THEY WANT OUR GUNS

(GSL) - From the campaign trail to gun shows, Democrat candidates for the nomination in the 2020 Presidential race have campaigned not only for radical gun control, but also gun bans and gun confiscation.

Joe Biden acknowledged that he’s coming to take America’s favorite rifle, the AR-15, and other modern sporting rifles from law-abiding Americans. Kamala Harris doubled down not only with that pledge, but how she had experience sending cops to confiscate them from private homes.

At the same time, these candidates completely ignore Eric Swalwell’s doomed campaign and its single-issue campaign for gun control. Swalwell’s gun control pitch didn’t even net him one percent in most polls before he dropped out of the race. Colorado’s former governor John Hickenlooper also trumpeted his “I beat the NRA” credentials before his campaign sank like the Titanic.

In Congress, not only have about 200 House Democrats signed on to the semi-auto gun ban of 2019 (which includes all magazines over ten rounds), but now we have Republicans Lindsey Graham and Peter King campaigning for gun bans from the Republican side of the aisle. Quislings.

In Springfield, Illinois new Governor J.B. Pritzker has announced his support for a magazine ban and potentially even more gun grabbing measures.

Make no mistake: those who hate guns have dropped their mask of merely wanting “common sense gun control” to outright calls of flat-out gun bans and gun confiscations.

Remember next November who has sought to strip you of your Second Amendment rights and the right of self-defense.

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SANGAMON COUNTY GSL MEETS ON SECOND MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER.
Ordinarily it is held on the first Monday, which will be Labor Day. SCHEELS closes early on the holiday. So we will meet on the Second Monday in September.

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September 2019
Guns Save Life Events

- Peoria: First Thursday: September 5, October 3
  Golden Corral, 3525 N. University, Peoria
- Sangamon County: Rescheduled for September 9, October 7
  SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- Pontiac: First Tuesday: September 3, October 1
  Pontiac VFW Post 886, 531 Lincoln Ave., Pontiac
- Champaign County: Second Tuesday: September 10, Oct 8
  KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- Charleston: Second Thursday: September 11, October 10
  U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- Chicagoland: Last Sunday: September 29, October 27
  DA’s Deli and Dining, 7260 West 159th Street, Orland Park, IL
  Exhibits and conversation here at 4pm. Meeting at 5:30pm.
- Decatur: First Wednesday: September 4, October 2
  Coz’s Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion

Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 5:30 p.m. Meetings at 7 p.m.

Meetings are free and open to public.

Come on out and join us. Good food, good fun and good friends.

Dinner is optional.
Sights from GSL monthly meetings

From left, Rick Kinkade won the 50/50, Dick Brandt won the Henry youth model lever-action, Devin Wrestler, our youngest attendee took home a Daisy Red Rider and lastly, GSL’s Champaign County Regional Director Dan Worthey.

Our Sangamon County GSL main speaker Kelvin Coburn... a conservative black man.

Marsha Brim won herself a new gun at the Sangamon County GSL meeting. She’s pictured with Dale Lock (center) and 50/50 winner Sam Gordon.

Guns Save Life gives away lots of guns

“One gun a month” is one we support at GSL. In that we give away a gun each month at each of our meeting sites!

Nice gun, Doug!

Doug Logue has three daughters and this is their rifle, customized with a cheek comb for the girls to shoot Appleseed over the years. Today, they shoot to the Rifleman’s standard. Do your kids?

Not everyone at GSL meetings has gray hair... Near the end of the Champaign County GSL meeting.

Nationally-known shooting coach Joe Miller talks about competitive shooting and the importance of bringing young people into shooting at the Decatur GSL meeting.

From left, the Peoria meeting: Lynn Wahls won the 50/50 and eluded the Gov. Pritzker outside, wanting his cut. Regional Coordinator and GSL VP Kay Davis and John Boch who won the Springfield Armory pistol that he later donated to HOOAH.

Charleston Winners!

Phil Land won the 12ga. Shockwave “firearm” at the Charleston GSL meeting. He’s pictured with Bill Harrison and 50/50 winner Larry Pearsall.

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Nice hat!

State Representative Chris Miller, one of the conservative caucus in the new session, spoke at the GSL Charleston meeting.

Larry Carter in Charleston, talking about the process of gun blueling.

Pontiac Regional Director Chuck Kostelc and first-time attendee John Steer who won both the Ruger Wrangler pistol in our gun drawing and a box of ammo in our door prize pool!
Chicago.
Alfreda Keith Keller, our Chicagoland GSL Regional Director led the assembled masses in the Pledge of Allegiance. We welcomed our newcomers and recognized our veterans for their service.

GSL’s Executive Director John Boch was tied up at the NRA Youth Shooting Camp this weekend, but he sent his notes. In short, keep making anti-gun elected officials squirm at their town hall meetings, Chicago is a mess and GSL did very well at the buyback.

Speaking of the gun buyback, a number of those present who participated at the great Chicago Gun Buyback related their experiences trading broken down junk for perfectly good $100 gift cards. And a big part of that $2420 we collected went to this year’s Darnall’s NRA Youth Camp in the form of three Beretta NEOS target pistols and a pair of CMP refurbished competition air rifles. Plenty remains for other youth shooting programs.

Alfreda had one gentleman that had won some DVDs at an earlier meeting talk about what he learned from the videos.

Mary Woods did not want to buy a ticket for the drawing, because she already has a Hi-Point 9mm carbine. She loves it and thinks it is SO MUCH fun that everyone should have one. She relented, bought a ticket to set the example, and then won the High Point 9mm Carbine. Greg Buban won the 50/50.

For the August meeting, Steve Balich will serve as our main speaker and we’ll have a Ruger Wrangler revolver.

Peoria.
GSL’s Vice-President and Peoria Regional Director Kay Davis called the meeting at the Golden Corral in Peoria to order and led eighty-one of the faithful in the Pledge of Allegiance. As custom, we welcomed newcomers and recognized veterans.

John Boch delivered his Executive Director’s notes and answered questions.

For our main speaker, Senator Chuck Weaver joined us. But first, he had his assistant Diane Vespa talk about interfacing with the Illinois State Police to tackle constituent calls about FOID cards and carry licenses.

Senator Chuck Weaver and his assistant Diane Vespa spoke at the Peoria GSL meeting in August!

The Illinois State Police are way behind. Vespa said, but she thinks things have stablized and are getting better. When Senator Weaver told her to schedule a tour of the ISP’s Firearms Services Bureau offices for him to see what’s going on first-hand, they wanted to know why. “To see whose desk has a mountain of uncompleted work,” Senator Weaver told them. She said they put her off for a couple of weeks and then amazingly things started moving.

Weaver then spoke and said he’s gotten an earful from constituents about delays and problems with the ISP for gun owners at the gun buyback meetings he’s held. It’s a very common theme and there’s a lot of frustration for all parties.

He then talked about Illinois’ many problems, ranging from lost jobs and residents to new and increased taxes and our $10 billion budget deficit.

Weaver did say he thinks Pritzker will try to solve Illinois’ notorious gerrymandering problem to burnish his credentials for serving in a higher office someday.

For Tech Time, US Law Shield’s Josh Barton addressed the audience. He grew up in Central Illinois, then his Uncle sent him and some of his fellow misguided children overseas to blow things up, break things and kill bad people. Now he’s back home in America urging people to sign up for legal defense for self-defense.

Because you can get arrested any time and lawyers don’t come cheap. He cited at least a couple of incidents of good people using righteous self-defense and then getting caught up in prosecutions. [Editor: One need look no further than area farmer James Love’s case out of Galesburg earlier this year!] US Law Shield will also defend members in Red Flag hearings as well.

GSL’s Immediate Past President Steve Davis is doing some legal seminars for them as well that are two hours of time well spent for gun owners. Act to the standard by which you will be judged. And if you think you can use deadly force to stop a forcible felony involving property (like a burglary, for instance) in Illinois because an instructor told you so... well, you may just spend a decade or two in prison learning about Tennesse v. Gamer.

We held drawings for a bunch of nice door prizes (thank you to those who brought some great stuff!), as well as the 50/50 and prizes (thank you to those who brought some great stuff!), as well as the 50/50 and for the Springfield XD9 Defender pistol. Thanks to the Tac Shack for providing the gun! John Boch won the gun. He later donated the gun to the HOOAH Deer Hunt for Heroes to raise money for that cause.

Next month, we’ll have a Mossberg MC1 pistol.

Sangamon County.
We opened the meeting with a booming Pledge of Allegiance at SCHEELS in Springfield. Sangamon County Regional Director Dale Lock then welcomed newcomers and recognized veterans.

Mr. Lock then shared a membership update as we transition to new software and new volunteers to process our memberships.

The next day, August 6th, marks the 74th Anniversary of America’s nuclear attack upon Hiroshima. That attack and the bombing of Hiroshima brought an early end to World War II in the Pacific. Dale said his father was slated to participate in the invasion of Japan but the Japanese surrender obviated those plans.

From Manila, Dale recounted how his father used to tell him about the strange color on the horizon as the sun set that evening on August 5th. The troops knew we were trying a new kind of bomb but didn’t know the specifics.

Dale introduced GSL’s Executive Director John Boch to give his update and answer questions. Of course, the crowd had plenty of questions, especially in the immediate aftermath of a pair of mass shootings in the media (and a pair from Chicago that were not).

Main speaker Kelvin Coburn dazzled the audience with a frank discussion of race, guns and politics. Coburn, a successful businessman, Illinois Concealed Carry instructor and community activist says that...
ATTENTION: IL GUN DEALERS

Illinois State Police to begin enforcement of handgun sales registry by dealers

by John Boch

In a recent meeting with some Illinois federally licensed gun dealers (now state-licensed as well), the Illinois State Police announced they would begin enforcing the “Section 24-4. Register of sales by dealer” under the Illinois Deadly Weapons statute.

This section of the 720 ILCS 5/24-4 requires gun dealers to record the date of the sale along with the name, address, age and occupation of the person to whom the gun is sold/given. Furthermore, dealers must also record the price of the gun, the gun’s description and the purpose for which it is purchased.

Violation of this section is a Class B misdemeanor, and would also be a violation of the new Illinois Gun Dealer Licensing Act (GDLA). Violations of the new GDLA law are punishable with up to a $10,000 civil penalty for each violation.

So frankly, the trivial Class B misdemeanor penalties might pose the least of a dealer’s concerns. Especially since the dealer is also on the hook for that “up to $10,000 civil penalty” if an employee fails to record the purchaser’s occupation, the price paid and purpose for acquiring the handgun.

Sorry Bloomberg, Soros & Schumer

FACT: 235 million Americans either own guns or see themselves as owning a gun

Pew Research (GSL) - From Pew Research’s 2017 “The Demographics of Gun Ownership” study: 235 million Americans either own or could see themselves owning a gun.
Horror Stories Continue: ISP still behind in processing FOIDs, CCWs

by John Boch

Last month, I wrote about the long delays in the Illinois State Police’s Firearms Services Bureau processing FOID card and carry license applications and renewals.

FOIDs

Informally, it seems that FOID renewals are running about 75-90 calendar days for most. Although one Peoria resident told me he submitted his renewal in December and received his new card the last week of July. And that was with the help of a State Senator. Thankfully, six- and seven-month processing times seem very out of the ordinary.

Be sure you go online and apply for a renewal as soon as you possibly can to avoid the headaches associated with carrying a FOID card that’s expired - because no matter if your renewal is pending, you won’t be able to buy a gun or ammo from any reputable store or dealer.

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Like with FOID processing, there are plenty of horror stories. Like the guy whose FOID card expired about the time his carry license expired. The ISP paused his carry license renewal to process his FOID renewal (at half the speed of smell). Then they restarted the 120 day clock on processing his CCW renewal after issuing the new FOID. In the end, he hopes to get his CCW renewal in September or October... approximately eight plus months after he filed for the renewal.

Because, of course, Illinois cannot be like Florida and simply take the money and issue a new license the same day.

They can, however, revoke your FOID card within hours of an arrest or admission to a mental health treatment facility.

Obviously, customer service for Illinois’ gun owners is not something Governor Pritzker cares about.

What’s the holdup?

Jessica Trame, the head of the ISP’s Firearm Services Bureau, says they are short-handed. What’s more, the department has a lot of turnover. That’s not surprising as the entry level FSB people aren’t especially well compensated. Some see working in that office as a stepping stone to get a leg up into other, better-paying State of Illinois jobs.

The good news is that the delays, according to some reports, are not growing longer.

The bad news is that gun owners in Illinois continue to get treated like third-class citizens.

Illinois passes bipartisan law to allow hunter education classes in school

(FoxNews) - Wedged in among the basics of science, math and English, a new bipartisan measure in Illinois now gives school districts the option to build hunting safety education into the daily curriculum.

The legislation, signed Friday by Gov. J.B. Pritzker, a Democrat, and put into immediate effect, aims to bolster hunter and gun safety for students.

The House and Senate in Illinois are under Democrats’ control, and the bill was initially introduced in February by downstate Democratic state Rep. Monica Bristow.

“Hunting in Illinois is still very popular, and students can learn about hunting as a sport. Hunters have respect for guns,” she told Fox News, underscoring that the legislation stirred no opposition. “If people have to do the education course to obtain a hunting license anyway, why not be able to do this in school?”

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To sign up for this new Life Membership option, fill out the form on the back page of this issue of GunNews and send it in today.
Mighty Kacey strikes out. Bigtime.

by Dominic Visione

In the latest contest of celebrities striving for relevance on gun issues, Country music singer Kacey Musgraves has secured a place at the front of the pack. The 30-year-old entertainer shouted from the stage at Chicago's Lollapalooza music festival, "Somebody *f**king* do something," about the recent mass murders in El Paso and Dayton, blaming Trump for the carnage.

That tweet caused her considerable blowback, since it was right after the Muslim terror attack at The Pulse nightclub in Orlando in 2016. Kacey walked it back, like a good little liberal who pals around with Katy Perry (yet another genius in social "justice" issues).

The fact that Kacey launched her tirade against the President, guns, etc from a stage in Chicago demonstrates an incredible level of cognitive dissonance.

She opened her mouth in a city that has scores of shootings every weekend. So why does she give the Chicago politicians a pass on their incompetence? Or make them experts at passing on their incompetence? If the Country Music Awards have a category for "Most Hypocritical Artist of the Year," I would be delighted to nominate Kacey.


If she grew up around guns and hunting, right? What does that even mean?

No surprise that her fellow liberal media left her off the hook for hurling crude I-bombs on stage. They described her crude rant as "impassioned."

But conservative folks using that verbiage are called "offensive" and told to tone down the rhetoric. Or hate speech, which apparently is open to whatever convenient definition fits the Hurt-o-Meter on some tree hugging, dirt munching, soy milk drinking Druid.

"Years ago I proposed changing our official name to the Obscure But Powerful Joint Commission on Administrative Rules because it seemed like any time we were mentioned in the newspaper, that phrase was attached to us," Harmon said. "Rulemaking is critically important."

"The general assembly cannot develop laws with the specificity necessary that people understand exactly how this will apply to them in a particular circumstance," Harmon said, explaining that the body is really a check on how state agencies will enforce the laws.

State Rep. Tom Demmer, R-Dixon, also is on JCAR.

"Not every single law that passes has to go through rule-making afterward," Demmer said. "But quite a few do and they can range from very important, high-profile laws all the way down to things that are very technical and procedural in nature and really don't have any opposition at all."

Demmer said after a bill becomes a law, the process starts with affected state agencies crafting rules based on new laws. Then there's typically a public comment period. JCAR then reviews the rules.

"Either we don't take action because we think the rules are appropriate and in keeping with the statutory authority of the department or we have the ability to come in and do a sort of veto and block rules from being implemented if they go beyond that statutory authority," Demmer said.

He said he expects JCAR to tackle rule changes for several major laws the governor recently enacted.

"We're going to see quite a few rules related to the implementation of recreational cannabis," Demmer said.

Illinois Department of Agriculture Director John Sullivan said earlier this month the department is piecing together all the rules to administer adult-use cannabis. Other departments said they're also putting their rules together.

"I trust that [the agencies] are talking with one another and we'll certainly be on the lookout for incompatibility between or among the rules," Harmon said of pending rules for adult-use cannabis.

"There will likely be rules related to the expansion of gaming and gambling across the state in various forms," Demmer said.

For the Firearm Dealer Licensing Certification Act, rules have yet to go through JCAR. That measure requires federally licensed gun dealers to get a state permit on top of the federal permit with additional state regulations.

More than 1,200 of the state's 2,351 federally licensed dealers had not applied for the state license as of Monday. The Illinois State Rifle Association sued to stop the law from being implemented, saying gun dealers don't know the rules or how much it will cost them to comply. Illinois State Police officials said they're in the process of finalizing their rules.

It's unclear when rules for adult-use cannabis, gambling expansion, or the gun dealer licensing will go before JCAR, but Demmer said to keep an eye on the commission's website.

JCAR typically meets the third week of the month, every month.

[Editor's note: JCAR must approve the Gun Dealer Licensing Act rules.]
FOID cards for kiddos

Illinois’ FOID Act does not specify a minimum age for applicants for a Firearms Owner ID Card. Not yet at least.

If your kids don’t have a FOID card yet, now might well be a great time to do so. Why? First off, FOID card fees and costs may rise from today’s $11 for 10 years to upwards of $150 or more if SB-1966 becomes law.

Secondly, a FOID card serves as a government-issued ID and at $10 is a lot cheaper than going down to the Secretary of State’s office and waiting in line for the privilege of paying more for impersonal, craptastic service applying for a State ID card.

Perhaps most importantly, Illinois has a law prohibiting minors from having access to firearms. However, if your minor children have a FOID card, that serves as an exemption. It also allows them, when you as a parent feel they are responsible enough, to legally have access to firearms for defense of the home and family in an emergency.

While most FOID applications must be done online, for minors without a state-issued ID card, you can call the Illinois State Police’s Firearms Services Bureau Customer Service line at 217-782-7980.

Once you get through to a person though (usually after waiting 10-20 minutes on hold), you will find the people friendly and helpful.

For really young kids, show patience with the ISP call taker as they ask some general personal information questions for future ID verification. Things like “city of birth” are easy. When they ask for the name of the elementary school attended and your kid is 8 months old, be patient. They’ll come up with a new question like “mother’s maiden name.”

At this point, they will send you a form for mom or dad to get notarized, a questionnaire with Form 4473-like questions for the applicant (your child). Questions like have you been convicted of domestic violence? Silly questions if your kid has yet to reach their first birthday, right?

Anyway, fill that out, attach a 2” x 2” head and shoulders photo and mail it all back to the ISP. You may also need to send a copy of the birth certificate as well.

Hopefully, within 60-90 days or so, they’ll send your kid their first government-issued ID.

People continue to ask how they can support Guns Save Life’s legal actions and lawsuits. Because obviously, lawyers cost money. And the world class legal team GSL has representing us in these cases costs big bucks.

First off, GSL has the support of the National Rifle Association’s Institute for Legislative Action and they do much of the heavy lifting when it comes to legal bills. Much, but not all.

Yes, GSL incurs some expenses in the actions, but they typically remain under $1000 for each one. As much as we would appreciate additional revenue by asking people to send GSL big checks to offset $50,000 legal bills, it would not be honest or ethical.

To help with the big bills, send a donation check to the NRA-ILA along with a note that the donation is in support of Guns Save Life lawsuits.

Or you can donate to Guns Save Life to help us offset our incidental expenses relating to those lawsuits.

At the meetings, Boch has noted that NRA-ILA runs as a separate entity to the National Rifle Association proper. Donations to NRA-ILA won’t go to the NRA.

NRA-ILA is all about political advocacy and lobbying... and court cases.

NRA-ILA hosts Fast Action Team exploratory meeting

Springfield (GLS) - NRA-ILA Grassroots Coordinator David Conte hosted a meeting at the Crown Plaza in Springfield on Monday, July 29th to discuss the concept of an NRA-ILA “Fast Action Team” for Illinois.

Joining Mr. Conte were the NRA-ILA Illinois legislative liaison John Weber, GSL Executive Director John Boch and some other leadership from GSL, along with other leaders and interested parties. Weber and Conte explained what they envisioned and its purpose. Furthermore, they answered questions and those present had a frank discussion about the situation in Springfield.

Chicago Dem Senator holds fundraiser where people assassinate Pres. Trump

(WCIA) — A series of pictures posted online after a Friday night political fundraising event for state Senator Martin Sandoval (D-Chicago) show an event attendee pointing what appears to be a fake assault weapon at another person wearing a Mexican costume and a mask of President Donald Trump.

Donors paid a minimum of $250 to attend Sandoval’s golf outing at the Klein Creek Golf Club in west suburban Winfield. A woman who attended the event posted the photos to her Facebook page on Saturday and tagged Sandoval in them. Sandoval is pictured separately posing with the man who held the fake weapon, but it remains unclear if the Senator knew about the incident when it occurred.

Sandoval, a powerful state lawmaker who chairs the Senate Transportation Committee and was a driving force behind the recent gas tax increase to fund the ‘Rebuild Illinois’ capital plan, issued an apology in an emailed statement...
If you get a Red Flag order filed against you, it’ll cost you thousands

by Donald Kilmer
(Washington Examiner) - Everyone is debating “red flag” laws like they’re some new thing, but California has had variations of them for decades. We call them domestic violence restraining orders, civil harassment restraining orders, workplace restraining orders, elder abuse restraining orders, mental health seizures and prohibition orders, and, more recently, gun violence restraining orders.

They’re all meant to disarm dangerous people — but they’re all fundamentally flawed.

None of these red flag laws would have prevented recent mass shootings. And in my 23 years practicing law in the heart of Silicon Valley, I have litigated dozens of these cases. I’ve seen firsthand the practical enforcement problems that emerge in real-life cases.

These kinds of court orders are usually obtained from a judge ex parte. That’s fancy Latin for: The judge only hears one side of the story. It is not your side, and you may not even know about it until after the fact. Then they immediately strip you of fundamental constitutional rights for the duration of the orders. You’ll get your “full due process” hearing, but not until later.

And any violation of these orders is separately punishable as a crime. So even if you are innocent of the underlying conduct that inspired the “red flag” order, if you violate the order pending your hearing, you can still face criminal charges.

The initial temporary orders are usually “self-executing.” That means you might get served with a court order that tells you to take your guns and surrender them to the police or a local dealer within the next 24 to 48 hours.

You are, of course, expected to comply. But since you cannot legally possess guns upon being served with the order, how are you supposed to transport your guns to surrender them? Perhaps you could just call the police and tell them you were served with a “red flag” order — marking you a “dangerous and volatile” person (even if you’re not) — and ask them to come pick up your guns.

That kind of situation is ripe for danger. In one situation in Baltimore, police ended up shooting a man when they came to collect his guns under a “red flag” law.

Or perhaps you could take your guns to a local gun dealer and ask them to store them for you — that is, if you can find one that’s willing. In my experience, storage will cost you about $200 per month for a couple of guns. And that might be the best deal you can get. Local governments are now charging people thousands of dollars to store guns that are confiscated, and they tack on a charge for inventory and processing fees.

In one case in Southern California, a client had to pay a $1,000 ransom, that was reduced from an initial “offer” of $4,000, to get his 50-gun collection back.

Experienced counsel to defend you in a “due process” hearing will run about $15,000 in fees. If you lose and want to appeal, expect to spend another $25,000 to $100,000 in fees and costs. And even with all of that, you might still lose.

To win these hearings, you have to refute an allegation that you pose a danger to yourself or others where a judge already issued a temporary ex parte order that concluded you were already a danger. Many judges will likely err on the side of caution, and against your rights.

As a practical matter, if the government’s interest is in separating a potentially-dangerous person from guns, it makes no sense to leave other guns that belong to family members in the home. So, if you live with someone that gets a red flag order issued against them, then you and others living in the same home risk losing your guns, too.

Think that’s a fantasy?

Ask Lori Rodriguez, a plaintiff in a case that has been kicking around the California and federal courts for six years. The Ninth Circuit Court recently invented a new exception to the Fourth Amendment’s warrant requirement. The court approved the police seizing Rodriguez’s firearm which was owned, registered, and locked in a gun safe, from her, while the police were at the home seizing firearms from a different family member.

Even if you win, the judge isn’t going to just hand back your guns back to you at the end of the hearing. It’s probably a good idea to “lawyer up” just to go through the process of recovering your guns, so you don’t go to jail or prison for accidentally breaking an obscure firearm law or regulation. You wouldn’t want to set off a(nother) red flag.

Donald Kilmer is a law professor and practicing attorney who has litigated dozens of restraining order matters, defended against state and federal gun charges, and prosecuted several Second Amendment public interest cases.

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Md., center, accompanied by other Democrats call for gun bans and an end to private firearm transfers at a on Capitol Hill. (AP Photo/ Andrew Harnik)

THE PARTY OF GUN CONTROL

200 House Democrats sign on to Assault Weapons Ban of 2019

Washington (GSL) - With 235 Democrats in the US House of Representatives, the donkey party controls a majority of the seats. The Hill reports that 198 of these Democrats have signed on as a co-sponsor of “The Assault Weapons Ban of 2019.”

The bill would outlaw:

• Semi-automatic rifles with a military-style feature;
• Any ammunition feeding device that can hold more than 10 rounds;
• And 205 specifically-named and listed firearms.

The bill effectively bans most semi-auto rifles, including America’s favorite rifle, the AR-15, along with many of the most popular handguns for sale today.

Like the ‘94 gun ban, the current bill would grandfather currently owned firearms.

“Sell me a gun that would kill 200 people, please”

Liberal jihadist demands a gun to kill 200 people for Gun Sense in America

Port St. Lucie, FL (Washington Examiner) - A Florida man caused some worry when he walked into a Port St. Lucie Walmart and asked the clerk about a gun to kill people with.

Phil Attey, an anti-gun activist, admitted to WPTV the remark was in poor taste, but he was trying to make an anti-gun statement because he saw someone who looked like a white national-

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In more recent times, after Newtown, a whole lot of new gun owners joined existing gun owners in buying pretty much everything on the shelves.

And they needed ammo to feed all those new guns. Centerfire ammo became incredibly scarce and pricey. Then even .22s became impossible to find and expensive as centerfire ammo.

Today, plentiful supplies of ammo exist everywhere. Local gun stores have lots of ammo today at good prices. Walmart’s shelves remain my personal barometer on ammo availability and they remain well stocked. So too the shelves at Big R, Rural King, Stock and Field (formerly Big R in many communities) and Farm & Fleet.

Online, inventories remain high and a number of companies offer some great deals to move product. For example, the folks at Palmetto State Armory have insane bargains on a daily basis and plenty to go around.

As I write this, PSA has a complete AR-15 pistol parts set for $319. Add in a stripped lower receiver and you’ve got an AR-15 “pistol” for way under $500.

Or simply buy the complete rifle (above) for $449. Many of the farm stores have optics-ready ARs for sale for under $500. Yes, “optics-ready” means you have to spring for $50-100 or more on a sight system of your choice, but just a few years ago, you had to know someone to find that same AR rifle for over $1000 new.

PMags for America’s favorite rifle are readily available for less than $15. Glock mags also remain plentiful for $30 or less. PMags and KCI mags are out there for half of that. I can remember a time new pre-ban Glock mags were $100. Each.

Get out there to your favorite gun store and buy that pistol and/or rifle you’ve flirted with buying. Don’t wait for Democrats either in Illinois or nationally to pass some gun and magazine ban.

After all, politicians just love to “do something” after tragedies strike. And it’s only a matter of when and where, not if, another lunatic strikes. And there’s always a chance that Donald Trump won’t win in 2020. Can you imagine how quickly Michelle Obama would sign a gun control bill?

They key here: get out ahead of the stampede. Get your guns, mags and ammo now while they are plentiful, cheap and readily available. Because tomorrow is a new day.
Cook County’s shameful, dysfunctional revolving-door “justice” system

Court supervision, not prison
Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A man who was charged with six felony gun counts in connection with an incident outside a River North nightclub last autumn has reached a sweet plea deal.

Police said in a press release last year that Sam Jimenez Jr. approached a group of people outside a nightclub on the 300 block of West Huron and struck a man in the face with a handgun on Halloween night. During a struggle for control of the gun, Jimenez "discharged the weapon several times," the CPD statement said. He allegedly fled the scene after a bystander gained control of the weapon, but police arrested him nearby a short time later.

But prosecutors this month reached a plea agreement with the 22-year-old in which he pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of reckless conduct. Prosecutors dropped all of the weapons charges, and Judge Earl Hoffenberg sentenced Jimenez to a year of court supervision.

Attacked cops with knives: $500 to get out of jail
Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A man who posted $500 bond to get out of jail after allegedly assaulting police with knives during a SWAT team standoff last week was jailed during a follow-up appearance Monday after charging the bench, escaping, and battling with sheriff’s deputies who dragged him back before a new judge, according to court records and officials.

Armed robbery charge for man who’s been released on three recognizance bonds since July 23rd
Chicago (CWB Chicago) - We’ve frequently reported on criminal defendants who’ve been released on new charges while free on Cook County’s “affordable bail” program. But Havid Narvaez has raised the bar for such stories.

Since July 23rd, he has been charged with breaking into a car, released, skipped bail, charged with burglarizing a Chicago River tour boat, and then released again. Now, he’s charged with armed robbery. It was a busy three weeks.

Child rapist gets released after latest arrest for $0
Chicago (CWB Chicago) - A lifelong felon who recently finished doing time for a violent home invasion is free on a recognizance bond after cops allegedly caught him burglarizing a Rogers Park apartment. The accused man also has a history that includes multiple prison terms for burglary and for the sexual assault of a child.

The case of Dewayne Howard is the latest example of Cook County’s affordable bail program in action.

Kim Foxx & Cook County judges might have given them a probation deal, or less
Carjackers get 11 years...
Chicago (Tribune) - Two men were each sentenced Thursday to 11 years in federal prison for carrying out a violent carjacking at gunpoint in Chicago’s Goose Island neighborhood and leading police on a high-speed chase in 2017 when both were in their late teens.

At a nearly three-hour-long sentencing, U.S. District Judge John Tharp Jr. told Jason Dortch and Davonta Jones that they were lucky the two victims hadn’t resisted even more, resulting in greater injury.

“Somebody could have been killed,” he said.

No FOID? No CCW? Lots of guns?
No problem in Cook County!
$1000 to get released.
Chicago (GSL) - Chicago Police arrested 25-year-old Jordan Hill following a traffic stop. He had quite the impressive collection of firepower. Enough to make most gun aficionados just a little green with envy. However, Mr. Hill didn’t have a FOID card or carry license. No mention if he had some felonies in his background.

Thanks to affordable bail, he was released by posting a mere $1000 bond - or about the price of one of those guns.

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Fail to renew your FOID card?
You risk a SWAT team breaching your door & negligently shooting your kid

Markham, IL (GSL) - A resident in Markham, IL awoke to flashbangs in her home as a SWAT team stormed her house on May 26th. The police had violently and tumultuously entered the residence not seeking a serial murder suspect or to rescue a kidnapped family. Instead, they wanted mom's boyfriend who an informant had told them had drugs and whose FOID card had expired.

As if that wasn’t bad enough, one of the SWAT officers caused a negligent rifle discharge that struck the woman’s 12-year-old son, destroying the boy’s knee and potentially maiming him for life.

As for Crystal Worship and her other kids, cops left them sitting in cuffs inside their home. In fact, the 13-year-old son wore cuffs for an hour. He and his mom were detained for six hours even though they did nothing wrong and weren’t the subject of the warrant.

Instead of taking the mom and her remaining son to the hospital, cops took them to the station for hours of interrogation.

Is it any wonder the family is suing in Cook County court? Crystal Worship filed suit against Country Club Hills, Richton Park and several of the breaching team members individually.

Carnak predicts that’s going to be a seven-figure settlement. Maybe eight if the defendants are foolish enough to take it to trial.

The police didn’t mention finding any drugs or guns in the search. The mom’s boyfriend, Mitchell Thurmon, was arrested at the time but prosecutors soon dropped those charges.

Crystal Worship.
GSL & GSL Defense Training at 25th Annual

Darnall’s NRA Youth Shooting Camp

by John Boch
Bloomington, IL (GSL) - Watching young people gain self-empowerment and confidence shooting makes me happy. That serves as the payoff for me and my fellow GSL Defense Training instructors helping out at America’s longest-running NRA Youth Shooting Camp in Bloomington.

Darnall’s GunWorks and Ranges hosts the kids each year for a four-day, three-night gun camp on their property. And this proved another great year.

Darnall’s celebrated the 25th year for the camp and I’ve helped for about twenty of those as an instructor on the pistol line. Indeed, the GSL Defense Training team has run the pistol line for about six years now.

We made sure these young men and women stayed safe while having fun and learning some life skills. 102 young people attended this year. For many years, the boys outnumbered the girls almost two to one. However, this year the girls outnumbered the boys by a fair margin.

I would also bet this is the only National Rifle Association summer gun camp sponsored in part by the City of Chicago’s gun buyback program thanks to Guns Save Life’s plucky activism. We brought home a pile of cash and some of it went towards this NRA Youth Shooting camp. And it’s only proper that we show Chicago’s new Mayor Lori Lightfoot what her tax money bought.

The GSLDT team makes it fun for pistol-line participants with lots of shade, fans, music and a great time for all. This year, we had an almost one-to-one instructor to participant ratio so the kids got extra individual attention and instruction.

And they did well. After an introduction and dry-firing, we had them shoot about 60 to 70 rounds in practice with instructors coaching all the while. Then participants shot ten for score.

The top five shooters in each relay earned an opportunity to shoot their choice of (mostly) center-fire “pistols.” Oh yes, and a retro “M-16” just for giggles. We’re sure Mayor Lightfoot and her minions would approve.

Other stations at the camp included rifles, black powder, Cowboy Action shooting, air rifle, air pistol, trap, archery, Ruger Steel Challenge, paintball and more.

While not all of these stations had shade, music or “The Giggler,” they all had experienced instructors — sometimes of them Olympic-level, teaching the fundamentals and ensuring everyone’s safety.

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5-25 yard Uncovered Pistol Range
25 yard Covered Firing Point
50-100 yard Covered Firing Point
200 and 300 yard Uncovered Rifle Range
2 Covered Cowboy Action Shooting Stag
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Event List

Tactical Outdoor League – Every Wednesday Night
Cowboy Action Shooting – Every 3rd Saturday
Ladies Pink Ribbon League – Every 4th Sunday
Couple Outdoor Pistol Match – Every 2nd Saturday
Advanced CCW Pistol Training – Every 4th Saturday
IDPA Outdoor Match – Every 1st Sunday Morning
CCW Renewals & CCW 16hr Classes – View Our Calendar

Open to the Public!

Celebrating 25th Anniversary of NRA Youth Shooting Camp on July 25-28, 2019. This is the first and longest running camp in the United States

CCW Renewal Class: $50  |  CCW Registration Class: $115
She beat the boys, too
Freeburg, IL 16-year-old girl wins Scholastic Clay Target Program Nationals in Ohio

(Belleville News Demo-
crat) - Grace Marlen has been hunting and shooting clay targets since she was strong enough to hold a gun.

It was her dad, Nate Marlen, a former national collegiate trap shooting placewinner while competing for the Uni-

versity of Illinois club team, who introduced his daughter to the sport.

Grace shot a perfect 200 to win the 16-yard American Trap to win the Ladies division. Tied with two male shooters, includ-
ing the defending champion, Marlen then won a shoot off by hitting 75-of-75 clay tar-
gets before a large crowd at the grandstand at Cardinal Shooting Center.

The flawless performance not only earned Marlen the honor of being the first female to earn the high overall total in the Ameri-

can Trap Class, she also became the first female to earn the $7,600 Browning College Scholarship.

"I had been in shoot-offs before but never in front of that many people. The grandstand was full," Grace said. "I was locked in that day... I wasn’t really keeping track. But I knew that if I dropped one I would lose the competition and also the scholarship."

"I was thinking it would be cool if I could be the first girl to win the overall championship. Then to win the scholar-

ship as well. ... It took about 50-45 minutes after the competition, but when it sunk in that I had done it I couldn’t hardly believe it."

The competition was held July 13-20 and more than 3,000 of the top young shooters in the nation com-

peted.

Across the river...
Gun activists block proposed magazine ban in Des Moines

Des Moines (Des Moines Register) - The Des Moines City Council decided not to adopt any restrictions on firearm accessories Mon-

day night after hearing stiff opposition from area gun owners and several council members.

After the council said it would consider gun-access-
sory restrictions, opposition mounted, including from a state lawmaker who said he would sponsor legislation next year to negate the local action.

[Gun owners, about 10 of them, came to the City Council chambers to protest. But by then, five members of the seven-member council had sponsored a resolution to “delay” action on the gun-

attachment restrictions.

The proposed ordinance would have banned the possession of high-capacity magazines and “trigger ac-

tivators” that enable guns to fire at a higher rate.

Some council members wanted to do more than simply delay adoption of any limits.

"This is something the city of Des Moines should not even be tackling," Ward 4 Coun-

cilman Joe Gatto said. "... This is a problem up at the Capitol and in our federal government, and until they change, we can’t (do any-

thing). No matter what we would pass tonight, it would be changed in six months."

Moving to a Precision Air Rifle and then a Small Bore rifle, Rylie quickly developed as a competitive shooter in both disciplines. Earning spots in competitions at Fort Benning, GA, Colorado Springs, CO and Camp Perry, OH, Rylie learned the con-

fidence and focus needed to earn herself a spot at the top of a score board.

She joins a growing list of com-

petitive shooters coming out of the Central Illinois Precision Shooting program. Jaden Thompson, U. of Kentucky, Martina Gratz, Sigel, Josie Peters, Gilman Ty Scher, Farmers City, have all competed with CIPS and won at the national level in team and individual events.

There are plenty more young shoot-
ers in Illinois that can have the same fun in success as any of these successful shooters, our shooting organizations and clubs just need to get out there in find them.

GSL’s Rylie Passamore wins National Championship

by Joe Miller
Shooting is a family thing, and one young lady in McLean County, Ill-

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Granddaughter to a long time shooter, with a father that shoots high power rifles, and a Mom that shoots trap, young Rylie Passamore has taken up the family interest. Many are noticing that her skills just might have passed everyone in the family. Her recent scores at the NRA National Small bore Matches went a long way to proving that to her family, the State of Illinois competitors and a National audience.

Yes, Rylie Passamore at age 13, won the SubJunior 3-Position Conventional Aggregate National Championship and the Stark Trophy with a score of 2317-83 of 2400 point match. Grinning, she described herself as "really happy with her score, and will do better next year."

Rylie shot the National Small bore Matches as the newest member of the Illinois State Rifle Team. The team members are invited from across the junior small bore shooters from across the state of Illinois. The 2019 team with Rylie were Martina Gratz, Sigel, IL; Ty Scher, Farmers City, IL; and Dave Denson from Kankakee.

Rylie Passamore with her coach Joe Miller at the Central Illinois Precision Shooting Center.

It's All and the Family

Precision Shooting in Bloomington. Coaches, eager to find new shooters with talent, quickly was recognized as a potential champion shooter. Director of CIPS Joe Miller said “she was really small and needed to grow a bit, so she would weight more than the rifle”. She has grown in both height and shooting ability.

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A little quick on the trigger, but good for her!

**14-year-old girl repels would-be home invaders**

Blaine, KY (Breitbart) - A 14-year-old Blaine, Kentucky, girl grabbed her family’s 9mm handgun and shot at intrusion suspects in order to save her sisters.

WSAZ reports that three teenage girls were alone at home when the intrusion suspects allegedly tried to make entry. They were alone because the father of the home was working and the mother “at the store.”

Two men allegedly pulled up in a car and one exited and “repeatedly tried to gain entry by trying to kick in the doors.”

The suspect then allegedly went into the backyard with a shovel, preparing to break out a window. The 14-year-old located a 9mm handgun and loaded it. She then noticed the suspect with the shovel and the driver of the car were allegedly arguing and she fired a shot in their direction.

**Big, bad wolf called ‘great guy’**

Drunk forces entry after making profane threats of violence, gets shot dead

Woodbine, MD (WMAR) — Friends say he thought he was banging on their door to get inside. The shocked Woodbine homeowners thought he was trying to break in. It ended with 46-year-old Gary Espinoza being shot and killed early Sunday morning.

“He was one of my best friends. He was such a great guy,” said Michael Sweeney, who Espinoza was staying with.

Police say in the video not yet released to the public, Espinoza was heard shouting profanity and threats, saying at one time “I’m going to f— you up,” and, “you want a piece of this s—.” During the incident, the homeowner, 56-year-old Charles Dorsey, can be heard yelling back from inside the house that Espinoza should leave. Dorsey’s wife also called 911. Eventually Espinoza is seen jostling the door handle in an attempt to gain entry, police said. The door then releases, and Espinoza is shot, at which point Dorsey can be heard shouting, “He pushed the door open.”

Police said the good guy’s gun came out. The homeowner fired, striking a 14-year-old in the head and sending the sextet fleeing in the SUV.

The police concluded that Espinoza should leave. Dorsey’s wife then noticed the good guy firing back at the bad guys, yelling back from inside the house that Espinoza should leave. The police said Espinoza fled on foot before officers cuffed and stuffed them. Now, all five face felony murder charges for the death of their compatriot.

**Suburban Chicagoland: Six thugs no match for 75-year-old man and his gun**

Old Mill Creek, IL (GSL) - A 75-year-old man and his gun.

An Old Mill Creek, IL resident called the police when he noticed six teens trying to steal his Lexus SUV. When he confronted the young criminals, things went south as the bad guys thought they had the upper hand. Until the good guy’s gun came out. The homeowner fired, striking a 14-year-old in the head and sending the sextet fleeing in the SUV.

Police caught up with the 14-year-old and a 17-year-old in Gurnee, dumped out by the remaining suspects. Soon, Gurnee police gave chase to the SUV and eventually multiple agencies got in on the high-speed chase. In the end, the SUV’s occupants abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot before officers cuffed and stuffed them. Now, all five face felony murder charges for the death of their compatriot.

**FACT: Mass Public Shootings are much higher in the rest of the world**

(Crime Prevention Research Center) - The U.S. is well below the world average in terms of the number of mass public shootings, and the global increase over time has been much bigger than for the United States.

Over the 18 years from 1998 to 2015, our list contains 2,354 attacks and at least 4,880 shooters outside the United States and 53 attacks and 57 shooters within our country.

By our count, the US makes up less than 1.1% of the mass public shooters, 1.49% of their murders, and 2.20% of their attacks. All these are much less than the US’s 4.6% share of the world population. Attacks in the US are not only less frequent than other countries, they are also much less deadly on average.

Out of the 97 countries where we have identified mass public shootings occurring, the United States ranks 64th in the per capita frequency of these attacks and 65th in the murder rate.

Not only have these attacks been much more common outside the US, the US’s share of these attacks have declined over time.
Politicians flirt with “lock up the guns and let the criminals out”  
by Daniel Horowitz  
(Conservative Review) - For every person who arrays the profile of the El Paso shooter, there are likely thousands who fit the profile of Maurice Hill, the man arrested for shooting six cops in north Philadelphia yesterday. Based on a quick look at court documents from Philadelphia and Delaware Counties, Hill has a rap sheet dating back to 2001 that includes charges for illegal gun possession, drugs, driving offenses, assault, burglary, theft, robbery, kidnapping, and attempted murder. However, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer, he was only “convicted six times on charges that involved illegal possession of guns, drug dealing, and aggravated assault.”

Will there be any soul-searching trying to figure out why so many of these people wind up unconvicted, under-sentenced, and back on the streets? As the Inquirer put it, “his record would indicate, he does not like to go to prison. In 2008, he was convicted of escaping, fleeing from police, and resisting arrest. Along the way, he beat criminal charges on everything from kidnapping to attempted murder.”

Nope. Instead, they very people who have created the drive in the criminal justice system to let these people out of jail are pushing a war on guns for law-abiding people. Meanwhile, the criminals who illegally get guns every day in places like Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Chicago are never punished!

Most Americans understand that bad criminals do the most harm to public safety, not any single weapon or object. Yet the very people pushing a war on guns are the ones who support letting out dangerous criminals from prison. That begins with Lindsey Graham, who, as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, is now teaming up with Richard Blumenthal to push a “red flag” process, without addressing the issue of how the 2021 election will determine which ideology prevails. It seems we no longer have the prerogative to view egregious legislation with an “Oh well” attitude. It is no longer an option to set on the sidelines and watch the struggle. We all must become personally involved in some way, no matter how small that effort. Look to Venezuela for what might happen if we do nothing.

Having said that, it is not required that each and every one of us stand in front of the microphone. At the same time, we must be seen standing behind the person at the microphone. Each of us possesses the ability to influence someone in our lives and is it incumbent upon all of us to use that power of influence to urge others to act. It’s all about the power in numbers. Please plan to attend a local rally or event and bring others.

Steve Naber  
Jacksonville, Illinois

A War of Values

On Saturday, July 13th, my wife and I attended a 2nd Amendment rally in Springfield hosted by Ms. Rosanna Pulido. We were treated to a diverse group of speakers including Illinois State Representatives Chris Miller (R-110), Brad Halbrook (R-109), retired police officer and Effingham County Board Chairman Jim Niemann, Effingham County Board member David Campbell, Mr. Dane Harrell who served as Chief, Air Mobility Command Special Capabilities Branch, USAF along with Kelvin Colburn, founder of KC Community Consulting and a Desert Storm Veteran.

In the aggregate, these folks represent the ‘Illinois Separation Movement’, the ‘Void The FOID’ initiative, the ‘Illinois Gun Sanctuary’ movement, along with combating the relentless attacks on our Constitution of the United States.

Mr. Campbell showed a video by filmmaker Stan Arnold, based on a poem by Thelma Paulk, entitled ‘A Visitor from the Past’. Everyone reading this should go online and watch this. It represents the perspective of those who liberated us from British rule regarding what is now modern-day America.

Our lives, being so short in the grand scheme of things, leave us with very short memories in terms of what once was and what things have become. We could be likened to the proverbial frog in the pan of water that goes something like this: Put a frog in a pan of hot water and he’ll jump out. Put a frog in a pan of tepid water and place it on simmer. He will sit in there until boiled.

We now find ourselves engaged in a public war of values. The brand of the once proud Democrat party has been hijacked by those who support an agenda that would transform our country into a globalist/socialist entity with Marxist and Communist overtones.

It is the opinion of many of us who served in the military and other conservatives who are tired of the incessant attacks on our Constitution of the United States that the elections in 2020 will determine which ideology prevails. It seems we no longer have the prerogative to view egregious legislation with an “Oh well” attitude. It is no longer an option to set on the sidelines and watch the struggle. We all must become personally involved in some way, no matter how small that effort. Look to Venezuela for what might happen if we do nothing.

Our thanks goes out to Oleg Volk for his continued permission to use his creative work to help us in our gun rights advocacy work. You can see more of them at his websites:

- a-human-right.com
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Freedom’s Forum

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They will still hate you - even if you disarm

by Kurt Schlichter
(Townhall) - It was quite a surprise to find out that we Trump voters were personally responsible for the savage murder sprees of a creep who dug single-payer and a satanist fan of Big Chief Warren. The El Paso scumbag decided he wanted to murder Hispanics because migration would somehow destroy the environment, which falls right in line with classical progressive eugenics balderdash. The Democrat from Dayton was full-on #Resistance. But apparently we conservatives were to blame for their actions because we refuse to give up our rights.

Now, those links I just outlined between these idiots’ political beliefs and liberals should not act to place the moral blame for their vile deeds upon liberals, but they must because that’s apparently the new rule. It’s a stupid rule and I think we should go back to the old rule - the person responsible for the crime he commits is the criminal - but since the new rule is in effect then the liberals can enjoy it like a suppository.

Remember, everything the mainstream media tells you at the behest of the liberal elite is a lie and a scam designed to increase their power and wealth by diminishing your power and wealth. Global warming? It’s such a crisis that they need to fly their private jets to fabulous resorts to discuss how you must trade in your Ford Expedition for a Schwinn and how millions of people like you who support their families in the petroleum industry better learn to code. And now the crisis of two left-friendly mutants out of 335 million people means you need to be disarmed. Oh, and you’re also racists so you should be disenfranchised too.

Weird how the liberal solution to every problem is always to make you less free...

Everything the left says or does is designed to make them more powerful by making you less free. You can never give enough of your money or freedom away to make them stop hating you, so don’t try. Get woke to their scam - luckily we have a president who is - and don’t play along. They’ll always hate you, so stop caring about their lies.

Trump is unlikely to commit political suicide by betraying us on guns

by Kurt Schlichter
(Townhall) - Donald Trump is a lot of things, but stupid is not one of them. Like all of us, he is understandably horrified by the murder sprees of that progressive environmental eugenics weirdo and that member of Big Chief Warren’s tribe. But Trump is also keenly aware that any betrayal of his supporters on a literally life or death issue like guns – if you’ve been listening to the left you have a good idea what miserable fate awaits you if you get disarmed and they take power – will result in his wholesale abandonment by his supporters. No, his base probably won’t go vote for the furry, or Doxy Castro’s brother, or Gaffy McOldenheimer. His base will just stay home. Trump will lose, the GOP will lose the Senate, and the left will take over. And bad things will happen to the liberal elite’s enemies, not least of all to Trump and his family.

Trump understands this. And he understands that the media is trying to get him to alienate his own supporters. But so far, he has never stuck us in the back even after the garbage media eagerly reports on his conciliatory talk on subjects near and dear to us in the hopes that it means a betrayal is incoming. It never has been in the past. There’s no reason to believe he would sell us out now.

We would not forgive him. To go left on guns would be, at a minimum, political suicide...
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he also serves as the head of Springfield’s Community Police Review Board. However, he intends to resign the next day citing the mayor’s announcement that the city would not work with ICE.

Growing up in Milwaukee, his parents taught him about personal responsibility and accountability. Today he’s successful and chooses to live in a nice neighborhood with other people whose education, goals and aspirations match his own.

Tim Weir spoke briefly on how quickly the Illinois State Police can revoke a FOID card when they want to. And at the same time, they make you wait for months when it suits them. When he took a temporary, out of state job, his employer wanted him to get commercially licensed in that state. ISP promptly revoked his FOID card within days, notating the change of residency. Yet when he moved back to Illinois and the end of the job, it took ISP three months to issue him a new FOID card.

REMINDER: Next month, the Sangamon County meeting will take place on the SECOND MONDAY of September.

Marsha Brim won the Diamondback 9mm pistol that weighs about as much as a feather. Sam Gordon won the 50/50.

WIN THIS RUGER WRANGLER! Sangamon County GSL in September!

Next month we will meet on September 9th and Bill Oglesby will serve as the main speaker. See one of America’s last exhibition shooters up close and in person!

Pontiac.
GSL’s Peoria Regional Director Chuck Kostelec called the meeting to order and led the faithful in the Pledge of Allegiance.

We welcomed newcomers, including three generations from one family (including two-month-old Amethyst) visiting for the first time. And we recognized our veterans.

John Boch delivered his Executive Director’s Report and reminded everyone of the upcoming HOQAH Deer Hunt for Heroes event taking place at the Pontiac Elk’s Club on Saturday, August 24th.

"Come out and golf or come at 6p for the dinner. It’s just $10 for the dinner!"

One of our long-time members came out as our main tech speaker for the evening. “Jacques” from Joliet brought a number of nice “pre-ban” guns. We’re not using his real name to protect his identity.

He hasn’t attended for a while, he said, because last summer he bought a cow’s heart valve (with not-so-free installation) and in the winter, he prefers life in Arizona. He comes back to see the grandkids in the summers - and to see us.

Jacques lamented the uptick in violence in his Joliet, including a number of shootings in his neighborhood. “It’s becoming Little Chicago and we don’t like that at all!”

He brought a number of modern sport ing rifles starting with a Century Arms Model 93, with a bayonet. Basically, it’s the Heckler and Koch HK93 5.56 rifle with an American-made receiver and a few other parts to allow for importation. It shoots like a dream, he said.

Jacques also showed off a bunch of pre- ban rifles including a Chinese Norinco SKS with a scope. Asked about the scope, he admits it’s kind of an oxymoron as SKS rifles aren’t know as tac drivers. He also brought a CA 63D AK-47 which he said gets hot fast if fired repeatedly.

Throw in a much newer Galil “Ace” in 7.62 x 39 with a pistol support brace and both a full-size and mini-Uzis with folding stocks. The mini-Uzi has a 19.5” barrel that just begs to be chopped down, but that would be a violation of federal gun laws.

Jacques from the Pontiac meeting with a Norinco SKS.

Jacques noted that the mini-Uzi is unfired and probably worth about $4-$6,000 on today’s market given how few were imported and this one’s unfired status.

John A. Steen won the Ruger Wrangler and pistol safe. Courtesy of Big R/Stock and Field in Pontiac. And someone else dodged Governor Pritzker, who stood outside our meeting with his hand out, wanting his cut of the 50/50 drawing.

Join us next month! Next month our main speaker will be Bill Martin, former US Army officer and life-time martial artist talking about situational awareness, mindset and more.

Also, we anticipate the NRA-ILA Illinois liaison John Weber to join us for an update on legislation in Illinois and our plan to counter the push for gun control under the new governor.

Our gun will be an EAA Windicator in .357 Magnum, an affordable pocket-sized revolver for personal defense.

Decatur.
Decatur Regional Director Dave Randolph called the meeting to order and led an enthusiastic Pledge of Allegiance. We recognized veterans and first responders and welcomed first-time attendees.

Dan Cooley from The Bullet Trap in Macon addressed the audience on two points. First, he shop is a Glock Blue Label dealer which means they can sell two Glocks per year to first responders at deeply discounted prices. Over the summertime, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Glock makes the offer available for veterans honorably discharged to buy one gun per year at the Blue Label prices. Bring your DD214 and they’ll hook you up.

Secondly, he said the Illinois State Police notified dealers in a web conference of their intention to enforce Illinois Handgun Sales Registry law as part of the new Gun Dealer Licensing Act.

Dealers must record the price paid, occupation of the purchaser and the purpose for buying the gun as part of their handgun sales. Failure to do so is a civil violation of the Gun Dealer Licensing Act (up to $10,000 assessment per incident) and criminally, a Class B misdemeanor.

Main Speaker Curtis Sinclair shared some of his enthusiasm for the 4-H Shooting Program he leads in Illinois. He touted youth shooting programs like 4-H as the way we not only introduce the fun and excitement of shooting to the next generation, but how it also builds character, responsibility, respect, discipline and a whole lot of other positive traits in participants.

The program has kids and equipment in place. At this point they simply need coaches. Sinclair noted that the goal isn’t necessarily to develop championship shooters, but to teach the kids fundamental life skills that will serve them into adulthood and beyond.

For Tech Time, Central Illinois Precision Shooting’s coach Joe Miller addressed the audience. He echoed many points that Mr. Sinclair made about the urgency of bringing young people into the world of shooting.

Miller said that coaching and training kids is “the coolest thing I’ve done in my whole life.” He talked about one of his newest team members, Rylee Passamore, winning the subjunior national championship in 3-position this year after only two years of shooting. “She’s going places,” he said of his 14-year-old up and coming champion.

He brought a couple of the competition rifles, one for beginners and one for the advanced competitors. The guns shoot very straight and they have to. The target’s 10 ring is really about the size of a period on this page. Shot at ten meters.

Paul Sunderland won the Ruger 22/45 pistol with the holographic sight. And some unknown person escaped before we could get his name - or the governor could catch him to get his share of money.

Next month, we have a Kel-tec Sub 2000 (Glock mags) carbine, donated by Bob Simmons. And as a reminder, in October, we’ll have NRA-ILA Illinois lobbyist John Weber speaking.

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Does the Secret Service know something we should know?

By Warren Lind

On July 9th the U.S. Secret Service released a report on mass attacks.

One-third of the attackers had a history of serious domestic violence, two-thirds had mental health issues, and nearly all had made threatening or concerning communications that worried others before they struck.

As for motive, more than half of the attackers had a grievance against a spouse or family member, or a personal or workplace dispute. Less than a quarter had no known motive. At the same time, in most cases the attacker selected the target in advance.

The head of the US Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center told PBS Newshour, “We want the community to know that prevention is everyone’s responsibility, not just law enforcement.”

For decades I have tracked mass murders; thus, I am not surprised by these findings. Here are some of my observations:

First, there is a history of violence striking. At the same time, committing psychiatrically ill people to treatment is difficult under our evolved civil rights standards. More significantly, our mental health system does not currently have the resources to treat everyone who needs it.

Second, whenever I hear of a mass shooting, such as the one that took place at a Chicago hospital last year or at a plant in Aurora this year, I immediately suspect a relationship dispute (Chicago) or a workplace dispute (Aurora). Of course, security is lacking at these “gun free” zones.

Third, there are warning signs leading up to such shootings that are frequently known to many people but not communicated to authorities. The mounting pressure to install “red flag laws” in every state is a misbegotten effort.

Additionally, the mental health system is grossly failing to protect the general public, and instead keeps repeating the mantra “Mentally ill people are not violent.”

I know: I am a retired licensed clinical social worker, and carried out the Civil Detention Laws of Illinois and Missouri for 9 years.

Lastly, even when they are communicated, there is too often a breakdown in communication between various systems, i.e., law enforcement, mental health, schools, etc., and therefore in their responses. As happened in the Parkland massacre.

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Race and mass murder in America

Despite Hollywood claims, white males don’t commit all mass murders.

Not even a majority of them, in fact.

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Whites only accounted for 40.06% of mass killers in 2017, along with Blacks 37% and Mixed/Other at 22.94%.

Again, Hollywood isn’t a clue. The Hollywood “intellectuals” shared their great knowledge with their fellow Americans.

Rosanna Arquette, an aging actress whose better days passed by years ago, sent a Twitter post blaming white males for all of the (mass) shootings in America.

All of the shooters in America have been White males, White terrorists. The end.

— Rosanna Arquette (@RoArquette) July 29, 2019

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Charleston.
GSL Regional Co-Director Bill Harrison rolled through another booming Pledge of Allegiance, followed by recognition of veterans and first responders, and a welcoming of newcomers.

John Boch delivered the ED report and answered numerous questions about legislative actions and upcoming activities.

As a bonus, State Representative Chris Miller spoke for a few minutes and shared a sober message. Many if not most politicians there are self-serving (gasp!) and are not actively working for their constituents. Or in other cases, they work only for their constituents and nobody else in Illinois. “The incompetence these people rise to every day astounds me,” Miller chuckled.

Bill Harrison shared some excerpts from some online publications, echoing observations that John Boch had covered, including some rules on fighting which included “bring a gun.”

Not only that, but lot more people are going to die in spree killings, simply because few politicians want to fix real problems. And because crazy people do crazy things.

Larry Carlen, a former FFL and gunsmith (pictured above, left), took the mic as our main speaker. Larry talked mainly about gun bluing and brought a 1903A3 which he had blued nearly 60 years ago. He and others had hunted even the biggest game in North America an the tried and true .30-06 Government cartridge does the trick.

He stressed metal preparation as the most important aspect of a good bluing job. Larry gave a very brief overview of the three bluing processes he has used: Cold Bluing, Hot Bluing and Rust Bluing. The difficulty and time requirements increase from Cold to Rust. So too the hazards in toxic chemicals and fumes. At the same time, the greater the complexity and time involved, the higher the quality of end product.

Keith Pippin brought in his wife’s new S&W M&P EZ .380, and demonstrated the minimal effort required to rack the slide. Both he and his wife raved over the comfortable grip, ease of manipulating it and how well it shot.

Phil Lang won the hot-selling Mossberg 900 12 GA Shockwave. Several Suplemental drawings were held for donated items.

NEXT MONTH: We will have a 1000-round case of PMC .223 ammunition for September, and a Beretta NANO 9mm pistol in October.

Rantoul.
Champaign County’s Regional Director Dan Worthey called the meeting to order and led the assembled faithful in our usual routine. Lois Morton offered a prayer as well. Also, a special thanks to Bill Harrison and Justin Bawcum for coming up and helping Dan!

John Boch gave his Executive Director’s report and answered questions.

From there, Steve Davis subbed in as our main speaker. Davis and his wife joined a number of the GSL Defense Training team in volunteering at Darnall’s NRA Youth Shooting Camp. It’s the longest-running camp in America and this year about 102 kids participated - and a majority of them were girls!

He called his experience helping “uplifting” to watch these young people absorb what we taught them like sponges. “These kids are listening,” he noted.

Davis raved about the excitement and enthusiasm of these kids when it came to learning, following instruction and watching them improve their skills. And the participants had good reason to focus: the top five shooters in each relay got to shoot the center-fire pistols - some of which looked more like carbines. The kids loved it and even the smallest ones ate up shooting those centerfire guns. Those memories made that weekend will stay with those kids for a lifetime.

For tech time, a number of members brought in youth rifles. Ron Beatty brought in a trio including a Savage Springfield Model 15 and a Winchester 94/22 - basically a Winchester Model 94 rifle in .22. And a M-1 Carbine clone built from a 10/22. Dan Worthey brought in a host of youth guns as well, including a Rossi Lever Action .22, a falling block .22 and a single-shot 12-gauge, both brought back from the rusty dead. Doug Logue brought a customized Cricket rifle he got for his girls when they were (much) younger. Complete with an adjustable stock comb.

Warren Drake showed a “short sword” World War II bring back Boker knife in a sheath.

For a second Tech Time, Josh Horton talked about the US Law Shield.

Drawing time came and Rick Kinkade had the 50/50, and Dick Brandt absconded with the Henry Youth lever-action .22. Thank you to Liberty Guns for providing the gun.

Next month: Frank Wright and John Boch will talk safety and school security. Meanwhile, the gun for September (or possibly October) may well be a trifecta: A SCCY pistol, an automatic knife and a Klarus flashlight... A complete EDC package for one lucky winner.
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Nations with strict gun-control laws still have mass murders. One man stabbed to death five people with a kitchen knife at a California party. After the 1996 Port Arthur massacre, Australia banned most semiautomatic rifles, but they still have mass murders: eight siblings killed in a mass stabbing in Queensland; five bludgeoned to death in Sydney in 2009. Mass murders by arson are also a problem in such countries. Japan has mass murders... China, another society with very strict gun laws, also has mass murders...

In the U.S., the core problem underlying most mass murders is people with severe mental illness, who in 1990 were hospitalized before chalk marks had to be drawn around bodies. If we solve the mental illness-issue, the guns do not matter. And focusing on the guns directs the severely mentally ill to other weapons.

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**Vox: Confiscating guns only way to lower crime**

“Realistically, a gun control plan that has any hope of getting us down to European levels of violence is going to mean taking a huge number of guns away from a huge number of gun owners.”

-- What no politician wants to admit about gun control, Vox August 4, 2019

**JOE BIDEN: “I’m coming for your assault weapon.”**

(GSL) - Creepy Joe Biden has come right out and said what we all suspected: he doesn’t just want to ban America’s favorite rifle, the AR-15 and millions more like it, but he’s coming to confiscate them.

“So to gun owners out there who say ‘Well, a Biden administration means they will come for my guns?’” CNN anchor Anderson Cooper said.

“Bingo, you’re right if you have an assault weapon,” said Biden.

**London Mayor Sadiq Khan wants sharper knife control**

London (USA Today) - London Mayor Sadiq Khan announced a crackdown on knives Sunday in response to the rising levels of violence in London, which recently surpassed New York City’s homicide rate for the first time.

“No excuses: there is never a reason to carry a knife,” Khan tweeted. “Anyone who does will be caught, and they will feel the full force of the law.”

There have been more than 50 homicides in London so far in 2018, and much of the violence is tied to gangs.

**Cory Booker: Gun Control will bring ‘Freedom’**

(CNSNews) - Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.), one of many Democrats running for his party’s presidential nomination, says gun control will restore freedom to the American people.

No word on whether he peed himself

**Baltimore Deputy Police Chief robbed**

Baltimore (Washington Times) — Police say one of Baltimore’s newest deputy police commissioners and his wife were robbed at gunpoint.

The Baltimore Sun reports that Deputy Commissioner Daniel Murphy [pictured above] and his wife were approached by four men in an SUV at about 9 p.m. Friday near Patterson Park.

Police say the men announced it was a robbery, showed a gun and fled with a wallet, a purse, cash and multiple cellphones.

**Kamala Harris wants semi-auto gun ban, will send police to confiscate**

(GSL) - In the aftermath of three high-profile murder sprees in America, Kamala Harris claims that semi-auto firearms have no place “in a civil society.” She also says that she will send law enforcement to peoples’ home to forcibly confiscate their guns.

The Washington Examiner reported on it in their story, “Kamala Harris willing to send cops to people’s homes to confiscate banned firearms” on August 3, 2019.

**Senator Sheldon Whitehouse to SCOTUS: Rule against guns, or else**

(Daily Caller) - Democratic Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse of Rhode Island filed a legal brief before the Supreme Court in a challenge to New York City’s gun transportation regulations, advancing a broad indictment of the Roberts Court itself as he urged the justices to turn away the NRA-backed case.

“The Supreme Court is not well. And the people know it. Perhaps the Court can heal itself before the public demands it be ‘restructured in order to reduce the influence of politics,’” Whitehouse wrote, alluding to court-packing measures that have gained traction in progressive circles. “Particularly on the urgent issue of gun control, a nation desperately needs it to heal.”

**Trump says Chris “Fredo” Cuomo a good candidate for a Red Flag order**

(TTAG) - If anyone needs an illustration of the inherent dangers and potential abuses of so-called red flag laws, Trump’s tweet provides exactly that.

Cuomo’s behavior — reacting to a man who approached and insulted him in front of his family — while angry, displayed no evidence that he’s a potential threat either to himself or to other people. That’s the ostensible standard that red flag laws use to determine if an individual’s firearms should be confiscated.

Besides the obvious due process issues these laws present, the other risk of red flag laws is their potential for abuse.

Depending on how they’re written, a relative, friend, co-worker, teacher, or almost anyone can petition a court to have a person’s firearms confiscated, by merely claiming that they think the person is a potential danger.

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US Attorney calls out Philly DA after police shot by career violent felon

by United States Attorney William M. McSwain

What I witnessed last night was true heroism by the Philadelphia police. But the crisis was precipitated by a stunning disrespect for law enforcement—a disrespect so flagrant and so reckless that the suspect immediately opened fire on every single officer within shooting distance. Only by the grace of God did they survive.

Where does such disrespect come from?

There is a new culture of disrespect for law enforcement in this City that is promoted and championed by District Attorney Larry Krasner— and I am fed up with it.

It started with chants at the DA’s victory party—chants of “F*** the police” and “No good cops in a racist system.”

[We’ve] now endured over a year and a half of the worst kinds of slander against law enforcement—the DA routinely calls police and prosecutors corrupt and racist, even “war criminals” that he compares to Nazis.

This vile rhetoric puts our police in danger. It disgraces the Office of the District Attorney and it harms the good people in the City of Philadelphia and rewards the wicked.

The alleged shooter last night, Maurice Hill, is a previously convicted felon with a long rap sheet. We have plenty of criminal laws in this City— but what we don’t have is robust enforcement by the District Attorney. Instead, among other things, we have diversionary programs for gun offenses, the routine downgrading of charges for violent crime, and entire sections of the criminal code that are ignored.

The criminal laws in this City—and especially the existing gun laws and drug laws—should be aggressively enforced in order to protect the public and the police. My Office is doing all that we can. We have prosecuted 70% more violent crime cases this year than we did last year, in response to the District Attorney’s lawlessness. But it is now time for the District Attorney and his enablers to stop making excuses for criminals. It is time for accountability. It is time to support law enforcement and to put the good people of this City first.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office, in conjunction with the Philadelphia police and our federal partners, is investigating the horrible events of last night and we are considering all options at our disposal. We will do everything that we can to support our brothers and sisters in the Philadelphia Police Department and ensure justice is done.

To the officers involved last night—those who were wounded and those who rushed to defend them—and to their families, I say thank you. The whole City thanks you. We owe you more than we can ever repay.