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CONGRATULATIONS!

Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club Goes 100% DSSA

For many years, the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club has been a 100% NRA Club, meaning that to be a member of the Bridgeville club its members must also become and remain members of the NRA.

On Sunday, December 4, 2016, during its Annual Meeting of Members, the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club made history by unanimously voting to amend the club's Bylaws to require not only NRA membership but also membership in NRA's official state affiliate, the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association. The Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club, LTD, now claims the distinction of being the first 100% NRA club to also become a 100% DSSA club.

It is important to note that throughout the members' discussion of the proposed Bylaw Amendment, DSSA was recognized repeatedly by those present for its many efforts and accomplishments protecting, defending, and representing the right to keep and bear arms in Delaware and representing the various interests of Delaware's community of hunters, trappers, gun owners, competitive shooters, collectors, sportsmen and women over the past 48 or so years. Present at the meeting were two State Senators and two members of the Delaware House of Representatives all of whom spoke effusively about how important and influential DSSA is and has been in protecting the rights of all Delawareans. The members obviously understood the important role DSSA plays as NRA's official affiliate in Delaware when they voted unanimously to become the first 100% DSSA Club in Delaware.

The Board of Directors of DSSA congratulates the Bridgeville Club for its accomplishment and welcomes all 1400+ members of the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club to the ranks of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association – WELCOME ABOARD!

ELECTIONS ARE OVER – SO, WHAT'S NEXT?

The 2016 Delaware General Elections are now finally behind us, so what's next? To be honest, we really don't know what's next, but here's what we do know:

We know that we have a new Governor with a very confusing record in terms of his positions on the Right to Keep and Bear

Arms, and a new Lt. Governor who was once an "A-Rated" senator but who could barely claim a "C-Rating" during this past election. We know that if our new Governor continues where he left off as an anti-gun U.S. Congressman, then we may be in for a very long four years. But, if our new Governor picks up where he left off eight years ago, when he was our Lt. Governor, then perhaps Delaware's law-abiding gun owners, sportsmen and hunters might be able to relax just a little bit. Only time will tell whether the new Governor and Lt. Governor will respect your rights as they once did in their respective careers, or whether they will follow the lead of the last administration and gleefully attack your rights at every opportunity – only time will tell.

Although a few faces may have changed in the Delaware House of Representatives, the actual numbers of pro-gun versus anti-gun Representatives remains relatively unchanged, for the most part. The House Majority is still controlled by a small handful of anti-gun zealots who have no respect whatsoever for you or your constitutional rights, so we can expect more attacks from them in this new General Assembly. Look for Bills with great sounding "mom-and-apple-pie" names designed to their disguise despotic anti-gun agendas; and look for Bills cynically touting protections for selected classes of individuals that are in reality nothing more than another dose of the same anti-gun and anti-freedom garbage we have come to expect from these folks.

For example, we have already learned that at least one measure is being considered that will probably be "sold" as providing protections for veterans in crisis but which will really be nothing more than a cynical attempt to strip veterans and others of their rights. Also, look for this group to bring forth a myriad of antigun proposals inspired by the same radicals that have been so successful in stripping the citizens of Washington, Oregon, and California of their rights – one ill-conceived anti-gun measure at a time. We also expect to see some of the same tired old favorites of the anti-gun elites such as a so-called "safe storage" bill, a magazine capacity ban, and another attempt to ban America's most popular semi-auto rifles and shotguns.

And, because they know that they can no longer win at the federal level, look for Bloomberg and his kind to flood Delaware with millions of dollars and dozens of liars all designed to confound and confuse your legislators into voting for their cynical anti-gun and anti-freedom agenda.

The one true ray of hope this year will be in the Senate where DSSA Board member Anthony Delcollo will be replacing the rabidly anti-gun and anti-freedom former Senate President

Pro Tempore, Patricia Blevins. Senator Delcollo's defeat of Senator Blevins shifted the balance of power in the Senate away from the anti-gun crowd and moved it more toward our way of thinking. Again, there are a few new faces in this Chamber and only time will tell exactly how the Senate will conduct itself in this new, 149th Delaware General Assembly. The one thing we do know for certain about the 149th Delaware General Assembly is that there will be at least one Special Election held in 2017. The elevation of Senator Hall-Long to the Lt. Governor's seat will leave the Senate evenly divided with 10 Republicans and 10 Democrats and one open seat, thus requiring a Special Election to fill her empty seat in the 10th Senate District.

This Special Election will be like none we have seen in the past and could very well be of historic proportions and consequences. Should the Republicans win this seat, control of the Senate will shift away from the Democrats for the first time in decades and could signal the end to "one party rule" in Delaware. Both sides are very much aware of the importance of this race and both sides can be expected to do everything within their power to win this seat. At least one local pundit has predicted that well over \$1Million will be spent on this race.

We are hoping, of course, that both Parties will nominate Senate candidates who will protect, defend and respect your right to keep and bear arms. We are hoping that both DSSA and NRA will be allowed to simply sit on the sidelines and let the candidates and their respective Parties fight it out on issues other than our own. But if that does not happen, you may rest assured that we will do everything within our power to ensure that this most important, pivotal seat goes to a pro-gun, pro-hunter, pro-freedom senator who will stand with us to fight the bad bills that we know will be coming out of the House.

Finally, no matter how everything else plays out, the one thing that you can count on about the 149th Delaware General Assembly is this: Both the NRA and your DSSA have developed our own pro-gun, pro-hunting, pro-freedom agendas. You may rest assured that we are fully prepared to fight on both offense and on defense in the 149th Delaware General Assembly to preserve, protect, defend and expand the rights of all of Delaware's law-abiding citizens. Our guiding light throughout the 149th Delaware General Assembly will be the words of hope and freedom contained in Article I Section 20 of our Delaware Constitution – words put there through the efforts of the NRA and your DSSA back in 1987:

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

These words of freedom, respect and responsibility are the words that will guide us every day as we fight for you and your God-given right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes; and as we do our dead-level best to protect and defend the rights of Delaware's community of hunters,

trappers, gun owners, sportsmen and women, competitors, and collectors just as we have successfully since DSSA was founded in 1968.

ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

The 2017 Annual Meeting of Members will be held on Sunday, January 22nd 2017, at the FOP Lodge on Kitts Hummock Road south of Dover ADFB in Dover.

MEMBERS ONLY.

Doors will open at noon. The business meeting will begin at 1 pm.

Please come and join us.

Lending a Gun to a Friend or Student?

By Roger Boyce

A common question that comes up in Delaware is, "Can I lend a gun to a friend or student without getting a background check?" With the background check proposals that have gone around in the last few years it is easy to get confused. But the short answer is that you can lend a firearm to another person "known personally" to you for "any lawful purpose for a period of up to 14 days" without getting a background check. But remember, you are always responsible for knowing that the person is not a "prohibited person". If you allow a "prohibited person" to possess a firearm you can be held criminally liable. You should read the law for yourself or seek legal counsel on your own.

The following link will provide you with details (reprinted below):

<http://delcode.delaware.gov/title11/c005/sc07/index.shtml>

See specifically, **Title 11, Chapter 5, Subchapter VII, Section 1448B, Line (2)a**

(Click on the link for 1448B and it should take you to this section):

§ 1448B Criminal history record checks for sales of firearms — Unlicensed persons.

(a) No unlicensed person shall sell or transfer any firearm, as defined in § 222 of this title, to any other unlicensed person without having conducted a criminal history background check through a licensed firearms dealer in accordance with § 1448A of this title and § 904A of Title 24, as the same may be amended from time to time, to determine whether the sale or

transfer would be in violation of federal or state law, and until the licensed firearms dealer has been informed that the sale or transfer of the firearm may "proceed" by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, NICS Section or 25 days have elapsed from the date of the request for a background check and a denial has not occurred.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Licensed dealer" means any person licensed as a deadly weapons dealer pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 24 and 18 U.S.C. § 921 et seq.

(2) "Transfer" means assigning, pledging, leasing, loaning, giving away, or otherwise disposing of, but does not include:

a. The loan of a firearm for any lawful purpose, for a period of 14 days or less, by the owner of said firearm to a person known personally to him or her;

b. A temporary transfer for any lawful purpose that occurs while in the continuous presence of the owner of the firearm, provided that such temporary transfer shall not exceed 24 hours in duration;

c. The transfer of a firearm for repair, service or modification to a licensed gunsmith or other person lawfully engaged in such activities as a regular course of trade or business; or

d. A transfer that occurs by operation of law or because of the death of a person for whom the prospective transfer or is an executor or administrator of an estate or a trustee of a trust created in a will.

Be sure you know and can trust the person you are loaning a firearm to. They need to understand how to store and use the firearm safely and legally. Record all their contact information and it's a good idea to record the serial number of the firearm that is being loaned. If the firearm is lost or stolen while it's being loaned, this information will be needed for the police report. It will go a long way to show that you were responsible in your consideration of loaning a firearm.

Metallic Silhouettes

Delaware Rifle and Pistol has a metallic silhouette league every Monday evening from 7PM to 9PM. This event is open to the public and costs \$2.00 per firearm 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 caliber rim fire pistol or rifle at 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, grandchildren 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

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New York Times editorial claims "public safety" would be at risk if Donald Trump signs national reciprocity for concealed carry permits into law.

by [AWR Hawkins](#)

The [NYT suggested](#) that such a move will only further the "fantasy" Trump embraced during the campaign; the "fantasy that citizens can stand upon to gunmen by shooting it out"

On June 27, 2016, approximately two weeks after the attack on the gun-free zone in the Orlando Pulse nightclub, a concealed carry permit holder stopped a mass shooting outside a Spartanburg, South Carolina, nightclub. The concealed carry permit holder stopped the attempted mass shooting by drawing his own gun and shooting the attacker.

[May 31, 2015](#), an armed citizen pulled his own gun and opened fire on an alleged attacker inside a liquor store, thereby ending a would-be mass shooting. The incident occurred at the Magnet Bottle Shop in Conyers, Georgia, where the attacker was randomly shooting at anyone in his path. Forty-four-year-old Todd C. Scott drew his own gun and opened fire, ending the attack.

[On April 17, 2015](#), an Uber driver with a concealed carry permit thwarted an attempted mass shooting by pulling his own weapon and shooting a gunman who had opened fire in Chicago's Logan Square.

[On March 22, 2015](#), a man who opened fire on children and adults in a Philadelphia barbershop was shot and killed by a citizen with a concealed carry permit. The permit holder was outside, walking past the barbershop when he heard shots. He ran inside and killed the attacker.

The *NYT* also suggests the use of concealed carry handguns for self-defense is a "myth." Here are two recent examples of the "myth" taking place:

On November 27, 2016, [a food store clerk in Florida](#) survived an armed robbery by pulling his concealed carry handgun and shooting and killing the armed assailant.

Two weeks ago in Levittown, Pennsylvania, [a customer in Porfirio's II Pizza](#) pulled a Glock handgun and shot and killed one of two alleged armed robbers and left the second robbery suspect in "serious condition."

What follows is just a microcosm of the mythical use of concealed carry guns during 2014 and 2015. This list is a just a glimpse into a six-week time period: ([Nov. 30, 2015](#)) A Washington state mother shot an alleged home invader to save her children.

([Dec. 8, 2015](#)) A veteran confined to walker used a gun to stop home invasion.

([Dec. 9, 2015](#)) Antioch, California, homeowner opened fire on two home invaders.

([Dec. 19, 2015](#)) A 14-year-old shot and killed an intruder to save grandparents.

([Dec. 20, 2015](#)) A man used a handgun in self-defense when confronted by an armed robber outside an Ohio mall. He killed the would-be robber, ending the attack.

([Dec. 26, 2015](#)) A Good Samaritan witnessed a domestic attack, pulled pistol, and held the man at gunpoint until police arrived.

([Dec. 27, 2015](#)) A home invader put a gun to a woman's neck in Memphis. The invader was shot and killed by the homeowner.

([Dec. 28, 2015](#)) A Bucks County, Pennsylvania, resident shot an intruder who broke through the glass door on her apartment.

([Dec. 29, 2015](#)) A home invader was shot and killed after a pregnant woman helped fight him off.

([Dec. 30, 2015](#)) A pastor shot a man who attacked him inside the church.

([Dec. 30, 2015](#)) A Texas fireworks stand owner used a gun to shoot and stop armed robbers.

([Jan. 9, 2016](#)) Four armed robbers stormed a women's gun store in Shawnee, Kansas, and the co-owner's life was spared when her husband intervened by opening fire on the suspects.

([Jan. 10, 2016](#)) A California homeowner survived an initial attack by a home invader, retrieved a gun, and held the suspect at gunpoint until police arrived.

([Jan. 11, 2016](#)) A man put a gun to a Papa John's Pizza delivery woman's head; she pulled her own gun and shot him in the face.

([Jan. 12, 2016](#)) An armed robber in a Milwaukee barber shop was shot and killed by a patron with a concealed carry license/handgun.

([Jan. 13, 2016](#)) An armed Taco Bell robber ordered would-be victim to drop his pants, but the victim pulled his gun instead and shot the robber dead.

The *NYT*'s claims that it is "fantasy" to think concealed permit holders can stop shootings and that it is "myth" that concealed carry guns are used for self-defense are not new. The *NYT* made very similar claims [on October 26, 2015](#) and was aided, at that time, by a companion piece in [The Washington Post](#) which claimed that .0002266% of concealed permit holders have been accused of a mass shooting. The *WaPo* suggested that such accusations against .0002266% of permit holders proves concealed carry makes Americans less safe.

But an armed citizen at the Orlando Pulse could have stopped or at least lessened that attack in the same way that the concealed permit holder stopped the March 22, 2015, attack at the Philadelphia barbershop. An armed citizen at the December 2, 2015, San Bernardino attack would have stopped or at least lessened the severity of that vicious shooting spree. And armed citizens could have stopped or at least lessened the severity of the November 13, 2015, Paris attack that killed 130.

Regarding Paris, [Trump said](#):

One of the things I bring up, and I bring it up all the time, is the Second Amendment. Because, when you look at that slaughter that took place—Paris is one of the toughest guns zones, you can't have a gun. France also, you can't have a gun.

It's virtually impossible to get one. And you look at those places where it was carnage, it was horrible; a horrible thing to watch and a horrible thing to see....I can tell you, if people in that room—some of them, you don't need too many...[if they had had guns] they would have had a couple of killings but it wouldn't have been the good buys, it would have been the bad guys.

So, Trump supports national reciprocity. It is a way to be sure there are more concealed carry permit holders in more places, ready and able to defend their lives and the lives of their fellow Americans. The *NYT* says this puts "public safety" at risk.

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The Single Action Shooting Society makes History in the FIRST STATE, DELAWARE "Riding for the Brand"

by William D. Bell aka [Deacon Will Sass 24170 TG]



Dead Eye Dutch's STAGE as it approaches the town Circle carrying the Sheriff, R.T. Lee and the all-important 'axe'. Sherriff Lee and Doc in the Box waving to the crowds. Note the great detail taken in the construction.

Delawareans take pride of their place in history. On December 7, 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the [Constitution of the United States](#), thereby becoming known as **The First State**.

In 1791, the Delaware Legislature required all votes to be cast on Election Day at the new County Seat, Georgetown, Delaware which is located at the center of the county. Delaware has three counties and Sussex has the largest land area. Thus, all Sussex County residents had to travel to Georgetown in order to vote on Election Day, and then return

two days later to hear the results – hence the name **Return Day**. The winners of that year's political races would parade around the town circle in horse drawn carriages, and then the winners and losers and the chairs of the county's political parties would perform the ceremonial "burying the hatchet" into a tub of sand.

In 1811, voting districts were created across the state, but the Board of Canvassers would still meet two days later in Georgetown to announce the final election results. Although television and the internet have eliminated the need for Return Day, the tradition is a time-honored tradition for Delaware residents to join together for a day of fun and a touch of nostalgia. Sussex County Return Day is recognized as the only event of its kind in the nation.

The ceremonial "burial of the hatchet" symbolizes the official end of Delaware's political season and a return to civility within Delaware politics.

The sand used to do the symbolic burying is brought from Lewes, Delaware which is the site of the original Sussex county seat. The "hatchet" is a "single-handed striking tool (axe) and is also referred to as a tomahawk."

There is also an OX roast on the circle where after a two-day preparation an OX open pit BBQ is served after the 'reading of the results'; the citizens are invited to eat free.

2016's theme was HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT and offered a grand opportunity for the Single Action Shooting Society Members to be a part of the festivities. It just so happens the elected County Sheriff, Robert T. Lee SASS 104419, is an active member of The Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) and the two clubs in the area, Paden's Posse (Bridgeville Rifle Pistol Club) and the Eas'dern Shore Renegades (Delmarva Sportsman's Association).

When the ballots were cast on election day, they were counted and certified at the court house and then given to the custody of the Sheriff until they were presented to the Town Crier to be read aloud to the citizens. The Sheriff is also given custody of the Hatchet to be delivered for the Burying Ceremony.

Sheriff Lee had seen a stage coach replica built by SASS Member 62266, Dead Eye Dutch [Jack Vliet] after it's unveiling at the SASS Delaware State Match in May of 2016 and was impressed with quality of the build. With some discussion among a few SASS members, Sheriff Lee then presented an idea to the Return Day Committee to invite Dead Eye Dutch and his Stage Coach to be the vehicle to deliver the all-important Hatchet for the completion of the ceremony on Return Day. The Committee approved the idea and the services of Dead Eye Dutch SASS 62266, Doc in the Box [Jim Plastine] SASS 40647 and Deacon Will [William Bell] SASS 24170 TG were secured to assist in the presentation and documenting this historic event.

To make the day 'official', for having custody and given the responsibility of transporting the Sheriff and the all-important 'axe', Dead Eye Dutch and Doc in the Box were sworn in as Sussex County Deputy Sheriffs and presented Badges during the ceremony prior to the event.

The event was opened with much pomp and circumstance, bands playing and singing and a parade that featured over twenty horse drawn carriages with the politicians that were running for office, winners and losers. Following the carriages, The Dead Eye Dutch's Wells Fargo Stage Coach delivered the Sheriff, his Wife Lori Darling [Lori Lee], Dead Eye Dutch and Doc in the Box to present the ceremonial Hatchet to the officials who would eventually bury it for all those present to see. The parade continued for another hour with more bands, marching units, police motorcycle contingent, fire trucks, new, antique and a bevy of classic vehicles and many politicians addressing the crowds that had packed the city streets and town 'circle'.

At the conclusion of the parade, and acknowledgment of State officials, Governor and former Governor, Senators and Representatives, a few speeches were then made. The election results were read by the Town Crier concluding with the hatchet being buried in the sand. It was time to start packing up to get the stage back on the trailer and get a bite to eat as it was now after 5:00pm, but enthusiastic people kept coming up asking to have their pictures taken with us and the stage coach and asking questions about SASS and our shooting sport. With the stage coach parked on the lawn of the old court house, people continued to ask for pictures to be taken and finally concluding around 7:00pm... a Long and Happy day that had started at 8:00 AM.

We enjoyed the opportunity to discuss and interact with hundreds of people and introduce them to the world of SASS. It was an honor to "ride for the brand" and be ambassadors for our shooting sports.

During the event, there was a panel of judges who's task it was to decide which 'float' or group best represented the spirit of the event... and I am very proud to say that Dead Eye Dutch's Stage Coach and the SASS theme won the PRESIDENT'S Trophy ... the TOP trophy presented for the event.

The 'stage coach' was the creation of the fertile mind of Dead Eye Dutch, who took a golf cart and modified it for his personal 'gun cart' to be used at big matches. It seats four people with ease and has a 'boot' that safely protects his firearms, ammo and gear. Dutch tells the story of the evolution of his project from having seen a Wells Fargo Calendar with a bright red stage coach. Drawing out a pattern on plywood and after a couple of weeks of work, followed by another week of painting and pin striping with the help of Chris Heiart (Sea-GAL Signs), fitting a canvas boot, welding up a roof rack and constructing a driver's seat and placing life sized dummies as driver and shotgun guard, he topped off the roof with 'antique' trunks to give it that real old west look and feel.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank Teton Tracy [Tracy Killbee] SASS 40592 and South Paw Sadie [Debbie Killbee] SASS 49471 and the Eas'dern Shore Renegades for their logistical support, encouragement and help, our Pardners, The Jackson Hole Gang and Chuckaroo [Chuck Crooks], Debbie Jones (President), Jim Bowden (Historian and Vice President) and the Committee for Return Day, Inc. who made the day memorable and historic, Thank You.



Doc in the Box, Lori Darling, Sheriff R.T. Lee, Dead Eye Dutch & Deacon Will (L-R)



Lori Darling wife of Sheriff Robert T. Lee SASS 104419
Doc in the Box, Lori Darling, Sheriff R.T. Lee, Dead Eye Dutch & Deacon Will (L-R)



Lori Darling, Sheriff Robert T. Lee SASS 104419, Doc in the Box SASS 40647, Dead Eye Dutch SASS 62266 and Jim Bowden Return Day VP (L-R)

The 2016 RETURN DAY PRESIDENT'S AWARD
presented to Dead Eye Dutch and his remarkable Stage Coach.
Congratulations. (photo by R.T. Lee)



Sheriff Lee with the Georgetown Town Crier, Kirk Lawson who read the Official Election Results to the citizens.



The ceremonial Burying of the Hatchet by the political party leaders.... accompanied with applause, shouts of joy and Amends. The Governor Elect of Delaware, John Carney(left) looks on.

ALAN KORWIN: Stop The National Handgun Carry Permit

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The last thing you ever want is to have the federal government issuing national – or any – firearm carry permits.

The feds do not have this power. The feds should never have this power.

Your right to have a firearm anywhere in America should never depend on getting “papers” from any government, much less federal agents based in Washington, D.C.

If you have a gun—constitutionally protected private property—and you aren’t doing anything inherently wrong, that should never be a crime. There is no victim. No one is harmed. No actual crime is committed. The idea that you need a wallet card to be somewhere you have a legal right to be is preposterous.

Too many gun owners, including some leaders of the gun-rights movement, sincere but totally misinformed and misdirected, are salivating for our permit-carrying president elect to issue some sort of national carry plan. It cannot, must not, better not be a national permit in any way shape or form.

The Best Solution

The best plan to resolve the travesty of national gun-rights denial we Americans have suffered under for generations is repeal of the restrictions that deny your rights. You don’t need no stinkin’ permit to be peacefully in possession of property.

Repeal restrictions on the right to bear arms.

The next logical step would be to arrest and charge officials who under color of law deny a peaceful person’s civil right to possess arms. Denial of rights is a federal felony under 18 USC §241 et seq. You can’t just deny a person’s constitutional, civil and human rights because you don’t like those rights. That’s got a name. It’s gunism. This law 18-241 and the ones that follow it were written to prevent haters from denying people their rights. Everyone has fundamental rights that need equal protection.

Blind hatred of guns is gunism.

If a national carry solution is proposed that does not include punishment for violators (officials who stop you solely for possession, or harass you, remove or attempt to remove your firearm for any invalid reason, incarcerate you, post signs that falsely indicate you cannot “drink at this water fountain,” or otherwise act against your legal right to keep and bear arms), experience shows they will not obey the law. We see this all the time. The law only matters if it has teeth.

We call this comitatus-style law, like the posse comitatus law. Instead of enacting, “A person may legally bear arms across state lines,” which officials can violate without repercussion, the law must say, “Anyone who interferes with a person legally bearing arms, shall go to prison and pay a fine.”

Punish official perpetrators who illegally deny your right to arms.

Recognition

One small step in the right direction is a recognition bill. This would require states to recognize the permits already issued by the states. True, it would further entrench the existing sidearm permit system, but we have to face the fact that it is already in place, and it’s likely a good first step. It advances the freedom of millions of Americans, puts more honest armed citizens out in public, and we know this deters and prevents crime. It also softens the antis arguments.

Despite the terrified but false screams from the agitated and hoplophobic left, having permitted gun owners all over the landscape does not lead to Dodge City and blood at stop lights. They cry about that every time a permit law advances, but it is 100% false every time – another great example of false news – no corrections ever issued.

Reciprocity

A far less desirable choice, it requires states to agree to grant you privileges, which can be removed, typically increases requirements, and involves bickering between unelected bureaucrats on whether you and your state are qualified to have rights in their states. Who do these people think they are?

News is circulating about four bills already in Congress to establish reciprocity, or something. They are: H.R. 923, H.R. 986, H.R. 402, and one Senate bill, S. 498. You can always look up bills by entering their numbers in Congress.gov. Four numbers, but only two basic sets of text. Both are flawed.

Constitutional Carry

State after state has enacted this – freedom to carry with no government interference whatsoever. You can carry a gun pretty much like you can carry a book. It’s called rights.

And everyone knows books are dangerous. Just look at deaths caused by the Quoran, or the Commie Manifesto.

Constitutional Carry works just fine. People don’t shoot each other just because they’re armed. That’s paranoid fear perpetually projected by unstable left-wing reporters and citizens.

Anti-rights wackos scream about Freedom to Carry of course – exactly as they do about permit laws – and they’re the exact same wrong.

No one is harmed, there are no victims, crime drops, people are safer.

Get the government out of the way (permits, paperwork, police, pay up, stand in line, register yourself) and the freed-up market explodes. (At first though, trainers fear losing their government rice bowl. The smart ones get over it, grow their practices.)

Constitutional Carry is the real deal, remove restrictions, restore rights, advance freedom.

Society always benefits when liberty is restored. Establish a “Culture of Marksmanship.”

(Edited for space)

**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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