

CHURCH SECURITY LAW

K. L. Jamison

A church in New York City was stormed by armed robbers. Services were being streamed but the robbers escaped with jewelry worth one million dollars. Why a church would have that much jewelry is a separate question. The robbers were confident they could gather the loot and escape before watching congregants called the police.

In another church a young male entered the nursery, pointed to a child and announced that her parents told him to get her. The attendant wisely asked:

“What are her parents’ names?”

No answer.

“What is her name?”

No answer.

“What is **your** name?”

The young male fled.

Churches may be attacked for a variety of reasons, religious hatred, social policy, personal anger, desire for fame, robbery or the urging of a thousand demons. The prophylactic is always the same—make it look hard.

For churches looking hard is hard. Anyone can string coils of barbed wire and brandish firearms. A church’s security team must be carefully recruited and carefully trained.

Someone must be in charge. He or she does not have to be a warrior. The ability to organize and lead is the only criteria. Many churches have organized security teams from deacons or deaconesses. The deacons know each other and are used to working together. They are often the greeters at the church door. The best deterrence to mass killers is obvious security. This could be cameras. It could be men and women standing at entrances and noticing anomalies. Mass killers and criminals look for soft targets. A marginally hard target will send them down the road.

The second best deterrence is noticing people. Mass killers want to be famous, but they do not want to be noticed. If a greeter has a bad feeling about someone he follows him, sits behind him and waits for developments. A bad feeling means he is being told something bad about the visitor. It is a protective God or a million of years of evolution; depending on how one feels about Charles Darwin. It may seem like superstitious nonsense but experience shows that it is true.

The team members should all have a License To Carry. This means that they have shot an acceptable score in training. One such team imposed this requirement and discovered that a founding member could not hit a target to save his life. The team must be on a list which specifically names them as authorized to carry in the church. Missouri law requires such a document in order to legally carry in a church.

The church insurance may not cover a security team. The insurance company should be told that a lack of coverage is a deal breaker. Individual team members can get coverage from one of the many self-defense “insurance” organizations. These organizations do not really offer insurance. They offer a membership benefit, often underwritten by an insurance company.

The team must train periodically regarding possible threats. Records must be kept of this training. If the worst possible thing happens people will come out of the woodwork demanding to know what training was done. The usual suspects will refer to the team as “vigilantes.” The church will be accused of negligence for allowing an untrained mob with guns.

Possible threats include fire. Before the Oklahoma City bombing the worst mass murders involved arson. The record in the continental United States was a Chicago school arson that killed 92 children and three nuns.

The team is not a police force. It can ask people to leave, but little more until the worst thing happens. Should the worst thing happen, it is a shield against the very worst of the worst thing.

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— Will Rogers

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LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

In the last issue I mentioned an audio book called "Don't Go to Jail." It purports to be advice from the lead character in the TV series "Better Call Saul." I would not take legal advice from that show, however entertaining. In the last issue I wrote that the book does not provide good advice. That was a misprint. The book does provide good advice.

Sarah Palin lost the special election for Alaska's congressional seat filling out the rest of the deceased member's term. There will be another election in November for a full two-year term. There seems to be an impression that she did not take the election seriously enough and did not give it the personal touch by attending meetings. She has another shot in November. The loss is a lesson for us.

Raul Mendez held a party to celebrate the last 4th of July. An uninvited neighbor began shooting, hitting him in the head and destroying his left eye. The neighbor continued shooting. Two women struggled with him but were unsuccessful in trying to take the gun. One woman had a rifle but didn't know how to load it and used it as a club. Mr. Mendez revived and drew his concealed handgun. He shot and killed the assailant. The incident has not been covered by the mainstream media because it does not fit their prejudice that self-defense is impossible. The incident teaches us to fight on regardless of injury. The will to live and the will to win can carry us to victory.

Pathologists teach us that a person shot through the heart can remain mobile, active and hostile for a good fifteen seconds. They also teach us that people may not lose consciousness until they have lost 20% of their blood volume. This means that fatally wounded assailants can remain dangerous and must be treated with caution after they go down. It also means that a serious wound does not take the defender out of action and he or she can persevere and triumph. There is a story about a wounded Special Forces Sergeant being taken to a medivac helicopter. While he waited to be loaded a Viet Cong ran up with a grenade. The Sergeant sat up and shot the VC dead. The Sergeant was later found to have a single wound through the heart and should have been dead. Never give up.

We should have a flag. I have been doodling with an orange banner (the gun safety color) with a Liberty Bell in the center. It needs to scream "Gun Rights" so I have experimented with crossed rifles or pistols on or behind or supporting the bell. The bell could sport the number "2" or Roman numeral "II." The "II" could be formed by rifles. There is a black flag being sold with crossed rifles behind a skull. Black is a threatening color and skulls mean death. At best we would be taken for pirates. This is not the image that will win friends and influence people. One organization uses an image of the front of a revolver cylinder. In this age of automatics this is less and less obviously a gun image. I require input from the artistically inclined.

There is a historic "Don't Tread on Me" flag. The logo is a rattlesnake. The symbolism is good; rattlesnakes do not strike unless provoked. However, a rattlesnake is not a popular mascot. I had a great uncle who collected rattlesnakes until one day a rattlesnake collected him. There is a visceral fear of snakes dating back to the Garden of Eden.

A Florida teenager has written a song in praise of the First Amendment. We need a song. Fifty years ago the NRA produced a single turgid anthem called "I Am the NRA." It was not inspiring. With all the musicians on the NRA board and "NRA Country" being a regular column in the magazine they could and should do better. America has a long history of putting our own words to older songs. A well-known song like "Juke Box Hero" could be re-worded to "Six Gun Hero." Music has a long history of promoting civil rights and labor movements. We are a civil rights movement.

The NRA prints many Armed Citizen accounts. Set to music these can be a powerful argument.

Cartoons can be powerful arguments; the image is remembered after an editorial is forgotten. I remember a cartoon called "Mommy Liberty" which showed the Statue of Liberty holding a smoking handgun. The legend was, "The most dangerous place is between a mother and her child."

Guns are America's martial art. We should be proud of it.

September 17 marks the 39th anniversary of my admittance to the Bar. I may sleep late that day but there are a great many things to do.

September 17 is also Constitution day. This is a good day for my legal anniversary. A Great Day for Liberty.

When this newsletter comes out, there will be less than a month before Election Day. This Election Day will determine our rights for the next two years and those of our grandchildren. It will be determined by which side gets its people to the polls. Call around. Offer to drive people. History is determined by the people who show up. Show up.

One of the best books for us is "How To Win Friends and Influence People." The best way to convince people of our cause is to find out what interests them. Then link their interests to ours. It is a slow process. No one is convinced of our cause by throwing it in their face.

A recent study shows that Americans use firearms in self-defense 1.7 million times per year. Nearly thirty years ago I attended a lecture by a retired Chicago detective. He scorned the idea of firearms in self-defense. He said that if that really happened they would find dead bodies everywhere. I felt like asking him if he killed everyone he went to arrest; but I was there for another purpose. Studies show that bad guys are very seldom killed in self-defense. In 85% of the cases the defender shows a gun and the bad guy surrenders or runs. They are bullies not gunfighters. In 1 out of 10,000 cases is the bad guy killed. Of course it is less likely that the defender will have to shoot if his body language says that he is willing to shoot. Training gives the defender the confidence to project that message.

When Andrew Jackson was a judge in Tennessee his sheriff reported that his posse was unable to bring in a notorious bad guy. Andrew Jackson threw on his pistols and said he was leading the posse now. When he confronted the

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bad guy the man meekly surrendered. When asked why he said that he looked into Andrew Jackson's eyes and he saw "shoot." He didn't want to be shot. Look at his portrait on the \$20 bill. When that man said something, he meant it.

The new federal gun law is called "bipartisan" as if that meant it was a compromise between the two sides. It was not. I did a long article on it for Concealed Carry Magazine. It will probably hurt the guys who buy and sell guns as a hobby. For many years 18 USC section 921(a)(21)C has defined being a dealer in firearms. This definition has been "with the principal objective of livelihood and profit." The new law strikes this definition and inserts "to predominantly earn a profit." The new law goes on to add subsection (21) defining the term as meaning the sale or disposition of firearms (plural) is predominantly for pecuniary gain as opposed to liquidating or improving a gun collection.

There is a lot of work to be done. Get out there and keep our rights safe for our grandchildren.

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

We shall overcome.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

WHY

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A prosecutor I did not know asked me how long I have practiced law. I told her I was working on forty years (actually I start my 40th year on 17 September). She looked at me incredulously and asked, "Why?" I stammered something to the effect of "What else could I do?" There are still people who need help in my little corner of the law. Despite all the improvements we have made in weapons and self-defense law; people need to prove these improvements apply to their case.

I remember a concealed weapons case from early in my career. The guest of honor had a loaded handgun in the rear of his car. At trial I proved that his arm was not eighteen feet long and so the gun was not readily accessible as required by statute. Today he could put the gun in a jacket pocket and he should not be arrested. He should, of course, use a pocket holster to prevent accidents.

A recent client investigated a disturbance outside his door. A man pointed a shotgun at him. The client fired first, fired best and Mr. Shotgun went to the hospital and prison. He sued for his injuries. WMSA had been part of an effort to prevent people from being sued for acting in self-defense. The case was dismissed and the court awarded the client \$2,000 in attorney fees; against a man making \$5 a month in prison industries.

A public housing unit tried to evict a man because he owned a .22 pistol and a black powder rifle. I was aware the NRA had successfully sued to prevent such evictions. The NRA generously shared its research with me (and paid me to represent him!). Justice triumphed.

These results were not due to my legal expertise. They were due to Missourians changing the law for the better. Sometimes all you have to do to win is show up. We have been showing up for many years. If we continue to show up our grandchildren will enjoy the rights, we currently enjoy and more.

I thank-you for the honor of being your president.

"Conservatives have excellent credentials to speak about human rights. By our efforts, and with precious little help from self-styled liberals, we were largely responsible for securing liberty for a substantial share of the world's population and defending it for most of the rest."

—Margaret Thatcher

"Socialists have always spent much of their time seeking new titles for their beliefs, because the old versions so quickly become outdated and discredited."

—Margaret Thatcher

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A credit card industry group has approved a plan to track sales of guns and ammo with a new merchant code

Merchant category codes are made up of four digits and are used across all sorts of industries as a means to classify retailers, while not revealing individual product purchases. Credit card companies currently lump firearm retailers in with other outlets, classifying them as either “5999: Miscellaneous retail stores” or “5941: Sporting Goods Stores.”

With a new code for firearms merchants, potentially suspicious purchasing patterns could be flagged to law enforcement — much the same way banks and credit unions made more than 1.4 million suspicious activity reports in 2021 for other types of transactions that might suggest anything from identity theft to terrorist financing.

This is part of a plan being pushed by congressional Democrats after Amalgamated Bank of New York, a progressive bank that often involves itself in social issues, made repeated attempts to push for the new code, all of which were denied.

A group of congressional Democrats is urging credit card companies to track suspect firearm and ammunition purchases as a means to identify and stop gun crime, according to a letter obtained by CBS News Thursday.

The letter, drafted by Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Rep. Madeleine Dean of Pennsylvania and signed by over a dozen of their colleagues, urges the CEOs of Mastercard, American Express and Visa to back the creation of a merchant category code for gun and ammunition retailers — a measure the industry had initially resisted, according to an investigation by CBS News in June.

“The creation of a new [merchant category code] for gun and ammunition retail stores would be the first step towards facilitating the collection of valuable financial data that could help law enforcement in countering the financing of terrorism efforts,” the letter says.

So it looks like the congressional pressure worked. The new code has been approved but it sounds like Visa is not happy about it even as the CEO of Amalgamated Bank is celebrating.

In a letter obtained by CBS News, sent by Visa on Wednesday in response to congressional Democrats who supported the plan, the company said, “We believe that asking payment networks to serve as a moral authority by deciding which legal goods can or cannot be purchased sets a dangerous precedent.”

Visa wrote, “We understood Amalgamated Bank’s request to be justified, at least in part, by an interest in blocking transactions that would fall under such a new category, and Visa’s rules expressly prohibit blocking of legal transactions under an MCC.”...

“We all have to do our part to stop gun violence,” said Priscilla Sims Brown, President and CEO of Amalgamated Bank. “And it sometimes starts with illegal purchases of guns and ammunition. The new code will allow us to fully comply with our duty to report suspicious activity and illegal gun sales to authorities without blocking or impeding legal gun sales. This action answers the call of millions of Americans who want safety from gun violence and we are proud to have led the broad coalition of advocates, shareholders, and elected officials that achieved this historic outcome.”

Marine Vet w/ CCW Arrested After Disarming Gun-wielding Attacker

After a U.S. Marine veteran saved his friend’s life by disarming a man attacking him, he was arrested for possessing a handgun within 100 feet of a public building and carrying and transporting a concealed weapon.

Lloyd Muldrow, 57, former U.S. Marine, traveled to Baltimore, MD, to spend time with his friend. Upon his arrival at a bar where his friend was, he saw his friend in a struggle with another man. His friend was bleeding from the head after being pistol-whipped by the other man. The attacker was still holding a gun, so Muldrow disarmed the suspect, and then both men held him on the ground.

When police arrived on the scene, they took control of the suspect. Muldrow told the police he had a holstered firearm they took possession of. They thanked him and then arrested him for possessing a handgun within 100 feet of a public building and carrying and transporting a concealed weapon.

Muldrow had a Virginia concealed carry permit, but Maryland doesn’t accept any other state’s permits or licenses. So Muldrow was not legally able to carry a concealed gun in Maryland.

And that is the problem with the mess of concealed carry reciprocity we have in the United States. You can’t carry in a neighboring state if they don’t have reciprocity with the state your concealed carry permit is issued in. You can, but you risk being prosecuted for having that gun, whether or not you used it in self-defense.

Do I think this is fair? No. But as we often mention, it is our responsibility to know the laws of the state we are carrying firearms in. And if you plan on breaking the law and carrying anyway, then you need to be prepared to deal with the consequences of that decision.

Muldrow stated that he wouldn’t accept a plea deal or settle for probation and doesn’t think it is fair. He is scheduled to appear for a hearing in Baltimore Circuit Court on October 31.

"Perhaps the president should reissue his executive order and say that all immigrants and refugees coming into the country must undergo more severe background checks just in case they want to purchase a firearm. The Left would really be in a bind then!"

—Gary Bauer



JUST BOPPIN ALONG THROUGH LIFE

by Carl Smart

I have noticed a great deficiency in our world. There seems to be a shortage of large concrete pillars with a suitably long clear space to get a good running start to bop my head into. I don't know about you but sometimes a good head bopping just helps to make sense of this world.

About ten years ago, the FBI released a study that pointed out that there are about one million gang members in this country. They are responsible for about sixty percent of the crime. So do we have a crime problem or a gang problem? But clearly the solution to crime is gun control. Bop!

A few years ago, the Kansas City Police Department used a program to plot the connections between criminals. When they had enough evidence, they went out and arrested the king pins. But what we need is more gun laws. Bop!

Do you remember the ancient dim dark past when it was fashionable for gangs to do drive by shootings? Back when the alphabet news agencies had people shooting full auto guns on a range and tell us that these were the semi auto guns all of the gangs used. Also, that they were easy to get and every school child knew which street corner to go to and buy one. It seemed strange to me that no ace action reporter went under cover and bought one. At best they went to a gun show and did a legal private purchase from an individual and none were full auto. Perhaps I didn't understand but the message always was, be afraid and we need more gun laws. More gun laws will make us safe. Don't we have the right to be safe? Bop!

My mother has spent most of her ninety years in Kansas City so she knows people who know people. I asked her what the gangs did before drive by shootings. Without hesitation she said, "They set your house on fire." Clearly, they needed more gun control. Bop!

In December the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform presented the District of Columbia with the "Gun Violence Problem Analysis Summary Report" The report mapped the criminal records and social networks of those involved in gun related violence. Kind of like they did in Kansas City years ago. And I am shocked, shocked I tell you that a small group of people were responsible for the majority of the gun crime. There is a group of about five hundred individuals, of which only about two hundred are active at any one time, which are responsible for sixty to seventy percent of the gun violence in DC. Almost all the murder victims and murderers were known to the police. Just under half had been in jail. And about twenty five percent were on parole or some other form of supervision. I am so happy that we have reformed our criminal justice system by de-funding the police, have no cash bail policies in place that are supported by prosecuting attorneys that believe in reforming criminals by releasing them back into the community. In the fishing sports this is called catch and release. That is how you raise a trophy. It would seem to my uninformed and clearly ignorant mind that long term jail sentences, that is removal of a couple hundred career criminals from the community, would be a great savings in lives and treasure. Or if we could just get more laws to get the guns out of the wrong hands. That is criminals who pay no attention to any laws. Bop!

Does anyone remember how well the assault weapons ban worked? Clearly since about a half dozen AR-15s out of the twenty million in circulation have been used in recent mass shootings we need to ban these weapons of war. And while we are at it, we need to ban all semi-automatic firearms as well. I know criminals covet my Ruger 10-22 but their desires must be denied. I am sure some of them will be triggered by this and need publicly funded counseling to recover. There are calls for an Australian style gun buyback. A problem was the Australian program was mandatory. There is that little thing called the Second Amendment. The government will not pay me enough of my tax money for my guns and the guns are not for sale. If we could just get rid of these dangerous weapons of war, we would all be so much safer. Bop!

Now that I have bopped my head into a concrete pillar a couple of times, the gun control proposals look so much better. The world is spinning but these proposals are starting to make sense. Now if it weren't for this splitting headache I would be feeling so much better.

Gun Owners Should Seek Training to Improve Their Firearms Skills

Have you ever wondered if you are up to the task if you ever have to use your weapon to defend yourself or those you care about?

I have and still do. I hope I never have to find out, but I hope I have trained enough to be ready when that time comes.

Before I mention the benefit of training regularly, I want to be clear when I say this... Citizens should NOT be required by the government to have training to participate in an inalienable right. If you must get permission, that is called a privilege, not a right.

With that said... Should we as individuals personally seek to improve our skills if we choose to carry? Absolutely!

I started off my journey to be better skilled at self-defense and shooting over a decade ago. When I started, I was like a lot of folks and thought, "*I have grown up around guns, and I know how to do what needs to be done when it needs to be done.*" After many years and more money than I will admit to my wife, I have concluded that my personal need for training will never end.

Shooting is a perishable skill. Once I attain the skills, I have to use them or lose them.

If you want to improve your skill sets, I highly encourage finding a good trainer in your area. It is a matter of life and death.



Biden attempting to curb supply of AR-15 ammo?

And not through legislation either. According to the National Shooting Sports Foundation's Mark Oliva, the Biden administration is considering halting sales of excess M855/SS109 ammunition produced by the federal government's ammunition manufacturing facility in Lake City, Missouri, which could result in a major reduction in the ammo supply for AR-15s and other modern sporting rifles.

Oliva says that the NSSF has been in contact with officials at Winchester Ammunition, which manages the facility in Lake City, who recently informed them that the Biden administration is considering restricting the manufacturing and commercial sale of the ammunition produced there. According to NSSF, not only would that "immediately jeopardize" roughly 400-500 jobs and wipe out more than a quarter of the .223/5.56 ammo available to consumers, but it could derail the already [shaky negotiations](#) in the Senate on a package in response to the recent shootings in Uvalde and Buffalo.

"This policy of ceasing the sale of excess ammunition is ill-timed and jeopardizes the fragile negotiations of the framework deal that was agreed to by the bipartisan group of senators," says Oliva. "Senators specifically requested the White House allow the Senate to negotiate in good faith and without interference to arrive at their agreement. This policy to deny the sale of excess ammunition would not only freeze over 30-percent of the 5.56mm/.223 caliber ammunition used by law-abiding gun owners, it risks the ammunition industry's ability to surge production capacity for national defense if the costs to maintain the present workforce isn't recouped through sales to the civilian market."

Oliva noted that this isn't the first time Biden's been a part of a plan to reduce the supply of ammunition for consumers. During the Obama years, the administration tried to stop sales of "green tip" ammunition through a proposed ATF rule. The administration [backed down](#) after a public outcry and criticism from Congress, but so far there's no sign that the Biden administration is cooling on its own proposal.

Hopefully that will change now that the word is getting out. Oliva says both NSSF and Winchester are "strongly opposed" to the plan, and NSSF officials are working with members of Congress to "appraise them of these developments and turn back this counterproductive policy", while Winchester officials are "actively engaged with government leaders in Washington, D.C. to ensure their full understanding of the negative implications related to this type of sudden and reactive action."

The Department of Defense has not responded to a request for comment by Bearing Arms, but if we do get a response we'll update this post to include any statement. In the meantime, gun owners should get active as well, and not just by running down to your local gun shop to scoop up whatever .223 you can find in stock. Contact your congressperson and your senators, and urge them to speak out against Biden's plan to choke off a significant portion of the consumer market for the popular ammunition. If your representatives in D.C. aren't pro-Second Amendment, point out the economic harm that this decision would have for hundreds of American workers, as well as the potential impact on our national security and defense readiness. There are *lots* of reasons to object to this idea, and really only one reason to support it: a desire to do anything and everything to make it as difficult as possible for law-abiding Americans to access their right to keep and bear arms.

"Those who seek absolute power, even though they seek it to do what they regard as good, are simply demanding the right to enforce their own version of heaven on earth, and let me remind you they are the very ones who always create the most hellish tyranny."

—Barry Goldwater

"In the '70s and '80s, many of these guns were as available as they are now, but we weren't having these mass shootings that we have today. So I think we need to really ask ourselves the question of what has socially brought us to this point in history, and what have we done, and what can we do differently to change society. That's certainly a question that needs to be continued to [be] ask[ed], because I don't know that taking everyone's guns, and buying everybody's guns back, is going to cure the national massacres that we've had in recent history."

—Democrat Rep. Vicente González

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Judge upholds New York's new carry laws.

New York City has never been particularly gun friendly. With their oversized impact on state politics, they're the reason the whole state is a big nope zone for gun-loving folks. Now, the state's new carry laws are going into effect as of today.

Maybe worse, though, is that a federal judge actually upheld the law.

Amid the bright lights and electronic billboards of New York's Times Square, city authorities are posting signs proclaiming the bustling crossroads a "Gun Free Zone."

The sprawling Manhattan tourist attraction is one of scores of "sensitive" places — including parks, churches and theaters — that will be off-limits for guns under a sweeping new state law going into effect Thursday. The measure, passed after a U.S. Supreme Court decision in June expanded gun rights, also sets stringent standards for issuing concealed carry permits.

A federal judge let the new rules go forward Wednesday evening, hours before they were to take effect. Despite writing that the arguments for granting a preliminary injunction to stop the rules were persuasive, Judge Glenn Suddaby said the plaintiffs — an upstate New York resident and three gun rights organizations — didn't have standing to bring the legal action. Suddaby said he came to that decision partly because the man, a legal gun owner, couldn't demonstrate he was at risk of a credible threat of prosecution under the new guidelines, among other factors.

Messages were left Wednesday with an attorney representing some of the plaintiffs. In a tweet, New York Attorney General Letitia James called the ruling a major victory "against baseless attacks by the gun lobby."

Except that it's not baseless.

Further, I think the judge is wrong about standing, not so much due to potential prosecution, but due to the fact that it inhibits the plaintiff's ability to defend himself by keeping and bearing arms. The laws in question don't just prosecute lawbreakers, they put people at a profound disadvantage in protecting themselves and others.

Unfortunately, though, standing is a thorny problem with legal challenges. I can think of some people who probably do have pretty good standing, though. I mean, they can't even leave their house without breaking those particular laws, which is the point.

So what's next?

Well, this is just one pothole on a very long, winding road. While the judge refused to issue an injunction, it doesn't mean the law will be permitted to stand forever. Especially as the judge felt the arguments were persuasive. All they need to do is figure out the standing issue and this law's days are numbered.

Until then, however, this law is on the books and goes into effect today. If you live in New York and already have a permit, be advised and be careful. While some places may look the other way on a lot of stuff, New York City sure isn't going to, so if you have to go there, don't make it easy for them.

In the meantime, a lot of people are going to keep working to get this law overturned.

The Problematic U.S. Ammo Shortage

With a lot of supplies going to Ukraine, America may not be ready for the next war.

The U.S. is not at war, but our stockpile of military weaponry and ammunition has seriously dwindled over the last six months thanks to the war in Ukraine. With the U.S. sending billions of dollars in ammo and other military supplies to Ukraine in support of its efforts against the Russian invasion, defense officials have begun to ring the alarm bells over our own nation's "uncomfortably low" strategic supplies. As one defense official noted, "It is not at the level we would like to go into combat."

Indeed, just last week the U.S. sent Ukraine different sized howitzer ammunition, 105mm rather than 155mm, over concerns that the U.S. stockpile was getting too low to meet appropriate military readiness levels.

And the ammunition shrinkage is not due to lack of funding. The Biden administration wants \$773 billion for its Pentagon budget. "This was knowable. It was foreseeable. It was forewarned, including from industry leaders to the Pentagon," claims American Enterprise Institute senior fellow Mackenzie Eaglen. "And it was easily fixable. There are some problems you can buy your way out of. This is one of them."

The problem is ramping up production from companies supplying the ammunition, as the demand suddenly surged thanks to the Ukraine war. The Wall Street Journal reports: "In the U.S., it takes 13 to 18 months from the time orders are placed for munitions to be manufactured, according to an industry official. Replenishing stockpiles of more sophisticated weaponry such as missiles and drones can take much longer."

And thanks to Washington bureaucracy, the process for speeding up production can take years. As Lockheed Martin CEO Jim Taiclet recently described it, it's like "shifting gears, and I can tell you the clutch isn't engaged yet."

What makes this more disconcerting is the fact that China is eyeing Taiwan, looking for the best time to strike, and as the war in Ukraine drags on, U.S. support will continue to drain the stockpiles at home. The U.S. may not be in a war now, but that's no excuse for not being fully prepared for one at a moment's notice.

"This country is owned by We the People. We wrote a Constitution. We put down what we wanted to put in it. We can amend it when we wish. And it is not up to nine people to tell 330 million Americans how to live."

—Justice Neil Gorsuch

"At some point we're going to be fatigued with everybody being a victim. ... You always have to play the hand you're dealt. If you're dealt a bad hand, you still have to play it."

—Justice Clarence Thomas



Missouri AG Lashes Out At FBI Over Records Request

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt tells the FBI that an audit of concealed carry permit records is against state law and a violation of Missourians' Constitutional right to bear arms.

The Missouri attorney general is mincing no words in his frustration and anger over plans by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to "audit" concealed carry permit holder records in the Show Me State.

In a letter addressed to FBI Director Christopher Wray with U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland copied, Eric Schmitt objected to a letter received by several Missouri county sheriffs saying the FBI would be conducting an audit that includes "an onsite review of your Concealed Carry Weapons Permits..."

"Let me be perfectly clear," Schmitt wrote. "Allowing federal agents from the FBI to have access to records of Missourians who have a permit to carry a concealed weapon violates Missouri law and infringes on our Second Amendment rights."

As Schmitt pointed out to the FBI director, Missouri law specifically prohibits sharing this confidential list with the federal government. In fact, the law states: "Information retained in the concealed carry permit system under this subsection shall not be distributed to any federal, state or private entities..."

"The people's elected representatives passed this law after it became known that the Obama Administration wanted to know which Missourians had firearms, supposedly to establish who was entitled to federal benefits," Schmitt wrote. "We wanted to leave no doubt that the citizens of Missouri have a constitutional right to bear arms, and the federal government has no business poking around to find out their identities."

Seeming to take the FBI plan for an audit personally, Schmitt wrote that his constituents in Missouri don't want the federal government poking around in their business.

"Simply put, Missourians are hard-working, law-abiding citizens who don't need a national nanny state keeping tabs on us," he wrote. "But more than that, over the last couple of years, we've seen story after story of incompetence and corruption at the highest levels of the FBI. Our trust in your agency is at an all-time low."

Schmitt concluded the letter by vowing that FBI agents will not get any cooperation in trying to "audit" concealed carry permit records in the Show Me State.

"You have lost our trust and you seem to be completely indifferent toward trying to rebuild it," he concluded. "Instead, you announce that you will show up at the offices of our elected Missouri sheriffs in open and blatant violation of our state law and seek to find out who in Missouri holds a legal CCW permit.

"This is not going to happen. I will fight you tooth and nail with all of the resources that the people of Missouri have given me as their Attorney General."

Interestingly, AG Schmitt is no stranger to protecting the Second Amendment rights of his constituents. Just last month he joined a 17-state coalition in submitting a complaint against the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Acting Director of ATF over the ATF's unconstitutional rulemaking that would regulate firearm parts manufacturers.

More recently, Schmitt won the Republican primary in the U.S. Senate race in Missouri, defeating former Gov. Eric Greitens. Considering his past advocacy for the right to keep and bear arms, there's little doubt he'd make a great U.S. Senator.

"We shall soon be in a world in which a man may be howled down for saying that two and two make four, in which people will persecute the heresy of calling a triangle a three-sided figure, and hang a man for maddening a mob with the news that grass is green."

—G.K. Chesterton

"No country can maintain its character and purpose if it has what amounts to open borders. A common language is lost, there are fewer incentives to assimilate and immigrants can bring with them their own agendas and objectives. The hyphenating of various ethnic groups is proof enough that they seem to be less willing to be called simply Americans."

—Cal Thomas

"The only kind of freedom that the mob can imagine is freedom to annoy and oppress its betters, and that is precisely the kind that we mainly have."

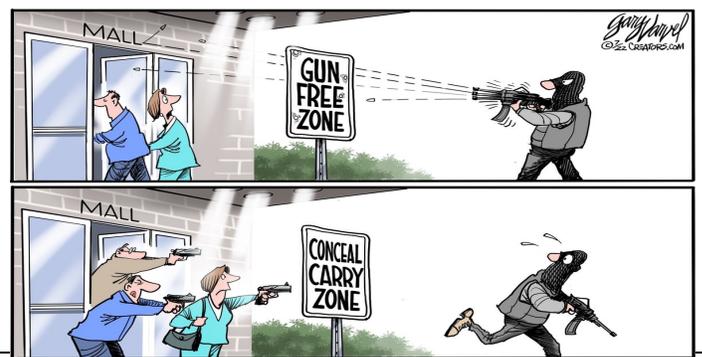
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