

It is a good day for Liberty.

RALLY DAY will be 16 April, 2019 in the Rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City from 10 AM to noon. This is the day after tax day which makes it easy to remember. A speaker is being searched for, possibly drafted and quite possibly kidnapped.

A letter to the local tabloid complains that the individual rights interpretation of the Second Amendment by the Supreme Court was not the original interpretation. This is nonsense. When the Bill of Rights was first presented to the public the Second Amendment was described as protecting the individual's right to possess his private arms. There were repeating firearms long before the Constitutional period. Of more importance is that the Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that the Constitution protects rights, not technology. The Second Amendment protects semi-automatic firearms as well as muskets in the same way the Fourth Amendment protects the privacy of cell phones as well as letters written with quill pens.

Mona Oliver has investigated the Capital Building's rule on concealed carry. Persons with a license to carry need to show their license and photo ID at the entrance. These persons can carry concealed in most places except for the floor of the house and senate, galleries, hearing rooms and certain legislators may have posted their offices. The halls and rotunda are legal to carry concealed if one has a license to carry. This does not count for permitless carry. A license to carry will also get you past the metal detector.

I saw a magazine article about an unusual new pistol-now I can't find the magazine. This pistol has the slide and barrel set back in the frame. The theory is that in extreme close quarter combat the pistol might be thrust into the attacker. In most modern semi-automatic pistols this would put the slide out of battery and it would not fire. In one model of this pistol the forward part of the frame is cut into teeth. If this pistol is thrust into the attacker, it will not only fire it will collect the attacker's DNA. This is a good idea. I still like my CZ 75--it has a bayonet.

A "study" claims that states with strict gun control have higher homicides when they border states with "lax" controls. It says criminals cross to the "lax" states to buy guns. Does not explain why "lax" states do not have the homicide rate of the strict states. It is illegal for persons to buy guns across state lines. It is completely illegal for handguns. It is legal to buy long guns across state lines only if both states allow it.

There was a hearing in Jefferson City on reducing the number of "gun free" zones. Our side was outnumbered 3 to 1 by the usual suspects. We need to make a better showing at Rally Day.

A woman born in Alabama moved to Syria and joined Isis when she was 19. She married a succession of ISIS fighters-they kept getting killed. She used social media to encourage the murder of Americans. Now ISIS has lost the war and she wants to come back. She has committed treason but says she would rather be in prison in America than a refugee camp in Syria. This lady's decision making has been questionable in the past. The administration has taken the position that she is not an American citizen because her father was a diplomat. Birth citizenship does not apply if the parents are here as diplomats. It seems that the father was not a diplomat at the time of her birth. He was a diplomat during the critical conception event. I have not heard about the citizenship of the mother who would seem to be relevant. If the woman is not a citizen she is not coming back. If she is not a citizen, she did not commit treason.

Hawaii's legislature has passed a resolution to repeal the Second Amendment. Hawaii is not alone in this.

Mr. Bloomberg has decided not to run for president. He seems to believe that he can do more mischief as a private billionaire. Hillary Clinton has also said that she will not run. Of course, we cannot believe her.

A Virginia man was convicted of murder. He had repeatedly told a man not to come around his home. When the man broke through a dead-bolted front door he killed the man. This was enough for conviction. The dead man's brother rented a room in the homeowner's house and this may have inspired the unwanted visitations. The conviction was overturned by the Virginia court of appeals in a 7-4 decision. This demonstrates that what is obvious to us is not obvious to the oblivious.

We have all heard people complain about the attacks on our rights. Give them a membership application. If they are not doing something, they have no right to complain.

A bill was introduced in congress to treat muzzle loading guns the same way as modern firearms. So, buying a replica of the flintlock musket my ancestor used at Concord Bridge that day in April 1775 would require filling out a 4473 and getting clearance through NICS. People

prohibited from owning firearms will no longer be able to possess and hunt with muzzle loaders. There has been no mass use of muzzle loaders in crime. The usual suspects simply cannot let something go unregulated. I know, this bill is unlikely to become law; at this time. It shows us how the opposition is thinking. There will be another election in a year and a half.

It is very strongly suggested that former Vice-President Joe Biden will run for president in 2020. He is what passes for a moderate in the Democratic Party these days; except on our issue. On our issue he is extreme as they come. He famously advised firing both barrels of a double-barrel shotgun as a warning shot at perceived prowlers. People who have taken his advice have gone to jail.

A divided Connecticut Supreme Court has ruled that Remington can be sued for the Sandy Creek school massacre. Remington made the AR used in the murders. The court found that Remington was protected under the federal Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. It allowed the suit to go forward under a wrongful marketing claim. This allows the usual suspects to continue to go fishing through Remington records looking for wrongdoing. Remington must go to the expense of providing this information. It would seem to me that marketing is included in "commerce." This case, interpreting a federal statute, should go to the US Supreme Court. This will encourage more speculative lawsuits by the usual suspects with the objective of bankrupting the firearms industry. Remington is already in bankruptcy due to litigation costs and slumping sales.

Buy something made by Remington today.

The recent Missouri case *State v Demery* caught my attention. Mr. Demery was convicted of murder and appealed on the grounds of self-defense. The conviction was affirmed. Mr. Demery claimed that the victim attacked him with an ash tray. The evidence showed that Mr. Demery threatened to kill the victim and held a gun to his head before the ashtray was employed. The court questioned the equivalence of an ashtray to a gun. Simply saying "self-defense is not enough.

We shall overcome.