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Why They Fought  
*Personal Responsibility For One's Safety Cannot Be Delegated*  
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"I have heard it asserted by some, that as America hath flourished under her former connexion (sic) with Great Britain, that the same connexion (sic) is necessary toward her future happiness, and will always have the same effect. Nothing could be more fallacious that this kind of argument. We may as well assert that because a child has thrived upon milk, that it is never to have meat, or that the first twenty years of our lives is to become a precedent for the next twenty."<sup>1</sup>  
Thomas Paine, Common Sense

"Compromises with respect to liberty constitute a devil's stew of contradictions, self-delusions, lies, and sell-outs with a healthy dash of hypocrisy thrown in. Once served, its cooks congratulate one another on making democracy work."<sup>2</sup>  
Author

Occasionally I encounter Millennials walking unleashed dogs (never when it's cold) on hiking trails. Canine ownership seems to be their larval stage preceding having a first child. At that point the female of the species compels the male to surrender his dream, a cherry red Corvette parked in the garage, for a minivan or SUV large enough to haul around several football teams. Naturally it's decked out with stick figure family graphics and *Child-On-Board* decals all the rage in California back in the 80s. As they approach invariably they yell their dogs won't hurt me. I manage a polite smile but this irks me. And why is that? Think about it. They are declaring my safety depends on their good intentions and those of the dogs (they always have two). I am at their mercy. Inherent in this assertion is the converse; if the dogs are ill-tempered, I'll be hurt. One cannot claim to be both free and safe if either is hostage to the benevolence of others, two-legged or otherwise, and you have no say in the matter. On the contrary, a free person's safety is dependent on no one's promise of good intentions. God-given rights, including life, depend on an individual's ability and willingness to defend them. One cannot delegate to others responsibility for their own safety, let alone freedom, and still claim to be a free citizen. Instead, they are subjects. America's founding fathers knew this well. They did not rely on the good graces of neighbors and governments to safeguard liberty and protect them. They took responsibility for both unwilling to relinquish it to others. They wouldn't understand calling 911, hiding, and waiting for the police to arrive, shelter-in-place, lock-downs, or schools training teachers to protect students from terrorists by throwing staplers and dictionaries at them. They looked to this themselves. Millennials have been raised by the *Do-Over Participation-Trophy Neosporin-Generation* teaching kids guns are bad and to hide cowering in terror from bad guys and bullies until the police, with grief-counselors in tow, finally arrive. As to promises someone's dog won't hurt me, I'm tempted to reply, "How fortunate for your dogs."<sup>3</sup> What does this have to do with why Americans fought the War of Independence?

A recent *National Geographic* program (April, 2017) featured a reporter professing surprise at the number of guns owned by Americans especially possession of "military style" weapons (AR15). You mean the U.S. government trusts the average citizen to own AR15s? Was the reporter's reaction based on historical ignorance or stupidity? How would she react if informed Americans in 1776 not only were armed to the teeth, but owned the same weapons extant among the most modern armies on the planet? Instead of relying on a national standing army to defeat the British, men from all walks of life took it upon themselves to take care of the task themselves. They were successful.

As opposed to monarchs and emperors, people deciding for themselves if, who, when, and how to fight, is spelled L-I-B-E-R-T-Y. Don't they teach this history in school anymore? *Public Dis-education's* message of cower and cry, reinforced by Leftist pop-culture and *gonadophobic* Liberal politicians, helps explain why notions of self-reliance with respect to personal safety, instead of on neighbors, the police, or the military is so alien to shelter-in-place Millennials. How would liberals, especially Millennials have responded to the British military invasion of Boston? Locked down all schools, rounded up and confiscated privately owned firearms, and convened touchy-feely group-grope workshops where hand-wringing participants confessed collective guilt in provoking and deserving British violence. Rush

Limbaugh would be blamed, the NRA denounced, CO2 emitting torches banned, evidence of homo-phobia uncovered, and I'd be fired. Grief counselors would be on hand passing out primal-cry hankies and wild-caught free-range tofu burgers for lunch.

Time to sum up what has been learned so far; at the time of the Revolution, Americans were for the most part devoutly Christian, literate, accustomed to republican self-rule, and private ownership of firearms was so widespread as to be an unremarkable aspect of everyday life, urban or rural. From the early 1600s, colonists were essentially on their own in the New World. Facing threats from

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

**Kansas University's Loss**  
 Professor Dorman resigned from Kansas University because guns are allowed on campus. He says it is a matter of life and death. No doubt Professor Dorman is sincere in his belief that all these paranoids are out to get him. However, it takes a certain mentality to demand "gun free zones" and then claim that guns cannot be used in self-defense in these zones because they never have been.

Even Professor Dorman admits that crimes are committed on college campuses. He admits, in a backhand way, that they are committed with guns. Criminals, to no one's surprise, disobey even the "no guns" law. It would seem fair to level the playing field and allow victims the means to protect themselves.

People do protect themselves with guns. The largest and most reliable study is by Professor Kleck at the University of Florida. He found there were 2.5 million defensive gun uses a year. Some of these have been in school zones. In Pearl Mississippi in 1997 and the Appalachian School of Law in 2002 faculty or students went to their cars for hand guns and confronted the mass killers. Of course in the time it took them to run to their cars people died. School killings are only part of "gun free zone" killings. Experience over all such zones shows that when confronted with an armed citizen the killer surrenders or, more often, commits suicide. Even at Columbine after a deputy assigned to the school ineffectively fired at the two psychopaths they retreated to the library and committed suicide. The Crime Prevention Research Center has found that by using the FBI definition of a mass shooting 92% of mass killings are in "gun free zones." Even accepting Professor Dorman's figures it is obvious that "gun free zones" are not free of psychopathic killers and criminals and guns. To the person involved, crime is 100% of the time. The mass killer at the church in South Carolina later said that he had considered shooting drug dealers, but was concerned that they



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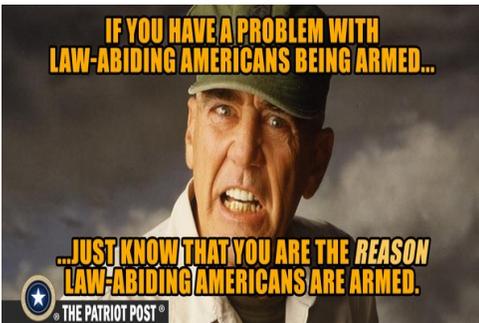
By Kevin L. Jamison

might shoot back. He picked a church because it was a gun free zone.

The usual suspects paternalistically warn that potential victims will only hurt themselves or that criminals will take the gun away from them and use it against them. If this were true there would be millions of examples. There are not. There do not seem to be enough examples to make a valid study. My research found more instances of victims disarming criminals instead of the other way around. Still this does not provide a reliable means of self-defense at the critical time.

Professor Dorman gets a number of factoids from "Every Town for Gun Safety" which he describes as "nonprofit" as if that was synonymous with "neutral." The NRA is "nonprofit" although I doubt he would give them the same authority as the rabidly partisan organizations he cites. He denounces self-defense advocates as bullies. We present facts and experience. Many find it unpleasant to have their beliefs challenged. This advocate is an attorney and I like to see evidence rather than emotion.

I thank-you for the honor of being your president.



"Nowhere else in the Constitution does a 'right' attributed to 'the people' refer to anything other than an individual right. What is more, in all six other provisions of the Constitution that mention 'the people,' the term unambiguously refers to all members of the political community, not an unspecified subset... The Second Amendment extends, prima facie, to all instruments that constitute bearable arms... The very text of the Second Amendment implicitly recognizes the pre-existence of the right and declares only that it 'shall not be infringed.'"

--Justice Antonin Scalia

It is a good day for Liberty.

Italian Firearms Group has produced a version of the Howdah pistol. The original Howdah pistol was created in India nearly two centuries ago. Tiger hunters were worried about their quarry getting in close where rifles were hard to bring to bear. The Howdah was a large bore double-barred pistol. This reproduction is .45LC/410. This is a smaller caliber than the traditional Howdah, but then tiger hunting is rare these days. One then asks if this is another solution in search of a problem? The company invokes the memory of the "Auto-Burglar" gun, a sawed-off shotgun marketed for personal protection. The current incarnation has a rifled barrel and so is not a sawed-off shotgun. It is a smaller bore than the Auto-Burglar. Still, its intimidation value cannot be underestimated. Would it work in self-defense? Of course. With the .45 LC or the proper .410 shot size it would work. It is large for a two-shot gun. Large helps intimidation. It is small for a double-barreled shotgun. There is no perfect firearm. Finally, it is hard not to want one.

The usual suspects tell us that we don't need guns we only need to stay in "safe" areas. Perhaps a "Gun Free Zone" because that works out so well. I remember hearing of a German U-Boat infiltrating the British naval base at Scapa Flow in Scotland. It torpedoed a battleship killing two-thirds of the crew. If a guarded naval base cannot be made safe there is no safe place.

The Missouri Valley Arms Collector's Association has been generous to us in the past. It is time to return the favor. They have paid off their IRS debt but are struggling to keep their gunshows going. They had to give up the Winter National Show years ago. They gave up their one-day gunshows this Spring. The fate of the Summer show depends on how much they make this July. The one-day shows were canceled because they lost money on them. If they can get a low-cost venue they may come back. The Summer National Show is part museum and part the most varied gun store in the state. It is worth attending just for the variety of guns. We need to make sure the Summer Show is a success. It will be on 28-30 July, 2017 at the KCI Center. Tell your neighbors, tell your friends. Post it at your range and gun club. They were there for us. We need to be there for them.

I have received calls from people whose apartment building had recently been posted "no guns." The question is how they could get to their apartment. By renting an apartment the tenant gets a property interest in his apartment. A property interest presumes an access to the apartment. There has been no case on this point in Missouri. Texas has reported a case *Chiarini v State* 407 S.W.3d 922 (Tx App 2014) and in the Court of Criminal Appeals at 442 S.W.3d 318. The defendant was charged with carrying a gun openly in his condominium. The Texas court said that he did not commit a crime because he was on his own property. According to the condominium bylaws he had an ownership interest in the common areas. The Texas court said that this was different from a rental agreement. I do not agree that it was different. When this comes up in Missouri I shall at least have something to work with. Of course, if one signs a lease agreeing to no guns one is stuck with it. The right to contract is also in the Constitution. This is different from public housing. Public housing agencies across the country have declared themselves "no guns" and imposed this on the residents. They have been losing these cases everywhere. That does not prevent them from continuing to impose unconstitutional rules on people who have no choice. This arrogant attitude is grounds for a lawsuit. Take money from them and it will get their minds right.

Kansas City rules for taxi drivers prohibits them from having any sort of weapon. Being a taxi driver is one of the most dangerous occupations in America. This can be overturned if we can get a taxi driver to sue. The cab driver does not have to be an American citizen. Uber prohibits drivers and

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passengers from possessing guns. It is a private company and can make its own rules. I can make my own choices for rented transportation.

Larry Swickard reports being stalked by a mountain lion while on one of his hikes in eastern Jackson County. Larry has never struck me as being that tasty but I'm sure that mountain lions have their own standards.

I see that Canada has 100 tornadoes a year, while we have 1,000. I expect the usual suspects to credit Canadian gun control or health scheme.

I continue to hear that the U.S. needs a "single payer" health system. No one ever says who this "single payer" is. This area is out of my field, but I would like to know in advance. Don't like surprises.

Stacy Washington, an African-American female journalist wrote opinion pieces for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. She was recently fired after writing a column in defense of the NRA. The tabloid's excuse was that she had appeared on NRA news. This was presented as something she had concealed. It is hard to conceal being on a news program and she had been quite open about it.

A high school girl accused three illegal immigrants of rape. The defendants claimed that it was consensual sex. Their attorney repeated their defense in response to the prosecutor's press conference. The defense attorney later appeared on the Tucker Carlson program and repeated this defense. Mr. Carlson was appalled and wondered about the effect of such a statement on the attorney's immortal soul. He acted as if questioning the veracity of the victim of a horrible crime was a crime in and of itself. Mr. Carlson does not seem to understand the function of a defense lawyer. We are to defend everyone and question everything. Later evidence indicated that the sex might have been consensual after all and the rape charges were dropped. In criminal law people lie all the time, for profit, for advantage, for press coverage and out of habit.

A man in Flagstaff Arizona was forced to shoot a mob of drunken frat boys, one was killed. At trial the prosecutor claimed that the shooter never claimed self defense until he "had an "audience at the police station." That was a lie. Video showed the shooter thanking the police for saving him, begging them to help the wounded, and stating that he thought he was going to die. The judge had excluded these videos as "prejudicial." The judge eventually granted the defense motion for mistrial. I have seen this dishonesty before. I began my career thinking we had a system of justice. No more.

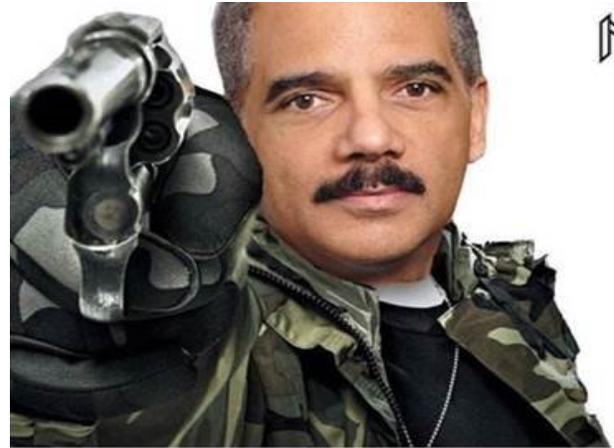
I write this on 15 May, Police Officer Memorial Day. For us this is every day.

Congress is awash with investigations. Some investigations are desperately trying to determine if there is something that needs investigation. It is easier to investigate than to actually do something.

The legislature defeated a bill to require non-profit groups, like us, to disclose the names of their members. We are likely to see this bill again. It does not matter. We will never give up the names of our members.

The "Gun Court" bill was defeated, in part thanks to your protests. We are likely to see it again.

We shall overcome.



MLP

**"A GOOD DAY TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT AG ERIC HOLDER RAN GUNS TO MEXICO, LIED TO CONGRESS ABOUT IT, WAS FOUND IN CONTEMPT & NEVER PROSECUTED."** - ANN COULTER

"Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people's liberty teeth and keystone under independence. The church, the plow, the prairie wagon, and citizen's firearms are indelibly related. From the hour the Pilgrims landed, to the present day, events, occurrences, and tendencies prove that to insure peace, security and happiness, the rifle and the pistol are equally indispensable. Every corner of this land knows firearms, and more than 99 99/100 percent of them by their silence indicate they are in safe and sane hands. The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil interference; they deserve a place with all that's good. When firearms go, all goes; we need them every hour."

--George Washington

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Indians, the French, and later the British who used them as pawns in the game of empire, they learned to look after their own defense and safety. Because freemen were equals, each was expected to shoulder responsibility for defense of their towns, cities, and colonies from threats internal and external. Hence they created militias consisting of free males able to bear arms. Some colonies attached age limits, typically between 14 and 50, and others specified female heads of household also possess arms and provide them for "sons and servants." The right to keep and bear arms, however, existed apart from and was not tied to eligibility to serve in a militia. This was the preferred method of self-defense against enemies because decisions on whether or not to go to war remained in the hands of the people.<sup>4</sup> Americans knew throughout history standing armies, whether in the hands of tyrants, dictators, kings, or popularly elected assemblies, especially in peacetime, had been used to oppress the people.<sup>5</sup>

Colonial laws typically required colonists not only possess arms, but carry them at all times in public including to church. Colonists viewed this as a viable deterrent to the many threats facing settlements from Indians to bandits. Against larger threats to an entire colony, militias from towns and cities were expected to rally to its defense bringing their own firearms and supplies, bought, not issued. Once the threat was defeated, militias were disbanded every with every man returning to his normal life.<sup>6</sup> Local and colonial governments could call out the militia but its members maintained control over its operations choosing their own officers. Maryland, and some other colonies, made a clear distinction between town, or publically, and privately owned firearms. The latter could not be requisitioned or commandeered by any government or militia. There were no separate rules for the arms private citizens and members of militias could own or where they could be carried. This made sense considering, when mustered out to militia duty, people typically brought their own arms. There was no distinction between or mystique over possessing "military" style arms at home alongside "civilian" arms, because they were one in the same.<sup>7</sup> Liberals with whom I was afflicted for 23 years as a teacher argued self-defense advocate's interpretation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment (okay, not their label. They use: "extremist, fringe, kook, radical, insane) would allow everyone to own tanks and artillery pieces. Has anyone out there found a holster for a Bradley tank or Howitzer? Let me know.

Contemporary Liberals and *Confiscationists* will certainly argue there is no need for military-style let alone military weapons in the hands of citizens, after all, America is possessed of a professional army. In any event Indian attacks are an unlikely prospect. However true, it misses the point. Defenders of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment could just as easily point out cities like Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Newark, Oakland, Philadelphia, and St. Louis, among many others, are in feverish competition to overwork coroners and morticians. Gun-slinger, "meet-me-at-high-noon," shootouts predicted by liberals if concealed carry was passed are, in fact, occurring in the environments most hostile to gun and self-defense rights. It could be argued that American, and all modern societies for that matter, are less polite and more dangerous than times past which cries out even more for the need of citizens to take responsibility for their own safety. But this still misses the point. America's founding generation came to terms with the main reason for people to possess arms; as a deterrent to oppression by their own government and, as a last resort, to defend liberty from their political masters. America's masters in 1774 were dead set on crushing any means of opposition to its governing policies.

Parliament and the Crown had grown impatient with General Gage's progress bringing rebellion in Massachusetts to heel. Their orders to him and America's royal governors was to "halt the importation of arms and ammunition to the colonies." Ships arriving in the colonies from other nations were to be stopped, searched, and all contraband, (arms, powder, and ball ammunition), seized.<sup>8</sup> Because Americans believed this violated their rights as Englishmen, merchants smuggled arms and powder out of Boston, a major supply hub for both. General Gage then ordered "searches





and seizures” resulting in the capture of weapons and gunpowder. Wagons and carts traveling overland, barges and boats on rivers, and ships plying coastal waters were stopped and searched for contraband by British soldiers and marines. Firearms, ammunition, and powder were declared the property of the king and confiscated over protests of private ownership and denial of nefarious purposes. These actions by His Majesty’s forces were as illegal in Britain’s North American colonies as they were in England itself.<sup>9</sup>

Although General Gage was by then intercepting and seizing a great deal of weaponry and powder in transit, “The arms seized were only the tip of the iceberg. The patriots acquired, moved, and secreted many more firearms and ammunition than were ever detected and confiscated.”<sup>10</sup> By 1774, all of New England faced the possibility of coming under British military rule. Gage’s forces conducted patrols and searches to prevent arms and powder from being exported to other colonies as well as into the Massachusetts countryside, considered the hotbed of rebellion. South Carolina’s governing body, the General Committee, declared Britain’s ban on the exportation of “arms and ammunition from England” a clear “design of disarming the people of America in order the more speedily to dragoon and enslave them.” The Committee’s recommendation to the people of Carolina was to lay their hand on as much powder and bullets as possible.<sup>11</sup>

On 14 April 1775, Gage “received the ministry’s directive” ordering him “to suppress the rebellion.” This was to be done, in part, by utilizing “Tory Corps” against the rebellion. Parliament and the king’s advisers were still convinced only a small vocal rabble opposed them in the colonies who would run when they came face to face with an armed Tory Corps supported by the British Army. There were those in the British government who warned it was otherwise. Americans would fight no matter what. Their voices were ignored. Britain’s leaders had decided that, once “completely disarmed” and all means of resistance confiscated, Americans could be put in their place.<sup>12</sup>

The day had arrived. On 18 April 1775, General Gage ordered Lieutenant Colonel Francis Smith and Major Pitcairn, commanding 900 soldiers, on an expedition to Concord, Massachusetts. They were to seize a large quantity of “Ammunition, provision, artillery, tents, and small arms the general’s intelligence sources said were there.” The operation was supposed to be secret but the patriots, who had their own spies and scouts, discovered what was afoot and activated their alert system; “one if by land, two if by sea” and so lanterns were hung in church steeples, two indicating that the British were crossing Boston Harbor by boat, headed to Cambridge. Paul Revere was one of several scouts who raised the alarm that the British were on the move.<sup>13</sup> On the next day, Gage’s forces set out toward Concord, not only to seize arms and anything useful for making war, but to arrest John Hancock and Samuel Adams, “two of the provocateurs” behind the rebellion. Both suspects were thought to be hiding in Lexington, some twelve miles northwest of Boston. Upon capture, Gage’s forces were to push on to Concord five or six

miles further west, “and destroy an arsenal that contained stocks of rebel weaponry and powder.” Gage’s plan was based on the quality of intelligence he was receiving which dictated he needed to move with stealth and alacrity or the weapons and prey would escape.<sup>14</sup>

Like clockwork, Gage’s forces set out before midnight “marching to Boston’s Back Bay where the navy was to transport them across the Charles River.” Fortunately for the Americans, the British navy failed to bring enough boats badly stalling the operation’s timetable and jeopardizing the element of surprise. Paul Revere and others sounded the alarm and Hancock and Adams, who were where British intelligence said they would be, escaped. Church bells sounded in the early morning hours in Concord and Lexington alerting the townspeople that the British were on the way. By 0430 hours, about 238 militia, most of whom were “dairy farmers” and “craftsmen,” reached Lexington Common ahead of the British led by Major Pitcairn. As soon as he arrived, Pitcairn ordered the militia, led by Captain John Parker, to lay down their arms and disperse. Heavily outnumbered and not wanting to fire the first shot, Parker, ordered his men to stand aside but gave no order for his men to surrender their weapons. Armed men faced each other. No one wanted to back down. Tension mounted. Suddenly someone fired the fatal first shot. No one knows who it was nor does it matter. Once fired, both sides commenced shooting at each other. Soon the colonials were bested and forced to give way. Eight of them had died and another nine were wounded. The war was on.<sup>15</sup> Rubbing more salt into their wounds of Americans, King George III paid Shawnee Indians to attack and raid American settlements along the frontier taking scalps to prove they had done so. His strategy was to use brutal Indian attacks to drive Americans and their militias toward the coast and into the arms of invading British armies.<sup>16</sup>

What is typically taught in American universities, and to some degree, public schools, is the American Revolution was about taxes and trade policies. Influential men of wealth, slave-holders and smugglers, were able to manipulate hot-heads and others into fomenting a rebellion leading to war. Victory dictated colonies, now states, be brought under one government with a constitution codifying and preserving the hierarchy of the rich and powerful. In addition to this false history, they completely censor the truth; it was the assault by decadent liberal British culture on the political and religious life of Americans, deeply grounded in their Judeo-Christian

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faith, which led to rebellion. And little, if any, mention is made that what finally pushed Americans to armed rebellion and then war; Britain halted the importation of arms and munitions into the colonies, confiscation of arms and powder belonging to cities and towns, and then confiscation of the same from private citizens. No doctrine or rationale had to be developed in support of armed resistance. Americans traced their rights to keep and bear arms back to the English Magna Carta (1215). When King George III refused any longer to accept Americans had such rights, colonists then expressed through the Declaration that this was a God-given right.

Americans did not rush to war driven by a few hot-heads as taught by some liberals. Resistance to British cultural contamination and political domination began more than a hundred years before the War of Independence. Attempts by the Crown to crush religious independence in Massachusetts (early 1600s), colonial chagrin over the British double-cross at the conclusion of the French and Indian War (1754-1763) was part of growing dissatisfaction and anger in the colonies over being used as a political and economic pawn in British empire building. Anger became protest in 1764 (Sugar Act), reignited with the Stamp (1765) and Townshend Acts (1767), was followed by the Boston Massacre (1770), Tea Act (1773), Boston Tea Party (1773), Coercive Acts (1774), seizure of arms and munitions belonging to towns, cities, and citizens (1774-75), and finally the British march on Concord and Lexington (1775). This was hardly a rush to war.<sup>17</sup> It was the culmination of a political philosophy of self-rule and the right to keep and bear arms, undergirded by profound Judeo-Christian principles that led to one inescapable conclusion; independence was the only way Americans could protect what they had built, a free society with no king or ruler but God.

<sup>1</sup> Editors, The Essential Thomas Paine (New York, N.Y., A Mentor Book, New American Library, 1969), 38.

<sup>2</sup> In Washington, D.C., politicians, political commentators, special interests, lobbies, and journalists describe compromises, ending gridlock, and getting the two political parties to come together with respect to this or that legislative agenda as making democracy work. Few if any appear to know or care that government has one responsibility, to protect the God-given rights of the people, also known as protecting liberty.

<sup>3</sup> For dog lovers who might be aghast, relax. I've never felt threatened by a dog in the woods even those running straight toward me. I reason; dogs bark and maybe attack intruders because the dog is protecting its territory and that of their owner. The woods is a virtual no-man's land belonging to no one. As long as I pose no threat to their owner, and I don't, they are unconcerned with me. This has proven to be the case. Most run up to, sniff, and then lick me returning to their owners. The worst canine problem I've had is the ones who fall in behind and stay with me on trails as if adopting me. What do I do with them? Fortunately, their owners find them and I don't have another mouth to feed.

<sup>4</sup> Clayton E. Cramer, Armed America: The Story of How and Why Guns Became as America as Apple Pie (Nashville, Tennessee, Nelson Current, Inc., 2006), 4.

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