

# THE FIRING LINE

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## Through the Spotting Scope



### NVFAC President's Report

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

One of the most favorite and long-term gifts to a child is the present of a firearm. If you are one of the families providing a firearm to your family this Christmas season, we would like to remind you of our “Be Aware” program. Secure storage of a firearm along with safety training will ensure that you and your family have a long and rewarding experience with shooting as part of your family’s recreational sports. To find material about this program, please visit the Range& Retail Division section of our web page [www.nvfac.org](http://www.nvfac.org).

This issue of The Firing Line contains some very important information about legislative issues. Former NYC mayor, Michael Bloomberg’s money has been able to buy the signatures necessary to put the background check law on the ballot. However, we have not gone down without a fight. We have filed legal complaints about the petition. Please keep posted on this issue and others by reading and forwarding your “liberty trees” and member “alerts.”

Any great organization needs volunteers. Our divisions can always use your help. Please step forward this new year and help our coalition grow by volunteering, as the tasks we face are growing and we need your support.

From NVFAC to you, have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

*For Freedom  
Don Turner, NVFAC*



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



# NVFAC Legislative Affairs Division Report

## The 2014 Mid-Term Elections and the 2015 Nevada Legislature

The 2014 mid-term election is in the history books, and it made history in the doing. For the first time since before the Great Depression of the 1930s, Republicans control the Governor’s Mansion, the State Senate and the State Assembly. In the State Assembly, conservatives are in the majority, and in the Assembly leadership positions announced in early December, candidates endorsed by NVFAC-PAC fill every leadership position. Things are almost as good in the State Senate, though conservatives do not hold a majority in that chamber. All-in-all, the 2015 Nevada Legislature will be the most Second Amendment-friendly one in history, though that does not mean attaining our legislative priorities is a slam-dunk!

Pro-Second Amendment legislation must go through the regular process, which means getting committee hearings, passing out of committees to a floor vote, passing a floor vote, and then starting that process again in the other state legislative chamber. If it passes both houses, it still must be signed into law by the Governor. As we have mentioned before, legislators of every stripe and persuasion pay attention to their constituents, and your help in the form of polite and informed telephone calls, personal visits, letters and e-mails will be decisive in persuading your elected representatives to support your gun rights – at every step of the legislative process!!!

### Getting Ready for Legislative Battle!

Update Your Liberty Trees! We need engaged and informed gun owners to write, e-mail, call and visit their elected representatives and let them know what

they think about issues facing Nevada’s gun owners. This will be especially important on putting pressure as needed on committee chairs to help our bills get hearings, and on individual legislators to remind them that you care about your gun rights and are paying attention to what they do to protect and promote those rights. Update or start a “Liberty Tree”, which is an e-mailing list of concerned citizens willing to spread the word about gun issues to fellow patriots. Forward legislative and electoral alerts from NVFAC and the NVFAC-PAC on to those lists to generate the grass-roots action that gets the attention of your elected representatives.

In the 2013 Nevada legislative session, our grass-roots action enabled us to stop every anti-gun bill that came up, and to pass several pro-gun bills in an unfriendly legislative environment. That would not have occurred without the prompt, diligent and dedicated action of Nevada’s gun owners! By creating a Liberty Tree, or updating and expanding your existing Trees, you can make an invaluable contribution to protecting the rights we all hold dear!

### NRA Grant Enhances NVFAC Communication Ability

Thanks to a grant from the NRA’s Clubs & Associations Division, NVFAC has a one-year subscription to Engage software, formerly CapWiz, which allows us to better track, target, and manage our communications during the legislative session. It will give us better letter-writing capability as well as a better idea of how many letters, calls and e-mails go to legislators for or against our legislative efforts. This means your Liberty Tree efforts will mean even more than they did before. A big “Thank You” goes out to the NRA for their generous support!

## PAC News PAC News PAC News

### PAC Established to fight Bloomberg Background Check Initiative

**NEVADANS FOR STATE GUN RIGHTS**

[www.NevadansForStateGunRights.com](http://www.NevadansForStateGunRights.com)

**N**evadans for State Gun Rights, a political action committee that is separate and distinct from the NVFAC and the NVFAC-PAC, was formed to fight former New York Mayor Michael

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(PAC - Continued from Page 2) Bloomberg's efforts to impose mandatory gun registration by ballot initiative on the Silver State. Hiding under the term Background Check Initiative, the ballot measure is really designed to result in the registration of all firearms in Nevada, which the next step after that to be their confiscation. You can help fight this plot by vocally opposing the so-called background check initiative among your

friends, through letters to the editor, and by supporting Nevadans for State Gun Rights with your time and money. Freedom isn't free, and that is true now more than ever as Nevada gun owners faces a billionaire gun control carpetbagger as he tries to buy gun control and impose it on us!

*Duncan Rand Mackie*  
*Vice-President, NVFAC Legislative Division*

## From the Club House From the Club House From the Club House

### NV Gun Report Added to Our web site.

#### NVFAC Website

If you haven't visited our website lately, you'll have to come check us out at <http://www.nvfac.org>. We've redone our look and have added some additional areas. In order to make a bigger impact here in Nevada, we need our members help to increase our online presence. One of our newest pages is the NV Gun Report (<http://www.nvfac.org/Blog.aspx>). This page is updated every few days with various news items related and/or may affect Nevada. This page does have the ability to subscribe to the RSS feed for those that are interested. Share this page with your friends and encourage them to visit us often to see our latest updates.

#### NVFAC Facebook / Twitter Pages

Also come check us out on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/NVFAC>, and our PAC page at <http://www.facebook.com/NVFACPAC>. If you like to Tweet we're on <http://www.twitter.com/nvfac>. Updates from the NV Gun Report as well as updates from our President and others, are regularly posted. Share our posts on your Facebook and/or Twitter timeline and help us get more Nevadans involved! Thanks!

*Greg Ferrante*  
*NVFAC Communications Division*

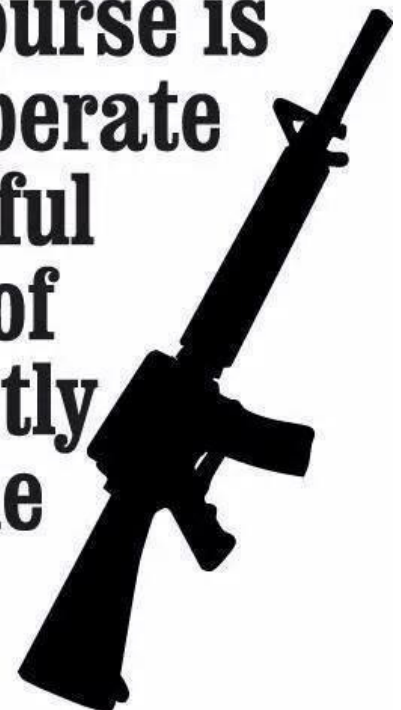
## At the Pro Shop At the Pro Shop At the Pro Shop

**O**ur Range & Retail Director Mark Cole has resigned from the director's position. We really appreciate all the hard work he put into it and because of his efforts we now have an outstanding "Be Aware" program. Thanks to Mark for his dedication to the cause.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Nathan Jones to the Range & Retail Director's position. Nathan is a professional firearms instructor with a background in communications and security. Nathan will be working with our shooting ranges and corporate members to provide assistance and programs to ensure ranges and retail operations needs are identified and supported by the Coalition.

*Nathan Jones*  
*NVFAC Range & Retail Division*

**A golf course is  
the deliberate  
and willful  
misuse of  
a perfectly  
good rifle  
range**



# The Exciting Sport of 3-Gun Shooting



**Try this fun test of speed and accuracy, using rifles, pistols and shotguns**

*By Tony Mandile*

*Photos courtesy of 3-Gun Nation*

**O**ne of the fastest growing shooting sports in the country right now is the action-packed multi-gun competition commonly known as “3-gun.”

The reason for the name is somewhat obvious; competitors use three different firearms -- a modern sporting rifle (MSR), that is, a rifle built on an AR-platform; a pistol; and a shotgun. Matches generally involve courses where the shooter must move through different stages and engage targets in a variety of different positions. Each stage will generally require the use of different firearms and require the shooter to transition between them.



The targets might include clay pigeons, cardboard silhouettes, steel targets of varying sizes and anything else the match organizer designates as a target. Distances of the targets might vary from 1 yard to 500 yards or anything in between. The shooter who hits the most targets -- and avoids certain “no shoot” ones -- in the least amount of time is the winner.

Although local ranges might opt to alter the rules somewhat, most abide closely by those set up by the International Multi-Gun Association (IMGA) or the [United States Practical Shooting Association](#) (USPSA), which regulates some matches. Each of these organizations has [guidelines and rules](#), but the ability to adapt them for specific matches is what makes 3-gun competition dynamic and exciting.

Just as it is with the practical pistol matches, 3-gun simulates combat or self-defense situations. A stage provides a certain scenario for using one or more of the guns in a specific sequence. Each stage in each match will usually be different than any you’ve shot before.

*David Gates  
NVFAC Competitions Division*

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Web page: NVFAC

[www.nvfac.org](http://www.nvfac.org)

Web page: NVFAC-PAC

[www.nvfacpac.org](http://www.nvfacpac.org)

Web page: Nevadans For State Gun Rights

[www.nevadansforstategunrights.com](http://www.nevadansforstategunrights.com)

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## Firearms Education in Southern Nevada

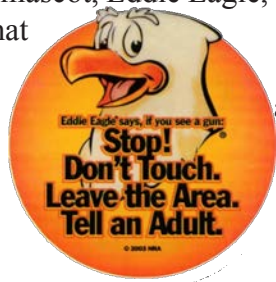
Last month, we updated readers about the Education & Training Division's grant application to NRA for a new suite of women and youth educational programs. While we await the NRA's decision, I thought it would be useful to provide a summary of some of the existing firearms educational programming that is currently being offered in the Valley for these groups. Most ranges, independent instructors and firearms groups offer programming geared towards women and youth, the below is a list of just a few of the free or low cost programs and events:

*Lauren Boitel*

*NVFA Education and Training Division*

### Eddie Eagle

The Eddie Eagle GunSafe® Program teaches children in pre-K through third grade four important steps to take if they find a gun. These steps are presented by the program's mascot, Eddie Eagle, in an easy-to-remember format consisting of the following simple rules: If you see a gun:



1. Stop!
2. Don't touch
3. Leave the area
4. Tell an adult

Offered free at the following locations:

- [The Range 702](#), Sundays at 9:00 AM
- [The Gun Store](#), the second Friday of each month from 4:00 – 5:00 PM (ages 5-11)

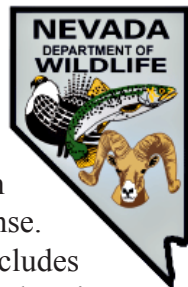
### Women of High Caliber

Women of High Caliber is a social group formed by women to encourage all women to become involved in the shooting sports in a safe, friendly, and supportive environment. Hosted by ADAPT Academy, the group meets monthly at the Clark County Shooting Complex every last Thursday from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and focuses the meetings around 1 hour of information and education and one hour of range time. Cost for each meeting is \$15.



### NDOW Hunter Education Classes

The Nevada Department of Wildlife holds hunter education courses to help Nevadans obtain hunting licenses. Anyone born after Jan. 1, 1960 must show proof of hunter education to purchase a hunting license. Proof of hunter education includes a hunter education certificate or past hunting license with a hunter education number or identifying mark from either the U.S. or Canada.



No minimum age, however, students under 11 are required to attend with an adult. Courses are offered across the state several times per month at various times, [click here](#) for a class schedule.

### The Well Armed Woman

Hosted by Homeland Personal Protection, The Southern Nevada Well Armed Woman chapter is a local group of women around the country that meet monthly to practice, learn and grow as shooters while creating opportunities for women to be introduced to issues important to women shooters, learn safe gun handling skills and train together. The group is for women who are 21 or older and eligible to own firearms and open to women who are brand new to shooting and want to learn in a comfortable environment to experienced shooters who want to advance or share their skills.

*The Well Armed Woman  
Shooting Chapters*

*Where The Feminine and Firearms Meet*

Meetings are \$25 per month and held in both Henderson at the Pro Gun Club and in Las Vegas at the Clark County Shooting Complex.

## Anti-Hunters Petition to Ban Lead-Based Ammunition

**A**nti-hunting activists, cloaking themselves as conservationists, have been working at the state and federal levels to reduce sport hunting by seeking a ban on the use of lead-based ammunition. Leading the “Get the Lead Out” campaign is the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), a radical animal rights group that falsely portrays itself in television ads as a mainstream animal care organization.

In early June 2014, HSUS, along with eleven other organizations and five alleged hunters, filed a fifty-page petition with the Department of Interior (DOI) requesting that the DOI promulgate a regulation stating: “The use of non-toxic ammunition shall be required when discharging any firearm on any land owned, managed, administered or otherwise controlled by the National Park Service or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.”

The petition is available at: [http://www.fws.gov/cno/es/CalCondor/PDF\\_files/HSUS-Petition.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/cno/es/CalCondor/PDF_files/HSUS-Petition.pdf). HSUS incorrectly claims that the ban on lead-based ammunition will affect 160 million acres of public land managed by the National Park Service (NPS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Actually, the NPS manages 84.6 million acres while the FWS manages 96.2 million acres (mostly wildlife refuges) for a total of 180.8 million acres or about 7.5% of the national acreage.

Thirty-three hunting, shooting, and conservation organizations subsequently addressed a letter to Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, on July 23, 2014 that stated several points repeated in this paper. The letter concluded by calling the HSUS petition “quite simply an attempt to drive hunters, and subsequently recreational target shooters, off of Federal public lands. It is unnecessary, has no basis in sound science and should be rejected by the Department.”

Make no mistake, HSUS’s main goal is not to protect wildlife, but rather to end hunting. Twenty-four years ago, HSUS president and CEO Wayne Pacelle, while director of the Fund for Animals (with which HSUS later merged), declared “We are going to use the ballot box and the democratic process to stop all hunting in the United States. We will take it species by species until all hunting is stopped in California. Then we will take it state by state.” (Full Cry Magazine, Oct. 10, 1990). The regulations sought by HSUS would actually harm wildlife and their habitats through the loss of license fees and 11% excise taxes on firearms and ammunition (which have so far raised over \$7 billion in support of wildlife conservation since enactment of the “Pittman-Robertson Act in 1937) because many hunters cannot afford the non-toxic ammunition.

According to HSUS’s playbook entitled, “The HSUS Lead-Free Campaign: A Strategic Offensive to End

Suffering and Destruction Caused by Lead Ammunition,” the organization has “intentionally chosen to concentrate first on banning the use of all lead ammunition for hunting in California and pursuing a ban on federal lands owned by the Department of Interior in order to build momentum for the campaign and to spur change within the various ammunition manufacturers and state wildlife agencies.” The HSUS petition did not arise from concerns about public health safety or wildlife health. Its genesis resides deeply in the HSUS goal to eliminate hunting.

The HSUS petition, relying on emotional arguments and sketchy studies, is a backdoor attempt to persuade the Department of Interior to indirectly curtail hunting on public lands. The petition is crammed with pseudo-scientific statements, junk science, and citations to studies that showed higher lead levels in consumers of wild game killed by lead ammunition as well as in raptors that supposedly feed on gut piles. While various state agency studies have found elevated levels of lead in persons who consume game killed with traditional ammunition, no state or federal agency, including the CDC, has documented a single case of illness or death linked to lead poisoning caused by eating such meat.

If the petition is granted, it is only a matter of time before the HSUS petitions for the same restriction on all 500,000,000 acres of land (one-fifth of U.S. surface land) managed by the DOI. It would heavily impact Nevada because the BLM manages almost 48 million acres in this state, which is 68% of the total acreage. HSUS is in this fight for the long term. So should be all hunters and real conservationists.

The DOI was scheduled to take action on the HSUS petition by November 1, but no decision has as yet been reached. If you want to protect your hunting heritage and rights: 1) call the Department of Interior at (202) 208-3100; 2) e-mail the DOI at [feedback@ios.doi.gov](mailto:feedback@ios.doi.gov); or 3) mail Secretary Sally Jewell, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240, and ask the DOI to deny the HSUS petition.

*Gordon Warren*  
*NVFA Conservation Division*

Editor’s Note: Gordon makes some very sound arguments against the banning of lead-based ammunition. On a personal note, I have experienced problems with handling lead bullets without protecting my hands from contamination. Fortunately, there is a simple solution. Brownells makes a hand lotion called Gun Glove, which is a skin protectant. If it is applied before handling lead, the lead can easily be washed away.

*By George*

## Around the State Around the State Around the State

Northern Nevada has been hurt by the long inactivity of the then NRA Association the Nevada State Rifle and Pistol Association (NSRPA). I am a Life Member of the NSRPA. I want to make it clear that the NSRPA is no longer the State Association for the National Rifle Association. It is not a debatable issue. The Nevada Firearms Coalition (NVFAC) is now the Official NRA State Association. If you desire that your NSRPA Life Membership be “recognized” by the NVFAC, send \$25.00 and a new application to the Coalition and you will become a Life Member of the Nevada Firearms Coalition.

I want to make it perfectly clear, my main interest is building the membership of the NVFAC. If you are interested in our First Amendment rights, especially our right to peaceable assembly and free speech and additionally our fundamental Right to Bear Arms, I ask you to JOIN the Nevada Firearms Coalition. If we are to succeed as an effective group supporting our basic rights, we need to build membership. WE NEED to build membership! We have increased our membership

in Northern Nevada, but we are only getting started. I have been attending many Northern Nevada gun shows. If you attend the gun shows, stop by and visit with us!

We are now engaged in a battle for our firearms rights with the universal back ground check initiative-petition. In reality, this is nothing but a “Universal Firearm Registration” scheme. We need your help in defeating this out of state movement to push gun control in the state of Nevada.

Please donate to our political PAC, the Nevada Firearms Coalition Political Action Committee (NVFAC-PAC). The mailing address is 5517 Simmons St, #1-176, N. Las Vegas, NV 89031. I also want to thank the National Rifle Association for their past support in building the Nevada Firearms Coalition. I hope they step up to the plate and help us defeat the initiative.

Remember to join us!

*Miles Ugarkovich*  
*NVFAC NV Nevada Division*

## Featured Company Nevada SHOT Show Exhibitor Featu

### Chipotle Publishing, LLC

#### Publishes Two Internationally-Distributed Firearms Publications In Henderson

The Shea family brought their family businesses to the Las Vegas Valley from New Hampshire and Maine in 2002. Their businesses have been serving defense contractors and the firearms industry for over 35 years. Small Arms Review is a consumer-related firearms publication since October 1997, which covers all aspects of military small arms, is available on newsstands and by subscription. Small Arms Defense Journal, an international defense industry publication since 2009, is handed out at trade shows around the world, to military, and is also available by subscription. Both of these are physical magazines. In addition Chipotle Publishing offers several books and

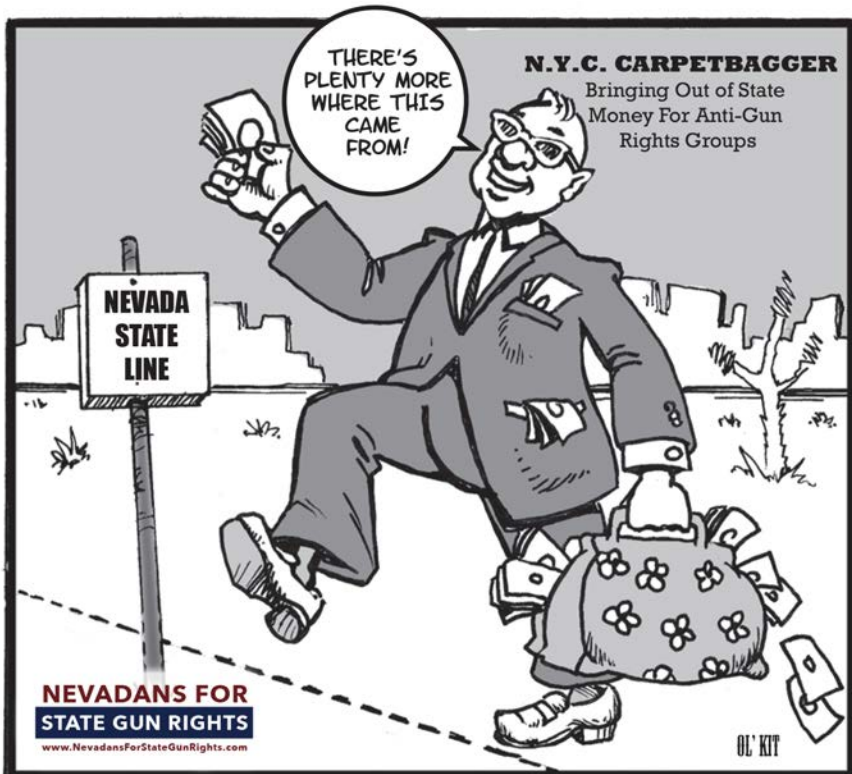
an e-magazine at [www.SmallArmsReview.com](http://www.SmallArmsReview.com).

Part of their family of businesses is Gun Mountain, LLC (formerly known as The LMO Gun Store and Long Mountain Outfitters, LLC), a woman-owned retail gun store specializing in firearms of all types including Class 3/NFA firearms such as machine guns and silencers. The Shea family of companies have been involved in many movies and popular video games such as “Call of Duty,” “Medal of Honor,” and “Ghost in the Shell.” This is no doubt due, at least in part, to their location right in the middle of an entertainment destination that happens to be growing in recognition as a firearms/machine gun experience destination as well.

*By George*



# Endnotes Endnotes Endnotes Endnotes



The Nevada Firearms Coalition is a grassroots organization staffed and operated completely by volunteers. From time to time, we are donated services by people with unique skills. Recently an artist named “O’Kit” volunteered to do some renderings that will help us with delivering our gun rights messages to the state. “O’Kit” began his shooting hobby with muzzleloaders when he was 16. His handle is in honor of Kit Carson. This sketch is one of the several cartoons he is donating to us. Thank you “O’Kit” for your dedication and efforts to keep us free.

*For Freedom  
Don Turner, NVFAC*

Attention all NVFAC members! The Firing Line needs your stories and photos. Please submit stories about your hunting and shooting experiences or any related topic to me at [george@nvfac.org](mailto:george@nvfac.org) . Please don't worry about getting every word just right. That's my job.

Thank you!

*By George*

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