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The President's Column

by Fred Edgecomb

We are at a defining moment in history for our Bill of the Rights. All across the country there appears to be an attitude among some people that free speech and gun ownership are unnecessary in our society. Pro-gun speakers are being run off stages because people object to what they are saying. Gun control laws that limit law abiding citizens access to firearms are being implemented. Laws, that will have no impact on crime, are being passed and put in force as I write this message.

The other side has been active for quite a while, and they are quite effective. Conservative speech has been severely limited particularly on college campuses. This country is so close to a total takeover by the left that it is scary. If individuals who want to make more restrictive gun laws in North Carolina win in November, we can see what they will do by looking at Virginia's legislature. The majority of legislators are not listening to gun owners of Virginia. They are passing onerous gun control laws that will impact law abiding citizens not criminals.

Individuals who believe in free speech and the right to keep and bear arms need to become active and make sure their voices are heard. We need to ask politicians what they will do on

the issues and fight for the ones that support what we believe. We need to be involved. Gun owners need to tell representatives and senators what they think. Support pro-gun candidates. Give your time to campaigns, and if you can't do that give money. November 2020 is going to be a true test of our strength and it could mean a severe weakening of the 2nd Amendment and our right to have firearms.

We are up against some really determined folks who have access to lots of money, and they are pushing an anti-gun agenda nationally with the help of people like Michael Bloomberg. He has already spent millions all around the country trying to convince us that more gun control is necessary, and he has billions to spend.

We are people committed to the 2nd Amendment, and that is a powerful. However, to make our power work, we have to become active by committing ourselves to organizations that work for the second Amendment. The NRA, its affiliates the North Carolina Rifle and Pistol Association and local gun clubs are available to help with organizing successful campaigns to support our right to keep and bear arms.

Coming Soon

We are currently in the process of a major overhaul of the North Carolina Rifle and Pistol Association website – www.ncrpa.org. Along with much needed changes, we will soon have the capability accept Credit Card payments for new memberships and renewal and members will be able to update and edit their contact information online as well.



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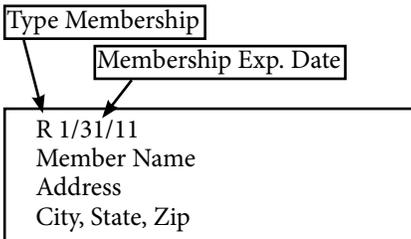
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Our publication of the Association comes out four times each year. Your articles and opinion pieces are welcome. If you or your club has an activity that would be of interest to the entire state send us some pictures and story of your event or future events. The submission deadline dates for each issue are as follows:

- February 2 2020
- May 10 2020
- August 30 2020
- December 12 2020

We welcome your input. Everyone wants to hear from you.

NCRPA Meetings

The Board of Directors meet four times each year to conduct the business of the Association. The schedule for 2019 has been set:

- January 26 2020 Moore County Wildlife Club
- May 3 2020 Moore County Wildlife Club
- August 23 2020 Moore County Wildlife Club
- December 6 2020 Durham Pistol & Rifle Club

The membership is invited and encouraged to attend the meetings for member input and interest. The meetings will begin at 11:00 AM and end around 3:00 PM. Lunch will be served to all who attend but please let us know if you are going to attend so that there will be enough food prepared. For information on following meetings please go to www.ncrpa.org the meetings are on the front page.

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As I see It

by Walt



Good Morning everyone. Once again I have come out of retirement to try to bring you current events concerning 2nd Amendment happenings about the state and on the national level.

I have said this before but my message today may be the most important one I have written about in my lifetime.

My purpose in writing about this subject is not to scare you or put fear in your everyday life but to inform you and educate you in the current situation about what is happening.

Eric Holder along with Michael Bloomberg have set upon a scheme called "Sue 'till they're blue." If you don't know what that is take a look at the anti-gun situation in Virginia. These two men have turned the Virginia Legislature Blue with anti-gun leaning legislators. These legislators have introduced bills which will destroy all of Virginia's gun rights. Here are some of the gun bills aims

Requiring background checks on all gun sales and transactions.

Banning "dangerous" weapons and accessories: That includes what gun control advocates call assault weapons, along with high-capacity magazines (more than 7 rounds), bump stocks and silencers, like the one used in the Virginia Beach mass shooting. Governor Northam hasn't defined what "dangerous" or "assault" weapons he wants to ban.

Limiting handgun sales to one a month.

Requiring lost or stolen firearms to be reported to police within 24 hours: The punishment for not reporting, would be up to a \$250 fine.

Allowing Extreme Risk Protection Orders ("red flag" law): The bill would allow law enforcement and the courts to temporarily take someone's firearms if they are

deemed a threat to themselves or others.

Making it illegal to "recklessly" leave loaded, unsecured firearms around children under 18.

Making it illegal for anyone to instruct two or more people in the use of firearms. (That means guns clubs would be illegal)

Conducting a firearms competition at a gun club could be subject to 5 years in jail and a hefty fine.

The Virginia governor has increased the prison budget to allow for the arrest of all citizens who do not follow his new laws. On the matter of sanctuary counties and municipalities the AG of Virginia has declared them illegal. The governor has also said he would release the National Guard on any Law Enforcement Officers who will not enforce his anti-gunlaws.

I tell you all these things because Holder and Bloomberg have targeted North Carolina as their next "Sue 'Till They're Blue" State and do to us what they are doing in Virginia.

We must get ahead of this issue before it drives us to civil disobedience or worse. How, you ask can we prevent this? Here are my thoughts. Others may have more and better ideas which we need to put out on the table and consider, so here goes.

First we must ensure that every legislative seat in the state has a pro-gun person running for that seat. Virginians were lax and had almost 30 seats uncontested for by anti-gun politicians. We can't leave this up to NRA or NCRPA it must be done in your county or home town by you and your gun club or local political party organization. Check with your local elections office. If unopposed seat, find someone to run. If you already have candidates find out where they stand on the gun issue. When they begin to run a campaign, speak politely to them indicating your position and invite them to speak at you local gun club. Ensure that pro-gun candidates know you have their back and will help get them elected. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE HAPPEN IN NC WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN VIRGINIA.

.Thanks for being there and supporting our issue. See you guys and gals next time around WALT

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these people
for election
to the NRA
Board of
Directors,
Please vote
in February!**

Once again a reminder that the NRA Board of Director's election is fast approaching. Please contact your fellow club members, State Association members and shooting buddies. Remind them of the need to elect competitive shooters to the Board and that the ballot will be on the street in the February issue of the NRA Journals which come out about January 15th.

Whave been losing this qualification on the Board for some time now and we need to renew that attribute in some of our members. It can be done by voting for the following competitive shooters.



**When you vote remember
vote only for these 5 people.**



2nd Amendment Rally

Sponsored by: Return America
(returnamerica.org)

Thursday, April 30th 11am – 1pm

Halifax Mall (Adjoining the Raleigh Legislative bldg.) Raleigh, NC

This rally has been approved and coordinated with the NC house of Representatives and police department. Thousands from across the state will converge on this date in support of the preservation of our Second Amendment, which is under attack by certain political elements that threaten our way of life.

We encourage all concerned conservative organizations to join in and support this effort. This will be a peaceful gathering of law abiding citizens. Firearms are not allowed on government property. We expect all attendees to be respectful of local established ordinances and policies of the Raleigh Police Department.

Dr. Ron Baity, President of Return America is arranging for nationally known speakers to be on the platform. Many of our state officials and elected representatives will be in attendance. Any contribution to this rally must be coordinated with Dr. Baity and approved by him, under the umbrella of this organization.

Defend your Freedom

Article by Cathy Wright

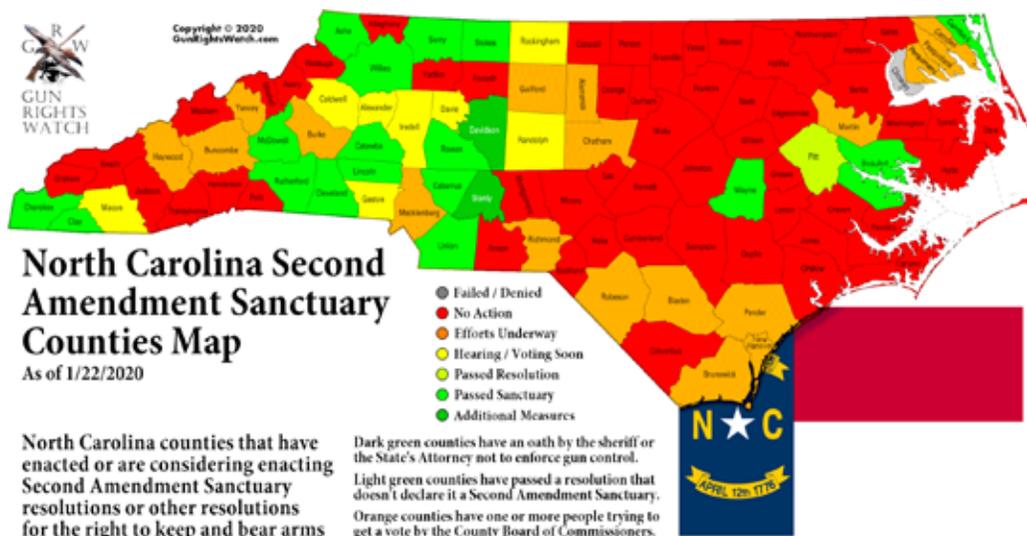
“As the Nation’s oldest civil rights organization, we recognize civic engagement as a virtue not a vice. Liberty is reliant upon the participation of free people, and this includes the vast number of citizens and communities who are lawfully exercising their rights under the First Amendment to defend their freedoms under the Second. It is the tyrannical nature of politicians that triggers sanctuary, not the other way around. The NRA has steadfastly defended freedom for nearly 150 years, and we have no intention of suppressing virtuous voices against governmental oppression—censoring is what our opponents do.” NRA Statement on Second Amendment Sanctuaries 12-6-19

NCRPA members: Please transform your passion and support for sanctuary cities into direct citizen lobbying and political activism during this election. Join us and get active.

- Encourage your friends, family and neighbors to join the NCRPA and help us protect the Second Amendment <https://www.ncrpa.org/>
- Sign up for email alerts and you'll receive timely, relevant news as it's occurring, plus get the info you need to help elect pro-gun candidates <https://www.nraila.org/sign-up/>
- For more information about sanctuary cities/counties, link to <https://www.facebook.com/gunrightswatchers/>. Gun Rights Watch (GRW) is dedicated to searching out and chronicling gun law changes throughout the country, from coast to coast. Major Acts of Congress are covered such as the SHARE Act, SAGA, and the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Bill, as well as Executive Orders by the President, and any relevant judicial decisions. GRW reports on actual submitted bills, passed or rejected bills, court decisions, local ordinance changes, executive orders, and other legislative, judicial, or executive actions which directly impact or have the potential to impact Americans' Second Amendment Rights.

Gun Rights Watch - Large 2A Sanctuary Maps

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The threat of multiple gun control bills coming from the left side of the aisle in the North Carolina legislature has the citizenry scrambling for a means to protect their rights.

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On Average, Concealed Carry Permit Holders are More Law Abiding than Government Police

by Vance R. Parker JD, MBA | Jan 11, 2020

2nd Amendment critics commonly portray concealed carry permit holders as dangerous to American society. Following the recent December 29, 2019, West Freeway Church of Christ church sanctuary attack near Fort Worth, Texas (where a volunteer concealed carry permit holder neutralized the active shooter six seconds after the shooter's first shot[i]), presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg stated: "you just do not want the average citizen carrying a gun in a crowded place." It's the job of the police to "have guns and decide when to shoot." [ii]

The facts do not support Bloomberg's assumptions. The police will not always be at the scene of a crime right away, to protect every crime victim. In addition to ignoring the U.S. Constitution's 2nd Amendment, and recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions (see *District of Columbia v. Heller*[iii] and *McDonald v. Chicago*[iv]), Bloomberg does not acknowledge that concealed carry holders, as a group, are exceptionally responsible American citizens. Statistically, concealed carry holders are self-selected to represent one of the safest subgroups within American society.

Compared to society at large, police officers are very safe on average, and represent a significant deterrent to crime. According to a study in *Police Quarterly*, police committed an average of 703 crimes (including 113 firearms violations) annually from 2005-2007.[v] With 683,396 full-time law enforcement employees nationwide in 2006, there were about 102 crimes by police per 100,000. That's a low rate of crime compared to the U.S. population as a whole, at 3,813 crimes per hundred thousand people, which is 37 times higher than the police crime rate.[vi]

But, concealed carry permit holders are even more law-abiding than government police, on average. According to economist John R. Lott, Ph.D., formerly the chief economist at the United States Sentencing Commission, it is extremely rare for concealed carry permit holders to break the law—it is difficult to think of other groups of adults anywhere in the U.S. nearly as law-abiding.[vii]

For example, in Florida between June 30, 2018, and July 31, 2019, Florida revoked 1,080 concealed handgun permits, including for permit-holder misdemeanors or



felonies, with 100 of these revocations eventually being overturned.[viii] This represented an annual revocation rate of 10.4 permits per 100,000.[ix]

In 2018 within Texas (the last year for which data is available), 163 permit holders were convicted of a misdemeanor or felony, representing a conviction rate of 11.5 per 100,000.[x] Combining the Florida and Texas data, concealed carry permit holders are convicted of misdemeanors and felonies at less than one-sixth the rate for police officers.[xi]

Focusing only on firearms violations, among police, firearms violations occur at a rate of 16.5 per 100,000 officers. Among concealed carry permit holders in Florida and Texas, the firearms violation rate is only 2.4 per 100,000 or one-seventh of the rate for police officers. The data are similar in other states.[xii]

In North Carolina, former Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Police Chief Dennis Nowicki previously stated: "The concerns I had [with respect to concealed carry permits] with more guns on the street, folks may be more apt to square off against one another with weapons – we haven't experienced that." [xiii]

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The Supremes

You may not know their names or know what they do, but be assured they are vitally important to your freedoms. The Second Amendment and laws designed to protect the right to keep and bear arms are meaningless if they are not adequately enforced in our courts. To that end, your board has sent a Questionnaire to each of the candidates for the North Carolina Supreme Court Justice, Associate Justice, and for the Court of Appeals. This is a partisan race, but your Board will not take a position regarding political party registration or their responses. We seek to educate our members and will forward the complete Questionnaire with candidate responses to you prior to the election in November.

NCRPA Letter & Questionnaire to each of the candidates:

The North Carolina Pistol & Rifle Association (NCRPA), established in 1938, is the sole state-wide organization affiliated with the National Rifle Association (NRA) and the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). We are a non-profit civic organization. Our mission is to protect and preserve our Second Amendment right to bear arms and to promote and preserve the shooting sports, the safe use and storage of firearms, and the principles of marksmanship and self-defense.

On behalf our members, we write to ask you several important questions:

1. Are you a member of the NRA?
2. If so, why?
3. If not, why not?
4. Are you a member of the Federalist Society?

We are sending this Questionnaire to those who have filed as candidates for the North Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice, Associate Justice, and for the Court of Appeals. We are eager to share your responses with our members as we prepare for the 2020 election season.

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“Hello! I’m Jean, your professional hunter from Wild Wildebeest Lodge. Welcome to South Africa.” My son Michael and I had just finished our 15 ½ hour flight from Atlanta to Johannesburg on a trip that had actually begun a year and a half earlier with a winning bid at the Foothills Friends of the NRA banquet. We had collected our bags and stepped through customs and then over to the firearms clearing section of the South African Police. Rifle Permits Inc had already filed all the paperwork for us so 2 minutes later we were headed for the door with the rifles and paperwork that would allow us to take the rifles back out of the country. We loaded the truck beds with our cases along with those of the four hunters from Wisconsin that would be in the lodge with us for the week and began the 4 ½ hour drive north to Thabazimbi, the location of the Wild Wildebeest Lodge. The last 45 minutes of the drive was on washboard dirt roads leading into the lodge.

Piet Pieterse, the manager of the lodge, greeted us on arrival and assigned us to our rooms. Each room is a clean, neatly arranged room with two twin beds, closet, vanity and bathroom with a large shower. The floors and bathroom walls are tile and the floor coverings are various hides – impala, warthog and wildebeest. We then gathered around the bar for a few shots of “aiming fluid” along with some South African biltong (jerky). We then turned in for an easy night’s sleep.

What followed was the hunt of a lifetime. Over the next five days Michael hunted and shot a wildebeest, impala, blesbuck and warthog. I was able to get a gemsbuck, impala and a nice thorn tree branch when taking a shot at a wildebeest. Unfortunately I also wounded a warthog which we were not able to track down. Though not world records, the blesbuck and gemsbuck were both over the minimum measurements for citation / listing in the record books.

The first morning we cleared some paperwork with our PH and then traveled to the range to check the rifle sights. Michael was paired with Jean Roux and driver / tracker Chris, while I joined up with PH Zwei Herholdt and driver/tracker Cornelius. The lodge also had a group of four hunters from Wisconsin hunting the same

week. After checking out the rifles we climbed into the trucks and began our hunts. Rigid safety habits were maintained throughout the hunt. Before climbing into the truck the rifle chamber would be confirmed empty with the bolt closed but out of battery. After exiting the truck the bolt was cycled and safety confirmed on.

The hunting day normally began with the hunter and PH in the back of the custom outfitted pickup which had a pair of seats, a rifle rack and pad on the top of the truck cab. The driver would slowly drive the dirt roads until the desired game was sighted in the bush. The PH and hunter would then leave the truck and stalk the animal or herd. The first day we took a lot of pictures of the game and shot nothing more than the thorn tree.

On day two Michael and Jean began in a blind near a feed station and shot a wildebeest shortly after 8:15 AM. They followed this up with a stalk of impalas around a waterhole and took a nice impala just before lunch. While this was going on, Zwei and I stalked the wildebeest herd with a nice bull over 9 miles through the thorns but were not able to get a clear shot. The bull was always surrounded either by cows or thorn trees.

On day three Zwei and I spent the morning in a waterhole blind and got the gemsbuck, while Michael and Jean stalked and shot the blesbuck. In the afternoon at a different waterhole blind I was able to shoot the impala.

On day four we hunted together for warthogs. After walking the edge of a field and not seeing any shooters we set up in a blind. I wounded one and after an hour of tracking without finding a blood trail we moved to another blind for Michael’s opportunity. We watched several travel through and after an hour Michael made his fourth one shot kill for the week. Since it was unlikely that my warthog would return that day we returned to camp for a late lunch and spent the remainder of the afternoon hunting dove by the waterhole, with the normal verbal abuse associated with missing the grey birds.

Day five Zwei and I spent in the blind hoping the warthog would return. Hunting for THE warthog is different from hunting A warthog. We watched many

warthogs through the day but never saw the one I had wounded. Michael and Jean put out some feed for the Cape Buffalo and got some good videos and then spent some time searching and finding a herd of zebras with one that had been wounded by the Wisconsin hunters. (The wounded Zebra was taken the next day.)

Each hunting day began with coffee around the fire pit in the central pavilion. Hunters not up at 6:30 received a knock at the door to get them up. Breakfast was provided at 7:00 AM. One of the breakfast features was a marula jelly made by Karen Helbing. The hunters would join their Professional Hunters and driver/tracker and head out by 7:30. Lunch is provided at noon. The day we spent in the blind we were provided a packed lunch so we could stay in the blind all day. All meals feature wild game, fresh juices and freshly baked bread. It was so good I gained weight during the week even with all the activity.

Darkness normally fell about 6:15, and we would gather around the bar and trade tales over "Aiming Fluid". Dinner began at 7:00. Without apology or pretense, Piet would offer thanks for the day and the food followed by a hearty "Amen" from the group. The meal was served on an intricately carved table from Zimbabwe. The table was almost six inches deep and about 12 feet long with the depth filled with carved animals, all covered with a glass top. All the meals were excellent. Michaels' favorite was the country fried warthog cutlets with rice and gravy, while my favorite was the ostrich stew served with rice and beans.

After the meal the tall tales would continue along with additional doses of aiming fluid around the fire pit in the pavilion. On one of the nights we were joined by a trio of Cape Buffalo bulls munching on the soft grass just 20 feet away.

Owners Mike and Karen Helbing have put together a superb hunting lodge and staff that lives up to the motto "Come as a client, leave as a friend." Piet and the lodge staff keep the camp and rooms clean and groomed. The laundry is done daily and normally returned by lunch. The Professional Hunter teams work hard to find the desired game and put the hunter in a position to succeed. The variety of game is incredible. In addition to the game we took, the Wisconsin hunters took wildebeest, kudu, zebra and were going after a monkey the day we left. We also saw and photographed giraffe,

sable, monkeys, waterbucks, eland, banded mongoose, white tailed mongoose, ostrich, armadillo (ant bear) and steenbuck. There was also a brief sighting of a leopard. In addition to the acreage on Wild Wildebeest Lodge, they have agreements with neighboring property owners for to hunting as needed to reduce pressure or increase chances for specific game. Besides providing the hunt of a lifetime, the commitment they have shown through the Friends of the NRA is worthy of support. We hope to go again.

There are some things to be aware of I one is interested in bidding on a safari:

Budget

The package covers the lodge, meals and PH services, along with credits toward the trophy and taxidermy fees. The primary additional costs for the trip you would need to cover include:

- Flights.
- Pickup / Dropoff at the airport. Our fee was \$180 each hunter/each way.
- Trophy fees above the included credit.
- Tips for lodge staff, PH, driver/tracker and skinner.
- Firearm Import paperwork and services if you take your own firearm.

Firearms

African game is tough. It requires a stout cartridge and bullet. Michael used a .308 with 168 grain Barnes Vortex and achieved four one shot kills with proper bullet placement. I carried a 7mm Remington Magnum with 145 grain Barnes TTSX handloads. When placed correctly, these quickly did the job. Suppressed rifles are available for rental at the lodge. This may actually be a less expensive option due to the costs of submittal and just getting the documents shipped over.

Marksmanship

Practice pays off. Hitting targets was simple and straightforward. We even got instruction on the anatomy of the game in order to place the shots correctly. The issue for me was sighting on an animal 4 times larger than anything I had shot before, waiting an eternity to allow it to get into the right position and

failing to get control of heart rate and breathing before taking the shot. I'll have to work on that before going back.

Conditioning

You can shoot from the back of the truck if desired. More opportunities open up if you spend some time walking. Make sure the boots are broken in by walking a few miles in them daily to get ready.

Clothing

A wide brim hat is recommended on the web site. I switched to a ball cap the day after walking 9 miles through the thorns. The trees and bushes work together to snare anything that gets careless on the game trail. The trees with barbed thorns would grab the wide brim, then prick my fingers as I tried to get my hat back. Meanwhile the thorn bushes would wrap themselves around my legs. Moving just inches off the game trail invited attack.

Besides being quieter in the bush, tight weave cotton cloth seemed to work better in shedding thorns than the nylon shirts or pants.

With the effectiveness of the laundry service, you really don't need to take a lot of clothing. I packed far too much.

In summary, if you purchase a hunt it can truly be an adventure of a lifetime for you, the friends you take with you and the new friends you meet at the lodge. Mike and Karen Helbing have built something to be proud of, and I hope that soon I can visit them again.

Dave Mitchell

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We're a breath away from losing our Second Amendment Rights and turning into Virginia. But, you can be vigilant, stay in the know and not miss what is happening in the North Carolina State Legislature. Who is my legislator? How do I find the text of a bill? How can I see how my Senator or Representative votes? All this information is available and much more. Link to: <https://www.ncleg.gov/Help>

NRA-ILA 2019-2020 National Legislation

Universal Background Checks and the “Gun Show Loophole”

So-called “universal” background check legislation, H.R. 8, Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, passed 240-190 and has been placed on the Senate Calendar. This bill was misleadingly described as simply requiring background checks on all sales of firearms, but this is just a small part of what these overbroad pieces of legislation would do. This bill would make it a crime, subject to certain exceptions, to simply hand a firearm to another person. While the bill does create some exceptions, they are overly complicated and create many traps for unwary gun owners. Accidental violations of these complicated provisions are not excused under the proposed legislation.

Proponents of expanded background checks claim that they want to stop dangerous people from obtaining firearms, but there is no evidence that expanded background checks are useful for this purpose. In fact, a study by anti-gun researchers confirmed that expanded background checks in California did not reduce gun homicides or gun suicides. This finding is consistent with a review of past studies on expanded background checks by the RAND Corporation that found that “evidence of the effect of private-seller background checks on firearm homicides is inconclusive.” There is little evidence on how background checks affect mass shootings.

Do you expect criminals to submit to background checks? The majority of individuals responsible for “gun violence” do not comply with law, and such a bill would hardly be universal.

“You can just walk into a gun show and buy a gun without a background check.” WRONG! Federal law requires firearm dealers to be licensed. The law requires firearm dealers, regardless of location, to initiate a background check before selling or otherwise transferring a firearm to a person who is not a dealer. There is no “gun show loophole.” Federal law is the same, regardless of where a firearm sale takes place. There is no “online sales” loophole. Federal law is the same, regardless of how people communicate about selling/buying a firearm. Background checks for firearms have been conducted through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) since November 1998. That being said, NICS is only as effective as the information that is loaded into the system.

Firearm laws are already very specific:

- Federal law prohibits transferring a firearm to anyone known or believed to be prohibited from possessing firearms. (18 USC 922(d))
- Federal law prohibits a non-licensee from acquiring a handgun outside his state of residence and prohibits a non-licensee from acquiring a rifle or shotgun from a non-licensee outside his state of residence. (18 USC 922(a)(3))
- Federal law prohibits anyone from transferring a handgun to a non-licensee who resides in another state (with rare exceptions), and prohibits a non-licensee from transferring any firearm to a non-licensee who resides in another state. (18 USC 922(a)(5))
- Federal law prohibits the acquisition of a firearm on behalf of a person who is prohibited from possessing firearms. (18 USC 922(h) and 922(a)(6))
- Federal law prohibits anyone from providing a handgun to a juvenile (person under age 18), and prohibits juveniles from possessing handguns, with limited exceptions. (18 USC 922(x))
- Federal law also prohibits dealers from selling rifles or shotguns to persons under age 18. (18 USC 922(b)(1))

The Fix NICS Act (S 2135, Cornyn), as a part of the government funding bill passed in March 2019, will strengthen the criminal background check system:

- Requires federal agencies and states to produce NICS implementation plans focused on uploading all information to the background check system showing that a person is prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms under current law—including measures to verify the accuracy of records.
- Holds federal agencies accountable if they fail to upload relevant records to the background check system through public reporting and prohibiting bonus pay for political appointees.
- Rewards states who comply with their NICS implementation plans through federal grant preferences and incentives, while increasing accountability through public reporting for those who do not comply with their plans.
- Reauthorizes and improves important law enforcement programs to help state governments share relevant criminal record information with NICS.
- Creates a Domestic Abuse and Violence Prevention Initiative to ensure that states have adequate resources and incentives to share all relevant information with NICS showing that a felon or domestic abuser is excluded from purchasing firearms under current law.
- Provides important technical assistance to federal agencies and states who are working to comply with NICS record-sharing requirements.

Recently, the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) praised a milestone achievement of a 241 percent increase of state submissions of adjudicated mental health records to the FBI’s National Instant Criminal Background Check System database since the firearms industry launched the FixNICS campaign in 2013. Just 1.7 million such records existed in the FBI’s database when NSSF began the campaign in 2013 to fix the background check system. Today, there are more than 5.6 million records.

State participation in the NICS system is voluntary because the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution does not allow the federal government to mandate the states to submit records. NSSF worked with 16 states to change laws to increase submissions of disqualifying records, yet there are several states still that do not fully submit their disqualifying records.

“Assault” Weapons Legislation

“If I could have gotten 51 votes in the Senate of the United States for an outright ban, picking up every one of them, ‘Mr. and Mrs. America, turn ‘em all in,’ I would have done it.,” said US Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) in 1994 and she’s at it again. In January Feinstein, along with Connecticut US Senators, Chris Murphy and Richard Blumenthal, introduced S. 66, Assault Weapons Ban of 2019, an updated bill to ban the sale, transfer, manufacture and importation of “military-style assault weapons” and high-capacity ammunition magazines. While her 1994 ban named about two dozen firearms designated as “semi-automatic assault weapons,” this bill singles out more than 200 firearms. And it gets worse, because the generic definition of a “semi-automatic assault weapon” has been expanded to include almost all popular semi-automatic rifles. The bill was sent to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and no action has been taken, yet.

Beware of Risk Protection Legislation – Red Flag Laws

Seventeen states now have emergency firearm confiscation laws in

place. Proponents say that this legislation will allow law enforcement or family members to go to a judge and ensure that somebody who is a threat to themselves or others is temporarily disarmed. Opponents say this will create a slippery slope, putting liberty at risk. Nobody wants dangerous people to have access to firearms. Protection orders that respect the right of due process and ensures that those found mentally ill receive the care they need is critical. Most proposed red flag laws fail to provide any sort of mental health treatment and would deny law-abiding gun owners their right of due process. If states can deny due process to law-abiding citizens, then what's to stop them from denying any right to other groups of people?

HR1236, Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2019

The bill has serious due process problems:

- Allows for confiscation of individual's firearms without notice or without an opportunity to be heard.
- The ex-parte determination can be determined when a judge finds there's a 'reasonable cause' to believe the individual possesses a danger to himself or others. 'Reasonable cause' is not clear and convincing evidence.

What happens after a person's firearms are taken away from them? The bill does not address this.

Is he or she given mental health help? If someone is deemed unfit to have a firearm, then clearly they need some sort of professional help. The bill is silent on this.

HR1236 allows a person to petition to take away any other person's Second Amendment rights with a court order but they don't even have to know each other. This bill doesn't require law enforcement officer to independently substantiate the claims and there are no penalties for making a false claim against anyone.

This bill is currently in the House Judiciary Committee.

Federal Funding for Gun Research

Most democrat candidates say they will lift the Dickey Amendment and provide more federal funding for gun violence research. The amendment, passed in 1996, prevents the Centers for Disease Control from using federal dollars specifically to "advocate or promote gun control." The amendment was passed after some CDC officials had publicly stated their desire to use research in order to stigmatize gun ownership. "We need to revolutionize the way we look at guns, like what we did with cigarettes," Dr. Mark Rosenberg, then director of the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control told the New York Times. There is federal funding for research but it is not available for gun control advocacy.

Really bad bills in the North Carolina State Legislature

The following is a summary of two bills that were introduced in the North Carolina State Legislature this past session. Your North Carolina Rifle & Pistol Association (NCRPA) Board opposes this legislation because these bills violate both our Federal and North Carolina constitutions. These bills do not protect our right to bear arms.

HB 86 Gun Violence Prevention Act

(Primary Sponsors Reps Clark, Morey, Harrison, and Willingham)

This bill would require all gun owners to purchase firearm liability

insurance; ban the sale or possession of bump stocks and trigger cranks; raise the age to purchase so-called "assault" weapons from 18 to 21; require permits for the purchase of long guns in addition to handguns; require a 72-hour waiting period before a purchased firearm may be delivered or otherwise possessed; require the "safe storage" of a firearm; limit the size of magazines; repeal the preemption of local regulation of firearms; and allow the destruction of a seized firearm. HR 86 was sent to the Committee on Judiciary but no action has been taken since 2/18/19.

HB 454 Allow Emergency Risk Prevention Orders (ERPOs) to Save Lives & Prevent Suicides

(Primary Sponsors Reps Morey, Clark, Harrison, and Martin)

This legislation violates our citizens' due process rights and could be subject to abuse. Any legislative effort should be structured to fully protect the due process and other essential Constitutional rights of our law-abiding citizens, while preventing truly dangerous individuals from accessing firearms. Any legislative effort purporting to protect the public must recognize that anyone actually mentally unstable enough to be plotting immediate criminal physical harm towards others, or criminally reckless behavior physically endangering others, should be kept away from not only firearms, but all other instruments or personal property which could potentially endanger others if used illegally or unsafely. NC law already allows law enforcement to secure a threatening person and require him or her to undergo an emergency mental health evaluation and be involuntarily committed, if medically necessary. The intent of HB 454, which focuses on seizing one type of property instead of stopping or rehabilitating a threatening person who could potentially cause harm in a multitude of ways, is thus not needed. HB 454 was sent to the Committee on Judiciary but no action has been taken since 3/27/19.

Take Action

While it may appear that these bills are "dead" and will not become law, you would be sorely mistaken. These bills could easily see daylight again especially after this year's election. If more gun control legislators are elected in November, these and other bad bills will certainly be re-filed. We need to transform our passion and support for pro-Second Amendment candidates into political advocacy this election season. For more information about these and other bad bills, link to <https://www.ncleg.gov/>. To get involved and help protect our rights, please reach out to your NCRPA Board Members or link to <https://www.nrailfrontlines.com/>.

Also of (good) note:

- HB 61 Omnibus Gun Changes
- HB 139 Youth Gun Violence Study Commission
- HB 498 NC Constitutional Carry
- HB 499 Omnibus Gun Changes

We were hoping to have several pro-Second Amendment bills before the General Assembly this session. However, with a democrat governor and a non-veto-proof legislature, our mantra was to "Do No Harm," and so-far-so-good. We have been looking at ways to improve the handgun purchase process in North Carolina, as well as ensure private property owners aren't restricted by the government from establishing their own firearm carry policies.

Several of these bills were blocked by the North Carolina Rifle & Pistol Association lobbyist.

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Jr. Team Raffle Winners

The NCRPA Jr Rifle Team raffle was a great success again for 2019. Thanks to all of you for generously supporting us by buying raffle tickets. This raffle is a very important part of our fund raising effort each year and buys allot of bullets, primers, powder and other assorted necessities. With out you folks I doubt we could pull it off.

The winner of the M-4 pattern AR-15 complete with a 4x scope and mount is Mr. Jay Baldwin of Liberty N.C. The winner of the Ruger 10/22 is Mr. John Brown of Apex N.C. Both rifles have been delivered and I hope the guys enjoy them for many years to come. Again I can't thank all of you enough for your support in 2019 and I hope we can count on you again in 2020. David McFarling NCRPA Jr. Rifle Team Coach.

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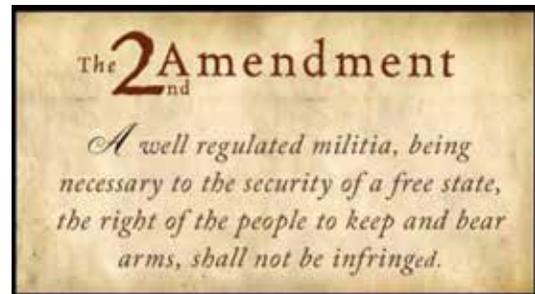
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NCRPA Jr. Rifle Team year end review 2019

2019 was a fair to good year for us, no great victories but no major disasters either. We trained through the spring and summer and showed good progress. We have 6 Jr's on the team but unfortunately due to other commitments only 4 were able to make the trip to Camp Perry.

Those 4 were Nash Ellis from four oaks, Colton Woodard and Chase Smith both from to the Greensboro area, and Holden Weisner from Pleasant Garden.

Our experience at the National Matches in Camp Perry Ohio was allot of fun with seven days of shooting including the Marine Corps Marksmanship clinic and the Presidents, Leg and team matches. Being a team with limited experience podium level scores eluded us all week But moral remains high and optimism is good for 2020.

We have 5 of our six shooters returning for 2020 plus 4 new one's. I am proud to tell you that Holden Weisner has joined the United States Marine Corps and is at this time is undergoing basic training at Paris Island S.C. We wish Holden the best of luck and hope to see him on the Marine Corps Rifle Team in a couple of years. For now wish us luck in the coming season and please buy raffle tickets. Your support is both needed and appreciated.

WOMEN ON TARGET INSTRUCTIONAL SHOOTING CLINICS TRIANGLE AREA

MARCH 28th: Durham County Wildlife Club, Morrisville. Registration flier will be ready soon and will be posted on DCWC's website www.dccwc.info

APRIL 26th: Sir Walter Gun Club Creedmoor. Registration flier will be ready soon and will be posted on SWGC's website www.sirwaltergunclub.com

For additional information or to volunteer, contact Edie Fleeman, edie.nra@gmail.com

Looking For A Fun Time?

If you enjoy a fun family oriented day with machine guns and helicopters come to the Denton Farm Park this coming April 25 and 26. The weekend features a military vehicle show, gun and collector show, machine gun shoot and military helicopter rides. The machine guns ran the gambit from a British sten gun to 6 barrel mini gun. The helicopters were a Vietnam era Huey and a Cobra. If you enjoy guns helicopters and big military vehicles come on down to the Denton Farm Park, Aprij 25-25. For more information check out www.dentonfarmpark.com or www.dmgds.com. Located at 1072 Cranford Road, Denton, N.C. 27239.



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