

It is a good day for Liberty.

The US Concealed Carry Association, publishers of Concealed Carry Magazine, will have their annual concealed carry expo in Kansas City Missouri 20-22 March, 2020. It will be held at the KCI expo center where the RK gun show is held. There will be seminars, classes, exhibits of all manner of self-defense equipment and accessories.

Rally Day has been changed to 7 April, 2020 still in the Capital Building in Jefferson City. A great many anti rights bills have been filed and it will take a good showing just to maintain our existing rights. To expand our rights will take a great showing.

Virginia's annual Gun Rights Rally was magnificent. They do it on Martin Luther King Day, which fits in with gun rights as civil rights. It seems that the Virginia legislature is open on this federal holiday. The Virginia Governor (let him not be named) declared a state of emergency for predicted violence. He invoked the Charleston violence by racist and ANTIFA groups. The rally had been held for years without trouble. The governor claimed "intelligence" of planned violence. The only public evidence was the arrest of three (count them *three*) violent racists who might have planned to attend and might have planned violence. In the event 22,000 persons attended on a cold Virginia day. They were of various races however the media kept stressing they were predominately white males. There was a small group of socialists who denounced the Rally through a bullhorn as "phony" and preached revolution to bemused Rally participants. This may have been an attempt to provoke violence. It failed. Their bullhorn was occasionally drowned out with chants of "USA." There was no violence. One person was arrested for wearing a bandana as a mask in violation of the law. This person was a left-wing activist.

The Virginia governor sent "non-essential employees home. Business were urged to do the same. Extra police were brought in, who got on well with the demonstrators. Everything was done to create an aura of impending doom. A "gun free" protest zone was established. This left the vast majority of participants outside the zone, and armed. I do not think the persons wearing camouflage and body armor did us any good. This usually seems to be more of a threat than a protest. I seldom think that open carry of semi-automatic rifles does us any good. In this case it made the point that thousands of armed people can gather and there is no violence.

The Virginia governor will doubtless claim that his actions made the event safe. It may have suppressed turn out. In light of the governor's threats to use the National Guard to enforce his proposed gun laws some people may have thought it a trap. I understand this but it reminds me of the "St Crispin's Day speech from *Henry V* that by shrinking from the conflict they "will hold their manhood cheap." It was a good day for liberty.

The Chiefs won an important game. I was not watching but I knew the game was over and we had won when I heard gunfire. This is stupid. What goes up must come down. Every person injured is another advocate against us. My father was on Okinawa when WW II ended. He said "every nut on the island started shooting in the air." People were killed by celebrants of the end of WW II. An American outpost in Iraq went to battle stations when gunfire erupted all around them. They prepared to repel boarders only to discover none of the gunfire was coming their way. The Iraqi soccer team had won a big game and the gunfire was celebratory. I don't see how anyone is still alive in the Middle East.

A killer opened up on a line of people entering a Kansas City bar. He killed one and injured 15 before a security guard killed him. The only thing to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.

The senior Iranian general and mastermind of their terror program has been killed. His crimes date back to the seizure of the American embassy. There should be no problem with this. In WW II Admiral Yamamoto, architect of the attack on Pearl Harbor was ambushed and killed. The British tried to assassinate Field Marshal Rommel. My problem is that the talking heads referred to this as "taking him out." He was not escorted from the playing field, he was killed. And it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy.

The Western Missouri Shooters Alliance held a postcard writing event. At the last general membership meeting postcards were distributed and the members invited to write a short message to the Missouri Governor. The members received a reply from the governor. It was a mushy statement of support for the Second Amendment but a start. The governor's statement to the legislature included a statement of support for gun rights. It did not offer any support for the various anti-gun rights proposals in the legislature. Little things can have good results.

One columnist has written New Year resolutions for the gun community. The first was to clean your carry gun. I would also resolve to practice with it. A great resolution would be to send a pro-rights letter to the governor.

I settled the beard growing contest. I declared martial law. If the governor of Virginia can declare a state of emergency when there is none then I can declare martial law. One of the contest judges objected saying that I did not have the power to declare martial law. I made him sit in a corner and **think about what he had done**. Another judge claimed that martial law was unconstitutional. I made him sit in a corner and **think about what he had done**. Another judge wanted to know my authority for declaring martial law. I made him sit in a corner and **think about what he had done**. I was running out of corners so went straight to the winner. Kim Marchant-Lucas is the winner of the Beard Growing contest. Some might argue, at least until they realize I have a corner left, that Kim is a woman and cannot grow a beard. They forget that under our politically correct rules the contestant only needs to **imagine** a beard length. Kim imagined a long flowing mass of hair that would make Rapunzel envious. Her prize is an empty cartridge case, and she must empty it herself. The runner up is Paul Allen who actually has a long beard. But, he is a man and under our politically correct rules that counted against him. That is the contest. There will be no re-counts and no appeals. I still have a corner left.

The National African American Gun Association has announced its inaugural convention will be 14-16 August at the EpiCenter in Atlanta Georgia. The internet post of this news was greeted by persons complaining that this is a "racist" organization. These commentators do not appreciate the value of an African-American organization that is on our side. African Americans have a unique experience with gun rights and a unique need for self-defense. They draw attention to our cause simply by refuting the stereotype of a gun owner. How many times were the Virginia demonstrators denounced as racists? With NAAGA with us that will be a harder accusation to make.

President Trump issued an executive order repealing the \$2,500 yearly tribute the State Department levied on gunsmiths. This is great, although three years late.

We shall overcome.