

Savage Ignorance

Part I

By Larry "Lorenzo" Swickard



Recently I had occasion to patronize several commercial establishments including an apartment complex. Displayed on the glass entry door of each was the international symbol for "No," a red circle bisected by a diagonal line. Centered in each was a handgun; Beretta 92FS in the first, 1911A1, possibly a Colt, in the second, and a Glock 19, Gen 4 in the third. My thoughts were, thank God for Smith & Wesson. Why do those responsible for malls, schools, stores, apartments, and venues open to the public insist believing posting such stickers deters those bent on violent behavior? Criminals, by definition, exist outside the law and if legal prohibitions against them possessing firearms provide no dissuasion, a decal surely won't. Instead they disarm the law-abiding, the only ones already on the scene capable of halting violent crime and mass shootings.

Webster's Dictionary (a virginal source of information for today's students) defines a *Straw Man* as: "a weak or imaginary opposition (as an argument or adversary) set up to be easily confuted (overwhelm in argument, refute conclusively)."¹ Talk show host and baron of bombast Michael Savage recently launched a series of attacks on the 2nd Amendment, specifically semiautomatic rifles and their owners. His wild assertions are like an army of scarecrows so stuffed with combustible straw, one draws nigh with matches at his own risk. When a person says; "I own guns" or "I'm a big supporter of the 2nd Amendment" followed by a "but," they don't. They're lying. It's a trick to seize the intellectual and moral high ground thereby casting those in disagreement as extremists, Savage case in point. He began each show declaring support for the 2nd Amendment followed by an angry, often frothing at the mouth, denunciation of firearms owners and notions of self-defense thereby promoting arguments undercutting the very amendment he purports to defend.

Savage's first broadside came the day after the Las Vegas, Nevada Mandalay Bay Hotel mass shooting. He claimed to be a gun owner, big supporter of the 2nd Amendment, and to have given a "fortune" to the NRA apparently believing by brandishing such credentials he was immunized against critique. Savage asked if Americans should be able (allowed) to own "military grade weapons" and "assault rifles," terms left undefined. Should a man in therapy and on medication for mental problems be allowed to own a gun, he wanted to know. Savage asked if concealed carry was legal, how armed citizens could have stopped Stephen Paddock's rampage. In mocking tones he said; "Gun-slingers will say that. No matter what you hold in your pocket, you couldn't have defended yourself. Fallacious argument. All you John Wayne's with concealed carry on your mind, put it aside. You'd have gone down like ten pins." He asked why anyone "needed" an "automatic weapon"

declaring there needs to be "limits." Should people be "allowed" to own a Howitzer, Russian tank, or bazooka, he asked. No one "needs" a semiautomatic rifle to defend their house, Savage continued, saying a shotgun was much better in that role. "The whole idea you're going to get a semiautomatic rifle to hold off an army,

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come on. Stop the BS. If someone breaks into your house all you'll have time to grab in the dark is a shotgun and an automatic pistol, not a semiautomatic rifle. Unless you keep a semiautomatic weapon fully loaded, and in your bedroom, it's not going to do you any good. And if you do keep one, you're crazy. If you keep a semiautomatic rifle next to your bed cocked and locked and ready to fire, you're a sicko." He then mocked Mandalay survivors who said they were no longer atheists. Next he attacked unnamed conservative talk-show radio hosts who, after Mandalay Bay, still opposed new gun control laws and regulations, yelling into the microphone; "You bunch of John Waynes!" He claimed they were calling people like him now supporting stricter new gun control laws; "lousy communist Progressives" adding in sneering tones; "No one wants to seize your guns otherwise it would have happened during the Obama years." He asked how Paddock had obtained "machine guns" because "they are illegal" and reminded listeners he wasn't new to the gun control debate, had been on his high school rifle team, and then asked if every psycho in the nation should own machine guns? "Did you know machine guns are legal in Nevada?" Savage continued. "But of course, fully automatic rifles are illegal." What?! Continuing in mocking tones, he again asked who "needed" a fifty round drum magazine. "They should be illegal!" He shouted. "I argued this before. When I asked callers why they 'needed' one, they said to hold off the U.S. government which is against the private ownership of firearms."²

Savage continued his assault on the 2nd Amendment the following day floating hysterical conspiracy theories, and attacked the Las Vegas Police for taking too long to assault Paddock's hotel room. He reminded listeners he was a gun owner, "passed all the tests," and gave money to the NRA therefore his calls for new gun bans had to be reasonable. Again he asked if the right to keep and bear arms included hand grenades, bazookas, used Russian tanks, and half-tracks asking; "Should there be limits on the right to keep and bear arms? What do you mean saying the 2nd Amendment 'permits' you to have any number of machine guns? Does this mean you can own two hundred machine guns, that every man should be able to have an arsenal in his basement? I can see having weapons to defend yourself but does that mean an 'entire' arsenal? Why not RPGs and flame throwers? I don't think the 2nd Amendment goes far enough" he continued in sarcastic tones. "I think we should be allowed to have flame throwers for that evil government that may arise any moment now. We should be able to have flame throwers." During Savage's shows, he insisted on calling magazines "clips" and using the terms semi and fully automatic rifles interchangeably.³ He entertained, as experts, numerous callers claiming because they had been in Vietnam, they knew precisely what weapons Paddock used (opinions subsequently contradicted by the FBI). Many voices sounded too tender to have been alive let alone old enough to have served in Vietnam. Once again he labeled anyone holding contrary views as "John Waynes" and "right- wingers" promising to hang up on them if they called his show. Savage concluded by attacking the Las Vegas Police, again, and blaming mass shootings on prescription drugs and the "proliferation of guns."⁴

Savage's claims and Straw Man arguments are wrong on so many levels, space and sufficient matches probably don't exist to address them all. His oft repeated claim to be a firearms authority, supporter of the 2nd Amendment, and NRA backer is artifice, a trick as noted, to prevent debate to the contrary.

As to the efficacy of concealed firearms with respect to the Mandalay massacre, handguns are designed for self-defense at personal distances not against someone shooting rifles from the 32nd floor of a hotel window hundreds of yards away. Savage's attempt to undermine concealed carry by judging its validity against situations for which it was never intended is a fallacious straw man argument a practice he accuses critics of employing. Does he really know what he's talking about?

Doctors don't use the terms bacterial and viral infection interchangeably. Weight lifters know the difference between dumb and barbells. Authorities on any subject use proper terminology. Improper use exposes pretenders, poseurs, and frauds. For example, in Stephen King's novel *Salem's Lot*, his policeman character checks his .38 special revolver to ensure the "safety is on."⁵ A kid in his novel *IT*, warns another kid to be careful with his dad's pistol, a Walther PPK, because it has

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“no safety.”⁶ In the movie *The Fast And The Furious*, Vin Diesel’s character Dominic Torretto tells Paul Walker that his dad’s 1970 Dodge Charger’s engine had so much torque, it twisted the “chassis” coming off the line.⁷ As a Deputy Sheriff and later policeman in the 1970s and 80’s, I carried and or shot Ruger, Smith & Wesson, and Colt revolvers in .38 special and .357 magnum. None, nor those on revolvers of colleagues, had a “safety.” I’ve also shot a variety of PPKs from Walther and Manurhin and their clones from FEG to Bersa and each had de-cocker safeties. Except for the Imperial (1965), Chrysler abandoned the chassis in favor of a unibody frame, 1960-1961, exposing *The Fast And The Furious’s* writers to be automotive ignoramuses. In like fashion, Savage insisted on referring to drums and other magazines feeding semiautomatic pistols and rifles as “clips” and conflated “assault weapons, assault rifle, semiautomatic rifle,” and “machine gun” as interchangeable terms, one and the same.

A “clip” holds individual cartridges, “has no spring and does not feed shells directly into the chamber. Rather, clips hold cartridges in the correct sequence for ‘charging’ a specific firearm’s [fixed] magazine.”⁸ A magazine holds rounds in a box, separate from the firearm for the weapons under discussion. Examples of clip “fed” firearms would include the Russian Mosin-Nagant 91/30 and American M1 Garand of W.W. II fame as well as the postwar Soviet SKS. Cold War weapons like the U.S. M14 and later M16, are magazine fed. No such category of “assault weapon” exists for firearms. Any object that can be used to hurt another; flyswatter, umbrella, coat-hanger, or kitchen counter hardened wedge of cornbread is an assault weapon. The term “*assault-weapon*” was invented by liberals to frighten non-gun owners into believing your AR15 is identical to an M16 and that AKs and Mini-14s are full-automatic machine guns. Repeat after me; “The other side lies.” Editor of Jane’s Military Publications and firearms expert Charlie Cutshaw writes there are firearms categorized as “assault-rifles” but to be so classified they must be “shoulder-fired,” capable of fully automatic fire,” and chambered in a caliber intermediate “between pistol (or revolver) and rifle ammunition.”⁹ Some have a device allowing operators to switch from semiautomatic to full-automatic fire and back again. Commercial AK47s, AR15s, Mini-14s, and similar families of rifles do not have this capability. Their triggers must be pulled, one at a time, for each round fired hence they are not “assault rifles” but “semiautomatic rifles” and “carbines.” “Machine guns” are typically heavy and tripod mounted, with hand held versions called “submachine guns,” and are capable of full automatic fire, emptying a magazine with a single pull of the trigger.¹⁰ Consistent misuse of terminology indicates Savage is either both grossly misinformed and ignorant or flagrantly dishonest. Whichever, he has no credibility.

No one wants to take your guns is the mantra of people, who, in the same breath, call for “assault weapons” (sic) and “high-capacity” (sic) bans, like Savage. Time and again Liberals from anti-2nd Amendment organizations to Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have said no one wants to take your guns and then promoted Australian gun control which did just that. They are either stupid or brilliantly cunning. Perhaps dangerously naïve, I have never called liberals stupid because they’re not. Recall that U.S. District Judge Catherine C. Blake essentially resurrected the “sporting purpose” standard in upholding Maryland’s ban on AK and AR rifles mislabeling them “assault rifles” asserting they are not commonly used for lawful purposes including home defense.¹¹ In previous Bullets, I

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explained by studying what liberals say; *no one wants to confiscate guns*, followed by proposals to ban AR, AK, and similar rifles, sounds contradictory until one understands their two pronged “trick”; the first is how they define “gun.”¹² *Confiscationists* define “gun” in general as a firearm possessing a long established sporting purpose commonly used for hunting, trap and skeet shooting, and target competition at ranges with no military analogue.¹³ This would exclude ARs, AKs, FN-FALs, and so forth. The second part of their trick is to convince the non-gun owning public there is no difference between full and semiautomatic firearms. Obama and others have said time and again, AR15s, AKs, their derivatives, and similar rifles are military weapons that belong on battlefields, not our streets. It would not be confiscation, they argue, to return military weapons in civilian hands back to the U.S. Military where they belong.¹⁴ The only way to do this is through a ban on “civilian” possession of semiautomatic rifles and confiscate like Australia and England, and incrementally in California. How can Savage, living in Marin County, California, one of the most liberally infected in the galaxy, deny confiscation is not the liberal’s end game? He lies.

Like Judge Blake, Savage’s claim no one uses and no “cop” would recommend using an AR15 for home defense because they are such a poor choice, is pure buffoonery from one who has lived for too many years behind the Bay Area’s *Tofu Curtain*.¹⁵ Breathlessly, about to reveal a secret, Savage said his listeners, had never heard or been “told this” but one of the reasons AR15s are such poor choices is because the .223 round goes through walls. Shotguns and pistols are better because their rounds don’t. On the contrary, “More Americans than ever are relying on AR15s for home defense. Not only is an AR easier to shoot more accurately than a handgun---thanks to its additional points of contact with the body (cheek weld, shoulder mount, and two hands)---on AR rifles chambered in .223/Rem/5.56 NATO produces superior terminal performance and penetrates less when compared to the typical handgun.”¹⁶ An AR is harder to grab in the dark than a pistol or shotgun, Michael? Why is that? People have been attaching optics and lights to ARs for decades. A cocked and locked rifle makes one a “psycho” Michael?¹⁷ Employing his unloaded pistols and shotguns without lights against intruders beggars the question as to whose sanity should be in question. His rhetorical rant, “who needs” this or that firearm or “high capacity clips” and that the 2nd Amendment doesn’t allow possession of bazookas, hand grenades, and Russian tanks is a fallacious Straw Man argument to set the stage for infringements against the 2nd Amendment.

Savage is ignorant of or intentionally misrepresents the 2nd Amendment’s meaning. It grants no rights including to own anything. Rather, it recognizes an individual right to self-defense, to keep and bear arms, and establishes prohibitions against any government infringement on this right. The Declaration of Independence establishes it as a God-given right belonging to every individual inherent in their humanity whether government exists or not. It is inalienable and off-limits to a majority vote by one’s neighbors, act of government, or fashionable whim of the times. Rights cannot be modified, regulated, licensed, or infringed upon by government otherwise they would be called privileges.¹⁸ Inherent in the right of self-defense is the means by which one exercises it. To answer Savage’s “need” question, rights are not dependent upon a utilitarian need standard which, at best, is arbitrary, subject to popular opinion, or manipulated and controlled by those in power. Were this not so, government could raise the bar to demonstrate “need” so high, it becomes insurmountable thus rendering the right de facto abolished. Employing Savage’s Straw Man “need” standard to firearms ownership would subordinate it to ephemeral notions of “the common good, the good of the whole,” or “the greater good.”¹⁹ How long before it became extinguished? Ask Britons. By suggesting the 2nd Amendment regulates bazookas, half-tracks, Russian tanks, and grenades, therefore rifles can be regulated as well, is hay falling from massive gaps in Savage’s last Straw Man. Matches please.

Half-tracks and used Russian tanks are not firearms hence are regulated by other laws not the 2nd Amendment which applies to weapons citizen soldiers would keep and bear. Bazookas were the technological equivalent of shoulder fired canons, used against tanks, and grenades are sort of like

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exploding cannon balls. None of these are proper analogues to firearms. These are fallacious and false arguments employed by the deceitful to trick the unwary into surrendering bits and pieces of their 2nd Amendment rights until all of them are gone. This explains why Savage banned calls from those who knew what they were talking about in favor of kooks, the deluded, and poseurs. More matches in part two.

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¹⁵ I should know, I lived there for ten years.

¹⁶ Richard Nance, "Your AR15 ASAP: Hornady's Rapid Safe Wall Lock and Gunlock Provide a Safe Storage Solution for Quick Access in the Home," Guns & Ammo 10 (October 2017), 76.

¹⁷ Expanding what constitutes "mental illness" and "mental instability" is very popular on the Left who will use such determinations to expand individuals prohibited from owning firearms. Can thought-crimes be far behind?

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¹⁹ Jeff Snyder, A Nation of Cowards (St. Louis, Missouri, Accurate Press, 2001), 119-121.

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LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a good day for Liberty.

I saw an eagle near the Kansas City airport, also near the gunshow venue. Another reason to visit.

There is a recent appellate case upholding a conviction because the defendant did not adequately ask for a lawyer. He initially asked for a specific lawyer, but that was in the context of a request to search his home. He later said that he should get a lawyer; a lawyer was something he should ask for. The court said that the statement “maybe I should talk to a lawyer” was not enough. The request for a lawyer must be clear and unequivocal. And these statements were just too vague in a society in which the right to a lawyer is recited in police shows every hour of every day. In another case, the statement “I should get a lawyer dog” has been ruled to be entirely too vague. The term “dog” is a familiar street term of address. This is known to police and even people who watch police shows. The appellate court pretended to believe that the police could not possibly understand that the subject wanted an attorney and not some kind of a canine. The US Supreme Court has ruled that to invoke the right to remain silent, one must speak. To get a lawyer, one must already have a lawyer to tell you how. For our members say this; “I invoke my right to remain silent. I want a lawyer.” Say nothing more. Saying anything afterwards may be taken as a revocation of the rights.

I have read Gerry Spence’s *Police State*. Gerry Spence is a famous lawyer and he recounts some of his cases in which he believes the powerful abused their power. Two of the cases involve families who rejected the outside world as satanic and believed that God had revealed to them how to live. This interfered with the powerful when they wanted Randy Weaver to inform on the Aryan Nations and Randy did not want to. Another family insisted on teaching their children at home. The powerful considered their efforts to be inadequate. The family refused to cooperate stating that even talking to the powerful would negate everything they had done. In both cases the refusal went fatally wrong. People toss off comments about rising up against government abuses. I wonder what would make me as sure as these two families. They did have supporters, fanatics of one sort or another. They were sure, they were very sure. They defied the government and lost. No one rose up with them. In the Founding Father’s time many people were sure. People of all classes and location. Not everyone. Not even a majority. But they were very sure. They were sure because the powers that be would not even listen to their complaints. The families in Spence’s book would not speak to the powers that be, even when they offered a compromise. The day when power does not listen and will not compromise, that might be the time to start talking.

I saw *Casablanca* recently. I noted the scene in which the nazis filled Rick’s café with nazi songs. The resistance leader responds by leading the café in the French national anthem, *La Marseilles* and they sing the nazis down. We need songs or old songs with new words promoting the Second Amendment. If you get the translation of *La Marseilles* you can see that it is a really violent anthem. The Star Spangled Banner is about a battle but the *Marseilles* calls citizens to arms, form your battalions, there are tyrants over there, let’s go get them! It sounds classy in French.

California has legalized marijuana. This does not make it legal in Missouri. I’ve had some clients who thought that if they bought marijuana in a state where it is legal they could then transport it home. No. Some Missouri cities have decriminalized possession of small amounts. This does not make it legal. It still goes on your records as a drug offense. It is illegal under federal law for a user of marijuana to possess guns. The statute says user, not addict. There is no exception for medical use. A trivial conviction for marijuana possession could be used to deny your right to own guns.

The local paper had an editorial in favor of “gun buy backs.” These are not buybacks because the buyer never owned the guns, they are buy ups. The premise is that removing guns from the city would reduce “gun violence” which is seemingly the only kind that interests the usual suspects. They are a waste of money. Even Kansas City Mayor Sly James does not support the idea. The money used could be better used to process rape kits to see if there is a common offender or an offender whose DNA is already in the system. It could pay for body cameras for police. It could get police decent socks. On the positive side, a buy up gives the usual suspects an all-day sucker to make them believe they have accomplished something. They are then less likely to meddle with our rights.

The book *Island of Vice* recounts Teddy Roosevelt’s career as a reform police commissioner in New York. The political machine before him had many laws against vice, seemingly to create a market for bribes. The reformers decided to enforce all laws and rules of police conduct. This sounds like a reasonable reform program. The trouble was the even reformers did not want *all* the laws enforced. Enforcing all laws meant closing bars on Sunday, in those days the only day off for working men. Roosevelt quarreled with machine politician and in the heat of the moment agreed to a duel. This was also against the law. When enforcement of the law reached wealthy private clubs and private parties featuring Little Egypt’s risqué dance enough was enough. Roosevelt was encouraged to become the Secretary of the Navy. This is the problem of over-regulated societies; they promote corruption and are a nuisance to reform.

There has been another unusual election in Virginia. An election for the state house of representatives turned out to be a dead tie. The tie was resolved by the parties drawing the winning card from a bowl. The republican won and the result may be marginally better for our side. It could have been marginally worse. The next time someone tells you that his single vote would not make a difference, tell him this story.

Jose Ines Garcia Zarate, a multiple illegal immigrant and convicted felon, was acquitted of murdering Kate Steinle in San Francisco. He was found guilty of being a felon in possession of a firearm under California law. He was sentenced to time served. The gun in question had been stolen from a law enforcement officer. The defendant claims

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to have found the gun and fired it by accident. This is possible. The bullet was flattened as if it ricocheted off the pavement. Felons seem to have a high rate of negligent discharges. He is now being prosecuted under federal law for being a felon in possession and an illegal immigrant in possession. It is not considered double jeopardy for the feds to prosecute someone on the same charge as the state. They are considered different sovereigns and that makes all the difference.

Facebook suggested that I be friends with Mr. Judge, the creator of insulting anti-gun owner cartoons for the Star. I thought it was a joke so clicked on it and he accepted me as a friend. Facebook then suggested that I befriend a number of his virulently anti-gun owner friends. I didn't know that Facebook had a sense of humor. I've clicked on these persons and the joke continues.

Due to some argument over internet games a man in California spoofed a SWAT team in Wichita. He convinced them an innocent Wichita man had killed one of several hostages. When told to come out and raise his hands he raised and lowered them several times. One of the team, pumped with adrenaline and expecting to see a weapon and encounter resistance, killed him. The usual suspects encourage people to call the police whenever they see a person with a gun. When the police say "hands up" obey; we can argue in court where it is safe.

We shall overcome.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

THE LIARS

K. L. Jamison

Galileo's *Two New Sciences* is written as a debate about physics. The author's character warns the others not to take some statement of his that lacks a hairsbreadth of the truth and under it hide their misstatement as broad as a ship's cable. In *The King and I* the King of Siam complains, "Some things nearly so/Some things nearly not." I understand this. There are few absolutes in the world. Even the mathematical constant "pi" is an approximation. The people who see only the gap between the approximate and the absolute are annoying. Then there are people who lie to us.

The usual suspects had a speaker who would appear on radio programs and accused the pro-gun speaker of waiving a gun at her. Media at these programs never mentioned the lie. It does not stop. On 27 December, 2017 Dr. Dean Winslow circulated a complaint that he was denied a federal appointment because he spoke out against gun ownership. He justified his comment claiming that assault rifles were useless for self-defense. He had fired military assault rifles in the Army and claimed they were excessively powerful and inaccurate over 100 yards. I wrote the Star on these points. In the late 70's I taught a female Staff Sergeant to shoot. For foolish reasons of the time she had never touched a weapon and was afraid of the rifle's power. I fired a few rounds with the stock against my nose and then my groin. Recoil is negligible. WMSA Board Member Gary Davis objected to my story. He argues that shooting from such unconventional positions is a bad example. This is true, but it resolved the Sergeant's phobia. We all know that the M-16/AR-15 is accurate to hundreds of meters. Anyone who has fired them knows these things. The claim that the rifle is useless for self-defense is an obvious lie. The military has issued the rifle for fifty years. It has been used for self-defense. It rides in many police cars in place of shotguns.

He went on to say that AR's are perfect for mass murder but cannot be used in self-defense. The statement is absurd. It claims that only evil men can fire the gun and it is only accurate in the hands of evil men. Experience and logic show this is not true. Perhaps Dr. Winslow did not give the claim a moment's thought. He also claimed that Australia has seen no mass murders since semi-automatic and pump action rifles and shotguns were banned. This is not true. However a lie told often enough becomes the truth.

When pilots were allowed access to pistols on commercial aircraft the usual suspects claimed that "by definition" this gave passengers access to the gun. A moment's thought gives the realization that an armored door stands between the passengers and the gun. The lie was repeated without thought.

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Some people tell these lies without thought. Some tell them because they are told that lies are the truth. Some know they are lying and believe a better world will come of lying.

In 1999 we attempted to pass concealed carry by referendum. We were told by the experts not to call the opposition liars. They proved that they could lie faster than we could tell the truth and we lost. Never again. Calling liars out is a delicate thing. People don't want to decide who is lying; it is too much like jury duty. It takes time to prove a lie and by the time it is proved the liar will have jumped to another lie. It is often possible to dismiss them with "You have been misinformed."

I was part of a debate when my opponent claimed that there was no law prohibiting adult abusers from possessing guns. Of course there is a law against it. It is a federal law not a state law and these liars often claim that there is no such law in Missouri. However federal law is everywhere. The usual suspects claim that SB 656 passed last year specifically allows persons convicted of adult abuse to possess guns. The bill said nothing remotely of the kind but they carry on lying.

There are many kinds of liars. They lie to us and think we are stupid enough to believe them. They are surprised when show them up.

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

"It is natural to man to indulge in the illusions of hope. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth — and listen to the song of that syren, till she transforms us into beasts. Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those, who having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation?"

—Patrick Henry (1775)

"Government shutting down — partially — is not a disaster. The real disaster is paying \$4 trillion a year to keep it running and getting such poor service in return."

—John Stossel

WE HAVE A WINNER!



Paul S. of Raytown (above left) was the winner of the Ruger Mark 4 pistol. He is a WMSA member and NRA firearms instructor. Also Pictured is our Corporate Secretary and FFL Dealer Dick H. who handles the legal paperwork on all transfers.

NOTICE:

The General Membership voted to increase the annual dues for WMSA Membership effective at your next renewal. A \$5.00 increase to both Regular and Senior members was approved.

Beginning with your next renewal dues will be:

Regular members \$30.00 per year

Seniors members \$20.00 per year

The increase is necessary to cover the monthly printing costs of our newsletter.

During 2017 the cost of the newsletter printing and mailing was \$500 over what we received in annual memberships.

This increase has been looming and we finally had to make the difficult decision to request the increase.



HELP NEEDED!

WMSA is again without a gun show coordinator. Ideally two people show share this responsibility.

Please consider helping WMSA fill this critical position.

Duties:

- Keep and maintain gun show supplies
- Call RK Shows and reserve table
- Schedule volunteers to work table at RK Shows
- Set up Gun Show table on Friday preceding shows
- Pack up gun show supplies on Sunday afternoon (previous personnel worked Sunday afternoon at show)
- Schedule table dates at Bass Pro
- Schedule volunteers to work table at Bass Pro (very easy)
- Meet with WMSA Treasurer to turn over cash after gun show (usually within a week)
- Is an ex-officio board member and is invited to attend monthly Board meeting (not required to attend)

About one half of our funding comes from these shows so this is critical to the success of our organization..

Please contact me if you are interested or two or more people could work together to handle these tasks.

If you have questions please call: [816-628-3844](tel:816-628-3844)

"Man, once surrendering his reason, has no remaining guard against absurdities the most monstrous, and like a ship without rudder, is the sport of every wind."

—Thomas Jefferson (1822)

"Those who lack the capacity to achieve much in an atmosphere of freedom will clamor for power."

—Eric Hoffer (1902-1983)

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- 2) Confront the media's twisted portrayals of gun rights issues.
- 3) Politicize and activate gun owners in defense of their rights.
- 4) Acquaint the public with the true nature of the Second Amendment.
- 5) Network with other pro-gun groups to coordinate local, state and national strategies.
- 6) Train people in basic firearm safety and handgun defense.
- 7) Sponsor and support pro-gun legislation.
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