

It is a good day for Liberty.

French police Colonel Arnaud Beltram exchanged himself for a hostage a terrorist was holding. He was killed when police stormed the terrorist. The world is short a brave man.

WMSA member Marvin Moore has shared a letter from Congressman Sam Graves. The Congressman affirmed his support for our rights. Congressman Graves is well known to us as a friend. He has an FFL and has actively supported our rights.

We have learned that the National Reciprocity bill, which would require each state to honor the concealed carry license of all other states, is dead for the year. Other congressmen do not have the spine to vote for it due to the recent mass murders and screaming from the usual suspects. President Trump is not pushing for it so it will not happen.

Armed security officers are increasingly hired at schools. Ron Astor an education professor at the University of Southern California says that putting guns in schools makes them akin to prisons. He says that the use of drugs and guns are reduced in warm caring environments. He does not say where to find such environments. He appears to believe that if the school does not have armed security then psychopaths will not attack them. Experience shows otherwise. Admittedly, school massacres are a rare event. The question becomes will students be more traumatized by their fellows being killed, or by armed security to prevent killings?

Deerfield Illinois has banned possession of "assault rifles" and shotguns and pistols with certain features. Anyone in possession of such a firearm after 13 June, 2018 is subject to a \$1,000 a day fine. Lawsuits have been filed. Another town in Illinois has a similar law and the lawsuit against it went to the Supreme Court, and the Supremes refused to hear the case. It will take years for the Deerfield case to reach the Supreme Court. By that time we need to have new and friendly faces on the Court. In a refusal to take a Second Amendment case Justice Thomas wrote a dissent criticizing the Court for treating the Second Amendment as a second class right.

In order to have new and friendly faces on the court, we must have a president who will appoint them and a senate which will confirm them. This requires political action. Claire McCaskill is up for re-election. Twenty-five years ago she famously declared that a twelve-year old could go into any gun shop and buy an AK-47 with no questions asked. Now she wants to pretend that she is just a country girl. She must think we are terribly stupid.

A man in Gulfport Mississippi was committed to a mental hospital. Nine months later doctors cleared him of any mental issues. His guns were returned to him by court order. He was then arrested on federal charges of possessing guns after an involuntary mental commitment. The case is scheduled for trial.

A North Carolina shooting range was set on fire in early April, 2018. WMSA Board Member Carl Smart found more cases of arson at shooting ranges. It is difficult to rate the professionalism of the job, such techniques can be found on the internet. It was more than just a splash of gasoline and a match. Gas containers were stacked around support beams and fuses run to the gas. This is how much the usual suspects hate us.

The internet, in its nearly infinite wisdom, thought that I should read about the “Glitter Boob Incident.” Who am I to argue with the internet? A woman attended a New Zealand festival with her breasts covered only with glitter. A young male, drink in hand, took this as an invitation. He slipped up behind her and grabbed her breast. All this in front of a throng of festival goers. The interesting part, and for me this is the interesting part—I am old, he then immediately fled. Flight is considered to be a sign of conscious wrongdoing. The woman pursued him and gave him some slaps about the head. These were vigorous, but not as hard as he deserved. His attack on her is certainly sexual assault. He then broke off the assault, turned and fled clearly indicating that he was withdrawing from the assault. Under the law, the lady had no right to pursue him and slap him. She might plead provocation but certainly committed simple assault. It might also be called entirely too mild an assault given the provocation. So both parties are assailants, both parties are victims. This demonstrates the importance of being the first to call 911. Prosecutors do not usually charge both persons. I would expect the male to be the defendant. Neither seems to have made a police report, although a video of the incident seems popular. This failure may be unconstitutional. It deprives defense lawyers of work, and a good story for their memoirs. The lady was attending dressed in glitter to protest women being viewed as sexual objects. I question her tactics but cannot think of a garment that would accomplish her objective.

I have often tried to teach my Goddaughter that men take nearly anything as permission. I also tried to teach her to throw a punch. Anyone she hits will be struck with a cell phone for that thing never leaves her hand. It is a poor weapon but we work with what we have.

A letter to the editor stated that the King’s order to confiscate the colonists’ guns was the basis for the Second Amendment. A response claimed that there was no history supporting this statement. The response heatedly went through the powers of congress in Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution regarding the militia, none of which involve an uprising against an oppressive government. The response has obviously read Article 1 Section 8 but does not mention the congress’ power to arm the militia in that section. This was considered insufficient by the Founders and so the Second Amendment was passed guaranteeing the right to keep and bear arms to the people. A cursory reading of the Federalist Papers or any of the political literature of the period shows that the Founders were very afraid that the government they were creating could be a Frankenstein monster that would crush the young republic in its crib. All agreed that the common man with the assault weapon of the age was the bulwark of liberty. It irritates me when people who claim research on this subject come up with such obvious lies.

Another letter demands that dealers at gun shows must be required to do background checks. This has been required for over twenty-five years. The usual suspects like to pretend that there are no laws and they must protect us. Sometimes it is hard to tell if they are lying, been lied to or just assume that the worst is true.

I have always said that the attorney-client privilege is sacred. The office and home of President Trump’s private lawyer has been searched by the FBI. The

FBI claims that the lawyer is not really a lawyer because his only client is President Trump. The lawyers representing Microsoft have only one client. The number of clients is irrelevant. They claim the lawyer had evidence. Of course. That is a lawyer's job. The FBI wants to go through all of these private papers and decide what will support a conviction. They say they will give the others back. They promise.

A man had his gun rights restored by the ATF, when that was possible. He sued to determine if Missouri could prosecute him for being a felon with guns. The Missouri Supreme Court said yes. His rights were restored but the conviction was not expunged, he was still a felon. I am surprised and appalled.

We shall overcome.