

# THE FIRING LINE

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## Nevada Firearms Coalition

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### Through the Spotting Scope President's Message



Today is the day to celebrate a unique moment in human history. When freedom loving people tired of tribalism and bowing to earthly lords threw off the chains of bondage and declared themselves free people, and began the process to establish a government that was made by the people for the people and ensured that the power remained with the people by keeping their arms. No longer would citizens bow down to their government. Now decades later, we see a rise in tribalism, and demands for total government control over our lives. Globalists want total control of "we the people." Free people need to remain free by becoming involved and by voting. Such a simple act can avoid tremendous future consequences. We here at Nevada Firearms Coalition are asking a simple task from gun owners. VOTE, vote as if your rights depend on it, as they do.

is slightly easing, we have been able to resume some of our activities. Just a reminder that we are a volunteer organization, so if you wish shooting and training activities in your area, please feel free to contact us for assistance in setting up such programs. Too many times I receive messages that say "everything is in southern Nevada, why don't you do things in my area?" To which I respond, "we are a volunteer organization, are you volunteering?" with no response.



Also, during this time, please don't forget our corporate members. They need your business, and many of them offer benefits for members. Links to their web sites are posted on our web page under "corporate members."

Stay Safe and Happy Independence Day!!

**Don Turner, President**  
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As the China Virus lock down

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

# Development Division

The Pandemic has not stopped our members interest in shooting, the anti-gunners from attacking us, nor our resolve to promote safe firearm usage, the shooting sports and to fight for your gun rights.

NVFAC needs new members, we need members to renew their membership, we need donations and we need people to get involved.

Clark County Shooting Complex has started to reopen and we are once again promoting shooting events; our member clubs have hosted IDPA and Steel Challenge matches. The NVFAC competition division has hosted a 22 LR Silhouette Shoot and a Know Your Limits match.

Our Political Action Committee has published ratings on candidates of the Primary election and is planning to publish them for the general election. We need to prepare for our lobbying efforts in Cason City for the next Legislative Session in 2021.

We need support now to prepare so please considering donating to the NVFAC PAC's Caliber Club on a monthly basis or you can do a one-time donation here: <https://nvfacpac.org/>

Please do sign up for the NVFAC PAC's mailing list while you are at it.

If you prefer to donate to the NVFAC Foundation (a 501c3 non-profit) to support firearms and shooting education along with the shooting sports you can donate here: <https://www.nvfac.org/donations/nvfac-foundation-donation/>

For those of you that have a Smith's nearby please support the NVFAC Foundation through Smith's Inspiring Donation Program.

**Tom Panagos, *Development***  
**Director**  
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# Membership Division

As we get back to normal here in Southern Nevada, I hope this reaches everyone in great spirits. As a society, we just experienced an event that has lead a lot of new gun owners to our side of thinking. I'd like to take this opportunity as the Membership Director to encourage recruitment of those new shooters into the NVFAC. Many have seen the importance of protecting our 2nd amendment rights. They also need lessons and learning that we as experienced gun owners can provide.

It has been a wild few months but as the fog clears let's not let this chance pass us up. Find

a friend or two who connected you during this pandemic to ask about guns. Reach out to them and inform them of the great things we do to protect their rights and enable them to practice that right.

I wish everyone the best and look forward to getting back to our normally scheduled programs.

**Doug Shadid, *Membership***  
**Director**  
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# Range And Retail Division

## Clark County Range Development Committee

In Southern Nevada, we are lucky to have the Clark County Shooting Complex (CCSC). By size, 2900 acres, it is the largest public shooting facility in the United States. The issue is that it is only 1/3 complete.

The importance of the CCSC in the protection of Nevada's 2nd Amendment rights is not immediately obvious to the casual observer. For many shooters in Southern Nevada, this public facility offers 100 and 200-yard rifle ranges, trap and skeet shooting, pistol shooting, RV park, and an archery facility that is family friendly and does not require an annual membership. CCSC also has many user groups that use dedicated educational ranges for many different classes and events. Having a public place to shoot, a place without restricted membership, and a place for all types of firearms, grows the 2A community. For this reason, good public ranges are a must for our cause.

One of NVFAC's priorities, in addition to the protection of our rights, is the completion of the Shooting Complex. The next stage is 30 tactical bays that were included in the original design of the park, but were left out for the opening in 2010. The master plan called for 30 bays, 3 classrooms, restrooms and other supporting features. 27 of the bays are 50 feet wide by 50 yards long. 3 of the bays are 50 feet wide by 100 yards long. Each bay is surrounded by

berms, allowing for multiple events to happen simultaneously.

To have these bays available would drastically increase Southern Nevada's ability to have simultaneous shooting events! Additionally, for high profile conferences like the SHOT show, it would make Southern Nevada even more desirable for the firearm industry.

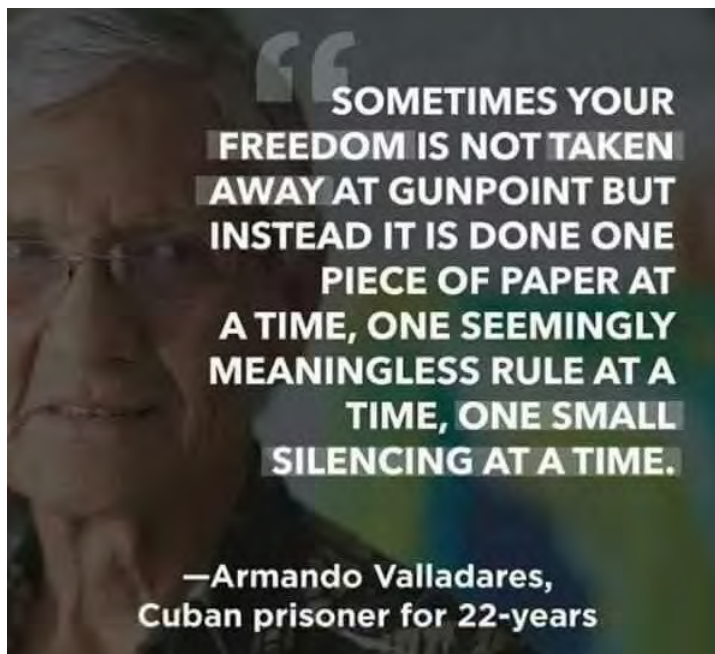
We need your help to make this priority a reality by getting involved in the political process of developing the tactical bays at CCSC. An easy way to get information about the development of CCSC is to join the Facebook page "Clark County Range Completion Project" for up to date info about the process. You can also go to NVFAC.org for information as well. For specific questions please contact me at [Matt@nvfac.org](mailto:Matt@nvfac.org).

Accomplishing this requires political pressure. Look for more information on how to help in the near future.

**Matt Hennager, Chair**

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The Nevada Firearms Coalition is dedicated to the safe use of firearms for self-defense, competition, recreation and hunting. We are the statewide Nevada grassroots organization representing the firearms owners of Nevada. Our membership includes individuals, gun clubs, community organizations, and retail firearm corporations and ranges. We are the State Association for the National Rifle Association, and a member of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, USA Shooting and the Civilian Marksman Program.

## NW Area Division

As we start to get back to normal from the COVID19 issues, we are looking to get back to work on the projects we had to put on hold. I've been meeting with local groups in Washoe county, (mostly through Zoom meetings) to continue to educate our citizens on the work that NVFAC does, the new gun laws we are now living under and what we expect to see come down the pipeline next legislative session. I've also been interacting with new gun owners every week who have until now, never thought they would be a gun owner. I believe it's of paramount importance for those of us who know of a new gun owner to be a positive influence on them and make sure they are educated in safe and responsible gun handling.

We've built some new relationships, but we still need help from people who can organize events, stay motivated and get things done. Some things have turned around for us. The Carson City gun range is now open to the public 6 days a week and is under the entire control of

the City of Carson. The Washoe County shooting facility has been open and local instructors are teaching CCW courses again. If you need gun training and live in the Northwest, feel free to contact me for a list of instructors who support NVFAC. Washoe County and the BLM are still assessing locations to build designated shooting areas and I will be working closely with them to implement a solid plan to reduce the dangers of wildfires caused by target shooting. We will be needing volunteers to help identify and maintain these locations. Watch the NVFAC for NW NV page for updates.

Thank you to all the people who have spent their time, money and efforts to help us grow and have an impact on the community. You are helping preserve our rights.

**Justin Edwards, NW Director**

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# Southern Area Division

## Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

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Joseph Lombardo, Sheriff

April 6, 2020

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Director Carla Alston  
Sergeant Miguel Garcia  
Officer Larry Hadfield  
Officer Aden OcampoGomez  
Officer Alejandra Zambrano

### **LVMPD and BLM Officials Combatting a Spike in Illegal Activity on Public Lands**

Law enforcement is dealing with a spike in illegal activity on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) public lands, causing the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department to step up patrol in those areas.

Visitor volumes have surged to four times the normal level amid the COVID-19 "Stay at Home" order. BLM authorities are reporting increased illegal activity of off-highway vehicles, target shooting, camping and illegal dumping—all which carry hefty fines. If caught, the penalty for these activities can result in up to six months in jail or a \$1,000 fine. Target shooting is legal outside of the valley when it is a half-mile from a state highway or 500 feet from a road. But, it is illegal to shoot near a residential area.

Authorities have also reported seeing a lot of the activities in or around the Red Rock area, prompting the LVMPD to close Calico Basin Road, which accesses several trails in the Red Rock area.

Restrictions on shooting and off-road use are in effect for all areas within the valley. These restrictions have been put in place to protect the residents within the Las Vegas Valley who are venturing into public lands that border populated areas. These closures are to maintain public safety and air quality standards for the residents of the Las Vegas Valley.

BLM recreation lands will remain open unless state or local authorities have ordered or recommended closure of public lands e.g., "Stay at Home" orders.

For more information about public lands closed to illegal activity, [click here](#) or contact BLM by phone at 702-515-5000 or by emailing questions to [lvfoweb@blm.gov](mailto:lvfoweb@blm.gov).

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Don't forget to visit our web site

[www.lvmpd.com](http://www.lvmpd.com) or [www.PUBLICINFORMATION.com](http://www.PUBLICINFORMATION.com)



If you go out into the desert and shoot, we request that you pick up your garbage, or else these areas will be closed too.

**Dave Talaga, Southern Director**

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2241764499370864/?ref=bookmarks>

# Nevada Firearms Coalition Foundation

## Competitions Division

Now that the range restrictions have eased up, we are restarting our events again. Check out our Facebook Page for our events including, IDPA, Steel Challenge, Know Your Limits, Black Rifle, Black Powder, A Girl & A Gun, Annie Oakley Program, and member shooting events. If you are in the NW or NE area and would like events and programs in

your area, contact us at [info@nvfac.org](mailto:info@nvfac.org) and we will get programs started in your area.

**Johnny Engberg. Competitions Director**  
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## Education And Training Division


### Upcoming scheduled courses:

- NRA Basics of Shotgun Shooting – June 28, 2020
- NRA Range Safety Officer course on August 1, 2020 is being offered to Coalition Members at \$30/person
- NRA Chief Range Safety Office course on August 2, 2020, must attend Basic Instructor Training course on July 31, 2020 in the evening

- NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting – Instructor Led on August 15 and NRA Instructor Pistol (Includes BIT) on August 29 & 30.
  - All NVFAC members get a 25% discount off the listed price for most of our classes.
- For information on these and other scheduled courses and to register, please email me at

**Paul Chaffee, Education and Training Director**  
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**ANNIE OAKLEY WOMEN'S SHOOTING PROGRAM**  
**TUES NIGHTS 6 PM TO 9 PM**  
**CLARK COUNTY SHOOTING COMPLEX**  
**FREE CLASS/FIREARMS/AMMO**  
**EAR AND EYE PROTECTION REQUIRED**  
 CONTACT JEANNETTE (702-813-5410) FOR INFORMATION



As soon as the Clark County Shooting Complex is authorized to open the classrooms on Tuesday nights we will restart our ladies program. Keep in touch on our FB page for most recent updates.

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**Please check out and share our web and social media sites and stay informed.**

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## Legislative Affairs Division

### Rating the Candidates

**R**ating candidates for NVFAC and its PAC since the 2012 election has been a fairly straightforward process.

First, we develop a survey each cycle based on issues important to our membership, limited to Second Amendment issues. Then we send the survey to candidates, usually by email but sometimes by fax, and a very few by the U.S. Postal Service. Those candidates who do not reply to our survey get an "Ftr" rating for Failure to Return Survey. Those candidates returning the surveys are scored and rated on how many of the issues in the survey they support. For example, in the current cycle, support for all our issues gets an "A". Miss even one and that's a "B"; missing two is a "C" and so forth.

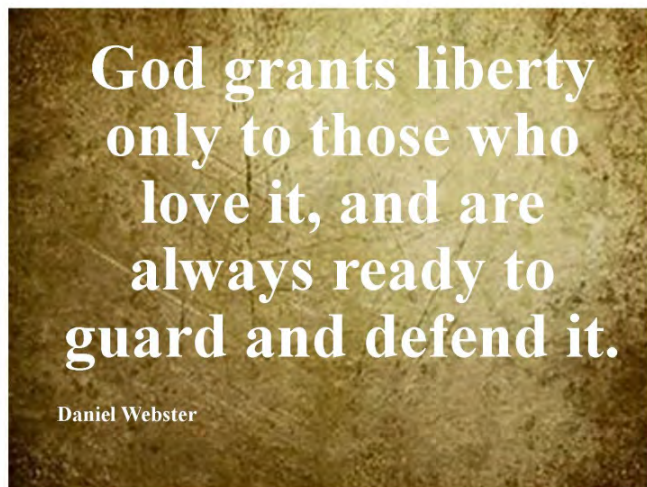
We take candidates at their word in their survey responses, and try to keep track over the election cycles to see whether candidates are true to that word. Legislative sessions usually give us what we need to separate the doers from the talkers. Also, paying attention to campaigns over the years, to see what repeat candidates have supported, or in some cases, not supported in times past, is instructive.

For legislators who have worked well with us in legislative sessions by, for example, sponsoring our bills, working to marshal legislative support

for our bills, or taking unpopular votes in support of our bills, or helping the Second Amendment in other ways, we have an "A+" rating. Candidates who are NVFAC members get an asterisk by their rating.

Endorsements are another matter. We look more closely at candidates for evidence of accomplishments and a history of demonstrated support of the Second Amendment, especially in Nevada. We often get calls from candidates touting their solid and long-standing support of gun rights. Almost all will tell us they have a concealed firearm permit, sometimes for years, or even decades. That's nice, we say, but what have you actually DONE to support the Second Amendment., we ask? Silence. Sometimes a candidate's reports being a Life NRA member. Very few tell us they are NVFAC members. As an aside, apparently, it never occurs to many candidates to join the organization they are asking for an endorsement. We don't want our endorsements to be like M&M's at Hallowe'en, handed out to anyone who knocks on our door. Consequently, NVFAC-PAC has endorsed very few candidates over the years.

There is also a difference between a rating and an endorsement, and the two are often both confused and conflated. We had to reach out to candidates this cycle to remind them that they were rated, not endorsed, after they had claimed in print or broadcast advertising that they were endorsed by NVFAC. We also had to remind them the rating came from NVFAC-PAC, not from NVFAC. Both organizations, while related, are 501(C)3 corporations. The NVFAC can rate candidates as part of its educational mission, but it cannot engage in promoting individual candidates, which means no candidate endorsements. Our PAC is incorporated as a State of Nevada 501(C)3 corporation, which means we can rate both state and federal candidates for office, but can only endorse state and local-level candidates, not federal candidates. We would need a separate PAC chartered under different rules to endorse candidates in federal elections.



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This cycle, we tried something we haven't done often over the years: surveyed candidates in the Primary election. You can see the results at [www.nvfacpac.org](http://www.nvfacpac.org).

We also tried making our surveys and their completion and compilation of results more digital, meaning candidates can go to the [www.nvfacpac.org](http://www.nvfacpac.org) website and complete the survey. The website computes from the completed survey the number of issues supported, and sends the results on to us, at which time we send the candidate his/her rating. If it's an "A" or "A+", we also send a rating logo they can use in their campaign advertising.

While NVFAC and NVFAC-PAC are not partisan, what we usually get is surveys from Republicans, Independents, Libertarians, or the Independent American Party. We typically get very few surveys from Democrats, and I suspect the few we do get are from candidates who use a low rating from us as evidence to show their constituents that they are NOT gun-


friendly. We have even, over the years, had a few Democratic candidates both indignantly refuse to complete our survey, and throw in insulting language about our organization and its ideals.

After the Primary election results are in, we will send survey requests to those candidates who survived their primaries, and show "Ftr" for those who choose not to participate in our candidate issues survey. We think our members and interested parties are entitled to know that.

The 2020 election cycle is more intense, loaded with more surprises and twists and turns, and more and different major issues than any I can remember or have read about, and I was a history major in college! And its only June; the official campaign season hasn't started yet! If nothing else, it will be interesting and exciting to watch!

**Randy Mackie, VP Legislative Affairs**  
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"The issue today is the same as it has been throughout all history, whether man shall be allowed to govern himself or be ruled by a small elite."  
— THOMAS JEFFERSON —

**URGENT MESSAGE**

 **Nevada Firearms Coalition**  
Political Action Committee

**JOIN THE EFFORT TO PRESERVE YOUR GUN RIGHTS IN NEVADA!**

*The Nevada Firearms Coalition (NVFAC) is the only statewide gun organization with paid lobbyists working for you in Carson City to preserve your gun rights. We need your help to defeat the impending anti-gun legislation coming up in the next legislative session in February. Help us protect your gun rights by becoming a member today!*

**PLEASE JOIN OR DONATE TODAY TO HELP STOP THE ATTACK ON LAWFUL GUN OWNERS!**

**GET INVOLVED AT: [NVFACPAC.ORG](http://NVFACPAC.ORG)**





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Then every time you shop at Smith's with your Rewards card, they donate 0.5% of your total order to our nonprofit.

### Helpful Information

#### What purchases qualify?

Just about everything you purchase during your regular shopping trips! The only exclusions are alcohol, tobacco, postage stamps, Smith's gift cards and debit cards, lottery and promotional tickets, Western Union, fuel and sales tax.

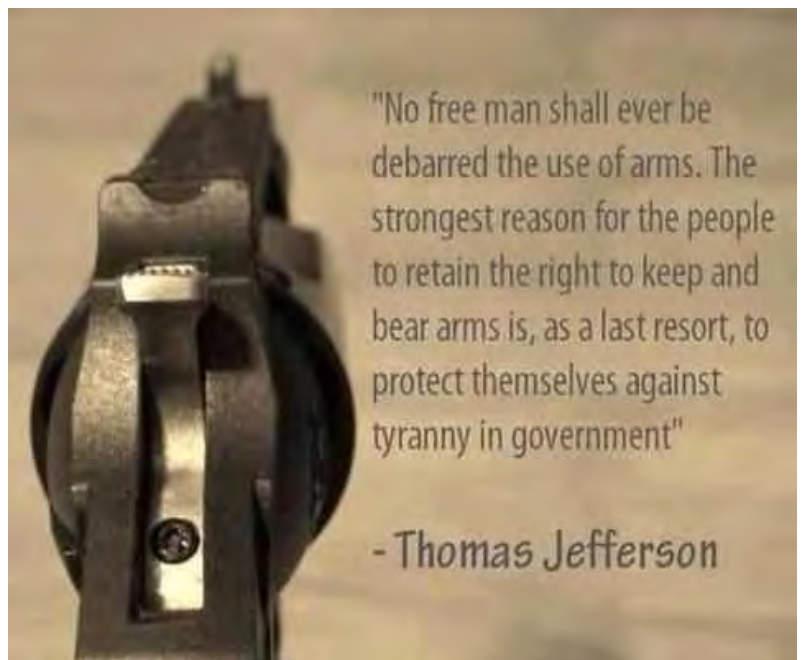
Remember, there's no cost to participate in this program, and you'll still earn fuel points on eligible purchases everytime you shop.

*Nothing will ruin the country if the people themselves will undertake its safety. And nothing can save it if they leave their safety in any hands but their own.*

Daniel Webster



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## Editor's Endnote:

I hope during this time everyone has taken the opportunity to educate new firearm owners and their families (we have Junior Memberships!) on the importance of safety and what we do here at NVFAC. If there was ever a time to get involved, it's now. None of this is possible without our members, we welcome all support. Please don't hesitate to reach out to any of us personally. Wishing you all a safe and Happy Independence Day!

Stay Safe and Healthy,

- Nina

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