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## CHANGING OF THE GUARD

On Sunday, January 22, 2017, an exciting new leadership team took the reins of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association.

After the untimely death of our longtime president, John Thompson, several years ago, NRA Past President and long-time DSSA Board member, John Sigler, assumed the role of president. When Mr. Sigler was elected as our president, he informed the Board that his service would be limited in length and that his goal was to rebuild the membership and recruit a team that could move DSSA forward as it continues its efforts as NRA's "State Association" here in Delaware. We all knew that the time would come when John would relinquish the reigns, and that time has finally arrived.

Several months ago, DSSA's long-serving Vice President, Daniel Lindbergh, relinquished that role and became the first member of DSSA's Honorary Executive Council. Many of you may remember that Dan is an accomplished "conventional" pistol competitor, a long-serving member of the Delaware State Pistol Club and was John Thompson's "right hand man" for many years on the DSSA Board. Since Mr. Lindbergh's "retirement", Jeff Hague has been serving as our Vice President.

Mr. Clint Hubbard has also voluntarily moved into "retirement" by electing to relinquish control over the checkbook. Clint has served as DSSA's Treasurer for well over 30 years. Clint is an accomplished High Power Rifle competitor and a long-time member of the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club.

We thank Mr. Sigler, Mr. Lindbergh, and Mr. Hubbard for their unselfish service to the DSSA and for their many sacrifices in support of the cause of firearm freedom here in Delaware.

The new slate of DSSA officers elected by the Board of Directors on January 22<sup>nd</sup> is as follows:

**President Jeffrey W. Hague:** Jeff has served on the DSSA Board of Directors for over 30 years and is the current Treasurer of the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club. Jeff is an accomplished High Power Rifle competitor holding High Master classifications in conventional NMC competitions, Mid-Range and Long Range. Jeff has also competed in F-Class and is an accomplished "wind coach" who frequently coaches the

Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club's Long Range Rifle Team to the winner's circle at Camp Perry and elsewhere. Jeff has been "our man at Legislative Hall" for the past two years and will continue in that role as our President.

**Vice President Roger Boyce:** Roger is USPSA competitor and has been a member of the DSSA Board of Directors for several years. He has been very active in our efforts to build DSSA membership. Roger has also been very active on the legislative front, communicating with our legislators and helping to elect pro-gun candidates to the Delaware General Assembly. Roger is an active member of the Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club and currently serves on that club's Board of Directors as Director of Safety and Education.

**Treasurer Hank Maier:** Hank is a "conventional" pistol competitor who travels to Camp Perry almost every year to compete and to represent Delaware. Hank is a member of both the Delaware State Pistol Club and the Delaware Rifle and Pistol Club and has served on the Board of the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association for several years.

**Carolyn Thompson remains our Recording Secretary,** having served in that very important role for several years. We thank Carolyn for her service and wish her the best as she provides the new leadership team with the advice and support they will need. Many of you know Carolyn for her untiring work on the Friends of NRA Committee and as DSSA's "ticket queen" for our very successful Second Amendment Freedom Banquets.

Congratulations to each of our officers. We look forward to working with you to ensure the right of all Delawareans are properly protected.

We also want to welcome four new members to the DSSA Board of Directors – please welcome David Crout, Jerry Clifton, Fred Cullis and Frank Nedza to the Board.

Finally, DSSA is proud to announce a significant milestone in our history. As of our recent 2017 Annual Meeting of Members, membership in the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association stood at 1,094 members – congratulations to all. Keep up the good work.

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## PARTING SHOTS



By John C. Sigler

As you can see from the article titled “Changing of the Guard” found at the beginning of this newsletter, there has been a change at the top of DSSA. As you may have gleaned from that article, I have “retired” as DSSA’s president and my good friend Jeff Hague has assumed the responsibilities of being your president. It has, indeed, been an honor and a privilege to serve as your president. It has been an experience I will always remember and cherish.

I am a firm believer in “term limits”, self-imposed and otherwise, and I firmly believe that turnover at the top is usually healthy for an organization, especially when the new leadership is fully qualified, competent and dedicated to the mission. I have a very high regard for Jeff and for our new Vice President, Roger Boyce, and have every expectation that they will do a much better job that I have done. Both of these fine gentlemen have spent a lifetime protecting and defending our precious right to keep and bear arms and both have extensive and in-depth knowledge of NRA and NRA programs here in the First State. I expect them to do well.

I ask that all of you join me in supporting Jeff and Roger and the rest of their team as they tackle the very tough job of leading the Delaware State Sportsmen’s Association in the years to come. I also ask that you consider the following “parting shots” and hope that you will keep these “parting shots” in mind and take them to heart as Jeff, Roger, and their team toil on our behalf. I offer these “parting shots” in no specific order of importance, so please bear with me:

- DSSA is NRA’s “state association” in Delaware. That means that we are responsible for supporting NRA, its programs and policies here in the First State. One might even go as far as to say that DSSA IS the NRA in Delaware.
- As NRA’s official state affiliate, we are responsible for ensuring the delivery of NRA programs to our members and to the public here in Delaware. We generally do so by encouraging our constituent clubs

to engage in those programs; including, but certainly not limited to, the broad spectrum of NRA training and education programs, competitive shooting programs, and programs such as Women-on-Target, Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC), Eddie Eagle, Refuse to Be a Victim, hunter education, the “YES” Program (Youth Education Summit), range safety and development programs, law enforcement instructor education, training and certification programs, and a broad range of civilian instructor certification and development programs - just to name a few.

- As NRA’s state association in Delaware, DSSA is also charged with assisting NRA-ILA in its on-going efforts to protect, defend and advance the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes. This means taking an active role in educating the public and our various elected officials and candidates as to the various issues of importance to law-abiding gun owners, hunters, shooters, and collectors in the First State.
- As NRA’s official state-level affiliate, DSSA is required to be ever-mindful of the fact that the “R” in NRA stands for “rifle” – NOT Republican. Our strength is being non-partisan and in treating every one of every political persuasion fairly and with respect and always remembering that both DSSA and NRA are “single issue” organizations – and our issue is protecting, defending, and expanding the rights of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes.
- As much as we might like to do so, DSSA must never stray from its goals and mission – we must never become involved in issues that are not directly connected to either the Second Amendment or its Delaware Constitutional counterpart, Article I Section 20; and we must never allow other issues to cloud our judgment or affect our decision-making processes.
- DSSA has been Delaware’s NRA state association since its founding in 1968. Since that time, we have accomplished tremendous victories – both programmatic and legislatively.
- We have fielded championship teams, sent Delaware’s best and brightest youth to represent Delaware in the “YES Program”, educated thousands of hunters, shooters and gun owners in firearm safety and responsible gun ownership – and much, much more.
- DSSA’s legislative victories are legion – we have defeated numerous anti-gun measures including several attempts to limit purchases to “one-gun-per-month; several attempts to ban modern sporting rifles; and numerous attempts to limit concealed carry - just to name a few.

- DSSA has worked to pass “preemption”, range protection, concealed carry reform, numerous pro-hunting bills and an amendment to the Delaware Constitution that guarantees the right of every law-abiding citizen to keep and bear arms for the defense of self, family, home, and state and for hunting and recreation – and the list of legislative successes goes on and on.
- None of the myriad of DSSA’s legislative and programmatic successes would have been possible without the active involvement of our DSSA members and the support of NRA.

Jeff Hague, Roger Boyce and their new team fully understand everything that I have mentioned in my “parting shots”. They understand who we are and why we are here. They fully appreciate the important tasks they have agreed to perform and I have every confidence that they will successfully perform those tasks on our behalf. Jeff, Roger and the rest of their DSSA leadership team have my full and unqualified support – I hope that they will enjoy your support as well.

I intend to remain active with DSSA and will continue my efforts on your behalf as a member of the NRA Board of Directors.

And now for one last “parting shot” – **Thank you** for helping me in my efforts over the past several years during which I have served as your DSSA president – and thank you for all that you have done to help DSSA, NRA and the cause of firearm freedom during those years.

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**Most Important Vote in Delaware**  
**10th Senate District Special Election**  
**February 25, 2017**

**John Marino (R) v. Stephanie Hansen (D)**  
**NRA Rated “A” vs. NRA Rated “C”**

We could call this one “*The Fight of the Century*” and not be too far from the truth.

The elevation of former Senator Bethany Hall-Long (D) to Lt. Governor has created an opening in the Delaware Senate that will decide the fate of Delaware legislative politics for years to come. It may also decide just how safe your “gun rights” are in the 149<sup>th</sup> Delaware General Assembly. To be perfectly candid, the stakes couldn’t be higher.

With the Senate evenly divided with 10 Republicans and 10 Democrats, both parties are putting this Special Election at the top of their respective priority lists. If the Republican wins, the Senate will “flip” to Republican control for the first time since 1973. If the Democrat wins, the Senate will remain under Democrat control, just like the rest of the State.

But we really don’t care about party politics – what we do care about is what this Special Election will mean for your right to keep and bear arms. The choice seems relatively clear –

Republican John Marino is a retired police officer and businessman who is “**A-rated**” by both the NRA and DSSA and who has vowed to live by our Constitution and vote to protect and defend the rights of Delaware’s hunters, gun owners and sportsmen. **ENDORSED by NRA.**

Democrat Stephanie Hansen is an environmental lawyer who used to work for DNREC and was once the New Castle County Council President. She is rated as a “**C**” candidate by NRA.

The choice is clear - As one person asked: “An NRA endorsed “A” candidate versus a “C” candidate – so what’s the question?”

It’s up to you – here’s our chance to elect that last person we need to ensure a solid pro-gun Senate for the first time in a long time. Are you ready? Can we count on you to help?

Here’s what you need to do: (1) Donate (2) volunteer and (3) vote.

- (1) **Donate** - Anti-gun forces will be pouring money – lots of money - into this race. Mr. Marino will need money, lots of money – To donate to Mr. Marino’s campaign simply go on line to [www.marinoforsenate.com](http://www.marinoforsenate.com) and press “**DONATE**” You don’t have to live in the 10<sup>th</sup> Senate District to donate – every dollar counts – max contribution is \$600 per person – corporate dollars can be accepted. \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 – whatever you can afford....
- (2) **Volunteer** – every campaign needs people to do various things – distribute literature, make phone calls, knock on doors – put up signs – all kinds of things. You don’t have to live in the 10<sup>th</sup> Senate District to help – just go to [www.marinoforsenate.com](http://www.marinoforsenate.com) and press “**JOIN THE TEAM**”
- (3) **Vote** – Yes, you do have to live in the 10<sup>th</sup> District to vote in this election – but you don’t have to vote in person – you CAN vote by absentee ballot. **To get an absentee ballot** contact the New Castle County Department of Elections by calling 302-577-3464 or go on line to <http://electionsncc@delaware.gov>. and scroll down to Services.

**This one is IMPORTANT!**  
**The future of Delaware’s right to**  
**keep and bear arms depends on you**  
**– Do your part!**  
**Donate – volunteer – vote!**

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## **ATTENTION DSSA MEMBERS**

### **Glock Shooting Sports Foundation's Challenge Attention GLOCK owners or potential GLOCK owners!**

Glock Sport Shooting Foundation (GSSF) is hosting one of their matches at the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club range on Saturday and Sunday, March 11th and 12th, 2017. Last year there were over 357 registrants.

This has 3 courses of fire and you shoot each one 3 to 4 times. There are prizes and gun giveaways for competitors.

They also provide a GLOCK master armorer to service and repair your gun for FREE.

What does it take to compete??

- be a member of GSSF - a 2-year membership also gets you a 20% discount on a GLOCK firearm, which more than pays for the membership.
- you must shoot a stock GLOCK (all Glock brand parts in it) unless you shoot in the open class
- you can preregister or register on the day of the match
- you can shoot in multiple categories depending on your gun each match you shoot is \$20.00
- you will need about 100 rounds per match (only 84 per match but in case of jams or extra shots bring extra)

Go to GSSF online to join and see what it is about. This is a great way to get into competitive shooting on the cheap and it is FUN!

Hope to see you all there. Chuck Limpert is the Match Director. His email address is [gsxstage1@msn.com](mailto:gsxstage1@msn.com)

**PLEASE NOTE:** all registration is online and NOT through Bridgeville IDPA. This is the website to register:

<http://www.gssfonline.com/registration.cfm>  
Don't wait for the last minute. Sign up today!

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## **WE NEED TRUE AMERICAN PATRIOTS ON THE NRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS! Please Vote**



### **Colonel Richard L. Kussman, U.S.A, (Ret.) Stewartstown, Pennsylvania**

The March "Ballot Issue" of the various NRA Official Journal magazines will be arriving in your mailbox very soon. The DSSA Board has endorsed DSSA member, Rich Kussman, for election to the NRA Board of Directors. Please join us in "bullet voting" **Vote only for Rich Kussman** when your ballot arrives.

**Bullet**



**Vote**

Bullet voting means you only vote for one person even though many possibilities will be presented on the ballot. You will see many names you know on the ballot and you will be inclined to vote for them. They don't need your vote because of their name recognition. They will get elected. By voting for more than one person, you dilute the vote for the lesser known candidates.

Benefactor Member. Lifelong hunter, competitive shooter and influential Second Amendment activist. Retired U.S. Army Colonel, member U.S. Army Pistol Team (1978 & 1980). Two-term President, Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association, former MSRPA Vice-President for Legislative Affairs fighting alongside NRA-ILA against Maryland's draconian semi-auto and ammunition bans; testified in House Committee in defense of Maryland's law-abiding gun owners and hunters; worked closely with pro-gun legislators; outspoken Second Amendment advocate, strong supporter of NRA-ILA's efforts to win National Conceal Carry Reciprocity. "Double Distinguished" Rifle & Pistol; 2010 winner of NRA's prestigious Wimbledon Cup; member President's Hundred-Rifle. Undergraduate and graduate Civil Engineering degrees, Kansas State University; former business executive with Battelle Memorial Institute, world's largest private research and



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development firm; founding partner, H&K Associates, ammunition development firm. Avid hunter, USA and Africa, member SCI, RMEF & DU. Nominated by Members' Petition, Colonel Kussman has dedicated a lifetime to defending American Freedom.

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## OPEN LETTER TO DSSA MEMBERS



### Allan D. Cors, President, National Rifle Association

Dear DSSA Members,

As a voting member of the National Rifle Association, you should recently have received your ballot for this year's NRA elections. As usual, you'll have the chance to vote for candidates to fill one-third of the NRA Board's 75 seats (and, sadly, one additional vacancy due to the death of Board member Buster Bachhuber). But you'll also have the opportunity to vote on a comprehensive package of important NRA bylaw amendments that have been unanimously recommended by the NRA Board. **These proposals deserve your support and your "YES" vote.**

To understand the importance of the proposed amendments, a little history is in order. In 1977, NRA members who wanted to ensure that the NRA would be an effective force in the fight for the Second Amendment—not just another gun club—took action at the NRA's Annual Meeting of Members in my hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio. In an epic meeting that lasted into the wee hours of the morning, we adopted a series of bylaw amendments that strengthened the members' voice in the Association.

The centerpiece of the Cincinnati changes is a petition process that allows individuals to qualify as candidates for the NRA board by gathering signatures from 250 of their fellow members. The petition process has played a critical role in bringing fresh voices to the leadership of the NRA, and in

making it the potent political force that it remains today. Also in Cincinnati, the members voted for a process under which some member-passed bylaw provisions are considered so important that they can only be changed by a later vote of the members—which is why these amendments are being submitted for your approval.

The following year, NRA members voted to further strengthen their role in the Association by creating a recall process. Similar to laws in many states, the NRA Bylaws now allow for a member petition, hearing, and vote to remove one or more officers or board members before the expiration of their terms in office.

A few years later, in 1985, another amendment enhanced member participation by allowing the Bylaws to be amended by mail—not just by the small minority with the time, money and commitment to attend the Annual Meeting of Members. However, the old provision allowing amendments at the Members' Meeting was also kept on the books.

I'm proud of my role in fighting for the reforms that started in Cincinnati, and they have been important in strengthening the role of NRA members in guiding our Association. But nearly 40 years have passed. We are due for some updates.

For starters, the NRA has grown enormously, and the petition requirements established in the 1970s haven't kept pace with that growth, or with modern communications technology. Together, these developments may leave our Association vulnerable to the few, while not protecting the voices of the many.

Let's look at the numbers. In 1977, when the members at Cincinnati voted to require 250 signatures for a candidate petition, the NRA had only one million members, and only about 200,000 voting members. And to gather signatures, candidates had to go out looking for them personally, at gun shows, club meetings, and competitions.

Today, we have five million members, with nearly half of them eligible to vote in our 2017 elections—and Internet forums and social media have made it far easier to gather signatures on both candidate and recall petitions.

The Board's recommended package of bylaw amendments offers the same solution to both of these situations: a change to a percentage-based system, in which signature requirements are based on the number of valid ballots cast in the previous board election. It's the same type of system used in many states for qualifying ballot initiatives, and will keep the signature requirements in sync with the NRA's growth as we head toward six, eight, or 10 million members.

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The Board also recommends petition thresholds that would increase the signature requirements based on typical turnout. The requirement would be somewhat higher for candidate petitions (at 0.5 percent of the previous board election vote), and significantly higher for recall petitions (at 5 percent of the previous vote). The reason for the difference is that a recall petition is an extreme measure that shouldn't be undertaken lightly. After all, a successful recall can undo the members' vote for a director, or the elected Board's vote for an officer—even though the person targeted could be removed by ordinary means in one to three years, depending on his or her office. (It's also worth remembering that the NRA Bylaws already have a process for ethics complaints, which can be carried out faster and cheaper than the six-figure cost of holding a recall election.)

In addition, since the creation of the recall petition process in 1978, only one recall petition has been put to a member vote. That campaign—just last year—was fought hard and fairly, and although it was unsuccessful, it exposed a number of concerns about the administrative procedure and basic fairness of the current recall process. The proposed bylaw changes would address those issues by allowing the targeted individual, or the NRA itself, to seek dismissal of a future petition that might be frivolous, malicious, or disruptive, with fair appeals of those decisions by both sides.

Finally, the proposal would repeal the outdated process for bylaw amendments at the Members' Meeting, specifying instead that all bylaw amendments voted on by the members could only be decided by mail ballot. Since 1985, this is the only way the members have actually voted on bylaw amendments—and it's much fairer to the overwhelming majority of NRA members, who deserve a full voice in our Association regardless of their ability to travel.

On November 8, NRA members and millions of other concerned Americans voted to preserve and restore freedom in America. But if you're a voting member of the NRA, your work isn't done, because these bylaw amendments are critically important for the long-term health of the organization. Please watch for your February issue of the NRA magazines (or for your first-class ballot mailing, if you don't get a magazine); study the proposals carefully; and **join me in voting "YES" on the Bylaw amendments.**

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### **DSSA SEVERS TIES TO "CMP"**

As you are aware, the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association is NRA's official state affiliate in Delaware. Historically that has meant that we serve in a number of roles and a number of functions in support of NRA and its various training, education and competitive shooting programs. Among those roles has been to be the state affiliate for our long-time "partner", "CMP", the formal name for which is the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearm Safety" doing business as the so-called "Civilian Marksmanship Program". This is the modern, post-Clinton era version of what used to be the Army's Director Of Civilian Marksmanship or "DCM".

Recently, CMP has, through its actions and associated communications, declared itself to be in direct competition with NRA in terms of competitive shooting programs. Recent unilateral actions taken by CMP have resulted in NRA being forced to move its National High Power Rifle Championships from Camp Perry, thus, leaving only the NRA National Precision Pistol Championships in place at Camp Perry for 2017. Several years ago, NRA was forced to move its Smallbore National Championships from Camp Perry to Bristol, Indiana due to scheduling conflicts resulting from the Fullbore World Championships and has remained there since that time. This year, CMP's unilateral "tinkering" with the schedule and its expressed desire to sever its match-operations relationship with NRA has now resulted in NRA having to move the 2017 National High Power Rifle Championships to Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

On Monday, January 9, 2017, the DSSA Board of Directors analyzed and considered its long-standing relationship with CMP as one of its so-called "state affiliates" and concluded that DSSA cannot, in good faith, remain both the NRA's official state affiliate and an "affiliate" of CMP, primarily due to an inherent conflict of interest created by CMP's current attempts to supplant and undermine NRA's competitive shooting programs. We are told that CMP intends a similar move against NRA's training and education efforts.

Therefore, until further notice, the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association will no longer be affiliated with the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearm Safety (aka "CMP"). For most of our members this "divorce" will have absolutely no impact, whatsoever. What this does mean, however, is that DSSA will not be entering any "state association teams" in CMP's matches nor will DSSA be purchasing any goods or services offered by CMP, now or in the foreseeable future. It also means that DSSA's efforts will now be focused exclusively upon our primary mission of supporting NRA's programs and operations.

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### **GOODBYE MY FRIEND**



***Roy Emile Alfredo Innis***

By

NRA Past President John C. Sigler

For the past 21 years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Board of Directors of America's oldest civil rights organization, the National Rifle Association of America. I have had the pleasure of serving with some of the finest and

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most dedicated civil rights leaders and American freedom advocates of our time. Among those larger-than-life figures was my friend Roy Innis. Roy passed away on January 8, 2017 at the age of 82. I had dinner with Roy's son, Niger Innis, in Arlington, Virginia the night before Roy's passing – a dinner event filled with "Roy stories".

Roy Innis served on the Board of Directors of the National Rifle Association with honor and distinction for almost twenty-five years. He was there when I arrived and I was immediately drawn to him by the sheer force of his intellect and personality. He was a quiet, unassuming man with a bold and convincing voice who understood what it meant to "lead from the front". He was an eloquent speaker who knew when to fight and how to fight – and what was worth fighting for.

Roy Innis was one of the true icons of the American Civil Rights Movement. Roy was the National Chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), taking office in 1968 and holding that post until recently. Roy's politics evolved from that of "black separatist" to what some have described as "libertarian conservatism". Roy drew "unfriendly fire" from many black activists when he supported Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and Clarence Thomas, among others.

"My brand of conservatism is the traditional, most decent and rational expression of the American personality", he once told the New York Times. According to my friend Ralph Hallow of the Washington Times, Roy is reported as saying: "I believe that the success of America has been the application of pragmatism in society, and that view is particularly unfashionable in the civil rights movement".

Roy Innis was born on June 6, 1934 in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. In 1947 he moved to New York City where he attended Stuyvesant High School after which Roy joined the United States Army where he served until honorably discharged. He was a graduate of the City College of New York, holding a degree in chemistry, subsequently holding positions as a research chemist at Vick Chemical Company and Montefiore Hospital. In the Spring of 1967 Roy was appointed the first Resident Fellow at the Metropolitan Applied Research Center, then headed by Dr. Kenneth Clark.

Despite losing two sons to criminal gun violence (Roy, Jr. in 1968 and Alexander in 1982), Roy Innis was a staunch believer in the individual citizen's right to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes and ardently opposed all efforts by others to infringe upon that right. Roy stood with the NRA and with his friend Wayne LaPierre in the '90's when others shunned the NRA, attacked Wayne, and did their best to marginalize anyone who believed that the Second Amendment stands "first among all the Amendments". He stood with Charlton Heston and Marion Hammer and fought against those who would destroy the NRA; and he stood with the rest of us who believed that Hammer, Heston and LaPierre were truly on the right path – the path to true firearm freedom for all Americans.

President Bush appointed Roy to serve as U.S. Representative to the United Nations Conference on Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons. He was also sent to

South Africa as an NRA representative to speak on the issue of individual civilian ownership of firearms.

Roy Innis was a complex man who loved his country, his family, and his people. In his younger years, Roy was an accomplished amateur boxer who some have described as "a rare combination of Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazer". In his later years, he was known for two episodes of on-air "fisticuffs" during separate talk shows in 1988. It is alleged that Roy took umbrage to Al Sharpton's antics, shoving Sharpton to the floor during The Morton Downey Show, and later scuffled with white supremacist John Metzger on the Geraldo Show, after Metzger called Roy an "Uncle Tom". My friends, I can tell you that Roy Innis was no man's "Uncle Tom".

But the Roy Innis I knew was a gentle man, a man of reason and intellect, and a man of culture who loved the opera. Every year Roy and CORE hosted New York's biggest and most successful Martin Luther King Memorial Celebration - and man-oh-man, it was an event to behold. Roy loved to invite truly disparate individuals to his events and seat them next each other as a means of bringing people and ideas together and as a way of opening dialogue that might otherwise never happen. There would be three rows of head tables filled by New York's "top cops", doctors, lawyers, office-holders, civil rights leaders, celebrities and politicians of all stripes and colors from across New York City and from around the world. I had the honor of attending one of these events where I was seated at one of the head tables next to the Ambassador from one of the more infamous north African dictatorships – now that was an interesting conversation.

Roy Innis was a true believer in the NRA and our mission and a fearless defender of the Second Amendment. He served as the Chairman of the NRA's Urban Affairs Committee, the Chairman Emeritus of NRA's Outreach Committee, and as a member of the NRA's Ethics Committee. Roy was my friend and a friend to every freedom loving American, and certainly a friend to every law-abiding gun owner in America.

America will miss Roy Innis – NRA will miss Roy Innis - and I will miss Roy Innis. Rest in Peace, my friend. God Bless.

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## Call for Articles

Would you like to be published in the DSSA News Letter? Publicize your Club's activities or special events. Found a great article that you want to share with Delaware Sportsmen?

Please send your article or special event to:  
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**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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