

# THE FIRING LINE

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### In Memory of Carrie Herbertson

The Nevada Firearms Coalition mourns the loss of a dear friend and a dedicated advocate of our rights. Carrie Herbertson was taken from us way too suddenly, and we will sincerely miss her. Carrie was assigned as the NRA-ILA in Arizona when I first met her during the legislative session regarding shooting range protection laws at the State Legislature. Over the years we found ourselves working together again in Nevada, which was added to her ever-increasing areas of responsibility. Carrie possessed a keen and practical philosophy

when it came to supporting our rights at the state and local level. She served as a mentor, advisor, champion and critic. Under her tutelage we set up the new NRA State Association and helped her break in her new replacement. Everyone at the legislature knew and respected her and through Carrie and her contacts, we made much headway. The Nevada Firearms Coalition and I will miss her very much. Rest in Peace Carrie, you are missed....

*Don Turner, President*

### 2013 NVFAC President's Awards

**P**er Executive Privilege the President of the Nevada Firearms Coalition, on behalf of the Board of Directors, presents the following awards for significant service for the furtherance of NVFAC goals and firearms rights.

#### David Famiglietti

David and his gun store, New Frontier Armory, donated an AR-15 and three magazines for our first ever gun raffle. The funds raised by this raffle were significant enough that it allowed NVFAC to hire Grassroots 2.0 as our full time lobbyist for the 2013 legislative session. Without this lobbyist we would not have had a presence at the legislature

and would have not been so effective in passing good gun laws and stopping some really bad gun laws. Thank you David and New Frontier Armory!

#### David Stillwell

#### Travis N. Barrick, Esq.

David Stillwell filed several requests for information from the Nevada Sheriff's and Chief's Association (NSCA) for records and minutes regarding their meetings regulating Concealed Permit requirements, training and reciprocity. They maintained that they were not a government agency and therefore their meetings were closed and they did not

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

Awards - Cont from Page 1 qualify under the disclosure provisions of government agencies. David contacted Travis Barrick, an attorney who is a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment, for assistance. On their own and without resources from any organization, they filed suit in Nevada court against the position of the NSCA. The judge ruled that even though NCSC was a non-governmental agency, the Nevada Revised Statutes gave them authority to regulate portions of the State's

Concealed Carry Permit system and therefore when they were in that position, they must comply with the State's open meeting law and records act. Without the actions of Mr. Stillwell and Attorney Barrick, the NSCA would continue to regulate the concealed permit system without public oversight. This was a tremendous finding for firearms rights in Nevada. Thank you David and Travis for your excellent work!

## Through the Spotting Scope

### 2013 President's Report



2013 has been a very busy year for the Coalition.

Immediately after the last members meeting, we hit the ground running with the 2013 legislative session which took an extraordinary amount of time and effort. NVFAC was heavily represented in hearings and at the legislature thanks to the efforts of our lobbyist group, Grassroots 2.0. Because of our "liberty tree" email notification system, we were able to generate between 1,500 and 3,000 emails, letters and other contacts per each issue. Please see the Legislative Affairs Division Report for more details on our efforts. For all these efforts, not only were we able to stop several bad laws, but we were awarded the "Grassroots Organization of the Year" by the Conservative Leadership Conference.

There have been some changes on the Board of Directors, our new Directors are:

- Randy Strong—Vice President
- Lauren Boitel—Education and Training
- David Gates—Competition
- Miles Ugarkovich—NW Director

(Our NE Director is still open, so we are looking for a volunteer for that...)

- Firing Line Editor—George Glendenning

We sincerely appreciate the effort of the previous directors and thank them for their service.

We established a registered recruiter program where NVFAC recruiters get a \$5.00 refund for each membership signed up. Our goal is to have 3,000 members.

We are working on our unique BE AWARE program for firearms safety, more on that in the Range & Retailer Division Report. We partnered with the NSSF "Project Child Safe" and the Nevada Suicide Prevention Program to put this program together.

A critical action was the establishment of our Political Action Committee (PAC), separate from NVFAC, and we retained Megan Bedera of Amplify Relations to manage the PAC. Additional accomplishments and activities include:

- Appointment of two volunteer fund raisers to help raise funds for the coalition
- Establishment of five gun show displays
- Development and distribution of Recruitment cards
- Visitation of gun stores in Las Vegas area
- Successful Raffle to raise money for lobbyist

Supported Rock the Second Celebration in support of the Lily Claire Foundation at the Rio Casino. This included obtaining at least 10 raffle items from various gun stores. Right after we began, our two fund raisers were deployed so the burden of the raffle effort fell on Eric McGovern and Randy Mackie. It was a successful event to raise the awareness of our organization, but raffles that benefit NVFAC exclusively are more productive.

Attendance at 90% of the gun shows in Clark County and two gun shows in Reno area

Received \$5,000 NRA Clubs and Associations Grant to hire a bookkeeper, which was accomplished.

- ⊙ Contacted all NRA Clubs and Corporations in NV requesting membership.
- ⊙ Contacted NVFAC Corporate members and asked for information for newsletter and member benefits items.
- ⊙ Joined CMP, USA Shooting, and Project Child Safe.
- ⊙ Appeared on several TV news broadcasts regarding shooting issues.

More details on many of these accomplishments are in the respective Division Reports.

### Objectives for 2014 include:

- Establish and host a signature competition event for the coalition.
- Increase membership benefits at cooperating ranges and gun stores.
- Hold at least three gun raffles.
- Increase the offerings in our on-line store.

- Generate membership increase to 3,000 members.
- Get a NE Director.
- Get more volunteers to help the divisions.
- Get involved with the BLM on desert shooting areas.
- Help our PAC grow bigger teeth.

### What we learned this year:

*Volunteer organizations have three types of members:*

*Them that do,*

*Them that don't,*

*...and them that complain about the do's and don'ts.*

*Of the three.....only the do's make mistakes.*

*Don Turner, President*

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### Shooting Ranges made in North Las Vegas, USA

One of the most interesting and unique Nevada exhibitors at the 2014 SHOT Show is a firm that designs and manufactures very sophisticated modular shooting ranges and equipment in North Las Vegas. That firm is Shooting Range Industries, LLC (SRI). According to its President/CEO, Mike Halverson, SRI has been an exhibitor at the SHOT Show for at least the last 20 years, so it must be working for them. SRI is among the top companies worldwide that provide complete modular shooting range solutions for both the civilian and governmental applications.

SRI designs and manufactures all in-house the most flexible and innovative, Modular Containerized Small Arms Training Sets (MCSATS) for military, law enforcement and border patrol. These modules consist of a rugged exterior "container", much like the ones widely used for containerized freight. SRI uses only brand new containers, which they modify

and outfit extensively to suit their clients' individual needs and preferences. Among the numerous options are sniper live-fire MILO modules with video game-like projections on self-healing screens, flash bang test rooms, forensic modules, ballistic test modules, mobile MCSATS on trailers, and deployable MCSATS for air lift transport.

You may have shot at an indoor shooting range that uses SRI's READY RANGE modules. Several Nevada gun ranges employ SRI equipment including their unique bullet trap design, as well as their complete HVAC with negative pressure and HEPA air filtration systems to protect both the shooter and the environment. SRI is a local corporation generating tax dollars and employment opportunities for Nevada. They also happen to be NVFAC's newest corporate member.

*By George*

## Legislative Affairs Division Annual Report

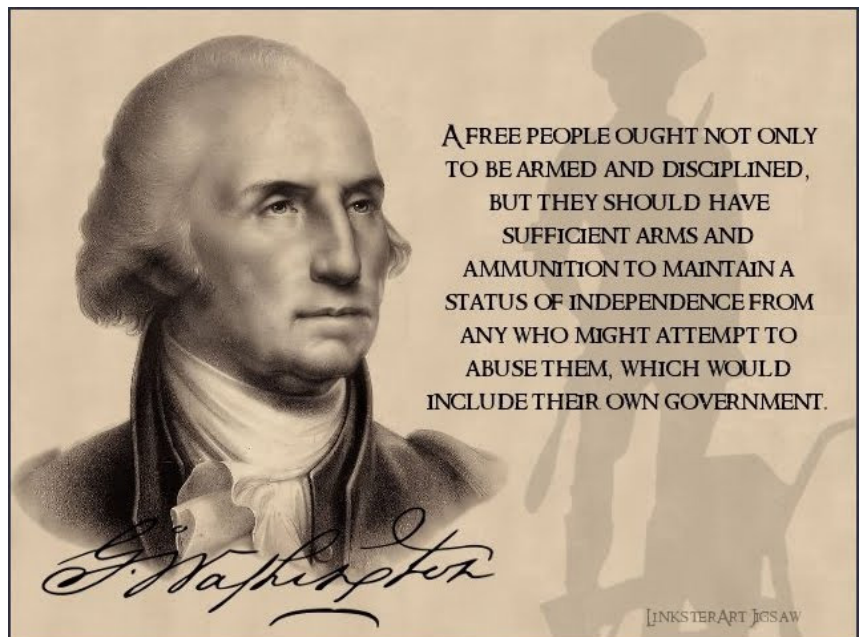
Since last year's annual meeting, the Legislative Affairs Division can report the following activity:

- NVFAC testified on 10 Assembly bills and 11 Senate bills in the 2013 Nevada legislative session.
- Assisted state legislators in drafting eight bills.
- Issued 14 Legislative Alerts to Coalition members and like-minded groups and people.
- Submitted 50 comment letters on legislation.
- Submitted testimony in-person in the NV legislature on 10 bills.
- With President Don Turner, personally lobbied legislators in April at the 2013 NV legislative session.
- Worked with NRA and other groups in successfully urging urge Gov. Brian Sandoval to veto Senate Bill 221, the universal background check passed by the Democratic-controlled state legislature.
- Sent after-session "thank you" letters and certificates of appreciation to 10 State Senators and 19 Assemblypersons.
- Sent four letters to U. S. Senators Reid and Heller on issues of interest to Nevada gun owners.
- Sent two letters to, and testified twice before the Clark County Commission, regarding handgun registration
- Sent letters and testified before the City of Las Vegas and Clark County Commission regarding concealed carry of handguns in parks.
- Sent a letter to the City of Henderson regarding bringing their gun ordinances into conformity with the state-wide preemption law, which resulted in their not advancing a proposed new gun-related ordinance.
- Sent 3,000 citizen petitions to the Clark County Commission opposing

the County's handgun registration program.

- Sent letters to Washoe County regarding illegal gun sales by a Reno police officer that led to discovery that state court adjudications of mental incapacity were not being forwarded to the Nevada Central Repository, as required by state statute.
- Sent a letter to the Regional Transit Commission in Reno regarding guns on public busses.
- Sent letters to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management about closures of public land to shooting.
- \* With President Don Turner, met during the SHOT Show with Todd Jones, newly-confirmed Director of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
- Established a state-level political action committee (PAC).
- NVFAC received the "Grassroots Program of the Year Award for 2013" from Citizen Outreach.

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



## 2014 SHOT Show sets attendance records

The 2014 Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade Show (SHOT Show) shattered attendance records this year. The 36th annual SHOT Show ran January 14-17 at the Sands Expo & Convention Center. Attendance figures finished at more than 67,000, an increase of 5,000. Displays by more than 1,600 companies filled the convention center. However, only 16 of the over 1,600 firms are based in Nevada.

So who are these 16 Nevada exhibitors? They are shown in alphabetical order to the right: >>>

Your humble editor visited all 16 of these Nevada exhibits during the SHOT Show and will follow-up with several site visits. In addition, The Firing Line will feature one or two of these Nevada firms in each issue in 2014. Look for a feature article on Shooting Range Industries LLC, our newest corporate member, in this issue.

The SHOT Show is committed to the Sands Expo & Convention Center through 2017. Next year's SHOT Show is scheduled for January 20-23, 2015.

*By George*

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Glacier Glove, mfg. cold weather gloves,  
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Weapon-Clear LLC, mfg. clearing barrels,  
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Las Vegas

## New NVFAC Recruiter Program

The Nevada Firearms Coalition would like to announce that we are instituting a recruiter program for NVFAC membership.

Those individual members who wish to become a NVFAC recruiter are encouraged to visit our web site at [www.nvfac.org](http://www.nvfac.org) (members corner) and apply for [recruiter status](#). Once you are a NVFAC recruiter, we will send you a \$5.00 referral fee for each new member you sign up.

If you are a club or corporation member, you may sign up your range or store or business as a recruiter.

For every customer or club member you enroll in NVFAC, your club or corporation will receive a \$5.00 referral fee.

If you have NVFAC membership applications that you are using, please destroy them and use the new [membership application](#).

Sign up today to be a recruiter and help us grow the organization.

Stay safe and shoot straight,

*Don Turner*

## Get Involved

Last week the newly formed Nevada Firearms Coalition-PAC came under fire from the liberal media. They called us unreasonable, out-of-touch, right-wing extremists. If we can't rely on the media to report fairly, then we will need to work twice as hard to get our support gun rights message out to Nevada gun owners. Will you make a donation today to help us fund our outreach efforts?

It is our goal to contact 20,000 Nevada gun owners, but we need your help. It costs us \$2 to contact a voter who will vote to protect the



2nd Amendment in 2014.

- \$20 will help us contact 10 gun owners
- \$60 will help us contact 30 gun owners
- \$200 will help us contact 100 gun owners

Please make a donation of any amount you can afford to help us contact Nevada gun owners. Our opponents want us to believe we're in the minority.

Let's send a message that Nevada gun owners won't be silenced when our rights are at risk.

Make a donation today to help us get the word out that Nevada gun owners are organized and ready to defend the 2nd Amendment.

## NVFAC-PAC Legislative Priorities

- NVFAC-PAC supports legislation that will result in one gun law for all Nevada citizens applied equally throughout the state.
- NVFAC-PAC will support any firearms legislation where analysis shows an enhancement of personal liberty and significant public benefits.
- NVFAC-PAC will actively work to repeal existing firearms codes and ordinances that only apply to local jurisdictions. This includes the elimination of the Clark County Handgun Registration Ordinance and conflicting ordinances in Mesquite, North Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and Clark County that are in violation of state wide pre-emption laws.
- NVFAC-PAC will oppose any firearms legislation where analysis shows that the public safety benefits are an intrusion into personal liberty.

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