

THE FIRING LINE

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NVFAC and the 77th Legislative Session

This edition of the Firing Line is dedicated to the recent legislative session and the bills and laws which resulted from that session.

Notes from the President about NVFAC and the 77th NV Legislative Session.

The Nevada Firearms Coalition was a major player at the recent 77th Nevada Legislature. Thanks to donations from New Frontier Armory, Battlefield Vegas and Brassman Brass, and NVFAC members we were able to raffle off an AR 15 which raised enough funds to hire a full time lobbyist in Carson City. This is the FIRST time a Nevada firearms organization has had a full time professional lobbyist in Carson City for the entire legislative session. We employed the services of Grassroots 2.0 who performed excellent service in contacting legislators, keeping us informed of committee hearings, helping edit position papers and Alerts, and forwarding our positions to the Nevada Press as well as delivering our position to various key legislators.

Our VP of Legislative Affairs Randy Mackie, registered as an unpaid lobbyist and he and our president Don Turner testified at all the hearings involving firearms legislation. VP Mackie also established our signature “Liberty Tree” program where Second Amendment

supporters forwarded our Alerts to their contacts.

Our web master set up a separate legislative section of the web page and forwarded our Alerts to NVFAC membership. In addition our Face Book page was used to post our positions and Alerts. At the highest peak of FB activity over 244,000 people were contacted through our FB page. Over twenty-four letters and position papers were written and submitted and interviews were held with newspapers, radio and TV stations. No anti-gun legislation was passed. Our signature bill, statewide preemption was never given a hearing. At the very end of the legislative session, our fight to preserve our rights was attacked by the Mayor’s Against Illegal Guns who sent 11 lobbyists to Carson City including two who were employed by the City of New York. In the end, Governor Sandoval, supported by NVFAC and other gun rights groups vetoed SB 221 which was a gun control bill disguised as a “mental health” bill.

We are offering a “score sheet” of legislator “heroes and heels” based on their support for Nevada rights or Mayors Against Illegal Guns as part of this Firing Line. During the session we built

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

partnerships with many gun rights, constitutional rights and conservation groups to present a heavy grassroots front at the legislature. Our lobbyists reported that every Alert we put out to members and liberty trees generated between 1,400 and 2,500 letters and emails to the legislature. In addition we provided position papers to the City of Las Vegas, Henderson and Clark County regarding their violations of statewide pre-emption. 6,000 signatures were gathered in opposition to the Clark County Handgun Registration and we testified against the program at the Clark County Commission hearing and the State Legislature.

We would like to thank “Citizen’s Outreach” who awarded NVFAC the “grassroots organization of the year award” for our work so far. Our future plans including the establishment of a Political Action Committee so we can praise and chastise political holders by name as well as continue to press on issues.





















NVFAC priorities:

- NVFAC supports legislation that will result in one gun law for all Nevada citizens applied equally throughout the state.
- NVFAC will actively work to repeal existing firearms codes and ordinances that apply only to local jurisdictions.
- NVFAC will support any legislation where analysis shows an enhancement of personal liberty and significant public safety benefits.
- NVFAC will oppose any firearms legislation when analysis shows that the public safety benefits are less than the intrusion into personal liberty.

Don Turner
President

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77th Legislative Session Report Card

Firearms Bills or Bills That Affect Firearms			
Bill Number	Summary	NVFAC Position*	Disposition
 SJR7	Const hunt/fish	s	No hearing
 SB 18	NVFAC Nat Guard	S	Pass
 SB 76	CFP any handgun	S	Pass
 SB 82	No Hunt Black Bears	O	Failed
 SB 137	Const. Carry	s	No vote taken
 SB 221	Background Checks	O	Vetoed
 SB 223	Employee Campus Carry	s	No vote taken
 SB 226	Dr license, end handgun registration	s	No vote taken
 SB 277	Mental Health	O	Pulled
 SB 396	Magazine Ban	O	No hearing
 AB 60	Non Profit	o	Pass
 AB 70	Civil Protection	s	No hearing
 AB 143	Campus Carry	s	No vote taken
 AB 195	Early renewal CFP	s	No vote taken
 AB 196	Unconstitutional orders	s	No vote taken
 AB 232	No permit to carry	s	No hearing
 AB 234	Firearms and ammo tax	O	No vote taken
 AB 235	Parking lot secure storage	s	No hearing
 AB 340	Pre-emption	s+	No hearing
 AB 496	Metro Tax increase	o	Pass
*S = Support, O = Strongly Oppose		Bold = wins!	

77TH Legislator Score Card

Note: Because of the critical nature of SB 221 and the heavy outside influence of Mayor Bloomberg's lobbying efforts in Carson City, SB 221 was selected as the test of a legislator's support for the rights of NV firearms gun owners. This score card reflects as A as opposing the bill and Bloomberg, a D as

voting for the bill. An F was given to legislators who through NVFAC and NRA surveys expressed their support of the 2nd Amendment but voted for SB221 or used their leadership positions to block or oppose positive firearms laws.

Assembly - Heroes & Heels

Assembly Person Rating

Paul Anderson	A
Richard Carrillo	A
Skip Daly	A
Wesley Duncan	A
John Ellison	A
Michele Fiore	A
Tom Grady	A
John Hambrick	A
Ira Hansen	A
Crescent Hardy	A
Pat Hickey	A
Randy Kirner	A
Peter Livermore	A
James Ohrenschall	A
James Oscarson	A
Michael Sprinkle	A
Lynn Stewart	A
Jim Wheeler	A
Melissa Woodbury	A

Assembly Person Rating

Paul Aizley	D
Elliot Anderson	F
Teresa Benitez-Thompson	F
David Bobzien	F
Irene Bustamante Adams	D
Maggie Carlton	D
Lesley Cohen	D
Olivia Diaz	D
Marilyn Dondero Loop	D
Andy Eisen	D
Lucy Flores	F
Jason Frierson	F
James Healey	D
Joseph Hogan	D
William Horne	F
Marilyn Kirkpatrick	F
Andrew Martin	D
Harvey Munford	D
Dina Neal	D
Peggy Pierce	D
Ellen Spiegel	D
Heidi Swank	D
Tyrone Thompson	D

Senate - Heroes & Heels

Senator
 Greg Brower
 Barbara Cegavske
 Pete Goicoechea
 Donald Gustavson
 Scott Hammond
 Joseph Hardy
 Mark Hutchison
 Ben Kieckhefer
 Michael Roberson
 James Settlemeyer

Rating
 A
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Senator
 Kelvin Atkinson
 Moises Denis
 Aaron Ford
 Justin Jones
 Ruben Kihuen
 Mark Manendo
 David Parks
 Tick Segerblom
 Debbie Smith
 Pat Spearman
 Joyce Woodhouse

Rating
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Commentary

by Rick Ainsworth

On this Independence Day, as we celebrate the birth of our great Republic, it would be altogether fitting and proper for us to celebrate another American milestone in history. This week marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War battle of Gettysburg, which many historians believe was the pivotal battle in that terrible war.

It was summer of 1863 and the Rebel Army of Northern Virginia, under the command of General Robert E. Lee and flush with a string of military victories, ventured north into Pennsylvania with one goal in mind; to inflict a great defeat on the Union army in its own back yard, march on Washington, D.C. and sue for peace on terms favorable to the South.

Jefferson Davis, the Confederate president did not delude himself with dreams of total victory over the North. Nor did Robert E. Lee. Both realized that in a long war, they would lose simply by sheer attrition. The North had more men, more guns, more horses and mules, more black powder, more food and all the commercial industry in the country. The South depended on cotton for their economic strength, and had very little industry. (The biggest problem with cotton was that the South depended on slave labor to harvest it, process it and sell it at a reasonable profit. Eli Whitney's cotton gin had revolutionized the cotton industry, bringing the world's focus on cotton to the southern United States.)

While many Americans believe the Civil War was all about slavery, it was not. More important to the Southerners was the economics of their situation, fearing they would be swallowed up under the grind of Northern industry. They really didn't care any more about their slaves than they did their mules. What they cared about was their cotton.

So when northern senators and representatives began talking about abolishing slavery, the South saw this as an epic violation of their rights and seceded from the union, set up their own government and preceded to wage war against the Union.

As the Army of Northern Virginia crept north, the Army of the Potomac, newly headed up by Major General George Meade, began massing their troops near

the capitol to confront and drive off the Confederates. 80,000 men, all Americans, met in a three day battle in the peaceful hills of Pennsylvania. At no time did the conflict favor one side or the other; not during the attack down Cashtown Road, repelled by General John Buford and his First Division with timely reinforcements from General John Reynolds and his 2nd Corps; not the attack on Union positions on a small hill called Little Round Top that almost succeeded in flanking the Union army on its far left flank, but was repulsed by the incredible and unlikely bayonet charge into the Southern ranks called for by Colonel Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain of the 20th Maine division. And certainly not until after the fateful and almost suicidal charge into the Union center ordered by Lee and executed by Major General George Pickett, an attack which would go down in history as Pickett's Charge. Imagine what it looked like from the northern positions as 12,500 confederate soldiers formed a line a mile long and began marching toward the Union center, into the teeth of the Union artillery, under the withering fire of the union riflemen. On and on they came, stepping over the bodies of their comrades, leaning against the musket fire as if pushing against a strong wind, watching their ranks diminish as the Yankee musket fire ripped into them. As glorious as it seems today, it was an ill advised, reckless attack which culminated in an unmitigated disaster for the South.

The battle of Gettysburg was a decisive victory for the Army of the Potomac, and while Lee and his Army of Northern Virginia limped home, President Abraham Lincoln began planning for the reconstruction of the south following its seemingly inevitable defeat.

In November of 1863, during the dedication of the Gettysburg battlefield, Abraham Lincoln spoke of his hopes for the country. He summoned up the spirit of the American Revolution and the values and traditions of the country it spawned. He spoke only 275 words, but his Gettysburg Address is considered by many to be the most eloquent and heartfelt speech ever given.

He spoke of the need to preserve the Union and to always remember the men on both sides who died there. He spoke of the frailty of government and wondered if the American form of government would long endure.

Abraham Lincoln knew that the hopes of the country lay in preserving the Union and pushing west into the frontier. In order to accomplish that, he needed

northern and southern states to reunite and rededicate themselves to the future of the republic. His vision for reconstruction, the rebuilding of the southern states, would proceed even after his untimely death, carried on by his loyal successors. Such was the strength of his convictions.

We find ourselves in a similar situation today. No, we are not dealing with an armed rebellion, and no, people are not enslaved in this country, but we are divided, and as President Lincoln once said in another speech: "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

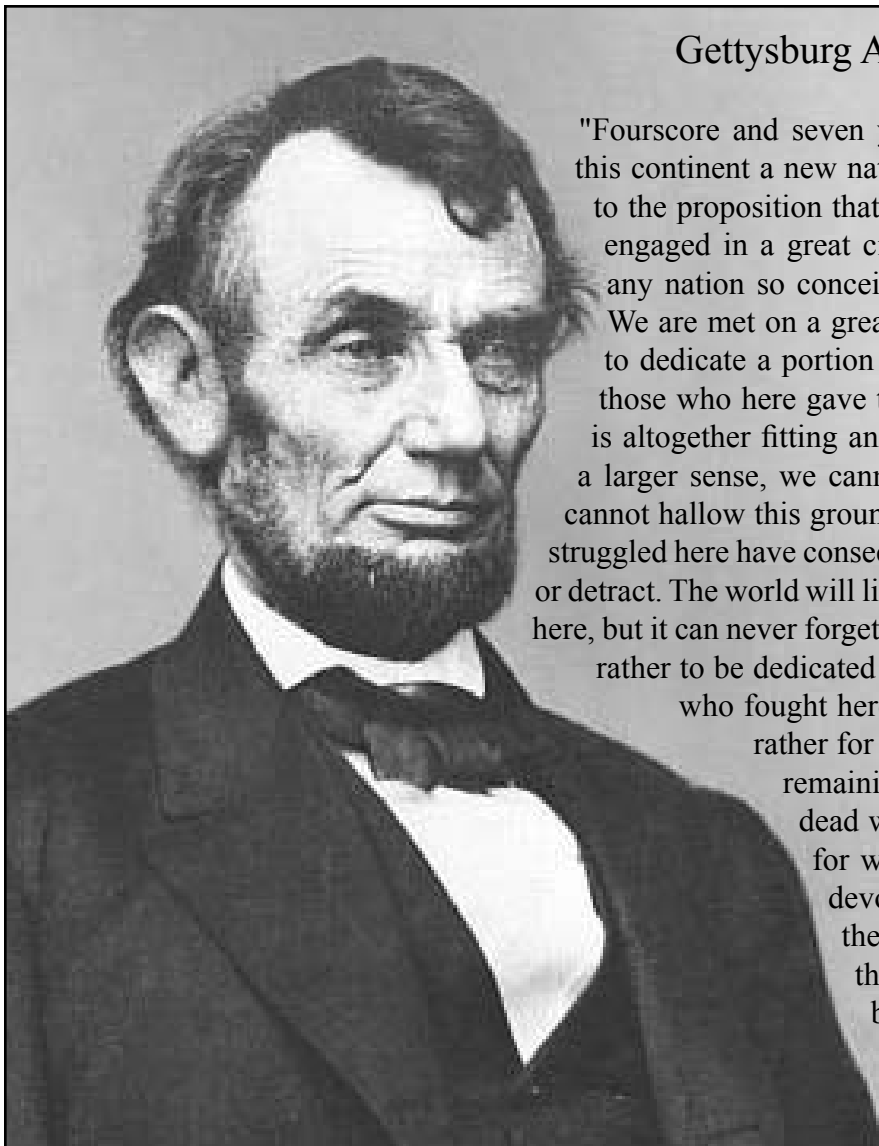
Today, we have a government that is spiraling out of control. It is so large and its tentacles sunk so deeply into our national marrow, even the President's chief of staff said our government is too big to control. So, the IRS continues to profile, the NSA continues to profile, the CIA and FBI continue to profile, and liberal groups all over the county are coming out vociferously and shrilly against guns of any kind in the hands of Americans. They couldn't care less that the Second

Amendment clearly gives us the right to keep and bear arms. That right was given to us by God, and confirmed by our Founding Fathers with our written Constitution. It has been further confirmed by the spilt American blood on every continent of the world to preserve that Constitution. Are we to believe those men died in vain? How about the 8000 casualties during the Battle of Gettysburg, a battle clearly fought for the preservation of the Union. Are we to believe their lives were given in vain?

It's the Union. The Union. The Union! That is the only legacy worth preserving for our children and grandchildren: A healthy and prosperous American Union. Lincoln knew that. How come we don't?

I urge the readers of this to pick up a book called *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara about the battle of Gettysburg. Once you experience it, I defy you to read the Gettysburg Address without crying.

Such was the strength of Abraham Lincoln's convictions.



Gettysburg Address - November 19, 1863

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting-place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us--that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Legislative Affairs Division:

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is pleased to announce that Nevada's gun owners had a professional lobbying presence during a legislative session. The Coalition retained the services of Grassroots 2.0, a Reno-based lobbying firm, to represent the interests of the state's law-abiding gun owners before the Nevada legislature's 77th session. Grassroots 2.0 supplemented the efforts of the Legislative Division to protect the rights of the state's law-abiding gun owners, and to help us focus efforts and marshal support for our legislative goals.

With the help and support of our membership and Nevada's law-abiding gun owners, we were able to prevent some really bad firearms bills from passing.

Our legislative strategy depended on Coalition members and Nevada gun owners enlisting in the fight to protect our gun rights. Every NVFAC member and gun owner was encouraged to personally contact their elected representatives by mail, e-mail and telephone and to give testimony at legislative hearings, as well as to urge their like-minded friends and acquaintances to do the same. Our Face Book page had as many as 244,000 people visiting it during the session.

Looking for a way to help secure your gun rights? Want to do something for the cause but don't know how? Be a Gun Rights Sentinel! No costs involved, as much or as little time as you want to put into it, and on your own schedule. Contact our VP of Legislative Affairs at randy@nvfac.org.

Gun Rights Sentinels are active and interested citizens who care about their gun rights, and volunteer to be active in keeping their government accountable for their actions, and their fellow citizens informed of things that threaten their liberties, and informing fellow citizens of effective actions that any and all of us can take to defend those rights.

Nevada is a relatively small state in population. That means our local, county, state and federal legislators are more susceptible to grass-roots activism (telephone calls, post cards, letters, e-mails, personal visits) than legislators in larger states like California and New York. As a new organization, the Nevada Firearms Coalition (NVFAC) is not as large or as well-funded as it hopes to be in a few years, but we can still have a positive effect on gun rights policies in the Silver State if we marshal the grass-roots resources available to us and use them wisely.

The goal is to organize members and allies of the

Nevada Firearms Coalition to an effective level of grass-roots activism so that the Coalition can have a positive effect on gun legislation state wide.

A Gun Rights Sentinel protects our liberties

by:

- Staying abreast of events, including legislative and regulatory actions, that affect our liberties, especially our gun rights
- Talking with office-holders about legislation and policies important to gun owners
- Attending or hosting educational events to better network with like-minded local citizens
- Attending town hall-type meetings of local, state and federal officials and asking questions
- Actively spreading awareness of issues and promoting accountability of government and elected officials to the citizenry
- Attending meetings, local events, and other public gatherings to distribute information
- If requested, representing NVFAC at meetings and giving testimony on gun rights issues to public bodies
- Alerting the NVFAC Legislative Director of potential gun rights issues that come to your attention

Develop a Liberty Tree

This is a mailing list/e-mail/calling tree of like-minded citizens of your acquaintance whom you can mobilize on short notice for grass-roots action. Nevada is a small enough state that your personal Liberty Tree need not be extensive. Even a list of 10 or 15 like-minded citizens ready to call, fax or visit their legislators on a particular issue on short notice can make a difference! People on your Liberty Tree can organize Liberty Trees of their own to further leverage the positive effects. Every Alert sent out by NVFAC generated over 1,400 to 2,500 contacts at the legislature due to your liberty trees!

How It Works

From time to time, you will be asked to contact your local, state or federal legislators regarding particular issues in which the NVFAC has an interest. The requested contact may be by telephone, fax, letter, e-mail or a combination of some or all of those means. You may also be asked to personally visit your legislator to express your views on a subject, or to

attend legislative or political meetings for the same purpose. NVFAC will provide you, usually by e-mail, with the subject matter of, and talking points for, the requested action, or may provide a sample letter for your use, depending on the circumstances. Then, you take the requested action in a timely manner. You then take the additional step of sending the action alerts we send you to other Sentinels on your personal Liberty Tree, thereby multiplying the effect of your actions. That's all there is to it! It's simple, it's effective, and it leverages the power of concerned citizens in a relatively small state to have an effect beyond the limits of their actual numbers.

If You Hear Something, Say Something

Liberty Trees can work in reverse! If you or your Tree hears of matters of interest in the struggle

to preserve our civil rights, pass the word to NVFAC by e-mailing the Legislative Division at randy@nvfac.org. We'll put the information to good use.

NVFAC contacted gun dealers and firearms stores to ask for donations to hire a lobbyist for this legislative year. We would like to thank New Frontier Armory, Battlefield Vegas, and Brassman Brass for their generosity and leadership. We are disappointed that with the boon in the gun business that only three companies stepped forward to help. We will continue to reach out to the rest of the dealers with our request.

The Firing Line is interested in hearing from our membership on any subject that relates to firearms, gun control, the Second Amendment, and experiences in the firearms community. Letters will be edited for content and space, and we must use your full name and city of residence. Address your letters to the editor and email them to rlainsworth@cox.net

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Coalition Update:

We've been approached by the Lily Claire Foundation who raises funds for special needs children. In September every year they have an event called the "WildFest." This year, they have offered the afternoon of September 21, 2013 for a "rock the second" celebration of the Second Amendment. We are invited to participate. Our fund raising committee (Gregg Hughes, Greg Link and Eric McGovern, Randy Mackie and myself) have met with them and gone over some ideas. We will keep you posted on this event.

In addition, we would like to have a signature event for NVFAC for fund raising. As active as we've been in the legislature it was because New Frontier Armory gave us an AR 15 to auction. To keep up our momentum in legislative avenues, events and competitions and all the other stuff we've been doing takes funds.

So we are planning an "Octoberblast" to be held on October 25 and 26th. On Friday afternoon and Saturday, we'd like to have a shooting fair, and on the 26th a unique event of 9 holes of golf and 9 sporting clays. Our goal is 50 two person teams the first year.

In order for this to happen, we need SPONSORS. We cannot move forward without sponsors. So please keep this to yourself as we cannot proceed until we have prize money for the competition. Our shooter fee will be dependent upon sponsors as well.

We need your help. If you have any contacts that may be willing to be a sponsor, please contact them and send us their information. A sponsor can sponsor a team, and get a free vendor booth. We have room for displays, vendors, shooting clinics, food vendors, etc.

Also if you know someone who may wish to be a vendor (food, outdoor gear, guns, etc.) send us their contact information. Please let us know about potential sponsors ASAP. We only have a few weeks to get this moving. Thank you,



If you're not a member of the Nevada Firearms Coalition, what are you waiting for?

The cows are coming home and there's a lot of B.S. to clean up.

Join today!