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DSSA's Golden Anniversary

By John C. Sigler

Celebrating 50 Years Protecting & Defending the Rights of Delaware's Gun Owners, Shooters & Hunters

The year 1968 will be remembered for many things, some good and some not so good. That was the year of the First Tet Offensive in Vietnam, the year in which North Korea seized the USS Pueblo, and the year in which the USS Scorpion was lost. It was also the year that Apollo 8 orbited the moon setting the stage for the first lunar landing.

1968 was also the year in which both Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy were assassinated; and the year that Congress passed the Gun Control Act of 1968 and then signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on October 22nd. And, it was the year in which your Delaware State Sportsmen's Association, Inc. was first formed as an independent Delaware corporation and ultimately recognized by the National Rifle Association of America as NRA's official state affiliate in Delaware becoming a successful part of NRA's system of State Associations.

This year, 2018, marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of DSSA so it seems more than appropriate to take a moment to reflect on all that has transpired and that which has led us to where we are today. The obvious place to begin is at the beginning, of course.

The Founders of DSSA were a diverse group, most of whom were veterans of either WWII or The Korean Conflict, or both. All the major NRA-affiliated clubs in Delaware sent at least one representative to help form the new State Association with all three counties being fully represented.

There were hunters, collectors, instructors, trainers, coaches, and competitive shooters. All the major NRA shooting disciplines of the day were represented on the first DSSA Board of Directors including Smallbore Rifle, High Power Rifle, Conventional Pistol (Bullseye), International Pistol, and the (then) new NRA Police Pistol Combat (PPC). Hunter Education, Youth Safety and Education and the conduct of various state championship events were high on the list of early DSSA efforts. It was important that Delaware be represented at the National Matches at Camp Perry.

Unlike many other State Associations, DSSA refrained from competing with its constituent clubs in any way. DSSA refrained from running matches or owning its own ranges. The job of DSSA was to be the state-level clearing house for NRA programs and shooting events and remains so today. It is DSSA's job to support the various clubs and to assist in the delivery of NRA safety, education and competitive shooting programs within the First State. As Delaware's NRA State Association, DSSA is affiliated with but remains separate and independent from NRA while serving as NRA's state-level surrogate in Delaware. While some might say that DSSA is the NRA in Delaware, it is not the NRA; merely NRA's local state-level affiliate.

In the early years of DSSA, the NRA did not enjoy the benefits of a dedicated political arm such as we have today in the modern NRA Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA), but that didn't stop DSSA from doing its best to influence the Delaware General Assembly for the benefit of Delaware's hunters, gun owners, sportsmen/women, collectors and competitive shooters. Most of those early efforts were focused on hunting and trapping issues as well as hunter safety and education. Once NRA-ILA was established, DSSA added its support to ILA's efforts here in Delaware, sending its own volunteer lobbyists to Legislative Hall every year to lend a Delaware perspective to the issues of the day.

Over the years your DSSA has been extremely active and very successful in protecting and defending the rights of Delaware's law-abiding hunters, gun owners, sportsmen/women, collectors and competitive shooters. Working closely with NRA-ILA and others, DSSA has enjoyed a high level of success on the political front. Throughout DSSA's 50 years as NRA's Delaware State Association, we have successfully fended off attacks by notorious anti-gun governors such as Mike Castle, Tom Carper, Jack Markel, and now John Carney; as well as equally determined attacks by rabidly anti-gun Attorneys General such as Charlie Oberley, Beau Biden and Matt Denn. For example, working together with NRA-ILA, your DSSA has defeated:

- four separate attempts to ban semi-automatic sporting rifles
- several "one-gun-a-month" rationing schemes
- multiple gun registration and/or licensing schemes

- almost countless attempts to limit when, where, how and/or by whom guns may be lawfully sold, purchased, displayed, owned, possessed, carried and/or stored
- numerous attempts to repeal and/or circumvent State Preemption laws
- numerous attacks on concealed carry rights; and
- repeated attempts to deprive citizens of their constitutional rights without due process of law.

Just as importantly, your DSSA and your NRA were successful in passing:

- Article I Section 20 – a constitutional Amendment adding the rights to keep and bear arms to the Delaware Constitution
- State Preemption laws that prohibit towns, cities and counties from passing a confusing patchwork of anti-gun ordinances
- Numerous pro-gun expansions and modifications to Delaware’s concealed carry statute, including the right to appeal to the Supreme Court
- A Range Protection Bill designed to protect Delaware’s clubs and ranges from frivolous, politically motivated lawsuits
- Sunday hunting bills (2)
- Handgun hunting bills (2)
- The new right to hunt deer with pistol-caliber rifles
- Numerous amendments to a multitude of bills to ensure due process rights and the expansion of the overall rights of self-defense and to keep and bear arms for lawful purposes.

Every two years your DSSA, working closely with NRA-ILA PVF, publishes the information you want and need to decide which of the various political candidates support your rights so that you can decide which candidates have earned and deserve your vote. You will soon receive that information in a Special Edition of this DSSA News to be published in time for the 2018 General Election.

Several years ago, your DSSA recognized that in addition to the legislative efforts to protect and expand your rights, and in addition to the election education efforts designed to educate voters as to which candidates support the fundamental right to keep and bear arms, there must be a third leg to the pro-gun “Freedom Stool”. That “third leg” is litigation in the courts in support and defense of the fundamental, God-given right to keep and bear arms.

Your DSSA exercised its power and influence as an NRA State Association to join other NRA State Associations as amicus curie (friends of the court) in both the Heller case and the McDonald case before the United States Supreme Court. Since that time, DSSA has also served as amicus curie participants in

several other important U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals cases in other parts of the country.

But most notably, your DSSA joined with the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club to file an important Amicus Curie Brief in Doe v. Wilmington Housing Authority, arguing that Delaware is an “open carry state”, a position specifically adopted in the unanimous decision of the Delaware Supreme Court when it ruled that WHA’s anti-gun regulations were unconstitutional. Then, several years later, your DSSA again joined the Bridgeville Rifle & Pistol Club and several individual plaintiffs in a suit called Bridgeville v. Small wherein the Delaware Supreme Court again agreed with DSSA that certain DNREC and Dept. of Agriculture regulations banning guns from state parks and forests were blatantly unconstitutional.

And now, in a case called DSSA v. Garvin, your DSSA has again challenged the new regulations promulgated by DNREC and Dept. of Agriculture concerning parks and forests on constitutional grounds. This case is still pending in the Superior as of this writing.

Fifty years ago, when DSSA was first formed, its membership was very small, indeed, with fewer than 100 members. Now, 50 years later, DSSA’s membership stands more than 2,600 individuals and 8 constituent clubs representing an aggregate membership well more than 10,000 souls.

We have obviously come a long way since those dedicated patriots of vision first formed DSSA and the NRA first designated DSSA as its official state affiliate in Delaware. We have accomplished many good things and have defeated many bad things. But our work is far from done and, in fact, has just begun.

The year 2019 will mark the beginning of DSSA’s “Second Fifty Years”, and you can bet your bottom dollar that the “Enemies of Firearm Freedom” will be on the attack when the 150th Delaware General Assembly convenes in January. We know that these enemies of freedom will be coming back with a plethora of anti-gun proposals including yet another attempt to ban certain sporting arms; an attempt to infringe upon your right to self-defense; and numerous measures designed to discourage and/or impeded young people from ever learning to enjoy the shooting sports you and I hold so dear. Your DSSA will be there, just as it has been in the past – but the question is “will you be there with us?”

While much pro-gun work has been accomplished, much remains to be done. We need to complete the work of making Delaware a “Shall-Issue State”; we must improve upon the methods and procedures for issuing concealed carry permits; we must strengthen hunter protections and protections for farmers and landowners who allow hunters to use their property; and we must continue our efforts to allow hunter education, Eddie Eagle Gun Safety courses, and basic home

firearm safety courses to be taught in our schools. We must continue our efforts to make meaningful improvements in school safety and we must redouble our efforts to ensure that “good guys with guns” are legally able to help protect themselves, their families and society in general from “bad guys with guns”. Will you be there with us helping to make these things a reality in the First State – can we count on you? Will you go to the polls on November 6th and VOTE FREEDOM FIRST?

Will you heed the clarion call when your DSSA asks you to help us fight for your freedom? Will you make those calls to your legislator? Will you come to Legislative Hall when you are needed? Will you help us make the next fifty years of DSSA as successful as the first fifty years?

I hope and pray that you will – your DSSA needs every one of its sons and daughters – your DSSA and your NRA need YOU! And don't forget – **VOTE FREEDOM FIRST on Election Day.**

A New Tradition?

By Marty Dabney

Provided by Frank Nedza – DSSA Board

It's no secret that High Power shooters are what most would call “salt of the earth” people. We will lend a helping hand, loan you gear and give you bad wind calls with the greatest of intentions. We are also traditionalist. We compete for the same trophies our grandparents competed for. The Daniel Boone, Nathan Hale and Alice Bull just to name a few. But no trophy is greater than the place where you go to win them, Camp Perry.

There is no doubt when you ask someone if they are going to “The Nationals”, they are really asking if they are going to Perry. This is the where thousands of shooters from all walks of life and skill level from across the world come together once a year to partake in the tradition of staying in little white huts, cooking out, walking commercial row and occasionally compete in a rifle match. You can be a brand-new shooter and by the grace of random squadding, end up shooting with past National Champions. It's also a place of unpredictable weather, high winds and is prone to having a boat drift into the impact area and shut down the range. The Nationals have been held at Camp Perry long before anyone reading this was born. It seemed this would go on forever, but one day, it didn't.

In 2017, the NRA made the decision to leave Camp Perry and move their National Championships to Camp Atterbury. It was no surprise that many shooters were upset about the move. How could they do this? What was the reasoning? Many people felt that all tradition was lost, but was it? The NRA still has the same trophies they've always had, the Wimbledon, the Sierra and the trophy that most intrigues me, the Erdman trophy. So why did competitors scoff at the idea of a change in venue? Because we are traditionalists. We now must come to

the realization that our Nationals won't be held on hallowed ground, but some National Guard base in the middle of Indiana. When I think of Indiana, I think of Steers andcorn, lots and lots of corn. Is this the end of our National Championship as we know it, or is this the beginning of something great?

On July 18th, 2017, I walked off the line of the NTI match as a newly Distinguished Rifleman. I had also earned 3 President 100 medals as well as various other State and Regional championships. The Service rifle treated me well so in good fashion and questionable judgment, I abandon the very rifle that treated me so well and switch to a match rifle, a stupid, stupid match rifle. I could now use an unlimited power optic, a lighter trigger, more adjustable stock and just about any caliber I wanted. The only issue is I now had to abandon Camp Perry and go to Camp Atterbury if I wanted to compete in a National Championship. So, I packed up my gear and a suitcase that may or may not have had enough extra pants and headed west to Indiana.

After a short 9-hour ride, I pulled in the front gate. I was greeted by a guard who checked my license. Being an active training instillation, this was needed each time I entered the gates. I was staying on base, so I checked in at the housing office and headed to my room. The rooms were very nice. We had our own individual rooms like a motel. They were furnished with a bed, microwave, mini refrigerator, full bathroom and air conditioning.

The following day, I met up with my team to compete in the 4-man team match. We had a break from the extreme heat and humidity that we had the prior week, so we were already off to a good start. While hauling my gear to the 200-yard line, I noticed how well the range was maintained. The grass on the firing lines had been mowed, and for those who have competed on other Military bases, you know this can be hit or miss sometimes. One of the concerns from the year before was the number boards were too small. The NRA worked to correct this issue and installed larger boards. After my firing was complete, it was my turn to work the pits for the rest of the team. Another concern from the previous year was that the target carriers were hard to operate. This issue had also been resolved as well. The carriers worked well. We finished up the team match in good time and I headed back to my room. The evening was spent sitting outside grilling with my friends that I hadn't seen in a year. Hmm, this feels oddly familiar.

On Sunday morning, we made our way back down range for the first day of the 2400 Aggregate individual match. This is a four-day match firing 60 shots per day. After the four days, the total scores are added up to determine an overall winner. Once I finished shooting, I made my way back to the pits. This is where we encountered several problems. There were communication issues, both with the portable speakers and with the radios that were used by the pit and firing line

officials. This caused confusion with pit changes, alibis and the commands to start. This caused frustration, but we made due.

On Tuesday, the heat had started to build. By mid-day, it became apparent that this would be as much of an endurance match as it was a shooting match. Thankfully, Bartlein Barrels provided us with a good supply of Gatorade and water. None of us were too proud to turn it down. After we finished with the 600-yard slow fire match, we were provided with air-conditioned vans to transport us to the pits. This gave a welcome relief if only for a short time. Once again, we experienced communication issues and at one point, range control put us in a "check fire". This is where the National Guard stops us for various reasons like people in the impact area or incoming aircraft. This is a very active facility, so it happens. It would almost be like having a boat go where it wasn't supposed to and cause delays.

Wednesday and Thursday ran very well. The heat and humidity slowly made its way out and nicer weather took its place. The communication issues were addressed, and we were off the range by early afternoon.

The awards ceremony was held on Thursday evening at the Camp Atterbury conference center. I showered and threw on my cleanest dirty pants and headed over. Walking into the building gave a feel of walking into a large hunting lodge. It was a place that seemed worthy of a Championship awards ceremony. The NRA had the ceremony catered with chicken, barbeque and the works. We all fixed a plate and for the next hour, sat and watched as our friends were called up to receive their awards. Those same, time honored awards that were given at Camp Perry.

The final evening was spent sitting outside our rooms congratulating our friends who did well, giving a hard time to those who didn't, but laughing the entire time. Right before we turned in for the evening, a sort of sad silence came over our group. Our time together had come to an end. For many of us, we knew we wouldn't see each other for another year, possibly ever. Sometimes life gets in the way and we move on from things that we once held dear. Priorities change and in the worst case, we lose someone forever. In that moment, we weren't worried about where the Nationals were going to be held. We all left with a smile, thinking about doing it all over next year.

So, another National Championship is in the books. Was this the "Perry experience" that we've grown accustomed to? Maybe not, but could this be the start of a new tradition? But it's up to us to support it. I plan on returning in 2019 to give the Erdman another go and I encourage anyone on the fence to give it a chance. We can make it something great for our future generation.

Some notable accomplishments-

SFC Brandon Greene overall winner 2394-147X

SGT Ben Cleland overall Service rifle winner 2386-128X. SGT Cleland also won the Erdman trophy with an impressive 599-28X only dropping 1 point on his last day.

Konrad Powers overall civilian Service Rifle winner 2372-109X

SSG Amanda Elsenboss high woman 2382-113X

Hugo Adelson high senior 2362-100X

Marty Dabney fired 10 9's in offhand and didn't win the Erdman...

IT'S NOT OVER

As part of the gun community you know how close we came this last legislative session to losing a lot of our gun rights. Governor Carney and especially Senator Townsend vowed to come back at us again next year.

Now is the time to stop them.

We are one seat away in the Senate from stopping the constant attack on our gun rights. They are making a hard push to eliminate some of our key supporting Senators. We need to show them just how powerful we are by affecting what they value most – power.

Please consider volunteering to help a political campaign in your area. If you can find a few hours over the next two months, it would be a tremendous help. (DGR, 9-12 DP, DSSA, etc.) has joined a group called the Delaware Constitutional Freedom Consortium (DCFC). The DCFC is a coalition of several groups in Delaware focus on preserving our Article I, Section 20 rights of the Delaware Constitution.

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and sign up as a volunteer.

Once you're in the system you will be segregated by Representative district and placed on a campaign. A volunteer coordinator will email and call you when needed for a specific event. If you can make it great. If not, we will catch you the next time.

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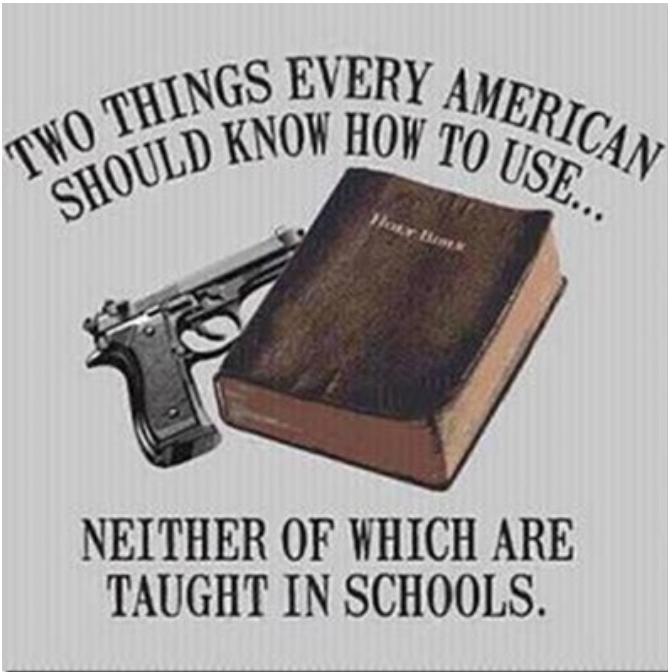


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Defending the Rights of Delaware's Hunters & Gun Owners
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By David Cole, ACLU Legal Director

It's no secret that New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is no fan of the National Rifle Association. A mailer his campaign sent to New York voters this week proclaims, in bold letters: "If the NRA goes bankrupt, I will remember them in my thoughts and prayers."

There's nothing wrong with the governor singling out a political adversary for criticism, or even mockery. That's just politics, and the NRA itself is no stranger to hardball tactics. But in a lawsuit the NRA filed against Cuomo this spring, the organization contends that he did more than criticize it. The NRA alleges that Cuomo and top members of his administration abused their regulatory authority over financial institutions to threaten New York banks and insurers that associate with the NRA or other "gun promotion" groups, and that those threats have jeopardized the NRA's access to basic insurance and banking services in New York.

In the ACLU's view, targeting a nonprofit advocacy group and seeking to deny it financial services because it promotes a lawful activity (the use of guns) violates the First Amendment. Because we believe the governor's actions, as alleged, threaten the First Amendment rights of all advocacy organizations, the ACLU on Friday filed a friend-of-the-court brief supporting the NRA's right to have its day in court.

The state has asked the court to dismiss the case without even permitting discovery into the administration's actions. Our brief supports the NRA's right to discovery on its First Amendment claims. To be clear, the ACLU does not oppose reasonable restrictions on guns. Our position in this case has nothing to do with our opinions on the NRA's policies — it's about the First Amendment rights of all organizations to engage in political advocacy without fear that the state will use its regulatory authority to penalize them for doing so.

Political advocacy organizations like the NRA (or the ACLU or Planned Parenthood) need basic business services, like insurance and banking, to operate. The NRA says that the state, using its regulatory powers over those industries, is threatening financial companies that do business with the NRA.

The NRA points to both public and non-public actions taken by the Cuomo administration to penalize it for its views. State officials issued press releases and sent threatening letters to banks and insurance companies, and allegedly communicated

**If you have a Delaware Medical Marijuana Card,
you cannot have a Delaware Concealed Carry
License**

It was recently reported that a part-time military member (either DNG or Reservist) from Sussex County applied for a renewal of his Delaware CCDW permit. That renewal was denied by the Court because he has a Delaware Medical Marijuana Card. He apparently complained to the Delaware agency that issues the cards complaining that he was denied renewal of his CCDE license on that basis.

The folks from the applicable Delaware agency were supplied with a copy of the most current 4473 form (October 2016 – Obama era) which warns that consumption (use) of marijuana is still illegal and that makes the card holder a "user" and therefore prohibited.

Once they got that form Delaware officials went into a tail spin and called the AG's office that apparently found the fact that he (1) had a card and (2) was a prohibited person under federal law....

Apparently, all the liberals whom you/we warned about this back when the medical marijuana law was first being discussed and subsequently passed are all in a tizzy.....

(With great difficulty I will withhold my less-than-flattering editorial comment, at least for now.....)

“backchannel threats” to companies with ties to the NRA, warning that they would face regulatory action if they failed to end their relationships with the organization.

If the NRA’s charges are true, the state’s actions would clearly violate the First Amendment. Public officials are, of course, free to criticize groups with which they disagree. But they cannot use their regulatory authority to penalize advocacy groups by threatening companies that do business with those groups. And here the state has admitted, in its own words, that it focused on the NRA and other groups not because of any illegal conduct, but because they engage in “gun promotion” — in other words, because they advocate a lawful activity.

Substitute Planned Parenthood or the Communist Party for the NRA, and the point is clear. If Cuomo can do this to the NRA, then conservative governors could have their financial regulators threaten banks and financial institutions that do business with any other group whose political views the governor opposes. The First Amendment bars state officials from using their regulatory power to penalize groups merely because they promote disapproved ideas.

In April 2018, the New York State Department of Financial Services sent “guidance letters” to banks and insurance companies. It wrote, “The Department encourages its insurers to continue evaluating and managing their risks, including reputational risks, that may arise from their dealings with the NRA or similar gun promotion organizations... The Department encourages regulated institutions to review any relationships they have with the NRA or similar gun promotion organizations, and to take prompt actions to managing these risks and promote public health and safety.”

Two weeks later, the department announced consent decrees with two insurers, imposing millions of dollars in fines and barring them from selling consumer insurance products that are endorsed by the NRA. Days later, the NRA says that its corporate insurance carrier severed ties and said it would not provide the NRA with insurance at any price.

The NRA says that it has since had serious difficulty replacing its corporate insurance because nearly every potential replacement was afraid of being investigated by the state. The NRA also says that numerous banks have withdrawn bids to provide basic financial services because the April letters from the state indicated that any association with the NRA could expose them to regulatory retaliation.

The state argues that even if all the NRA’s claims are true, the First Amendment doesn’t apply. We disagree, and as we note in our brief, dismissing the NRA case:

would set a dangerous precedent for advocacy groups across the political spectrum. Public officials would have a readymade playbook for abusing their regulatory power

to harm disfavored advocacy groups without triggering judicial scrutiny.

There are acceptable measures that the state can take to curb gun violence. But using its extensive financial regulatory authority to penalize advocacy groups because they “promote” guns isn’t one of them.

CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BOOTED FROM CLASS FOR WEARING NRA T-SHIRT

Provided by Vickie Prickett- DSSA Board

A teacher in California reportedly kicked a student out of his history class for wearing a T-shirt advertising the National Rifle Association.

The teacher at Lodi High School lectured two teens last Friday about why guns are bad after they both wore NRA shirts, according to CBS Sacramento.

Charlene Craig told the news outlet that both her 15-year-old daughter and another student refused to remove their NRA shirts, and that the second student was subsequently sent to the principal's office.

"I think he's there to teach," Craig said of the teacher in question. "I don't think he's there to discuss his personal beliefs."

The T-shirts featured an NRA logo on the front. On the back of the shirt, red, white and blue shell casings formed an American flag with the words "National Rifle Association" below.

The shirt did not feature an image of a firearm. The school's dress code states that students are not permitted to wearing clothing depicting weapons.

The school's administration reviewed the shirt in question and found that it didn't violate the Lodi Unified School District's dress code.

The school district also reportedly plans to re-inform its staff about dress code policies.

Parkland parents create super PAC to oppose NRA-backed politicians

By Kaitlyn Schallhorn | Fox News
Provided by Vickie Prickett – DSSA Board

DSSA Editorial Note: This article is presented to show the financial and emotional rhetoric NRA and the DSSA are up against when dealing with our legislature. This PAC effort is

not to protect children. It is aimed at disarming our 2nd Amendment and Article 1, Section 20 rights and make our children more vulnerable.

Families of students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School -- where a former student allegedly killed 17 people in February -- have banded together to create a political action committee (PAC) to counter the National Rifle Association (NRA) and candidates it backs.

The Families Versus Assault Rifles PAC -- or FAMSVPAC -- aims to "remove the NRA from our political system, and then to amend the National Firearms Act of 1934 to include a ban on assault weapons, bump stocks and high-capacity magazines," according to its website.

Jeff Kasky's two children were inside the Parkland, Florida, high school the day of the shooting, WPEC-TV reported. One of his kids, Cameron, has become a March for Our Lives activist since the tragedy. But now, Kasky said, it's the parents' turn.

"The parents who have been supporting the activist students have been supporting them in any way we can: emotional support, driving them around, giving money for gas and traveling with them," Kasky told Fox News. "We feel we owe our children an apology for letting the situation get to where the NRA has been allowed to take over portions of our government. This is our way of expressing our need to make amends to the students."

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- Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School parent Jeff Kasky
Kasky said he wanted to make it clear that group's goal is not to "take away anyone's Second Amendment rights." He said the organization is made up of a variety of parents -- including some gun owners, such as himself.

"We do not wish to affect the Second Amendment in any way, shape or form," Kasky said.

The ultimate goal of the PAC, he said, is to change the National Firearms Act of 1934 to include a ban on the most dangerous firearms. In order to do that, he said, there needs to be more likeminded lawmakers in office. "We need to get the NRA-funded politicians out of office," he said.

While the PAC will actively oppose certain NRA-backed politicians, it will not support any political candidate, Kasky said.

"We echo the words from the March for Our Lives: 'Either change the law or change the lawmakers.' We plan to do both," FAMSVPAC said on its website.

The PAC encourages donations of \$17, in honor of the 17 victims of the Parkland shooting.

According to the Miami Herald, the super PAC registered with the federal government on May 18 -- the same day 10 people died in a school shooting in Texas.

None of the parents involved with the PAC are receiving financial compensation, Kasky said.

GOVERNMENT ADMITS AR-15'S ARE NOT WEAPONS OF WAR

By Awr Hawkins

Provided by Hank Myer- DSSA Board



In its settlement with Cody Wilson's Defense Distributed the government admitted that semi-automatic firearms below .50 caliber are not weapons of war.

On July 10, 2018, Breitbart News reported that the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) brought a suit against the State Department on Wilson's behalf. The suit was filed in 2015 and was the result of State Department action to force Wilson to quit sharing 3-D gun files online.

Wilson and SAF fought the suit on First Amendment grounds and secured a settlement with the State Department and the Department of Justice, the latter of which finalizes the settlement.

The amended regulations proposed in the settlement show the government will no longer look at semi-automatic firearms below .50 caliber as "military equipment" or weapons of war. In offering a definition of "military equipment" the settlement says:

The phrase "Military Equipment" means (1) Drums and other magazines for firearms to 50 caliber (12.7 mm) inclusive with a capacity greater than 50 rounds, regardless of the jurisdiction of the firearm, and specially designed parts and components

therefor; (2) Parts and components specifically designed for conversion of a semi-automatic firearm to a fully automatic firearm; (3) Accessories or attachments specifically designed to automatically stabilize aim (other than gun rests) or for automatic targeting, and specifically designed parts and components therefor.

Attorneys in the case expounded on the amended regulations by pointing out that the settlement “expressly acknowledges that non-automatic firearms up to .50 caliber widely available in retail outlets in the United States and abroad [a scope that includes AR-15 and other assault-style rifles], are not inherently military.”

Second Amendment Foundation founder and executive vice president Alan Gottlieb spoke to Breitbart News about the settlement, saying:

Not only is this a First Amendment victory for free speech, it also is a devastating blow to the gun prohibition lobby. For years, anti-gunners have contended that modern semi-automatic sport-utility rifles are so-called “weapons of war,” and with this settlement, the government has acknowledged they are nothing of the sort.

The federal government now saying semi-automatic firearms below .50 caliber are not inherently military means that they are admitting that rifles like the AR-15 are civilian in nature. This makes perfect sense, as they existed years before the military adopted the fully automatic version.

Gottlieb added, “Gun rights organizations like the Second Amendment Foundation will now be able to use this government admission in debate and courtrooms from New York to California.”

Grandmother shoots cyclist trying to break into her home, police say

By Stephen Sorace | Fox News
Provided by Vickie Prickett – DSSA Board

A Texas grandmother shot a man who was riding a bicycle, masturbating and trying to break into her Houston home Tuesday while her granddaughter was inside, police said.

The woman, who was not identified, was taking out her trash at around 5:15 p.m. when she said the masturbating man followed her to her front door and attempted to break in, Lt. Larry Crowson told The Houston Chronicle.

"She told him stay away and not come in the house or she would get a gun and shoot him," Crowson said.

When the man persisted, the woman said she got a gun and fired one shot through the door, hitting the man in the chest, The Chronicle reported. The man tried to flee on his bike, but only managed to pedal a few feet before collapsing.

Paramedics rushed the unidentified man to a local hospital. He was in critical condition, but is expected to survive, the paper reported.

Neighbors told reporters that if they were in the woman's shoes, they would have acted similarly.

"Protect your family," a neighbor, who asked not to be identified, told KPRC-TV. "She did what she had to do." The woman's 14-year-old granddaughter was home during the attempted break in, but didn't see the incident, the Chronicle reported.

The man had been arrested a week earlier for allegedly walking around the same area while naked, KPRC-TV reported.

The man was not immediately charged. Police said investigators were working to determine whether the woman would face charges.

A Note from the DSSA Membership Chairman

What an exciting time we live in. We have witnessed a great awareness of the Delaware citizenry over the past 6 months. The "GUN" issue has polarized a portion of the populace causing some to educate themselves and vow to be active in the future of our State and country, tired of sitting back and letting someone else do it. The members of the different Gun Rights Groups will no longer be satisfied with political lip service by populist politicians. An awakening is underway, and we ride the crest of that wave by affirming our Delaware State Constitution and our Rights. Courts have found in our favor numerous times and we continue to make history. We do not gloat over these decisions, but rather rejoice in the affirmation of the very documents our elected politicians have sworn an oath to uphold and defend.

BUT... yes there is always that 'but'... "It Ain't Over!" We must prepare for future onslaughts against our Constitutional Rights. THANK YOU... the Patriots who have joined DSSA and the support you have given and shown. As we strive to foresee what our future needs will be, we continue to need your help. We need to keep you informed and up to date on what is happening. We do this via email, Social Media and mailings. It is most important to have current up to date information such as your current address(s) and email info. As always, DSSA does NOT give out or share this info.

Donations are always appreciated ... either for DSSA or DFLA. PLEASE, take the effort to write separate checks when a donation is given. I realize it is extra effort/work... but because the government requires a penny by penny accounting ... it really helps in our book keeping efforts. If you have not renewed your DSSA Membership, Please Do So asap. We cannot let down our guard. YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. Membership/DSSA/PayPal questions? email your concerns to wdabll@gmail.com

**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/donor 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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