

It is a good day for Liberty.

I've read "Hope and Honor" by the late Major General Sid Shachnow. The general was born Jewish in Lithuania and grew up in a Nazi-occupied ghetto in which waves of Jews were gathered up and killed. He escaped the ghetto, escaped Russian-occupied Eastern Europe and made his way to America and joined the US Army. He spent a large part of his career in Special Forces. At one point he wrote that the next time someone threatens to kill all the Jews, we should believe him. Good advice. Gun owners should take it to heart. When someone threatens to outlaw guns, we should believe him. These persons insult us by joining this threat with the claim that no one is going to take out guns. We have just seen bump stocks abruptly outlawed. States ban semi-automatic rifles outright or prevent them from being passed on to heirs. Pittsburg has just passed gun bans in defiance of state law. They think we are stupid.

At Rally Day I announced a beard growing contest. People asked when the contest starts and ends. That is a lot of detail to ask. Then someone always wants to convert the date to the metric system. It starts whenever and ends when we get around to it.

A federal judge for the district of Kansas has been arrested in Johnson County Kansas for driving drunk. It doesn't matter who you are.

My niece has just had a baby boy. Of course, there is no scientific proof that he is a baby, but we are pretty sure. I was invited to his baby shower. Attendees were encouraged to bring baby support items. I got him an NRA cap. We don't know if he is a Glock shooter or a 1911 kind of guy yet. Children are allowed to decide these things for themselves nowadays.

The family of a murdered teenager started of memorial fundraiser on Facebook. The proceeds will go to the Brady Campaign. This is a problem. With only one way to show sympathy, people will throw money at grief. We should do something similar. I read of an Army chef who does 2,222 pushups a day in memory of the 22 veterans who commit suicide a day. He is mostly bicep. When he needs to mash potatoes he does not need a kitchen aid. A person with five guns can throw a nickel in a jar every day. A person who buys a box of ammunition can throw the change in a jar. It was hunters who lobbied for a tax on ammunition to pay for conservation. We have to self-tax ourselves to preserve our rights.

Any group of shooters can put on an event. Throw a dollar each in the hat and top shooter takes half the money.

I was watching the TV series "Elementary." It concerns Sherlock Holmes doing his deductions in New York City in the present era. At one point the great detective states that "Gun buy-backs have reduced crime wherever they have been tried." Of course, there is no evidence of this at all. The great TV audience will hear this coming from the genius detective and, not able to tell the difference between fiction and reality, they will believe it. It is no good complaining about this propaganda, although I do. We can tell co-workers about such nonsense, briefly and in passing. In time we might build up resistance to this propaganda.

I do not begrudge the opposition their gun buy-backs. It keeps them busy and out of trouble. Buy-backs are like an all-day sucker. They collect rust and junk. A gun person can walk the line and offer real money for likely guns. A gun person can make some ammunition money by getting rid of old and broken guns.

I have decided to run for president on the democratic ticket; everyone else is. My campaign is based on free guns, free ammunition and an open border policy allowing disagreeable people to leave our borders.

A man was arrested for murder. He had five "teardrop" tattoos on his face. These tattoos boast of killing five people. These are statements to draw attention, all kinds of attention. Gangs admire these tattoos. Police pay close attention to the person wearing these tattoos. When citizens see these tattoos, their alert level needs to go up and their hands stray towards emergency equipment

California is attempting to pass a bill governing when a police officer can shoot. The effort is run by groups formed by families of people shot by police. I understand grief but it does not provide expertise. Once this is forced on police it will be forced on the rest of the citizens.

The mosque shooting in New Zealand was actually two mosque shootings. The killer went to the second mosque but there was a difference. A civilian at the second mosque appears to have taken the killer's rifle and fired at him. He got away, but the reason he got away is because someone else had a rifle. It appears that the civilian did not know how to use the rifle, but his attempts drove the killer off. I have heard almost no details of this defense for some reason. In

the San Diego temple attack, the killer's rifle jammed. An unarmed member of the congregation charged the killer, who fled. An off-duty Border Patrol Officer fired at the killer who fled. At the Colorado Springs church a volunteer guard shot the killer, who committed suicide. In the Texas church shooting a neighbor unlocked his unloaded AR-15, went into the next room to unlock his ammunition and loaded the magazine with eight rounds. We are often told that this is how we must keep our guns. While he was getting ready the killer was killing. He fired at the killer who fled. Recently one of the usual suspects declared that there is no evidence that guns in churches can be used in self-defense. This is obviously not true. This spokesperson was either appallingly ignorant or lying.

Some instructors advise carrying pepper gas along with your gun. This provides a non-lethal alternative for incidents that do not rise to the level of deadly force. Other instructors say that in the event of violence the presence of two devices require making a decision and that requires a fraction of a second in which the bad guy is acting. With only a gun there is no choice. There is value in both views. It depends on a person's circumstances. Exactly what those circumstances might be requires more thought.

The Community Blood Center needs blood. Wear a WMSA or Guns Save Lives button. This will do the community some good and make us look good. Read a gun magazine. Read the Bullet.

Cinco de Mayo is upon us. It celebrates the victory of the Mexican Army and civilian volunteers over the French Army. When the French attacked a Mexican fortification, civilians came out with whatever weapons were at hand. It is their Lexington and Concord. Mexico does have an equivalent to the Second Amendment in its Constitution. This provision has been ignored there as it was for many years in the United States. Emillio Zapata, an early 20<sup>th</sup> century Mexican revolutionary, stressed the need for a citizen's rifle in order to have a free Mexico. Perhaps one day. With criminal cartels on one side and corruption on the other unarmed Mexicans are squeezed in the middle.

We shall overcome.