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Through the Spotting Scope NVFAC President's Report



**For Freedom
By Don Turner**

This March-April issue of *The Firing Line* has the Nevada Firearms Coalition preparing for increased activities and programs. The Competition Division, the Education & Training Division and the Range & Retail Division are all on the precipice of launching new programs and activities. We instituted and chartered a Political Action Committee which is being managed by "Amplify Relations" in Carson City. Our Legislative Affairs Division is aggressively moving forward with our legislator/candidate survey. Our Communications Division continues to operate and maintain our web page and social media. Our Secretary has rolled out a new "recruiter program" which allows NVFAC recruiters to receive a stipend for each new member enrolled. Our goal is 3,000 members by 2015.

Things to look for in the next two months include: kick-off of our "Be Aware!" program, which emphasizes firearms security and safety; new education and training programs; and

our legislative survey to all announced candidates. We will also be raffling another AR for fund raising. Tickets will be available soon and the drawing is scheduled to be on July 4th.

The Nevada Legislature is well aware of the Nevada Firearms Coalition and our Second Amendment advocacy programs.

So what can you, as a member, do to help?

1. Develop your "liberty tree." This program was extremely effective in the 2013 legislative cycle, but the 2015 session will foreseeably be even more threatening.
2. Make sure you are registered to vote, and then vote for your rights. Tell your gun owner friends that don't vote: "if you own a gun and don't vote, you suck"
3. Get your gun rights friends and your gun club to join the NVFAC.
4. Read *The Firing Line*, our web page, and our ALERTS.
5. Get patrons to donate to our PAC at www.nvfacpac.org.
6. Participate in NVFAC activities and respond to all ALERTS.

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

We need funds to counter the gun control carpetbaggers and their pre-paid lackeys who are descending on Nevada to take away your gun rights. Don't be fooled, the fight is

on. If each NVFAC member will step up to the plate and work on these six steps to success, we will beat back the anti-gun crowd and become a true force to be reckoned with - a model state association.

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Shaping the 2014 Political Battlefield

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



The political season is here with the primary election in June and the general election in November. This is an off-year election, so turn-out is expected to be significantly smaller than in Presidential election years. Some races will pull fewer than 1,000 voters to the polls, so every vote counts! Make sure yours is one of them, and remember to vote your Second Amendment rights! Encourage your like-minded family and friends to do the same!

That said, you can't vote if you're not registered! Your voting may also be delayed or complicated if you have moved since you last voted and your voter registration file was not updated. To help with that, following is some important information and dates to keep in mind this election season.

Voter registration for the primary election ends May 20, 2014.

Online Voter Registration

Online voter registration is now available for residents of all Nevada counties. Eligible voters can register to vote and update their voter registration information online, including change of address and party affiliation. A DMV issued Driver's License or ID is required. <https://nvsos.gov/sosvoterservices/Registration/step1.aspx>

Military And Overseas Voters

Visit <http://nvsos.gov/index.aspx?page=83> for more information.

Voter Registration Forms

All counties now offer online registration, but if you prefer to register using the Fillable Voter Registration Form, follow this link: <http://www.nvsos.gov/SOSVoterRegForm/VoterForm.aspx>

to access the Secretary of State's Online Fillable Voter Registration Form and follow three simple steps:

1. Print the form.
2. Fill out the form legibly and sign it.
3. Mail or deliver the form to the county clerk or registrar of voters in your county in person.

If you have technical problems, please call the Secretary of State's office at 775-684-5705.

Other Options

You may register to vote at any Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles office, at your county clerk or registrar of voters' office, at various social service agencies, and on college campuses.

Changes To Current Registration

If you've moved, changed your name, want to change party affiliation, or otherwise have to update your voter registration status, you must submit another voter application form. Go to: <https://nvsos.gov/sosvoterservices/Registration/step1.aspx> to update your voter registration status online.

Dates To Remember

2014 Primary Election

- Close of Voter Registration: May 20, 2014
- Early Voting Period: May 24 to June 6, 2014
- Election Day: June 10, 2014

2014 General Election

- Close of Voter Registration: October 14, 2014
- Early Voting Period: October 18 to October 31, 2014
- Election Day: November 4, 2014

You Can Help!

YOU CAN HELP in the fight to protect your gun rights!

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

We need money and votes to have the influence we need to protect our gun rights. It's the votes that count the most, but money helps us to get them out on election day, helps us support the election of pro-gun legislators, and to defeat anti-gun rights politicians. Donate to the NVFAC PAC in any amount you can afford, and encourage your like-minded friends, family and neighbors to do the same. No amount is too small, because it all adds up and it all helps the cause! Contributions to the NVFAC-PAC are NOT tax-deductible.

Update Your Liberty Trees! We also 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. Update or start a Liberty Tree, which is an e-mail list of firearms supporting friends and contacts willing to spread the word about gun issues to fellow patriots, and 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. 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!

NVFAC-PAC Update

By Megan Bedera, Amplify Relations

As of February of this year, the Nevada Firearms Coalition has a political action committee, or PAC. As the name implies, this PAC allows Nevada gun owners to engage in direct political action at the state level (federal PACs, which we have not set up, work to different rules), including advocating the election of individual candidates by name. The PAC operates under the day-to-day management of Megan Bedera of Amplify Relations. She made history in 2013 by being the first paid, full-time lobbyist in Silver State history to represent Nevada gun owners before the state legislature. Megan is responsible to the PAC's Board of Directors, who make policy decisions and authorize specific political activity. Both the NVFAC PAC and the NVFAC are staying out of the primary election process, but will be active in the general election in helping elect candidates who will support Silver State gun owners and the issues that matter to them.

The Nevada Firearms Coalition PAC is gaining momentum! Please continue to tell your networks to visit the PAC website, www.NVFACPAC.org and Pledge to Vote the 2nd Amendment. We're hearing more and more rumors that the gun-control carpetbaggers and their pre-paid lackeys led by Bloomberg have their target on Nevada, so we have to be ready and organized.

We're also excited to report that the Nevada Firearms Coalition and Amplify Relations won the Bronze Pollie Award from the American Association of Political Consultants for our use of auto dials to oppose SB221. We were able to put thousands of Nevada gun owners in touch with Governor Sandoval's office to urge him to veto SB221.

We have a lot of work to do before the next Legislature. Thank you for your hard work helping us build the PAC.

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Education & Training Division

UNLV Students for Concealed Carry

By Lauren Boitel, Director, Education & Training Division

Fifteen Rebels gathered in the UNLV Student Union on Tuesday, April 15th for the University's inaugural Students for Concealed Carry Chapter meeting. ADAPT Academy CEO and Director of Training, Eric Loden, was in attendance as an Academic Advisor along with Assemblywoman, and longtime gun rights advocate, Michelle Fiore, and representatives of the Nevada Firearms Coalition Education and Training Division.

The meeting was kicked off with introductions by Chapter President Alex Murdock and Vice President/Cofounder Zachary Guymon. The two discussed the purpose of the chapter and their emphasis on gun safety and firearms education and training.

Loden spoke next about his credentials in the firearms industry as well as his own story of petitioning then Community College of Southern Nevada leadership to carry when he studied Criminal Justice at the College in 2009.

"ADAPT is proud to see a Chapter of Students for

Concealed Carry at UNLV. It is vitally important that the future leaders of our community, just like every other citizen in the state, have the right to protect themselves while they seek out a higher education." Said Loden. "Gun free zones are not only dangerous but they violate the constitutional rights of over 100,000 Nevada students and employees."

Students then heard from Assemblywoman Fiore who commended the creation of the Chapter and explained the history of AB 143, the Campus Carry Bill, as well as her desire for the legislation to achieve bipartisan support in the upcoming 2015 session. Fiore's passion for this bill was illustrated when she recounted Amanda Collins' campus rape story and the subsequent Reno murder of Brianna Denison.

Next, the students engaged in a lively Q&A discussion to ask how they can better help support good gun policies in the state as well as a unanimous decision by the group to participate in regular firearms training events with ADAPT. The Chapter agreed to meet bimonthly for on campus discussions to move the Chapter forward as well as an off campus meeting each month at a local shooting range. For more information on Students for Concealed Carry national, visit: concealedcampus.org.

See the NVFAC Youth Fact Sheet on the next page.





Nevada Firearms Coalition Education & Training Division

PURPOSE:

"The Nevada Firearms Coalition is dedicated to the ownership and safe use of firearms for self-defense, competition, recreation & hunting."

ABOUT:

The Nevada Firearms Coalition (NVFAC) is the state association of the National Rifle Association (NRA). We are also a member of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), and USA Shooting. As a statewide association we are the foremost firearms organization in Nevada.

The Education & Training Division shall be responsible for development, management, sponsorship and/or presentation and for coordination of Coalition sponsored education and training programs including **youth**, women, self-defense, law enforcement, conservation and competition.

NVFAC's Education & Training Division seeks to create youth hunter conservation as well as firearms awareness, safety and marksmanship programming in collaboration with statewide educational institutions, Law Enforcement and Firefighter Explorer volunteer programs, Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of the USA.

Possible programing will include:

- NRA Eddie Eagle Program (PreK - 3rd Grade)
- Firearms Safety & Marksmanship for youth (6 - 17 years of age)
- ADAPT Improved Marksmanship (AIM) Program (12 - 17 years of age)
- Youth Hunter Education & Conservation
- Youth Rimfire League
- Youth rifle & pistol competitions
- Youth Emergency Preparation

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Range & Retail Division

By Mark Cole, Director, Range & Retail Division

NVFAC is starting a unique program regarding the "BE AWARE!" program will be presented to awareness for firearms safety and security. firearms retailers and at gun shows. Firearms Partnering with the Nevada Division of safety and firearms security are the key features Suicide Prevention and NSSF's Project ChildSafe, in reducing accidents and other incidents.

BE AWARE!

The Nevada Firearms Coalition invites gun owners, firearms dealers and shooting ranges in the State of Nevada to BE AWARE! of the need for safe handling and storage of firearms at home and at the range.

Millions of Americans safely own and use firearms for self-defense, competition, recreation and hunting. Ensure that you are a safe and responsible gun owner by . . .

- Following the rules of safe gun handling
- Preventing access to guns by children and at-risk persons, and
- Denying the possession and use of guns by criminals, aided by aggressive prosecution of those responsible for firearms-related crimes.

Since law enforcement has the means to deal with the criminal possession and prosecution of crimes involving firearms, our BE AWARE! program focuses on safe gun handling and secure storage.

We have partnered with the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Project ChildSafe program and the Nevada Suicide Prevention Project to provide references and materials to promote safe gun handling and unauthorized access. Properly storing firearms is the No. 1 way to help prevent firearms accidents, misuse and theft.

The National Rifle Association (NRA), National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and Nevada's Hunter Safety Education (NDOW) training program all have effective programs and materials for educating gun owners about the safe use and storage of firearms.

Our BE AWARE! program invites all firearms owners, firearms dealers and shooting ranges to BE AWARE! and consult the following resources:



Project ChildSafe
<http://www.projectchildsafe.com/>

Hunter Education
http://www.ndow.org/Education/Hunter_Ed/

LivingWorks safeTALK program
<http://livingworks.net/page/safeTALK>

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK (8255)



We encourage shooting range operators and firearms dealers to attend the safeTALK program and support Project ChildSafe. If you are a firearms dealer or a shooting range operator and you would like more information regarding these programs, please contact: Mark Cole (mark@nvfac.org), Range & Retail Director, Nevada Firearms Coalition.

**BE AWARE!
BE SAFE
BE RESPONSIBLE**

Featured NVFAC Corporate Members

Once upon a time in Mesquite...

By George

This is a story about guns and guitars. Remember the 1995 action movie, *Desperado*, starring Antonio Banderas and Salma Hayek? That was a very different story about guns and guitars, but in Mexico. El Mariachi (Banderas) was almost gunned down by an assassin with a cool machine gun guitar case. Later in the same flick, El Mariachi wielded a grenade launching guitar case. You won't find anything like that in Mesquite but you can find a very unique store. Guns & Guitars, Inc. specializes in both guns and guitars as well as ammo, classes and much more.

Mike and Jan Sullivan moved to Mesquite from Massachusetts almost 10 years ago. At the time they opened their store in 2011, they knew that the present gun store in Mesquite was going to be closing soon, plus there was no music store in

Mesquite. Because Mike's passions were shooting and tinkering with guns as well as playing and fixing guitars, they decided to fill the void they had discovered. With Mike's extensive knowledge of guns and guitars and Jan's talent for making things happen, they opened Guns & Guitars and joined NVFAC as a corporate member.

Mike and Jan connect people with what they need, whether it be a new shooter with their first gun or a new guitar player with the right instrument. They give very special attention to new shooters, especially women. They have also teamed with a firearms instructor and developed a course for female beginner shooters. They also send out a monthly e-newsletter with class dates (CCW and women's classes), changes in gun laws, new items in stock, as well as monthly music jam dates. Check them out at www.gunsguitars.com or visit Guns & Guitars when in Mesquite.

Wild West ~~Alaska~~ Nevada

Nevada SHOT Show Exhibitor

By George

The very popular TV show on Animal Planet, *Wild West Alaska*, has done a lot to educate and entertain audiences about guns and hunting in Alaska. The hit show stars Jim West, owner of Wild West Guns, LLC. Most viewers don't realize that Anchorage is not their only location. Jim's son, Jeremy West opened a new facility in Las Vegas in 2011. I met Jeremy at their booth where they exhibited their guns at the 2014 SHOT Show in January and recently toured their Las Vegas operation.

Wild West Guns is not just a typical gun store. They are also a manufacturing facility. That explains why their Las Vegas location is in an industrial area of town. When I asked Jeremy why they decided to locate their second facility in Las

Vegas, he explained that all you have to do is drive 30 minutes in any direction to be in the "wild west". Interestingly, Las Vegas beat out Sturgis and Dallas as their second site. There was a film crew there when I toured, but Jeremy would not say why. He did say that some of the work sold in Anchorage is done in Las Vegas.

The CoPilot take-down lever action rifle is their most famous model, but they also manufacture the Alaskan Guide and Master Guide models. All of these lever actions are available in some very stout chamberings, namely the 457 Wild West Magnum and the 50 Alaskan. They also make a bolt action dangerous game rifle, The Pro Guide. More appropriate for hunting in Nevada is a light bolt action mountain rifle, the Summit Lite. They also build custom revolvers and pistols. Check them out at www.wildwestguns.com. Wild West Guns is a corporate member of NVFAC.

E-Mail Alert

Look for a very important survey coming to your e-mail address very soon. It will contain questions on both *The Firing Line* and on the Nevada Firearms Coalition's value to it's members. Please submit your completed survey as soon as possible to help improve our services to you. Thank you.



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