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New DSSA Web Site Launched in March

To better serve members, prospective members, and others interested in learning more about the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association (DSSA), DSSA published a new web site in March 2013. The new site, www.DSSA.us, features an intuitive design that provides simple navigation and easy access to information related to promoting and protecting the interests of gun owners and other outdoors enthusiasts in and around Delaware.

With newly proposed legislation threatening the existing rights of Delaware gun owners, the DSSA board of directors recognized the urgent need for a robust and informative communication vehicle that will quickly disseminate related information. With these needs in mind, the DSSA communications and technology team designed, built, and implemented the new DSSA site.

The new site, built using web technology that enables site administrators to easily post updates, presents logically organized content. Descriptions of the main areas of the site are listed below.

- **Action Alerts** - Listed first on the site's menu, Action Alerts provides quick access to urgent updates that demand action from DSSA members. Recent action alerts asked DSSA members to contact their legislators to express their opinions about proposed gun legislation.
- **About DSSA** - The About DSSA section introduces DSSA to members, prospective members, and others and provides information about DSSA history, accomplishments, mission, leadership, and goals.
- **News** - The News section provides categorized updates related to Delaware and national 2nd Amendment issues, DSSA news, NRA news, and shooting-/outdoors-related events.
- **Join DSSA Today** - The Join DSSA section enables prospective members to access and download DSSA membership information and forms.
- **Links** - The Links section provides categorized lists of shooting- and outdoors-related web site links.
- **DE Legislative Info** - The DE Legislative Info section provides quick access to tools that are available to help site visitors locate information about Delaware legislature.
- **Firearm Facts** - The Firearm Facts section of the site provides informative fact sheets that debunk many of the firearm myths that often are misrepresented to or misunderstood by the public.

- **Contact** - An easy-to-use contact form is accessible via the Contact section.

The DSSA web site will continue to evolve. Planned enhancements include an online application and dues payment mechanism, as well as an integrated calendar of events.

In addition to regularly visiting www.DSSA.us, be sure to Like the DSSA - Delaware State Sportsmen's Association page on Facebook, and follow DSSA on Twitter at @DelawareDSSA.

DELAWARE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

"THE BRITISH ARE COMING, THE BRITISH ARE COMING" NAW, THAT'S JUST MARKELL, BIDEN & CO.

Governor's Bills:

The Delaware General Assembly recessed with a "bang" for the Easter break, with the introduction of several more of the Markell-Biden bills designed to harass, annoy, anger, insult and injure honest, law-abiding Delawareans. Here's what we have so far:

- **HB 35** - Ban on private sales & "de facto" federal registration of privately transferred firearms. Passed the House with 10 amendments and now awaits action in Delaware's Senate. Let there be no mistake, **this bill is ALL about effecting de facto federal registration and has nothing to do with keeping guns out of the hands of criminals** - criminals will never submit to the background checks and everyone, including the supporters of this bill know it. **This bill has not yet been assigned to a Senate Committee.**
- **HB 58** - Ban on standard capacity magazines for a broad range of pistols, shotguns and rifles (so-called high-cap. mags) - Prime Sponsors are Rep. Mitchell and Sen. Peterson. **Assigned to House Administration Committee on 3/20/13**
- **HB 62** - Exempts Wilmington from State Preemption laws so that the City can pass Councilwoman Shabazz's massive gun ban, registration and confiscation package. Prime Sponsors are Rep. Bolden in the House and Sen. Marshall in the Senate. **Assigned to House Administration Committee on 3/21/13.**

- **HB 67** - Bans firearms within schools, on school property or school vehicles. Prime Sponsors are Rep. Scott and Sen. Sokola. *Assigned to House Education Committee on 3/28/13*
- **SB 16** - "Lost & Stolen Gun Bill" - makes it a crime not to report lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours. Prime Sponsors are Sen. Henry and Rep. Barbieri. Passed out of Committee on 3/27/13 and is currently on the Ready List.
- **SB 23** - Repeal of State Preemption. Prime Sponsors Sen. Marshall & Rep. Bolden. Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee on 3/20/13

Copies of all of these bills may be found by visiting the DSSA web site at <http://dssa.us>. Contact information for legislators may also be found on the DSSA web site.

Please contact your Senators and representatives and politely ask them to support your rights, support the constitutional protections set forth in our Delaware Constitution, and to vote "**NO**" on all of these bills.

Other Bills:

In addition to the Markell-Biden inspired package of bills discussed above, several other legislators have introduced bills that are also of interest. All of these bills are better than anything proposed by Markell-Biden & Company, some of those are better than others. Some we can support and some we may not be able to support.

- **HB 36** - Provides enhanced penalties for possession of a firearm by a person prohibited. Prime Sponsors are Rep. Briggs-King and Sen. Cloutier. *This bill was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee on 3/7/13 but has not yet received a hearing.*
- **HB 37** - Provides enhanced penalties for possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony. Prime Sponsors are Rep. Hudson and Sen. Lawson. *This bill was assigned to the House Judiciary Committee on 3/7/13 but has not yet received a hearing.*
- **SB 18** - Provides criminal penalties for persons who lie to the police about their firearm being lost or stolen when in fact it was neither lost nor stolen. Prime Sponsors are Sen. Pettyjohn and Rep. Wilson. *This bill was assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee on 3/20/13 and was originally scheduled for a hearing at the same time as SB 16 but was removed from the agenda over the protests of the sponsor by the Chair of the Committee.*
- **SB 32** - Deals with knowingly giving a firearm to a prohibited person and creates an affirmative defense to future liability where the seller has obtained a background check on the buyer. Prime Sponsors are Sen. Lavelle and Rep. Briggs-King. *This bill was assigned to the Senate Judiciary Committee on 3/28/13.*

Copies of these bill may be found on the DSSA web site at <http://dssa.us>. Contact information for legislators may also be found on the DSSA web site.

DELAWARE'S HOUSE BILL 35

"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"

House Bill 35, the Governor's plan to ban private sales by requiring that each and every private transaction be logged through the books and records of Federal Firearms Licensees so as to facilitate a federal NICS check on almost all buyers, has now passed the House and is now in the hands of the Delaware Senate. But before passing in the House, the original bill - which could only be described as "UGLY", was amended with several "GOOD" amendments so that it is now simply "BAD".

"THE GOOD" - There are several "good" items to be discussed and understood.

The first "**GOOD**" thing is the overwhelming response from the law-abiding gun owners, NRA members and DSSA members from all three counties of Delaware. Your phone calls, emails, letters, testimony and presence in Legislative Hall made a very big difference and were very influential in framing the discussion and making it possible to make a very "ugly bill" into something that is now merely "bad". Without your support and without your active participation in this process, God only knows what would now be in the bill that the Senate will now consider - **GOOD JOB! And, THANK YOU!**

More "**GOOD**" - Here are the members of Delaware's House of Representatives who understood that HB 35 is nothing more than "de facto" federal registration of privately owned firearms and who were brave enough to stand with you and vote "NO" on HB 35 - **They deserve a Thank You!**

Rep. Dan Short	Rep. John Atkins
Rep. Dave Wilson	Rep. Don Blakey
Rep. Andrea Bennett	Rep. Harvey Kenton
Rep. Ruth Briggs-King	Rep. Bill Carson
Rep. Tim Dukes	Rep. Ron Gray
Rep. Trey Paradee	Rep. Jeff Spiegelman
Rep. Joe Miro	Rep. Mike Mulrooney
Rep. Bobby Outten	Rep. Steve Smyk
Rep. Jack Peterman	

Finally, here are some of the amendments that made the bill a little better:

- Persons with concealed carry permits are exempted from the requirement
- FFL's are barred from charging more than \$30 per transaction - the bill originally allowed \$50.
- No fee to be charged for return to original owner if the sale does not go through
- Police are barred from creating or keeping lists of guns or gun owners
- Inspections of records can only be done pursuant to a legitimate, ongoing investigation - no politically motivated "fishing expeditions"

- "Temporary" transfers such as loans to friends less than 14 days or "try this" loans at the range are exempt - so are "repair" transfers
- Records containing personal identifying information and identifying firearm information are protected from FOIA releases.
- Due process guarantees for FFL's accused of breaking the rules
- Process established to allow Amish and others whose religion bars photographic Id's to be able to purchase
- A seller using the system is immune from future criminal/civil liability potentially arising from sale/transfer of the firearm.

"THE UGLY" - Several very "ugly" provisions were not removed from the bill despite our attempts to have them removed:

- This bill creates a whole new state-controlled records keeping system on otherwise "private sales"
- FFL's will still be required (by federal law) to enter the transaction and the gun into their federal books, thus creating "de facto" federal registration of all otherwise "private transactions"
- Because exclusive jurisdiction will be in Superior Court, misdemeanor -level violators will be deprived of at least one (1) and probably two(2) levels of judicial appeal -
- Cost of defending against an improper or illegal arrest under the new law will be much greater because the case must be heard in Superior Court instead of Justice of the Peace Court or the Court of Common Pleas.
- This legislation will only affect law-abiding citizens and does nothing to deter criminal conduct or prevent criminals from illegally obtaining guns
- The exemption carved out for family members is far more narrow than the traditional definition of marriage that is found in the Family Court portion of the Delaware Code.
- The new \$30 fee is still a major deterrent to the law-abiding Single Mom, senior on a fixed income, the poor and our sorely underpaid active duty military member who wants to exercise his/her right to defend, self, family, home and State, as guaranteed by Art. 1 sec. 20 of the Delaware Constitution.
- This bill would make mandatory (with a monetary price tag attached) a process which had for many years been voluntary - and does so under threat of criminal prosecution.

"THE BAD" - Simply put, **HB 35 is bad public policy** - it does nothing to accomplish the goals its sponsors say they want to achieve. Additionally, HB 35 is an insult to law-abiding citizens because it assumes that you would knowingly sell to a prohibited person if the government weren't there to stop you. And it's BAD because even the Police Chiefs and FOP Labor bosses who have joined in lock-step with the Governor and the Biden Family on this bill admit that it is almost impossible to enforce.

Please call your State Senator and ask them the Delaware senate do that which the House could not do - defeat this BAD BILL - defeat HB 35. (Go to <http://dssa.us> for links to obtain your Senator's contact information).

SENATE BILL 37 "Caught Red Handed"

On April 3, 2013, Senator Robert Marshall (D-Wilmington) struck his now infamous Senate Bill 37, stating to the News Journal that he did so because it contained a gun registration provision - **oh, yes it did!**

Sen. Marshall's SB 37 was a far-ranging ban on literally hundreds of commonly owned and legally used semi-automatic sporting and self defense rifles, pistols and shotguns - it also required that currently owned sporting and self defense arms be **registered with the Delaware State Police under threat of criminal prosecution - and confiscation.**

According to an article appearing in the News Journal's Delawareonline at approximately 1:44 pm on April 3rd, Senator Marshall blamed his staff for filing his gun-ban/registration bill rather than the bill Attorney General Biden wanted to be filed - oops. (That's right, blame the staff).

It seems that Biden's bill, which has yet to be filed, may not contain the same draconian registration/confiscation language contained in Marshall's semi-auto ban bill - not because Biden loves guns or gun owners, but because he doesn't want you to know his real agenda.

Here's what the News Journal said, "Dover **Democrat Rep. Darryl Scott, who is sponsoring a component of his party's gun control package that would ban firearm possession on school grounds, said filing a bill that contains gun registration language, even if it is done in error, is bad for the broader gun control effort.**"

Yes, Mr. Scott it certainly is.

Sen. Marshall's mistake and Rep. Scott's admission simply confirm that which we already knew; Governor Markell's entire package is about one thing and one thing only - providing the next step in the incremental disarmament of the law-abiding public, constitutional safeguards be damned.

According to the News Journal Mr. Scott went on to say **"Someone has put in writing a desire to register guns", he said. 'People are going to be looking at it and saying it just reaffirms the concerns. It's something we're going to have to battle.'**

That's right, Mr. Scott.

Now that you and Senator Marshall have admitted what your true agenda really is, we're going to have to battle it - and battle it we will. And as for your ability to defend your anti-gun, anti-freedom agenda now that you have been caught red handed, well.....

Isn't it nice when they finally tell the truth?

But wait! Why is anyone surprised? Marshall's mistake in filing a bill containing his true intentions should not come as a surprise to anyone - connect the dots:

- Senator Marshall holds a press conference wherein he says he wants a New York -style registration system and a ban on semi-auto sporting and defensive arms
- Wilmington Councilwoman Hanifa Shabazz files a Council bill calling for wide-ranging gun bans, registration and confiscation of lawfully owned guns in the City of Wilmington while at the same time admitting that because of State Preemption she knows her bill will go nowhere.
- Rep. Stephanie Bolden (D-Wilmington) files HB 62 to exempt the City of Wilmington from State Preemption - Senator Marshall is the prime co-sponsor in the Senate.
- Sen. Marshall files his Senate Bill 23 to repeal State Preemption - Rep. Bolden is prime co-sponsor in the House
- Sen. Marshall files SB 37 to ban guns and require registration
- Rep. Scott (D-Dover) complains to the press because Marshall has now inadvertently admitted what they are up to.

There is ***NO legitimate reason for registration*** - no criminal will register his gun, and the Supreme Court has said that you can't make a felon register a gun - that's a 5th Amendment violation.

The only rationale for registration is either taxation or confiscation - or both. That's what California's U.S. Senator Feinstein admitted, and if Marshall and his crowd were honest they would admit it too.

Let there be no mistake. Freedom is at risk here in Delaware.

Rep. Scott seems ready to battle you and our constitution if that's what it takes to push forward his anti-gun/anti-freedom agenda in support of Gov. Markell, AG Biden, Sen. Marshall, Rep. Bolden and the rest of the anti-gun crowd that inhabits our State Capitol. But we are ready to do battle as well.

Freedom is not free - we all have a tremendous amount of work to do - and work we will.

We must be united, focused, disciplined and dedicated to the defense of the Second Amendment and Article I §20 of our own Delaware Constitution which reads as follows:

"A person has the right to keep and bear arms for defense of self, family, home and State, and for hunting and recreation."

That promise of freedom must not be allowed to become a hollow promise, and for that promise to have meaning, we must all do our part - we must continue to call, write and email our Senators and Representatives; we must all make best efforts to visit Legislative Hall and to testify in committee hearings; we must all spread the word and tell the truth about what Senator Marshall, Governor Markell and Attorney General Biden really want for Delaware.

Isn't it nice when they get caught red handed and the truth becomes known? The truth will keep us free.....

New Range Opens at Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club

After what has seemed an indeterminable amount of time, the 1000 yard range at Bridgeville has finally opened for competition. A couple of practices have been held over the last several weeks and the response has been gratifying. Currently there are 13 firing points with 2 more left to be constructed.

Long range matches have been scheduled for April, June, September and November this year. Check the club website for the details (<http://bville-rifle-pistol.org>).

The expectation is that competitors from several states will be competing at 1000, 900 and 800 yards in NRA Long Range, NRA F-Class and Palma matches.

The range is the only privately owned in the area. This latest range is part of the club's ongoing efforts to provide competitive opportunities for the shooting public. The club now offers NRA XTC (across-the-course) competitions out to 600 yards, Mid-Range NRA Conventional and F-Class matches, IBS matches at 100, 200, 300 and 600 yards, IDPA competition, Cowboy Action, 3-gun, and others.

2nd AMENDMENT FREEDOM MATCH 2013 JOHN C GARAND MATCH PROGRAM CMP SANCTIONED MATCH Saturday, May 25th

The Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club will sponsor an M1 Garand match to benefit the DSSA-DFLA. M1 Garand matches are basically fun shoots that allow those with a rack grade M1 to show off at 200 yards. This 50 shot match will include prone slow fire, prone rapid fire, sitting rapid fire and standing.

Competitors must supply their own M1, ammunition may be available for sale the day of the match. Cost is only \$25.00, with all monies going to benefit DSSA-DLFA's fight to defend our 2nd Amendment rights here in Delaware.

For more information contact Steve Sharff (302-344-3139), steve.sharff@bville-rifle-pistol.org or Jeff Hague (302-422-0233), jeff.hague@bville-rifle-pistol.org

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.

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!

"MARKETING 101" SOLVING THE "MILLER MYSTERY"

Many members of DSSA and NRA were surprised, shocked and even angered when Bob Miller of Miler's Gun Center was quoted on WDEL radio as joining ranks with the likes of Mike Castle in advocating for gun registration and support for HB 35 and its ban on private sales.

They were again surprised and angered when Mr. Miller testified before Delaware's House Judiciary Committee that several other New Castle County FFL's also supported HB 35 and its original proposed \$50 fee for running background checks at their stores. (In fairness, Miller said he would only charge \$30....., yea, maybe he would.)

Everyone knew that Miller's and others were charging more than the allowed \$20 fee under current law and had been doing so for years - after all, no one was policing them so they could do whatever they wanted "Was that the reason they were willing to turn their backs on their customers and climb into bed with the likes of notorious anti-gunners like Mike Castle, Jack Markell and "The Bidens", or was it something else", they asked.

After all, a recent study conducted by the National Shooting Sports Foundation among its Retail FFL members, known in the industry as "stocking dealers", showed that over 92% of the stocking dealers from throughout the country actively opposed measures such as HB 35, so why did Miller do what he did? Why would any Delaware dealer turn their back on their customers? Well, maybe they didn't.....

Maybe, just maybe, they were actually trying to attract more customers to their stores. Sounds crazy, but when you think about it, what one pro-freedom Sussex County FFL said makes sense - it's as simple as "Marketing 101."

In the retail business you can't sell your product to a customer if the customer isn't in your store. So, the first lesson in "Marketing 101" is that you have to get the customer through the front door, into the store and into a position where you can sell your inventory to the customer - makes sense doesn't it?

As that Sussex County FFL explained, when the government requires the private seller to bring his private buyer into the store, the Retail FFL then has an opportunity to sell his inventory to that private buyer -

Say she's buying a rifle - he can now try to sell her sell an extra magazine, a scope, a case, or maybe a sling. Or, say it's a pistol, how about a holster, some ammunition, or a cleaning kit? Or maybe it's a shotgun, how about some extra chokes, a recoil pad or a set of snap caps?

And the beauty of it is that with HB 35, the Delaware General Assembly is not only driving the potential customer into the FFL's store, but they are setting the buyer up to pay a fee for the privilege of becoming the dealer's potential customer - in other words, the government is essentially saving the retail FFL advertising dollars - under penalty of criminal prosecution - sweet!

Now that's the spirit - a true "public-private partnership". All at the expense of your firearm freedom - what a sell out!

**And for the record, that Sussex County FFL is not only opposed to HB 35 but he is also actively working for its eventual defeat in the Senate. If you know who he is, say "Thank You!"*

31 MAJOR HUNTING & WILDLIFE ORGANIZATIONS OPPOSE SO-CALLED "UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS"

On April 4, 2013, the 31 organizations listed below sent a letter to Senate Majority leader Harry Reid and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell laying out a five (5) point plan "that addresses the causative agents of this (Newtown, CT) and similar tragic events". In that letter they said:

Specifically we support:

- National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) improvement measures that will effectively prevent access to firearms by those not legally qualified to possess them, without criminalizing private transfers (emphasis added);
- Vigorous enforcement of existing federal firearms laws;
- Efforts to improve security in our nation's schools;
- A comprehensive process to review, evaluate and recommend changes to our nation's treatment of the mentally ill before their actions result in these devastating consequences; and
- The development and implementation of a community-based "family watch" program that helps families with concerns that an immediate family member who they believe has the potential to become a societal danger is afforded the assistance that they need to intervene before a tragedy occurs."

Read the full letter at http://cms.nraaila.org/media/11158643/awcp_gun_control_debate_letter_final.pdf.

The letter was signed and sent by the following list of organizations:

[awcp_gun_control_debate_letter_final.pdf](http://cms.nraaila.org/media/11158643/awcp_gun_control_debate_letter_final.pdf).

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Archery Trade Association	Orion, The Hunter's Institute
Boone and Crocket Club	Pheasants Forever
Campfire Club of America	Pope & Young Club
Catch-A-Dream Foundation	Quail Forever
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation	Quality deer Management Association
Conservation Force	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Dallas Safari Club	Ruffed Grouse Society
Delta Waterfowl	Safari Club International
Masters of Foxhounds	Texas Wildlife Association
Mule deer Foundation	U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance
National Rifle Association	Whitetails Unlimited
National Shooting Sports Foundation	Wild Sheep Foundation
National trappers Association	Wildlife Management Institute
North American Bear Foundation	Wildlife Mississippi
North American Grouse Partnership	

It is obvious from this letter that America's hunters and conservationists are united in our efforts to save America's right to keep and bear arms from the depredations of the anti-gun crowd who want so much to change our life style, our history and our heritage. Together these organizations represent millions upon millions of American hunters and gun owners, and tens of thousands of Delawareans who belong to these organizations.

This letter should serve as a clarion call, both to Congress and to the Delaware General Assembly, to "wakeup" and get with the program. It isn't the honest gun owner, hunter or sportsman that's at issue here. Nothing currently before Congress and certainly nothing being proposed by the Markell-Biden crowd in any way serves to address the true issues at hand - that's the message these 31 national organizations were sending in this letter to Leaders Reid and McConnell.

Again, the full letter signed by these 31 organizations may be found on line at http://cms.nraia.org/media/11158643/awcp_gun_control_debate_letter_final.pdf.

United Nations Adopts Arms Trade Treaty NRA Encourages United States Senate to Defend Second Amendment

Fairfax, Va., April 2 – The United Nations, with the support of the United States of America, voted today in the General Assembly to adopt an Arms Trade Treaty.

"This treaty disregards the Second Amendment to our Constitution and threatens individual firearm ownership with an invasive registration scheme," said Chris W. Cox, executive director of the NRA's Institute for Legislative Action. "It is a sad, yet telling, day when the President of the United States and his administration refuse to defend America's Constitution on the world stage."

With a passing yet non-binding acknowledgment of individual rights in the preamble, the treaty itself threatens

civilian firearm ownership. The NRA has always maintained that any Arms Trade Treaty must respect the Second Amendment right of individual self-defense. This can only be accomplished by expressly excluding civilian firearms ownership from its scope, which this treaty fails to do.

Notably, the ATT includes "small arms and light weapons" among its terms, which cover firearms owned by law-abiding citizens. Further, the treaty's text urges record keeping of end users, directing importing countries to provide information to an exporting country regarding arms transfers, including "end use or end user documentation" for a "minimum of ten years." Each state is to "take measures, pursuant to its national laws, to regulate brokering taking place under its jurisdiction for conventional arms." Data kept on the end users of imported firearms would result in a registry of law-abiding firearms owners in this country, which based on the language of this treaty, could be available to foreign governments.

President Bahama's administration has supported the adoption of this treaty, and the administration is expecting to sign it, despite clear bipartisan opposition in the U.S. Senate. On March 23, the Senate adopted an amendment to its FY 2014 Budget Resolution offered by Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK) that establishes a deficit-neutral fund for "the purpose of preventing the United States from entering into the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty." This effort is in addition to the campaign led by Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS) and Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA) to pass concurrent resolutions opposing the treaty.

"We thank Senator Moran, Senator Inhofe, and Representative Kelly for leading the effort to reject ratification of this misguided treaty," concluded Cox.

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE WE NEED YOUR HELP – TODAY!

The Delaware State Sportsmen's Association is your local connection to the NRA. We have been fighting to protect your Right to Keep and Bear Arms at the state level for over 25 years. At no time in our history have our rights been under fire to such an extent as they are right now.

The Governor has launched all-out assault on your constitutional rights, not only to keep and bear arms, but other rights as well. He and his Attorney General claim to speak for a majority of the citizens of Delaware in proposing these draconian pieces of legislation. But they are wrong!!!

Only a very small minority of uninformed citizens, who have been overwhelmed by the lies of the lame-stream media, actually believe that any of these proposals will help prevent violent crime. The sad news is that only you, the law-abiding citizen, will be affected by anything they are proposing, and nothing they are proposing will keep you, your family or your home safe from violent criminals – if anything these proposals will make you more vulnerable and your family less safe – all in the name of "doing something about crime".

We can stop this assault on our rights, but we need your help. Think about it, is your Right to Keep and Bear Arms worth the price of a box of ammo? Because that's all it will take if you and

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every other DSSA member sends that amount – the cost of 1 box of ammo – for us to be successful in this fight. We think our rights are at least that important - if you agree, please consider donating to the DSSA-DFLA to help us take the fight to the Legislature. Please help us fight for you.

Please, send anything you can to:

DSSA-DFLA

P.O. Box 1786

Wilmington, DE 19899

Help us win this war on our constitutional freedoms.

Summer Camp with Shooting National Pistol Matches July 7 - 14, 2013

The National Matches at Camp Perry are a summer camp for shooting. The Conventional Pistol (aka Bullseye) matches are held the week after the 4th of July. NRA Championship Matches for other disciplines can be found on the NRA's website and are listed below. Camp Perry is located on the shores of Lake Erie just west of Port Clinton, Ohio.

Last summer 700 competitors, including the The Australian Pistol team traveled to Camp Perry the 1st Sunday after the 4th of July for the National Pistol Matches. We shoot shoulder to shoulder, exposed to the sun and elements on 3 of the 4 Camp Perry ranges. Competition only stops for thunder, a bald eagle in the impact area or a Lake Erie boater in the safety zone.

The week starts with attendance at the ARMY Marksmanship Unit's (AMU) Small Arms Firing School (SAFS) followed by a practice hardball match Tuesday AM. Tuesday PM the Harry Reeves Memorial Revolver Match and the NRA's Distinguished Revolver Match are held. On Wednesday the formal NRA matches begin with the 3 gun National Match Course practice round. Thursday the 22 Rim Fire match is held. Three relays begin at 7:30 am and conclude by 3:00 pm. At 3:30 pm the state and club team matches begin. On Friday and Saturday the sequence of events repeats for center fire and 45 matches respectively.

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.

The week concludes on Sunday with Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) President's 100, National Individual Trophy (NIT), National Trophy Team (NTT), Junior Presidents 100, NTI and NTT, and National Air Pistol Championship matches. Match rules specify the shooter must use either the Beretta M9 (or civilian equivalent) or a service 1911A1. Only a few specific external modifications are allowed on these firearms. For those of us that are use to using optical sights, shooting the service firearm with iron sights is a challenge.

Vendor's row is an excellent opportunity to visit many different vendors. It is a great way to expand your equipment and supplies. The CMP store provides surplus military supplies and firearms with a chance to inspect the rifles before you buy.

The post mess hall serves good modern Army chow. Most of the folks staying on post ate breakfast at the mess hall. For lunch, the mess hall or various vendors offer barbecue, burgers, hot dogs or sausage sandwiches. Dinner is available at the mess hall or at one of the numerous restaurants in the area.

Part of the Camp Perry ambiance is staying in the "famous" huts. The huts are 15 x 15 foot restored units that housed WW II German POWs. With a 5000 btu A/C unit and a sheet of ½ inch plywood under your bunk, they are very comfortable, convenient and affordable. The central latrines are similar to a health club facility. Plenty of hot water and privacy are provided for showers to refresh the body after a hot day in the sun. To learn more about the huts, just Google "Camp Perry huts" and follow the links.

Seven days shooting, talking about shooting, visiting vendors, receiving coaching from military and other shooters on the line or at dinner are extremely valuable. Camp Perry is an excellent way to improve your shooting.

So what is stopping you from participating in your discipline's championship? I often hear the excuse "I'm not good enough for Camp Perry". WRONG - we compete in our classification - Marksman vs. Marksman; Sharpshooter vs. Sharpshooter, etc. If you are not familiar with Bullseye shooting contact the author and I'll show you what it is all about.

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