

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.

IT COULDN'T BE DONE

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But she with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but she would be one
Who wouldn't say so till she'd tried.
So she buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On her face. If she worried, she hid it.
She started to sing as she tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and she did it.

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.” (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr)

We are the people who take that first step, who tackle that thing. We may not know exactly how we will save our rights for our grandchildren, but in the struggle we will learn how.

I have found that my business cards will trigger a metal detector. They are ordinary business cards. I have some experience with ordinary objects used as weapons, but I am stumped at how I could terrorize a facility with my business cards. Several persons have felt terrorized by the lawyer letters I send out; none of which trigger metal detectors.

A killer in Aurora Illinois murdered five people at his workplace, his response to being fired. Police arrived and found his holed up in the building. A brief gunfight and he was dead. It has the ring of Blue suicide about it. The killer had a criminal record, yet he was able to get an Illinois Firearms Owner Identification card (FOID) and legally buy the gun. He was tripped up when he tried to pass the background check to get a license to carry. He was told that he had to surrender the gun. Being a criminal, he did not. We see numerous failures in these background check systems. Criminals have passed checks; honest people have been denied. The usual suspects demand that we reinforce failure as a means to register guns. We have seen that movie. Once they know where the guns are the next scene involves confiscation.

A Virginia man shot and killed an intruder who had broken through a dead-bolted front door. He was charged with murder and convicted of manslaughter. The court of appeals overturned the conviction in a 7-4 decision. The court ruled that he judge was wrong in not giving the jury a self-defense instruction. This means that four of the eleven judges thought he was not entitled to a self-defense instruction. It also means that the case will go back to the same judge for a new trial. Unless the man has one of these self-defense “insurance” programs I suspect that he has exhausted his assets. The prosecutors have not. I have not yet found this opinion and I suspect there may be some details which blur the justice of the matter. So much for the guys who claim that a good shoot is a good shoot and no harm will follow. It does not matter if it is a good shoot. It matters if the authorities believe it is a good shoot. In many cases the citizen has done everything right in the gunfight, but what he did in the aftermath got him arrested and even convicted.

These self-defense “insurance” programs are not really insurance. They are not governed by the state Insurance Commissioner. Some are underwritten by insurance companies. It is critical to read the fine print. You want a program that provides immediate money for a lawyer, not after acquittal. The lawyer of your choice, not from the company's list. Immediate money for bail. A program being aggressively marketed in Missouri does not provide bail. It must have the flexibility to provide money for expert witnesses and investigators. The facts do not speak for themselves; we have to go find them.

Kansas City police say that people at one address fired 360 shots to celebrate New Years. A system called “Shotspotter” detects gunshots and where they are fired. This is insanely stupid behavior. Bullets must come down. People have been killed. I remember a video of Saddam Hussein speaking at a rally. He punctuated his remarks by firing a rifle into the air. The weapon recoiled so it was obviously a live cartridge. This appears standard in the Middle East. Early in the occupation an American outpost in Iraq heard gunfire all around. They scrambled to get on their gear and prepare to defend themselves. But, there were no shadows in the wire and more remarkable, the tracers were going up in the sky and not their way. The Iraqi soccer team had

won a championship and the locals were celebrating. This appears typical for a Middle Eastern celebration. I don't see how anyone is still alive in the Middle East.

The local tabloid claims to have "researched" murder in America. The tone of this "research" comes from its partner in this effort; a "newspaper" called The Trace. It describes The Trace as "nonpartisan" and not for profit. These are not euphemisms for neutral. The Trace is the mouthpiece of former Mayor Bloomberg. Bloomberg set it up as a propaganda front.

Persons caught with guns at KCI Airport will be caught in the federal prosecutor's policy. Over and above such fines as may be imposed, their gun will be destroyed. I argued that a client's gun was part of my fee. The prosecutor would not agree. I did a felon in possession of a gun case. I got the gun as part of my fee there; the prosecutor had no objection. But never in an airport case. If the client does not plead to an infraction, they will file felony charges. I asked for the destroyed gun to use in my classes. They would not even do that. It is a matter of statistics to prove a policy.

There is an expungement law in Missouri. It wipes out all the consequences of a criminal conviction or plea. It is as close to being washed in the blood of the lamb and being born again as the legislature could write. Still, people with expungements have had trouble buying guns. I have not researched the problem completely as time is short.

The report on the Parkland murders recommends that teachers be armed. The usual suspects see all kinds of problems. I see a solution. The problems presented can be solved. Guns can be locked up until needed. Teachers can learn to shoot and when to shoot. They have graduate degrees in education. They must be capable of learning. What cannot be solved is a psychopath with a clear path to our children.

We shall overcome.