

Liberty Notes K. L. Jamison October, 2018

It is a good day for Liberty.

The panel discussion last month the Moms Demand representatives scorned the idea of armed teachers. They quoted with approval a teacher who said that under no circumstances could she shoot a student. I can understand pacifists. I do not understand teachers who will not defend my children. One of the Moms Demand representatives said that if she found a teacher who was armed she would take her child out of the school district. I take the opposite view. If a teacher will not protect my child from fire, injury or attack I am getting my kid out of that class. They kept stressing that some of their members owned guns. There may be some self-hating gun owners out there. They claim five million members. They stressed that they came from hunting families; nice stories about eating deer meat. I do not hunt. I do not eat deer meat. I am into guns for self-defense and do not want to eat the results.

I listened to an audiobook of "The Free State of Jones;" a true story. There is a movie taken from the book. The book tells a number of stories. The main character is a Confederate veteran of some very nasty battles including Vicksburg. That was when he said "To heck with this." He would not fight for the Confederacy but he organized a group to fight the Confederacy. His county, Jones Mississippi, seceded from the Confederacy which did not extend its secessionist philosophy to counties and individuals. His shotgun militia protected his home county until the end of the war. A third story is Reconstruction, in which Southern "Rifle Clubs" defied being reconstructed until the federal government got tired of the attempt. It seems that the presidential election was tied in the Electoral College until the South made a deal to end reconstruction in exchange for its votes. The fourth story concerns protecting his friends from the unreconstructed Confederates, again with his old shotgun militia.

The book goes off onto tangents. In one tangent Union troops ask Confederate prisoners why they fight. They said it was because the Union was going to make their sisters marry Negroes. I have met Southern women. I can't see how they could be made to do anything they don't want to do

The local tabloid ran a review of Jennifer Garner's new movie "Peppermint." This movie concerns a mother whose husband and daughter are murdered by gangsters. The killers are released by a corrupt judge. She sets out to take revenge on the gangsters. The reviewer complains that Ms Garner's character "doesn't think big enough. The low-level gangsters aren't her enemy. Her true enemy is a system of income inequality driven by hyper-capitalism." This part of the review was placed in large block type next to Jennifer Garner's photo. I remember a conservative editor who said the best place to put propaganda is in movie reviews. He was right. The trick is to get conservative reviews into the local tabloid.

Plastic guns are again in the courts. The designer of a plastic gun which can be made on a 3-d printer made a deal with the government allowing him to give away his plans. The usual suspects had a fit and a court issued an order restraining him from giving away the plans. He then started selling them. The order had not envisioned this. The usual suspects had greater fits and the matter is tied up in the courts.

The 3-d printers capable of making these guns are very expensive.

The designer has new trouble. He has been accused of sexual assault and is now in jail. His company has been taken over by a partner. The future relies on many things; not least of which is the election.

The plastic gun fires a single .380 cartridge. Some samples blow up when fired. It is against the law to make or possess a plastic gun which cannot be detected by x-ray or metal detector. It is not against the law to possess the plans to make such a gun, only to make one.

A person may make a gun for personal use. The maker must do all the work himself. One machinist programed a computer to machine a gun receiver. The person who commissioned the gun then pushed the button to start the process. Everyone was convicted of illegal manufacture. The gun can only be made for personal use not for sale. I have not researched inheritance. The gun, made of steel or plastic, must have the maker's name, city and state of manufacture. It must also have a number that is unique to that gun and not on any other zip gun.

In a "Bones" episode an attorney is in an absolute honesty club. The cast makes great fun of this, making jokes about the impossibility of a lawyer telling the truth. I must rise to defend my profession. A lawyer may be selective in what truth is told. He must tell the truth. Not telling the truth is likely to come out. One of my clients gave me forged documents. The opposing attorney

caught the forgery and that was the end of the case. That client has called to hire me for other cases. I declined. An important part of the process is HOW to tell the truth. In the immortal words of John Wayne "Talk low. Talk Slow. And don't talk too much."

Since 1971 I have worn a POW/MIA bracelet for Lt. James Plowman, a Navy pilot lost over North Viet Nam 24, March 1967. I recently discovered that his remains had been found and identified. He's home. My current bracelet is the third copy I've had. I managed to break the other two. The current bracelet has rubbed against my shirt sleeve for so long that the engraving is almost illegible. It gives me trouble going through metal detectors. The original idea was to wear them until the missing came home. I am reluctant to take it off. There are other members of the services still missing. I'll have to think on it. There is time.

Larry Swickard has been a WMSA Board member and a star contributor to the newsletter for many years. He retired from teaching high school and we hoped to get more work out of him. Now he has a job teaching criminal justice at Central Missouri State College. Teaching is hard. He no longer has time to write for us. This is bad for us, good for Larry, and great for his students. We may have a crop of criminal justice students coming up who actually understand the concept of the operation. We hope that he will favor us with an article from time to time.

Jason Kander has stepped out of the race for mayor of Kansas City. He says that he has PTSD from his tour in Afghanistan. He did three months in the war but it does not take long to trigger PTSD. A single incident can do it. There was a case at Ft. Bragg. A paratrooper passed out frequently and that was thought to be a problem. It turns out that he passed out only at a certain location, where he had been mugged. Everyone I have represented who has killed in self-defense has suffered from PTSD to a greater or lesser extent and a greater or lesser amount of time. There is no easy cure but it provides a new defense. No one would get into a shooting, knowing PTSD awaited him, if there was any alternative.

I have been reading an article in Recoil magazine about the gun laws in Afghanistan. They have laws restricting weapons possession in Afghanistan and a fat lot of good it has done them.

We shall overcome.