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ELECTION YEAR EDITION INCLUDES CANDIDATE GRADES AND ENDORSEMENTS FOR ALL DELAWARE STATEWIDE OFFICES AND THE DELAWARE HOUSE AND SENATE

"ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES" v VOTE FREEDOM FIRST

"Elections have consequences", that's what newly elected President Barak Obama said after his first presidential election in 2008. Too bad Governor Jack Markell didn't say that... maybe he should have.

It didn't take long for Governor Markell to attack your God-given right to keep and bear arms after the 2008 election; or after the 2012 election; or after the 2014 election.

What do you think the consequences of the 2016 election will be?

Well, let there be no mistake and let there be no doubt – this 2016 General Election will have consequences for Delaware's gun owners, hunters, sportsmen, shooters and collectors.

No matter who wins in the House or who wins in the Senate, and no matter who "The Governor" will be.

The only question is whether there will be enough pro-gun and pro-freedom Senators and Representatives of both parties in the Delaware General Assembly to stop the gun-grabbing efforts of people like Michael Bloomberg and various state coalitions such as the Delaware Coalition against Gun Violence.

The answers to both of those questions are up to you.....

Yes, "elections have consequences" – but you have the power to determine those consequences – but only if you vote, and only if you **vVote Freedom First**.

This isn't about Republicans or Democrats – this is about Freedom, and who stands with Matt Denn, Hillary Clinton, George Soros, Michael Bloomberg, and with the other enemies of Freedom.

Only you can determine whether the consequences of this election are pro-gun and pro-freedom, or whether they will be anti-gun and anti-freedom.

Strong words...? Yep! You bet they are!

But so are the consequences if you fail to **vVote Freedom First**.

November 8th is "Truth and Consequences Day" – Election Day 2016

Tell your family; tell your friends; tell your neighbors; tell your co-workers and tell everyone who will listen – this election is all about "consequences" – this election is about

freedom – in truth, this election is about your future, and the future of all Delawareans.

Tell everyone who will listen that because elections have consequences – the only alternative is to **VOTE FREEDOM FIRST!!!**

"Eternal Vigilance is the Price of Liberty"

**By John C. Sigler
DSSA President**

The quotation which serves as the title for this piece has been attributed to many, including Thomas Jefferson, but in this case the quotation comes from a speech given by the abolitionist Wendell Phillips before the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society in 1852. More fitting for our purposes, perhaps, is a similar quotation taken from Andrew Jackson's Farewell Address, March 4, 1837, which reads as follows:

"But you must remember, my fellow-citizens, that eternal vigilance by the people is the price of liberty, and that you must pay the price if you wish to secure the blessing. It behooves you, therefore, to be watchful in your States as well as in the Federal Government."

Those prophetic words spoken so long ago by Andrew Jackson serve as the watchwords and operating principles of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association as we work to safeguard the most basic right of all, the Right to Keep and Bear Arms for law-abiding citizens engaged in lawful pursuits here in the First State.

Election Day 2016 will soon be upon us. As President Obama so succinctly pointed out in multiple interviews and statements, "elections have consequences". The elections to be held just a few days from now on November 8th will be the most important and most consequential of our lifetime.

The future of our Republic, our State and our Right to Keep and Bear Arms are on the ballot!

Our anti-gun enemies believe that this is their year. For the first time in history, anti-gun candidates at the national, state and local levels are openly running against the Second Amendment and are openly challenging your God-given Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

Edmund Burke is reported to have once observed that *"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing"*.

Now is the time to do something– now is the time to be involved – do your part for freedom and fight the tyranny of the gun-grabbers during this election year.

Even if you have never voted before – this is the year to do something – this is the year to VOTE!

In the words of Dwight D. Eisenhower " *History does not entrust the care of freedom to the weak or the timid*". (First Inaugural Address, Jan. 20, 1953).

It is time to be strong. It is time to vote – it is time to Vote Freedom First!

It is time to be vigilant. It is time to put all of the press-created nonsensical, non-issues to the side and to ask yourself the following questions:

Who do I trust to defend the Constitution?

Who do I trust to respect, protect and defend our Republic?

Who do I trust to protect and defend the Right to Keep and Bear Arms?

Who do I trust to respect my rights as a free citizen?

Who do I trust to keep me and my family free from governmental tyranny?

The answer is simple.....

I trust the NRA and I trust the DSSA. And, I trust the candidates who stand with NRA and who stand with DSSA.

I will be vigilant and I will do something. I will vote for NRA endorsed candidates and for the candidates with the very best NRA and/or DSSA "grades".

I **will not** "let evil triumph"..... I **will** do "something"...

I **will** go to the polls on Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

I **will** Vote Freedom First!

"It's All Your Fault!"

It's all your fault! Or at least it could be....

Every election year someone loses an election by just one vote – and someone wins, by just one vote.

In 2014, there were several elections right here in Delaware that were one and lost by one, two or just a few votes – in one case, the election went all the way to the Supreme Court – over just one vote.

Imagine what it would be like to wake up the morning after the election to learn that some rabid anti-gun, freedom-hating politician won by just one vote – and your vote – the one you didn't cast, was the one that could have made the difference – it's all your fault!

Imagine what it would be like to wake up the morning after the election to learn that some anti-gun politician won by just one vote – your vote - because you just couldn't bring yourself to vote for "the other guy"....it's all your fault!

It's all your fault – if you don't vote Freedom First, and the Bad Guy wins.

If you call yourself a "patriot" and you don't vote Freedom First... you are lying to yourself... you're not a patriot - and it's all your fault!

Every vote counts – your vote, my vote, her vote – all votes count and every vote could mean the difference as to who wins, who loses and whether Freedom is preserved.

Go to the polls on November 8th – go into the booth and vote in every race – from President to "dog catcher" – from top to bottom – choose freedom over tyranny, choose "good guys" over bad guys"... vote in every race... do your duty, be a patriot...

Don't let it be your fault – vote Freedom First!

Three Very Special Candidates – Three Very Special Leaders

Every year we ask our members to step forward and run for office. Every year we seek candidates to take on the responsibility of fighting for our rights and to represent our interests in government. And every year we look for people who have the drive and desire to be our leaders and to show us the way toward an honest and representative government. This year we have three very special candidates who have accepted the challenge and who have committed themselves to being the leaders we so desperately need – three very special candidates, indeed. "Why are these three candidates so special", you ask?

Because all three are members of your DSSA Board of Directors. One is running for the Delaware State Senate; one is running for the Delaware State House of Representatives and one is running for a seat on the Kent County Levy Court.

Delaware State Senate – Senate District #7

Anthony Delcollo, Esq. is a member of the DSSA Board of Directors and one of the founders of the Delaware Association of Second Amendment Lawyers. Mr. Delcollo is a Republican running against long-time incumbent Democrat Senator Patricia M. Blevins, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

When we asked Anthony why he chose to challenge the most powerful member of the Senate he said: "It's a matter of principle. Not only is my opponent the "proud owner" of a very bad voting record when it comes to Second Amendment issues, she also owns a very poor record on a host of other issues that are important to the people of the 7th Senatorial District. Yes, Senator Blevins is a powerful member of her caucus and a powerful member of the Senate, but she has lost touch with the people of our district and has spent far too much time representing other interests and pushing a nationally-inspire agenda when she should have been representing the interests and desires of the people of her district. It's time for a change and if this is to be a "change election" then that change needs to begin at the top."

Delaware House of Representatives District #17

James R. Startzman, is a member of the DSSA Board of Directors and an avid advocate for the constitutional rights of all law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes. Mr. Startzman is a Republican challenger running against NRA F-rated Democrat incumbent Kimberly Williams. This is Jim's second run for the Delaware House of Representatives. When we asked Jim why he is running again this is what he said:

"The people of the 17th Representative District deserve better than we have gotten from our current Representative. I believe that when you are elected to the House of Representatives you are duty-bound to represent the people of your district and not simply toe the party line as my opponent has done. Very few, if any, of her party-line votes actually represent the interests, desires or expectations of her constituents. The people of the 17th Representative District expect more and deserve more – I intend to give them more."

Kent County Levy Court – District #5

John C. Sigler, Esq. is a member of the DSSA Board, the current DSSA President, a founding member of the Delaware Association of Second Amendment Lawyers, a current NRA Director and a Past President of the NRA. Mr. Sigler is a Republican challenger running against a two-term Democrat incumbent by the name of George Sweeney.

Given John's solid Second Amendment credentials and the fact that Delaware's Firearms Preemption Laws prevent the county government from passing any sort of gun laws, whatsoever, we were interested in hearing his reasons for running for this position. This is what he said:

"I have always been a staunch advocate for responsible and responsive government that is accountable to the people at all times and at all levels. I believe that government should work for all of the people all of the time, not just some of the people some of the time.

It's all about philosophy and a belief in, and a love for, our great nation, our state and Kent County. This is my home. County government is as close to the people as any governmental body can get. Although Levy Court commissioners are elected on a partisan basis, the Levy Court has a history of collegiality and of working on an almost non-partisan basis. Kent County Levy Court is in desperate need of true leadership. Being one of only seven commissioners I might actually be able to accomplish something of value for the people of Kent County."

These are three very special candidates and three very special leaders. Now it's your turn.... Now it's up to the voters.

Metallic Silhouette Competition

Delaware Rifle and Pistol has a metallic silhouettes league every Monday evening from 7PM to 9PM. This event is open to the public and cost \$2.00 for the evening.

Metallic Silhouettes consist of 5 rams, 5 turkeys, 5 hogs and 5 chickens of descending size which are shot with any 22 cal rim fire pistol or rifle at a distance of 50'. You have 30 seconds to prepare and 2 minutes to shoot each 5 shot segment, rotating through the four types of silhouettes. We run 2 segments for a total of 40 shots.

Scoring is easy, one shot, one hit. Perfect score is 40.

The event is open to any age shooting pistol or rifle with open sights or optics. Many members bring their children, grand children and others normally shooting bench rest rifle.

Shooting steel silhouettes is fun and challenging.

Please visit DRPclub.org for directions to the club. Any questions, please contact Roger Boyce 302-743-6331

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DELAWARE LAW ENFORCEMENT MARKSMANSHIP ASSOCIATION

The Delaware Law Enforcement Marksmanship Association (known as DLEMA) was established in the mid 1970's for the purpose of offering competitions for Law Enforcement officers. Dover PD and the Delaware State Police were the first to dedicate teams for these competitions. The National Rifle Association was instrumental in opening the competitions to a wide variety of handgun courses of fire and handguns were designated, stock and open class, and both semi autos and revolvers. This course of fire is designed specifically for the purpose of encouraging law enforcement officers to participate in competitive shooting using standard issue police duty firearms and so competitors do not incur the additional cost for specialized firearms or equipment. This match is an aggregate of the following stages.

Stage 1: 3 yards, double action - 6 shots one hand standing without support, 8 seconds.

Stage 2: 7 yards, double action - 12 shots, one or two hands standing without support position. Twenty seconds, includes reloading for second 6 shot string.

Stage 3: 15 yards, double action - 12 shots, one or two hands standing without support. Twenty seconds, includes reloading for second 6 shot string.

Stage 4: 25 yards, double action - 18 shots, one or two hands; 6 shots kneeling, from behind the barricade for cover and support; 6 shots standing left hand from behind the barricade; and 6 shots standing right hand from behind the barricade. Ninety seconds, includes reloading for subsequent 6 shot string.

The range used is the Nanticoke Sportsman Association in Seaford, DE. The completion has now ended, however a Winter league will begin in November, with the dates indicated below. Although the course of fire is Law Enforcement under NRA rules, DLEMA is open to the civilian shooters. All shoots began at 0900 hrs and weather dictates indoor or outdoor.

VOTE

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2016 Candidate Report Card

DELAWARE STATE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

NRA's Official State Affiliate in Delaware

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DELAWARE FOUNDATION FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The following information is being provided as a service to our members and is designed to provide our members with information as to how we view each of the various candidates for public office in terms of their support for the rights of hunters, sportsmen, shooters and gun owners with special focus on the fundamental right to keep and bear arms. For simplicity, familiarity and ease of use, the grading system used herein is very similar to that used by the NRA-ILA Political Victory Fund.

✓ Candidates recommended by DSSA are shown in red

(D) = Democrat (R) = Republican

* Indicates an Incumbent

? = Did not submit Questionnaire to NRA & No Additional Information

(May be assumed to be hostile or indifferent to your Second Amendment Rights)

Statewide Candidates

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

✓Hans Reigle (R) A
Lisa Blunt Rochester (D) F

LT. GOVERNOR

La Mar T. Gunn (R) ?
Bethany A. Hall-Long (D) C

GOVERNOR

✓Colin R.J.M. Bonini (R) A+
John Carney (D) F

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

✓Jeffrey Cragg (R) A
Trinidad Navarro (D) ?

DELAWARE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Where no opponent is listed any opposing candidate(s) are not major party candidates)

DELAWARE STATE SENATE

District #1

√ James Spadola (R) B
* Harris B. McDowell III (D) F

District #7

√ Anthony Delcollo (R) A+
* Patricia M Blevins (D) C

District #9

John Walsh (D) ?

District #13

* David B. McBride C

District #15

√* David G. Lawson (R) A+

District #20

√* Gerald W. Hocker (R) A+
Perry J. Mitchell (D) ?

District #5

√* Catherine L. Cloutier (R) A-
Denise Bowers (D) ?

District #8

Meredith Chapman (R) D-
* David P. Sokola (D) F

District #12

*Nicole Poore (D) F

District #14

√* Bruce C. Ennis (D) A+
Carl Pace (R) AQ

District #19

√* Brian G. Pettyjohn (R) A+

DELAWARE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District #1

* Charles Potter (D) F

District #3

*Helene Keeley (D) F

District #5

* Melanie G. Smith (D) D

District #7

* Bryon Short (D) D

District #2

*Stephanie Bolden (D) D

District #4

*Gerald Brady (D) C

District #6

* Debra Heffernan (D) F

District #8

* S. Quinton Johnson (D) C

District #9

√ * Kevin Hensley (R) A
Monique Johns (D) ?

District #11

√* Jeffrey Spiegelman (R) A+
David L. Neilson (D) F

District #13

* John L. Mitchell, Jr. (D) B-

District #15

*Valerie Longhurst (D) F

District #17

√*Michael Mulrooney (D) A

District #19

√James R. Startzman AQ+
Kimberly Williams (D) F

District #21

*Michael Ramone (R) B

District #23

*Paul Baumbach (D) F

District #25

*John Kowalko (D) F
Michael Nagorski (R) ?

District #27

*Earl G. Jaques, Jr. (D) F

District #29

√* Wm. "Trey"Paradee (D) A+
Janice Gallagher (R) AQ

District #10

√Judith Travis (R) AQ
* Sean Matthews (D) F

District #12

√*Deborah Hudson (R) A

District #14

√James Louis Demartino (R) AQ
* Peter C. Schwartzkopf (D) D

District #16

*James Johnson (D) D-

District #18

* David Bentz (D) ?

District #20

√* Stephen T. Smyk (R) A+
Barbara W. Vaughn (D) ?

District #22

*Joseph Miro (R) B
Lanette R. Edwards (D) ?

District #24

Timothy S. Conrad (R) F
*Edward Osienski (D) F

District #26

*John Viola (D) C

District #28

√*William Carson (D) A+

District #30

√*(Bobby) Outten (R) A+
Charles Groce (D) ?

District #31

Jean M. Dowding (R) ?
* Sean M. Lynn (D) F

District #32

√*Andria Bennett (D) A
Patricia McDaniel Foltz (R) D

District #33

√ Charles S. Postles (R) AQ
Karen Dee Williams (D) ?

District #34

√Lyndon Yearick (R) A
david Henerson (D) AQ

District #35

√*David Wilson (R) A+
Gary M. Wolfe (D) ?

District #36

√*Harvey Kenton (R) A+

District #37

√*Ruth Briggs King (R) A+
Paulette Ann Rappa (D) F

District #38

√Ron Gray (R) A

District #39

√*Daniel Short (R) A+

District #40

√Timothy Dukes (R) A

District #41

√*Richard G. Collins (R) A+
Bradley S. Connor (D) AQ

****Please note that the candidate grades shown here are reflective of issues that are specific to Delaware and the DSSA and the Delaware Foundation for Legislative Action and are NOT necessarily identical to those published by NRA-ILA Political Victory Fund.**

VOTE

√ FREEDOM FIRST

ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 8, 2016

**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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