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## DELAWARE PRIMARY ELECTIONS SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> PLEASE VOTE!

Delaware's Primary Elections will be held throughout the State on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Polls will open from 7:00 am. to 8:00 pm.

Although NRA-ILA does not normally endorse candidates in Primary Elections, this year NRA-ILA has endorsed three (3) **VERY SPECIAL** candidates, two in state-wide races and one in a local race for State Representative.

Once the Primary elections have been completed and the ballots for the November 8th General Election have been set, a full and complete list of "grades" and endorsements will be released.

### NRA-ILA & DSSA PRIMARY ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS STATE-WIDE RACES

#### Governor



NRA-ILA & DSSA has endorsed **Republican Senator Colin Bonini** for Governor and awarded Mr. Bonini an "A+" Rating. Senator Bonini has proven himself time and time again to be a staunch supporter of the Right to Keep and Bear Arms throughout his 22 years in Delaware's Senate.

#### Lt. Governor

NRA-ILA & DSSA has endorsed **Democrat Levy Court Commissioner Bradley S. "Brad" Eaby** and has awarded Mr. Eaby an "A" rating. Mr. Eaby has served the people of Kent County as an effective, pro-freedom Levy Court Commissioner for several years. Mr. Eaby grew up in Lancaster County, PA where he learned to hunt, trap, fish and shoot from his father and friends. Mr. Eaby is an attorney in Dover and is known as a dedicated supporter of the Second Amendment and the right

to keep and bear arms by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes.



*Bradley S. "Brad" Eaby*

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



**35<sup>th</sup> Representative District** – NRA-ILA & DSSA has endorsed **Republican State Rep. Dave Wilson** for re-election and has awarded Mr. Wilson an "A+" rating based upon his voting record and his support for Delaware's hunters and law-abiding gun owners throughout his service in the Delaware General Assembly. Mr. Wilson is an auctioneer and as a part of his profession holds a Federal Firearms Dealers License.

### VOTE FREEDOM FIRST

Based upon the grades and endorsements by NRA-ILA & DSSA it is obvious that these candidates have earned your vote in the Primary Elections on September 13, 2016. As always, please Vote Freedom First.

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**SECOND AMENDMENT FREEDOM BANQUET  
BREAKING NEWS!**  
**Chairman of NRA's Legislative Policy Committee  
to Brief Banquet**

Mr. Graham Hill, Chairman of NRA's Legislative Policy Committee, has agreed to deliver a short Election Year Briefing during DSSA's 2016 Second Amendment Freedom Banquet. Mr. Hill's brief remarks will precede those of our Keynote Speaker, NRA Second Vice President, and NASCAR legend, Richard Childress.

- WHEN:** Friday evening, September 30, 2016 –  
Doors open at 5:30 pm - Meal served at 7 pm.
- WHERE:** MODERN MATURITY CENTER – 1121 Forrest Ave.  
Dover, DE
- WHAT:** \* Live Auction & Silent Auction  
\*Keynote Address BY NRA 2nd VP Richard Childress  
\*Election Year Briefing by Chairman Hill  
\*Presentation – Thompson Memorial Defender of Freedom Award  
\*Great Door Prize – must be present to win
- WHO:** EVERYONE WHO LOVES FREEDOM & WANTS TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHT TO KEEP & BEAR ARMS IS WELCOME!
- HOW:** TICKETS are just \$50 each – Call Carolyn Thompson @ 302-697-6769
- WHY:** \*Because you support the Second Amendment  
\*Because you believe that the right to keep and bear arms is a God-given, fundamental right that must be protected.  
\*Because you want DSSA to continue to protect, defend & expand the rights of hunters & gun owners in Delaware  
\*Because DSSA needs your support.....

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**BRIDGEVILLE RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB GOES  
INTERNATIONAL**

Five members of the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club traveled to Ottawa, Canada in August to participate in the Canadian F-Class National Championships. Mark Holland and Dave Kokoszka traveled north representing Bridgeville as individual competitors while Tony Robertson, John Sigler and Keith Weil made the long trip to Canada's Connaught Ranges as members of the United States F- Open Developmental Rifle Team.



The weather was much hotter than the members expected with temperatures in the high 90's and heat indexes well into the triple digits. If you were looking for mirage to read

there was plenty of it, so much in fact that the targets were almost impossible to distinguish, even during the first relays of the mornings. There were times when the wind and mirage combined to make the black target centers appear to be basketballs bouncing along the berm 900 meters away. But, not to worry, after several days in the blistering heat and humidity, Team Day brought overcast and rain, lots of rain.

Although none of the Bridgeville contingent placed "in the money" during individual competition, the United States F-Open Teams did very well indeed. The United States entered a total of five (5) six-member F-Open teams that finished First through Fifth, respectively. Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club member Tony Robertson fired as a member of the First Place US F-Open Team Blue bringing home the Gold, while US F-Open Team Gold finished Second with Bridgeville members Keith Weil as a firing member and John Sigler serving as Team Captain.

Next stop for Bridgeville's F-Class shooters will be Lodi, Wisconsin, for the NRA's F-Class Nationals in late September.

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**DELAWARE MID-RANGE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Clear skies, light winds and a mirage that was workable all combined to make the two-day 2016 Mid-Range Delaware State Championship hosted by the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club on August 27th & 28th "one for the record books" – literally. Although high temperatures and high humidity combined to make the conditions less than perfect for the two-day 1200 point aggregate and undoubtedly discouraged several of the club's top shooters from shooting both days, those conditions were good enough for three new nationals records to be set and four new Delaware State Champions crowned for 2016.

Winning the Delaware State Resident Mid-Range Championship for Match Rifle was DSSA's own Jeff Hague with a very impressive score of 1193-62x, dropping only one point out of a possible 600 points for a Second day aggregate score of 599-36x.

Winning the Delaware State Resident Mid-Range Championship for F-Open Rifle was Bridgeville Long Range Rifle Team member Dave Kokoszka, posting a two-day aggregate score of 1190-64x. Like Jeff, Dave used Sunday to cement his state title by dropping only two points on Sunday, posting a 598-34x for the day.

Winning the Delaware State Resident Mid-Range Championship for F-T/R Rifle was Dave Darone with a two-day aggregate of 1178=48x.

Winning the first-ever Delaware State Resident Mid-Range Championship for NRA newest rifle discipline was Jie Tang who won the AR Tactical Rifle category with a score of 1041 – 36x. As you will remember, this new AR-Tactical Rifle category is new this year and represents NRA's latest efforts to bring all of those stock AR Platform rifles out to the range in a competitive setting. Given the restrictions on these rifles, Jie Yang's score and first state championship are impressive, indeed.

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CONGRATULATIONS to all of our newly crowned 2016 Mid-Range State Champions. Now for the rest of the story:

The overall winner in Match Rifle was out-of-state competitor Mark Trew who posted a two-day aggregate score of 1196-78x, setting a new national record for a single day aggregate score on Sunday of 600-43x.

Out-of-state competitor David Pessall won the F-T/R Open Championship with a score of 1178-48x, narrowly besting another out-of-state competitor Carole Valentine who posted a two-day aggregate score of 1171-50x. But Carole had her revenge by setting a new Women's F-T/R National record during the very first Match of the tournament on Saturday morning with a 200-14x.

Not to be outdone by his elders, Delaware's Junior shooter, Jonathan Howell broke his own Juniors national record, also during Match #1 on Saturday morning also posting a 200-14x.

Four new State Champions and three new national records – not bad for a late summer weekend in Bridgeville.

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## SUNDAY HUNTING IS FINALLY A REALITY IN DELAWARE !!

The 2016-2017 hunting season kicked off on September 1. Thanks to the efforts of DSSA, the Delaware Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, and various other hunting rights supporters -- for the first time in a very long time, Delaware will allow Sunday hunting.

While this is an exciting development, hunters should be aware that Sunday hunting applies to DEER ONLY and ONLY ON FIVE SUNDAYS. Sunday deer hunting is legal this year on the following dates:

October 9  
November 13  
November 20  
December 11  
January 15

Also be aware that Sunday hunting on private land is allowed during the established dates at the landowner's discretion, but Sunday hunting on public lands must be determined by government agencies (such as the Division of Fish & Wildlife) after they seek public comment. At the August 30 Advisory Council on Wildlife & Freshwater Fish meeting, the Division of Fish & Wildlife proposed segments of four state wildlife areas be open in New Castle County, segments of eight wildlife areas be open in Kent County, and segments of twelve wildlife areas be open in Sussex County. The advisory council unanimously endorsed the proposal to open those state wildlife areas for Sunday hunting, but chose to exclude two state-designated dog training areas.

Sunday hunting on private and public lands is legal from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Also, wildlife management areas that currently use a lottery system for awarding hunts Monday through Saturday will also use a lottery system for Sundays.

To see maps of areas open to Sunday hunting and to learn more about the Sunday hunting regulations, see [www.dnrec.delaware.gov/fw/Pages/Sunday-deer-hunting.aspx](http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/fw/Pages/Sunday-deer-hunting.aspx).

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## MORE EXECUTIVE GUN CONTROL: REGISTRATION, \$2,250 FEES FOR SOME GUNSMITHS

AWR Hawkins, 10 Aug 2016, Breitbart.com

The State Department's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) has issued a letter setting forth more executive gun controls—guidelines for gunsmiths to register with the DDTC and pay fees requisite to that registration.

The registration requirement is presented as being based on the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, but the Arms Export Control Act and the Gun Control Act also play a role.

The DDTC's letter sets forth certain activities that correspond with "manufacturing" and require registration/fees if being done by a gunsmith. The letter also lists a number of activities that a gunsmith can do that do not require registration. The combination of the two—register for this; don't register for that—is cryptic at best and resulted in the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) issuing a statement, which Breitbart News possesses, in which NSSF observed the DDTC's guidelines have "created considerable and understandable confusion and concern among gunsmiths and gun owners."

For example, the DDTC lists registration requirements thus:

*Any person who engages in the United States in the business of manufacturing or exporting or temporarily importing defense articles, or furnishing defense services, is required to register with the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls under §122.2. For the purpose of this subchapter, engaging in such a business requires only one occasion of manufacturing or exporting or temporarily importing a defense article or furnishing a defense service. A manufacturer who does not engage in exporting must nevertheless register.*

DDTC goes on to say a gunsmith does not need to register/pay fees for activities such as "occasional assembly of firearm parts and kits that do not require cutting, drilling, or machining," "firearm repairs involving one-for-one drop-in replacement parts that do not require any cutting, drilling, or machining for installation," "repairs involving replacement parts that do not improve the accuracy, caliber, or other aspects of firearm operation," and more.

However, registration/fees are required for "use of any special tooling or equipment upgrading in order to improve the capability of assembled or repaired firearms," "modifications to a firearm that change round capacity," "production of firearm parts (including, but not limited to, barrels, stocks, cylinders, breech mechanisms, triggers, silencers, or suppressors)," and more.

Both lists, for where registration is or is not required, are elaborate, leading the NSSF to observe that "many of the

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activities DDTC claims require registration constitutes gun smithing and is not manufacturing under any reasonable dictionary definition of the term. DDTC's position is similar to claiming an auto mechanic who fixes your car is a car manufacturer."

Gunsmiths who are required to register will pay a fee of approximately \$2,250.

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## DEFENDING THE 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT AGAINST HILLARY CLINTON

Last week Donald Trump issued a warning about the defense of the 2nd Amendment. He warned that 21st Century patriots might defend the 2nd Amendment against Queen Hillary with the same passion as 18th Century patriots defended it against King George.

For the ignorant or willfully forgetful, the patriots of 1789 who wrote the United States Constitution believed that the rights enumerated in the Constitution and Bill of Rights are rights that all citizens have as natural rights, as gifts from our Creator, not as grants from a benevolent government. Moreover, speaking of King George, the American patriots declared, "A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people."

Donald Trump was warning that when the Bill of Rights is targeted for repeal or nullification, it is likely that patriots will respond with something more direct than a letter to the editor. Undisguised subversion of fundamental rights may spark armed rebellion.

In response to Trump's warning, the public was treated not to an educated debate about the 2nd Amendment but to a media attack on the messenger who sounded the warning. Imagine if the newspapers of Massachusetts in 1775, instead of heeding Paul Revere's warning — "the British are coming!" — had set out to defame and discredit him.

The media establishment is now in open, all-out support of a candidate whose loudest supporters openly call for the repeal of the 2nd Amendment. As President, Hillary Clinton would have both the power and the expressed intent to effectively nullify the 2nd Amendment by appointing Supreme Court judges who can "reinterpret" it out of existence. You want to own a firearm? Okay — go join a state regulated militia.

Donald Trump was warning the establishment that there are patriots who will resist that subversion of constitutional liberty — as patriots did in 1776.

The 2nd Amendment is what protects the 1st Amendment and all of our freedoms. It is not a protection of the right to hunt deer and wild boar, it is a guarantee of the right to defend the home, family and community against all enemies, foreign and domestic.

Lost in the current controversy is recognition of the importance of the 2nd Amendment to the very origin and existence of the United States of America as a sovereign nation. It is an historical fact that while most of the grievances against the British Crown revolved around taxation without

representation and the British Crown's systematic destruction of locally elected legislatures, the actual armed revolt against British oppression which began in April 1775 in Lexington and Concord was sparked by the British Governor of Massachusetts sending an army of "Redcoats" to locate and confiscate a suspected cache of arms and gunpowder. Thus, the American Revolution began as a defense by patriots of the right to bear arms as a means of self-protection against a tyrannical government.

The 2nd Amendment was ratified in 1792 as part of our Constitution. It was adopted by the same generation of patriots who fought the British and wrote both the Declaration of Independence and the original Constitution. It is a well-established fact that the Constitution would not have been ratified by the thirteen state conventions without the promise of adding the Bill of Rights, with the 2nd Amendment being among the most important.

Benjamin Franklin was tasked in the summer of 1776 by the signers of the Declaration of Independence with designing the Great Seal of the United States. Franklin chose as the motto to be adopted as part of that seal, "Rebellion to Tyrants is Obedience to God." Thomas Jefferson liked that phrase so much he adopted it as well.

It is also part of the historical record that the rebellion against King George was understood as a rebellion against the British Parliament — for failing to curtail the King's usurpation of individual's rights. A weak, subservient Parliament enabled King George to wage war against American liberties. For that reason, Americans made the Separation of Powers a cornerstone of constitutional government and gave Congress extensive powers to check a rogue President. That our Congress has chosen to follow the path of the lapdog British Parliament by failing to check a rogue President is a sorry chapter in American history— and sadly, a dark harbinger of things to come.

Now, it may be a surprise to the talking heads at CNN, NBC News, and the Clinton campaign, but the NRA is not the only place in America where the 2nd Amendment is recognized as the keystone of all Constitutional liberty. Millions of Americans understand that if it is removed or subverted through politically motivated jurisprudence, all liberties are in jeopardy. Attacks on the 2nd Amendment are not attacks on gun owners, they are attacks on the sovereignty of a free people.

Since the American Revolution of 1775, millions of soldiers have died defending our constitutional liberties. Millions more are prepared to defend them today and tomorrow.

Each new citizen's Oath of Allegiance and the oath of office of each new military officer includes the pledge to defend the country "against all enemies, foreign and domestic." Citizens taking that oath take it as seriously as do elected officials who recite it before television audiences — indeed, they take it more seriously than politicians who cross their metaphorical fingers in silent mockery of that sacred oath.

Should citizens respect the words or deeds of elected officials who declare their intention to subvert the

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Constitution's most important safeguard against tyranny, the right to bear arms in defense of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? The intent of modern progressives to repeal and abolish constitutional safeguards has been made abundantly clear. As the patriots of 1776 understood and declared, armed resistance is always a last resort to tyranny.

21st Century tyrants must remember the lessons of history, that American patriots will tolerate the subversion of liberty only so far and no further. That is a warning, not a threat, a warning that needs to be heeded if violent acts of rebellion against tyrants are to be avoided.

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## CAMP PERRY ON CRUTCHES

I once again journeyed 10 hours to Camp Perry, on the southern shore of Lake Erie. This was my 11th year at the NRA's National Pistol Matches.

In late April, arthroscopic hip surgery removed a bone spur on my left hip. I am not fully recovered. I have significant problems bending over or transitioning between sitting & standing. I can stand without any difficulty and walk slowly with a limp. I knew the latrines & shower were fully handicap accessible and the huts would be no problem. But, I wondered if I could handle the walking requirements of The National Pistol Matches. I think to understand the concern; it would help if I described the unique characteristics of Camp Perry and the Precision Pistol (aka Bullseye) match requirements.

What is Camp Perry: Camp Perry is a large, uncovered, partially mown field with shooting benches positioned at the 25 and 50 yard firing lines. In the background we can see the rifle targets up to 600 yards away. Beyond the rifle targets lies the Lake Erie impact area. There are 4 ranges with 100 firing positions per range. The firing line is about 200 yards from the



parking lot.

The pistol matches consist of 4 days of shooting. The first day (Wednesday) are practice matches for each of the 3 guns. The championships start on Thursday with the Rim Fire Match, followed by the Centerfire Match on Friday and finishing with the 45 ACP match on Saturday.

Each match consists of 90 shots, from a one hand, standing position. The course of fire is:

Slow Fire Match– 2 strings of 10 shots in 10 minutes fired at 50 yards.

National Match Course

1 Slow Fire target – per above

1 Timed Fire target – 2 strings of 5 shots, 20 seconds per string at 25 yards.

1 Rapid Fire target – 2 strings of 5 shots, 10 seconds per string at 25 yards.

Time Fire Match – 4 strings per above requirements

Rapid Fire Match – 4 strings per above requirements

The total of these 4 matches is the shooters overall score for this stage of the competition.

Upon completion of each course of fire, the shooter walks to the target and scores the shooter on our left, replaces the fired target and returns to the shooting bench.

The Challenge with Crutches: Thus, to shoot the match I must walk 600 yards for scoring and target replacement plus an additional 300 – 400 yards between my truck and the range or approximately 1,000 yards per match.



With the physical requirements, I had set a personal pledge that I would not hold up the match. I found that even with my slow limp, I was seldom the last shooter to return to my shooting bench. To enable me to accomplish this, our Volunteer Block Officer changed my target for me thus allowing me to start back early and not delay the match.

Two tidbits from my experiences:

1. Walking to Range 4, I needed to push my equipment buggy over a small berm. It was a bit of a struggle. As I started down the range side of the berm, a shooter noticed my slow pace and cane. He jogged over and insisted on helping me down the berm and pushed my buggy to the target van and on to the assembly area.

2. On another occasion I lost my balance in the parking lot while returning equipment to my truck and fell. Several shooters and Ohio National Guard Medics came to my aid within in moments. The Medics were very professional, checked for a broken hip or other broken bones, assisted getting me vertical again and checked my vitals.

These considerations were only a small part of the way I was graciously accommodated at Camp Perry. Without exception other shooters, Camp Perry staff, NRA Volunteers, Commercial Row staff all reached out to offer assistance. Frequently it was not necessary, but very touching.

Thank you, Hank Maier



**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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