



# *The Firing Line*

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## *What's New on the Firing Line:*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! NVFAC will host our first annual members meeting on February 23, 2013 at the Clark County Shooting Complex on 11357 N. Decatur Road, Las Vegas. We will begin the meeting by having a sandwich lunch at the **Multi-Purpose Room** at 11:30 A.M. in the shotgun center. The annual meeting will begin at 1 p.m. in the same room. There will be an opportunity to shoot at the Shooting Complex before our meeting. The public Pistol/Rifle Range, as well as Trap and Skeet and the complex and the new Sporting Clays courses are open. [www.clarkcountynv.gov/depts/parks](http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/depts/parks) Check out their website to see all they offer.

The Clark County Shooting complex is located on the very north end of Decatur Boulevard. The complex is open at 7:00 A.M.

The Agenda will be posted on the web page three weeks before the meeting.

## *Division News:*

### *Competition Division:*

NVFAC is now a member of the Civilian Marksmanship Program. Our Competitions Director has been meeting with Nevada Gun Clubs to host the state championships and CMP matches.

### *Legislative Affairs Division:*

Christopher Schmitt is our new vice chair for the Legislative Division in Carson City. His email is [Chris@nvfac.cor](mailto:Chris@nvfac.cor).

NVFAC testified at the Las Vegas City Council hearing on December 5, 2012 to protest the City's invalid firearms regulations contrary to the Nevada pre-emption law.

Christopher Schmitt and his VP of Legislative Affairs, Randy Mackie, are now registered lobbyists and have taken the approved lobbyist course for Nevada.

We are raising money to hire a lobbyist for the next legislative session. Ranges & Retail Director Famiglietti has taken the lead on this. Please contact your local firearms stores to urge them to contribute. Each dealer is asked to donate \$1000 to this fund.

Our petition-gathering drive was a great success. We collected over 2500 signature around Clark County. Thanks to all those who cooperated and assisted. Petitions are addressed to the Clark County Board of County Commission, asking them to eliminate the wasteful handgun registration program in Clark County. They will be presented to the legislature as part of our preemption package, and to show the government affairs committee that the Metro Sheriff has not reviewed his agency for efficiency and doesn't need any more tax money.

We have had success in introducing three very important pieces of legislation in the state assembly. Our Preemption bill, which will help us achieve our goal of one gun law for Nevada, the Campus Carry bill and the Castle Doctrine bill.

John Lee has been endorsed by the NVFAC for Mayor of North Las Vegas. Senator Lee was instrumental in helping us with several pro-gun bills in the past and we are honored to provide our endorsement.

NVFAC was a significant participant in the NRA-ILA firearms introduction clinic at Battlefield Vegas on January 19. Some 20 elected representatives were able to see and shoot the differences between semi-auto rifles and fully automatic assault firearms. It was a very educational experience.

#### **Range & Retail Division:**

Director David Famiglietti has been extremely busy operating New Frontier Armory and opening the new Battlefield Vegas facility. He requests that any member who has range and retail experience contact him as a possible replacement. His email is [David@nvfac.org](mailto:David@nvfac.org).

#### **Other Division News:**

Membership renewals are in progress, so be sure to renew your membership.

Our online store is growing. We will be adding cigars, targets, and high quality lube in the near future. Visit the store today and order your NVFAC official logo clothing.

Eric McGovern has been appointed as our new Southern Area Director. He is replacing Terry Farr, who has done a great job this first year. Thanks, Terry! We are looking forward to working with Eric. He may be reached at [eric@nvfac.org](mailto:eric@nvfac.org)

## *The Newtown Massacre*

Commentary

By

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What happened at Sandy Hook Elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut last month was a tragedy of epic proportions. Twenty six human beings, including twenty innocent children, some as young as five years old, died at the hands of a psychopath with three firearms and an almost unlimited supply of ammunition at his disposal. Before he left his home for the school, he (his name will not be mentioned here) shot his mother to death, emptying a handgun into her head.

What compels a disturbed individual to snap and take the lives of children, or anyone else for that matter?

The answer to that question will not be found in these paragraphs; it is up to mental health professionals to dissect, discern and determine the workings of the unstable mind.

Gun control advocates will point to the shootings at Newtown, Columbine and Virginia Tech and tell us we must outlaw all firearms to protect the public from such horrible acts of violence, as if the weapons drove themselves to the schools and committed the crimes.

President Obama has stated that he supports California Senator Feinstein's legislation to outlaw "assault" weapons, and he has charged Vice President Biden to address limiting gun ownership and also ... "improved access to mental health services and better management of violence in popular culture."

*Hmmm...* Vice President Biden's in charge. What could go wrong with that?

The state of Connecticut already has an "assault weapon" ban, and it was in effect before the shootings. Did that stop the deranged killer from running amok in an elementary school? Did any law ever stop the actions of a career criminal or a lunatic hearing a voice telling him to kill? So we should outlaw guns? We'd be better off outlawing insanity.

Obama isn't consulting Congress like a President should be doing. He is gathering little children around him in the White House, having them read heartbreaking letters, and issuing orders by presidential fiat, independent of Congress and in defiance of our nation's form of

government which provides for three branches of government, each designed to provide checks and balances on the other two branches.

And let's suppose old Joe and Diane and all the other blame-the-gun-first crowd gets its way, and by further executive order, authorities are sent forth to collect all our guns. When all of our firearms are confiscated and we, the law abiding hunters, collectors and target shooters can no longer defend ourselves, will we all be better off? Will a nation where only criminals and cops carry guns be a better place to live?

*Hmmm...* Only police and criminals have guns. What could go wrong with that?

What the gun haters don't seem to understand is that the kind of violence we are seeing in this society is a symptom of the ills of our society. It is a clarion call, announcing the eroding of America's core values.

Our children behave like thugs in school, on the street and in the home. We have allowed our education system to lapse into mediocrity. Today's educators are more concerned with a student's self image and ego than they are with reading and writing and learning the skills needed to become a productive member of our society.

Our children do not respect family, honor, history or industry. This lack of respect, this contempt for our society is fostered by almost everyone in our society. It used to be that if a student created chaos in a classroom and the teacher disciplined him, it would automatically follow that when he got home, the parents would join in that discipline. The student was immediately taught that his behavior was not acceptable. Now, more often than not, his parents will sue the school for mistreating their child.

These kids spend hours upon hours in fantasy land, playing violent, often horrific video games that provide an alternative universe for those self described outsiders in our culture, allowing them to create a fantasy culture of their own. Is it any wonder that a deadly paroxysm of rage ensues when these two cultures collide and the fantasy comes in stark confrontation to the reality?

And yet our Congress, our current administration can do little more than pass meaningless laws, designed to garner feel-good reactions from the administration-owned news media. And do they fall into line!

The sicknesses in American society will not be cured by outlawing guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens. There are no quick fixes. We can solve this problem, but it will not happen overnight, and everyone, the parents, the schools, the local and federal governments MUST

commit to solving the problem. Perhaps if we start now, at the kindergarten level, in ten years we will see a change in our youth, in our schools, and in our culture. But we must pursue the solutions aggressively, consistently, and without equivocation, knowing that this will be a long haul. Will the Obama Administration, the Congress and the teachers' union sign on to a long term program to recapture the education of our youth? The Firing Line is hopeful...

### *Gun rights:*

Never before have gun owners come under such intense scrutiny. Here is a list of the 23 executive orders issued by President Obama to infringe upon our rights to own firearms. He has put Vice President Joe Biden in charge of implementing this program.

1. Issue a Presidential Memorandum to require federal agencies to make relevant data available to the federal background check system.

2. Address unnecessary legal barriers, particularly relating to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, that may prevent states from making information available to the background check system.

3. Improve incentives for states to share information with the background check system.

4. Direct the Attorney General to review categories of individuals prohibited from having a gun to make sure dangerous people are not slipping through the cracks.

5. Propose rulemaking to give law enforcement the ability to run a full background check on an individual before returning a seized gun.

6. Publish a letter from ATF to federally licensed gun dealers providing guidance on how to run background checks for private sellers.

7. Launch a national safe and responsible gun ownership campaign.

8. Review safety standards for gun locks and gun safes (Consumer Product Safety Commission).

9. Issue a Presidential Memorandum to require federal law enforcement to trace guns recovered in criminal investigations.

10. Release a DOJ report analyzing information on lost and stolen guns and make it widely available to law enforcement.

11. Nominate an ATF director.

12. Provide law enforcement, first responders, and school officials with proper training for active shooter situations.

13. Maximize enforcement efforts to prevent gun violence and prosecute gun crime.
14. Issue a Presidential Memorandum directing the Centers for Disease Control to research the causes and prevention of gun violence.
15. Direct the Attorney General to issue a report on the availability and most effective use of new gun safety technologies and challenge the private sector to develop innovative technologies.
16. Clarify that the Affordable Care Act does not prohibit doctors asking their patients about guns in their homes.
17. Release a letter to health care providers clarifying that no federal law prohibits them from reporting threats of violence to law enforcement authorities.
18. Provide incentives for schools to hire school resource officers.
19. Develop model emergency response plans for schools, houses of worship and institutions of higher education.
20. Release a letter to state health officials clarifying the scope of mental health services that Medicaid plans must cover.
21. Finalize regulations clarifying essential health benefits and parity requirements within ACA exchanges.
22. Commit to finalizing mental health parity regulations.
23. Launch a national dialogue led by Secretaries Sebelius and Duncan on mental health  
(Thanks to Tyler Durden of [ZeroHedge.com](http://zerohedge.com) for this comprehensive list.)

**The Chinese have weighed in on the issue:** The official Chinese government news agency, Xinhua, has demanded the US immediately adopt stricter gun control measures to reduce the number of firearms the US populace is permitted to possess.

**States are lining up against the Obama gun grab:** Many pro-gun rallies have taken place over the past several days in opposition to the Obama anti-gun program. Wyoming, Texas, Missouri, Tennessee, South Dakota, South Carolina and Alaska have instituted legislation and programs to stop the Obama Administration from implementing his plan. So far.

**Clinton warns anti-gun forces:** In a speech given at the Obama National Finance Committee on January 19, Bill Clinton told the delegates, “Do not patronize the passionate supporters of your opponents by looking down your nose at them. A lot of these people live in a world very different from the world we live in by the people proposing these things. I know, because I come from this world.”

Clinton went on to warn that the polls that indicate the American people support increased gun controls "...are meaningless if they are not voting the issues."

Clinton spoke about his failure in 1994 to retain the House of Representatives largely because of the federal assault weapons ban passed in Congress and the fact that he didn't provide more support for vulnerable representatives in the 1994 election.