

It is a good day for Liberty.

The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WMSA's founding will be this September. There will be a dinner on 24 September, 2019 at Bass Pro. We expect to have a speaker. There will also be elections for the Board of Directors so if WMSA has any power-mad members out there this is your chance.

For many years Missouri has pre-empted our gun laws. This means that local gun and ammunition laws cannot be more restrictive than state law. This prevents a patchwork of local ordinance Missourians must navigate on the way to the range or the hunt. The specter of a patchwork of laws has returned. Representative Clay from St. Louis has introduced a bill in Congress to allow local cities to pass their own gun laws. The mayors of St. Louis and Kansas City claim that they have tried everything absolutely everything, except gun control. They say that they need gun control because they have unique problems. They do not say what these unique problems are that can only be remedied by gun control. They do not say why towns like Smithville do not have proportionately sized problems. They do not say why the mostly suburban gun shops serve communities with few murders. The murders are concentrated in areas with pawn shops and nothing more. I once compared a map of Kansas City murders with the City's venereal disease rates. The maps were nearly identical. The same could be said for poor schools, poor medical care, unemployment and other social ills. Violence and the other ills seem to be symptoms of an underlying ill. If guns cause violence, the Voo Doo theory of crime, this does not explain rural counties with many guns that go from year to year with no violence. I remember reading of a rural Missouri prosecutor who said he handled eight murder cases. Seven of these cases were from the prison operating in his county.

There is some claim that the usual suspects do not want to take our guns from us. They "only" want to take semi-automatic guns. This seems to contradict their initial claim of not taking guns. In real English they are saying "I don't want to take your guns, but I am lying to you."

I checked out a copy of the audiobook "The Lamp Shade" from the library. It is the story of a lampshade made of human skin. The author bought it from a drug addict who looted it from an abandoned home after Katrina. The drug addict looter told the author it was made of human skin and of course the author believed him. When a drug addict looter tells you something of course you believe him; especially if he is testifying for the prosecution (in my experience). The revelation is; it was true. DNA proved that it was human skin. Of course his first thought is that is a relic of a nazi concentration camp. Shortly after Belson was liberated by the US there was a film made of various articles made of human skin. It was not a cinematic masterpiece. It appears that a lampshade was among the artifacts, but this is not certain. The author went on an Odessy to determine if the lampshade was made of Jewish skin and if it came from a nazi concentration camp. He never found out. He never found a Holocaust museum willing to take the lampshade for various peculiar reasons. One director told him that human skin lampshades were a myth and if he proved the lampshade was 100% real it would still be a myth. Of course, we see this constantly in anti-gun politicians. They claim that self-defense is not possible. When we prove that self-defense is possible, and frequent, they continue to claim it is not possible. Some places refused it because it was human skin and under Jewish law all human remains must be buried. Some objected that there was no proof that it was Jewish. There are many genocides in the world. Even if it is eventually proven to be the product of a lonely psychopath and basement tanner it is proof that God's prize creation can go very bad.

A woman is suing the Kansas City housing authority and its security company. The woman complains of being repeatedly assaulted in the building and that management ignored complaints. It will be interesting to see what evidence develops.

I remember defending a resident of the Independence housing authority. They wanted to evict him because he possessed a black powder rifle and a .22 pistol. We beat the eviction on Constitutional grounds. There have been many such illegal bans by housing authorities across the nation. They keep losing these cases. The NRA provided me with some research and eventually paid for my time in the case. The day after our win, the Independence housing authority placed **NO GUNS ALLOWED** signs on every door and window. They did so knowing that such rules are illegal and unenforceable.

A staffer For Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez (D NY) has declared that Congresswoman David's (D KS) is not racist, but allows racist things to happen. This sounds like a great deal of the same thing. Congresswoman David's is a Native American. I would never imply that a lady is

a racist on such frivolous grounds. Congresswoman David's practices mixed martial arts which I would think would deter even a democrat from crying racism.

When accused of racism I must smile. It is the last argument of the intellectually bankrupt.

The NRA is being sued by the New York State Attorney General, who has vowed to crush the NRA. A lawsuit like this could allow the judge to fire the NRA Board of Directors and officers. The judge could appoint replacements. I fear the usual suspects that might be appointed. Such persons could then get access to the membership list and list of past members. That is only the beginning of the mischief they could do. The NRA has problems that must be fixed. We must fix them ourselves. I hope that the powers that be recognize this. In the meantime, there swirl several lawsuits and the fees are enormous. Some have declared that the NRA will not get another penny from them until reforms are made. I understand this, I am not sure if it is a great strategy. There is genuine concern that the NRA will not be allowed to survive long enough to reform. We need the NRA for the election next year.

Former Justice John Paul Stevens has died. He has been retired for nine years. He will be remembered by our crowd for telling the anti-gun movement that they need to repeal the Second Amendment. This is an opinion we must repeat. He was anti-gun but the only way he saw to restrict them was to repeal the Second Amendment. The only amendment that has ever been repealed was Prohibition. Prohibition was passed during WW I and ratified two months after the war ended. When the doughboys came home, and wanted to celebrate, they found their recently acquired taste for French wines was illegal. Despite widespread opposition disparate groups of temperance advocates and moonshiners kept it in place until 1933.

The ATF is missing thousands of guns from their inventory. This is not accepted as a defense for an FFL who is missing even one. We aspire to a system of justice, not a system of fairness.

Rally Day has been changed to 7 April, 2020 still in the Capital Building in Jefferson City.  
We shall overcome.