

# THE FIRING LINE

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## Through the Spotting Scope



### President's Report

Now that the Holiday Season is over, all the bills are paid and spring is just around the corner with new growth, we are engaging in some exciting activities to GROW THE SPORT! As a firearms organization, we realize that firearms owners participate in firearms related activities that cover a wide universe.

Since NVFAC was founded, our primary objective was to protect the rights we have and to correct some laws that made it difficult to be a firearms owner, and reduce firearm suicides. We have made some great strides in this area through our PAC. However, there is more to GROWING THE SPORT than registering to vote, participating in elections and keeping in touch with your elected representatives.

Consequently, in 2017, we started moving forward by forming our Foundation to be able to provide activities and support for Conservation, Education & Training and Competitions. You'll see in this issue the results of some of our efforts.

Our PAC has developed our 2019 legislative priorities and once the primaries are over, we will be involved with the elections. Please

keep up to date on our PAC web page and also help us with fundraising by purchasing some raffle tickets...details are on the PAC web page.

Our Northwest Division and PAC hosted a very successful women's introduction to firearms program in the Reno area.

Our signature Annie Oakley Women's Shooting Program has been a huge success. Since our first class April 25, 2017 through February 6, 2018, our women volunteers have offered 51 firearms safety classes, 85 range sessions, taught firearms safety to 1,408 ladies and supervised 2,662 shooters. See our web page for the link to this program. We are looking for more women instructors, coaches and range safety officers, so if you are in the Southern Division, come and give us a hand.

Our Competitions Division is offering IDPA matches the last Sunday of every month and is sponsoring our first State Championship in high power in May. Please see the poster in this issue.

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

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Division will be holding an NRA Muzzleloader Course in the NW Division in the near future and continues to provide NRA training courses to NVFAC members. Course times and details are available through our web page.

We are pleased to announce that our Conservation Division is planning THE FIRST OF ITS KIND "Conservation and Recreational Shooting Sports Summer Camp" for 80 students (14-19) at the Clark County Shooting Complex from June 11 to 15, 2018. This is being conducted in conjunction with Silver State Shooting Sports Association (pistol), Clark County Shooting Complex, Nevada Department of Wildlife (wildlife management, hunter safety and archery), Silver State Clay Breakers (shotgun), and Revere's Riders (rifle). So in a five-day period, students will receive training in firearms safety and

storage, wildlife management, hunting safety, and basics of rifle, pistol, shotgun and archery sports. We are soliciting donors and sponsors for the program to reduce the student cost. In April we will begin registration. If you, your business or someone you know would like to be involved in this unique shooting summer camp, please contact us at [info@nvfac.org](mailto:info@nvfac.org).

Of course, please keep informed by visiting our two web pages, three FB pages and two twitter accounts. Remember GROW THE SPORT, by participating and encouraging others to participate and always practice safe firearms use and storage.

Stay safe and always practice firearms safety...

**FOR FREEDOM**  
**Don Turner, President**  
**Nevada Firearms Coalition**

## Membership Division Membership Division Membersh

### Legal Liability for "Kill Zones"

If a business owner in the state of Nevada wishes to prohibit lawful firearms carry in their establishments, then I want them held liable for customer safety.

As a lawful gun owner, CCW holder and Nevada resident, I would like to see legislation introduced at the state level to place civil liability on businesses who restrict lawful carry inside their establishments.

If a person is lawfully able to carry a firearm either concealed or otherwise, and due to a no gun policy is prevented from doing so resulting in death or injury, the establishment responsible for the "soft target kill zone" should be held legally accountable for that policy.

The legislation should require plaintiffs to prove they were legally able to carry a weapon at the time they were victimized but were rendered defenseless by an establishment's anti-firearm policy.

If a private business, except for bars or places where clients are consuming alcohol, wants to prohibit guns in their public location that's fine. However, in my opinion, as a lawful gun owner or concealed carry permit holder, I have a right to protect myself. If you choose to strip me of

that constitutional right, then you should be ready to accept the consequences if I'm injured or killed as a result.

The logical argument would be that if you don't like the anti-gun policy of a particular establishment, then go somewhere else. That would be a good free market solution if it were always that simple. First, as an American I shouldn't be forced to make that choice since my rights under the Second Amendment are "inalienable." That means endowed by our creator. No man can strip me of those rights without due process. Posting a "no-weapons allowed" sign on the door is not due process.

Second, it's not always practical. This establishment may be the only place in town where you can get specific products or services. Often in rural areas, there are no other options. If a sign is posted restricting firearms, we're forced to disarm to comply with the law. A law which I believe is not only unjust, but dangerous. Liability for such a policy needs to be placed squarely on those anti-gun zealots who would disarm us at our peril.

**Brian Shoemake, Director**  
**NVFAC Membership Division**

# Range & Retail Division Range & Retail Division Range

## Is now the time to buy?

I'm not talking about stocks and bonds, but about that new firearm or shooting accessory you've been looking for.

The election of Donald Trump wreaked havoc upon the firearms industry with sales slumping significantly since November 2016. With the immediate threat of a Hillary administration and corresponding anti-2A legislation temporarily thwarted due to Trump's victory, this welcome news to the 2A community was short lived. We're seeing anti-2A activity at the state and local levels at unprecedented rates.

Overall, sales in the firearms sector have declined quite a bit. Most pundits believe this was in response to excessive production to support the brisk purchasing leading up to the 2016 election that was then followed by greatly reduced demand into 2017 and continuing today. This past Black Friday had many sales with favorable rebates being offered in an effort to draw down inventories to a manageable level. This marketplace action isn't unexpected since the firearms business isn't unlike other businesses which are cyclical in nature and bases production upon current and future political landscapes.

An industry icon, Remington, is in

bankruptcy proceedings and there have been other consolidations in the marketplace with companies buying up distressed businesses or making acquisitions for strategic alignments. In spite of the market churn, the future is bright for the consumer. The recent SHOT Show had a multitude of new evolutionary as well as revolutionary offerings. The present is a unique time for firearms owners. Manufacturers, distributors and retailers are clearing out inventory at reduced prices and rebates offer significant savings. Take home a few extra boxes or a case of ammo; you will shoot it eventually, right?

I'm seeing more used firearms on the market as owners are cleaning out their collections to make way for new additions. Now is the time to buy, you will be getting great deals and will be helping everyone in the distribution chain level out their inventories. Support our local businesses and help them remain successful.

In parting, take a look at the stocks of the major players in the firearms industry as a whole. They are severely depressed and may offer buying opportunities.

**Dan Painter, Director**

**NVFAC Range & Retail Division**

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## Education & Training Division Education & Training Div

With 2017 behind us, we move forward into 2018. We completed 2017 with a Basics of Pistol Shooting (BOPS) course on December 16-17th with five participants and five volunteer instructors. Free Range time for Coalition members and a Turkey Shoot were held in conjunction with the Basic Pistol shooting qualification on December 17th. The BOPS course, Free Range time and Turkey Shoot brought totals for the year to 14 NRA courses with 57 students conducted by 15 volunteers as well as six shooting events with at least 75 participants.

2018 began with a BOPS course on January 13th, which concluded with the range shooting qualification on January 14th. Free Range time accompanied the BOPS qualification on the 14th. Six volunteer Instructors/Range Safety Officers conducted the BOPS course and Free Range time for four BOPS students with approximately 15 Coalition members

participating in the Free Range time.

The Free Range time on February 11th was conducted by six volunteer Range Safety Officers/Instructors for three Coalition members. Our next Free Range time is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, February 24th, from noon to 5pm. If you are not receiving the training schedule updates or would like more information on the Education and Training program, please email me at [russ@nvfac.org](mailto:russ@nvfac.org).

The NRA courses, Free Range time and other shooting events would not be possible without the volunteer Range Safety Officers and Instructors. Thanks to all who make the training and shooting events happen for Nevada Firearms Coalition members.

**Russ Martin, Director  
NVFAC Education and Training  
Division**

## Competition Division Competition Division Competitio

The NVFAC Competition Division is proud to announce that Palomino Valley Gun Club will be hosting the State Championship NRA High Power Rifle long range match at their Facilities in Reno, Nevada on May 25th through May 28th 2018. Any rifle is welcomed for this match, there will be trophy and cash prizes awarded at the end. Pre-registration and match info can be found on the Palomino website at [www.palominogunclub.org](http://www.palominogunclub.org) or contact Ben or Addison at 775-250-3396.

The Competition Division is still look for volunteers to help in competition events and other events that NVFAC hold throughout the year. If you are a NRA RSO and or have NRA Instructor credentials, please email me at [johnny@nvfac.org](mailto:johnny@nvfac.org). If you'd like to become an RSO or an Instructor, please contact Russ Martin at [russ@nvfac.org](mailto:russ@nvfac.org) and he will assist you in getting training.

Reminder, we have IDPA Matches every 4th Sunday of the month at Clark County Shooting

Complex. Our next IDPA Match will be on Sunday February 25th from 8:00am to 12pm at the Education Center.

The International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA), founded in 1996, is an organization that has created a shooting sport based on defensive pistol techniques, using equipment including full-charge service ammunition to solve simulated "real world" self-defense scenarios. Shooters competing in defensive pistol events are required to use practical handguns and holsters that are deemed suitable for self-defense use.

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, the first IDPA Match hosted by NVFAC occurred at the Clark County Shooting Complex. We had 42 shooters competing in 6 different semiautomatic pistol divisions, including six shooters who competed in IDPA for the first time.

We plan to offer IDPA matches the fourth Sunday of every month; so the next match will occur on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

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For more information please email us at [lasvegaspsc@gmail.com](mailto:lasvegaspsc@gmail.com).

You can also find information at [www.idpa.com](http://www.idpa.com).

Details about our matches can be found at <https://practiscore.com/clubs/las-vegas->

[practical-shooting-club](http://practical-shooting-club)

Or on our facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LVPracticalShootingClub/>

**Johnnie Engberg, Director**  
**NVFAC Competition Division**



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## Legislative Affairs Division

### Ballot Boxes and Bullet Boxes

**T**he three guarantors of our constitutional liberties as envisioned by the Founders of our republic are: the ballot box, the jury box and the bullet box. This article will talk about the ballot box.

2018 is an election year for both federal and state offices. All things considered, after the routes conservatives suffered in the 2016 elections at the state level, gun owners were lucky to emerge with their gun rights intact from the ensuing 2017 session of Nevada's legislature. There were no roll-backs of our legislative gains from previous sessions, despite Democratic control of both houses of the legislature. We cannot count on that state of affairs to continue in the 2019 legislative session.

One thing that helped greatly in the 2017 legislative session was that we had a Republican governor. Should the electoral tide turn against us and we see strong progressive majorities in both state chambers and a Democrat in the Governor's Mansion, there will be nothing to stop any anti-gun rights legislation that the majority chooses to pass. That will also mean NO CHANCE for things like Campus Carry and Constitutional Carry, and likely reverses for things like statewide firearms law pre-emption, as well as restrictions on concealed carry.

The best, and really only, defense of our rights that we have is a pre-emptive one: vote enough pro-gun rights politicians into office in at least one chamber of the legislature, preferably both, and the Governor's Mansion. Given that Democrats are more likely to favor more and more stringent, anti-gun legislation, that means we need to elect Republicans, especially pro-gun rights ones. That is not an ideological or partisan endorsement, but a factual report after looking at the political history of anti-gun rights and pro-gun rights legislation over the past several decades, both locally and nationally.

In plain terms, if you are not registered to vote, and actually VOTE, you suck! If you want to protect the Second Amendment and your free exercise of it, you and every pro-gun rights

person you know and can find needs to be registered to vote. No excuses! This is no time to be shy about talking to fellow citizens about voter registration and voting. In 2016, after Donald Trump unexpectedly won the Presidency,

and Republicans won every remaining special election that year for Congressional seats.

For 2017, the same cannot be said. Conservative candidates, usually Republicans, have faced a greatly energized body of progressives and Never Trumpers, resulting in Democrats winning competitive seats in special and state elections in districts that President Trump carried by significant margins in 2016. The electoral map still favors Republicans in the U. S. Senate, less so in the U. S. House. In Nevada, it's hard to predict. This is an off-year election, meaning a President is not being elected, so turnout should be lower. This year will also not see a pro-marijuana ballot initiative up for a vote, which may reduce turnout that favors Democrats, BUT we cannot count on that to save our rights.

Tactically, our best bet, as mentioned above, is to improve Republican voter registration as much as possible because they as a party are usually friendlier to gun rights, whereas Democrats more likely oppose them. That means make sure you are registered to vote, encourage like-minded people to register to vote, then make SURE you, and as many like-minded people as possible, actually VOTE on Election Day.

While you're at it, make sure to stay abreast of issues and events by visiting our PAC page at [www.NVFAC-PAC.org](http://www.NVFAC-PAC.org). You can also check out our 2019 legislative priorities while you're there.



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## **Important Dates**

**2018 June 12 PRIMARY ELECTION -- Date: June 12,2018**

### ***Deadlines***

May 12, 2018	<b>Voter Registration Ends:</b> Last day to register to vote or to update your existing registration, without having to appear in-person at the Election Department offices, or without having to register on the Secretary of State's website.
May 26, 2018	<b>Early Voting/In Person Absentee voting starts:</b> Any voter registered in Clark County may vote at any early voting site within the County. Hours and days vary by location.
June 5, 2018	<b>Absentee Ballot Request deadline - By Mail:</b> Last day for the Election Department to RECEIVE WRITTEN mail ballot requests.
June 8, 2018	<b>Early Voting/In Person Absentee voting ends:</b> Any voter registered in Clark County may vote at any early voting site within the County. Hours and days vary by location.

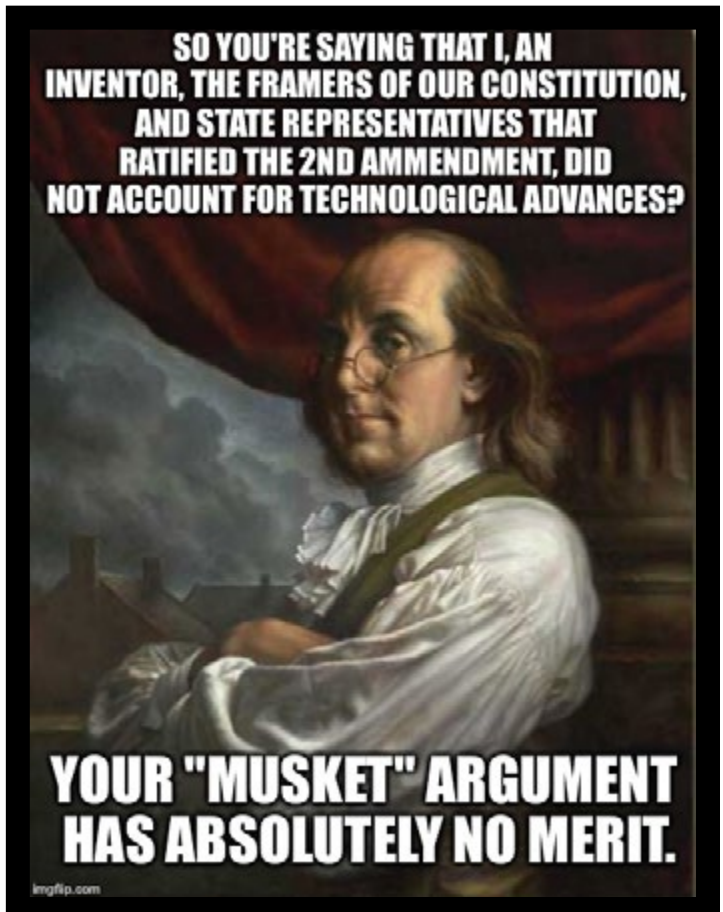
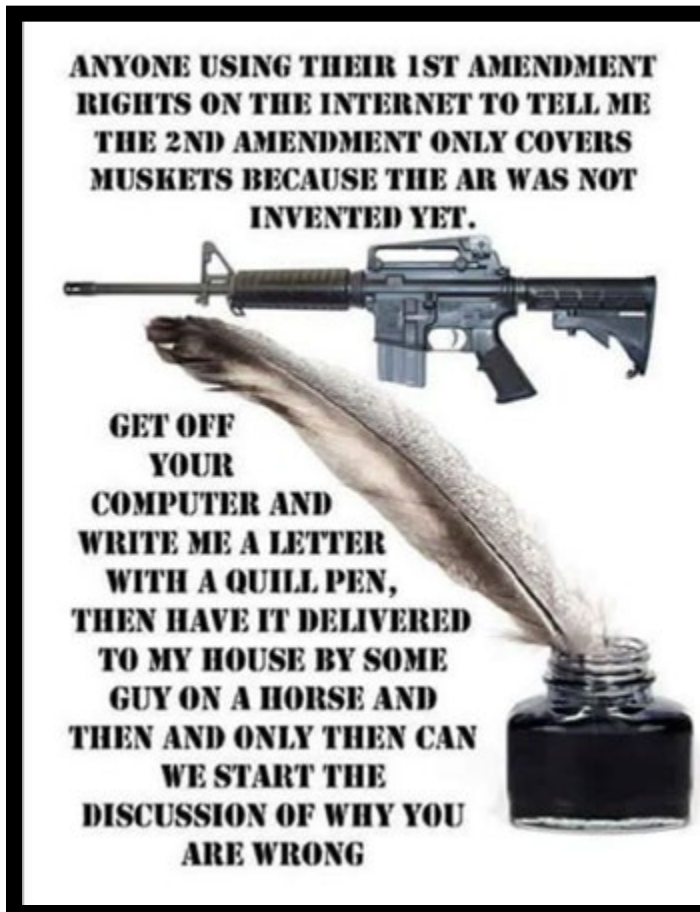
On a related note, stay tuned for candidate ratings. We do not endorse candidates in Primary elections, but we do rate them based on our issues questionnaires and their track records for gun rights defense, if any.

I'll see you at the polls on Election Day!

**Yours In Liberty**

**Duncan Rand Mackie, Vice-President**

**NVFAC-PAC Legislative Affairs Division**







# FIREARMS SAFETY TIPS

## TEN TIPS FOR FIREARMS SAFETY IN YOUR HOME

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- Always keep the firearm’s muzzle pointed in a safe direction. A “safe direction” means that the gun is pointed so that even if an accidental discharge occurred, it would not result in injury.  
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- Always keep your finger off the trigger until you actually intend to shoot. When handling a gun, rest your finger outside the trigger guard or along the side of the gun. Don’t touch the trigger until you are actually ready to fire.  
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- Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use. Whenever you pick up a gun, such as when removing it from or returning it to storage, remember to point it in a safe direction and make sure it is unloaded.  
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- Be sure you know how your firearm operates: read the manual on your firearm, know how to safely open and close the action of the firearm and know how to safely remove any ammunition from the firearm and its magazine.  
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- Store your firearms in a locked cabinet, safe, gun vault or storage case when not in use, ensuring they are in a location inaccessible by children and cannot be handled by anyone without your permission.  
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- Store your ammunition in a locked location separate from firearms.  
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- Use a gun locking device that renders the firearm inoperable when not in use. A gun lock should be used as an additional safety precaution and not as a substitute for secure storage.  
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- Make sure young people in your home are aware of and understand the safety guidelines concerning firearms. Have them sign the Project ChildSafe Pledge for young people—a reminder that if they find an unattended firearm in their home or a neighbor’s to not touch it, and tell an adult.  
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- Always unload, clean and place your firearms in their secure storage location immediately after returning from a hunting trip or a day at the range.  
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- Educate everyone in your family about firearms safety. Visit the Project ChildSafe website for safety information and to find out where to get a free firearm safety kit in your area.  
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NSSF, a leading organization promoting firearms safety and responsibility in the U.S., launched Project ChildSafe in 1998 (prior to 2003 the program was called Project HomeSafe). Project ChildSafe is a nationwide initiative to promote firearms responsibility and provide safety education to all gun owners. While children are a focus, Project ChildSafe is intended to help young people and adults practice greater firearms safety in the home. The program has provided more than 37 million free firearm safety kits to gun owners in all 50 states and five U.S. territories.

Firearms owners can find tools, tips and information about safe and responsible firearm storage at [www.projectchildsafe.org](http://www.projectchildsafe.org).

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Project ChildSafe is a program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation