

THE FIRING LINE

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President's Report Through the Spotting Scope



Things have been really busy for the Firearms Coalition in 2017. We kicked off the year by directing our efforts towards offering more programs and services for NVFAC members.

Currently we are conducting two raffles, the proceeds from which will be used to continue our legislative efforts in Nevada. Because of state gaming rules, we are not allowed to offer a statewide raffle, so we have to split them up. For the first time ever, NVFAC is hosting a "Legislative Day" at the Capitol to introduce firearms safety and secure storage to our elected representatives.

Our lobbyist is continuing to represent the rights of Nevada firearms owners on a daily basis in Carson City. If you are an NVFAC member, you should be getting our legislative alerts. If not, go to our web page and sign up for them.

We just completed our second

fund raising banquet in celebration of Patriot's Day, and those proceeds will go towards supporting our Foundation activities. In April we started the Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Program, and in January we started offering NRA classes towards members.

In the last issue of the Firing Line, we discussed the need for volunteer commitment. If you see NVFAC activities being conducted in areas other than where you live, it means that volunteers have stepped to the plate in those areas. Please continue to encourage your friends and fellow gun owners to join NVFAC. We are having an impact at Carson City and are continuing to improve services throughout the state.



For Freedom

Don Turner, President

Nevada Firearms Coalition

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

Membership Division Membership Division Membersh

Becoming a member of the Nevada Firearms Coalition is without a doubt the number one best thing you can do to help support the preservation of your personal firearms rights within our state. The foundation of our organization is our membership and the dues that members pay to keep our efforts moving forward. In order to continue doing our part to provide critical training and to protect the rights of gun owners, we need to continuously increase our numbers by signing up new members and by educating the public as to the mission of the Nevada Firearms Coalition.

The Membership Division has been working to find volunteers to help with this effort through word of mouth and by encouraging other members to join us in our efforts to sign up new members. As an organization, we've had some good results in signing up new members at gun shows, but we need to expand our strategies to using more digital means as well as outside advertising to get the word out across a broader territory in a more efficient way. I'm finding that a lot of people are still unaware of Nevada Firearms Coalition and what we have to offer Nevada gun owners. If we're going to continue our success and expand long-term, we need to address these challenges in a pro-active way. Getting the word out is critical and it comes with its own challenges not only in cost, but in manpower.

As Director of the Membership Division, one strategy I'm beginning to explore is joining local Chambers of Commerce to take advantage of their established marketing channels for Chamber members. Most Chambers offer discounts for non-profits to make it easier for

organizations like NVFAC to sign up. I'll be taking advantage of that benefit from the start. Once a member, most if not all Chamber organizations as a benefit of membership provide electronic advertising and various other means of promoting a business or cause to other Chamber members which will expand our existing advertising reach immensely.

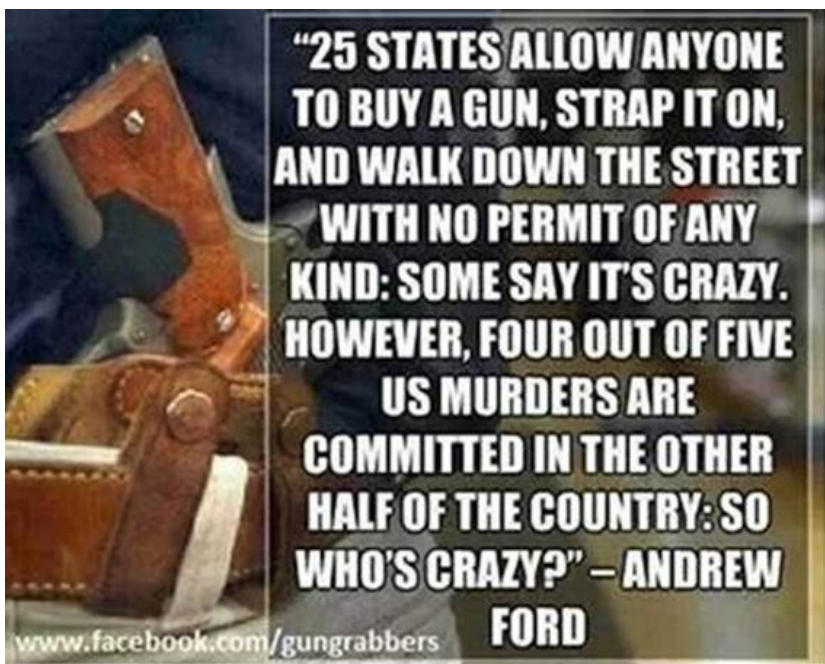
Since there are some initial costs involved in joining, I'm starting with our local Chamber and then planning to expand across the state little

by little until we have a statewide marketing base that we can reach out to on a regular basis. We'll need to seek out donations to help us with this cause across the state. I will provide design services from my media company and will coordinate with other NVFAC divisions to produce advertising and promotional materials for digital

distribution through these various Chamber of Commerce marketing channels.

While we will continue our ongoing successful efforts and membership drives through gun shows, word of mouth and events, marketing to thousands of Chamber members will expand our reach by streamlining our process and broadening our use of the internet and digital technology to reach out and spread the word about NVFAC. I believe that building our membership, increasing our name recognition and our numbers by connecting with Nevadans in a low cost efficient way, will pay huge dividends over time and is key to our continued long-term growth and success.

**Brian Shoemake, Director
NVFAC Membership Division**



NRA STATE ASSOCIATIONS

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is your NRA state association. It has been diligently working the last five years to build a strong Nevada grassroots organization of gun owners. It now has three lines of business:

- **The central organization**, at www.nvfac.org and www.facebook.com/nvfac
- **The Foundation**, which covers the Education & Training, Competitions, and Conservation Divisions
- **A Political Action Committee** for all legislative affairs, which includes a full-time lobbyist in Carson City, at www.nvfacpac.org and www.facebook.com/NVFirearmsPAC

Through an NRA grant, the Nevada Firearms Coalition is keeping you informed of legislative activities for this legislative session at www.engage.nvfac.com.

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is a volunteer organization and keeps its overhead costs to a minimum, so it can provide quality services to its members, such as its legislative efforts. The NRA and the NRA-ILA are performing outstanding work in Nevada, but they need your grassroots help.

Join the Nevada Firearms Coalition's efforts by becoming a member of your NRA State Association. Please go to www.nvfac.org/join and sign up today.

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To my Fellow 2nd Amendment Supporters,

Spring is finally upon us and I am happy to report that our fundraising activities are in full bloom. We have three (3) fundraising activities right now: the Northern Nevada raffle, the Southern Nevada raffle and the Patriots Day Banquet on April 29th. Due to statutes we are limited to certain counties for our raffles.

NEVADA FIREARMS COALITION RAFFLES

Thanks to everyone for their support of our two raffles. The Carson City raffle is a success and the Clark/Lincoln/Nye Counties raffle is rapidly approaching its sellout goal. So get your tickets before they sell out.

I would like to recognize the following

individuals and businesses in Southern Nevada for helping sell raffle tickets:

Guns and Guitars
Gun Garage
Safe Keeper
Nevada Safes
Discount Firearms
Jeanette Morgan
Dan Painter
New Frontier Armory
Green Valley Range
Matt Hennager
Don Turner

Kevin Kam, Director
NVFAC Development Division

Around the State Around the State Around the State

Northwest Division Report

We have launched our BATF drawing. The proceeds will help fund the NFAC PAC. Prizes for the drawing will be a custom-made rifle (donated by Special Interest Arms in Gardnerville), or wine or cigars. To get your drawing tickets and make a contribution for our PAC's efforts, purchase tickets at the Reno Guns & Range at [2325 Market St, Reno, NV 89502](#). The rifle is on display at this location. It is only \$10 per ticket. We will also be selling tickets at our table at the Reno gun show in May.

Residents in all counties adjoining Washoe will be able to participate. Sorry others can't. It's not our fault, it is the law in Nevada. The drawing will be held after the 1000 tickets are sold. And you know the money is going for a good cause. If you would like to get involved contact me at john@nvfac.org. We will definitely need help getting the drawing tickets sold in the short term.

Contact john@nvfac.org for tickets.

John Jorgensen, Director
NVFAC Northwest Division

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WIN FIRST PRIZE

A custom built Novem 9 mm bolt action rifle with scope rail, magazine, hard case and \$100 of ammo

WIN SECOND PRIZE

\$100.00 Gift Certificate from Total Wine

WIN THIRD PRIZE

\$100.00 Gift Certificate for Choice Cigars



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This drawing is limited to Washoe, Humboldt, Pershing, Churchill, Storey, Lyon and Carson City Counties.

Southern Division Report

April is shaping up to be a very exciting month for NVFAC! We are starting our "Annie Oakley Sure Shots" woman's shooting program on April 25. This free program is open to women 14 years old and up and includes instruction, coaching, free use of firearms, free range time and 100 rounds of ammo! We encourage our members and others to tell friends, family and neighbors about this wonderful program. Please contact Jeannette Morgan at jeannette@nvfac.org.

Finally NVFAC is having out "ATF" raffle and all proceeds will support NVFAC's programs. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 each and once all tickets are sold the raffle will be held. Only 1,000 tickets are available for purchase. Here are the raffle ticket locations in Southern Nevada:

- New Frontier Armory 150 E Centennial Pkwy #110, North Las Vegas, NV 89084 (702) 479-1470
- Green Valley Range 175 Cassia Way, Suite A 1110, Henderson, NV 89014 (702) 979-9494
- Discount Firearms 3084 S Highland Dr. B, Las Vegas, NV 89109 (702) 567-1158
- Gun Garage 5155 Dean Martin Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89118 (702) 440-4867

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WIN FIRST PRIZE



COLT EXPANSE M4+(5.56 mm), magazine, hard case,
and 1,000 rounds of ammo

WIN SECOND PRIZE

\$100.00 Gift Certificate from Total Wine

WIN THIRD PRIZE

One box of 10 1990 Vintage Toro 6"x 50 cigars

Tickets will be offered until all tickets are sold

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This drawing is limited to Clark, Lincoln, and Nye Counties.

Proceeds will support NVFAC PAC activities and are not tax deductible.

- Nevada Safes 5250 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89146 (702) 331-7233
- The Safe Keeper 6220 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89146 (702) 873-7233

Contact matt@nvfac.org for tickets.

**Matt Hennager, Director
NVFAC Southern Division**

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Nevada Firearms Coalition Foundation

Competitions Division Competitions Division Competit

The NVFAC Competition Division is proud to announce that we will be having our very first competitive event on May 27th at the Clark County Shooting Complex at the 50-yard range, next to the Education Center building. The course of fire for this event will be a pistol steel challenge. Further information

will be released about this event on the NVFAC Facebook page, so please make sure you "like" our page. Contact me at (503) 415-0673 or johnny@nvfac.org.

**Johnnie Engberg, Director
NVFAC Competition Division**

Education & Training Division Education & Training Div

April 1st, 2017 was April "Firearms Day" for Nevada Firearms Coalition members. Coalition members enjoyed "Free Range Time" from 8 am till noon at the Clark County Shooting Complex (CCSC) Education Center's 50-yard range. That afternoon Coalition members took part in a National Rifle Association (NRA) Basics of Pistol Shooting (BOPS) Phase 2 course.

While the firearms were banging away up at CCSC other Coalition members were engaged in the classroom portion of the NRA Personal Protection In the Home (PPITH) course at The Safe Keeper on West Charleston Blvd. The PPITH participants completed the range portion of the course on Sunday afternoon at CCSC.

The no and low cost firearm activities described above could not have taken place without the NRA Instructors, Range Safety Officers and local business owners who volunteered their time and/or resources to make the events happen. Thanks to Alexandra, Dena, Joan, Wendy, Jake, Lyon, Lana and Don for your support.

With the reintroduction of Instructor Led Training for the NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting course, along with modifications to the Blended Learning approach, the Coalition's course offers have changed to incorporate the changes. Henceforth, the Coalition training team will focus on conducting the Instructor Led Training for the NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting course. The Blended Learning approach is available, upon request, for those who prefer accomplishing the classroom portion of the course online.

The next "Free Range Time" for Coalition members is scheduled for the morning of Sunday, May 7th, 8 am till noon at the CCSC Education Center's 50-yard range. Coalition members are encouraged to come up and participate under the watchful eyes of NRA Range Safety Officers.

On May 6th and 7th, the NRA PPITH course is again offered with the classroom portion on Saturday at the Safe Keeper and the range portion accomplished Sunday afternoon at the CCSC range. The PPITH course strives to educate participants on ways to make you and your home safer along with how to incorporate use a firearm for home defense. Space is limited, so sign up early if you wish to participate. Completion of the NRA Basics of Pistol Shooting course is a prerequisite for PPITH.

The classroom portion of the NRA Personal Protection Outside the Home (PPOTH) course will take place at The Safe Keeper on Saturday, 27 May, with the range portion being accomplished on Sunday, May 28th at the CCSC range. The PPOTH course is a 14-hour course where you will be taught conflict avoidance, how to present your handgun from concealed carry to engage a threat, legal issues and other related lessons. Completion of the NRA PPITH course is a prerequisite for the PPOTH course.

It is only through the support of NRA Instructors, Range Safety Officers and local business owners that such no and low cost events and courses may be offered to Coalition members. Thanks to all the Instructors, Range Safety Officers and business owners who support Coalition events and activities. If you are a NRA Instructor (Continued on Page 7 - Education

(Education - Continued from Page 6) and/or Range Safety Officer you are welcomed to assist with the Coalition's training and events program. To participate please complete the Instructor agreement available at nvfac.org.

For additional information, or to sign up for the NRA courses mentioned above, go to

nrainstructors.org or the nvfac.org websites.

Russ Martin, Director
NVFAC Education and Training
Division

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Legislative Affairs Division Legislative Affairs Division

The 2017 Nevada Legislative session is well underway. So far, the Democratic majorities on the State Assembly and State Senate have not drowned us in anti-gun bills, although there are a number we are watching. While we don't want to get too deep in the weeds of the goings-on for tactical reasons, let's just say there's a few bad ones we were able to help die already; a few we were able to make less bad, so to speak; and some we are preparing to fight fiercely.

We are also pleased to note that our Engage efforts, using the legislative member alerts with the software we rent thanks to a grant from the NRA's Clubs & Associations Division, is so successful that we have had requests from some legislators to "call off the dogs." That means your telephone calls, e-mails and letters are noted - and they make a difference! Stay tuned for those alerts, please use them, and

feel free to pass them on to like-minded patriots and encourage them to use the Engage system as well!

Watch your e-mail for candidate ratings for several area city elections. We will be surveying candidates for their positions on the Second Amendment, and will publish the results and ratings well before the 13 June 2017 election day.

Our thanks go out to each and every one of you. You bring the Second Amendment to life, and we can only be successful with your help! Freedom isn't free, and without you and your efforts in its defense, we can lose the freedom we cherish in a single generation.

Yours In Liberty
Duncan Rand Mackie,
Vice-President
NVFAC-PAC Legislative Affairs

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"Fighting the Good Fight"

To say that this 79th (2017) Session of our Nevada legislature has been trying for conservation would be an understatement. The attack on our ability to manage wildlife conservation was unrelenting and filled with unconscious incompetent bills making zero logical sense. One of the scariest bills I've seen in a long time were AB187 and AB 373. The good thing is that sportsmen and firearms enthusiasts dominated the legislative work session event, with only a handful of members of the public speaking out in support. This was a prideful day for all conservationists in our state! We ultimately won this battle and many others with many anti-gun, anti-conservation bills left to die in committee.

We had dozens of professional wildlife folks,

including past NDOW directors and current commissioners, as well as sportsmen and lots of firearm owners who spoke passionately about protecting wildlife and our rights. The only thing that would have made this better was if the ELKO feed would have worked as there were dozens of sportsmen wanting to speak but who could not! Here is a copy of my testimony, I've also included the live-link of the session. I assure you it is educational and stands as a stark reminder of just how important our vote is.

Chairman, and Judiciary Committee Members:

My name is Julius Fortuna and I represent the Nevada Firearms Coalition as the Conservation Director. We represent thousands of your constituents who are quite frankly appalled by AB 187 and now AB 373. Our social media went off the chart with this, so I'm here taking a morning off of my (Continued on Page 9 - Conservation)

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work to voice our opposition to which. I will keep it to 3 key objections and 2-3 minutes.

1. Let me share with you a powerful statement by Director Tony Wasley NDOW... and I quote "892 different species regularly occurring in Nevada the vast majority of that financial management comes from less the 10 "consumptive" species. Like many things in the public right now there is a lot of FAKE news on who exactly pays for wildlife, which is germane to my argument. Bottom line is if you ask the NDOW Director Wasley he will tell you his money comes from 3 buckets... 86% 2/3rds come from sportsmen "wildlife fees" with "matching grants, from hunting/fishing activities.

The other budget buckets are 11% Boating Fees/grants (strong sportsmen) and finally a whopping 1-3% from States General Funds. In other words sportsmen hunting & fishing dollars makes up the chassis, steering wheel, engine, drive train, 4 wheels....everything but the baggage compartment of the vehicle that drives ALL wildlife management in NV! As such we rightfully deserve the current majority position on the commission. Eco tourism adds virtually nothing to the \$40m annual wildlife funding vehicle.

2. The current and totally unbroken law requires that a majority of the members of the NV Wildlife Commission (5) are representative of hunters and fishermen by requiring that those 5 Commissioners are to be comprised of people who hunt and fish as determined by their possession of a valid hunting and fishing license. This is fair and provides representation for our self-imposed taxations.

Having 4-5 members of our wildlife commission needing nothing more than a US National Park Pass (can't make this stuff up) and not 10 years' experience as we heard mandated in other commission requirements, to meet the "sportsmen validity" will have the same effect as saying it would be ok if they had yearly membership to PETA, Human Society, or the Sierra club" which is exactly what some proponents of this bill would applauded....just wish they would be honest about it.

3. This law changes and disrupts the currently working conservation model and the successful historic dynamics of those who determine the expenditure of sportsmen funds, management and regulation of wildlife.

Legislatures in rural Nevada in particular should

be outraged as this bill is subjecting the Wildlife Commission to a Regional Representation Ploy. The Wildlife Commission should not be PACKED as FDR tried and was mercilessly ridiculed when he tried that with the SUPREME COURT makeup in 1937. This bill directs the majority of the say so to be made up by two population bases in the state, alienating where the majority of the wildlife actual exist, and whose population they effect personally and daily.

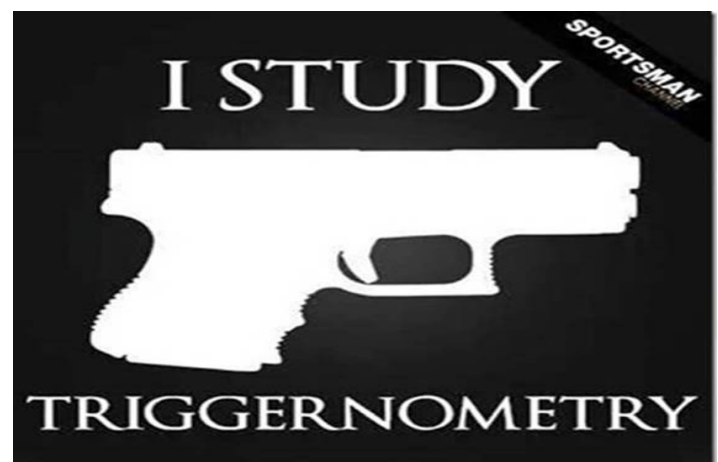
We need to keep it as it and its worth noting that the current commission make up was not only how Aldo Leopold the father of modern wildlife management expected...its similar to our founding fathers wisdom around Electoral College mandate!

We urge you to reject this bill as it is written, or at a minimum pull out section 9 and let's not try fix something that's not broken. From the NVFAC prospective this is a southern NV grab, and what's critical to you all today...that's exactly how the majority of your constituents will see it.

If you need further evidence of that last statement, look at the amount of your constituents that showed up in support of this bill, vs the dozens of wildlife professionals including x NDOW directors and commissioners current and past. As well as dozens of dedicated sportsmen and women that came out in stark opposition, all of whom took time off work to be here today! I would be glad to address any questions. Thank you

*Here is a link to work session on AB373 (begins at the 1hr 11m mark, I spoke at the 2:00hr mark)... It's a must watch for every Nevada conservationist. http://nvleg.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=7453

**Julius Fortuna, Director
NVFAC Conservation Division**



Editor's Choice

Read this eloquent and profound letter and pay close attention to the last paragraph.

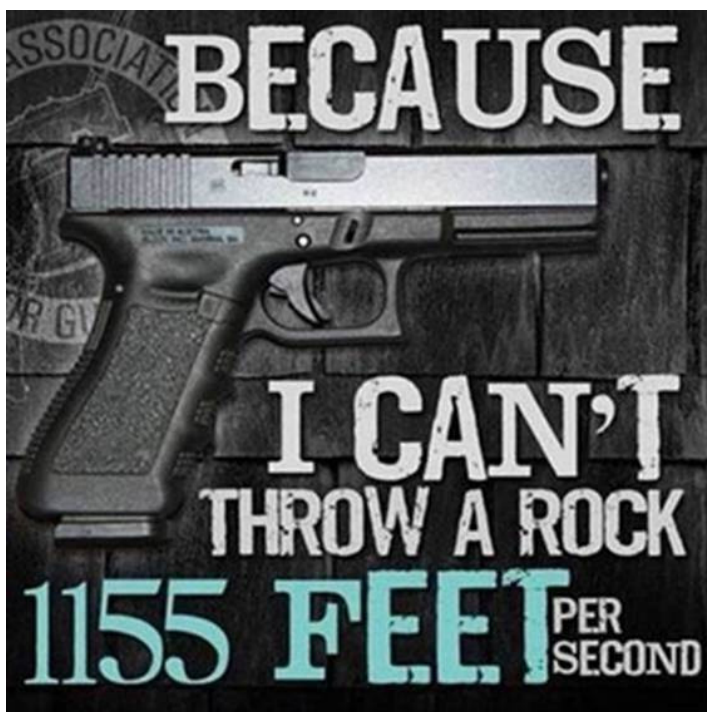
"The Gun Is Civilization"

Human beings only have two ways to deal with one another: reason and force. If you want me to do something for you, you have a choice of either convincing me via argument, or force me to do your bidding under threat of force. Every human interaction falls into one of those two categories, without exception. Reason or force, that's it.

In a truly moral and civilized society, people exclusively interact through persuasion. Force has no place as a valid method of social interaction, and the only thing that removes force from the menu is the personal firearm, as paradoxical as it may sound to some.

When I carry a gun, you cannot deal with me by force. You have to use reason and try to persuade me, because I have a way to negate your threat or employment of force.

The gun is the only personal weapon that puts a 100-pound woman on equal footing with a 220-pound mugger, a 75-year old retiree on equal footing with a 19-year old gang banger, and a single guy on equal footing with a carload of drunk guys with baseball bats. The gun removes the disparity in physical strength, size, or numbers between a potential attacker and a defender.



There are plenty of people who consider the gun as the source of bad force equations. These are the people who think that we'd be more civilized if all guns were removed from society, because a firearm makes it easier for a [armed] mugger to do his job. That, of course, is only true if the mugger's potential victims are mostly disarmed either by choice or by legislative fiat—it has no validity when most of a mugger's potential marks are armed.

People who argue for the banning of arms ask for automatic rule by the young, the strong, and the many, and that's the exact opposite of a civilized society. A mugger, even an armed one, can only make a successful living in a society where the state has granted him a force monopoly.

Then there's the argument that the gun makes confrontations lethal that otherwise would only result in injury. This argument is fallacious in several ways. Without guns involved, confrontations are won by the physically superior party inflicting overwhelming injury on the loser.

People who think that fists, bats, sticks, or stones don't constitute lethal force watch too much TV, where people take beatings and come out of it with a bloody lip at worst. The fact that the gun makes lethal force easier works solely in favor of the weaker defender, not the stronger attacker. If both are armed, the field is level.

The gun is the only weapon that's as lethal in the hands of an octogenarian as it is in the hands of a weight lifter. It simply wouldn't work as well as a force equalizer if it wasn't both lethal and easily employable.

When I carry a gun, I don't do so because I am looking for a fight, but because I'm looking to be left alone. The gun at my side means that I cannot be forced, only persuaded. I don't carry it because I'm afraid, but because it enables me to be unafraid. It doesn't limit the actions of those who would interact with me through reason, only the actions of those who would do so by force. It removes force from the equation... and that's why carrying a gun is a civilized act.

By Maj. L. Caudill, USMC (Ret)

So the greatest civilization is one where all citizens are equally armed and can only be persuaded, never forced.

By George