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## CLOSE OF SESSION WRAP-UP

The 147th Delaware General Assembly is now history. Throughout this 2014 Session we have been watching and working several bills. Below is a re-cap of just some of the bills we were watching in the closing hours and what happened to those bills.

Each of these bills may be accessed by going to the DSSA web site: <http://dssa.us> or by going to the Delaware General Assembly's web site and clicking on "Bill Tracking".

**SB 137** – Prime Sponsor is Senator Harris McDowell. This was the so-called "Undetectable Gun Bill". No Action – Died in the Senate

**HB 98** – This bill was passed in the House and Amended in the Senate. It is the Senate Amendment pertaining to Delaware's gray fox that is opposed by DSSA. No Action – Died in the House

**HB 72** – Prime sponsors are Rep. Mitchell and Sen. Ennis. Having narrowly passed the House, this was a sentencing enhancement bill which calls for a one (1) year minimum jail sentence for Carrying a Concealed deadly Weapon Without a Permit to Do So where that weapon is a firearm. This targets those who illegally carry firearms while ignoring those who illegally carry other types of deadly weapons. Because this bill discriminates against firearms and because it is fraught with dangers to the unknowing and the ill-informed, DSSA and NRA opposed this bill. No Action – Died in the Senate

**HB 67** – Prime sponsor is Rep. D. Scott of Dover. This was the "school gun ban bill" – and would have created a real and present danger for our children, making it easier for crazy people, spousal abusers and potential kidnappers to use schools as "safe zones for criminal activity". No Action – Died in the House.

**SB 32** – Prime sponsors are Sen. Lavelle and Rep. Briggs-King. This bill pertains to those persons who knowingly give or sell a firearm to a person prohibited. This bill was stricken by its sponsors.

**HB 37** – Prime sponsors are Rep. Hudson and Sen. Lawson. This bill provides enhanced penalties for those convicted of possessing a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony, differentiating for the first time between those who simply possess and those who actually use a weapon. No Action – Died in the House.

**HB 82** – Prime Sponsors are Rep. Briggs-King and Sen. Cloutier. This bill provides for enhanced penalties for those

convicted of using firearms to inflict physical injury or death. No Action – Died in the House.

**SB 18** – Prime sponsors are Sen. Pettyjohn and Rep. Wilson. This bill addressed those who falsely report the loss or theft of a firearm. No Action – Died in the Senate

**SB 23** – Prime Sponsors are Sen. Marshall and Rep. Boulden. This bill would have repealed municipal pre-emption laws and allow all of Delaware's 57 municipalities (including and especially the City of Wilmington) to write their own anti-gun laws. No Action – Died in the Senate

**HB 62** – Prime sponsors are Rep. Boulden and Sen. Marshall. This bill would have exempted the City of Wilmington from Delaware's pre-emption laws and allow the City of Wilmington to enact Councilwoman Shabazz's plan to register, ban and confiscate firearms currently owned by law-abiding citizens of Wilmington. No Action – Died in the House

**HB 58** – Prime sponsors are Rep. Mitchell and Sen. Peterson. This bill would have banned the manufacture, sale, possession and use of standard capacity magazines for rifles, pistols and shotguns, limiting those firearms to a magazine capacity of no more than 10 rounds. No Action – Died in the House

**SB 37** – STRICKEN BY SPONSOR – We had placed this bill on our "Watch List" because it was expected that AG Biden would eventually offer a replacement for Senator Marshall's original bill which banned a long list of semi-auto rifles, pistols and shotguns, provided for mandatory registration and eventual confiscation of those firearms. No Action – No New Bill Introduced.

**HS1 TO HB 187** – This was a substitute bill introduced to replace the fatally flawed original bill. This bill was an attempt to deal with fraudulent charitable solicitors but went way too far in doing so and would have negatively affected many charitable organizations, including the NRA and other sportsmen's clubs. No Action – Died in the House.

Throughout this Second Session of the 147th Delaware General Assembly we have asked that you contact your senators and representatives – and you did that. And because you did that we were able to kill or bottle-up a lot of really bad, anti-gun, anti-freedom legislation.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY CALLS, EMAILS, FAXES AND VISITS TO YOUR SENATOR & REPRESENTATIVE GOOD JOB!**

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Now it's time to prepare for the November elections. Make your voice heard – freedom is not free – we must be vigilant and we must fight for freedom every day

**CONTINUE TO DO YOUR PART.  
CALL TO ACTION**

When they come knocking on your door, asking for your vote, tell the candidates – challengers and incumbents alike – support our freedom, support our Constitution and support the rights of the people to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes. Get out and work for your pro-gun candidates of choice – help make a difference

**A VOTE FOR A PRO-GUN CANDIDATE IS A VOTE FOR  
FREEDOM!  
ON ELECTION DAY - - - VOTE FREEDOM FIRST!**

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**JUST ONE MORE WAY TO SUPPORT THE  
SECOND AMENDMENT!!!**

Drag racing and target shooting may traditionally be considered masculine sports, however, there is nothing traditional about Ellyn Snodgrass. The 26 year old dog groomer by day spends her spare weekends at either the race track in the summer and at the range in the winter. You could say competition as well as the drive for the personal best motivates Ellyn. Racing is an influence from her mother's side of the family. Her father's side of the family has always been involved in competitive shooting. Both of the traditionally American sports have been integrated into and on her 1982 Camaro which is named, "Second Amendment".



Ellyn Snodgrass and her fiancé.

Both sports are very intense. Discipline is an important trait when getting behind the wheel and when firing rounds. I look up to the people who have introduced and taught me the things I have learned over the years. Every day I make a pass or shoot my pistol I learn something new. I store it in my mind and use it for next time around. I wanted

to integrate one sport with the other to send a message. Sadly there are "American" people that just don't get it. Second Amendment, what's that? The Second Amendment protects the right of individuals to keep and bear arms! And me as an American Citizen, I don't want that right taken from me. I am not a politically controversial person, but when people see my race car, I want them to know I stand strong for the Second Amendment. When people question the name of my car, I want them to be curious enough to figure it out!



Ellyn and her dad, Tom Snodgrass (a long-time High Power Rifle Competitor)

On July 4th 2014, I raced my car. I beat my personal best time. I had a time of 9.90 at 135 mph. It was my first 9 second pass in a quarter mile. My 1982 Camaro is powered by a naturally aspirated 505 big block chevy, built by Matt Slowinski at Matt's Custom Automotive.

I support the Second Amendment and I want you to also!  
Thank you for taking interest in my story!  
Ellyn Snodgrass.

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**Appellate Court Upholds Privacy  
Law, Tells Anti-Gun Doctors to Take  
a Powder**

In a victory for gun owners who pay to visit doctors for medical care, and not the political opinions of their physicians, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit has upheld Florida's Firearm Owner's Privacy Act. This law was passed after an escalating series of events in which patients were harassed or denied access to services because they refused to be interrogated by their doctors about their ownership of firearms. The case, **Wollschlaeger v. Governor of Florida**, vindicated Florida's attempt to protect patients from being forced to divulge personal information that is irrelevant to their own medical treatment.

In challenging the law, Dr. Wollschlaeger and the other plaintiffs insisted they had a First Amendment right to routinely grill patients on their choices concerning firearm ownership, without regard to any good faith belief such information was relevant to the patient's individual case.

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They also alleged the law's proscriptions were unconstitutionally vague.

The Court of Appeals rejected these claims. "The essence of the Act," the court wrote, "is simple: medical practitioners should not record information or inquire about patients' firearm-ownership status when doing so is not necessary to providing the patient with good medical care." Accordingly, the court found that "[t]he Act merely circumscribes the unnecessary collection of patient information on one of many potential sensitive topics."

As the court noted, nothing in the Florida law prohibits doctors from expressing their views about firearms or about any other medical or public policy issue. Rather, it is within keeping of long-established "codes of conduct that define the practice of good medicine and affirm the responsibility that physicians bear" and "protects a patient's ability to receive effective medical treatment without compromising the patient's privacy with regard to matters unrelated to healthcare."

Whether the plaintiffs in the case intend to pursue additional review before a full panel of the Eleventh Circuit or the U.S. Supreme Court has not yet been announced. In the meantime, however, patients who prefer to focus on their symptoms, and not their doctors' politics, in the examination room should have more reason to feel at ease.

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## **BRIDGEVILLE BLUE F-CLASS TEAM STRIKE BRONZE AT PERRY**

We went searching for Gold but came home with Bronze – and for the first time out, that's not too bad.

For the very first time, the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club sent two very different rifle teams to Camp Perry – the standard "sling shooters" who are so well known for winning and representing the State of Delaware in Palma, Full Bore, Long Range and Across-the-Course matches made their usual return trip to "Perry", joined this year by a new team made up of F-Class Open rifle shooters and one lone "F-T/R" shooter. In total, Delaware and the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club were represented during the Long Range and Mid-Range championships at Camp Perry by a total of twelve rifle shooters wearing the Blue & Gold of Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club.

As usual, the Bridgeville Palma Rifle Team (Bridgeville Gold) won medals in Mid-Range, garnering a third place and a Bronze Medal to go with it. But also winning Bronze with a Third place finish was the Bridgeville Blue, Bridgeville's F-Open Mid-Range Rifle Team made up of John Sigler (also serving as Captain), Jim Fowler (also serving as Coach) Mark Holland and Dave Kokoszka. Jim Fowler walked away with most of the bragging rights by finishing as 6th High Master in the four-day Mid-Range Individual Aggregate. We were also the high scoring Master Class F-Open Team.

Unfortunately, Bridgeville did not field an F-T/R Rifle Team this year nor did we have any F-T/R shooters participate in the Mid-Range National Championships. We are hoping to be able to field both an F-Open and F-T/R Team in Mid-range next year at Camp Perry. If you are an F-T/R shooter we invite you to join us and help to represent Bridgeville and the State of Delaware next year.

After five good days of shooting at 300 yards, 500 yards and 600 yards in the Mid-Range Nationals, the Bridgeville Teams moved on to the National Long Range Rifle Championships where, again, we held our own and surprised ourselves by garnering more Bronze Medals for the F-Open Team.

This time our team looked just a little bit different. As you probably already know, the Long Range Championships consist of a total of four days of individual matches, with two individual matches fired the first day at 1,000 yards, and one individual match and one team match also fired at 1,000 yards on both Day #2 and Day #3. Those days are then followed by "Palma Day" where the "Palma Course" is fired at 800 yards, 900 yards and 1,000 yards, followed by the grand finale "Palma Team Day" where the team fires the "Palma Course" again.

During the first two Long Range Team Matches, Bridgeville Blue's F-Open firing members consisted of John Sigler (Captain), Jim Fowler (Coach), Tony Robertson (Assistant Coach), and Dave Kokoszka, with Mark Holland serving as the team's scorekeeper. On Palma Team Day, Jim Fowler was unable to participate so Tony Robertson assumed all of the duties as our Team Coach and Mark Holland moved in to replace Jim as a firing member of the team. We were then joined by a world famous (some might say infamous) woman shooter by the name of Christy Altendorf – you may know Christy as an "across-the-course shooter" famous for wearing pink and shooting a pink AR-15. Christy was without a team and was gracious enough to serve as our scorekeeper on Palma Team Day – Thanks Christy!

The results were the same on all three team days – Bridgeville Blue took third place Bronze Medals on all three days. We also had some successes and a very big win in the individual Long Range Matches.

Jim Fowler was the high F-Open shooter on his relay in two of those matches which made him eligible to participate in the shoot-offs for both matches. Jim came in second in one match and won the shoot-off and the match in the other – at least one of us struck Gold at Perry.

Our sole F-T/R shooter was Ed Zebedies. Ed had a great time during the Long Range Individual Matches, making all four individual shoot-offs as the high F-T/R shooter on his relay. Because Ed was a singleton among the Bridgeville competitors as an F-T/R shooter, Bridgeville lent Ed to another team where he shot with the "Tennessee Irregulars" who won a Silver Medal in one of the team matches.

Bridgeville Gold, our "Bothers of the Sling", enjoyed their own successes, but I will leave that story to another to tell.

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Suffice it to say, for a first time at Camp Perry, Bridgeville's F-Class Shooters had a great time and enjoyed a level of success no one could have dreamed of when we began the process of putting a "Perry Team" together last year.

## **BRIDGEVILLE GOLD PALMA TEAM STRIKE BRONZE AT PERRY**

Carrying on the article about the success of the F-Class team in the Mid-Range Team Championship matches, I am happy to report that the "other" team, sling or conventional shooters also came away with bronze metals. The Palma team, consisting of members, Rich Kussman, George Brennan, Tim Sarchett and Captain Jeff Hague, overcame some near disasters during the Mid-Range Prone team matches to place third in class. The team match was the first match of the championships. It was then time for the individual Mid-range prone championship, during which time one of the members, Jeff Hague, experienced gun problems that resulted in him dropping out of the long range and fullbore championships. However, he did stick around to captain and coach the team, which now consisted of members, Tim Sarchett, Don Phister, Angel Rodriguez and Mike Jamison.

It seemed that Murphy's Law was alive and well during the 1000 yard team matches. Don Phister also experienced gun problems and was fortunate enough to be able to continue on with a borrowed gun and ammo.

While the Palma team didn't medal during long range and Palma matches they did finish in the top third of the teams.

Several members of the team were not able to attend the National's this year due to one reason or another, however, the team will continue to represent not only Bridgeville R & P Club, but DSSA as well at matches all over region in the months ahead.

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## **LEFT-WING RADICALS SOMETIMES HELPFUL**

As Election Day 2014 nears and with the Primary elections right around the corner, we all begin to wonder who will be the best candidates to help protect and defend the fundamental right to keep and bear arms, and who would ban and/or confiscate guns if given half a chance. Soon we will have the answer in the form of NRA's endorsements and grades and those endorsements and grades provided by DSSA. But in the mean time, what do we know for sure?

Well, believe it or not, one of the most radical left-wing, anti-gun groups in Delaware has been gracious enough to provide us with a few answers – no, they didn't mean to, I'm sure, but they have.

The Delaware Chapter of **Americans for Democratic Action (ADA)**, a far-left-of-center advocacy group recently published what it calls its "first round of endorsements" along with the questions and answers they used to make those

endorsements. To see these questions, answers and endorsements for yourself, go to:

<http://delawareada.org/advocay/electoral-politics/2014legislatorresponses>.

Question #14 on their published questionnaire is a "gun control question" about banning standard capacity magazines (the so-called "high capacity magazines"). The results are interesting and give us a glimpse of what we can expect when the NRA's grades come out.

### **The Senate:**

Wining endorsements from Delaware ADA are Senator Margaret Rose Henry from Wilmington's Senate District #2; Claire Snyder-Hall from Sussex Senate District #6, and Gary Wolfe from Sussex Senate District #18. Not surprisingly, all are Democrats and all voiced support for a ban on standard capacity magazines.

Sen. Henry is unopposed; Clair Snyder-Hall is running against Republican Senator Ernesto Lopez, and Gary Wolfe faces fellow Democrat Pat Emory in the Democrat Primary the winner of which will face off against Republican Senator Gary Simpson.

Also winning the Delaware **ADA** endorsement for the Senate was the avidly anti-gun Wilmington Councilwoman Sherry D. Walker. Her primary opponent is Senator Robert Marshall who you will remember has his own radical anti-gun credentials that rival those of "The Brady Bunch". Our sympathies go out to the Democratic voters of the 3rd Senatorial District – you have no one on the Primary ticket who cares one whit for your rights as law-abiding gun owners. Not much need for you to go to the polls on Primary day, at least not in the Senate race in District #3.

### **The House:**

Each of the following candidates voiced support for a ban on standard capacity magazines, each is a Democrat and each is endorsed by Delaware **ADA**:

**District #1** – Charles Potter

**District #4** – Gerald Brady

**District #18** – Mike Barbieri – His Democrat Primary opponent is Chris Piecuch who did not file an answer to ADA's questionnaire.

**District #22** – John MacKenzie – Republican Joe Miro is the incumbent in this race and will face fellow Republican Mike Smith in the Republican Primary.

**District #23** – Paul Baumbach

**District #24** – Edward Osienski

**District #25** – John Kowalko

**District #30** – Jonathan Gallo – Republican Bobby Outten is the incumbent in this race

**District #37** – Paulette Rappa – Republican Ruth Briggs King is the incumbent in this race

The following Democrats were NOT Endorsed but still supported a ban on standard capacity magazines:

**District #3** – Helene Keeley

**District #19** – Kim Williams who will face Bill Dunn in the Primary – both support a ban – the winner will face

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Republican Jim Startzman in the General Election in November.

**District #34** – Ted Yacucci – the Republican incumbent in this race is Don Blakey who will face Lyndon Yearick in the Republican Primary.

Now here's the good news – there where three (3) Democrats who were **NOT** endorsed by **ADA** and who **OPPOSED** the ban:

**District #29** – Charles "Trey Paradee – he is the incumbent Democrat and he will face Republican Pete Kramer in the November General Election.

**District #31** – Ralph Taylor opposed the ban and will face anti-gun Dover City Councilman Sean Lynn in the Democrat Primary. Mr. Lynn is on record as supporting the ban, among other anti-gun measures. The winner of that primary will face Republican Sam Chick in the November General Election. If you are a Democrat and live in Dover's 31st House District you have a clear choice of candidates in the September 9th Democrat Primary election.

**District #39** – James Brittingham, who will face Republican incumbent Danny Short in the November General Election.

We hope to have the NRA's grades and endorsements for you soon.

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## COURT DECLARES DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S BAN ON BEARING ARMS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

The nation's capital, long infamous for its strict gun control, is now one step closer to being forced to comply with the Second Amendment. On Saturday, July 26, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued a decision in **Palmer v. District of Columbia**, which challenged D.C.'s ban on carrying firearms in public for self-defense. The court's decision prohibits D.C. officials from enforcing certain provisions of local law that interfere with the constitutional right to bear arms outside the home.

D.C.'s former ban on handguns, of course, resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in District of **Columbia v. Heller**, which in 2008 recognized an individual right under the Second Amendment to possess firearms for self-defense. Two years later, the Supreme Court made clear in **McDonald v. Chicago** that the right recognized in Heller protects individuals from infringement by all levels of government, including federal, state, and local.

Heller and McDonald, however, only challenged the regulations at issue to the extent they applied to keeping firearms in the home. The Supreme Court did not offer explicit guidance on the degree to which the right to "bear" arms applied to carrying firearms in public places for defensive purposes, because that issue was not squarely before it in those cases. Nevertheless, its characterization of the Second Amendment made judicial recognition of the right to bear arms outside the home all but inevitable.

In recent years, federal appellate courts have yielded to the obvious and recognized that the right to bear arms indeed extends beyond one's front door. Notable decisions have included the NRA-backed cases of **Shepard v. Madigan**, which arose out of an Illinois ban on carrying in public, and **Peruta v. San Diego County**, which concerned a local regulation that made California's discretionary licensing system for carry an effective prohibition. These precedents featured prominently in the Palmer court's relatively short, straightforward opinion in that case.

According to the court's opinion in Palmer, "In light of Heller, McDonald and their progeny, there is no longer any basis on which this Court can conclude that the District of Columbia's total ban on the public carrying of ready-to-use handguns outside the home is constitutional under any level of scrutiny."

Predictably, D.C. officials and other gun control advocates have reacted negatively to the decision and have engaged in the same sort of overheated rhetoric about the supposedly "special" dangers of firearms being present in the District as they did during the Heller case. Of course, none of their dire predictions have come to pass as a result of the Heller decision. As with Heller, nothing in the court's decision on Saturday prevents the enforcement of laws pertaining to the criminal misuse of firearms. In both cases, the challenged restrictions made no attempt to distinguish between people who wanted firearms for legitimate versus criminal purposes. Thus, the decisions benefit only those peaceable individuals who conform their behavior to the law, not violent criminals who ignore the law and exploit the law-abiding tendencies of others to further their own criminal activities.

At this time, much remains unclear about the practical effects of the decision, particularly as regards those who are not D.C. residents with D.C. registered firearms. Besides the provisions that were specifically at issue in the case, D.C. has additional regulations governing the possession of firearms, ammunition, and magazines that apparently remain unaffected and that could easily snare unwary visitors to the District.

For a brief period of time, the MPD, acting on the advice of the D.C. Attorney General's Office, had suspended enforcement of the laws enjoined by the court's opinion. Pictures emerged of individuals who took advantage of this opportunity to exercise their right publicly to carry firearms in D.C.

By Monday, however, District officials had petitioned the court to withhold the effect of its decision pending appeal, or in the alternative, for 180 days to allow the D.C. Council to enact new regulations to comply with the opinion. The plaintiffs agreed to a more limited delay of 90 days, and on Tuesday the court issued an order staying the effect of its decision for 90 days to allow D.C. to revisit its laws and to allow the plaintiffs to file arguments against a longer stay pending appeal. The court's Tuesday order effectively reinstates the status quo that existed before its Saturday

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ruling, meaning that D.C.'s laws against carrying firearms in public can continue to be enforced.

Whether the District will seek further review of the court's decision remains to be seen. District officials have 30 days in which to appeal the case. We will provide further updates as more information becomes available.

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## SHERIFFS IGNORE GUN LAWS IN SUPPORT OF 2ND AMENDMENT, CITIZENS

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By Stephanie Hinderer

Some sheriffs in rural areas across the U.S. are vowing to ignore tighter gun laws and stand with the people they serve to support the Second Amendment.

"I made a vow and a commitment that as long as I'm the sheriff of this county I will not allow the federal government to come in here and strip my law-abiding citizens of the right to bear arms," Sheriff Mike Lewis of Wicomico County, Maryland, told NBC News. "If they attempt to do that it will be an all-out civil war. Because I will stand toe-to-toe with my people."

"State police and highway patrol get their orders from the governor," the sheriff added. "I get my orders from the citizens in this county."

As more states pass stronger gun control laws, some sheriffs are finding themselves at odds with the new rules.

NBC noted that the position of sheriff is not in the U.S. Constitution — though it is in state constitutions — and most sheriffs are elected by the people.

"The role of a sheriff is to be the interposer between the law and the citizen," Maryland Delegate Don Dwyer, an Anne Arundel County Republican, told NBC News. "He should stand between the government and citizen in every issue pertaining to the law."

Sheriff Tony Desmond of Schoharie County in New York feels his stand against new gun laws broadening the definition of banned assault weapons helped him get re-elected last year.

"If you have an (assault) weapon, which under the SAFE Act is considered illegal, I don't look at it as being illegal just because someone said it was," he told NBC.

One former sheriff said that upon studying the U.S. Constitution, there shouldn't be any gun control laws at all.

"I studied what the Founding Fathers meant about the Second Amendment, the right to keep and bear arms, and the conclusion is inescapable," said Richard Mack, a former Arizona sheriff and the founder of the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (CSPOA). "There's no way around it. Gun control in America is against the law."

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## \*\* LAST CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE \*\*

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## FOSTER W. RENNIE MEMORIAL TROPHY FUND

The Delaware State Sportsmen's Association was founded in 1968 by a dedicated group of shooters, hunters, conservationists and Second Amendment activists to serve as NRA's "Official State Affiliate" in Delaware. One of those "Founders" was the late LTC. Foster W. Rennie.

A Korean War veteran, Foster served on the Board of Directors of DSSA for almost 45 years. His dedication to the Second Amendment and to the shooting sports served as an inspiration to many of us who have followed in his footsteps. Foster Rennie passed away on April 10, 2014.

During his lifetime, Foster was well known within DSSA and throughout NRA's nation-wide competitive shooting community as a dedicated coach, teacher and mentor. Through his efforts multiple generations of "juniors" and collegiate shooters benefitted from Foster's love of shooting and his ability to teach young people the fundamentals of shooting, the fundamentals of life, the fundamentals of American citizenship, and the fundamentals of the Second Amendment.

Foster and the late George Alves were a nationally known and respected team, and between them they coached a number of NRA Collegiate All-Americans and numerous others who rose to national and international prominence as competitive shooters, mostly out of the DuPont Fish and Game Club, the Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club and the Delaware State Pistol Club.

Foster also served as an NRA Referee and as the NRA's Chief Referee for the Small-bore Phase of the National Matches at Camp Perry. He was a no-nonsense guy who loved young shooters, loved coaching and loved the NRA and DSSA.

Upon his death, Foster's family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to DSSA in Foster's memory, and many of you have already done so. And we thank you for your generosity in Foster's memory.

You may remember that when Foster's coaching partner, George Alves, passed away a few years ago, with your help and through your generosity, DSSA donated a memorial trophy in George's honor to the NRA. The George Alves Memorial Trophy is now a part of the NRA's National Matches and a part of Camp Perry lure.

We believe that is time to re-unite Foster & George at Camp Perry. And, The Rennie Family agrees.

With your help, DSSA would like to donate another trophy to NRA in memory of another of America's greatest coaches and mentors for use during the Small-bore Phase of the National Matches, this one, in memory of LTC. Foster W. Rennie.

I ask you to join me and Ingrid, and the other members of our DSSA Family in making a generous donation to the

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DSSA earmarked for DSSA's newly created LTC. Foster W. Rennie Memorial Trophy Fund.

Please help us honor the memory of our dear friend and Second Amendment activist, Foster Rennie. Please donate today by sending a check to:

Delaware State Sportsmen's Association  
Foster Rennie Memorial Trophy Fund  
PO. Box 94  
Lincoln, DE 19960

Contributions may also be made online by going to <http://dssa.us/donate-to-dssa/> and then scroll down to find the "Donate Button" for the LTC. Foster W. Rennie Memorial Trophy Fund.

Thank you,  
John C. Sigler, President, DSSA

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## Obama Administration Bans Import of Popular Russian Firearms

This week, the Treasury Department used authority delegated to it by the president, under Executive Order 13661, to sanction Russian gun maker Kalashnikov Concern (formerly Izhmash). In the United States, the manufacturer is best known for its popular Saiga rifles and shotguns. While ostensibly a measure to curb aggression by some in the Russian Federation, the move does bar from importation firearms that gun control supporters have long sought to ban. We of course recognize the important role that enacting sanctions can have in furthering legitimate U.S. foreign policy interests. However, in this instance the extent to which these actions coincide with the stated domestic policy goals of gun control supporters is more than a little unsettling. As such, NRA-ILA is monitoring this situation closely.

Executive Order 13661, titled, "Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Ukraine," was signed March 16th in response to Russian actions in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. The order gives the Secretary of the Treasury the power to compile an appropriate list of entities to be sanctioned. On July 16th, the Treasury Department announced that it was expanding this list to include Kalashnikov Concern.

The old adage goes: The only decent product ever produced by the USSR was the AK-47. After the breakup of the USSR and the end of Cold War, Russia has continued to produce well-regarded AK-pattern rifles that have become popular among American gun owners. The intense U.S. demand for Saiga's in recent years led to a 2012 New York Times article profiling the popular imports.

While the United States government blames the Ukrainian conflict for this latest move, gun control advocates will no doubt applaud the ban on importation of some of the very types of firearms at the center of recent domestic attempts to ban so-called "assault weapons."

For current owners of Kalashnikov firearms, the Treasury Department has stated that firearms already owned by Americans or in the secondary market are not affected by the sanctions. In a FAQs that accompanied the July 16th announcement, the Treasury Department made clear:

If a U.S. person is in possession of a Kalashnikov Concern product that was bought and fully paid for prior to the date of designation (i.e., no payment remains due to Kalashnikov Concern), then that product is not blocked and OFAC sanctions would not prohibit the U.S. person from keeping or selling the product in the secondary market, so long as Kalashnikov Concern has no interest in the transaction.

Whatever the true basis of the current decision might be, import restrictions have long been used by the executive branch as a means of unilaterally enacting gun control. Historically, this has often occurred through abuses of the "sporting purposes" test. For example, this standard is used in requiring the Attorney General to authorize import of any firearm that "is generally recognized as particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to sporting purposes." The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE), however, has ignored the popularity of particular shooting sports to justify its attempts prohibit certain firearms. Further, the entire test is constitutionally suspect, particularly in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's Heller decision which recognizes self-defense as core to the Second Amendment right.

More recently, importation of a popular brand of Russian ammunition that had long been available in the U.S. was abruptly banned under a federal regulation pertaining to so-called "armor piercing" handgun ammunition. BATFE has thus far failed to explain why this ammunition, favored by many recreational rifle shooters for its relative affordability, did not qualify for the "sporting purposes" exemption that has been applied to other military surplus cartridges designed for use in rifles. This has led to renewed calls for BATFE to explain its methodology for making "sporting purposes" determinations.

Taking into consideration these past import-based firearms restrictions, and the administration's ongoing attempts to further gun control through executive actions, gun owners are rightfully skeptical. These latest sanctions will no doubt engender the idea among some that the Treasury Department is using a geopolitical crisis as a convenient excuse to advance the president's domestic anti-gun agenda.

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