

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

The NRA has filed for bankruptcy. This is not as bad as it sounds, but it could be a great deal better before I was happy. The filing in Texas has no doubt delighted the usual suspects. The NRA says that it does not mean that the NRA is bankrupt. Of course, that is what it seems to mean and I would not have phrased it like that. The NRA has filed a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy in the Federal Bankruptcy Court in Texas (see how that word keeps popping up). A Chapter 11 filing seeks to reorganize the filing party with the goal of its continued existence. A Chapter 11 is often used by businesses and cities in order to protect the entity from lawsuits, creditors and to establish an orderly structure to pay everyone off. The creditors may be delayed in getting all their money. The NRA says that everyone will be paid. This may stave off some lawsuits. Legal bills have been an enormous cost to the NRA. The NRA plans to relocate and re-incorporate in Texas. I do not think this will stop the persecution by the New York Attorney General. The acts complained of occurred while the organization was incorporated in New York. The NRA current headquarters is in Fairfax Virginia, a suburb of Washington DC. The NRA has filed bankruptcy in Texas because a subsidiary filed for bankruptcy there nearly two months ago. Since the NRA intends to relocate there it makes sense as a friendlier environment. I recall some thirty years ago or more the NRA considered moving to New Mexico. It did not because of the need to have a presence in the DC area. It will continue to need a presence there, but this could be accomplished by the Institute for Legislative Action or a portion thereof.

Some WW II pineapple grenades were sold at the Fancy Flea Antique Mall in Shallotte North Carolina in June of 2020. It was later proved that they were live and a Virginia teenager was killed. The ATF is looking for any other grenades sold at this shop. Military personnel are notorious for bringing back unexploded ordinance. A former MP told me of a nurse who showed up at his desk in Viet Nam with an 82mm mortar shell. The VC had fired it through the roof of her hospital. It failed to explode and she wanted to send it home. The MP told her to take it out back, drop it into the pit for that purpose and, if she lived, come back and see him. Twenty years ago a collector acquired a shell fired during the Civil War. He enthusiastically began to clean the rust off the relic. Then it exploded. In my youth the Kansas City Police sent a team to schools to warn about old explosives and unattended, seemingly broken, guns. The grenades I have seen that have been deactivated have a large hole in the base. Best not to take chances.

In other disasters, I have been diagnosed with diabetes. I have never used alcohol and I gave up sweets when I saw my father's diabetes needles. Still, I get diabetes. Life is not fair. This forces me to read the ingredients on packages of food to check for sugar, carbohydrates and salt; the things that make food worth eating. We had a distinguished member with diabetes who did not watch his diet and lost half his leg as a result. He did not take the hint and died badly. I have no desire to follow him. Still, I wonder, if someone comes after me with a glazed doughnut, is it attempted murder?

Under extreme stress, like a gunfight, adrenaline pounds through the system. Adrenaline eats blood sugar. When a diabetic's blood sugar drops like a rock, he appears to be drunk. The witnesses first statement will refer to "The drunk with the gun." Diabetics need to keep a piece of hard candy in their self-defense gear.

The Kansas City Star quoted an anti-gun rights leader as saying that Missouri has weak gun laws; no background check and domestic abusers can have guns. This is a lie. Federal law requires a background check in gun shops and prohibits persons convicted of even misdemeanor domestic abuse from possessing guns for the rest of their lives. They offer no contrary opinion. I offered to give them information on the law when they began their "gun violence" series, they have not responded.

The same article refers to "Moms Demand Action" as a "gun safety not for profit." The NRA is a gun safety not for profit. Moms Demand Action is an anti-gun rights action group and cannot point to a single gun safety class it has conducted.

The newspapers carry warnings of armed demonstrations planned against state capitals. None of the gun rights groups know anything of such demonstrations. There may be persons with deep, dark and very private plans. The Virginia grassroots has conducted their annual demonstration, but there was no violence and not even a threat. The reports make us seem very dangerous and needing restrictions. The reports of the riot in the Capital Building increase and each report describes them as more organized and a greater threat. Democratic congresspersons claim to have seen republican congresspersons give "reconnaissance" tours to rioters the day before the riot. This is nonsense, the republicans were in as great a danger as the democrats. Greater lies will probably be seen. That riot will be used against us and used to excuse any number of restrictions. This teaches us not to threaten but to show how great a group of friends we can be.

If the time comes to waive guns in people's faces, I will overcome arthritis and do so. But it will be with the knowledge that I have failed.

In the words of two great time travelers, “Be excellent to each other!”
We shall overcome.