

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 number of hunting, fishing and gun magazines send copies to the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance. At the last WMSA general membership meeting we distributed copies to members in attendance. I threw in copies of "The Drop" the magazine of the Special Forces Association. They were well received, and I trust did some good.

We are informed that WMSA member Dean Smith has passed away. Our condolences to his family and friends.

An FBI agent in Denver was showing off his dance moves. During a backflip his gun fell out of its holster. It did not go off when dropped, this would be an unusual event for a modern pistol. It fired when the agent picked it up. He apparently stuck his finger in the trigger guard when doing so. The trigger guard exists to prevent such accidental discharges. This relies on ingraining the habit of placing the trigger finger above the trigger until ready to fire. A man was wounded in the leg. The agent has pled guilty to third-degree assault. He was sentenced to two years of probation and to pay \$1,600 in fines and court costs. The FBI has refused to comment on what affect this will have on his career. He had been charged with Second-Degree assault, punishable by up to 16 years in prison. Taking the plea may have been a "Bird in the hand" decision. The victim reports continued physical and emotional disabilities from the wound. He holds no grudge saying, "I've done stupid things at bars to impress girls too."

A Missouri poacher was sentenced to 120 days in jail. He not only lost his hunting and trapping rights; he is required to watch the Disney classic "Bambi" once a month for the duration of his probation. Even the classic could get old after a few months. When he starts reciting dialogue, he may be on the verge of understanding the concept of the operation.

After the Parkland Florida school murders (called "shootings" by the media) the parents of the victim sued the school and Sheriffs' office. A federal district judge has dismissed the suit. He ruled that the defendants had no legal duty to protect students. This was no surprise. There have been a chain of cases dating back to the 1850's to that effect. There have been many graphically lurid cases in the approximately 165 years since. The legal theory is that the duty of the police is to the community, but not any individual in that community. Since the police cannot protect everyone, they have to duty to protect no one. In reality the theory is that if the jurisdiction was not protected the victim of every pickpocket and shoplifter would bankrupt the jurisdiction.

The media perennially calls mass murders "shootings." What we do is shooting. What psychopaths do is murder. The media confuses the two until every skeet shooter and target shooter is considered a psychopath. I am not a psychopath. The voices in my head say so.

Hawaii says that the federal Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act does not apply in that state. This is the federal law that allows police to carry in all states. This decision was made about 24 December, 2018; one heck of a Christmas present for the boys in blue.

Hawaii has introduced a bill to prevent people from bringing guns into hotels.

I've read "Peckerwood in the Hood." It is written by a Kansas City Missouri police officer and recounts his career beginning in the 80's. It is a series of anecdotes regarding his career. The only unifying theme is that criminals are stupid, and police must deal with all sorts of people on the worst day in their lives. His career ended when two armed robbers forced him to kill them. He was unable to continue police work, worried that he might have to kill and concerned that he might hesitate when forced to do so. Everyone has some level of PTSD when forced to kill. He does not elaborate on his except that he had already had a long tour. It is interesting to hear of crimes in familiar places and the stunts his superiors never caught him at.

New York and Washington states have forbidden the NRA to sell its self-defense insurance program in those states. Other states cannot be far behind. Other programs cannot be intimidated because they use captive insurance companies, off-shore insurance companies or are self-funded. It is a bad sign. They claim that these programs insure criminal acts which they do not. There must be a plausible claim of self-defense and self-defense is not a criminal act.

The usual suspects have introduced a bill in congress to require "background checks" for gun purchases. Of course, we have had such a law for over twenty-five years so this is only a trick to slip in further repressive laws. The new bill would make gun shows much more difficult. Sales or transfers between private parties would be outlawed. It promises an exemption for transfers

between family members but that would not last beyond the next notorious killing. This will result in all guns being registered. We have seen the results of registration in other countries. We must draw the line here.

Currently persons with a license to carry can carry concealed in the Capital Building. The license will get the holder through the metal detector without delay. Missouri Governor Parsons is considering revoking this right. The usual suspects complain that school children take trips and should not be exposed to guns. Of course the bottom floor is a museum with guns ranging from old pocket revolvers to Civil War cannon. Persons with concealed carry licenses carry concealed and by definition do not "expose" them to passing schoolchildren. Please write the governor. There has been no trouble with the existing program, why should he bother himself with creating a solution for a problem which does not exist?

A justice Department study of violent criminals finds that a tiny per cent bought their gun at an FFL. It will be ignored by the usual suspects who insist on punishing us for the crimes of the bad guys. We have to remind our legislators of this and keep reminding them.

I saw an ad for a Second Amendment Pocket watch. This sounded good, I carry a pocket watch. However the cover showed skeleton pointing revolvers at the viewer. This links the Second Amendment with death. I cannot see how that can possibly do us any good. I know; from my cold dead hands. But the legend around the image did not say that. It referred to the Second Amendment. There was an image some 25 years ago of the Statue of Liberty holding a revolver and the legend "The most dangerous place in the world is between a mother and her child." It was called "Mommy Liberty." This was a great Second Amendment image. I had a member do a cartoon once. It showed a woman who had been thrown to the ground pointing a revolver at her attacker and asking, "How would you like a .38 caliber vasectomy?" I liked the cartoon. No one else did.

We shall overcome.