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# Through the Spotting Scope **President's Message**

#### Don Turner, President

Due to the Covid-19 lock down we are facing here in Nevada, all of our shooting activities and events have been put on hold. But we have not stopped being the statewide leader in firearms issues. We have been busy encouraging and reminding governmental agencies about their duties towards protecting

our firearms rights. Although we have some division reports, much of this issue will be providing you with our efforts to keep our firearms laws and our ability to use them intact during this certainly unique time.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones during this trying time, stay safe and hopefully we'll see you on the range soon.



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### **DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

#### Tom Panagos, Director Development Division

s was announced in the last issue of the Firing Line, we are looking to kick off a NVFAC annual banquet in 2020. The plan is to have it on a Saturday in September in the Las Vegas area.

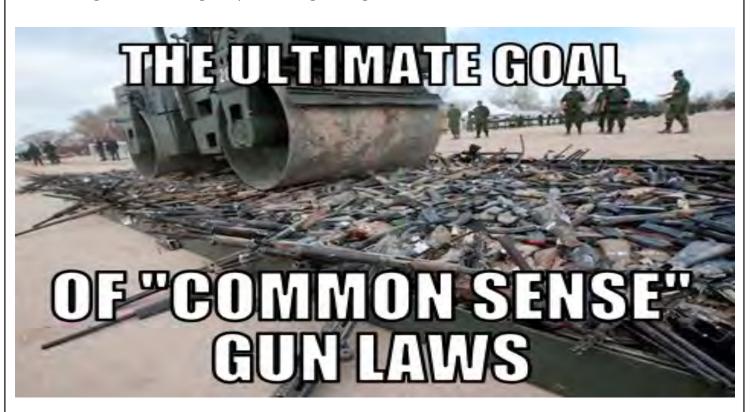
We do have a person who has volunteered to take the lead but he needs help. We have one other volunteer but we need more. The more volunteers we have the smaller the load on each person. Please consider helping. We need help with finding donations for door prizes, raffle, etc., along with needing help with organizing

the banquet and setting things up the day of.

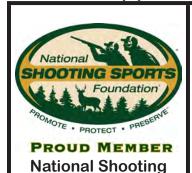
As requested, in every newsletter, we are looking for volunteers and the request for volunteers for the banquet received zero replies, which is very disheartening.

If not you, then who?

If you can help on this ONE project, the banquet, please email me at tom@nvfac.org or if you would like to discuss how you could get involved in fund raising in general or planning other type of events, please reach out to me as well to discuss.



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### **MEMBERSHIP DIVISION**

#### Doug Shadid, Director Membership Division

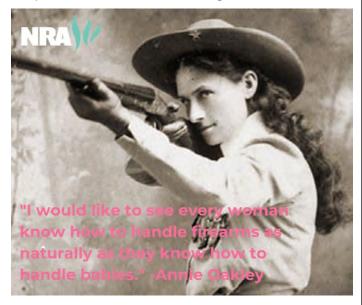
Thope this firing line reaches everyone in good health during these trying times. With all of the concerns in the world surrounding the current virus I would like to also draw your attention to the challenges we are facing concerning our 2A rights. Now is an important time for the NVFAC and all our members as well. Our corporate members are posting the highest records of gun sales in the state's history. Many who did not own guns are now gun owners. They need to join NVFAC.

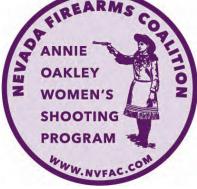
We are on the frontlines for fighting for Nevadans rights. Recently we saw a shutdown of the current CCW program here in our city which was quickly addressed by this organization in a letter from our president, Don Turner, to the Sheriff and other officials. Within days the Sheriffs

Department changed their stance on the CCW suspension and extended current CCW permits who were set to expire for 120 days.

This is a small example of what this organization does and more importantly why your membership matters and why we need to

encourage new members to join. There have been a lot of new gun owners over the last month and each one is a new chance to educate and encourage their membership. This is the time to really show them the importance of their 2A rights now more than ever. I hope you share this information and encourage others to join. Every member we have is important to our preservation of our 2A rights.





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## **LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

#### **NVFAC PAC**

#### Randy Mackie, Vice President Legislative Affairs

Tt's election time again in the Silver State, even with the coronavirus leaving us self-Lisolating and quarantined at government order.

This cycle, in addition to the customary general election candidate surveys we use to separate the pro-2A from the antis, we will survey and rate primary candidates for their Second Amendment support and, in select cases, actually endorse primary candidates.

We also are working on streamlining our process by having candidates complete our issue survey and separate endorsement survey digitally through our NVFAC-PAC website. This will make things easier on both the candidates and PAC staff.

The short version of the endorsement process is that we will ask prospective endorsees why we should endorse them, and why they think they can win their Things we will be looking at include information on their districts, their campaign fundraising, their record of support for the Second Amendment, and their general electability.

Much is riding on the upcoming elections. Democrats control both chambers of the state legislature (including a super-majority in one chamber and one vote shy of a super-majority in the other) and the Governor's mansion, meaning they can pass almost anything they want. Last session, in terms of firearms legislation, they contented themselves with so-called universal

background checks, and a "Red Flag" law that confiscates guns from law-abiding citizens without a crime being committed and without due process. Despite the long odds, we were able to prevent a roll-back of the NVFAC-authored 2015 pre-emption law, the same one that eliminated "blue cards" in Clark County, and we have heard they will be back in '21 for another bite at the pre-emption apple. We cannot count on being so lucky in the 2021 session.

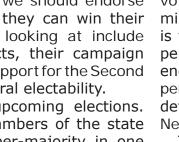
> My personal bet is that the "Red Flag" law will eventually be overturned on constitutional due process ground, but that "eventually" will likely be a long time coming.

> What can you do to protect your gun rights from a state legislature that is not friendly

to the Second Amendment? Be a one-person voter registration drive! Encourage your likeminded friends to do the same. Since money is the mother's milk of politics, as your means permit, donate to the NVFAC-PAC, and again, encourage your friends to do the same. Every penny donated to the NVFAC-PAC goes to defending your Second Amendment rights in

They are your gun rights. Defend them or lose them.

> Yours in Liberty, Randy Mackie



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November 6, 2019

Mindy McKay Nevada Department of Public Safety Records, Communications and Compliance Division 333 West Nye Lane, Suite 100 Carson City, Nevada 89706

Dear Division Administrator McKay:

We are in receipt of a copy of the Nevada Department of Public Safety's ("DPS") letter dated October 29, 2019 (attached). In this letter, DPS erroneously asserts that a valid Concealed Carry Weapon Permit holder is NOT exempt from the NICS background check for private parties as established by NRS 202.254. A review of the statute, the original bill (SB 143), and other relevant laws makes it clear that there is no legal basis for this assertion by DPS.

A review of SB143 provides no basis for this determination by DPS. Moreover, the *minutes* of the Joint Meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and the Assembly Committee on the Judiciary have no legal weight or authority and were never incorporated into the statute itself.

Nevada Revised Statute 202.254.Sec .5. (3) & (4), states, in pertinent part:

- 3. A licensed dealer who agrees to conduct a background check pursuant to this section shall comply with all requirements of federal and state law as though the licensed dealer were selling or transferring the firearm from his or her own inventory to the buyer or transferee, including, but not limited to, all recordkeeping requirements. For the purpose of determining whether the buyer or transferee is eligible to purchase and possess firearms under state and federal law, the licensed dealer shall contact the same agency as though the licensed dealer were selling or transferring the firearm from his or her own inventory to the buyer or transferee.
- 4. Upon receiving a request for a background check from a licensed dealer pursuant to this section, the Central Repository or any other state or local agency described in subsection 3 shall, in the same manner as it would for the sale of a firearm from the licensed dealer's inventory, perform a background check on the buyer or transferee and notify the licensed dealer of the results of the background check.

(Emphasis added). NRS 202.254 Sec 5. (3) in fact, *contradicts* the DPS assertion that a Nevada CCW does not exempt a private party background check. As stated in the statute, a licensed dealer must comply with ALL of the requirements of federal and state law, and importantly, treat the transaction as if the dealer was selling/transferring the firearm from his/her own inventory.

The clear intent of NRS 202.254 Sec. 5. (3) is that a private party background check and transfer would mirror, *identically*, a dealer transferring from his/her own inventory to the public. This type of transaction is governed, in part, by the Brady Act (P.L. 103-159, Title I; 107 Stat. 1536) and requires a background check of the potential transferee via the National Instant Criminal Background Check System Regulation.

In addition NRS 202.254 Sec. 5 (4) clearly states

"... the Central Repository or any other state or local agency described in subsection 3 shall, in the same manner as it would for the sale of a firearm from the licensed dealer's inventory, perform a background check on the buyer or transferee...."

Your letter of October 29, 2019 establishes differences between inventory sale and private transfers in regards to CCW. This is clearly in violation of the direct language of the statute.

In addition, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF"), which regulates NICS procedures for Federal Firearms Licensees has authorized exemptions to this requirement based on a state's issuance of a concealed weapons permit/license. The ATF maintains an approved list, state-by-state, of concealed carry permits that allow a holder to be exempt from the mandatory background check. (https://www.atf.gov/rules-and-regulations/permanent-brady-permit-chart).

The ATF Permanent Brady Permit Chart (last updated July 25, 2019), recognizes Nevada's concealed carry permit issued on or after July 1, 2011 as an exemption to the Brady background requirement. It is of note that the Nevada 80<sup>th</sup> legislative session was adjourned on June 4, 2019, over a month before ATF's latest update of its Permanent Brady Permit Chart. Thus, SB 143 and subsequently NRS 202.254 (including subsection 3) were available to ATF and it did NOT change its recognition of Nevada's CCW permit as a valid exemption to the Brady background requirement.

In conclusion, it is clear from NRS 202.254 Sec 5. (3)&(4) that the state of Nevada intended that a private party firearm transfer, including the required background check through a dealer, is to be conducted in the *exact* manner a dealer would process the transaction from its own inventory. This manner includes conducting a NICS check along with the ATF approved exemption provided for NV CCW holders.

The Brady Act and NICS are both *federal* laws and governed by the United States. The State of Nevada, including DPS, cannot override federal law as it pertains to background checks, especially the exemptions recognized and authorized by ATF for NICS checks. DPS needs to abide by state and federal laws instead of making determinations based on legislative minutes that have no legal weight or authority. NRS 202.254 Sec 5. (3) & (4) are clear as to its meaning and intent, which this is directly contradictory to what DPS is asserting in its October 29, 2019 letter.

We respectfully request that Nevada DPS reconsider its stance in light of the above facts.

Sincerely,

Don Turner, President

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Steve Sisolak Governor



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Mindy McKay Division Administrator

## Records, Communications and Compliance Division

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October 29, 2019

#### Notification to All Nevada Federal Firearms Licensees

#### Please distribute to all locations in Nevada holding an active FFL

The purpose of this notification is to advise all Nevada Federal Firearms Licensees that effective **January 2, 2020** a Concealed Carry Weapon Permit holder is NOT exempt from the NICS background check for **private parties** required by NRS 202.254 *Background check required for certain sales or transfers of firearms between unlicensed persons; procedure.* 

Please refer to the February 12, 2019 Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and the Assembly Committee on Judiciary regarding SB143 for clarification on this decision. For the full language of the law refer to the enrolled version of Senate Bill 143 on the Nevada Legislature's website.

If you need to set up an account with our fiscal office to process these background checks please refer to our website at RCCD.NV.GOV, under the Resources menu, choose the Application for Brady Background Check link for all applicable forms.

If you have questions regarding how to complete the federal paperwork regarding a private party transfer please contact your local ATF field office.

Using your established account with the Records, Communications and Compliance Division contact the Point of Contact Firearms Program to process your NICS Background checks at the phone number listed below that applies to your area.

Las Vegas Dealers: 702-486-8730 Local Dealers: 775-684-6200

All Other Nevada FFL Dealers: 800-474-7865

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December 23, 2019

George Togliatti, Director Nevada Department of Public Safety 555 Wright Way Carson City, NV 89711

Dear Director Togliatti;

On November 6, 2019 the Nevada Firearms Coalition representing gun owners and Federal Firearms Dealers in the State of Nevada, wrote a letter to Mindy McKay asking for an explanation of their ruling regarding Nevada CCW holders and private transfer of firearms.

We have received no response from Mindy McKay nor the Department of Public Safety regarding this issue. Please see the attached letter that was sent. As we represent gun owners and Federal Firearms Dealers that will be impacted by this ruling, we deserve a response from your department. Would you please direct that a response to the attached letter be completed as soon as possible as the implementation of this law is January 1, 2020.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Sincerely,

Don Turner, President

cc: Senator James Settelmeyer Assemblyman John Ellison Steve Sisolak Governor



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February 5, 2020

Don Turner President, Nevada Firearms Coalition 5575 Simmons Street, Suite 1-176 North Las Vegas, NV 89031

VIA: Email to Don Turner at don@nvfac.org

Dear Sir;

This is in response to your letters dated November 6, 2019 and December 23, 2019 regarding private party firearms transfers pursuant to Senate Bill 143 passed during the 80th legislative session in 2019.

I am seeking additional assistance with this as you requested. If I am able to obtain more information or clarification, I will be sure to share that with you.

Respectfully,

Mindy McKay

Division Administrator

Cc: George Togliatti, DPS Director

Sheri Brueggemann, DPS Deputy Director

Note: This response was not acceptable and we are working directly with the State Legislature to get this resolved.

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March 24, 2020

Mr. Eric Spratley, Executive Director Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association P.O. Box 17971 Reno, NV 89511 eric@NVSCA.com

Re: Nevada Revised Statute

Dear Director. Spratley:

Due to Governor Sisolak's emergency 30-day closure of State of Nevada and other offices and businesses, code enforcement and law enforcement officers have been tasked to ensure "non essential business" terminate their operations. In order to avoid complaints and legal actions against enforcement efforts that are closing operations of firearms and ammunition retailers, we request that you provide the following to the members of the Nevada Sheriff and Chief Association.

NRS 414.155 Limitations on emergency powers relating to firearms.

Pursuant to Amendment II of the Constitution of the United States and <u>Section 11 of Article 1</u> of the Constitution of the State of Nevada, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the emergency powers conferred upon the Governor and upon the executive heads or governing bodies of the political subdivisions of this State must not be construed to allow:

- 1. The confiscation of a firearm from a person unless the person is:
- (a) In unlawful possession of the firearm; or
- (b) Unlawfully carrying the firearm; or
- <u>2. The imposition of additional restrictions as to the lawful possession, transfer, sale, carrying, storage, display or use of:</u>
  - (a) Firearms;
  - (b) Ammunition; or
  - (c) Components of firearms or ammunition.

(Added to NRS by <u>2007, 358</u>)

It is our request that you will take prompt and effective action to address this serious problem.

Sincerely,

Don Turner, President

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March 24, 2020

Mr. Eric Spratley, Executive Director Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association P.O. Box 17971 Reno, NV 89511 eric@NVSCA.com

Re: Emergency Extension of Nevada Concealed Firearms Permit

Dear Director. Spratley:

Due to Governor Sisolak's emergency 30-day closure of State of Nevada and other offices and businesses, Nevada's Concealed Firearm Permit (CFP) holders who have permits that will expire during the period of the state emergency will be unable to renew their permits, and thus be unable to exercise their constitutional right to protect themselves and their families and loved ones.

As a result of the Governor's emergency declaration, and the response of Nevada citizens to purchase firearms, the Department of Public Safety's Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History has been overwhelmed. Additionally, gun ranges, classrooms and CFP instructors are shut down for the duration of the state of emergency, all of which makes it impossible for permittees to qualify for a CFP renewal. This results in the denial of a constitutionally protected right to the Nevada CFP holders whose permits will expire during this emergency and up to 120 days after.

Since NSCA is the leader of the Silver State's Concealed Handgun Permit process, we urge you to immediately redress this situation. Ms. Julie Butler, the Director of the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), has authorized an automatic 90-day extension of pertinent DMV documents, such as driver licenses, NV Identification cards, and vehicle registrations, to ensure that the same situation does not unjustly impair nor hamper Nevada drivers (see copy of letter, enclosed).

Under your direction, the Sheriffs of each county should order an extension or issue temporary permits for those CFP holders whose permits expire during the emergency (including the 120-day process period thereafter). A letter similar to Ms. Butler's should be sufficient to the purpose.

This temporary permit is authorized by Nevada statute:

#### NRS 202.3687 Temporary permits.

- 1. The provisions of <u>NRS 202.3653</u> to <u>202.369</u>, inclusive, do not prohibit a sheriff from issuing a temporary permit. A temporary permit may include, but is not limited to, provisions specifying the period for which the permit is valid.
- 2. Each sheriff who issues a permit pursuant to the provisions of <u>NRS 202.3653</u> to <u>202.369</u>, inclusive, shall provide such information concerning the permit and the person to whom it is issued to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2726; A 1999, 2095; 2007, 3154)

It is our request that you will take prompt and effective action to address this serious problem.

Sincerely,

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Don Turner, President



I, .......do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States, and the Constitution and government of the State of Nevada, against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign, and that I will bear true faith, allegiance and loyalty to the same, any ordinance, resolution or law of any state notwithstanding, and that I will well and faithfully perform all the duties of the office of ......, on which I am about to enter; (if an oath) so help me God; (if an affirmation) under the pains and penalties of perjury.



#### **Nevada Constitution:**

Sec. 11. Right to keep and bear arms; civil power supreme.

- 1. Every citizen has the right to keep and bear **arms** for security and defense, for lawful hunting and recreational use and for other lawful purposes.
- 2. The military shall be subordinate to the civil power; No standing army shall be maintained by this State in time of peace, and in time of War, no appropriation for a standing army shall be for a longer time than two years.

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March 25, 2020

Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Clark County Commission 550 S. Grand Central Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89155

Dear Commissioner Kirkpatrick,

Due to the COVID-19 emergency and shut down, there has been a run on firearms dealers by people purchasing firearms. It has been noticed that a majority of these buyers are new gun owners. Since all gun ranges have been shut down, including the outdoor Clark County Shooting Complex, we are concerned that these new gun owners do not have the basic safety information to use a firearm safely, to store such firearms and ammunition securely, and to prevent the access to firearms by at risk users.

It would be a tragedy to have innocent lives lost due to the lack of basic safety training and awareness.

We would like to recommend a simple fix that will be in complete harmony with Clark County's and the Governor's virus containment policy.

Allow the Clark County Shooting Complex to utilize its various user groups to offer a basic firearms safety and security class at the Complex. The classes would be restricted in size to no more than ten people, the class would be taught on the outdoor patio of the Education Center, and every other table would be used at the 50 yard range to accommodate the 10 shooters. No county employees would be involved in the teaching of this class.

The Shooting Complex could allow this opportunity for the user groups to present the Complex approved lesson plan, and the scheduling and use payments would be via email.

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request, and your direction to county staff to provide for this opportunity.

Sincerely

Don Turner President

CC

Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager



#### NEVADA SHERIFFS' & CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION

Sheriff Jerry Allen - President Vacant - Vice President Chief Pam Ojeda - Secretary/Treasurer Sheriff Darin Balaam - Sgt.-at-Arms Inspector General James Jones - Board Member-at-Large

March 30, 2020

Extension of Expired Nevada Concealed Firearms Permits

With the Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic issued by Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak on March 12, 2020 and the subsequent Emergency Directives issued as well, many Nevada Sheriff's Offices have reduced their daily operations to only essential functions. In an effort to avoid unnecessary person to person contact and to help stop the spread of COVID-19, administrative functions such as fingerprinting have been suspended which are a necessary part of the investigation for a permit or permit renewal under Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 202.366 and 202.3677.

The sheriffs of Nevada recognize that there are concealed firearm permit holders whose valid permits will expire pursuant to NRS 202.366.4 during this time of declared emergency and who have no way of renewing their valid permit until the issuing Sheriff's Office can again conduct the investigation. There has been no emergency legislation or directive to remedy this circumstance. As such, the sheriffs of Nevada agree that an extension for those affected concealed firearm permits is warranted and is as follows:

- Any Nevada concealed firearm permit that expires on or after March 12, 2020 will be valid until July 15, 2020.
- This is NOT a rolling 120 days but rather a block of time to allow for the Emergency to
  end and Sheriff's Offices to resume administrative functions to complete the required
  investigation per NRS 202.366.
- An extension of the Emergency will necessitate reevaluation of this Sheriff's Agreement.

The 17 elected sheriffs of Nevada have been queried this date and agree to this extension for the benefit of the citizens they serve. They are requesting that any law enforcement personnel in Nevada and in States who recognize Nevada permits honor this extension as outlined above.

Eric Spratley

Executive Director

Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association



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April 7, 2020

Marilyn Kirkpatrick, Clark County Commission 550 S. Grand Central Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89155

Dear Commissioner Kirkpatrick,

On March 25, 2020 we sent you a letter requesting that the Clark County Shooting Complex be opened with limited restrictions. We all remember that one of the reasons to build this facility was the large number of firearm owners within Clark County that had nowhere to shoot except on BLM lands. Due to this closure of the Clark County Shooting Complex, residents are now forced to return to shooting on BLM lands.

Consequently on April 6<sup>th</sup> Las Vegas Metro announced that they are expending manpower patrolling BLM lands due to more activity including "target shooting."

We once again appeal to Clark County to reopen the public outdoor shooting facility within recommend health guidelines.

Sincerely

Don Turner President

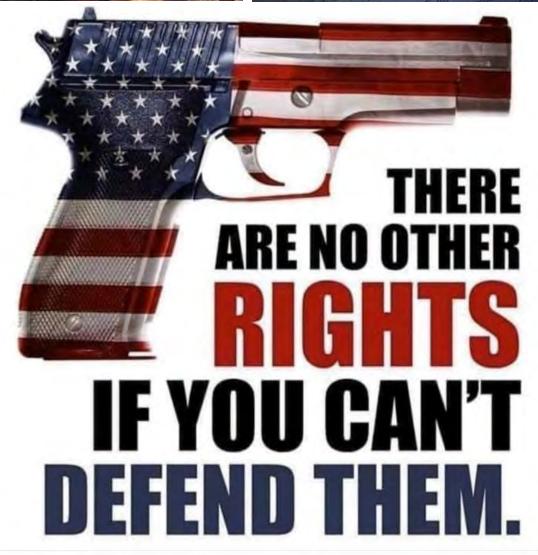
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Kevin Schiller, Assistant County Manager Steve Carmichael, Senior Project Administrator





The strength of the Constitution lies entirely in the determination of each citizen to defend it.



### **Lest We Forget**

Inlike many interviews with Holocaust survivors, this one conducted by Aaron Zelman, founder, Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership (12500 NE 10th Pl Bellevue, WA 98005. Phone: (800) 869-1884; one year membership \$25) with Theodore Haas, a JPFO member and a former prisoner of the infamous Dachau concentration camp, is a clear warning to all freedom loving peoples to keep our guard up against arrogant politicians who are hell bent to create governments that control our lives.

In pre-Nazi Germany, the good, law-abiding citizens dozed while government passed laws (all purported to before the public good) that paved the way for tyranny to flourish. Haas, who survived years of Nazi persecutors, is speaking out to Americans who are now dozing while our government, at the strong urging of leftists in the media and others in society they influence, passes laws (again supposedly for the public good) to ban and severely restrict firearms ownership. Theodore Haas believes 'gun control' is a prelude

The editors 1990.

- Q.) How did you end up at Dachau? How old were you?
- A.) November 9th, 1938 was Kristallnacht -- The Night of Broken Glass -- The night Synagogues were ransacked and burned, Jewish owned shops destroyed; I guess you could call it the night the fires of hell engulfed the soul of humanity. I was arrested November 10th, "for my own personal security." I was 21 years old. My parents were arrested and ultimately died in a concentration camp in France. I was released from Dachau in 1941, under the condition that I leave Germany immediately. This was common procedure before the "Final Solution."
- Q.) What did you think when you were sent to Dachau? What did you know about Dachau beforehand?
- A.) My first thoughts were those many others: "The world has gone mad." I knew that the life expectancy at Dachau was relatively short. I knew beforehand that inmates were abused. The horror of Dachau was known throughout Germany. People (Germans) use to frighten their children, "If you do not behave, you will surely end up at Dachau." A famous German comedian, Weiss Ferdl, said "Regardless how many machine gun towers they have around K.Z. Dachau, if I want to get in, I shall get in." The Nazis obliged him; he died at Dachau.
- Q.) How did you accept the fears of Dachau?
- A.) Due to the constant hunger and extreme cold weather, one becomes too numb to even think of fear. A prisoner under these conditions becomes obsessed with survival; nothing else matters.
- Q.) What were the living conditions like in Dachau?
- A.) We were issued one quarter of a loaf of bread. That was to last three days. In the morning, we picked up, at the kitchen, a cup of roasted barley drink. There was no lunch. At dinnertime, sometimes we got a watery soup with bits of tripe or some salt herring and a boiled potato. Our prison clothes were a heavy, coarse denim. They would freeze when they got wet. We were not issued hats, gloves or underwear.
  - The first night, about 500 prisoners were stuffed into a room designed to hold 50 (Believe me, it is possible).Later on, we were forced to sleep on straw. As time went on, the straw disintegrated and we became louse infested. The guards delighted in making weak and ill clothed prisoners march or stand at attention in rain, snow, and ice for hours. As you can imagine, death came often due to the conditions.
- Q.) Do you have residual fears? How do you feel about German re-unification?
- A.) I have nightmares constantly. I recently dreamed that a guard grabbed me. My wife's arm touched my face, and I unfortunately bit her severely. German re-unification, in my opinion, will be the basis for another war. The Germans, regardless of what their present leadership says, will want their lost territories back, East Prussia, Silesia, and Danzig (Gdansk). My family history goes back over 700 years in Germany. I understand all too well what the politicians do not want the people to be thinking about.
- Q.) You mentioned you were shot and stabbed several times. Were these experiments, punishment or torture?
- A.) They were punishment. I very often, in a fit of temper, acted "while the brain was not in gear." The sorry results were two 9 mm bullets in my knees. Fortunately, one of the prisoners had a fingernail file and was able to dig the slugs out. In another situation, I was stabbed in the washroom of room #1, Block 16. Twice in a struggle where I nearly lost my right thumb. A German prisoner Hans Wissing, who after the war became mayor of his home town, Leinsweiler, witnessed the whole situation. We stayed in touch until a few months ago, when he died.
- Q.) Do you remember some of the steps taken by the Nazis to de-humanize people and to make them feel hopeless? How were people robbed of their dignity?

- A.) If you had treated an animal in Germany the way we were treated, you would have been jailed. For example, a guard or a group of them would single out a prisoner and beat him with canes or a club. Sometimes to further terrorize a prisoner, the guards would form a circle around a prisoner and beat him unconscious. There were cases of a prisoner being told to report to the Revier ("Hospital") and being forced to drink a quart of castor oil. Believe me, this is a lousy, painful, wretched way to die. You develop extreme diarrhea, vomiting, nausea, and severe dehydration. If the Nazis wanted you to live and suffer more, they would take measures to rehydrate the victim.
- Q.) What was the routine like at Dachau?
- A.) Three times a day, we were counted. We had to carry the dead to the square. Each time, we had to stand at attention in all kinds of weather. We stood wearing next to nothing, had weak bladders, while our tormentors had sheepskin coats and felt boots. The bastards really enjoyed watching us suffer. I remember how the guards had a good laugh when one of them "accidentally" let loose with a machine gun, killing about 30 prisoners.
- Q.) What did people do to try to adjust to Dachau? Keep up their spirits up?
- A.) There were some actors, comedians, and musicians among us. Sometimes they would clandestinelyperform. One of the musicians got hold of a violin and played for us. To this day, it remains a mystery how he got his hands on a violin. I still keep in touch with other prisoners. I am a member of the Dachau Prisoners Association. Each year I go back to Germany to visit.
- Q.) Did people ever successfully escape? Do you remember acts of bravery?
- A.) Nobody escaped; only in the movies does the "hero" escape. Guards received extra leave time for killing prisoners that got too close to the fence. I do, however, think all prisoners were heroes in their own way. Especially the German prisoners, for they would not acquiesce to the Nazis. They suffered greatly too.
- Q.) Did the camp inmates ever bring up the topic, "If only we were armed before, we would not be here now"?
- A.) Many, many times. Before Adolph Hitler came to power, there was a black market in firearms, but the German people had been so conditioned to be law abiding, that they would never consider buying an unregistered gun. The German people really believed that only hoodlums own such guns. What fools we were. It truly frightens me to see how the government, media, and some police groups in America are pushing for the same mindset. In my opinion, the people of America had better start asking and demanding answers to some hard questions about firearms ownership, especially if the government does not trust me to own firearms, why or how can the people be expected to trust the government? There is no doubt in my mind that millions of lives could have been saved if the people were not "brainwashed "about gun ownership and had been well armed. Hitler's thugs and goons were not very brave when confronted by a gun. Gun haters always want to forget the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, which is a perfect example of how a ragtag, half-starved group of Jews took up 10 handguns and made asses out of the Nazis.
- Q.) Did you have any contacts with the White Rose Society (mostly German students against Hitler)? Did anyone try to hide you from the Nazis?
- A.) I did not, but my local friend, Richard Scholl, had two cousins or nephews who were members. Both were executed in Munich (I believe) for standing up for decency and freedom. Not enough people knew about the White Rose Society. There were many non-Jews who were not anti-Semitic and were very much opposed to Hitler. It was impossible to hide people from the Nazis in Germany -- it is so densely populated and food was rationed. Another point that many people fail to understand is that in Germany, you had a situation where the children were reporting to their teachers if their parents listened to the BBC on the short wave radio, or what they were talking about at home. If a German was friendly to a Jew, he was warned once. If he failed to heed the warning, he would disappear and never be heard from again. This was known as "Operation Night and Fog."
- Q.) Do you think American society has enough stability that Jews and other minorities are safe from severe persecution?
- A.) No. I think there is more anti-Semitism in America (some of it caused by leftist Jewish politicians and organizations who promote 'gun control' schemes) than there was in Germany. This may stun some people, but not all Germans hated Jews. My best and devoted friends in Germany were Christians. I perceive America as a very unstable society, due to social tinkering of the Kennedy/Metzenbaum-type politicians. When I first came to this wonderful country after World War II, America was vibrant, dynamic and promising society. There really was an American dream, attainable by those who wanted to work. Now, due to the curse of Liberalism, America is in a period of moral decline. Even worse, corrupt criminals hold high political office, and you have police officials who don't give a damn about the Bill of Rights. They just want to control people, not protect and serve. When you study history, you see that when a country becomes an immoral manure heap, as America is rapidly becoming, all minorities suffer, and ultimately, all the citizens.
- Q.) What words of warning would you like to give to young people who will soon be eligible to vote?
- A.) Vote only for politicians who trust the people to own all types of firearms, and who have a strong pro-Second Amendment voting record. Anti-gun ownership politicians are very dangerous to a free society. Liberty and freedom can only be preserved by an armed citizenry. I see creeping fascism in America, just as in Germany, a drip at a time; a law here, a

law there, all supposedly passed to protect the public. Soon you have total enslavement. Too many Americans have forgotten that tyranny often masquerades as doing good. This is the technique the Liberal politicians/Liberal media alliance are using to enslave America.

- Q.) What message do you have for ultra-Liberal organizations and individuals who want America disarmed?
- A.) Their ignorance is pitiful -- their lives have been too easy. Had they experienced Dachau, they would have a better idea of how precious freedom is. These leftist should leave America. These Sarah Brady types must be educated to understand that because we have an armed citizenry, that a dictatorship has not yet happened in America. These anti-gun fools are more dangerous to Liberty than street criminals or foreign spies.
- Q.) Some concentration camp survivors are opposed to gun ownership. What message would you like to share with them?
- A.) I would like to say, "You cowards; you gun haters, you don't deserve to live in America. Go live in the Soviet Union, if you love 'gun control' so d--- much." It was the stupidity of these naive fools that aided and abetted Hitler's goons and thugs. Anti-gun ownership Holocaust survivors insult the memories of all those that needlessly perished for lack of being able to adequately defend themselves.
- Q.) It appears the Liberal left in America is tolerating, and sometimes espousing anti-Semitism. Why do you think so many Jews still support the leftist form of Liberalism?
- A.) It is for this very reason that I firmly believe that we harbor more stupid and naive people in our midst, than any other group of people. It amazes me how Liberal Jews have such short memories that today, they would be so supportive and involved in setting up the mechanics of 'gun control', so that a Holocaust can happen again. All they're doing is playing into the hands of the very clever communists who are masters at conning Americans.
- Q.) Why did you join JPFO?
- A.) I feel every Jew should be armed to the teeth, as should every American. I joined JPFO because as a group, we can stand up Liberal Jewish gun haters and also to Gestapo minded anti-gun police who want total control of the people. I wish JPFO was in existence years ago. I believe the Jewish involvement in gun control would not be anywhere close to what it is today, but better now than never.



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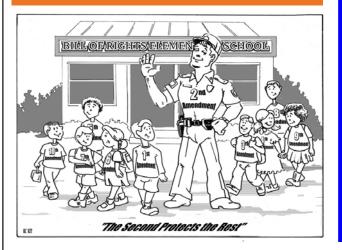
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### **Editor's Endnote:**

n behalf of countless Nevadans, I'd like to thank our President, Don Turner, who helped facilitate getting an extension for expiring CCW's and also working to get the Clark County Shooting complex re-opened sooner rather than later (at a safe social distance of course) Not many get to see how tirelessly he works preserving and fighting for our rights. Without his help (and members like you!), none of this would be possible.

We also have <u>lots</u> of new firearm owners and once things settle down, we'd like to encourage ladies to come down to our Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Program. Please make sure you're following us on Facebook and Instagram for updates!

Stay Safe and Healthy,

- Nina