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Through the Spotting Scope



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Every time we put a newsletter out to our members, I'm reminded how much we've accomplished since organizing in 2011. Everything that has been accomplished is because of the dedication and hard work of all our member volunteers. Our progress has been noted on a national level. I was invited to be a guest speaker at last month's Gun Rights Policy

Conference in Phoenix. At this conference NVFAC was awarded the "2019 Organization of the Year" from the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. I was very proud to accept this award on behalf of all our members. We have a big fight ahead to preserve our rights, and the only way it can be done is by PARTICIPATION. But participation also means having

fun and learning, so keep shooting, keep hunting, keep training and keep involved in local issues and keep volunteering to help Nevada remain the freedom loving Second Amendment state it is.

Don Turner,
President



*Dedicated to the ownership and safe use of firearms
for self defense, competition, recreation and hunting.*

Development Division Development Division Develop

In the last edition of **the Firing Line**, I made this statement:

As Development Director, I am chartered with fund raising and program development to advance the NVFAC. Any non-profit, volunteer organization needs three things to be successful: 1) a GROWING membership; 2) volunteers and 3) donations = MONEY.

I then made an appeal for volunteers. I did not receive even one response, not even a question. I hear all the time in person and on social media: who is going to do something about that? What is the NVFAC doing about that? Well guess what, without new members, volunteers and donations we can't do much more than what we are already stretched in doing, by the same volunteers that we always have. The NVFAC is a 100% VOLUNTEER organization. We do not have ANY paid employees. We do pay a lobbyist fulltime during the legislative sessions, but that takes money.

So if you are reading this and not a member, why not, it is only \$25 and it goes a long way. So please join here: <https://www.nvfac.org/join/>

If you can afford to donate then you have TWO choices:

Donate to our 501c3 Foundation here: <https://www.nvfac.org/donations/nvfac-foundation-donation/>

Or if you want to fight on the political front donate to our Political Action committee here: <https://nvfacpac.org/donate/> by donating one time or any amount on a monthly basis.

AND if you have even a few hours a month and can volunteer, please let us know by sending an email to **info@nvfac.org**. Help at a gun show to get the word out and sign up new members. Help with organizing political efforts. Are you a NRA RSO? Then volunteer to help run a shooting event or a range day. If you have special skills that can help the organization, let us know. If you like to organize a new event you have interest in, make the suggestion. If you can help in fund raising great or helping to organize an annual banquet, let us know. **Just STEP UP!**

Tom Panagos,
Development Division Director

Membership Division Membership Division Membersh

It's a great time to join NVFAC or renew your NVFAC membership! After a difficult fight in the Nevada legislature, your involvement and membership with NVFAC is more important than ever, and telling your friends and family to join our state NRA organization goes a long way in defending our rights.

Joining NVFAC is simple and easy. Please visit www.nvfac.org/join/ (insert link) and join or renew today.

You can set up an auto-renewal account or join yearly. You will have to set up a username and password for future access to our membership site. Please keep that information handy for future use. There is also a downloadable PDF form that can be used to join by check via snail mail.

The most important reason for joining NVFAC is the protection of your 2nd Amendment freedoms in Nevada. We are under unprecedented attack by billionaires and corporations determined to

strip you of your 2A rights. NVFAC has been extremely effective in challenging these attacks on our civil rights and has been behind many of the pro-2A legislation that has passed in Nevada over the last several years. Your membership is more important than ever!

Additionally, NVFAC members enjoy discounts from various retailers and service providers in Nevada. For more information, please visit www.nvfac.org/category/member-benefits or click on the "Member Benefits" link at www.nvfac.org

NVFAC membership is always looking for volunteers to help at gun shows and various events all over Nevada. We are looking for leaders and volunteers STATEWIDE, to help at gun shows and other events to encourage fellow freedom lovers to join NVFAC and support our efforts in preserving 2A rights. Training and supplies are provided. For more information please contact Matt at matt@nvfac.org

NVFAC will be registering voters for the

upcoming 2020 election! PLEASE check your voter registration information and update if needed. If you are not currently registered to vote, PLEASE register and vote to protect our 2A rights both in Nevada and nationally!

Matt Hennager,
Membership Director

Range & Retail Division Range & Retail Division Range

What a busy year for the gun industry and gun owners. We won some battles and lost some, but the Nevada Firearms Coalition is still strong with membership growing consistently. Escaping from the heat and moving into the fall season (football, Holidays and planning for 2020), we all find ourselves extremely busy and pre-occupied.

I must admit, writing the articles for the Firing Line has been daunting but rewarding. I heard back from many of you about the suggestions and comments and I appreciate it. This past year, I wrote about growing your business, effective customer service and making your range family friendly while keeping it safe. Let's finish off the year by discussing how you can stay engaged with your community.

Coming from a law enforcement background, I know first-hand how a department, who is engaged with the community, benefits from the relationships, the contacts and the sense of accomplishing mutually beneficial goals. I believe the same can be accomplished from professional ranges and firearm related businesses. Prior to moving on, I want to ensure all I am not talking about giving away free products or services. You all get hit on that too many times as it is. I am talking about giving back to the community.

Being a community-engaged business means more than just showing up and trying to sell products or merchandise. In my world, it means showing up. That simple. Show Up! Easy to say but not difficult to accomplish. I encourage each of you to select a charity, a program, a feel-good story and show up with employees to help. Wear your shirts and logos but just help. As I mentioned in an earlier writing, there many ways to build a customer base. Volunteering is a perfect way to not only become engaged; it is also a way to get your name and logo out to others who may not subscribe to firearm related materials or go to firearm stores.

The question is always (and I have done numerous presentations about this topic) – Which charity, event, program, etc... can I help

with? The answer is quite simple. Pick the one that touches your heart. I realize that is something not mentioned a lot in our industry but maybe it should be. We know people in our community who could use some help. Why not spend time in the community and maybe in the end, get a bit of free advertising to grow even more?

The next question always is – What does help (volunteering) actually look like? Another simple answer – start in the immediate area of where your business is located. If you plan on staying in the area where you are now, why not initiate some type of community clean up or become involved with revitalization programs. Are there local churches in your area in need of some volunteers? Is there a charity nearby which could benefit from your excess end of year advertisement products? Has a family been displaced in need of a van or moving truck? Is there an elderly home in your area you can visit for an hour or two each month? The list of reaching out to the community is only limited by your imagination. The key is to help in a way that is meaningful for you and your company. Too many businesses start to help but then quickly fade away because the heart wasn't in it, meaning they were looking for a quick publicity stunt. Finally, if you are unable to find a suitable fit for your company, create your own community engagement program.

Reality is that the firearm industry has been getting beaten up the last couple of years. While we cannot compete with the heavily financed special interest groups, we can stay engaged with each other and the community. Take the lead in the community. If you are not sure where to begin, reach out to me and we will work together to find a meaningful project for you, your employees and your company.

Stay safe and see you soon.

Rich Fletcher,
Range & Retail Director

Northeast Division Report Northeast Division Report

It's been a crazy end of summer in Northeastern Nevada. We have attended a few events and were able to get loads of information out so some potential new members. I've spent some time with the local Rifle and Pistol club here in Elko County discussing their plans for the future and expansion of the range here. I was also lucky enough to meet some USPSA shooters from Winnemucca and learn a bit about their events and local group. It was a slow start, but we're finally getting some contacts made and relationships built. It's very exciting to see a lot of places in Northeastern Nevada are starting to see new shooters! We'll see if we can keep the momentum up as we head into winter! Keep up the good fight, and keep training!

Jessica Moore,

Northeast Area Director

NOTICE: NVFAC has created Facebook Groups for each area to keep members informed about local events and issues. If you haven't, please go to your local area Facebook page, join the group and keep informed:

Northwest Nevada: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1652461708123047/?ref=bookmarks>

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Southern Nevada: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2241764499370864/>

Northwest Division Report Northwest Division Report

This summer, we made great strides towards promoting a positive gun culture in Northern Nevada. We are better suited now to stop the gun control juggernaut in Carson City. We still have a long way to go. We will be rallying our members again soon, (keep a watch on the NVFAC FOR NW NV Facebook page) to discuss our focuses and goals here in the north. What can you do in the interim? Take a newbie to the range. Be that guide into the

world of responsible and safe firearms use for the people in your lives. If you can become an RSO or take gun training, do so! If you shoot on BLM land, clean up after yourself. Take your targets and brass with you. Keep fighting, stay informed and stay safe folks!

Justin Edwards,

Northwest Area Director

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Education & Training Division Education & Training Div

We are constantly developing new education and training programs for our members. 2020 will be one of our best years so far, but as mentioned many times in this edition and previous ones, we are a membership organization. So, if you would like some activates in your area, please contact us and let's work together to get some programs up and running.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION COURSES

For more information about NRA courses, check out the Education and Training Page on the NVFAC web site at www.nvfac.org or contact our training director Paul Chaffee paul@nvfac.org.

Some upcoming activities at the Clark County Shooting Complex

- December 22, 2019 – OPEN RANGE, CCSC – 100 Yard Range, 1PM – 3:30PM
- December 22, 2019 – Pistol Shooting Drills Lesson. Learn and practice pistol shooting drills. – 50 yard Range – 1PM – 3:30PM
- Every Tuesday night, Education Center, Annie Oakley's Women Shooting Program. 630 pm to 9 pm.

Paul Chaffee,
Education & Training Director



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ANNIE OAKLEY WOMEN'S SHOOTING PROGRAM

This record-breaking program just continues to grow. Established in April 2017, its purpose is to introduce firearms safety, safe firearms storage, suicide prevention, basic pistolcraft to women shooters. The response has been beyond expectations. This program is held every Tuesday night at the Clark County Shooting Complex and is completely free to

women and provides women coaches, range safety officers and instructors. Pistols and 125 rounds of initial .22 LR are provided. Supported by our Foundation and grants this program has trained over 3,000 ladies since inception.

We are very proud of this program and our volunteers, so we'd like to share some mileposts:



► April 21, 2017: We were swamped, we trained 291 and turned away over 500.



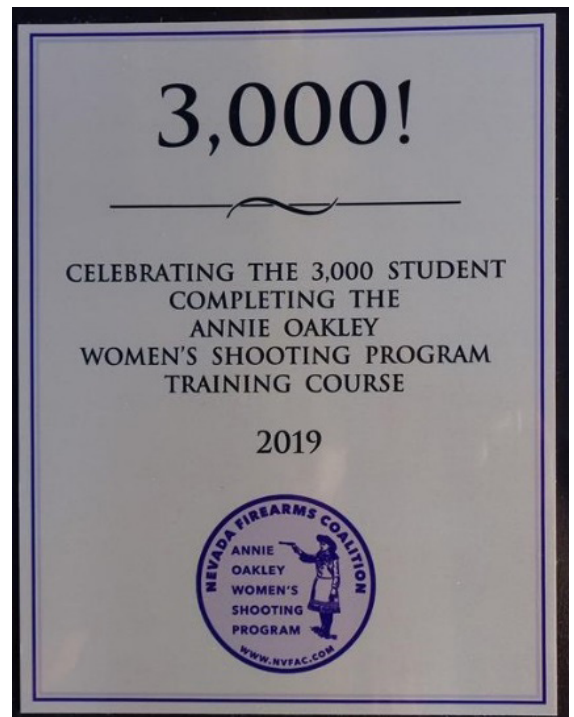
► August 29, 2017 - The 1,000th student who took the course



► September 4, 2018 - The 2,000th student



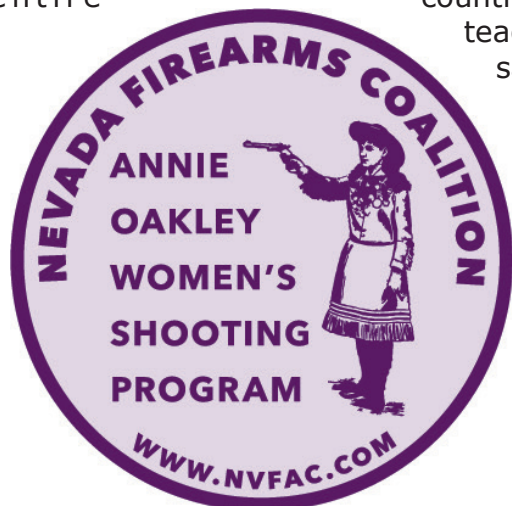
► October 22, 2019 - The 3,000th student



We've trained more women with a volunteer cadre supported by our Foundation than Bloomberg's highly funded Moms Demand Gun Safety has in the entire country. But we ARE teaching firearms safety! Stop by and

take the safety class and shoot, or volunteer to be a member of our team. Every Tuesday 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Everything is provided, just bring your own ear and eye protection.

Please visit us at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1925399524406179/>



Jeannette Morgan,
NVFAC Women's Program Coordinator

Events and Training

NVFAC is hosting several new and exciting competitive events and training opportunities at the Clark County Shooting Complex. Please check them out on our web site at www.nvfac.org.



INTERNATIONAL DEFENSIVE PISTOL ASSOCIATION (IDPA)

IDPA is the use of practical equipment including full charge service ammunition to solve simulated real-world self-defense scenarios using practical handguns and holsters that are suitable for self-defense use. The main goal is to test the skill and ability of an individual. Cardboard targets are shot at various distances from various positions.



STEEL CHALLENGE

Steel Challenge is a speed shooting competition that consists of eight standardized stages with steel targets in three sizes; small circular, large circular and square targets.



KNOW YOUR LIMITS (KYL)

The 'Know Your Limits' target is a series of circular steel targets of descending size shot from prone with .22 LR rifles. The first target has a two inch diameter and the targets gradually get smaller. Shooters start by shooting the largest target and then work their way through the smaller targets, getting points for each successive hit. Although you can stop at any time, if you miss, you lose all your points.



A GIRL & A GUN

This is ladies-only organization established by women shooters for women pistol, rifle, and shotgun shooters! The league is designed to take beginners to whatever skill level they wish to achieve and provide experienced shooters with more opportunities.



VEGAS BLACK POWDER CLUB

This is a new program that will feature muzzleloader shooting events.



VEGAS BLACK RIFLE SHOOT

Featuring AR and AK platforms, this new course will feature shooting black rifles from various positions and barricades.

In addition, our Competitions Division has been working with Nevada Gun Clubs to host NRA National Competitions.

Johnny Engberg,
Competitions Director

Conservation Division Conservation Division Conserv

Forest fires are on the rise and gaining notoriety throughout the west, starting with the horrific fires in California that caused hundreds of human lives over the last few years. On a lesser scale, it is becoming a life-threatening situation for our mule deer herds. Of course, it's critically important for some fire for all healthy soil/land husbandry to provide nutrients and to eliminate decadent browse including Pinyon/Juniper, which is encroaching and dominating many pristine habitats once occupied by mule deer in big numbers. For mule deer productive fast burning fires results in healthy regenerating of pioneer species like high protein winter range cliffrose, mahogany, and pyrophytic plants, all the while effecting a number of key ecosystems. Alas, too much of a good thing becomes counterproductive. Fires are now destroying limited critical habitat, especially vulnerable winter range, burning so hot from lack of fast burning fires and years of extreme fire prevention that it takes decades to recover not years.

One of the main culprits (besides cyclic droughts) is often lost by the public in general and it's worth discussing. Although top of concern for NDOW and every western state wildlife agency's the real "Emilio Brazini" pulling the strings in our destruction of habitat for our mule deer herds is invasive annual grasses, namely **cheat grass** (*Bromus tectorum*). Cheat grass is like tissue paper covering huge chunks of our mule deer habitat. It's virtually useless, and like tissue paper it extends fire seasons, suffocates deep rooted native plants, and has converted entire NV landscapes to monocultures of annual grasses!

It doesn't stay green long enough or provide vegetative structure to be of any benefit to wildlife, and fire only perpetuates it! Aldo Leopold in the 1940s wrote a foreshadowing

essay called "cheat grass takes over". People are now used to seeing cheatgrass-dominated landscapes, but it's not what we should see in any way shape or form!

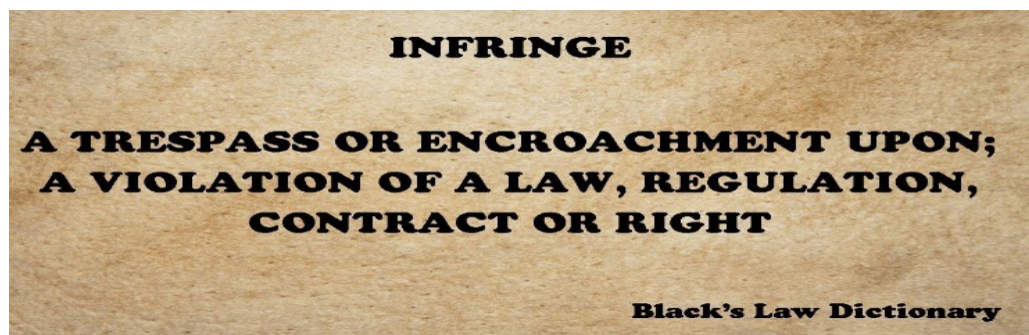
Bottom line is If we don't force it to be a minority component of our NV plant community and better manage our habitat by burns and predator control, mule deer hunting as we knew it will be a thing of the past.! We MUST think outside the box holistically, and continually to measure our efforts to address the historic crash in their population. Less than 50,000 deer would spell disaster from an overall wildlife conservation point of view, and we are just a "chip shot" away at approximately 80,000 now. Just think our NV mule deer populations in the mid-80s were approximately 250,000 strong. This pivotal species must never get below 50,000 as the consequences are too frightening to imagine.

I along with many hunter naturalists in this state agree that we should be diverting more of our hunting dollars and matching PR federal moneys into the species that keeps the lights on for wildlife in NV (most revenue generating by far) and we MUST do that sooner rather than later. Because if the lights go out for sage grouse our overall wildlife funding conservation machine will barely miss a beat, the same can NOT be said if that happens to mule deer!

Many of us travel to other states to hunt. Our friend Dave DeHaan Founder of ArcheryStreet.com wrote

"As you know, many people are asking questions about how and where to get their hunting license. I recently wrote an article with a map of the USA, where people can click on their state and learn what they need to know. You can check it out here." <https://www.archerystreet.com/hunting-license/>

Julius Fortuna,
Conservation
Director



Legislative Affairs Division Legislative Affairs Division

Some Perspective on Democrat's Dreams of Gun Confiscation

I've have often said that not all Democrats favor gun control, but that's the way to bet, and vote. That theorem has become much stronger of late.

I don't mean to pick on Democrats. NVFAC is officially non-partisan, and the only thing we reflexively do is try to defend the Second Amendment. However, only a fool would ignore the serious talk coming from the current crop of Presidential Wanna-Be's. To a person, they all have come out and publicly favored some form of serious gun control, ranging from unenforceable universal background checks to actual, outright confiscation of ordinary semi-automatic rifles – AR-a5's and AK-47s. Politically, I think that is a loser for the Democrats in the general election, but as the Emperor Napoleon I famously said, when your enemy is making a mistake, do not disturb him!

The Democrat calling most loudly and stridently is Texas's Robert Francis "Beto" O'Rourke, calling for a so-called "buy-back" of AR-15s and AK-47s. Since the federal government has never owned those guns, it's not a buy-back, so let's call it what it is, which

is confiscation. According to a recent essay in *The Washington Examiner* by Stephen Gutowski, there are about 16 million AR-15s and AK-47s in private hands in the United States, and that's not counting all the SKSs and AR-74s. That's a lot of guns, but it's only a subset, about 4%, of

the estimated 400,000,000 firearms estimated to be in American private hands (American gun owners are estimated to number about 120 million people). In case you were wondering, that 400 million guns is *w-a-a-ymore guns* than any other country in the world has. In fact, the U.S. has more guns than people (350 million people at last guesstimate). American civilians have more guns than does the American military. American citizens own *three times* more guns than all of the world's militaries – *combined!* If a Democrat wins the Presidency next year and the Dems also take the Congress, what do you think their gun confiscation efforts would look like, assuming they could pass them?

New Jersey recently tried banning so-called high-capacity magazines. Last April, the New Jersey State Police reported not a single such magazine being turned in to them as required by the new law. New Zealand, with about 4.5 million people, is about half-way through a confiscation effort supported by virtually every politician in their country and has less than 20,000 firearms to show for it. That is a compliance rate estimated at

20%. If the Democrat's vision achieved even a 90% confiscation rate for AR-15s and AK-47s, that would leave about 1.6 million such rifles in private American hands. Guess how many firearms are estimated to be in police hands? Only 1 million, which includes not just AR-15s,



but also pistols and shotguns.

If gun confiscation could make it past the Congress and the Supreme court, the actual implementation of it would be mind-bogglingly complex! Canada tried a national gun registry back in the early years of the 21st century, but gave it up after a few years as both unachievable and too expensive...and they have less than a tenth of our population.

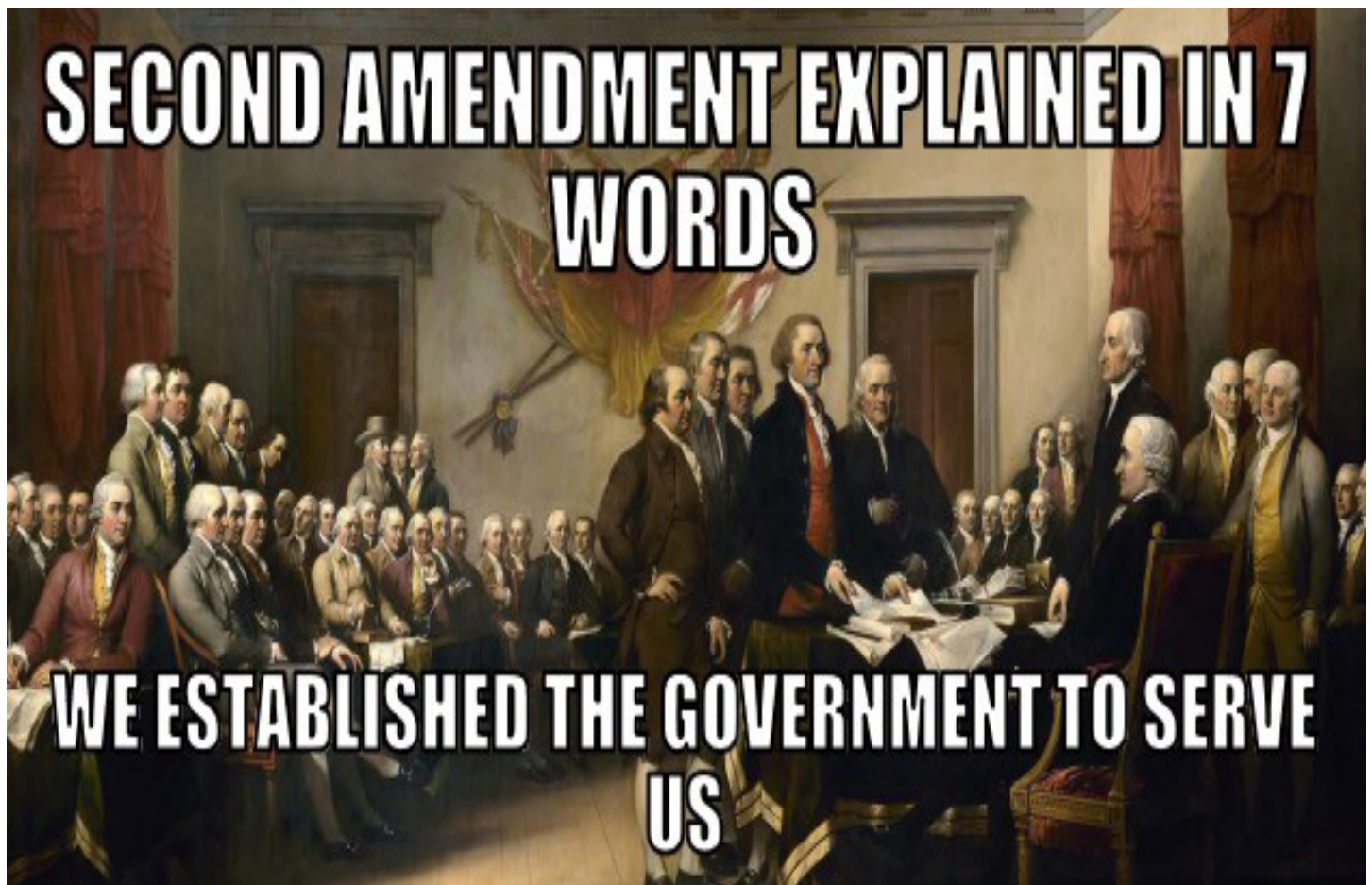
There's also the compliance issue to consider. King George III started a revolution in 1775 when his soldiers tried to seize the Massachusetts colonist's rifles and ammunition. Texans refused General Santa Anna's demands in 1835 to surrender a cannon in their possession, leading to the Texan's loss at the Alamo, but also to Santa Anna's and Mexico's loss of Texas the next year. With the American tradition of arms and individualism, and our long history of individual rights and self-reliance, I suspect that to really implement an effective gun confiscation program, the government would need to kill some gun owners, and possibly a lot of them. Still, I don't trust those calling for gun confiscation to not try it, even at the point of a gun.

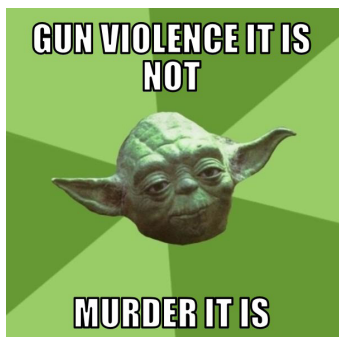
Let's do our part to see that it doesn't get that far. It's still a free country, and the American

ideal still includes popular sovereignty and representative government. Let's organize, educate, debate, and argue our positions with our fellow citizens like our Founding Fathers intended, and beat the gun-grabbers at the ballot box and elect representatives who will protect our rights rather than trample on them. This is no time to be shy in defense of those rights. The voter participation level is begging for improvement, so let's all find non-voters and convince them that their vote really does matter, and persuade them to register to vote, and then actually vote in both primary and general elections. As gun owners, we will always have the cartridge box at our disposal, **IF**, and only as long as, we use the ballot box to good effect. That way, we can live up to Benjamin Franklin's challenge to keep the republic he helped give us.

In addition, we will be updating our web page soon regarding Nevada Gun Laws to reflect the activities of the 2019 legislature. Please check out our PAC page at www.nvfacpac.org.

Randy Mackie,
Vice President Legislative Affairs





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See Helpful Information for exclusions.

Editor's Endnote:

It has been my privilege for the last six years to serve as editor of the Firing Line. All things come to an end. For me, the time has come to step down and turn the reins over to a new editor. Working with Don Turner has been a most gratifying experience. Don is a true leader, and he let me do my job with full support but without interference. I have also been very fortunate to have a graphics and layout volunteer, Andy Anderson, who always found time to give each issue a professional look – even with his busy traveling schedule. Stay tuned for even better things to come with a new editor at the helm.

**George Glendenning,
Editor 2013 - 2019**