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President's Report

Through the Spotting Scope

almost ummer Hopefully all over. our hunter members have been drawn for the big game tags they wanted and are getting ready for the first season of the year, Dove. Please exercise all your firearms safety and marksmanship skills while you are enjoying the great outdoors. Speaking of shooting outdoors, the shooting community is getting a big black eye across the state from the "trash shooters." You know who they are as you can see their spoor wherever there is legal shooting on public lands. Shot down trees, cans, bottles, old TV sets, washing machines, batteries, propane bottles and lots of trash. These people give the rest of us a bad name and they give the land management agencies a valid reason to close lands to public shooting. So if you shoot on public lands, please carry it in, shoot it up, carry it out and encourage others to do the same.

As mentioned many, many

times in this newsletter elsewhere, and we are volunteer organization. If you hear about us doing something in another area of the state and you want it in your area, all you have to do is contact us and volunteer. If you complain that we aren't doing it in your area, please use a mirror to practice your pitch. On another note, we will be having our annual meeting on September 23, 2017 in Pahrump. Since we are a statewide organization, we move the annual meetings around. This one starts at 12 noon and goes to 3 pm at the China Wok Buffet, 580 S. HWY 160, Pahrump, NV. We will be sending out an email notice to all members when we get closer to the meeting day. The China Wok is an open carry friendly restaurant. See you at the range!

> For Freedom Don Turner, President Nevada Firearms Coalition

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

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Open vs. Concealed

The debate over open carry vs. concealed carry has raged on forever. I'm sure it will continue for as long as people have preferences on the matter. Over the years I have seen this debate erupt from a simple conversation to an outright shouting match between otherwise intelligent and responsible liberty-minded people.

Personally, I have my preference, but I can't criticize others for having different opinions. The bottom line is that as long as you seek out the necessary training before you carry, and practice safe, responsible and lawful gun ownership whenever you do carry your firearm, that's all that matters to me. We're all exercising the same rights, and we all have to face the same challenges when it comes to preserving those rights. In essence, we're all on the same team!

Those who choose to open-carry rather than concealed carry do so for legitimate reasons. Ditto for concealed carriers. Your idea of which is better or worse is an opinion and nothing more.

Here in Nevada, we're fortunate to be living in a state where we have a choice. Granted, we still have to ask permission from the iron-fisted nanny state to exercise our inalienable rights guaranteed to us by our creator, but, at least we still have the option.

Those in support of concealed carry might say that if you should happen to find yourself in a crowd of people and are confronted by a villain hell bent on robbing the place, anyone with an open firearm would become the number one target. Open-carriers would claim that openly displayed firearms are a definite deterrent to crooks who might otherwise see an easy opportunity. I guess it would depend on the situation, but both arguments are valid here.

Concealed carriers might not want to attract attention to themselves by carrying an openly displayed firearm in public. Perhaps they're concerned about offending those who might not agree with the concept of guns in public, or they just want to avoid conflict with antifirearms types. Or perhaps they feel that the element of surprise is a better strategy if ever confronted by bad-guys. If you're in a robbery situation and find yourself forced to the ground, it only takes a second of distraction for you to

pull your concealed firearm and potentially turn the situation around. You might not have that opportunity if you're spotted with an open gun and taken out before you even have a chance to defend yourself.

There are those whose preference is to carry concealed due to the nature of their business. As a business owner, you have to deal with clients of every political persuasion, and the last thing you want to do is to alienate a customer by inviting a contentious debate on gun rights when you should be concentrating on earning a living. Unfortunately, nobody ever wins that argument and you wind up losing a customer over it. While it may be a noble cause, it's not good business in a real world scenario in my opinion. I happen to know a lot of business owners who feel the same way about firearms who choose to conceal for that reason alone.

Open carry allows for a quicker draw since the firearm is on the hip and readily available. Concealed carriers have to reach into a bag, a purse or clear clothing to draw their weapon. Having your weapon snatched by a bad guy is less of a problem with concealed carry because unless you're printing nobody knows you're carrying a gun. If they can't see your firearm, it's unlikely they'll ever try to take it from you. However, if an openly carried firearm is not secured properly within your holster, it could invite a nut-job to try and grab it unexpectedly. A secure holster carried correctly would remedy that possibility. There can also be social implications to your chosen method of carrying. While some gun owners may decide to carry concealed to avoid offending customers and business associates, others might opt to open carry for that very reason. Undeterred by the threat of offending anti-gunners, they invite debate on the topic as a means to educate lefty snowflakes as to the virtues of responsible, legal and safe gun ownership, and the constitutionally enshrined right of all citizens to carry firearms however they choose.

Concealed carriers often feel that it's nobody's business that they're carrying a gun, and they would rather just go about their day discreetly without causing a disturbance.

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(Open - Continued from Page 2) Open carriers might feel that it's nobody's business that they're carrying a gun because it's their constitutional right and would prefer to just go about their day unmolested and without conflict. However, there is a certain undeniable swagger to the open carrier. "If you don't like the fact that I'm carrying a gun, that's tough, get over it. It's my right, and I'm not giving it up without a fight." They're proud to display their firearms and are ready to defend their lives if ever, and whenever the need should arise whether anyone else approves or not. "I'm here, I'm armed, I'm ready for action, so don't even think about it..." That brand of American grit and independent resolve can be reassuring and comforting to those of us who respect the Constitution and the concept of liberty regardless how we might choose to carry our self-defense weapons.

Any of these examples are sound arguments

and personal choices based on your own life experience and preferences. While I covered only a few instances in this article, there are so many more that I haven't mentioned. I guess my point is that it's less important how you carry your gun and more important that we support one another in our pursuit of liberty and our rights to carry however we choose. We all make choices in life and that what makes us human. I know men and women on both sides of this issue, and we have a lot more in common than we have differences.

I say that if you've got it, carry it. But do it lawfully, responsibly, respectfully, safely and for all the right reasons. Then, as gun owners, we all win...Carry on!

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Brian Shoemake, Director NVFAC Membership Division

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he Nevada Firearms Coalition has greatly expanded its activities and services in 2017. Our organization now consists of the parent organization, Nevada Firearms Coalition; our legislative division, the Nevada Firearms Coalition Political Action Committee; and our recent addition, the Nevada Firearms Coalition Foundation.

To sustain all these activities, fund raising is a critical component. To do such we frequently host raffles, shooting events and our signature Patriot's Day Banquet. We also have a commission program for anyone who would like to make some extra cash. We offer 25% of the

net proceeds for any new NVFAC fundraising activity. So far we have had two banquets, a sweepstakes and six shooting events, all provided by our commission program. If you are interested in assisting in the growth of the Coalition and would like to make some extra money, please contact me at don@nvfac.org , and we will provide all the information you need to get started.

Please remember that we have two ongoing raffles to raise funds for our PAC. One is in the NW Division and one is in the Southern Division. State law prevents a statewide raffle/lottery. If you wish to buy NVFAC-PAC raffle tickets online, please go to http://www.nvfacpac.org/raffletickets/.

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NRA Range Development and Operations Conference Lays Groundwork For Successful Ranges

Note: This article features our very own President Don Turner.

by Tim Peel, NRA Range Services Specialist - Monday, August 14, 2017

Por some Americans, a day of shooting is as easy as loading up guns and gear and heading to the nearest expansive outdoor range or indoor facility. For others, finding a nearby range may be difficult, as some markets are painfully undeserved.

When many American firearms enthusiasts think about starting their own business, they recall the enjoyment, freedom and fun awarded by a day on the shooting range, and wonder what it would take to open their own range facility. It's a lot of work, but entrepreneurs who want to offer up a world-class shooting facility to gun owners in their area have a wealth of expertise to rely on for help – the NRA.

Would-be range builders are encouraged to attend the NRA Range Development and Operations Conference, scheduled for Sept. 30 to Oct. 2 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Don Turner is the President of the Nevada NRA State Association and Nevada Firearms

Coalition, will speak at the Range conference. Turner is a strong proponent of the RDOC, and has provided the following questions and answers to prospective range builders interested in attending:

Who should attend these conferences and why?

"Why" is the easiest question to answer: [the RDOC] imparts knowledge, reduces liability, increases awareness and opens social and expertise contacts—and it is the only place to get these benefits. The who? Anyone who is thinking about developing a range, works on a range, manages a range or manages a recreational program that includes the shooting sports should attend this conference!

Why is the RDOC beneficial to those who attend?

There are several reasons to attend:

This is the best venue to get updated





information on shooting range management and development.

- This program is also an awareness program.
 It presents many topics and responsibilities of range operation not available from any other source.
- This program enhances the resume of any person working within the shooting industry.
- Attending this program provides the student a critical step in the "best management practices" of the shooting range industry.
- The networking opportunities to meet other people in the industry, and experts in the industry are not provided anywhere else in the industry.

What have you personally taken away from attending these conferences and how have you implemented what you've learned?

I've been involved in shooting range operations and management since my first job at college to rebuild and manage the school's shooting range. Unfortunately, that was long before this program was offered. When I started to manage state shooting ranges, this conference was the first place I went to begin to develop knowledge and information for the management of a statewide shooting range program and direct management of a large state facility. The documents, information and

contacts were invaluable within the first two months in turning around a huge facility into a success. But learning this topic is a continuous improvement process. The networks developed from attending this school were invaluable on a daily basis.

As the President of the Nevada State Association, what are key points to this program that you've seen implemented in your own state? How can other state associations benefit from these conferences?

The ability to advise member ranges and operators about the NRA programs, best management practices, and directing them to key persons within NRA and the industry for problem resolution has been invaluable as a state association. Other associations can benefit by hosting a conference and developing relationships with ranges within their state and with key personal at NRA headquarters.

What about this conference do you enjoy most as a frequent attendee?

The networking, meeting new people and discussing new visions for shooting range operations from small commercial ranges to large public ranges is very interesting and rewarding.

Are you constantly learning something new?

Absolutely, every question generates new (Continued on Page 6 - Range)

(Range - Continued from Page 5) ideas!

Do you learn/find new ways with how you can assist the shooting community with these needs?

The best way to assist is to stay current with key players in the industry as new people are always coming on board and known experts are always job changing or retiring. Being able to listen to a problem, break it down into small pieces and help refer the community to the resources to solve these issues is a key way to assist.

Describe the topics these conference cover and the value it has to those who attend.

There are topics covered that are unfamiliar to most shooters irrespective of their level of shooting experience. Just because someone shoots even as a top-notch competitor doesn't make him or her capable of shooting range development, operations and management. Sound levels and sound management,

environment management, bullet impact and ricochet management, planning, customer service development, maintenance, policy development, business planning, safety rules, employee training and program implementation are all contained in this course and are all valuable for any type of shooting range operations or management.

Ready to join Don to begin or improve your shooting range development journey? Register now to attend presentations from America's top experts on range development, share your knowledge, and work to ensure the public has a safe and convenient place to shoot and exercise their Second Amendment rights!

For more information about the NRA Range Development and Operations Conference, visit the website by visiting this site.

For Freedom
Don Turner,
NVFAC President





Southern Division Report Southern Division Report So

In Southern Nevada things are going well for the 2nd Amendment community. We have had a very successful 2017 legislative session and are happy to say no new gun control measures were passed!

Additionally, the Annie Oakley woman's shooting program has been a tremendous success! Since starting the program on April 25th, we have had over 900 women attend the free class with MANY more taking advantage of the free range time offered by the program. This free class is offered to women to introduce and build excitement for the shooting sports. The classroom portion starts at 6:30pm. Once the ladies have completed the class, they are given a card that shows both class completion and allows them to use the 125 rounds of .22 LR ammo we supply. The following week, ladies that have completed the class show up at 7pm for an hour of shooting. Then participants can attend our weekly lectures from 8 to 9pm. Women are encouraged to come back as many times as they would like.

All ladies are encouraged to take additional instruction with NVFAC affiliated instructors. If you offer training and would like to have your business promoted, contact Matt Hennager at matt@nvfac.org for information.

NVFAC is also selling raffle tickets for our "ATF" raffle! First prize is a Colt AR-15 with a

1000 rounds of ammo! Second prize is \$100 gift card to Total Wine and more. Third prize is a box of cigars. As of August 18th, these are the following locations to purchase raffle tickets:

- 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
- Nevada Safes, 5250 W Charleston Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89146 (702) 331-7233
- On Target Guns, 305 N Nellis Blvd #155, Las Vegas, NV 89110 (702) 463-0350
- 2nd Amendment Guns, 4570 N Rancho Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89130 (702) 272-2510
- Guns and Guitars, 1085 W Pioneer Blvd #170, Mesquite, NV 89027 (702) 346-4867

Please purchase tickets to support our efforts protecting our 2nd Amendment rights and other programs. If interested in volunteering with NVFAC please contact me at matt@nvfac.org.

Matt Hennager, Director NVFAC Southern Division

Northwest Division Report Northwest Division Report

In the Northwest our major activities have been at the gun shows. Hopefully, you saw us at the last Crossroads of the West gun show at the Reno Convention Center. We will be at the Big Reno Show on August 25th, 26th and 27th. Come by and see us and bring a new

member to sign up with NVFAC.

If you would like to get involved and help NVFAC in the Northwest, contact me at john@nvfac.org

John Jorgensen, Director NVFAC Northwest Division

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Education & Training Division Education & Training Div

Liven though the NRA has not made additional changes to the Pistol training program since the last newsletter, I am still making training schedule adjustments. One adjustment is putting the Personal Protection In the Home and Personal Protection Outside the Home courses back on the schedule.

In order for the scheduling to hopefully make sense, a person needs to understand that successful completion of the Basics of Pistol Shooting course is a prerequisite for enrolling in the Personal Protection In the Home course. Successful completion of the Personal Protection In the Home course is a prerequisite for enrolling in the Personal Protection Outside the Home course. With this sequence in mind, I hope the proposed schedule not only makes sense but will work for Coalition members desiring to continue their pistol shooting knowledge and skills enhancement.

For those of you who have completed the Basics of Pistol Shooting course, feel free to sign up for the Personal Protection In the Home and Outside the Home courses. For those of you who have not completed the Basics of Pistol Shooting course we have courses scheduled for September 2nd and 3rd as well as October 14th and 15th.

The Personal Protection In the Home classroom

portion is scheduled for October 21st and the follow-on course, Personal Protection Outside the Home, has the classroom portion scheduled for October 28th. The range exercises for both courses will take place on November 4th.

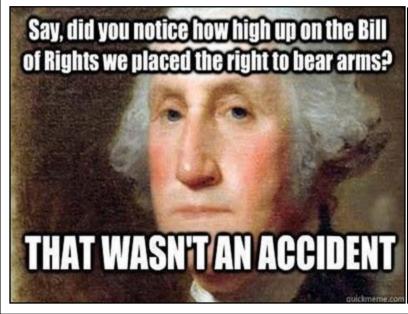
In addition to the Pistol courses, we have a Basic Rifle course scheduled for September 16th and 17th. Many people have asked about a rifle course so sign up early as space is limited.

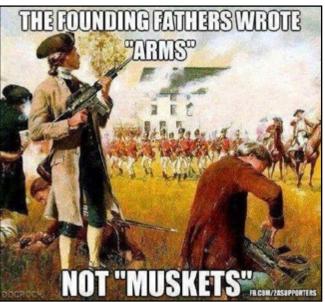
These low-cost courses offered to Coalition members could not take place without the Instructors and Range Safety Officers who volunteer their talents and resources to the Coalition training program and the free classroom provided by The Safe Keeper. Thanks to all who have assisted in promoting our 2nd Amendment firearms freedoms through education. If you are a NRA Instructor and/or Range Safety Officer and wish to assist with the Nevada Firearms Coalition training program, please let me know.

For more information or to enroll in NRA courses, select either the "Course Catalog" or "Find A Course" tab at the: http://nrainstructors. org/ website. If you have questions, comments, suggestions or concerns, please contact me at: russ@nvfac.org.

Russ Martin, Director

NVFAC Education & Training Division





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Try Competitions To Become A More Effective Pistol Shooter

There's a big difference between good and effective.

If you are involved in shooting purely for recreation and the joy of punching holes in paper or tin cans, then being a good shooter is, well, good enough.

If you intend to use your gun for self or home defense, then you need to think about how to become a more effective shooter.

What's the Difference?

When you're enjoying a range outing with family and friends, you can be really, really good. Your shots impact where you want and they're all impressively close together. When it comes time to reload or change magazines, no worries, you can chit chat about that new gun you want while leisurely preparing for the next round of shots. Hurrying or running around while trying to shoot would put a real damper on your ability to make pretty target patterns. You've got all day, and when time isn't a factor, you are one impressive shooter!

That's good, as long as you aren't planning to use these "impressive shooter" qualifications for

self-defense needs. If you intend to have a gun for personal protection or home defense, then you need to be effective, not just good. You need to safely operate your gun and get shots on target when the conditions are the worst imaginable — exactly the opposite of those fun days at the range.

One way to become a more effective shooter is to introduce a little bit of pressure and stress into your shooting routine.

Even though some shooting competitions, like International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) mimic self- or home-defense situations, they won't help you much with specific defensive tactics. They will, however, help you master core skills that can contribute to your ability to use a gun in a defensive situation. Let's consider some skills you can improve by shooting competitively.

Drawing Your Gun from Concealment

Pistol Belt with pistol and mag holsterAt a casual range outing, you're most likely picking up your gun, finding a target, then plinking away





at a leisurely pace. In a self-defense encounter, you may have to draw your gun from a concealed holster and (Continued on Page 10 - Competitions)

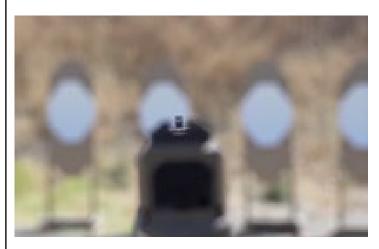
(Competitions - Continued from Page 9) get it into action quickly while under incredible stress. While competitions will never simulate life-and-death stress levels, they will give you practice repetitions drawing your gun. Should you ever need to draw your gun in a self-defense situation, that muscle memory might just come in handy.

Target Transitions

Most shooting competitions like IDPA, Steel Challenge and USPSA require the shooter to engage multiple targets. Hitting the target, acquiring the next one, regaining a proper sight picture and hitting again is a skill that improves with practice.

Front Sight Focus

When the clock is running and the crowd is watching, it's surprisingly easy to miss big targets at close range unless you properly execute the fundamentals. A sport like Steel Challenge forces you to quickly acquire your front sight in order to hit those relatively small steel plates.



Trigger Control

When time is not an issue, it's relatively easy to perform a smooth trigger press that does not move your gun off target as you fire a shot. When the clock is running and you're going for maximum speed, it's easy to jerk the trigger — and miss.

Surprise Malfunctions

Sometimes, your gun might just stop going bang. It happens. Perhaps it's a jam. Or maybe your magazine wasn't seated correctly. Maybe you stumbled across a round of defective ammunition. In any of these cases, you need to have a pre-planned course of action to get your gun working again. Experiencing a malfunction during a match can be a blessing in disguise. If

you haven't learned and perfected malfunction drills like Tap-Rack-Evaluate, your first event during a match will show you exactly what you need to practice. When the clock is running and people are watching, you'll see exactly how good your skills are!

Reloading

Some competitions, like Steel Challenge, don't require many (if any) reloads, unless you're missing a lot. Others like IDPA and USPSA have various types of reloads designed into shooting stages. It's a great way to practice digging out a new magazine or revolver speed loader while on the move.



Moving and Shooting

Speaking of moving, we hardly ever shoot and move while plinking away at the range. But that's exactly what you'll need to do in a defensive situation. After all, you really don't want to be a stationary target! IDPA and USPSA events will give you lots of practice moving safely with your gun (finger off the trigger!) and engaging targets from various positions.

Taking Advantage of Cover

Shooting competitions will get you thinking about things that are useful in defensive

situations. For example, in IDPA, you can pick up scoring penalties if you don't take advantage of available cover. It's not a real-life situation, and is not intended to be, but it will start you thinking about the importance of cover.



One of the biggest advantages to competing in shooting sports is that the mild stress of competition can expose your weaknesses and show you some of the skills you haven't yet mastered. Even though you might endure a little embarrassment and razzing from your peers, it's far better to expose your weaknesses in a friendly competition rather than on the street — when it really counts.

If you haven't yet tried a local shooting competition, go for it! You'll become a more effective shooter.

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eputy Secretary of the Interior, David Bernhardt, has announced more than \$52 million for tribal and state wildlife conservation programs. The funds are provided through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to benefit a variety of species and habitat. "As a hunter, I know the work of state wildlife agencies is absolutely critical to wildlife conservation in the United States," said Bernhardt in a press release. "We're thrilled to be able to collaborate with them, their local communities and other partners to ensure important fish, wildlife, habitat and cultural needs are met. Tribal and state wildlife grants are foundational to protecting our nation's wildlife legacy, including game and non-game species." Just remember that the funds for these programs come from a tax imposed on the manufacturers of firearms, ammunition and components.

> Julius Fortuna, Director NVFAC Conservation Division



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Guns and Politics

any years ago, when I was young and foolish and aspired to be a lawyer, an attorney who was mentoring me told me that the object of human life was purposeful motion. That is, consistent progress toward meaningful goals. The same is true of organizations, which after all are comprised of people.

Not content to rest on our laurels from previous state legislative sessions, the Nevada Firearms Coalition and its PAC is looking ahead to January of 2019, when the 80th session of Nevada's legislature convenes. Strategy sessions have been on going through the summer, and will continue periodically throughout 2017 and 2018. Those sessions include our lobbyist, Randi Thompson, with whom we are negotiating a contract so we can keep her experience and wise counsel close at hand going forward.

Below you will find our 2019 legislative priorities. Of course, we want to protect the significant gains for Silver State gun owners in previous sessions, especially in 2015, when we made history. The same applies in 2017, when we survived what could have been a historically bad legislative environment with heads held high and no significant retreat from our 2015 high-water legislative mark. Had we had a Democrat in the Governor's Mansion last session, things could easily have been very bad for us! Not all Democrats are opposed to the Second Amendment, but that's the way to bet. If Democrats are in power, the anti-gunners in their ranks will usually overpower the pro-gun members. Keep that in mind as we go into the 2018 general election.

Dealing with politics and lawmaking at every

level is hard work, and kinda' boring sometimes. It is nowhere near as much fun as buying a new pistol, or going hunting, or going to the range, or competing in a steel challenge. Nor is it as momentous as defending yourself or a loved one from a mortal threat, but it is the tedious and tough work of fighting to protect our gun rights that makes the fun stuff and the life-saving stuff possible. To paraphrase Lenin, you may not be interested in politics, but politics is interested in you. In spite of our Constitution and in spite of the Second Amendment, your use of firearms for hunting and sport and self-defense can very easily be at the mercy of the citizen legislators YOU send to your local city and county councils, to Carson City and to Washington, DC.

The landmark Heller and McDonald Supreme Court cases affirming the Second Amendment as an individual right were 5-4 decisions. But for the grace of God and various election outcomes among the 50 states and just ONE VOTE among the justices, those decisions could have gone the other way - and with them, our gun rights as we know them. Who appoints Supreme Court Justices, and who confirms the appointments? People elected by you, me and citizens across the land. Remember that too next time, and every time, you vote. If your means permit, give financial support to groups and candidates committed to protecting your rights, including NVFAC-PAC. If you won't do that, who will? You may not be interested in politics, but politics is interested in you - and your gun rights.

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



NVFAC-PAC 2019 Legislative Priorities

- Protect gun rights gains from 2013, 2015, and 2017 sessions.
- · Sales tax exemption for non-retail sales by gun dealers
- Mandatory prosecution and sentencing for prohibited firearms possessors
- Comprehensive firearms definitions throughout state code, including eliminating references to federal codes in NV legal definitions
- Early CCW renewal and correction of 60-day CCW requirement for new residents to conform to 120-day current wait; new resident permits recognized by NV to be valid until NV CFP issued
- Constitutional (Permitless) Carry
- Change current felonious carrying pistol without permit to misdemeanor for a 1st offense.
- Attorney General to sue for 2-A violations
- · Gun safe sales tax waiver
- Campus Carry

