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'Calling forth the Militia'

It is time for law-abiding Americans to make ready to defend themselves.

By: Lee Williams

<https://thegunwriter.substack.com/p/calling-forth-the-militia>

The enemy is at the gate. One need only look at the Iranian-backed genocide in Israel to see what they have in store for this country if their plans succeed.

Clearly, Joe Biden helped get us into this dire situation.

- Biden allowed millions of military-age males to enter this country illegally, including hundreds on the terror watch list. You could see them rallying yesterday in major cities across the United States, celebrating the terrorist atrocities in Israel.
- Biden ignored Iranian sanctions and allowed them to generate more than \$40 billion in oil revenue, which they used to fund their terror campaigns. And then he gave them \$6 billion more in an ill-conceived ransom payment.
- Biden gifted the terrorists in Afghanistan more than \$7 billion in military equipment, including aircraft, armored vehicles, explosives, small arms and ammunition. Time will tell if these weapons are being used against Israeli Defense Forces.
- While he was arming terrorists, Biden used every trick in the book to disarm law-abiding Americans. He even created an office in the White House to coordinate his plans for total civilian disarmament.

In fact, when you look at the totality of his actions, it makes you wonder whose side Biden is even on.

Credible threat

The MOSSAD, the Israeli Institute for Intelligence and Special Operations, warned New York, Michigan and Florida to prepare for coming terrorist violence.

"We again ask for Jews around the world to be careful. This warning extends to western nations: England, Canada

(Toronto), Germany, France, USA (NY. MI. FL.)" the intelligence organization wrote in a tweet. "Keep your cellphone handy and your eyes open."

Florida has already seen two pro-Hamas demonstrations in Tampa and Ft. Lauderdale, which Gov. Ron DeSantis called "abhorrent."

"Hamas is a terrorist group that is dedicated to the destruction of Israel and commits atrocities to further that end," DeSantis said in a social media post. "We are proud of the relationship between Florida and Israel and remember well the support we received from the IDF following the Surfside tower collapse."

Across the country, law enforcement has increased security at synagogues and other Jewish sites.

"If war is what is needed to make the state of Israel safe, war it is," said Maor Elbaz-Starinsky, Consul General of Israel in Miami. "We look at Hamas as a very cruel and vicious terrorist organization."

Make ready

We are the well-regulated militia the Framers had in mind when they wrote the Second Amendment. It is time to accept that responsibility.

You'll need a good rifle; a handgun too is recommended. You'll need ammunition stored in magazines, since ammo in a cardboard box will do you little good. You'll also need training — professional training. Find an instructor who understands how to shoot, move and communicate.

If you're already armed, equipped and tactically fluent, your job is far from done. Talk to your friends, family and neighbors. Help them gain the means and the mindset to successfully defend themselves.

We are incredibly fortunate to have the Second Amendment, which prohibits the government from infringing upon our right to keep and bear arms. We all realized this as we watched the atrocities in Israel unfold. We must continue to safeguard this basic human right. Civilians in Israel had no such protections, and ultimately paid a high price. They are receiving their gun rights now, after the fact — in many cases too late.

Joe Biden didn't even mention American casualties Sunday evening. He hosted a barbecue at the White House instead, complete with a live band. That's about all we can expect from our doddering commander-in-chief. It doesn't really matter since all of his gun control plans became moot Saturday, as dozens of terrorist paratroops drifted down under canopy, like the opening scene from Red Dawn.

We will never allow that to happen here — with or without Biden's help. We will help each other make ready, and we will defend ourselves.

It's what Americans do.

Convention of States Clarification

By: DE COS State Communications Coordinator

In recent days some on the political left have tried to jump on the Convention of States train for their own purposes — most notably, Governor Gavin Newsom of California. He intends to call a Convention in order to propose a 28th Amendment for the purpose of gutting the 2nd Amendment. Of course, this is alarming to many 2nd Amendment advocates.

The possibility of gutting the 2nd Amendment through an Article V convention is often raised by those opposed to an Article V Convention. The convention process is a tool to amend the Constitution that can be used for many purposes, both by the right and the left.

Many critics fail to recognize that the convention, once called, cannot be used for any and every purpose, but only for the planks approved by the 34 states that pass the resolution. Therefore, an Article V convention cannot be used to change the 2nd Amendment unless these changes were already included in the resolutions passed by all 34 states.

The current states that have passed the Convention of States (COS) resolution have only approved of three planks: 1) fiscal responsibility; 2) term limits; and 3) limiting the scope and power of the federal government. Therefore, gun rights on either side would not be able to be addressed by the convention.

In the recent COS simulation we saw that topics that were outside of the three listed above were prohibited. Furthermore, the current COS movement is completely supportive of the 2nd Amendment and, unlike Newsom, has no desire or plan to change it.

Both Gavin Newsom and his opponents on the right are underestimating the effort that would be required for a convention to alter the 2nd Amendment. Getting 34 states to agree to any constitutional change is a tall order, as those involved with the Convention of States movement have discovered. Furthermore, 27 states already have laws that permit "Constitutional Carry." These states would never pass a resolution like the one Newsom is proposing, so his particular Article V convention is Dead on Arrival.

In contrast, there is widespread support across the country for term limits and fiscal responsibility. While it is wise to be cautious about efforts to erode our constitutional rights, we should not be afraid to use this constitutional process to create a better and "more perfect union."

High Power Report

By: Frank Nedza

Mid-Atlantic Long-Range Regional, September 30-October 1

Unfortunately, we had to postpone this match for a week due to inclement weather. That decision was the right one, but it cost us a fair number of competitors. Those who were able to re-schedule everything had a pretty good weekend for shooting. Saturday was certainly a little 'iffy' but we didn't get wet, even if vision wasn't great with fog/mist/drizzle. Sunday? Well, that was one of the nicer days we have had for a match in a good long while. Great weather with mild temperatures, clear skies and manageable winds —it doesn't get too much better than that, but spending time with good friends on the firing line, and the post-match BBQ didn't hurt either 😊.

Before going any further, I would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with this match — certainly everyone who helped set up and tear down the targets —a pretty essential task as you might imagine... A special thanks to my two faithful assistants, Joe Fogg and Steve Palmieri for all their help at the start and end of each match day —not just this weekend, but most matches. Additional thanks to George and Nikki —you two really made my day when you had the idea for the 'Banquet Hall' —that was really a nice way to end each day. And last but certainly not least, a huge note of thanks to George VanWhy and Kathleen Lodge-Brannan for getting that great prize table together! We had a really nice prize table for this match, with every shooter walking away with something, including tee-shirts made possible by our primary sponsor, the Preston Automotive Group.

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Now, on to the results;

In F-Open, George VanWhy sure held 'em and squeezed 'em, firing the match winning score of 996-51X! Woof! Folks, George only dropped 4 points over two days of shooting!



Jack Neith wasn't too far behind at 988-45X (nice way to break in that new High Master card... ☺). Only a point behind Jack, was Henry Ferris at 987-47X.

Expert class shooter Natalia DeMarco continued on her great shooting streak, firing a very nice 980-35X – I see at least Master coming up soon, unless she just leapfrogs to HM...

In F-T/R, it was another 'Battle of the Todds', with Todd Norfleet coming out on top this time, firing a nice 985-42X with his trusty .308 -on a bipod.



It wasn't JUST the Todd's though, as Expert class shooter Josh Driessen had a pretty great weekend, and snuck in between the two of them with a nice 979-37X, including his first ever 1000 yard clean! (and the only one in F-T/R for the weekend). Well done Josh! Todd Strasavich took the third place spot, only 2 X's behind Josh at 979-35X. So, was this a Josh sandwich? I dunno, but you all did great!

Of note too, was Deanna Jordan (Marksman, but not for long, I think), who shot some pretty good scores this weekend, firing a nice 950-22X with her .223 Remington F-T/R rig.

In Palma Rifle, John Howell took the Gold, firing a nice 987-42X (shooting .223Remington). Nice shooting, Jon!



Right behind him was Nate Guernsey, firing a nice 985-41X, with a Brand New barrel – I think his round count is now about 115...

And last, but certainly not least, in Any Rifle, Joe Wawrzaszek fired a nice 994-43X for the conventional win! Some seriously good shooting, Joe!



Right behind him was Joe Fogg, firing a nice 985-43X. Great shooting, Joe. In F-T/R we have the 'battle of the Todd's –in any Rifle, the 'Battle of the Joe's...

Rich Kussman placed third at 972-31X. Good shooting, Rich.

In my mind, more important than winning, is getting together with friends, and this photo, I think, illustrates that nicely.



October 28-29 Palma Weekend Match

What a GREAT weekend for a Palma match! Not too hot, not too cold, not too windy –like Goldilocks' porridge, it was juuusst right.

Before I get into it, once again I want to thank everyone for helping with target setup and teardown –we couldn't do this without help. That thank you extends (as always) to Nikki and George for all they do to keep us able to have these matches. That grass doesn't cut itself, the sodas don't jump into the refrigerator, and the scores don't get added to the spreadsheet on their own... Thanks Guys!

Anyway... We sure had a lot of tough competition this weekend too! Match winner Jerry McDonough dropped a grand total of 4 points for the weekend, firing a 1096 out of a possible 1100 points. He also dropped a few tens... His X-count was a total of **75 X's** out of those **110 record shots**. SHEESH! (and seriously **good great**) shooting Jerry!

Not too far behind Jerry was... wait for it... Jon Howell, who fired his MIGHTY .223 Remington to a pretty darned nice 1090-43X. Nice shooting, Jon! One point behind him, but with a **bunch** more X's, was Matt Zagorski, who fired a very good 1089-55X for the weekend –nice job, Matt!

We had a really nice turnout, I think, with a few sling shooters shooting out of competition, but adding to the fun had by all.

It was great to see Jeff Hague on the sling side again, and doing pretty well too, after a long layoff!

We even had 'new to us' shooter Kathy Livingstone come out and have some fun. Welcome aboard, Kathy! I hope you had so much fun that you will be joining us on a more regular basis from now on.

Over in F-Class, we had a total of seven shooters move their considerable gear from line to line with us. I hope you guys had fun too, and will spread the word about the Palma format.

In F-Open, Herb Egberts fired a pretty nice 1072-44X, with Mike McNair (a relatively new shooter) gaining experience, and firing a 1007-18X.

In F-T/R, John Johnson and Todd Norfleet battled it out, with John coming out on top shooting a 1085-51X. Nice shooting, John! Todd wasn't too far behind, firing a 1082-41X.

I hope everyone had as much fun as I did this weekend –a great time with great friends, and great weather to boot. I especially enjoy the Palma format, and hope to shoot more of them next year.

Our next (and last) match of the year will be November 4th and 5th, with a 300/500/600 yard match on Saturday (with convertible sighters, Jon!). Sunday will be a 3 x 600 match. Hope to see you on the line!

November 4th and 5th, Mid-Range Season Closer

Man, what a beautiful weekend to be on the range with friends! No matter the time of year, weather like this weekend's was just about perfect, and a great way to end our High Power shooting season.

As always, I want to thank everyone for helping with target setup and teardown –we couldn't do this without help. We also need to keep Nikki and George in mind for all they do to keep us able to have these matches. Thanks Guys!

Anyway, on to the results! We had nine F-Class shooters come out this weekend –considering a bunch of them are out in Arizona, I think we did good! We had a 'new to us' shooter, Mike Eash, come out, as well as Junior shooter, Eddy Zebedies –hope you guys had fun with us, and will join us again next year. Unfortunately we didn't have enough people to make a full class in any of the F-Class divisions, but as usual, Todd Norfleet did well in F-T/R, firing a nice 1191-62X (out of a possible 1200 points) with his trusty .308. Nice shooting, Todd!

In F-Open, we also had some good scores shot, but mostly single day shooters –Corey Woods had a pretty good day on Saturday, firing a nice 597-33X. Good shooting Corey! Hope we see you more frequently next season! New Guy Mike Eash had a pretty good day on Sunday, firing a nice 598-32X. I think we are going to have to keep an eye on him... ☺. Our only 2-Day F-Open competitor was Mike Davie, who continues to make progress, firing a 1098-12X –keep up the good work!

On the sling side, we ended up with 19 sling shooters, including a few folks that are 'new to us', including Rich Erb, and Phil Oscar. I hope you guys had fun, and hope to see you again next season! Again, on the sling side, what a battle! Only one point separated third from second, and second from first! Joe Fogg took the win with a nice 1198-79X with his trusty Palma rifle, including a 600-36X on Saturday! Great shooting, Joe! In second place was Matt Zagorski, who fired a hard-holding 1197-80X. Way to go, Matt! In third place, Jon Howell

and his trusty .223 Palma rifle held hard for a 1196-69X. Not too bad for the 'Mighty' .223!

In other kind of amazing news, we had 24 'clean' targets shot on the Sling/AR-Tactical side, including a 300 yard clean by relatively new shooter John Baretto! The F-Class side, too, had a few 'clean' targets, a total of four, on that itty-bitty 10/X ring of theirs. Well done guys!

For those that are interested, the HEXTA electronic scoring targets we use have continued to perform well, capturing and recording every shot that actually landed in the scoring area ☺, and logging a total of **320,678 shots**. A little quick math will show that nearly **4 TONS of bullets** have been fired through these targets since our first match with them in June of 2017. Holy Cow!

That concludes our 2023 High Power Match season, but keep your eyes peeled for our 2024 schedule. Thank you to all the shooters who made our 2023 Match Season a great one!

Happy Holidays to everyone, and hope to see you on the line in 2024!

In Case You Missed It
Submitted by Vickie Prickett

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we near the end of another year it is time to reflect back on some of what happened in the General Assembly and with DSSA as a whole.

The 152nd General Assembly started on the second Tuesday of January this year. There were more progressive socialist Democrats that ever before. We lost a couple of seats in the Senate and some in the House. We were faced with the likes of representatives and senators that advocate for the abolishment of law enforcement, prisons, bail and enforcement of many misdemeanors, especially those dealing with theft.

We were faced with the "Permit to Purchase" bill again. What we all know is a wrongheaded effort to, not reduce crime, but to reduce our right to keep and bear arms.

DSSA was able to tie up the permit to purchase law so that no action was taken in the House. However, rest assured that the progressive socialist liberals will put that law at the top of the list come January.

DSSA had already filed lawsuits against the semi-auto ban, the magazine capacity limit and the under 21 law the previous September. It wasn't until February of this year that we were afforded a hearing on the semi-auto ban and magazine capacity limit in federal District court. We know how that turned out. The judge agreed with the proposition that semi-automatics were in common usage and as a corollary that magazines with the capacity of more than 17 rounds were in common usage. However, he took a 90 degree turn and by manipulating words, managed to deny our request for a preliminary injunction.

DSSA appealed that decision and only the other day were we informed that oral arguments will take place toward the end of January. So much justice in a timely manner. Rest assured that we will continue the fight to the end, which will be victory over these ridiculous laws.

If you review what is happening in federal courts all across the nation, we can feel more positive that our side will win. More and more federal courts are rendering decisions that emphasize that laws such as ours are unconstitutional.

Remember, we are not the extremists. They are. Only about 10 states regulate semi-automatics or magazines. 27 states have constitutional carry. Almost every state has shall issue for concealed carry permits. That makes our position normal and mainstream.

As we roll into the holiday season please think about giving your state association, which by the way is the **Third** largest in the U.S. a little something to help out. Your dues only go so far.

Our next fund raiser is November 19th at Owens Station in Greenwood. A flyer is attached to this newsletter.

DSSA will also have a dinner on March 1, 2024, at the Modern Maturity Center in Dover. Stay tuned for more information.

Jeff Hague, President

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