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## REQUIEM FOR A PATRIOT In Memory of John J. Thompson

By John C. Sigler

On January 18, 2013, the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association lost its 30 year president, when John J. Thompson passed away as the result of a very long and painful fight against cancer.

John was many things to many people. He was a friend, a loving husband and father, a shooter, a hunter, a Second Amendment activist, NRA Board member, DSSA Board member, DSSA president, Eagle Scout, lawyer, lobbyist, teacher, coach and scholar.

But with all of that, John was a true patriot. John loved his family, his country, his state and all of the wonderful things they represent. But, most of all, John loved our Constitution and the very special promise contained in that document - the promise of freedom and justice for all.

I had the pleasure of working closely with John on many projects, most of which dealt in some way with protecting, defending and enjoying our constitution and the great heritage embodied in that great document. John was a constant figure in Delaware's Legislative Hall where he was known by all, loved by some, and respected by most. He was a man of his word, and in that environment, that is a high compliment, indeed.

John's acerbic wit, his mustache and sardonic grin were what made folks remember John Thompson. But in my mind, at least, John should be remembered for always fighting for the rights of the hunter, shooter, gun owner and sportsman. He fought to ensure that single mothers had the right to protect and defend their homes and their children; he fought to ensure that our hunting heritage would not be lost to the ever-encroaching urbanization of Delaware. He fought against ridiculous regulations and for individual rights. He fought for all of those who could not fight for themselves - he was their representative, their warrior and their president.

He demanded that government respect individual freedoms and fought every day to ensure that political correctness did not infringe upon the history, culture and heritage of our Founding Fathers.

John was a man of principle who understood the fine line between compromise and winning partial victories. Many of John's victories were exactly that - partial victories. I can remember many times when John and I - and sometimes our NRA-ILA Liaison - were working feverishly in the face of adverse pressure and overwhelming odds to exact at least something good from a very bad bill that could benefit our members and

Delaware's hunters and gun owners. John was always looking for a way to make a legislative omelet out of political broken eggs. We may not have always agreed or seen eye to eye on an issue, but of one thing I was always sure - John always wanted what was right for Delaware, for our nation and for the Second Amendment freedoms he fought so hard to defend.

John Thompson was my friend and a friend to everyone who loves freedom. John Thompson was a true patriot who gave so much for so many and who asked for so little in return.

If John could speak to us now, I think his message would be for us to join together as one and to stand and fight for our rights; never give in; never give up; and never give our freedom away.

God Bless his memory, his family and his legacy - a legacy of freedom.

May he always be with us in spirit, if not in life.  
Rest easy my friend, you will be missed.

## Thank You!

The DSSA Board of Directors wishes to thank all of the NRA Board members who came to Delaware on January 20th in support of our Second Amendment Freedom Rally.

We begin with NRA President David Keene - thanks for coming Dave!

We also thank Maria Heil of Pennsylvania, Tom King of New York, and Graham Hill of Virginia.

And we extend a very special thanks to former NRA Board member Bob Viden of New Jersey. Bob has been with us many times in the past and is a very strong supporter of DSSA and our fight to defend our rights here in Delaware.

The NRA Board of Directors elections will begin shortly. We ask that you give strong consideration to supporting those who have supported DSSA and our fight here in Delaware.

This year Tom King and Graham Hill are both on the ballot and up for re-election. We ask that you read their biographies and give strong consideration to voting for both Tom and Graham in this year's NRA Board elections. They supported us, now it's time for us to support them.

**TESTIMONY OF WAYNE LAPIERRE EXECUTIVE VICE  
PRESIDENT, NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF  
AMERICA BEFORE THE U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
THE JUDICIARY HEARING ON "WHAT SHOULD  
AMERICA DO ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE?"  
JANUARY 30, 2013**

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

It's an honor to be here today on behalf of more than 4.5 million moms and dads and sons and daughters, in every state across our nation, who make up the National Rifle Association of America. Those 4.5 million active members are joined by tens of millions of NRA supporters.

And it's on behalf of those millions of decent, hardworking, law-abiding citizens ... to give voice to their concerns ... that I'm here today.

The title of today's hearing is "What should America do about gun violence?"

We believe the answer to that question is to be honest about what works - and what doesn't work.

Teaching safe and responsible gun ownership works - and the NRA has a long and proud history of teaching it.

Our "Eddie Eagle" children's safety program has taught over 25 million young children that if they see a gun, they should do four things: "Stop. Don't touch. Leave the area. Tell an adult." As a result of this and other private sector programs, fatal firearm accidents are at the lowest levels in more than 100 years.

The NRA has over 80,000 certified instructors who teach our military personnel, law enforcement officers and hundreds of thousands of other American men and women how to safely use firearms. We do more - and spend more - than anyone else on teaching safe and responsible gun ownership.

We joined the nation in sorrow over the tragedy that occurred in Newtown, Connecticut. There is nothing more precious than our children. We have no more sacred duty than to protect our children and keep them safe. That's why we asked former Congressman and Undersecretary of Homeland Security, Asa Hutchison, to bring in every expert available to develop a model School Shield Program - one that can be individually tailored to make our schools as safe as possible.

It's time to throw an immediate blanket of security around our children. About a third of our schools have armed security already - because it works. And that number is growing. Right now, state officials, local authorities and school districts in all 50 states are considering their own plans to protect children in their schools.

In addition, we need to enforce the thousands of gun laws that are currently on the books. Prosecuting criminals who misuse firearms works. Unfortunately, we've seen a dramatic collapse in federal gun prosecutions in recent years. Overall in 2011, federal weapons prosecutions per capita were down 35 percent from their peak in the previous administration. That means violent felons, gang members and the mentally ill who possess firearms are not being prosecuted. And that's unacceptable.

And out of more than 76,000 firearms purchases denied by the federal instant check system, only 62 were referred for

prosecution and only 44 were actually prosecuted. Proposing more gun control laws - while failing to enforce the thousands we already have - is not a serious solution to reducing crime.

I think we can also agree that our mental health system is broken. We need to look at the full range of mental health issues, from early detection and treatment, to civil commitment laws, to privacy laws that needlessly prevent mental health records from being included in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

While we're ready to participate in a meaningful effort to solve these pressing problems, we must respectfully - but honestly and firmly - disagree with some members of this committee, many in the media, and all of the gun control groups on what will keep our kids and our streets safe.

Law-abiding gun owners will not accept blame for the acts of violent or deranged criminals. Nor do we believe the government should dictate what we can lawfully own and use to protect our families.

As I said earlier, we need to be honest about what works and what does not work. Proposals that would only serve to burden the law-abiding have failed in the past and will fail in the future.

Semi-automatic firearms have been around for over 100 years. They are among the most popular guns made for hunting, target shooting and self-defense. Despite this fact, Congress banned the manufacture and sale of hundreds of semi-automatic firearms and magazines from 1994 to 2004. Independent studies, including a study from the Clinton Justice Department, proved that ban had no impact on lowering crime.

And when it comes to the issue of background checks, let's be honest - background checks will never be "universal" - because criminals will never submit to them.

But there are things that can be done and we ask you to join with us. The NRA is made up of millions of Americans who support what works ... the immediate protection for all - not just some - of our school children; swift, certain prosecution of criminals with guns; and fixing our broken mental health system.

We love our families and our country. We believe in our freedom. We're the millions of Americans from all walks of life who take responsibility for our own safety and protection as a God-given, fundamental right.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, I thank you for your time and consideration.

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**STATE LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**

The Delaware General Assembly recessed for their traditional Joint Finance Committee break without any "gun bills", either pro or con, being introduced. However, Gov. Markell, Lt. Gov. Denn and AG Biden have issued press statements indicating their intention to seek passage of a wide variety of anti-gun measures, as has Senator Marshall. In response to those threatened measures, the Republicans in the House and Senate have proposed other measures, none of which appear to be either anti-gun or pro-gun and all of which appear to be focused on public safety, instead. Again, none of these proposals are actually in bill form at this time which means

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that we really do not know what any of these proposals will actually look like when introduced in bill form.

### Senator Marshall's Proposals:

- A new taxpayer funded government purchase of otherwise legal firearms from civilian owners similar to the so-called "gun-buy-back" programs that have failed so miserably in the past.
- A ban on modern semi-automatic sporting arms ("assault weapons") and standard capacity magazines ("high capacity").
- Repeal of State Preemption Laws so as to allow each of Delaware's three counties and 62 municipalities to pass their own patchwork of gun laws to serve as "gotcha's" for the unsuspecting gun owner traveling throughout the State.
- Complete licensing and registration of all firearms and firearm owners similar to the so-called "New York Model". In his press release he referenced both New York City and New York State.

### The Markell/Denn/Biden Plan:

- Ban on all private sales
- Criminal prosecution at the felony level for failure to report a lost/stolen firearm within 48 hours
- Complete ban on sale, manufacture, delivery and possession of standard capacity (so-called "Large Capacity") magazines - defined as any magazine over 10 rounds for a pistol, 5 rounds for a rifle. The original press release referred to 10 rounds for both but law enforcement has been told by the AG's office that 10 rounds refers to handguns and the number is 5 for a rifle.
- Making it illegal to possess a pre-existing and currently legal magazine banned under their proposal within 20 feet of the firearm for which it is intended - which actually works as a ban on existing and currently legal magazines
- Ban on the manufacture, sale, delivery or possession of modern semi-automatic sporting arms ("assault weapons"). We are being told that this will reduce the investment value of your firearm to \$0.00 and you will not be able to leave the firearm to your family when you die.
- Ban possession of a firearm within 1,000 feet of a school, except in your own home - that ban would apply to concealed carry permit holders and visitors to properties within that 1,000 foot "gun free zone". It would include visitors traveling through the state who stop at a convenience store within the zone for food or gas.

### Republican House & Senate Proposals:

As described in the initial press release, none of these proposals seem to be anti-gun in their content. Again, we will have to await the introduction of the actual bills to see what is actually in those bills.

- Increase penalties for possession of a firearm during commission of a felony
- Increase penalties for possession of a firearm by a person prohibited (felon, mental patient, etc.)

- Expand the crime of "providing a false statement" to include falsely reporting the loss or theft of a firearms, as a class F felony.
- Providing the ability to send a text message to an emergency reporting center (911). (It is not currently possible to send an emergency text message to a 911 reporting center in Delaware.
- Require "crisis buttons" in schools.
- Create a "Delaware School Safety and Security Fund" to help school districts to finance school safety and security upgrades.

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## SUMMARY OF ANTI-GUN BILLS IN CONGRESS

The following information is current as of the last week in January.)

- **H.R. 65** - "Child Gun Safety and Gun Access Act of 2013" Sponsor - Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee (D- TX). This bill, which has no co-sponsors, would amend the "Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act to raise the age of handgun eligibility from 18 to 21 years a ban the possession of semi-automatic modern sporting arms (assault weapons) and magazines holding more than 10 rounds by anyone under 21 years of age.
- **H.R. 226** - "Support Assault Firearms Elimination and reduction for our Streets Act." Sponsor Rep. Rosa L. DeLauro (D-CT). This bill, which has five (5) co-sponsors (but none from Delaware) amounts to a federal "buy-back" program by providing for a \$2,000 tax credit for a person relinquishing a modern sporting rifle ("assault rifle") and some shotguns to either state or federal authorities. One half of the tax credit (\$1,000) would be applicable to the current year's tax bill and the second half (\$1,000) applicable to the next year's tax bill.
- **S.2** - "Sandy Hook Elementary School Violence Reduction Act". Sponsor - Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV). This bill, which has 15 co-sponsors including the usual cast of anti-gun senators, plus Delaware's own Chris Coons, calls for "the sense of the Senate" that Congress should support the efforts of President Obama to reduce violence in the United States and a list of twelve other items. This bill is not really substantive in nature and is couched in terms that can be interpreted in almost any way one might want to describe it. While not truly a substantive anti-gun measure, it does call for support for President Obama's efforts which are, with exception, designed to infringe upon the rights of law-abiding citizens.
- **S. 150** - "Assault Weapons Ban of 2013". Sponsor Sen. Diane Feinstein ( D-CA). This bill which has 17 co-sponsors, including Delaware's Sen. Tom Carper, can best be described as "The Clinton Gun Ban on Steroids". This bill bans the sale, transfer, manufacture and importation of:
  - 157 specific firearms by name.
  - All semi-automatic rifles that can accept a detachable magazine and has one of the following cos-

metic features: pistol grip, forward grip, folding or telescoping stock, barrel shroud or threaded barrel

- All semi-automatic pistols that can accept a detachable magazine and has one of the following cosmetic features: threaded barrel, second pistol grip, barrel shroud, capacity to accept a detachable magazine at some location outside the pistol grip, or a semi-automatic version of a firearm available as a fully automatic pistol.
- All semi-automatic shotguns that have a folding, telescoping or detachable stock, pistol grip, fixed magazine capable of holding more than 5 rounds, forward grip, ability to accept a detachable magazine, revolving cylinder;
- All semi-automatic rifles and handguns that have a fixed magazine with the capacity to accept more than 10 rounds;
- All ammunition feeding devices (magazines, strips, and drums) capable of accepting more than 10 rounds - includes a ban on transfer, even by Last Will and Testament, of those owned before the ban
- Bans all private sales of so-called "grandfathered" firearms

Please note that the final official version of this bill was not yet in the system at the time this was written.

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### **DSSA and 9-12 PATRIOTS 2nd AMENDMENT RALLY JANUARY 20, 2013**

On January 20, 2013, a 2nd Amendment Rally was held at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover, DE. The Rally was a joint effort with the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association and the 9-12 Delaware Patriots. Doors opened at 12:00 Noon and the program actually began at 1:00 P.M. It was expected that 600 to 800 people would attend. Actually, over 1500 people attended, with many more turned away due to overcrowding. Hundreds and hundreds of 2nd Amendment patriots stood for three hours or more to hear various speakers.

John Sigler, past President of the NRA welcomed everyone. There was a moment of silence for past President of the DSSA, John Thompson, who passed away after a long illness just several days earlier.

Theresa Garcia, Executive Vice President of the 9-12 Delaware Patriots welcomed everyone and commented on 9-12 agenda and invited all to get involved.

DSSA Board member, Jeff Hague gave a brief history of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association and urged everyone to join the Association because numbers count. He then introduced Shannon Alford, our NRA-ILA liaison.

The Keynote Speaker for the day was NRA President David Keene. President Keene stated that Americans are willing to stand for liberty and Obama will have to overcome the Constitution and the Bill of Rights to pass his liberal gun agenda. "Protecting our children and taking our guns is not the same thing", he stated. He also said guards in schools is common sense not insane. He stated the mentally ill should be listed in

the NIC system so they cannot get a gun, as Senator Charles Schumer promised to do in 1993. However, it still is not done. According to Mr. Keene, a poll last week showed that 65% of those polled say the purpose of Americans owning guns is to protect us from tyranny. He stated we have a challenge to make sure our children and grandchildren continue to have our freedoms.

Other speakers included Tom King, NRA Board Member and President of the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, who explained the new draconian legislation recently passed in New York, including an assault weapons ban, registration and a database of ammunition buyers which will be kept for five years. He urged Delawareans to act now, because it will soon be too late if Governor Markell gets his way.

Another speaker, Maria Heil, NRA Board Member and previous speaker for the Second Amendment Sisters, stated women must get involved.

Graham Hill, NRA Board Member and President of the Fifty Caliber Institute, stated that this is a cultural fight and we must talk to the people who could not or did not attend the rally. WDEL Talk Show Host, Rick Jenson, stated this is a liberal versus conservative fight and liberals must be educated. He said the only protection of your first amendment is the second amendment.

Eli Valenzuela performed a mime skit to the Lee Greenwood song, God Bless the USA, a tribute to the American flag. His performance brought several standing ovations from the packed room.

Other speakers included Lauren Cullis, a concerned citizen, who as a young girl gave up her pompoms for a 12 gauge shotgun and has never looked back. She won the Champion of Champions in Ohio, scoring 99 out of 100 in her shooting category.

Another concerned citizen, Tom Webster, spoke of his concerns and stated we must ask our legislators to protect our rights. Senator Dave Lawson urged everyone to stay involved because one of our biggest problems is we suffer from apathy. He urged everyone to contact all your legislators because they are state legislators not just district legislators.

Francis G. X. Pileggi, Esq. spoke briefly about the Heller and McDonald Decisions.

Representative John Atkins finished off the afternoon by bringing all the attending legislators to the stage. He said he will defend the Second Amendment always.

The Rally ended around 3:00 P.M. It was an exciting event with great speakers and an exhilarating crowd. Thank you to all attendees. Please stay involved.

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### **2013 NRA CONVENTION ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS & EXHIBITS GEORGE R. BROWN CONVENTION CENTER HOUSTON, TEXAS MAY 3-5, 2013**

The 2013 NRA Convention will be held in Houston, Texas from May 3-5, 2013. This should be a very big, very well attended event. Everyone is welcome, everyone is invited, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

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This is your opportunity to show the anti-gun press, President Obama, Joe Biden and all of the gun-grabbers that we are united in freedom and that we intend to stand and fight for our rights. This is also a grand opportunity to make new friends, renew old acquaintances and participate in the biggest Second Amendment Freedom rally in the country - can you imagine a weekend of fun and fellowship with 75,000 (or more) other "gunnies", hunters, collectors and Second Amendment patriots like you? Don't miss the chance...

This is a great family event -bring the kids..... there's something for everyone.....

For more information, to book hotel rooms or to become a volunteer and help host this event, go to <http://www.nraam.org/>.

Don't wait to book you rooms, they are going fast!

See you in Houston!

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### CALL TO ACTION

*These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly; it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed, if so celestial an article as Freedom should not be highly rated.*

#### **The American Crisis, No. 1 ( Dec. 23, 1776)**

By now, everyone in Delaware is painfully aware that both the Obama/Biden and Markell/Denn Administrations have declared war on the rights of law-abiding gun owners of Delaware, all in the name of public safety.

By now each of you are aware that both of these administrations have cynically seized upon the horrific tragedy in Newtown Connecticut to advance the anti-gun agendas they have both espoused since their initial runs for office in 2008.

And by now each of you is fully aware that you - Delaware's law abiding gun owners, hunters and sportsmen - are being blamed for every ill the system has to offer while neither of these administrations have offered any realistic solutions to the real problems at hand.

In fact, some of them readily admit that nothing they are proposing would have prevented the Newtown tragedy or could possibly prevent a future tragedy of similar dynamics. And, like similar proposals in the past, nothing they have proposed will stop the violence in Wilmington, Dover or anywhere else - they know that, and they apparently don't care.

This isn't about crime, this isn't about violence - this is pure power politics. This is all about advancing a political and social agenda that favors their view of the world as opposed to the history, heritage and culture we think of as uniquely American. Elsewhere within these pages you will find summaries of the anti-gun proposals currently being propounded by both administrations. Others are sure to follow.

So what do we do about it?

Now is the time for unity and action. Now is the time for each and every one of us to step to the plate and make our voices heard.

Now is the time to stand and fight for our rights and for the history, heritage and culture these enemies of freedom are working so feverishly to extinguish. So how do we do that?

The answer is simple.....

1. Write to your Senator and Representative - a sample letter has been provided for your convenience and reference
2. Call your Senator and Representative - contact information for each state legislator is included in this newsletter.
3. Email your Senator and Representative - email addresses are also included in this newsletter
4. Visit with your Senator and Representative - either at home in your district or at Legislative Hall.
5. Write letters to the editor, call into local talk shows, spread the word....
6. Share this information with family, friends, hunting partners, shooting buddies, co-workers, and anyone who might be interested.

Once you have done all of these things - do them again, and again... and again. This is going to be a long, stressful and frustrating fight - it could go on for several years.

Your legislators need to hear from you - they are asking for your guidance, input and advice - they want to know that if they stand with you, you will stand with them.

Unlike so many fights in the past, this time there is no room for the "summer soldier", the fair weather patriot, the "Second Amendment slacker", or those who might be content to let others "carry the load".

This time every gun owner, every hunter, every sportsman and every single mom who wants the right to defend her home, herself and her children must rise to the occasion, must join the fight, and must make themselves heard.

Yes, these are the times that try men's souls - but these are also the times when great victories can be won - and win we will - but only with your help.

You are the key to victory in this fight to preserve, protect and defend our history, our heritage and our culture.

***Do your part and we will win!***

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS, MARCH - APRIL 2013 by Dan Lindbergh****PLACES TO SHOOT**

<b>Ommelanden Rt.9</b>	Trap & Skeet	Wednesday 9:00 a.m.to 8:30 p.m., Last Sign Up 8:00 p.m. Friday - Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Last Sign up 3:00 p.m. - Closed Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - 302-323-5333
	5 Stand	No Evening Hours. Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. last sign up 2:30 p.m. Friday – Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Last sign up 2:30 p.m.
<b>Eagle Wing Dover, A.F.B.</b>	Rifle & Pistol Skeet & Clays	Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Last sign up 2:30 p.m., Friday - Saturday Wednesday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Manager Chris Smith, 302-677-5553, Range 302-677-6308. To enter the base you need either a military ID or a Skeet Pass. If you need a pass call Chris Smith for details.
<b>Alexander's</b>		Multi Use Range. Rifle & Pistol Wednesday - Sunday 8:00 a.m. til Dusk. Targets to 600 yd. Membership only. Massey, MD 410-928-3311

**BLACK POWDER**

<b>March</b>	<b>2</b>	Black Powder Cartridge Rifle Shoot, Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford,DE; Thomas A. Brennan Jr. 302 - 628 - 9382
	<b>9</b>	Ham Shoot, 10:00 a.m. - Brandywine Muzzle Loading Long Rifles - Southern Chester County Sportsmen's Club Rt. 926 - London Grove, Pa - Red Long - 302 - 731 - 0473
	<b>16</b>	Muzzleloader Shoot; Percussion, Flint, Revolver, Single Shot Pistol, Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club Seaford, DE; Thomas A. Brennan Jr. 302-628-9382
	<b>17</b>	Muzzleloader Shoot, Topton Fish & Game, Topton, PA, Bob Smith, 610-797-7844
<b>April</b>	<b>6</b>	Black Powder Cartridge Shoot-Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club - Bob Tyson-302-539-2666
	<b>13</b>	Spring Shoot, 10:00 a.m. Brandywine Muzzle Loading Long Rifles, Southern Chester County Sportsmen's Club, Route 926, London Grove, PA; Fred Long 302-731-0473
	<b>20</b>	Muzzleloader Shoot; Percussion, Flint, Revolver, Single Shot Pistol, Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, DE; Thomas A. Brennan Jr. 302-628-9382.

**COWBOY**

<b>March</b>	<b>6, 13, 20, 27</b>	Indoor Practice for Outside, 7:30 p.m., Delaware Rifle & Pistol Club, Elsmere; Jack Conomon 302-654-7580
	<b>7, 14, 21, 28</b>	Geezer Guns, 8:00 a.m. until approximately 12:00 noon, Delmarva Sportsman's Assoc., Sudlersville, MD Teton Tracy, 302-378-7854, Festivities followed by go to lunch.
	<b>2</b>	Eastern Shore Renegades, Delmarva Sportsman's Assoc., Sudlersville, MD, Dave Bell, 302-245-4822
	<b>17</b>	SASS, Paden's Posse, 9:00 a.m., Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol, Bridgeville, DE, Dave Bell, 302-245-4822
<b>April</b>	<b>3, 10, 17, 24</b>	Indoor Practice for Outside, 7:30 p.m., Delaware Rifle & Pistol, Elsmere, DE, Jack Conomon 302-654-7580
	<b>4, 11, 18, 25</b>	Geezer Guns, 8:00 a.m. until approximately 12:00 noon, Delmarva Sportsman's Assoc., Sudlersville, MD Teton Tracy, 302-378-7854, Festivities followed by go to lunch.
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**INDOOR & OUTDOOR PISTOL**

<b>March</b>	<b>1, 8, 15, 22, 29</b>	Silhouette Pistol & Rifle, Indoor 5:00 p.m., 25yd., Open to Public, \$2.00 Buys 40 Knock Down Targets, Delaware State Pistol Club, New Castle, DE, 3 - .22 Rifles & 3 - .22 Handguns Available Free. Dan Lindbergh 302-475-4228
	<b>1, 2, 3</b>	Pistol - Conventional Sectional, Branch Valley Fish & Game, PA, Tom Fewer 215-920-8404
	<b>4, 11, 18, 25</b>	Silhouette Pistol Indoor, 7:00 p.m., 50 ft., Delaware Rifle & Pistol Club, Elsmere, DE, Jim Bowman 302-368-8626
	<b>5, 12, 19, 26</b>	Indoor Pistol, Bullseye Practice, 22-38-45, 50 ft; Delaware Rifle & Pistol Club, Paul Connor 302-995-5657
	<b>9</b>	Air Pistol - Palmyra, NJ
	<b>9</b>	International Pistol, Riverdale, NJ
	<b>9</b>	Pistol Combat, 9:00 a.m., Open to the Public, DLEMA Delaware Law Enforcement Marksmanship Assoc., Indoor, Nanticoke Sportsmen's Club, Seaford, DE, Mario Dobrich 302-629-4125
	<b>10</b>	Air Pistol, Square Circle, NJ, John Gunn Jr. 609-288-0778
	<b>15, 16</b>	Indoor Championship, Riverdale, NJ; David Lange 201-251-0933
	<b>19</b>	Indoor 2700, Square Circle, NJ, John Gunn, Jr.; 609-288-0778
	<b>16, 17</b>	Indoor Championship, Old Bridge, Mary Badiak, 908-788-5503
	<b>23</b>	Indoor 2700, Falls Township, Ron Steinbrecher, 215-836-7184
	<b>30</b>	Indoor 2700, Square Circle, NJ, John Gunn Jr., 609-288-0778
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### INDOOR & OUTDOOR PISTOL

- April**    **2., 9, 16, 23, 30**    Indoor Pistol, Bullseye Practice, 22-38-45, 50 ft; Delaware Rifle & Pistol Club, Paul Connor 302-995-5657  
**5, 12, 19, 26** Silhouette Pistol & Rifle, Indoor 5:00 p.m., 25yd., Open to Public, \$2.00 Buys 40 Knock Down Targets,  
Delaware State Pistol Club, New Castle, DE, 3 - .22 Rifles & 3 - .22 Handguns Available Free.  
Dan Lindbergh 302-475-4228
- 6, 7** Indoor Championship, Guthsville, PA, Dale Atkinson, 610-439-0721
- 13** Outdoor 2700, Citizens, NJ, Keith Stern 609-462-9428
- 14** Pistol Combat, 9:00 a.m., Open to the Public, DLEMA Delaware Law Enforcement Marksmanship Assoc.,  
Suddlersville, MD, Mario Dobrich, 302-629-4125
- 20, 21** Indoor 2700 - Lake Island, NJ. - Mary Badiak - 908-788-5503
- 27** Outdoor 2700 - Central Jersey - Mary Badiak - 908-788-5503
- 27, 28** Outdoor Spring 2700 - Boyertown, Pa - Keith Davis - 610 - 369 - 0608

### SMALL BORE & HIGH POWER RIFLE

- March**    **2** Rim Fire Rifle, Silhouette Match, Quinton Sportsman's Club, Gary Ireland 856-296-4982
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Junior. Small Bore Rifle; Teach Your Children The Basics Of Safe Gun Handling And Marksmanship, 8:30 a.m.  
Year Round Class, Public Invited, All Equipment Supplied, Delaware State Pistol Club, New Castle, DE  
Dave Heckler 302-733-0838
- 23** High Power Rifle - 800 Aggregate - Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol - Jeff Hague - 302-422-0233
- 24** High Power Rifle - 3 600 yd. Matches, F-Class included, Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Jeff Hague 302-422-0233
- April**    **6** Rim Fire Rifle, Silhouette Match, Quinton Sportsman's Club, Gary Ireland 856-296-4982
- 6, 13, 20, 27** Junior. Small Bore Rifle; Teach Your Children The Basics Of Safe Gun Handling And Marksmanship, 8:30 a.m.  
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### SPORTING CLAYS

- March**    **3, 17, 31** Fun Shoot- 50 Targets- 9am to 2pm- Last Sign Up 12:30 -Atglen Sportsmen's Club- Tim McClure 610-721-0114
- 6, 13, 20, 27** 5 Stand - 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Atglen Sportsmen's Club - Tim McClure - 610-721-0114
- 10** Western Shore Ducks Unlimited - 50 Birds - Prince George's Trap & Skeet - 301-577-7175
- 17** Temple Lodge, No. 9 Charity Shoot - 50 Birds - Owens Station Sporting Clays - 302-349-4334
- 24** Spring Fling - NSCA 100 - Hopkin's Game Farm & Clays 410 - 346 - 5287
- 30** Maryland 4H Shoot - 50 Birds - Schrader's Sporting Clays - 410 - 758 - 1824
- April**    **3, 10, 17, 24** 5 Stand - 5pm to 8:30p.m. - Atglen Sportsmen's Club - Tim McClure - 610-721-0114
- 6** The Tim Kern Memorial Scholarship -50 Birds - Hopkins Game Farm & Clays 410-346-5287
- 6** Green Wing Event - Owens Station Sporting Clays - 302-349-4334
- 7** Ducks Unlimited Appreciation Shoot - 50 Birds - Owens Station Sporting Clays - 302-349-4334
- 7** Fools Folly -NSCA 100 - Schrader's Sporting Clays - 410-758-1824
- 7, 21** Fun Shoot - 50 Targets 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Last Sign Up 12:30 Atglen Sportsmen's Club - Tim McClure - 610-721-0114
- 12** TGIF - NSCA 100 - Prince George's Trap & Skeet - 301-577-7175
- 14** FFA - 50 Birds - Owens Station Sporting Clays - 302-349-4334
- 27** Grand Prix Fitasc - NSCA 100 - Hopkin's Game Farm & Clays - 410-346-5287
- 27** Masonic Shoot - 50 Birds - Prince George's Trap & Skeet - 301-577-7175
- 27** Maryland State Prelims - Registered - Hopkin's Game Farm & Clays - 410-346-5287
- 28** Maryland State Shoot - Registered 100 Birds - Pintail Point - 410-827-7065

### TRAP

- March**    **10** UD Trap and Skeet Team Benefit Shoot- 50 Singles & 50 Handicap - Non Registered - Wilmington Trap Shooting Association  
1 mile west of Glasgow, DE on Route 40-Bill Trone - 302 - 534 - 9320
- April**    **7** WTA Buckle Shoot - 100 Singles - 100 Handicap & 50 Pairs of Doubles - Wilmington Trap Assoc. Bill Trone 302-534-9320
- 28** Hodgdon Powder Company Shoot (100 Singles and 100 Handicap) - Wilmington Trap Assoc. - Bill Trone - 302-534-9320

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## **DSSA NEWS**

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## Winchester Issues Recall for 5.56 Ammo

Amid a national ammo shortage this is probably the last thing you want to hear. Winchester has issued a recall for some of their 5.56mm centerfire rifle ammo.

The company stated in the recall notice that after an extensive evaluation they found that a single lot of Winchester 5.56mm M855 62 Grain Pene (penetrator) ammunition may contain incorrect propellant, an issue that if used may cause damage to the firearm or render it inoperable, or may cause injury to the shooter or bystanders.

The 5.56mm M855 is an economical brand that features a steel core and a green penetrating tip. Online it typically costs \$10.

The company asks that you do not use the 5.56 ammo from boxes marked with the symbol number "ZGQ3308" and the lot number "WCC10M106-004". Both identifying numbers are stamped on outside of the 900-round shipping container, and on the outside of the 30-round box.

Winchester asks that if you do have a box of defective ammo to immediately discontinue using it and contact the company to exchange it at no cost to the consumer. You can contact Winchester at 866-423-5224 and they'll arrange for free UPS pick-up. As soon as the company receives the package, a replacement box will be shipped out.

The company can also be reached via snail mail. If you have a questions relating to this issue write to Winchester at 600 Powder Mill Road, East Alton, IL 62024 with "Attn: 5.56mm M855 Recall" at the top, or visit the company's website: <http://www.winchester.com>

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### Below is sample text that can be used to send to your Senator and Representative.

Senator (or Representative \_\_\_\_\_) (Date)  
Delaware General Assembly  
Legislative Hall  
P.O. Box 1401  
Dover, DE 19903  
Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am a voter residing in your district. Like all Delawareans, I was deeply saddened and horrified by the tragedy at Newtown, CT. where a madman murdered his mother and then wantonly took the lives of innocent teachers and children at Sandy Hook Elementary School. I am also deeply concerned that Gov. Markell and others are attempting to use that horrific tragedy to advance their cynical anti-gun political agenda here in Delaware. I have read their proposed agendas and find absolutely nothing in them that would have prevented that tragedy, and nothing that could possibly prevent any such future tragedy. I respectfully ask that you ignore their political posturing and that you use your elective office to protect my constitutional right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes. **Please vote:**

- against any attempt to ban any currently legal firearms, ammunition or loading devices

- against any attempt to register, tax or seize currently legal firearms, ammunition or loading devices
- against any attempt to adopt a New York-style licensing/registration scheme
- against any attempt to spend tax-payer dollars on so-called "buy-back" programs
- against any attempt to ban private firearms transactions between law-abiding citizens.

Please vote for enhanced penalties for violent crimes involving misuse of firearms; expansion of the School Resource Officer Program; modernization of Delaware's mental health records and reporting systems; modernization of Delaware's concealed carry system to a "shall-issue" system; and security and training systems to protect our children, schools and teachers.

Thank you for representing and respecting law-abiding citizens like me and my family.

Respectfully,  
(Your signature, name and address)

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### Statement from the National Rifle Association of America in Response to Pelosi "Gun Violence Prevention Task Force" Proposals

Fairfax, Va. - The proposals by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi's "Gun Violence Prevention Task Force", chaired by Rep. Mike Thompson (D-Calif.), represent the Obama Administration's gun control wish list.

The Pelosi-Thompson Task Force calls on Congress to ban millions of commonly owned semi-automatic firearms and magazines; criminalize private firearms transfers; ban common hunting and sport-shooting ammunition; waste taxpayer dollars on government studies to promote gun control and on flawed and ineffective "gun buyback" programs; and remove legal protections on sensitive law enforcement information.

"The 4.5 million men and women of the National Rifle Association and our tens of millions of supporters across the country strongly oppose this effort to enact the Obama gun control agenda", said Chris W. Cox. "The last thing America needs is more failed solutions to our nation's most pressing problems. Congress should instead focus its energies on the things that will actually keep our families and communities safer - prosecuting criminals who misuse firearms; securing our schools; and fixing the broken mental health system that keeps dangerously ill people on the street."

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**JANUARY 24, 2013 3:30 P.M.**

**The '40 Percent' Myth. The figure gun-control advocates are throwing around is false.**

By John Lott

Gun-control advocates have recently been throwing around an impressive new number. President Obama used it last Wednesday,

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claiming: "as many as 40 percent of guns are purchased without a background check." Vice President Biden and everyone from the New York Times to the Wall Street Journal to USA Today repeatedly use it. That "fact" provided the principal support for his first announced gun-control proposal, "universal background checks." But unless you include family inheritances and gifts as "purchases," it is simply false.

The Brady Act background checks currently prevent someone who buys from a federally licensed dealer from buying a gun if he has a felony, or in many cases a misdemeanor conviction, or has been involuntarily committed for mental illness. Prior to Brady, federal law merely required that people sign a statement stating that they did not have a criminal record or a history of mental problems under threat of perjury. Obama's 40 percent claim makes it look like a lot of gun buyers are avoiding these checks.

Actually, the number reported was a bit lower, 36 percent, and as we will see the true number of guns "sold" without check is closer to 10 percent. More important, the number comes from a 251-person survey on gun sales two decades ago, early in the Clinton administration. More than three-quarters of the survey covered sales before the Brady Act instituted mandatory federal background checks on February 28, 1994. In addition, guns are not sold in the same way today that they were sold two decades ago.

The number of federally licensed firearms dealers (FFLs) today is only a fraction of what it was. Today there are only 118,000; while back in 1993 there were over 283,000. Smaller dealers, many operating out of their homes, were forced out by various means, including much higher costs for licenses.

The survey asked buyers if they thought they were buying from a licensed firearms dealer. While all FFLs do background checks, those perceived as being FFLs were the only ones counted. Yet, there is much evidence that survey respondents who went to the very smallest FFLs, especially the "kitchen table" types, had no inkling that the dealer was actually "licensed." Many buyers seemed to think that only "brick and mortar" stores were licensed dealers, and thus reported not buying from an FFL when in fact they did.

But the high figure comes primarily from including such transactions as inheritances or gifts from family members. Putting aside these various biases, if you look at guns that were bought, traded, borrowed, rented, issued as a requirement of the job, or won through raffles, 85 percent went through FFLs; just 15 percent were transferred without a background check.

If you include these transfers either through FFLs or from family members, the remaining transfers falls to 11.5 percent.

We don't know the precise number today, but it is hard to believe that it is above single digits.

Nevertheless, even if few purchases avoid background checks, should we further expand the checks? It really depends on how the system would be implemented.

We have to realize that the current system of background checks suffers from many flaws, some causing dangerous delays for people who suddenly need a gun for self-defense, such as a woman being stalked by an ex. In addition to crashes in the computers doing the checks, 8 percent of background checks are not accomplished within two hours, with almost all of these delays taking three days or longer. Obama made many other false statements during his talk. He asserted that "over the last 14 years [background checks] kept 1.5 million of the wrong people from getting their hands on a gun." But these were only "initial denials," not people prevented from buying guns.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms dropped over 94 percent of those "initial denials" after just preliminary reviews. Virtually all the remaining cases were dropped after further investigation by ATF field offices or the Department of Justice. Few of these "initial denials," 62 people or about 0.1 percent, involved strong enough evidence to be consideration for prosecution. Just 13 pleaded guilty or were convicted. Delays are undoubtedly just an inconvenience for most people buying guns. But for a few, it makes a huge difference in their ability to defend themselves against assailants. Indeed, my own research suggests these delays might actually contribute to a slight net increase in violent crime, particularly rapes.

Clearly, criminals are seldom stopped by the checks. That isn't really too surprising because even when guns were banned in Washington, D.C., and Chicago, or even in island nations such as the U.K., Ireland, and Jamaica, criminals still got guns and murder rates rose after the bans.

No amount of background checks on private transfers would have stopped the Connecticut, Wisconsin, and Colorado massacres.

Expanded background checks might well be reasonable, but only if the current system is fixed. Passing laws may make people feel better, but they can actually prevent people from defending themselves.

*- John Lott is a former chief economist at the United States Sentencing Commission and the author of the expanded third edition of More Guns, Less Crime (University of Chicago Press, 2010).*

Delaware State Sportsmen's Association, Inc. Membership Application

Send to: Membership Secretary

Delaware State Sportsmen's Association

P.O. Box 94 Lincoln, DE 19960

Individual Membership (check one)

A. Life \$400 \_\_\_ B. Annual \$ 25 \_\_\_ C. Family \$ 40 \_\_\_ D. Junior \$ 10 \_\_\_ E. Email \$20 \_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NRA Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ New DSSA member? \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ DSSA Renewal? \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

Family Memberships (Must be part of life or annual member's household.)

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am not now and never have been a member of any organization which has as any part of its program the attempt to overthrow the government of the United States by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; that if admitted to membership in the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and uphold the Right to Keep and Bear Arms found in the Constitution of my State of Residence and of the United States of America.