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Be Smart After Dark

Darkness reduces visibility, which is a huge advantage for criminals trying to operate undetected. Most of us aren't out in the middle of the night, so it's easy to avoid becoming a victim, but what about those months when it's dark before you leave the office? We need to be smart about managing time as the days grow shorter. Consider running your errands before it gets dark; if that's not possible, use the buddy system so you aren't alone. If you work late hours or can't get away during the daylight, try a delivery service for things like groceries and other household necessities.

Stay situationally aware when getting in and out of your vehicle.

If you must go to the store alone after dark, park as close to the entrance as you can. Park under a bright light or a LotCop camera to increase visibility around your vehicle. Also, do your best to get in and out quickly, reducing your time in parking lot.

When you park, keep your doors locked until you're ready to get out. Don't sit in your car and scroll on your phone. Do your best to stay alert and become aware of your surroundings. The same goes for when you return to your vehicle. Get your bags and yourself in the car, lock the doors, and drive away.

Avoid Crime Hot Spots

Crime can happen anywhere, but some places are considered "hot spots" where the odds are increased. Gas stations and ATMs are two that immediately come to mind. People tend to face one direction and lose sight of their surroundings while pumping gas, making them vulnerable to criminals that use this opportunity to rob or attack victims or steal their vehicles.

It's better to find an ATM indoors than put yourself at risk if you're alone.

ATMs, especially those located outdoors, are another hot spot after dark. Again, people tend to face the machine, lowering their situational awareness. Having another person with you is helpful. And if you can't avoid the ATM after dark, find one that's inside a locked vestibule and stay alert.

Practice Increased Situational Awareness

Walking around with your head down looking at your phone signals to criminals that you're an easy victim. I think all of us have experienced the feeling of getting lost in our phones. It happens quickly, and we're unaware of what's going on. Remind yourself there's nothing on your phone worth the risk of becoming a victim.

Put your phone away while you're in transitional spaces like parking lots.

Situational awareness is always crucial to safety, but it's time to dial it up a notch after dark. It's so easy to be on autopilot when we're running errands, but we need to pay attention to our surroundings. If something abnormal catches your attention, don't ignore it.

Outdoor Exercise

Many of us like to exercise outdoors first thing in the morning, and with the sun rising later, this can expose additional vulnerabilities. Instead of walking or running in a secluded area that provides cover for criminals, take your workout somewhere like a well-lit neighborhood. Fewer people are outside in the colder months, which means fewer witnesses and criminals know this. Some type of self-defense tool is a must when exercising outdoors, especially in the dark.

It's a good idea to follow additional safety tips like using the buddy system, wearing reflective clothes, only using a single earbud, and carrying a self-defense tool. Stay off your phone so you can be alert and aware of your surroundings.

Carry Everywhere

If you **carry concealed**, make sure you're carrying everywhere. Don't fall into the trap of thinking you don't need to carry when running a quick errand. Danger can happen any place and at any time. Also make sure you are practicing your drawing and shooting regularly.

If you can't or won't carry a **firearm**, get some other self-defense tool and train with it. Many options exist, like pepper spray, pepper ball guns, tasers, stabby tools, and **knives**. Remember, these all require some form of training.

A fanny pack is a great place to keep your self-defense tools within easy reach while exercising outdoors.

One tool that everyone should carry is a **tactical flashlight**. It's a constant in my everyday carry and especially helpful at night. It's small, doesn't take up much room in your

purse or pocket, and it's easy to use. A tactical flashlight can also serve as a self-defense tool. With enough lumens (at least 300), the beam can temporarily blind or disorient an attacker. The beveled edge can also be used as a striking device. Although I wouldn't rely on this to completely disable an attacker, it may buy you precious seconds.

I like to clip a tactical flashlight to my ball cap when exercising in the early morning hours. It fits in the palm of your hand so you

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can carry it while navigating a dark parking lot. I like to clip mine to the brim of my hat when I'm walking outside before sunrise. Tactical flashlights are also affordable; you can pick a good one up for less than \$50.

Conclusion

Since violent crime happens more frequently after dark, these tips are a good reminder of what to do as the days get shorter. Ultimately, these are important to practice and implement into your daily life, regardless of the season. Taking your safety into your own hands is a lifestyle.

Paperwork Disputes End with 150 Guns Confiscated in Australia

On October 16, 2024, 9news.com.au in Australia published an article about police confiscation of 150 guns. Most of the guns were confiscated at what appears to be a gun shop in Liverpool, a suburb of Sydney. A man and a woman were arrested. Both were released. Later, the man was arrested again and charged. A man and a woman were arrested in Port Macquarie when a search of a property at Bobs Creek turned up two replica guns and several boxes of ammunition.

Over 150 guns have been seized and three people have been charged after an investigation into fake firearm licences across New South Wales.

Police allege businesses based in Liverpool, in Sydney's southwest, and Bobs Creek, south of Port Macquarie, had provided over 1000 people with fraudulent permission to shoot licences for a fee, which allowed them to obtain gun licences.

The majority of those people were from south-west Sydney, with some linked to organised crime.

Bobs Creek is a rural area about 15 miles (23 kilometers South of Port Macquarie.

In the current case, three people have been charged. All are out on bail. One is a 50-year-old firearms dealer from Sydney. He is charged with 17 counts of failing to keep labels and records and giving ammunition to a person not authorized to use it.

One is a 48-year-old woman from Port Macquarie. She is charged with 14 counts of making a false document for financial advantage.

The third person is a 39-year-old man from Port Macquarie. He is charged with two counts of possessing an unauthorized firearm and possessing ammunition without holding a license. This correspondent's speculation is the "unauthorized firearms" charges are for the two replica guns. The charge for possessing a replica gun and a real gun is the same in New South Wales, Australia. The 9news.com reporting did not mention any real guns as found in Port Macquarie.

The investigation and raid appear to be centered around the allegations of documents used to show permission to shoot on a property in western New South Wales, hundreds of miles west of the coast. The allegations are about a thousand people were given permission to shoot on the remote property, when only one person's permission met the legal standards. In addition to the 150+ firearms, thousands of rounds of ammunition and \$380,000 dollars in cash were seized.

In the Draconian Australian gun control scheme, only people with a "genuine reason" for owning a firearm are granted a license. People must apply to the Police Commissioner. Issuance of a license is theoretically discretionary and subjective. From the NSW statute:

The Commissioner may issue a licence in respect of an application, or refuse any such application.

In practice, most licenses are granted if the proper paperwork is submitted. One "genuine reason" to own guns is a "permission to shoot" given by a land owner or property manager of rural land.

This correspondent suspects the "permission to shoot" was for the purpose of recreational hunting/vermin control (b1). From nsw.gov.au:

Reason: recreational hunting/vermin control. The applicant must—(b1) produce proof of permission given by a land manager within the meaning of the Forestry Act 2012 to shoot on land in respect of which the land manager is authorised to exercise functions as land manager under that Act

If the "land manager" did not have the proper permission to be a "land manager," then the permissions given might be fraudulent. This correspondent traveled in western New South Wales in 2019. There is a lot of land with little on it except kangaroos, goats (considered vermin), and very sparse grazing.

Kangaroos are a common road hazard in western New South Wales.

It appears the gun shop owner and/or the "land manager" got a little sloppy or creative, or a combination of both with the somewhat fluid definitions of "genuine" reason to possess firearms. In the USA, the ATF has a current "zero tolerance" for paperwork errors.

The history of government controls over the ownership of arms shows a long, slippery slope where initial controls are gradually tightened over time, making legal ownership of firearms more and more difficult.

In the United States, the Supreme Court has ruled such subjective and discretionary schemes are not allowed under the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights.

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed (and hence clamorous to be led to safety) by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." —H. L. Mencken



LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a good day for Liberty.

The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, which covers Missouri, has ruled on *Worth v Minnesota*. It ruled that 18 to 20 year olds can carry concealed weapons. In doing so it defined "people" as in "the right of the people to keep and bear arms." The Court ruled that people means adult members of the political community.

Kamala Harris has boasted that she owns a Glock and that anyone breaking into her house will be shot; and cackled when she said it. I have spoken to a number of people who speculated on what to do if someone broke in; not one of them laughed about it. Of course, if someone broke into the Vice President's house the Secret Service would shoot them.

Ms. Harris does not say what model even the caliber of her Glock. She claims to have fired it on a range. The odd thing is that Glockes cannot be sold in California. She does not reveal the magazine capacity. Most standard Glock magazines are illegal in California. She said that as a former prosecutor she was law enforcement and bought a Glock. She has supported every gun restriction that has come around; even the San Francisco handgun ban. This reeks of "Guns for me but not for thee."

FEMA pulled it's people out of a devastated county due to "reports" of armed militia out hunting FEMA. The sheriff found that the reports grew out of a comment made by one man. That comment was taken to be a threat of some kind against FEMA. The incident goes to show that one must be careful about what one says. One must also be careful about what one believes. It also shows that we are our own first responder. If you do not have a cache of food and water you depend on someone to bring it to you. If your do not have a fire extinguisher you are entirely dependent on an alert to the fire department and their prompt response. If you do not have a gun and the training to use it you are helpless for the ten minutes or more it takes for police response.

There was another incident in which it was reported that "armed persons" surrounded a relief worker and were shouting about FEMA. The article clarified that the group was carrying openly, but did not draw their guns. The group suspected that FEMA was seizing relief supplies. The relief workers were not FEMA and FEMA was not seizing the supplies. The group left and returned with more supplies for the volunteers. A lesson not to get your news from headlines.

Vice-Presidential candidate Tim Walz was photographed pheasant hunting with a semi-automatic shotgun. He said that he owned the gun and had used it to shoot skeet. He could not even load it. Anti-gunners think we are so stupid that they can pretend to hunt and we will fall for it. Con men and scam artists come in all varieties. Kamala Harris has declared that she owns a Glock. Her staff says that she keeps it in her home in California. Many people have discussed shooting in self-defense. None of them were happy about it. None of them laughed. Most Glock models are illegal in California. This reeks of pretense that she is one of us.

Today the Kansas City Municipal Court security told me that I could not take my cane into the building. I had to use a loaner. I had previously been told that I could not bring in nail clippers if there was a nail file on the clippers. Both restrictions are stupid. I was told that the restrictions were the mayor's idea. If so, he clearly does not have enough to do. A pencil could do more damage than a nail file. Plastic knives are sold as weapons that will evade a metal detector. Some of these plastic knives are disguised as hair brushes. I am a little old to be hitting people with sticks. I am called an officer of the court, but only when it wants me to do something for free.

The Southern District Missouri Court of Appeals has ruled that a TASER is a dangerous and deadly weapon. A prison inmate was on a hospital visit. Following treatment he announced that he was not going back. The guard fired his TASER twice but missed. The inmate took the TASER and tried to fire the now empty device and resorted to using the electrical contacts which do inflict disabling electricity. There was expert testimony that training is required to use a TASER and shots to the face, chest and groin can be fatal. I have heard of people who died after being hit with a TASER. I have heard far more incidents of them having no effect. The guard testified that his arms were numb and he was dizzy and disoriented. The court found that was enough. The inmate was found not guilty of escape although he was some distance away when re-captured. Sometimes I think a lot of detail is left out of these cases. He was found guilty of assaulting a "special victim" (the guard) with a dangerous and deadly weapon. He is going back and for a much longer time.

Christmas is coming. I would like a cartoonist for the Bullet, someone with musical talent to write an anthem for the gun rights movement, perhaps words to an existing song. I very much want a great turn out in November.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

THE TEN MILLION

K.L. Jamison

I am told that ten million gun owners do not vote. They may not even be registered to vote. I don't know why. Some people fear being on a list of any kind. They want to avoid jury duty. Jury lists are taken from property tax rolls and utility company accounts. Registering to vote changes nothing; unless you vote. If you don't vote, you don't count. Voting brings us politicians who support us. A legislator told me of a lobbyist who told him that he should be interested in his issue because his group had a member in his district. The legislator checked his voting roles. He discovered that this member had never voted. He lost interest.

The righteousness of our cause is irrelevant to politicians. Political power matters to them. Political power comes from the votes that we can provide.

If a person doesn't vote, I don't want to hear his complaints. If he doesn't try to prevent the problem his complaints mean nothing. There is only one way his opposition will be effective. His complaints are just noise.

You will see this issue after the elections. This will be just in time to prepare for the next one.

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

A CHEAP LEGAL MEMO A SAPA DECISION A MACHINE GUN DECISION

K. L. Jamison

Missouri's Second Amendment Preservation Act was heard in the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. We lost. The Act was a statement opposing proposed new federal assaults on our gun rights. The first page of the Act stated that any federal law affecting our gun rights was null and void in Missouri unless there was an equivalent Missouri state law which did the same thing. All Missouri law enforcement officers were prohibited from assisting federal agencies in violation of the Act. There was a provision for lawsuits up to \$50,000 for Missouri law enforcement officers who violated the Act.

The lawsuit would have to show that the officer enforced a new federal law which did not have a state equivalent, then that the defendant was harmed, then how much. The \$50,000 figure was an upper limit, not a lower limit. A criminal may win such a case, possibly, but be awarded only a single dollar. There may be an existing federal law without a state equivalent; one does not come to mind. Certainly new laws could fail the equivalency test. It does not matter. The Court found the Act unconstitutional under the Supremacy Clause of the US Constitution. Under that clause federal anything is superior to state everything.

The Court focused on the initial paragraphs of the Act which mentions that new federal restrictions would be null as applied to Missouri. This was a stupid sentence to include in the Act. States cannot nullify federal laws. The decision went on to say that the federal government cannot shanghai state assets to enforce federal law. It went on to say that Missouri could prohibit state law enforcement from cooperation but ignored the bulk of the Act which did so.

The decision could be appealed to the US Supreme Court, which may or may not take the case. The Court usually takes issues which have come to different decision in different Circuits. I recall Georgia passing a similar law but I do not recall hearing of a lawsuit over its language. Missouri could pass the Act again omitting the nullification sentence and probably the \$50,000 lawsuit provision which caused a great deal of hysterics in law enforcement circles. We have lost a statement that the federal government can go no further. An effective response would be to get everyone out to vote.

A US District Court in Wichita Kansas has found that the federal law against unregistered machine guns violated the rights of a woman defendant. The next question is "What does that mean for us?" Absolutely nothing.

The decision applied only to the woman defendant. I expect it to be appealed to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver Colorado. Even if the best thing happens there, Missouri is in the Eighth Circuit and it will not be binding on us.

It cannot be that easy. Tyranny, like hell is not easily conquered.

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**A CHEAP LEGAL MEMO
THE VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION**

K. L. Jamison

Make no mistake. Taking a gun onto Veteran's Administration property is the best possible way to lose the gun and be prosecuted. The VA is federal property. Taking a gun onto federal property is against the law. The VA has security and they are alert for weapons.

The good news is that the National Shooting Sports Foundation has produced a fact sheet on VA policy concerning reporting Veterans for gun confiscation. According to the fact sheet the VA only reports Veterans where they have been found mentally incompetent by a judge. This requires a hearing at which the Veteran's civil rights are respected. The Veteran must be found to be a danger to himself or others.

Seeking mental health treatment at the VA by itself will not trigger gun confiscation. Even if a fiduciary is appointed to manage the Veteran's money, that does not trigger confiscation. The VA will not report him to the NICS system.

This is a welcome change to VA policy. How long it will continue depends on who is elected in November.

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SAF Scores Victory In California Non-Resident Carry Case

The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) and its partners, in a challenge of California's ban on non-resident concealed carry, won a victory when a federal judge granted a preliminary injunction in the case.

U.S. District Court Judge Sheryllyn Peace Garnett, a 2022 Joe Biden appointee, granted in part and denied in part the plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction. The state has 21 days to file a response, and within 30 days plaintiffs must "meet and confer" with the state and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department "to submit a proposed order entering the preliminary injunction consistent with the specific findings" made by the court order.

SAF is joined by the California Rifle & Pistol Association, Gun Owners of America, Gun Owners Foundation, Gun Owners of California and seven private citizens. The LA County Sheriff's Office is the main defendant, along with Attorney General Rob Bonta and the La Verne Police Department.

In her decision, Judge Garnett observed, "the State bears the burden of showing whether California's residency requirements for a CCW license is 'consistent with the Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation.'" A few pages later, she notes, "the State has not carried its burden at this stage to show that the limitation of CCW licenses to California residents is part of a historical tradition of this Nation."

"Americans do not leave their Second Amendment right to bear arms at the California border," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. "California is behind the curve in recognizing that the Second Amendment was incorporated to the states via the 14th Amendment since SAF's Supreme Court victory in the 2010 McDonald ruling."

"The writing is clearly on the wall," added SAF Executive Director Adam Kraut, "when Judge Garnett noted the Court already found that we are likely to succeed on the merits of our argument that California's residency requirement for CCW applications is unconstitutional. We are confident our challenge will continue to prevail."

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Wyoming Man Trying To Get Federal Machine Gun Ban Overturned

A Wapiti, Wyoming, man is trying to get the federal government's machine gun ban overturned. Jake DeWilde announced in a Friday court filing that he's appealing to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, after U.S. District Court Judge Scott Skavdahl rejected his effort to have the nation's general ban on machine gun possession declared unconstitutional under the Second Amendment.

This was DeWilde's second time suing the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) in Wyoming's federal courts system. He has represented himself without an attorney both times.

The first time DeWilde sued in January 2023, he had just been denied an ATF permit to make his own machine gun.

Skavdahl dismissed DeWilde's case that July, saying DeWilde didn't have standing because he merely voiced a desire to make a machine gun; he didn't demonstrate a concrete plan to make one, and he didn't allege any imminent harm like the possibility of being jailed for it.

So DeWilde came back to court in April, armed with his own step-by-step plan for making a machine gun and recent case history in which other Wyoming men have been convicted and penalized for having the weapons.

This time, neither Skavdahl nor the ATF disputed that DeWilde had shown "standing," or a good reason to sue.

Yeah, But ...

But Skavdahl dismissed DeWilde's newer case on its merits Wednesday, calling his arguments unsustainable under prior Second Amendment cases.

Specifically, the 2008 case *District of Columbia v. Heller* says that machine guns aren't under the Second Amendment's umbrella. They weren't "in common use when it was written," the judge's order notes.

DeWilde had argued that the U.S. military uses machine guns and that makes them common.

The M16 is also "the quintessential rifle for use in the modern militia, just as the musket was the quintessential rifle for use in the militia of the colonial and revolutionary war era," he argued.

DeWilde referenced the 2022 case *New York State Rifle & Pistol Assn. Inc. v. Bruen* in which the U.S. Supreme Court clarified that when the government restricts one's Second Amendment rights, it must justify that regulation by showing it is consistent with the nation's historical tradition of gun regulation.

But Bruen didn't overrule *Heller*.

Skavdahl relied on *Heller*, primarily, in dismissing DeWilde's case. Firstly, the judge declined to call the law altogether, or "facially," unconstitutional because it also applies to arms one cannot "bear" in one's hands, like an aircraft-mounted cannon. So even if DeWilde's objections to the machine gun ban held up in court, they wouldn't negate the law altogether, which has a broader scope than banning machine guns, Skavdahl reasoned.

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Secondly, Skavdahl rejected DeWilde's arguments that civilians should be able to make M16s, that the military having them makes them common and that they are fitting for civilian-formed militias. "(That's) misguided and incorrect," wrote the judge.

When the nation was founded, people strongly disfavored standing armies and preferred militias made of citizens, but now standing armies are necessary to protect the country, he added.

And thirdly, wrote Skavdahl, the government would win a challenge against its machine gun ban anyway, because the nation has a "historical tradition" of regulating the keeping and bearing of "dangerous and unusual weapons."

Skavdahl wrote that he had little difficulty finding that an M16 is a dangerous and unusual weapon.

"They are unusual because they are uncommon to society at large," he wrote.

It's A Little Circular

DeWilde has waged "respectable arguments," but probably will lose his case in the end, David Kopel, senior fellow at the University of Wyoming Firearms Research Center, told *Cowboy State Daily*.

Machine gun possession and transfer has been generally banned since 1986, though machine guns crafted and possessed before that date are grandfathered in as legal possessions.

This means that the federal government made machine guns "uncommon" with its own legislation and now defends its legislation by calling them uncommon. "There's a circularity to that," Kopel said. "And it's fair to criticize it. But you know, what I keep coming back to is just what *Heller* says. And lower courts are going to overwhelmingly follow that."

The *Heller* case says machine guns aren't protected by the Second Amendment.

"If that sentence in *Heller* had never appeared, the current case would be a much closer case," said Kopel.

"We are fast approaching the stage of the ultimate inversion: the stage where the government is free to do anything it pleases, while the citizens may act only by permission; which is the stage of the darkest periods of human history, the stage of rule by brute force."

--author Ayn Rand

"The truth is, that, even with the most secure tenure of office, during good behavior, the danger is not, that the judges will be too firm in resisting public opinion, and in defense of private rights or public liberties; but, that they will be ready to yield themselves to the passions, and politics, and prejudices of the day."

--Joseph Story,



Guns: Where do Trump and Harris stand?

A mass shooting at a Georgia high school in September thrust the issue of gun violence to the forefront of the presidential race.

Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump agree that gun violence is a major problem, but they offer strikingly different views on how to address it.

Two 14-year-old students and two math teachers were killed at Apalachee High School.

While at a campaign rally in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, shortly after the Apalachee shooting, Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee, renewed calls for an assault weapons ban, universal background checks and red flag laws.

Students should not have to be frightened of school shootings, she said. "They are sitting in a classroom where they should be fulfilling their God-given potential, yet some part of their big, beautiful minds is worried about a shooter breaking through the door," she said. "It doesn't have to be this way."

Trump, the Republican presidential nominee, expressed his condolences. "Our hearts are with the victims and loved ones of those affected by the tragic event in Winder, GA," Trump wrote on his social media site Truth Social. "These cherished children were taken from us far too soon by a sick and deranged monster."

Trump has survived two assassination attempts, one where he was injured in the ear, but has not changed his stance on guns.

After the first assassination attempt in Butler, Pennsylvania, Trump campaign senior adviser Chris LaCivita said at the Republican National Convention that the party won't back away from its support of Second Amendment rights.

During a Univision town hall with undecided Latino voters that aired Wednesday night, an audience member asked Trump how he would explain his gun policy to "parents of the victims of school shootings."

"We have a Second Amendment and a right to bear arms," Trump said. "I'm very strongly an advocate of that. I think that if you ever tried to get rid of it, you wouldn't be able to do it. You wouldn't be able to take away the guns, because people need that for security, they need it for entertainment and for sport, and other things. But they also, in many cases, need it for protection."

A majority of Americans view gun violence as a problem — about 60% — and they expect it to only get worse over the next five years, according to a Pew Research Center study.

This year there have been 421 mass shootings, according to the Gun Violence Archive, which tracks gun violence in the U.S.

For a third year in a row, in 2022 — the most recent year of finalized data — firearms were the leading cause of death for children and teens ages 1 to 17, according to a report from the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions.

Harris' record: In the aftermath of two mass shootings in 2022, Congress passed the most comprehensive bipartisan gun safety legislation in decades.

In Uvalde, Texas, 19 children and two teachers were murdered, making it the second-deadliest mass shooting since the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in 2012. In Buffalo, a white supremacist targeted a Black neighborhood and killed 10 Black people in a grocery store.

The package that Congress passed and President Joe Biden signed into law provided \$11 billion in mental health funds and \$750 million for states to enact red flag laws. It also closed loopholes and established a White House Office for Gun Violence Prevention, among other provisions.

Red flag laws allow courts to temporarily remove a firearm from an individual who is a threat to themselves or others, among other provisions.

Biden tasked Harris with leading the White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention, which helps local communities implement that 2022 bipartisan gun legislation and aids communities impacted by gun violence.

Trump's record: During Trump's first presidency, he had a mixed record on gun policy.

After a mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada, the Trump administration moved to ban bump stocks, which allow a semi-automatic rifle to quickly fire bullets.

However, the U.S. Supreme Court, to which Trump appointed three conservative justices, struck down the ban on bump stocks.

Trump also threatened to veto legislation from Congress that would have enhanced background checks on guns.

Promise: a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines

Democrats have long called for a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, which are typically used in mass shootings.

The U.S. used to have a ban on assault weapons, but it expired in 2004 and Congress failed to renew the ban.

"I am in favor of the Second Amendment, and I believe we need to reinstate the assault weapons ban," Harris said at the White House in late September. Fulfilling this promise would come down to the makeup in Congress and overcoming the Senate's 60-vote threshold to advance legislation.

Promise: a rollback of Biden regulations

During a forum with the National Rifle Association in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in February, Trump promised to roll back all gun-related regulations that the Biden administration has implemented.

"Every single Biden attack on gun owners and manufacturers will be terminated on my very first week back in office, perhaps my first day," Trump said.

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Trump specifically said he would cancel the Biden administration’s “zero-tolerance” policy, which revokes federal licenses from gun dealers who violate firearm laws.

Brian Hughes, a Trump campaign senior adviser, said in a statement to States Newsroom that if Trump wins a second term, “he will terminate every single one of the Harris-Biden’s attacks on law-abiding gun owners his first week in office and stand up for our constitutionally enshrined right to bear arms.”

Promise: tax credits, no gun-free zones

During an NRA event in April 2023, Trump said that he was supportive of a tax credit for teachers who wanted to carry a firearm in schools.

Trump has also previously voiced his disapproval of schools being gun-free zones. Days after the Uvalde school shooting, Trump attended another NRA event in Houston, Texas, where he argued that a gun-free zone does not allow people to protect themselves.

“As the age-old saying goes, the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun,” Trump said. “The existence of evil is one of the very best reasons to arm law-abiding citizens.” He argued that schools should have metal detectors, fencing and an armed police officer.

I don’t believe the cause is lost.

There is a real problem of people on the right who just don’t vote.

I work with a gun rights advocacy group in Missouri and I talk to a lot of people who feel strongly and talk loudly about our rights. When pressed, a scary number of them sheepishly admit to not being registered to vote. There are all kinds of excuses from moving your residence, getting married (name change), just too busy, don’t want to be on the list for jury duty and on and on. All of the excuses are BULLHOCKEY.

If you don’t go and vote you have no right to complain.

We on the right are mostly of the mind that we just want to be left alone. If you mind your business, I’ll mind mine. The problem is that the people on the left, by and large, just love to tell other people what to do. They are more likely to have a degree of some kind and think they are smarter and better equipped to “guide” the rest of us. They have spent more time finding their way through the bureaucracy for much of their lives, applying for student loans, grants and other government give aways, and are more comfortable dealing with the required “red tape”.

Registering to vote and actually voting, in person or by mail, are part of that bureaucracy and red tape. People who are gainfully employed in a hands on job often find it more difficult to participate in the voting process. YOU NEED TO SUCK IT UP AND DO YOUR DUTY. The folks who want to tell you how to live and the folks who want the government to take your money and give it to them have plenty of time to devote to their cause. You’re busy, you work. You will leave them alone if they leave you alone.

They are not leaving you alone!! **Get registered and vote!!** It’s the only way to take back your country and avoid another civil war!!

WMSA ENDORSEMENTS

Office	Candidate	Office	Candidate
President	Donald Trump	Missouri House	Bill Allen
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US House	Sam Graves	Missouri House	Mike Haffner
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Missouri Senate	Kurtis Gregory	Missouri House	Marjain Brietenbach
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Missouri House	Bill Faulkner		
Missouri House	Sean Pouche		
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NOTICE: No matter how you get out to vote it is CRITICAL you make sue you vote. It has never been more important than in this election. All WMSA Member MUST vote for us to preserve our 2nd Amendment rights!!!!



SMITH & WESSON FPC 9mm Carbine

We will have a limited number of raffle tickets (1,000). We will not mail tickets to members to sell. Tickets will be available at all General meetings and at events where WMSA has a table. Additionally, to build our treasury for the coming year, this year's raffle is aimed towards gaining more WMSA members.

The tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. As an added incentive, bring in a new member at a General Membership Meeting and get a free raffle ticket. Any current member who brings in a new WMSA member gets a free raffle ticket for each new member added to our rolls.

Bring your prospective new member to a General membership meeting and when the new member completes the membership application and pays their dues, you are handed a ticket, no charge! The drawing for the rifle will be in July 2024, either at the Missouri Valley Arms Collector Show or the WMSA General Membership Meeting.

SMITH & WESSON FPC FOLDING STOCK 9mm CARBINE



Go recruit new members, get a free ticket for every member and exhaust our limited number of tickets.

Tickets can also be obtained via mail by sending a check to the WMSA, P.O. Box 11144, Kansas City, MO 64119.



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The Alliance is a regionally-based, grass-roots organization that seeks to;

- 1) Counter the designs of malicious legislators.
- 2) Confront the media's twisted portrayals of gun rights issues.
- 3) Politicize and activate gun owners in defense of their rights.
- 4) Acquaint the public with the true nature of the Second Amendment.
- 5) Network with other pro-gun groups to coordinate local, state and national strategies.
- 6) Train people in basic firearm safety and handgun defense.
- 7) Sponsor and support pro-gun legislation.
- 8) Make politicians aware that gun owners are awakening from their accustomed apathy and
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NRA member? ____ Registered Voter? ____

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