

It is a good day for Liberty.

I am officially old. I have a medicare card. It was easier to get than I expected. There is a form on-line. It gives you a choice of languages. English was on top so I chose that. It seems that if you do not file for medicare on time there are certain penalties; no lollypop, cold stethoscope, something.

I was offered Girl Scout cookies with the assurance that they were gluten free. I ask, "What is a gluten?" The young ladies did not know but were sure it was a good thing. Would a child lie to me?

Kroger grocery stores have decided not to carry gun magazines. WMSA Board Member Larry Swickard has discovered that CVS drug stores have decided not to carry gun magazines. They have the right not to carry these magazines. I have the right to shop elsewhere.

There are several lawsuits against companies which refuse to sell long guns to persons between 18 and 21 years old. Usually age discrimination lawsuits are filed by older people; like me. This should be interesting.

The Florida school killer was recommended for commitment to a mental health facility. No one acted on the recommendation. If they had the psychopath would have been denied by NICS. He might have received treatment. It is likely he would have received medication putting him in a state of bliss. If not, he probably would have acquired a weapon elsewhere. He might have made bombs in his room. As it is, the usual suspects want to punish all of us for what one psychopath did.

Dustin Collins, a country singer, has a new release "Cold Dead Hands." I've listened to it on Amazon. It is not the anthem I would like but it is good.

A 3/21/18 letter in the Northland Star criticized gun owners for blocking a background check system for gun purchases. The writer will be happy to know that a background check system has existed for twenty-five years (see www.fbi.gov/services/cjs/nics). The background check system was the NRA's idea.

The frustrating thing about arguing gun rights is that so many things the opposition is absolutely certain about are not true.

A month ago the Star ran a nearly half-page article claiming that Missouri SB 656 passed in 2016 allows persons convicted of adult abuse to have guns. The bill said absolutely nothing of the kind. I have a copy of SB656 which I can e-mail to anyone who wants to check. Even if it did, there is a federal law which says that they can't. SB 656 dealt only with concealed carry for people already able to own guns and stand your ground. Yet, I have had lawyers tell me otherwise. The Star's article left wife beaters with the impression that they could own guns. No good can come of that.

I remember a study which found that people who knew the least about existing gun law were the most adamant about restricting guns. Telling people there are no laws governing the sale of guns works to the opposition's benefit. I once read an opposition claim that the 20,000 or so laws governing guns were only zoning regulations. You can correct these people. You can show them the law. They will still claim that guns are sold with no questions asked. I vividly remember (now senator) Claire McCaskill claiming that any twelve-year old can

walk into a gun shop and buy an AK 47 with no questions asked. Ms. McCaskill was a prosecutor at the time and should have known better.

These lies about gun law cannot be just mistakes. The truth is open and obvious to anyone who does a tiny amount of research. The usual suspects have gotten away with lying for so long that they make up lies about the law in the serene belief that no one will check on them and if they do the media will not print the truth. This is unfair, but it is the reality we face. We must work up methods to tell the truth. Simply calling them liars is not enough. Showing that they are liars is not enough. The way we do these things is critical. Saying that they are misinformed or finally saying that whoever told them that is a liar may work. The audience does not want to make the effort to determine who is lying; that is why jury duty is unpopular. If you tell someone he is wrong it gets their defenses up. If they continue to defend an obviously false statement, that could work for us. Most of these people are fixed in their opinions and even if proved wrong will not abandon a lie because it is in the service of the politically correct.

Mike Brown from Frontier Justice and I were on the Kansas City Star's Facebook Live. See www.facebook.com/KCStarOpinion/videos/4195116051408361 Please let me know how you think it went. Let me know how to improve. We were able to put our side forth and denounce some of the lies that have been told.

A former elementary school teacher editorializes against arming teachers. She once had a second grade boy point a gun at her. She distracted him and took the gun from him. It was unloaded. The boy had seen his father threaten his mother in this fashion. This tells me that there were other problems in the family. She is horrified by what might have happened if she had been armed. She thinks her students would have feared her and this would have interfered with education. I see some more likely results, especially if the gun had been loaded. This is a typical editorial against arming teachers. It rests on false assumptions. First, no one has suggested that teachers be required to carry guns. If they do carry guns there is no requirement that they fire them. If the situation can be resolved without gunfire everyone will be even happier. When a situation starts out with gunfire, the only reliable way it has been stopped is by defensive gunfire. There was a case in which a school secretary talked a killer out of starting his spree. There have also been cases in which people have tried to talk killers out of killing, only to become the first victim. Some complain that defensive gunfire will cause bullets to "go everywhere" and innocent persons will be cut down in the crossfire. We have learned from massacres that during the killing bullets were already going almost everywhere, except at the killer. When bullets go at the killer the massacre ends. We are warned that when SWAT responds to a school massacre and sees the armed teacher, they will shoot the teacher. Typically the massacre will be over when the police arrive. If they saw an armed teacher the police response is "police, drop the gun." Part of the teacher training, presumably, will be to respond to such a command. We are told that when confronted with a killer the teacher will freeze. The school resource officer who did not enter to Parkland school during the massacre is cited as evidence. There is a great deal of difference between the nerve to charge into a gunfight and the nerve to shoot one's way out.

The usual suspects hate us, lie about us and are lobbying against us. If we are going to preserve our rights for our grandchildren we must make a showing at Rally Day. On 11 April, 2018 between 10 AM and Noon show up in the rotunda of the Capital Building in Jefferson City. If the opposition intends to take our rights let them know they are in for a fight.
We shall overcome.