

TBA Machinist Hall, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd.

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December 19,20 Pacific Eagles Hall, 707 Congress, Pacific

* 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 –or– 636-677-6104

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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 membership for \$25.00 per year 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 2014 elections.

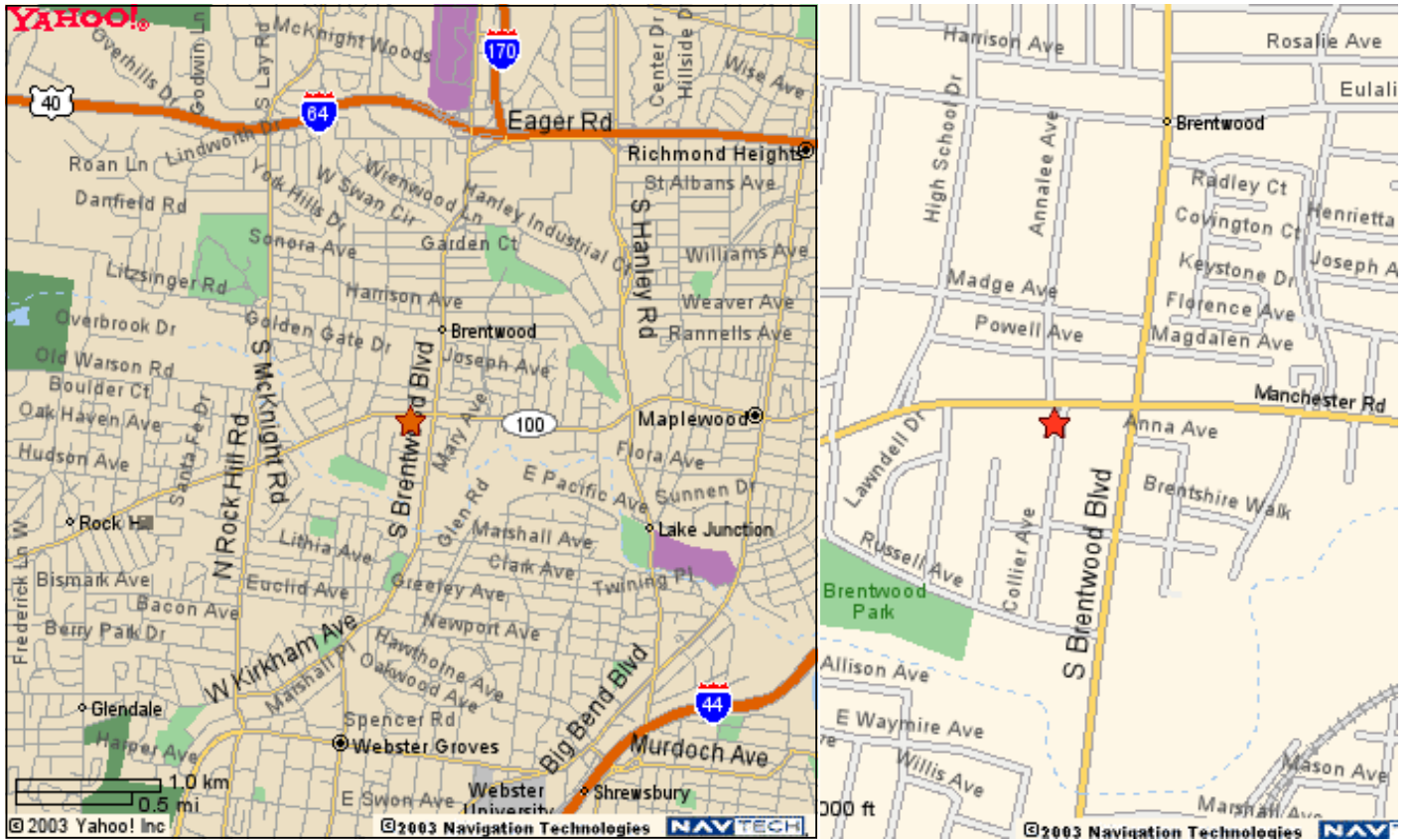
Send donations to GCLA-PAC, P.O. Box 440280, St. Louis, MO 63144

NOTICE: All proceeds from our current Gun Drawing are going to the GCLA PAC. The prizes are: First prize is a Ruger Mini 14 Ranch Rifle .223 Caliber, (2) 20 Round Magazines, Hard Case. Second prize is a Red Cross Emergency Kit. The drawing is scheduled to be held at our members' meeting on Tuesday May 5th, 2015.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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: _____

Membership Dues are \$24.00 per calendar year (first year can be pro-rated).

Membership: \$24.00 [] 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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