

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

I had planned on holding a covid 19 mask shoot in September. Events conspire against me. The new “delta” variant is about the state and many places have resumed requiring them. Most of these places exempt persons who have been vaccinated. This gives me time to find someone who can loan me a Tommy Gun for the Great Event.

I was at a gun show at the Cable Dahmer expo center in Independence. I had to go through a metal detector to get in. My bag was searched. Consider this; I was checked for weapons before going into a gun show.

The Czech firearms firm CZ has purchased Colt Firearms. CZ makes excellent firearms. Their pistols seem to snuggle into the hand as if trying to take up residence.

The US 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals covering Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, has ruled that it is unconstitutional to deny handguns to persons 18 to 20 year old. This will not be the final word on the subject. There may be a petition for the entire court to hear the case. It may be appealed to the Supreme Court.

I was on a radio program called Gary on Guns out of Columbia. There was another pro-gun lawyer on the program who claimed that the Second Amendment Preservation Act prevented local law enforcement from arresting Missourians for possessing unregistered machine guns. This is not what the law says. The law says that local law enforcement can assist the feds in cases involving crimes for which there is a Missouri equivalent. We have a law against possessing unregistered machine guns. I know he was working towards a specific defense but he was interpreting the law as wished it was written, not as it was. The bill did not repeal our machine gun law. If the defense I am thinking of is to work, I think it would have to repeal our machine gun law. Even if I am wrong, it is only a defense. It would be necessary to convince a number of judges; perhaps five or so. To do so will cost a great deal of money. Unless one has a 55 gallon drum stuffed with \$100 bills I would not take the chance.

I saw a report of a news crew doing a report on front of city hall on crime in the community. They were robbed. A Chicago man was released from jail, only to be shot 64 times when he stepped outside. The article said that he was the third person ambushed leaving the jail. Chicago lawyers may be plagued with clients demanding to remain in jail. I mention these incidents to stress that no place is safe.

There has been a massive spike in gun sales in the past year. A large number of these sales are to brand new gun owners. The usual suspects smirk and say that crime has increased and this is not a coincidence. A recent study in the scientific journal “Injury Epidemiology” has found this is not the case. This does not convince the usual suspects.

A member brought the website Newdiscourses.com to my attention. It does not discuss guns and is focused on refuting critical race theory. Members who find this theory being taught might find it useful.

Everyone check the expiration date of your License To Carry. Right now. I will wait. When I went to renew my LTC I checked the card and they had put the wrong year as an expiration date. Be sure to check. A member tells me that Lafayette County has run out of the materials to make the plastic cards and is issuing paper licenses in the interim. If this becomes a problem for anyone please let me know.

There is a serious blood shortage in the area. This is an opportunity to do some good and promote our cause. Go to the blood bank wearing a gun shirt, reading a gun magazine or wearing a gun pin. This promotes our cause in a manner even the most hoplophobic cannot criticize. I remember that when my brother had cancer he would get routine blood transfusions. They made a new man of him. That memory makes it worth doing.

We are called inbred psychopathic thugs, child killers and the like. I am reminded of **Matthew 5:10-11 KJV**: Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteous sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

There is much being made about a general’s concern that President Trump might stage a coup to remain in office. President Trump made no such attempt but there is much wailing about fear of what he might have done; but didn’t. There was a plot to mount a coup during the Great Depression. The book “The Plot to Seize the White House” details what is known. It may have been no more than idle chatter. There was similar speculation when President Nixon had his Watergate problems. What if there was a coup attempt? What if a “woke” military unit tried to seize the centers of power and media? What if this unit was met at a bridge by armed civilians? The military would then have to consider shooting fellow citizens. This decision could throw off the timetable for the coup. This would depend on their being armed citizens.

President Biden has declared at the time this country was founded individuals could not buy cannon. This is not true. In the Revolutionary and Constitutional periods newspapers of the day carried

advertisements for shops selling cannon. If he is misrepresenting a matter so easily disproved, what else is he lying about?

Lawyers are required to take continuing legal education. I recently took a course on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This became famous in veterans but also occurs after traffic accidents and criminal attacks. I once cross-examined a rape victim who was married to a service member and must be living on the only military installation in the country which does not know about PTSD. This required more than the usual delicacy. I was surprised to learn that the effects of trauma are not PTSD until 30 days after the event. Until that time it is called "Acute Stress Disorder." After a defensive shooting we typically see atypical actions. People curse, engage in pointless activity, freeze in place and often the gun must be pried from their hand. These are normal reactions to abnormal situations. They must be explained to police, prosecutors and juries. After forty years of studying gunfights I am still learning.

I've read "Jefferson's War" concerning operations against Islamic North African pirates in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. The Navy blockaded the coast and a Marine Lieutenant and six Marines were sent to invade North Africa. This was considered to be enough; the Marines were full of themselves even then. Fortunately they brought thousands of dollars with them and used this weapon to ally themselves with local malcontents and mercenaries. This army was a roaring success until the US state Department concluded a treaty with the pirates withdrew the cash and Marines and left our allies to the mercy of the pirates. Many lessons can be learned from this war but recent events convince me they have not been.

In 1870 the poet Walt Whitman was mugged in Washington DC. He bought a pocket pistol in response and carried it for the rest of his life.

A survivor of the nazi death camps wrote, "Do Something/ Something to justify your existence/ Because it would be too senseless/ After all/ For so many to have died/ While you live/ Doing nothing with your life."

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