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NRA-ILA HONORS 2007 VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

The “Jay M. Littlefield Memorial NRA-ILA Volunteer of the Year Award” is an annual honor that recognizes an NRA member who demonstrates exceptionally meritorious activism in the defense of the Second Amendment and serves as an example to fellow members of his or her gun rights community. The “NRA-ILA Volunteer Organization of the Year Award”

honors a group that goes above and beyond the call of duty in defending our freedoms and that is instrumental in effecting change.

The 2007 “Jay M. Littlefield Memorial NRA-ILA Volunteer of the Year Award” will be jointly presented to Robert Grieser (NJ) and David Waldrip (TN). The 2007 “NRA-ILA Volunteer Organization of the Year” award winner is the Buckeye Firearms Association (OH).

Robert Grieser has served as the NRA-ILA Election Volunteer Coordinator (EVC) for New Jersey’s 5th Congressional District since 2004, and has assisted with numerous legislative initiatives and political campaigns. United States Representative Scott Garrett (NJ-5) writes, “Robert has worked tirelessly in defense of our Second Amendment Rights – a task that can be difficult at best in New Jersey, a state known for denigrating law-abiding citizens who own or seek to purchase a gun . . . Robert is a great asset not only to my own campaign but also to all individuals in New Jersey’s 5th District and throughout the state who cherish their Constitutional right to keep and bear arms.”



*EVC David Waldrip with
NRA Executive Vice President Wayne La Pierre*

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David Waldrip also joined the EVC Program in 2004, and serves Tennessee's 7th Congressional District. An avid hunter and target shooter, David has worked tirelessly to protect and preserve the Second Amendment rights of Tennessee residents. NRA-ILA's Tennessee State & Local Affairs Liaison Heidi Keesling, who nominated David for the award, said, "David Waldrip is a talented Election Volunteer Coordinator. His years of service on behalf of the National Rifle Association are a reflection of his unselfishness and dedication to the Second Amendment. The Littlefield Volunteer of the Year Award is a significant accomplishment that undoubtedly required dedication and hard work. He constantly demonstrates the moral courage to speak out when no one else does in support of our Right to Keep and Bear Arms. The efforts of his service reach beyond the borders of Tennessee, which is why I was happy to learn of his winning. Congratulations David Waldrip on a job well done!"



The Buckeye Firearms Association is an all-volunteer grassroots organization dedicated to defending the Second Amendment freedoms of Ohio residents. Nominated by NRA-ILA's Ohio State & Local Affairs Liaison John Hohenwarter for their tireless efforts and growing impact, The Buckeye Firearms Association was instrumental in the passage of Ohio Senate Bill 184, which improves Ohio's concealed carry laws and incorporates the "Castle Doctrine."

We know you all join us in congratulating our 2007 volunteer award winners!

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SPOTLIGHT



NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMAN GREG BALL (R-99)

We would like to applaud the efforts of New York Assemblyman Greg Ball (R – Patterson) a staunchly pro-gun legislator who was elected to the New York State Assembly in 2006. Assemblyman Ball is a strong supporter of the Second Amendment and a lifelong sportsman.

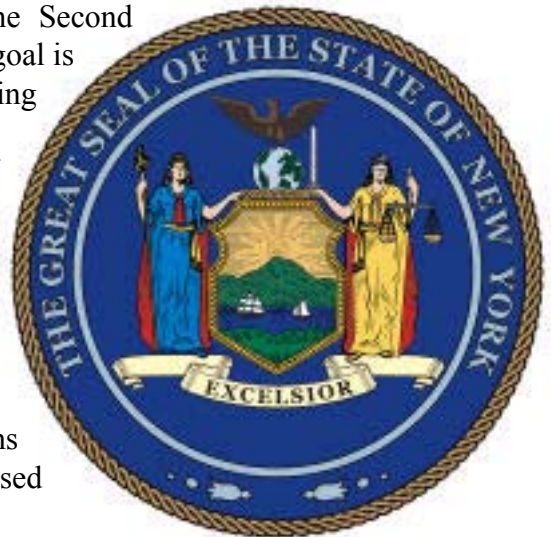
Early in his first legislative session, the Assemblyman caught the attention of Second Amendment advocates statewide when he led a fierce debate against overreaching anti-gun proposals. Since then Ball has further supported law abiding gun owners statewide, taking on anti-gun proposals like microstamping, and anti-.50 caliber laws.

Assemblyman Ball has also received two top awards from the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association (NYSRPA). In 2007, NYSRPA honored Ball with the “Assemblyman of the Year” honor, and in 2008 the group named Ball “Legislator of the Year.”

Upon receiving the most recent award, Ball said, “This award further strengthens my continued allegiance to the Second Amendment and my vow to confront anyone whose goal is to trample upon the rights of sportsmen and law abiding gun owners.”

Regarding his ongoing support on behalf of law-abiding New York gun owners, Assemblyman Ball recently said, “I fight the good fight on the floor of the Assembly everyday. I have fought very hard to ensure that law-abiding legal gun owners’ voices are heard and I have consistently stood up for our Second Amendment rights. I will continue to defend the Constitution and to ensure that the freedoms afforded law-abiding gun owners are not compromised by Albany’s liberal majority.”

NRA members and gun owners in New York should contact Assemblyman Ball and thank him for his staunch and ongoing support of the Second Amendment.



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NEW YARD SIGNS AVAILABLE: "I'M A BITTER GUN OWNER AND I VOTE!"



By now, you've all heard it. Barack Obama's "bitter" quote has had quite an impact on gun owners.

"And it's not surprising then they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations."

This offensive and misguided quote probably struck a nerve with you, so we've created a new yard sign that will send a message from all of you "bitter" gun owners to Obama this election season with our own slogan: *"I'm a 'Bitter' Gun Owner and I Vote."*

It has been estimated that well-placed campaign signs can account for as many as four percentage points on Election Day. Think back to the 2000 presidential election where 537 votes in Florida

separated George W. Bush from Al Gore, and four points seems like a landslide! While you are surely focused on the upcoming election, some of your fellow gun owners may not be aware of what's at stake for the future of the Second Amendment on Election Day. It is important that as an EVC you reach out and mobilize your network of local pro-gun volunteers to start getting active today! What better way to do this than have your neighbors proudly display how "bitter" they are as gun owners.

Each sign costs a very reasonable \$15.95, or you can order a combination pack of two signs for \$26.95, three signs for \$38.95, or four signs for \$49.95 (includes shipping and handling). A portion of the proceeds goes directly to NRA-ILA to assist our efforts to protect, preserve, and strengthen our Second Amendment rights!

Please visit <http://nrailasigns.org> to order your NRA yard signs TODAY! By proudly displaying your NRA yard sign, and showing your support for the Second Amendment, you will greatly enhance our ability to deliver victory for pro-gun candidates this November!



Pictured: Don Pagath with NRA-ILA Executive Vice President Wayne La Pierre.

ACTIVIST

Don Pagath of Duncan Falls, OH acts both as the NRA-ILA Election Volunteer Coordinator for Ohio's 18th Congressional District and as Chairman of the Zainesville Area Friends of NRA. A NRA-certified Pistol Instructor and Ohio Hunter Education Instructor, Don also serves his local gun-owning community by teaching concealed carry and hunter education classes. He is a NRA Patron Life Member and an NRA recruiter, and has volunteered for the organization at several events this year, including the Ohio Whitetail and Turkey Expo and the Deerassic Classic Outdoor Expo.

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