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2nd Amendment Freedom Banquet

By Kathy Watson

Tuesday, February 25th was a wet chilly day that did not dampen the fire in the hearts of those attending the DSSA Banquet that evening. A Salute to the Troops, Honoring Those Who Keep Us Free featuring Lt. Colonel Oliver North, USMC (Ret.) was a huge success.

While the committee checked last minute details, Lt. Colonel North arrived and began signing his latest book, American Heroes on the Home Front: the Hearts of Heroes, written with Bob Hamer, was published in 2013 and contains over 250 full color pictures. When the doors opened at 5:30 pm and attendees began to filter into the banquet room, a line formed almost immediately to meet Oliver North and to ask him to personalize the just purchased book. Every time I looked towards the north end of the room, there was a line at Lt. Col. North's table. When the line seemed to be short, many people asked to have their picture taken with him. The crowd also began bidding on the silent auction items, looked over the live auction items and mingled while John Philip Sousa music played softly in the background.

At 6:45 pm, DSSA president John Sigler welcomed everyone to the banquet. After the invocation, the DAFB Honor Guard presented the colors. Ms. Caroline Hermance sang our National Anthem, Paul Davis, VVA state president, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a patriotic presentation was performed by mime, Eli Valenzuela. What a heart rendering start to dinner! Sticking to a tight schedule, dinner guests had to place their last silent auction bids between bites of roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans and dumplings. While we were finishing dinner and choosing which dessert to have with our coffee, Mr. Sigler began to introduce various groups of dignitaries. Current government officials were introduced, followed by Pro-Gun Legislators, and local Pro-Gun counsel in Doe v. WHA.

The Salute to our Troops began with a medley of service hymns, with each group of vets standing when their service song was played. Next DSSA presented a \$500 check to VVA (Vietnam Veterans of America) Chapter 850 to aid in their restoration of a UH1 helicopter which will be placed at their Kent County Memorial on May 26, 2014.

It was finally John's time to introduce our prestigious guest speaker. I wasn't sure what to expect from Lt. Col. North - some people view him as a hero, others do not. He is an excellent speaker! War heroes are a subject very dear to his heart and it was evident in his talk. "Ollie" had us laughing and almost crying

while always reflecting on the sacrifices that our troops give to ensure our many freedoms. His speech was accompanied by a short video of some "Heroes" he has met as a Fox News personality. Lt. Col. North received and deserved a standing ovation.

The Award Program of the evening began with John Sigler presenting Lt. Col. North with a (first ever) Honorary Life Membership to DSSA. VVA Chapter 850 presented him with a challenge coin (Each service group has a coin that they use to "challenge" other groups - I see it as way to show pride in your group). These were an introduction to another highlight of the evening: Presentation of the John J. Thompson Memorial Delaware Defender of Freedom Award. Senator Robert L. Venables, Sr. of Laurel was given this newly established award by John Sigler and the members of John Thompson's family: his widow Peggy Thompson and sons, Matthew and Mark. Senator Venables gave a lovely, albeit short acceptance speech. For full details on this award, see the article published in the previous edition of this newsletter.

Our auctioneer, Rep. Dave Wilson began the live auction with a reminder that another purpose for the evening was to raise money. His "lecture" to us was taken to heart as many attendees opened their wallets to offer generous bids on six live auction items. \$12375 was raised on this unique set of items. When Thomas D. Shellenberger, Esq. won the door prize, a Taurus PT 740, he donated it back as a live auction item, raising an additional \$500.

As the evening began to wind down, John thanked Lt. Col. Oliver North for speaking and thanked the 421 attendees for coming out that evening, asking them to drive home safely in the inclement weather. Approximately \$29,000 was raised that night, all by 9:30 pm!

If you didn't get a chance to purchase a signed copy of the book American Heroes on the Home front: The Hearts of Heroes, please contact Dan Watson (302) 670-9990 or Jim Thompson (302) 222-7552. We have a few still available for \$20.





ELECTION YEAR PREPARATIONS & QUESTIONS

At about this time every Election Year we receive questions and inquiries from our members about which incumbent Senators and Representatives our interested members might want to help. And each year at about this time many of those incumbent legislators reach out to their constituents and to our clubs asking for volunteers to help them with their campaigns for re-election.

If you have never worked on a political campaign, you should try it - it can be fun. Volunteers are the backbone of every campaign and being a volunteer for a successful pro-gun candidate can be very rewarding.

While it is far too early for either NRA or DSSA to "grade candidates" or to publish "Political Preference Charts", it is not too early to talk about how you might help and who you might want to consider helping. That's the purpose of this column. But please remember, it is a long time between now and the end of the 147th Delaware General Assembly's Second Session on June 30th.

There will be many bills introduced and worked on the floor, and many votes cast between now and the end of Session - things can and will change. The following is our attempt to help

you make early decisions about who you might want to help, and about those who have yet to earn your support.

The following Senators and Representatives have thus far earned your support and are likely to remain deserving of your help in their bid for re-election:

Senators Bonini, Ennis, Hocker, Lavelle, Lawson, Pettyjohn, Simpson & Venables.

Representatives Atkins, Bennett, Blakey, Briggs-King, Carson, Dukes, Gray, Kenton, Outten, Paradee, Peterman, Dan Short, Smyk, Spiegelman, Wilson.

The following Senators and Representatives have cast votes and/or sponsored or co-sponsored bills or have made public statements that indicate that they are not "gun friendly" and are not likely to earn your support during the closing days of the 147th Delaware General Assembly.

Senators Henry, Marshall, McDowell, Peterson, Sokola & Townsend.

Representatives Barbieri, Baumbach, Bolden, Brady, Heffernan, Jaques, J. Johnson, Q. Johnson, Keeley, Kowalko, Longhurst, Mitchell, Osiensky, Potter, B. Short, Smith, Viola. (Note: Rep. Scott is not running for re-election - question closely anyone he may endorse).

There are a number of Senators and Representatives who do not appear on either list, above. Those Legislators have not yet proven that they are worthy of your help. They may have cast one or more votes with which we disagree but have cast other votes or assisted in other ways that have been supportive of gun rights.

If your Senator or Representative is not listed above, you probably should not volunteer or definitively commit to helping with their campaigns until you know more. You should be aware of their votes between now and the end of Session and how they may vote on future issues in the next, 148th General Assembly, before agreeing to help them.

Some may earn your support, others will not; some may have voted so as to preclude your support no matter what they do now. And some may end up with challengers who are even worse than they are leaving you with a very tough decision, indeed.

Once the 147th Delaware General Assembly has adjourned and the dust has settled, all incumbents and challengers, as well as all those running for open seats will be evaluated based upon votes cast, public statements, available writings, organizational affiliations, and candidate questionnaires. Once the results of those studies become available we will pass them along to you, our members.

Until then, keep your powder dry, help only those candidates who have proven their worth, and please let us know of potential challengers and newcomers who may want to help us fight for Firearm Freedom in the First State.

\$Millions for Tyranny, not One Cent for Freedom?

By now you have heard about former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's latest attempt to buy his way into heaven by spending \$50 Million (or more) during this Election Year supporting anti-gun tyrants. And you have probably heard about his new creation called "Everytown for Gun Safety", designed as an all-encompassing organization under which the flags of the infamous "Mayors Against Illegal Guns" and "Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America" will fly.

And you have probably heard the rumor that Gabby Gifford's "Americans for Responsible Solutions" has allegedly amassed another \$50 Million, or so "to fight gun violence". And, of course you remember an article from earlier this year where it was reported that the Obama Administration had changed its anti-gun tactics by removing Joe Biden as the White House Anti-Gun Tsar, replacing him with Presidential Advisor Valarie Jarrett whose job it will be to focus on winning their anti-gun war in the states rather than in Congress.

So what does all of this mean for Delaware? While no one can be certain, we do know this:

We know that Governor Markell and his allies in the Delaware General Assembly, aided and abetted by soon-to-be-former Attorney General Biden, made a very hard run at our constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms throughout the 147th Delaware General Assembly, and continues to do so. We also know that Gifford's outfit was heavily involved in those efforts, both in terms of monies spent and in personal appearances.

We also know that Governor Markell met with Bloomberg in New York to discuss their mutually shared and supported anti-gun agendas and suspect, but do not know for sure, that Bloomberg money probably made its way into Legislative Hall on multiple occasions, and probably into the coffers of anti-gun Delaware politicians.

We also have credible reason to believe that Delaware was specifically targeted by White House anti-gun efforts due to our status as a "Blue State"; and further, because all of the branches of State government (Senate, House, Governor's Mansion, and Attorney General's Office) are currently held by the President's Party; and because the Vice President, whose anti-gun credentials go back for decades, was once our Senior Senator (although he likes to think of himself as "Scranton Joe" when not campaigning in Delaware).

According to the Associated Press and the New York Times, Bloomberg intends to build an organization to rival NRA; and he intends to focus his efforts on state legislative races in 15 targeted states. While Delaware was not specifically mentioned in the news articles, past history indicates that some of Bloomberg's \$50 Million will come to Delaware and that Gifford's money will be here, again, as well.

It is not clear as of this writing whether Bloomberg's new organization will eventually take over Gifford's organization or not. However, based upon past history we know that they are both are heavily influenced, if not directed, by the White House and that it is highly likely that they have worked in concert in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

What about the so-called "Brady Campaign" (AKA "Handgun Control, Inc.")? Has it gone away? No. Will it go away? No. Will it eventually fall under Bloomberg's new umbrella organization? Who knows? Do we care? Maybe.....

But what we do know and do care about is the fact that "The Brady Bunch" are certainly alive and well down in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and that they will continue to support anti-gun members of our current government and continue their vicious and unwarranted attacks on pro-gun politicians.

So, where does that leave us, you ask? It leaves us with "business as usual".

They have more money than we do - nothing unusual there. And they have more high level politicians on their side - nothing unusual there, either.

But we have the advantage - we have the Constitution on our side; we have the cause of Freedom on our side; we have history and tradition on our side; and we have political allies who are not afraid, are not for sale and who will continue to fight for freedom on our side.

Do we have challenges - oh yes, we most certainly do!

Will their money make a difference? It could, that's for sure.

But if we are united - and if we remain committed to the cause of Freedom; and if we continue to recruit new members to our army of "Election Day Freedom Fighters" who will go to the polls and "Vote Freedom First", we can, and we will prevail.

We must keep the faith, tell the truth and work together. If we do all those things, we will prove once and for all that money can buy tyranny, but money will never buy Freedom, why? Because Freedom is not for sale! Freedom must be earned, each and every day!

As for Bloomberg's cynical attempt to buy his way into heaven, you ask? We'll leave that up to God.....; but, because our right to self defense is our God-given right and protected by our Constitution, the chances of God being on the side of Firearms Freedom seem much better than Bloomberg's chances of ever enjoying the blessings of heaven.

Keep the Faith - Stand and Fight!

Vote Freedom First!

John Sigler, President, DSSA

IN MEMORIUM A TRIBUTE TO A TRUE PATRIOT LT.COL. FOSTER W. RENNIE, (USAR, Ret). (1929-2014)

By John C. Sigler

When the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association was founded in 1968 to be the NRA's official state affiliate in Delaware, Foster W. Rennie was one of the great Second Amendment leaders of the day who helped give birth to our great State Association. Like the other DSSA Founders, Foster

was a man of vision who understood the need for an NRA State Association here in Delaware.

At the time, Foster was known throughout the country as a great coach and a great teacher of young shooters. But we knew Foster as an untiring, selfless volunteer who served on our Board of Directors from the beginning until his health no longer allowed him to do so, in 2013.

Foster W. Rennie left this life on April 10, 2014 at the age of 84. His passing marks the end of an era in the annals of the DSSA and the Second Amendment Movement in Delaware.

You may remember Foster Rennie as DSSA's gruff but kind Membership Secretary. You may also remember Foster as an NRA referee or even as NRA's Chief Referee for the Smallbore Phase of the National Shooting Championships at Camp Perry. I will remember Foster as a staunch and unwavering defender of the Second Amendment and of Firearms Freedom for all Delawareans.

Born in Manassas, Virginia, on May 7, 1929, Foster was a chemical engineering graduate of Clarkson College in 1951. Foster was then commissioned in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Corp of Engineers.

Foster was a Korean War veteran, earning a Bronze Star for Valor. Upon his return to the States after the war, Foster remained in the US Army Reserve, eventually retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Throughout the balance of his working career Foster was employed by the DuPont Corporation as an engineer, holding several patents for the company.

But perhaps Foster is best known as a shooting coach and mentor to Junior and Collegiate Shooters. Foster was well known and well respected throughout the NRA competitive shooting community as a world class coach. As one very successful nationally ranked competitor once told me, "If you want to be an NCAA All-American and an NRA National Champion, go to Foster - if he can't teach you, no one can."

When I think of Foster I think of a man who represented all that is good and right about being an American patriot. Foster loved America and he loved the shooting sports. Foster was a fighter for our constitutional and fundamental right to keep and bear arms, and he let you know it every time you talked to him. For Foster, it was all about protecting, defending and expanding the right to keep and bear arms for the next generation. Foster was a no-nonsense guy who brooked no foolishness and believed that there was only one way to do anything - and that's the right way, the first time, every time.

Foster loved the NRA, and the DSSA, and he loved the DuPont Fish & Game Club of which he was an integral part for so many years. He and the late George Alves probably taught more junior shooters not only how to shoot, but how to be responsible and productive citizens than any two coaches anywhere in the country. In his heyday, Foster and Mr. Alves probably produced more All-American and National Championship shooters than any duo of coaches anywhere in the country. When it came time for Delaware to field a 3-Position Juniors Team at Camp Perry, every other coach from every other state knew that Foster's Team would be a contender. Foster Rennie was a friend to every shooter and Second Amendment patriot in the Country. Foster was a proud man,

who loved his family, the State of Delaware, and the United States of America.

Foster was my friend, he was your friend, and he was the friend of every "gunny" to ever set foot on the firing line.

Rest easy my friend, you will be missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Foster's wife, Ann, and to his three sons, Christopher, James and Timothy. We thank you for sharing Foster with us, we will miss him.

OK, You Tell Me - What Are They Thinking?

Maybe you can make sense of this, but we sure can't. There are times when the machinations of the Delaware General Assembly simply make no sense, whatsoever - like now.

The Delaware General Assembly continues to tell us that they are doing everything they can to keep us safe at home, at work and in our communities. And we all know that in their collective heart of hearts, most of them actually believe that - even if we may not. But what's really going on?

Here's the dilemma - on the one hand our Senators and Representatives say they are trying to protect us, and on the other hand they are introducing legislation that actually harms us by threatening public safety.

For instance, we have **HB 67** which is Representative Scott's "Gun Free School Zone Bill", that he says will protect us and our children, (as if criminals and crazy people even care about laws) but which in reality simply ensures that no criminal is ever in jeopardy from an honest law-abiding citizen exercising his/her right to keep and bear arms on school property to protect themselves and their children from the depredations of violent predators, child molesters and spousal abusers.

Ok, so Rep. Scott and his colleagues say they want to protect us and our children..... and we can argue about that, of course. But then we have **SB 188** which makes "life" easier on violent "Habitual Offenders".

Under current law, Habitual Offenders are entitled to a one-way ticket to jail for life upon conviction of their third violent felony; or to a sentence equal to or greater than the maximum penalty where their fourth felony conviction is a violent felony but where the first three are simply felonies not listed as "violent" felonies.

Sounds right doesn't it? If the habitual violent offender is removed from society by means of incarceration, then society will be safer, right? So why in the world are certain members of Delaware's Senate using **SB 188** to "gut" the "Habitual Offender Law" by removing the mandatory life and minimum mandatory sentencing provisions?

Yep! That's right! They want violent habitual offenders to get out of jail - we don't know why, - but what we do know is that if these proven social predators are in jail they simply cannot continue with their violent habits outside of the jail. But they don't want Mom to be able to defend herself or her children on school grounds.....?

Seems simple to us - keep the "bad guys" in jail and let the rest of us protect ourselves and our families from the "bad guys" and "crazy people" who haven't been caught yet.....

OK, here's another hard-to-understand dichotomy:

Both **SB 23** and **HB 62** would allow for the repeal and/or gutting of Delaware' "Firearms Preemption Laws" so as to allow Wilmington and other municipalities and counties to ban guns and otherwise disarm their law-abiding citizens - a move we all know will simply make it safer for criminals to commit their violent crimes and which will make living in Delaware a whole lot more dangerous for law-abiding citizens left with no way to defend themselves. Again we can argue those points, but then how do you explain their next nonsensical move?

Although we do not yet have a bill number for you, we do know that the Governor has called for a repeal of "Consecutive Sentencing" and we know that certain Senators and Representatives are working on that bill as this article is being written. In fact, we are told that a bill will be introduced in the very near future which will outlaw consecutive sentencing and/or encourage concurrent sentencing.

As it stands now, a criminal who robs a bank with a gun, or uses a gun in a Home Invasion will be charged with the underlying felony, plus the gun charge known as "Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony". Under the current law, the judge must sentence the person on the underlying felony and the gun charge separately and those sentences must run consecutively - meaning that if the criminal gets 3 years on the robbery and 3 years on the gun charge he must serve the 3 years for robbery BEFORE he begins serving the 3 years for the gun charge - which is a mandatory sentence. That's a good way to keep "Bad Guys" from hurting "Good Guys", right?

Well, under the Governor's Plan, the Armed Robber or Home Invader could (and probably would) get only 3 years instead of the 6 years he has so richly earned - and then be right back out on the street committing more crimes, no doubt.

NOTE: A previous General Assembly has already reduced the sentence for Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony from a mandatory Five (5) years down to Three (3) years - "because it costs too much to keep them in jail".

So, now we have legislation that will allow Wilmington, Dover, New Castle County and others to disarm their citizens coupled with legislation that will let proven violent criminals out of jail so they can target those same now-disarmed citizens? Is that logical? No, but it's true!

So why are they doing this? Is our safety and the safety of our homes and families really near and dear to our Legislator's hearts, like they say? Or is there some other agenda in play?

We don't know for sure, and may never know. But we do know where we stand and we ask that you stand with us.

Our position is simple:

1. Put the "Bad Guys" in jail where they belong, and leave them there.
2. Let law-abiding citizens exercise their God-given constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms, whenever, wherever and however they may legally choose.
3. When a person abuses their right by committing crimes with guns, they forfeit that right - and they should forfeit their freedom.
4. Punish people who break the law - but don't create stupid laws that do more harm than good;

5. Likewise, don't make laws that make no sense and unfairly target law-abiding gun owners just so that they will be broken..... and just so those otherwise law-abiding gun owners can be punished .

Your Senators and Representatives need to hear from you **TODAY!** Call them, email them, fax them or write to them - or simply visit with them, and:

1. Tell them that laws such as SB 188 and the Governors Plan to eliminate consecutive sentencing that let violent criminals go free are a danger to public safety and should be defeated.
2. Tell them that any bill that targets law-abiding citizens and/or our right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes should also be defeated - if they ask which bills you believe fall into this category, tell them SB 23, HB 62, HB 58 & HB 67 are all gun bills that should be defeated.
3. Thank them for their service to our State and politely ask them to protect our rights and our safety with logical measures that work for the betterment of all.

Smart Guns Are Dumb

National Review
by Charles C.W. Cooke

Addressing the assembled congressmen in his inimitable style last Friday, Attorney General Holder told a House appropriations subcommittee that he wished to "explore" the opportunities that might arise were he to be given millions of dollars of taxpayers' money and a copy of the movie Skyfall:

I think that one of the things that we learned when we were trying to get passed those common sense reforms last year, Vice President Biden and I had a meeting with a group of technology people and we talked about how guns can be made more safe.

By making them either through fingerprint identification, the gun talks to a bracelet or something that you might wear, how guns can be used only by the person who is lawfully in possession of the weapon.

It's those kinds of things that I think we want to try to explore so that we can make sure that people have the ability to enjoy their Second Amendment rights, but at the same time decreasing the misuse of weapons that lead to the kinds of things that we see on a daily basis.

There is much that is remarkable about this rather ugly little disquisition, not least of which is Holder's apparent inability to construct coherent, intelligible, and appropriate trains of thought. Eccentric syntax notwithstanding, the request is absolutely dripping with noblesse oblige, the clear implication being that the government remains prepared to indulge the exercise of basic liberties providing that it can find a way to

ensure that the nation's dilettantes don't hurt themselves in the process.

As is sadly typical of his approach, Holder approaches his subject as one might if one believed that the Second Amendment outlined a privilege and not an unassailable right — that is, that the purpose of the Bill of Rights was to protect a hobby that can be “enjoyed” as one might enjoy gardening. Those who are dismayed at the administration's prevailing attitude toward privacy, religious liberty, and freedom of expression will presumably recognize the mien.

The Second Amendment existing primarily as a last-chance check against the state, there is no reason whatsoever for Holder to be concerning himself with this question in the first place. “Governments” in Europe, James Madison wrote in Federalist 46, “are afraid to trust the people with arms.” But not so America, in which country the hands of the powerful were virtuously handcuffed to the wall. As the Philadelphia Federal Gazette made explicit in 1789, when outlining the purpose of the proposed amendments, “whereas civil-rulers, not having their duty to the people duly before them, may attempt to tyrannize, and as military forces, which must be occasionally raised to defend our country, might pervert their power to the injury of their fellow citizens, the people are confirmed by the article in their right to keep and bear their private arms.”

James Burgh, an English Whig who empathized with the American project and whose writings were widely disseminated in the new country, put it more bluntly. “Most attractive to Americans,” Burgh wrote, “the possession of arms is the distinction between a freeman and a slave, it being the ultimate means by which freedom was to be preserved.” Which is to say that, beyond a limited role in interstate regulation, the nature of the firearms that the public owns is none of the government's damned business, and the suggestion that the citizenry might install GPS trackers and functionality disablers in their weapons is so self-evidently absurd as to inspire sardonic laughter and little else besides.

Holder's faith in technology is touching. There currently exists a grand total of one “smart” gun — an expensive German product that comes only in a weak caliber that is wholly unsuitable for self-defense. Indeed, as Guns.com's Max Slowik observes, the very idea of magically “safe” firearms remains something of a “myth”:

Smart guns introduce a layer of complexity that brings along with it several points of failure. They are battery-operated and generally default to safe. They are not water resistant. Biometric scanners require a clean scanner and a clean scan, and cannot be used with gloves. Radio-based scanners can be spoofed or jammed, and because they're linked to a ring or bracelet, can be used by anyone with access to the key. Both systems are not instantaneous; it takes time for the controller to disengage the safety.

And they just don't work 100 percent of the time. Which is precisely why both New Jersey and Maryland have enacted legislation that exempts them from being forced to issue smart guns to their police officers. For a target or recreational shooter, this might be OK. But for anyone who may want to use their gun for self-defense,

police or otherwise, the failure rate inherent to smart guns — about one percent with the latest generation of smart safeties — is unacceptable. Smart guns aren't.

The attorney general, in other words, has his work cut out. Even if smart guns did live up their moniker, the “common use” standard outlined in the D.C. v. Heller decision would put paid to any legislation that might seek to back up the government's enthusiasm with legal force. Put crudely: Unless the public wants it, this isn't going anywhere, Eric. And, at the moment, at least, they do not.

Cabela's® Announces Opening Date of Christiana, Delaware Store

Company's first Delaware location to open Thursday, May 1

SIDNEY, Neb. (March 6, 2014) - Cabela's Incorporated, the World's Foremost Outfitter® of hunting, fishing and outdoor gear, will celebrate the official grand opening of its Christiana, Del., store Thursday, May 1.

A ribbon cutting ceremony, hosted by Cabela's executives and special guests, will begin at 10:45 a.m. and doors will open for business at 11 a.m. Opening day will kick off a weekend-long celebration of Cabela's first Delaware location highlighted by celebrity appearances, family events, giveaways and more.

The 110,000-square-foot store is located at 1100 Christiana Mall, adjacent to Christiana Mall at the intersection of Interstate 95 and Delaware Route 1. It is expected to employ approximately 250 full-time and part-time employees, most coming from Christiana and the surrounding area.

The store's interior is being built in Cabela's next-generation layout, designed to surround customers in an outdoor-like experience. The exterior reflects Cabela's popular store model with log construction, stonework, wood siding, a large glass storefront and metal roofing.

In addition to thousands of quality outdoor products, the store will include a walk-through aquarium, indoor archery range and archery tech room, Gun Library, Fudge Shop, Bargain Cave and mountain replica featuring North American game animals re-created in their natural habitat.

Currently, Cabela's operates 50 stores across North America with plans to open an additional 23 over the next two years.

About Cabela's Incorporated

Cabela's Incorporated, headquartered in Sidney, Nebraska, is a leading specialty retailer, and the world's largest direct marketer, of hunting, fishing, camping and related outdoor merchandise. Since the Company's founding in 1961, Cabela's® has grown to become one of the most well-known outdoor recreation brands in the world, and has long been recognized as the World's Foremost Outfitter®. Through Cabela's growing number of retail stores and its well-established direct business, it offers a wide and distinctive selection of high-quality outdoor products at competitive prices while providing superior customer service. Cabela's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CAB".

SAVE THE DATE, FRIENDS OF NRA DINNER

The next Friends of NRA Dinner will be held on Friday, May 9, 2014. As usual, the Spring event will be held at Modern Maturity Center, 1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover, DE. 19904. There will be games to play, and lots of prizes to win. A delicious roast beef dinner will be served. A silent auction will be held as well as a great live auction with lots of guns and other great merchandise to buy. We expect a sell out crowd, so please buy your tickets early. Tickets are \$50.00 each and should go on sale mid-January.

Also, check out our pre-dinner raffle this year. Tickets will be available early January and the drawing will be held on the night of our dinner. The raffle is for a Heritage 11 gun safe with 3 guns already in it, including a Stoger o/u 12ga Shotgun, a Ruger 10-22 Takedown Rifle and a Kimber Custom.45 ACP. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 tickets for \$20.00. Yes, you read that correctly. This is a great price to possibly win all three guns and the safe. Please contact one of our Friends of NRA volunteers or you can call Carolyn at 302-697-6769.

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.

**MEMBERSHIP FEES AND DONATIONS,
PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

Our Organization exists and is sustained by the membership fees and donations we receive annually. Please note that we appreciate and need your support more than ever. Our membership has virtually doubled in the past few months and with this infusion of support DSSA can and plans to move forward in areas and ways we have not been able to do before. We ask that when making donations to DSSA or DFLA that you use a separate check for each organization. This will ensure that the monies will be used as you the member/donator would have us use it. To help in this area, DSSA has set out to allow online payments and registration for membership. As you read this, provisions are being made to facilitate credit card usage in a secure manner to make payments and to donate. THANK YOU

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