

It is a good day for Liberty.

In the 13<sup>th</sup> season of NCIS there is an episode called "After Hours." A lady kills a very bad person who was doing very bad things. The lady is concerned that it will be considered murder because the bad guy had raped her years ago. Her gallant boyfriend claimed that he had seen the guy attacking the woman and went to her defense. Classic defense of another. However. There is always a however. There is always an investigation. Little bits did not fit the story and the NCIS team begins to suspect murder. Improvised self-defense claims do not work.

The Terrorists claim that they will win because they love death and we love life. Death is easy. Life is hard.

My firm did new pictures for our website. I have just seen the proofs. I remember when we took the pictures. I swear, I thought I was smiling.

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association had its annual dinner at the American Legion in Rosebud Missouri. It was in the tough part of Rosebud. I could tell it was in the rough part of town; it had a tank out front.

The Civilian Marksmanship Program may receive a quantity of M-1 Rifles from the Philippines. The military's inventory of 1911 pistols will not be released to the CMP until authorized by Congress. I would like to assume that this Congress under this President would do so. Experience shows that politicians only do things when voters motivate them to do so. As Dean Martin used to say "Keep those cards and letters coming."

Rally Day was attended by a group of the hard corp. It was worth doing to keep reminding legislators that we are still here and still have concerns. A "Gun Court" in Jackson County or surrounding counties is unacceptable. We want these "Gun Free" zones abolished. That is just a start.

I attended the US Concealed Carry Association's Annual Conference. I am on their Legal Advisory Board and they wanted me to show up and legally advise. The Board met to discuss improving the self-defense insurance program and other matters. There were presentations on self-defense issues. There was an exhibit hall full of holster makers and more. The holster makers were outnumbered by women's wear vendors. There were safes and shirts and of course guns and ammunition.

At the Legal Advisory Board a dozen lawyers from around the country exchanged ideas and horror stories. I learned that Florida has a "Partially Consumed Pastry Law." It prevents school administrators from disciplining children for playing with pretend guns, such as partially consumed pastries in the general shape of a gun (or Idaho). The horror is that such a law is necessary. Schools have disciplined children for being children. Pretend guns are substantially different than real guns. However the schools claim that pointing a finger like a gun violates their "zero tolerance" (because thinking is just *so hard!*) I recently heard of a five-year old girl who was pretending to be the guard for a fairy princess. She picked up a stick and pretended to shoot an entirely imaginary attacker. The school acted like she was a gangbanger threatening real people with real guns. Children should be allowed to use their imagination.

The Ulticlip company ([www.ulticlip.com](http://www.ulticlip.com)) had a place in the Exhibit Hall. I saw them last year at the NRA convention. It replaces the clip on a knife or holster. It has a lever attachment that clamps down hard on a waistband or boot top. I thought it was an innovative gadget but I needed one that would fit on a belt. The nice lady at the booth told me that my dreams had come true and they would have one that fit a belt out by July, in time for my birthday.

The Heizer Defense company ([www.HeizerDefense.com](http://www.HeizerDefense.com)) also had a booth. They had a prototype of their new semi-automatic pistol, PKO-45, last year at the NRA convention and I have drooled over the memory ever since. It is .45ACP or 9mm. It is less than an inch in diameter and weighs 25 ounces. This seems like more in the metric system but still quite small. It has no plastic parts. It is made of stainless steel and titanium. It has a magazine capacity of 5+1 with the flush magazine and 7+1 with the extended magazine. Distribution has been held up due to magazine production. For such a unique design this seems remarkable. They tell me that distribution will begin in July; just in time for my birthday. I know what I want for my birthday and possibly Christmas.

I will attend the NRA convention at the end of April. Doubtless I will find more unique and useful products. But I already have plans for my birthday.

Al set up a Western Missouri Shooters Alliance table at Bass Pro in Independence. The response was very good. This is an excellent idea. I should have taken credit for it.

Bonnie, a Board Member of WMSA, has set up a blog. It can be found at [BonniesBibleMusing.blogspot .com](http://BonniesBibleMusing.blogspot.com). Bonnie is desperately trying to be a good influence on us. We should cooperate.

A great many rumors circulate. The internet which allows us to hear of self-defense incidents also allows fake news to circulate. When we repeat fake news it degrades our movement. The usual suspects will claim that all of our information is fake news. It is hard to detect fake news. Certainly the usual suspects receive the usual suspicion. Some entrepreneurs send out startling claims to entice people to click on a link. Advertising is sold on the link but the information is largely fiction. Some claims are said to come from secret sources not available to the public. Certainly Julian Assange has his sources. We have no way to check his sources. The stories that are not cited to a date and place raise my suspicions. There are various web sites which purport to investigate the truth of various claims. Regrettably, one must check multiple sites to get a clear idea of the truth. Some stories just do not pass the smell test. There is a common internet story called "Rambo Grandma" which claims that an Australian grandmother hunts down the men who raped her granddaughter, shoots them and marches into the police station to report what she had done. The story is that no one wants to prosecute. This seems unlikely in any society with an organized system of justice. There are often details which seem to offer "artistic verisimilitude to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative." But there are never dates or exact places or newspapers reporting the incident. The various "Truth" sites declare it to be a fraud and they are undoubtable right. Some claims are just too convenient. There is a Hitler quote claiming that gun control in Germany is an example to the world. The nazis recorded everything the demented psychopath ever said. The quote is often given a year and publication. Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership researched this quote; they really wanted to find it. They failed. The newspaper of citation did not exist and no nazi gun control law was passed in the year claimed. The nazis confiscated guns based on the laws of the Weimar Republic. We are left with reviewing claims based on the smell test. Yet sometimes this is not an accurate test. I remember defending a murder case. The defendant told me that a burglar broke into his house, attacked him and he defended himself. Yet, he was being prosecuted. I thought there had to be something else to it. There wasn't. Sometimes the outrageous is reality.

We shall overcome.