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President’s Message

Moving Ahead
Where do we go from here? People ask me that every day and the answer is really simple: Where do you want to go?

Let me fill you in on the facts as I understand them. Currently, the Democrats control all three houses of government in New York state. As they have proven this year, they are able to pass any legislation they want with complete impunity; block any legislation; impose any taxes and, generally, run roughshod over any conservative legislation. I know that Second Amendment supporters were angry at the Republican Senate and refused to support them in the last election cycle. We lost the Senate, proved a point, and set our movement back 10 years. Please remember the make-up of the New York State Assembly is 43 Republicans to 103 Democrats. Numbers like that make it almost impossible to repeal any legislation. Currently, the state Senate consists of 23 Republicans to 40 Democrats—a not so daunting number, if you realize the Democrats won this majority in a single election cycle.

We must achieve this victory and return the Republicans to majority control of the state Senate in the 2020 election cycle! The year 2020 is one of the most critical New York state election years in your lifetime. Why? The party that controls the Senate after the 2020 election also controls redistricting. Think about that for a moment. If the Democrats gerrymander Senate districts, we would never be able to win a race, let alone a majority again. I wish there was an easy answer to solving this problem, but there isn’t. Only hard work, good candidates and many more pro-Second Amendment voters working to register new voters can help to avoid this possibility.

There has been a lot of talk—and false hope—regarding the movement to Divide New York. Believe me people, I wish it were possible, but it simply isn’t a viable plan. A more likely scenario is the passage of a bill similar to S-2047, sponsored by Sen. Joseph A. Griffo, R-47. This bill would provide that each county would be a separate Senate District, effectively setting up a representation distribution similar to the federal government. Let me know what you think of this idea.

Thanks for your support and re-electing me to the National Rifle Association board of directors. You guys are the best!!

by Tom King

NYSRPA protecting your rights since 1871.
Collectors Corner

The Stoeger Luger—a blast from the past

The Stoeger Luger is a .22-caliber, 10-round semi-automatic pistol introduced by Stoeger in 1969 and discontinued in 1985.

At the time, it was considered a fun gun for plinking and target shooting. It competes with the inexpensive Ruger standard model .22-caliber auto pistol, which was introduced in the early 1960s and sold for $32.50. The Stoeger sold for a few dollars more in 1969. This auto pistol was modeled after the original German Luger Parabellum, w3as.

This weapon was designed by Gary Willhelm and manufactured for 16 years. The main difference between the German Luger Parabellum and the Stoeger was that the Stoeger used a simplified version of the toggle lock. The top of the toggle has a circular logo of two eagles facing each other. One side of the frame has “Luger” in a floral oval. The other side of the frame is marked “Manufactured in the U.S.A. by Stoeger Arms Corporation, S. Hackensack, New Jersey—Patents Pending,” the serial number and Caliber (.22LR).

These autos have two barrel lengths (i.e., 4 ½ and 5 ½ inch). The gun is mounted with a front blade in a dovetail slot and the rear sight could be either a raised square notch type or and adjustable sight attached to the frame.

I inherited my Stoeger from my father-in-law; the serial number is 4349; the barrel is 4 ½ inches and the sight is the raised square notch type.

The first Stoeger Lugers were produced in 1969 with aluminum forging/machines frames (7075 T6 Aluminum—tensile strength 82000 p.s.i.). Beginning in 1980, the receiver material was changed to steel. One way to identify the frame type is by the safety selector marking. Steel frames have a red and green painted indented spot, while the aluminum frames have raised lettering, “Fire or Safe.” You also can use a magnet to identify the composition of the pistol’s frame. My frame is pre-1980 and it is aluminum.

Two basic models were offered—a standard and a target model—mine is the standard. On both models, the front post sight height is fixed and can be drifted for windage adjustments. The rear sight on the standard model is a raised square notch type and all windage/elevation is done only on the front sight. The rear sight on the target model had an extension at the rear of the frame for adjustments. Again, the barrels came in two lengths: the 4 ½ inch (most common) and the 5 ½ inch. The barrel is inserted into the front and secured by a cross-pin. Both models remain open when the last round is fired.

The pistol grips are either checkered on the frame, which is less common, or smooth without checkering. Both models come with two 10-round magazines. The collector’s value of these auto pistols varies from $500 to $1,500 (1980-1985), depending on the condition and model (standard or target). The earlier models (1969-1980) are worth considerably more, depending on their condition and models. If you have the original box, instruction booklet and service manual, as I have, the value can increase dramatically.
Pistol Director

The 2019 Indoor New York State Conventional Championship match was held at two locations this year—the Roslyn Rifle & Pistol Club and the Binghamton Rifle Club. The results are as follows:

• The Open Winner was Rich Kang, Delmar, M.D., who fired a 2630-93x.
• The New York State Champion was Gary P. Peterson, Levittown, N.Y., who posted a 2560-60x to win his first NYS Championship title.
• The First High Master title went to David Lange, Glen Rock, N.J., who fired a 2614-79x.
• The First Master title went to Lateif Dickerson, Jersey City, N.J., who shot a 2551-72x.
• The First Expert went to Robert Jensen, Richford, N.Y. who shot a 2549-58x.
• The First Sharpshooter honor went to Steven Baker, Altamont, N.Y. who posted a 2399-22x.
• The First Marksman award was earned by Robert Braccia, Patchogue, N.Y. who shot a 2404-95x.
• The High Grand Senior winner was Harvie Loomis, Newark Valley N.Y., who fired a 2530-55x.
• The High Senior Honor went to Harry Wyckoff, Gilboa, N.Y., who fired a 2545-55x.
• The High Woman honors went to Janice Hornbach, Delanson, N.Y., who fired a 2097-15x.

The Open Team Champion prize was won by BMF ALPHA, which fired a 3414-97x. Team members included: Dave Lange, Richard Kang, Andrew Esposito and Edward Reineke.

The New York Team Champions was The Stamford Rod & Gun Club, which shot a 3347-59x. Team members included: James Hitt, Harry Wyckoff, Larry VanDeusen and Clifford Christman.

The First Place EX/SS team was Tioga County Sportsmens’s Association, which fired a 3309-62x. Team members included: Harvie Loomis, Mike Colwell, Robert Jensen and Kevin Swart.

As always thanks to all who worked to put on and run these matches and congratulations to all of the above winners.

I hope to see you all on the firing line soon.

Good shootin’

by Steve Kraynak

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Highpower Director

by George Kline

As of this issue of Bullet, the highpower season is well underway and this year promises to be a good one. Thanks to Jen Schmitt, we have revived a Junior Highpower Program and we will be fielding a junior highpower team at the National Matches. As part of their lead up to the National Matches, Jen also organized a Small Arms Firing School at the Olean Rod & Gun Club for juniors as well as other shooters who are interested in an introduction to highpower competition.

Speaking of SAFS, the Peconic River Sportsman's Club hosted its 30th SAFS this past April. Approximately, 50 students attended and they received instruction from Lt. Col. (Ret.) Joseph Porrovecchio and accomplished highpower shooters. Thanks to club President Ed Walden for his organization of this course and ensuring its continuance for three decades.

2019 SAFS–Peconic River Sportsman’s Club

A new highpower program has been initiated by Dale Brickwood at the Block Rock Fish & Game Club in the Hudson Valley. The format is a 800 aggregate, 200 yard, walk-and-paste match and it has generated interest in highpower within the club. Black Rock is a private club and you must contact Dale at drb539@yahoo.com for details prior to attending.

In terms of special events the NYS Highpower Championship will take place on Saturday, June 22, at the Forbes Rifle and Pistol Club. This is an NRA-registered event sponsored by the NYSRPA. The following day (June 23), Forbes also will host a CMP leg match to earn points toward becoming a Distinguished Rifleman. I will be the match director; contact me for additional details.

For those who are under the impression that matches are no longer held at Camp Smith—this is not true. This year, the Rockland Rifle Club will host seven matches, including the Hudson Valley Highpower Championship on the weekend of July 6-7. Lodging is available on base for a nominal fee. Thanks to Tom King, this weekend event was a success last year and NYSRPA fully supported the program. Camp Smith is a military base—you must contact me, the director of the Rockland Highpower Program, to gain access to the base if you intend to shoot.

In case you had not noticed there is a theme to this article. Participation. A handful of people are presently organizing special events to perpetuate this national sport in New York state. Imagine if each of us participated to the degree we could to support events and attract new shooters. We need to move away from the notion that the Un-Safe act has destroyed our sport. Yes, it has placed obstacles in our way, but through perseverance we can overcome these efforts by state legislators to demoralize and impact the competitive shooting sports. Get involved in any way you can. Get others involved.

I am certain I have missed mentioning other highpower programs around the state. It is not intentional. If I have, it’s because I do not know about your club and/or program. Please contact me and let me know what is happening in your neck of the woods. The best to everyone in accomplishing your competitive goals this season.

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STRENGTH IN UNITY – EVEN IN RETIREMENT
KEVIN D. HASSETT, PRESIDENT
From time to time, I think about the differences we have here in New York state regarding the divide between the upstate counties and the downstate political power of New York City and Long Island. It is quite startling to a citizen of my age who can remember when things were different. There are 52 school districts in Nassau County, and I believe every high school had a rifle team in my day. My school was in south shore, division four. The fact that there was a range and firearms in the school building was not an issue—rifle competitions were no different than football competitions. In fact, it was universal. Now, if you said that there were firearms in school, the lefties would go mad.

What has changed? Well, down here in the belly of the beast the political climate has gone left. Long Island was once a strong conservative area, but folks moving in from New York City and immigration have changed the formula radically. It seems that the influx has come with a different attitude regarding government and the intrusion of big brother into our daily life. The new mindset seems to be that government knows best and we mere mortals should roll over and surrender to the wisdom of our rulers. Somehow, I just cannot agree with that. Am I wrong?

The Safe Act and other legislation coming from Albany indicate to me that the leftist move here in New York is inexorable. The downstate region has the population and the votes in the state Assembly and Senate to bulldoze legislation that is outrageous to upstate voters. However, their protests are drowned out by the downstate numbers.

Is our liberty lost forever? I do not think so. However, it will take a superhuman effort by those of us who refuse to surrender our freedom. We must resist at all costs. Thus far, in my life here on Long Island, I have been published 78 times in letters to the editor of Newsday. That newspaper is read by more than one million people every day. Pushing back to the media and our elected officials is the way we express our opposition to oppression. Ultimately, our power must be expressed at the ballot box!

I urge every member who feels as I do to get involved. Never, never give up! The price of freedom is eternal vigilance. The freedom we still have was purchased for us with the blood of the Patriots! Let us always be worthy of their sacrifice.

As always, may God watch over and protect the brave men and women serving us, at war, in our Patriot Armed Forces and may God Bless America!
How Creeping Socialism Threatens the Second Amendment

In early March, a Harris poll revealed that nearly half (49.6 percent) of Millennials and members of Generation Z said they would “prefer living in a socialist country.” Millennials are typically defined as anyone born between 1981 and 1996, and Generation Z includes those born in or after 1997.

Since these two age groups are expected to make up about 37 percent of voting-age Americans for the 2020 election, trouble could be looming on the horizon. Combine that with the fact that an increasing number of U.S. senators and representatives are publicly embracing socialism, and the outlook is even more dire.

Setting aside a vast multitude of other problems created by socialist systems, the devastating effect that moving toward a more socialist type of government would have on law-abiding Americans and the practice of their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is nearly unthinkable.

The Venezuela Disaster

Venezuela was once the most prosperous country in Latin America, boasting one of the world’s richest oil reserves. High oil prices ensured that the majority of Venezuela’s citizens lived a decent life. In fact, seven years ago, nearly 90 percent of the country’s revenue came from oil.

The oil-centered economy started to crumble when prices began to fall in 2014. The drop from $100 per barrel to about $50 per barrel was more than the economy could stand. The failing economy, coupled with the Nicolás Maduro regime coming into power and morphing Hugo Chávez’s socialist government into a more tyrannical dictatorship, sent the country into a downhill spiral.

Venezuela is currently experiencing the worst economic crisis in its history, marked by hyperinflation, rampant disease, soaring hunger and crime. The crisis has affected the lives of average Venezuelans on all levels. By 2017, hunger had escalated to the point where almost 75 percent of the population had lost an average of nearly 20 pounds, and more than half did not have enough income to meet their basic food needs. By the end of 2018, more than 90 percent of the population was below the poverty line, and almost one-tenth of Venezuelans (3 million) had left their country.

Most recently, electrical blackouts have plagued parts of the country, and the shortage of food and drinkable water has worsened. As some hospitals used generators in order to continue caring for patients during the blackouts, others operated without any power at all, leaving patients needing dialysis machines and other equipment to do without.

The bottom line is that once-proud Venezuela has become the poster child for how a country’s socialist government can quickly become so corrupt that its citizens become mired in a life-or-death crisis. All the while, its leaders seem to care only about themselves, not rank-and-file Venezuelans.

Authorities have even fired upon and killed citizens by the dozens for protesting the Maduro regime. In fact, in the past two years, nearly 200 pro-democracy protesters, armed mainly with rocks, have been shot and killed by government forces in order to squelch their protests.

Socialism and Guns

Ask Venezuelans how they got where they are, and many will tell you that disarmament of average citizens has been a major factor. In fact, it is the sole reason citizens aren’t able to fight back against a corrupt, tyrannical government in their current time of need.

Back in 2012, the Venezuelan National Assembly enacted what was known as the “Control of Arms, Munitions and Disarmament Law,” with the stated purpose of disarming “all citizens.” Effective in 2013, the law banned commercial sale of guns and ammunition to all Venezuelans. That is, all but those within the government and, of course, criminals.

After Maduro succeeded Chávez as the country’s leader, the Venezuelan government in 2014 spent $47 million enforcing the ban, according to a recent report from Fox News. Many of the confiscated firearms were publicly destroyed as a show of force by government officials.

The result: Buy or sell a gun now, and you’ll spend 20 years in prison—if you can survive that long.

“Guns would have served as a vital pillar to remaining a free people, or
at least able to put up a fight,” Javier Vanegas, a Venezuelan teacher of English now exiled in Ecuador, told Fox News. “The government security forces, at the beginning of this debacle, knew they had no real opposition to their force. Once things were this bad, it was a clear declaration of war against an unarmed population.”

“The idea of having the means to protect your home was seen as only needed out in the fields. People never would have believed they needed to defend themselves against the government.”

As many American politicians continue a full-scale assault on our Second Amendment and the rights it protects, it is clear that many Venezuelans wish that they would have had such a protection of their right to arms. Is it possible that citizens having such a right to keep and bear arms would have changed the outcome? I believe the answer is a resounding “yes.”

“Venezuelans didn’t care enough about it (the gun ban),” Vanegas further told agencies and violent criminals. But regular citizens who need protection are out of luck.

Luis Farias of Margarita says violence was bad enough before the gun ban. Now, he says, it’s devastating.

“Now the criminal mother is unleashed,” Farias told Fox. “Trying to ban guns didn’t take guns off the streets. Nobody cares about the law; the criminals don’t care about the law.”

Naming Names

Yet isn’t disarmament of the law-abiding exactly what many in American politics are striving for? After all, we’ve discussed in these pages how most gun control laws—including “universal” background checks, “assault weapon” bans, bans on standard-capacity magazines (incorrectly called “high-capacity”) and creation of so-called “gun-free” zones—only affect law-abiding citizens since the vast majority of criminals get their guns by already illegal means. That’s the same way criminals in Venezuela get their guns now, since there are no legal means.

Ironically, socialists in the U.S. government are the very politicians trying to force their gun-ban ambition on American citizens. Consider presidential candidate Bernie Sanders, the grand patron of American socialism who was arguably cheated out of the Democratic nomination in the last presidential election.

“I’m not afraid of the word,” Sanders said in an interview with The Nation published in 2015. “When I ran for the Senate the first time, I ran against the wealthiest guy in the state of Vermont. … He kept attacking me as a liberal. He didn’t use the word ‘socialist’ at all, because everybody in the state knows that I am that.”

Sanders has become a reliable “yes” vote for any kind of restrictive gun control. Ironically, Sanders was recently warned about his embrace of socialism by someone who has lived it.

“Sanders was lucky to be able to get to the Soviet Union in 1988 and praise all its stunning socialist achievements before the entire system and empire collapsed under the weight of its own spectacular failures,” said Carl Bildt,

Kamala Harris, Elizabeth Warren and Beto O’Rourke—all announced 2020 presidential hopefuls—align closely with socialist ideals. And of course, all say they “support” the Second Amendment. Yet that means nothing to them; all detest guns and gun owners. All three would happily ban the most popular rifle in the United States, used safely by millions of Americans on a daily basis. All three would gladly create a firearm registration system through so-called “universal” background checks. And never forget: Registration always leads to confiscation, whether here in the United States or elsewhere.

Now consider the newest “mainstream” media darling—U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., a proud socialist. In her few short months in Congress, the former bartender hasn’t met an anti-gun proposal that she doesn’t like. When voting on “universal” background checks, she even threatened to “primary” less radical Democrats who failed to vote her way on an amendment that would require U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to be notified if an illegal immigrant attempted to buy a gun from a commercial dealer.

And Ocasio-Cortez’s desire to ban guns carries right over into her hatred of the National Rifle Association. During a rant against AR-15s, she took aim at you, me and over 5 million other NRA members.

“NRA politicians are also cheap to buy, and kill hundreds of people through neglect over extended periods,” she said.

Ironically, Ocasio-Cortez even launched a verbal attack on the NRA when a deranged man killed 50 people in a New Zealand mosque—a mass murder that the NRA obviously had absolutely no connection to!

Of course, many more politicians on the Democrat side of the aisle have socialist leanings. And they read like a who’s-who of the modern American gun-ban movement.

“Others are socialist at heart, they just haven’t yet worked up the nerve to say as much in public,” NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre wrote in these pages last March (p. 32). “Far-left political elites like U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi, California Gov. Jerry Brown, U.S. Sens. Chris Murphy and Chuck Schumer, Democratic National Committee Deputy Chairman Keith Ellison, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, and many more.”

What do all of these politicians have in common, along with their embrace of socialism? The answer is simple: They all hate the Second Amendment, firearms and law-abiding American gun owners. And the reason why is even more simple: It’s much harder to exert social control over independent-minded, armed patriots.

Next time you see coverage of Venezuela and the dire plight of the people there, remember why they are unable to fight back against a corrupt government that couldn’t care less about their well-being. And let that be another reason to work fervently to keep the Second Amendment as relevant today as it was when it was written.

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No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms.”
- Thomas Jefferson, Virginia Constitution, Draft 1, 1776
There is no doubt that Cuomo, Bloomberg, DeBlasio and liberal Anti-Second Amendment people are trying to destroy the NRA and NYSRPA. We are certain that you’re aware of what legal costs are in today’s economy. We are fighting hard against their cause.

**Here is the bottom line: DIG DEEP.**

Contribute to keeping the state of New York free. Free from Cuomo’s utopia, free from DeBlasio’s utopian New York City mentality; free to protect one’s self, home and family.

**Freedom is NOT free. It always cost dearly. Remember that.**

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We need your help today!
Clays for Heroes started in 2012 to raise money for our American heroes. The goal was to say thank you to our veterans for the tremendous sacrifices they make defending our freedoms. As we started planning our first sporting clays tournament, the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association was one of the first organizations to show its support and give us the credibility we needed to launch this event. By promoting the event in *Bullet*, the association helped us reach thousands of sportsmen and women across New York state. With its help, and the support of Rochester Brook International Trap and Skeet Club, the business community, many local veterans and a group of dedicated volunteers, our event has raised a total of $56,500 for our American heroes.

In 2013, Clays for Heroes partnered with Honored American Veterans Afield, a national 501(c)3 organization that assists injured veterans as they transition back to their lives in the U.S. Per HAVA’s mission, “The ultimate goal is to increase their confidence and hope for the future by reconnecting (them) with their love of the outdoors and the American traditions of hunting and firearms.” For more information about the organization, see honoredveterans.org.

This partnership is continually growing. Together, Clays for Heroes and HAVA are bringing multiple events to Western New York. Last August, we expanded our sporting clays tournament when Rochester Brooks hosted the first sporting clays clinic for a group of veterans from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Four veterans and support staff joined us for a full day of sporting clays shooting. The day started off with an information session at which Scott Holmes, manager at Rochester Brooks, discussed the game of sporting clays and course safety. Douglas Thompson, of Wilson and James Waterman, of Scottsville,
two local sporting clays coaches) then discussed gun fit, technique and strategy for sporting clays shooting. This was followed by a full afternoon of one-on-one training with Doug and Jim to help our veterans fine tune their skills for the Sunday tournament.

Adding to the 2018 event list in WNY, 3F Club was kind enough to host a HAVA pheasant hunt at its club last October. HAVA brought four veterans from different areas of the country to Lewiston, N.Y., where they had the opportunity to do some skeet and trap shooting with members of the 3F Club, followed by an afternoon of pheasant hunting. The group harvested 15 birds with the help of their K-9 friends. Saturday’s events were so well received that the group arranged an impromptu sporting clays session on Sunday morning at North Forest Rod & Gun Club in Lockport, N.Y.

The Clays for Heroes Committee is honored to work with such an incredible organization like HAVA and we are grateful for all the volunteers, businesses and organizations like the NYSRPA, Rochester Brooks and 3F Club that help make these events possible.

We invite you to come out and shoot some clays with us **Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019**, for the 8th annual Clays for Heroes shoot! Register for the event at winscoreonline.com. For more information about Clays for Heroes, see our Facebook page (facebook.com/claysforheroes). Please show your support for those who protect our freedoms.
More than anything, the New York GOP needs a real honest-to-goodness American hero to help efforts to reboot the party and to charge straight at Democrats. We need unselfish and fearlessly responsible adults who are ready to stand up to the Democrats in Albany and New York City and fight them hard for political supremacy of this state. We need people with honest republican values to say no to an over-reaching, heavy-handed government bent on infringing the rights of lawful Americans who happen to reside in New York state. We need leaders with the fiscal responsibility to say no to filling a seemingly bottomless pit of wasteful, out-of-control spending. We need leaders with the integrity and fortitude to restore respect for the sanctity of life in the state. We need a Republican who is ready to make New York great again! We have a champion in Assemblyman Kieran Michael Lalor.

Meanwhile, Democrats—who are shopping for new voters among illegal populations—have most Americans furious about their disingenuous and underhanded tactics. The time is right for Republicans to ascend to power in New York, but we need more aggressive leadership and a better-funded party structure. Lalor has proven himself to be a hit with voters after having been re-elected twice to the New York State Assembly with progressively increasing...
percentages of the vote each cycle. I believe this is due to his consistent record of common sense and courage exhibited while in office, and the fact Lalor is a take-no-prisoners hard charger, who is ever-faithful and ready to defend his beliefs and positions with clarity and purpose. He has said, “New York needs across board tax relief instead this budget adds to burden with new taxes and tax hikes: Opioid tax, Vapor products tax, Millionaires tax that was supposed to be temporary, extend five more years. Auto rental tax doubles from 6%-12%, internet tax. Real estate transfer tax.”

Lalor also has said: “You can’t be for big government, big taxes, and big bureaucracy and still be for the little guy,” quoting Ronald Reagan on the floor of the LOB. You have got to love that!

“I'm glad the president of the United States is exposing to the world the deeply flawed priorities of Albany Democrats,” said Lalor, proving that he also isn’t unafraid or ashamed to stand with our president. I appreciate that level of team play.

Lalor acknowledged discord between grassroots Republicans and establishment Republicans and said he has the ability to bridge the gap. “I’m really a grassroots guy, but I’ve been in the Assembly for six years so I’m an establishment guy also,” he said, claiming he can bring the two groups together. We need more of that too.

Lalor hosts a talk show Issues & Interviews on NewsRadio 1450 WKIP Sunday mornings, at 6:30 a.m.

“We need someone out there in the media, on TV, on the radio, in the newspapers, fighting for Republican principles in an effective way,” he said.

Lalor was born in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. A former social studies teacher at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, he is a Marine Corps veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and a frequent guest on the Fox News Channel. He is a graduate of John Jay High School, Providence College and Pace Law School. Lalor practices law at his own firm in Hopewell Junction, where he lives with his wife Mary Jo and their four children Katie, Riley, Mikey and Kieran Jr.

Lalor enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in July 2000 and, thereafter, served as a U.S. Marine Corps reservist. At basic training, he was the second oldest recruit in his platoon. He later enrolled at Pace University School of Law, but left school when his reserve infantry unit was called to active service after the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001, with Lalor training at Camp Lejeune, N.C., as part of a “ready reaction force.” Lalor’s unit was demobilized in December 2002, but was reactivated in March 2003 and deployed to Iraq. While in Iraq, Lalor’s unit participated in security and humanitarian operations in the city of Nasiriyah, located along the Euphrates River in southern Iraq. Upon his return from Iraq, Lalor returned to the Pace University School of Law and graduated in 2007. His six-year military obligation ended in 2006, and Lalor achieved the rank of corporal (source Wikipedia). He is the author of This Recruit: A Firsthand Account of Marine Corps Boot Camp Written While Knee Deep in Mayhem. And, I strongly suggest you check out his Facebook page (facebook.com/kieranmlalor).
Support NRA-ILA

Earlier this week, the United States Supreme Court refused to grant a request by the City of New York to delay the proceedings in the NRA-supported appeal of New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass’n, Inc. v. City of New York (No. 15-683).

The case arises out of a challenge to New York City’s notoriously restrictive handgun licensing scheme. Generally, New York state law prohibits even the possession of a handgun in the home without a license. A licensee in New York City must comply with additional and specific restrictions. A license is “not transferable to any other person or location,” and anyone with a “premises license” is prohibited from removing the handgun “from the address specified on the license.” However, because the rules also require licensees to “endeavor to engage in periodic handgun practice,” an exception at 38 R.C.N.Y. § 5-23(a)(3) allows a licensee to transport a handgun “to and from an authorized small arms range/shooting club.” This narrow exception applies only to seven ranges located in New York City. It restricts the travel to a direct route to and from the range, and requires the handgun to be transported unloaded, in a locked container, and separate from any ammunition. Licensees who wish to take their guns to other ranges or participate in events or competitions outside New York City, or who want to transport their guns to another location (other than the NYC address listed on the license), are prohibited from doing so.

In January, the Supreme Court agreed to hear the appeal in this case. The petitioners, individual licensees and the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NYSRPA), argue that, apart from the “precisely zero empirical evidence” provided by the City to justify its licensing rules as a public safety measure, these “extreme, unjustified and irrational” transport and travel restrictions on lawfully owned handguns violate the Second Amendment, the Commerce Clause, and the fundamental right to travel.

Understandably, the case has attracted a great deal of attention, representing an opportunity for the Supreme Court to again address the scope of Second Amendment rights and to resolve the question of the correct analytical framework in the wake of the Heller case more than a decade ago.

However, on April 12, counsel for the City of New York and the New York City Police Department (NYPD) filed a motion with the Supreme Court seeking to suspend the proceedings, based on a new proposal to change the NYC handgun rules. The motion indicates that the NYPD has published a “Notice of Public Hearing and Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Rule,” which should set in motion a process that (after a public comment period and a public hearing) might result in a future change in the licensing rules.

This notice is clear that the proposed rulemaking is motivated by the NYSRPA litigation, with the hope—as expressed in the April 12 motion—that should the proposal be adopted, it could render the Supreme Court appeal moot and lead to its dismissal.

However, even assuming this proposed rule would pass into law as drafted, it represents only a limited modification to existing 38 R.C.N.Y. § 5-23(a). The proposal would not rescind the restraints already in place (and at issue in the appeal), but would allow a premises licensee to transport a handgun listed on their license to: (1) another premises of the licensee “where the licensee is authorized to have and possess a handgun;” (2) a small-arms range/shooting club authorized by law to operate as such, whether located within or outside New York City; and (3) a shooting competition at which the licensee may possess the handgun “consistent with the law applicable at the place of the competition.” All of these retain the requirement that the handgun be transported unloaded, in

NYC’s “Desperate Attempt” to Delay Proceedings in Gun Rights Case Rejected by Supreme Court
a locked container, with ammunition being “carried separately,” and that the licensee travel “directly” to and from these additional locations. Indeed, the proposed rule adds a new requirement to these provisions, that any transport within New York City must be “continuous and uninterrupted.”

Counsel for the petitioners responded to the City’s “extraordinary request” by indicating there is no good reason to grant an “indefinite hold.” The City’s motion is, at best, premature given the uncertain status of the proposed amendment, and the amendment itself is at odds with the City’s forceful defense of the existing rules as both necessary and constitutional. Even if passed, the rule changes would be insufficient to moot the case, as the City’s legal authority to impose such transport requirements, or “forbid or permit action beyond city and state borders,” are among the questions before the Court. The rulemaking proposal is nothing more than “a nakedly transparent effort to evade [the Supreme] Court’s review.”

As NRA-ILA’s Executive Director Chris W. Cox put it, “The City of New York did not respect its citizens’ Second Amendment rights before the Supreme Court granted review in this case and it will not respect them going forward. We are confident that the Court will reject New York’s desperate attempt to avoid review of its blatantly unconstitutional laws.”

Consistent with his prediction, on April 29, the Court declined to grant the motion. A date for oral arguments has not been set, but the petitioners are due to file their opening brief with the Court this month.

Your NRA will continue to keep you informed on the progress of this important litigation.

This article was first published by NRA ILA, 2019 and is re-published here with permission of the NRA.
First, I would like to do is congratulate Tom King on his re-election to the NRA board of directors! Thanks to everyone who voted for him. Tom is really dedicated to preserving our Second Amendment in New York and across our country.

I have been having a fun couple of months traveling around the state to various gun shows and putting your faces to your names. I really appreciate everyone who came by our tables and said hi; renewed their membership; bought a hat or t-shirt; made a donation; or brought us a new member. I’ve included a couple of pictures from a couple of the recent shows.

I am still getting lots of questions about the Safe Act, so I thought it would be a good idea to review where we stand now. We had gone through all the lower courts and were ready to file with the U.S. Supreme Court when Justice Scalia died. When that happened, the best we could have done in the Supreme Court would have been a four/four tie. A tie means that the law would stay the same forever. We could not chance that, so we did not file for an appeal and the time to file an appeal expired before another court justice was appointed. Therefore, we could not pursue the case.

We have won the 10-round over the seven-round magazine case in a lower court, so that is still good.

Life member and volunteer John Colasanto speaking with Assemblyman, John Salka at Syracuse Gun Show.

Eric Wollman, a life member of the NRA, stops by our table at the Long Island Gun Show to say hello.

Henry Boy Silver Rifle for raffle at Syracuse Gun Show - donated by Guns Inc., Albany. Tickets will also be available at Annual Meeting of Members in Port Jervis.

We are now taking a New York City case to the U.S. Supreme Court that will have other ramifications for our state and the whole country. It is scheduled to be heard sometime in October—it is the first gun case that the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to hear in 10 years. This is a vital case and we feel we have a strong chance of winning. By the way, the NRA also is involved in this case. At gun shows, many people have mentioned their disillusionment with the NRA because they think that the association has abandoned New York. This is definitely not true. The NRA has been contributing more than anyone on this case. We definitely need its help and it still needs your support as do we.

This is also why we have been asking for donations. Lawsuits cost thousands of dollars and membership dues do not cover these huge amounts. Michael Bloomberg has pledged millions to fight us and the NRA and it is difficult to compete against rich people like him. So, if you can help us, please do. A very big thank you to the people who have donated already. We appreciate you! You are not only protecting your Second Amendment rights, but preserving these rights for your children and grandchildren.

I also want to thank all our members for your patience while we converted our membership
to a new database. I really appreciate your understanding. Things are getting better all the time. If you have questions, please email or call the office and we will work out any problems. Just a reminder that Flag Day is **Friday, June 14**. Did you know that the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the flag is believed to have first originated in 1885? B.J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher, arranged for the pupils in the Fredonia, Wisconsin Public School, District 6, to observe June 14 (i.e., the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes) as Flag Birthday. In numerous magazines and newspaper articles and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as Flag Birthday or Flag Day. Flag Day was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. While Flag Day was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson’s proclamation, it was not until Aug. 3, 1949, that President Harry S. Truman signed an Act of Congress to designate June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Port Jervis. We can celebrate Flag Day and Father’s Day!
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NRA Whittington Center: Building a Better Tomorrow

by Charlie Beers III

Have you ever approached a group and asked them to follow you? I did and was overcome, when four guys who I respect and share many afternoons with came and followed me. When I talked to them about the experience, I tried to piece together recollections of past trips over the previous 10 years. Looking back, maybe, all I really managed to communicate was that we would be dry, well-fed and exhausted from shooting. However, that conversation left me with a group of seven who were planning a Labor Day trip to Raton, N.M. Why Raton, New Mexico? Because sitting at the junction of the plains rising into the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, in northeast New Mexico, is where a Texas oil man named George Whittington had a dream. George and other far-sighted contemporaries purchased 33,000 acres of land to be used in furtherance of the shooting sports. What better land than an old mining town with healthy deer, elk and speed goat populations? Their 1973 dream, the NRA Whittington Center, has developed into an enclave of freedom loving, Bill of Rights supporting Americans. This 501(c)3 nonprofit organization is preserving our heritage of freedom for the next generation of hunters and shooters.

My involvement with the center began when, while I was attending an NRA convention, I followed a Whittington employee to watch a video. It showed children at summer camp; women-only shooting clinics; LE training; and even Charlton Heston in bronze on horseback. Who could turn down the opportunity to support efforts like this? We left the booth as life members of the NRA Whittington Center, which at that point we had never visited. As May of that year came to a close, the packing for Whittington Founders Weekend had begun. As I mentioned in earlier writings, I’ll skimp on clothing and buy toiletries on-site but, imagine flying to four days of shooting. How do you fit all your necessities in a 50-pound bag?

Rolling past the flags of our 50 states with one rifle, shotgun and pistol each, Andrea and I received our first Whittington welcome. The gatehouse staff helped us sign in; reviewed range rules; and gave us directions to our cabin. In my excitement to see the ranges, I passed the pro shop without even buying extra ammo. At dinner it was apparent that, like our Alaskan cruise a year earlier, we were 30 years younger than everyone except the staff. The first four days whizzed by in a flurry of family style southwestern meals, spent casings, ear-twitching grins and late-night Shiner Bock cans under the Lonestar State flag. We had been adopted, by Texans, Floridians and even folks from Colorado and Wyoming. Their life stories and shooting interests were as broad as their vocational choices (e.g., engineer, real-estate broker, developer, bomb tech, Secret Service agent, mother, wife, gun writer, businessman, rancher, electrician and dentist).

Amazingly enough, 2008 (a year of fiscal turmoil and recession) saw 400 folks gather, in sport, prayer and fellowship with zero disagreement. Simply stated we were all shootists
and as willing to learn as to teach. I shot some of the finest black-powder cartridge rifles that money could buy at Quigley distances. I cracked clays and jokes for hours as my eyes adjusted to the desert backdrop. Heartbroken we left having not tried all the center had to offer. We knew this was not a one-and-done journey.

The camaraderie didn't subside as we retreated past the gatehouse and flags on our way north to Denver. Shortly after getting back to my loading bench, the calls to Texas began. Still stunned that a New York native would own a loading press, they shared long-range data and tricks of the trade. I only had about 355 days until we returned. Now we knew what to pack and what we could borrow. I still don't pack a spotting scope, a few show up from Texas just for us.

Nearly five years into her life, Carly is still eight years shy of attending the Whittington Adventure Camp for a two-week session in July. Supported by manufacturers, gun industry insiders and average folks like us, the camp invites children 13-17 to live in community. This is a camp that teaches safe-gun handling skills, knots, orienteering, cooking, trapping and hunter education. As former campers will tell you, it is all a head fake. Camp really teaches these kids how to be community centered, socially responsible, civically minded Americans, who can hunt and shoot safely. Our public education system could learn from this.

So, back to the four friends who followed me blindly to the west in 2018 … They loved it and are coming back this year. Each friend found a niche of comfort, on the bench, in the stand or relaxing at night with crispy sun-soaked skin. I give Jason Lockwood credit (he likely won't be reading this). One year my senior; as soon as he connected with the White Buffalo target at 1123 yards from the bench, he stood up and hit it again, in a braced offhand position. Just like the kids at camp, we fired from 22 lr. to 50 BMG and then some. I heard no complaints other than lacking hours of daylight.

Open year round, Whittington is home to national competitions and events known around the globe. The ranges have hosted men of character and NRA prominence like Col. Jeff Cooper, who built the Cooper Rifle Walk range on the east side. Labor Day weekend is a great way to initiate this new adventure in your life.

African safari dreams became reality for my wife and I over a dinner meal a few years ago. Maybe you will fall in love with the history and stories of the Van Houten coal mine. If you are lucky you will just feel at home with like-minded family members and mounds of empty brass. I'll leave this issue with a favorite memory of ours:

With his head of salt and pepper tilted to the right, and his eyes gently closed; as if in prayer, Townes Van Zandt's voice emanated from the vinyl disks of my youth. I had always loved his soul-filled collection of travel songs. Ten years after his death, I was nearing my third decade of life before seeing his songs come to life. Andrea and I crested Raton Pass as the moon set, on a steady climb out of Trinidad, Co. Just shy of 8,000' on a numbing February day, in the valley below it was Snowing on Raton (Sugar Hill Records, 1987). Our itinerary called for time at Winter Costilla Lodge at Vermejo Park (Ted Turner's Ranch). Who could travel so close to Whittington without stopping? Yes, we had planned ahead and had silhouette rifles with us. Like always we were greeted at the gatehouse with smiles as we headed north and east; determined to drop some steel chickens, javelina, turkeys and rams. With winds gusting over 30 mph, the scores suffered, but who could stand unawed at the Blood of Christ Mountains in winter? Trust me, NRA Whittington Center is worth experiencing. We are no longer the only people under 50.

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Dominick was born and raised in Albany. He has lived in the Capital District his whole life. He has been doing building and remodeling for 32 years. He can take on almost any project. He is very versatile but specializes in finish work. He is also a member of NYSRPA.

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Pine Tree Rifle Club
Johnstown, N.Y.
NRA Basic Shotgun, Sunday, June 9, 2019
Registration (518) 883-8605
Skeet, Tues./Thurs./Sat.
Trap, Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
(518) 883-8605

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NRA rifle matches
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Camp Smith
G. Kline (917) 709-3691
Gkline711@gmail.com

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168 Fish Creek Road, Saugerties, N.Y.
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Sunday, June 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
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Sportsmen’s Club of Clifton Park
CMP Matches
J. King (518) 896-6596
Sportsmensclubofcliftonpark.org

Stephentown Valley Rod & Gun Club
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(518) 766-5350

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CMP Matches Bullseye
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Action Pistol: B. Judycki (315) 732-0873
Trap: L. Pawlings (315) 723-5657
Women’s Shooting Events:
J. Roberts (315) 865-6520
NSAF rimfire challenge:
M. Kay (315) 939-0563

Tri-State R & G Club
Port Jervis, N.Y.
High Power
Pistol
Shotgun
Smallbore
(845) 551-9265
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Troy, N.Y.
(518) 235-7800

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www.twincityshootingclub.com

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(518) 765-9395
www.vrgclub.com
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Trap: Sun./Tues., 1 p.m.

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Clays & 5 Stand
Sundays, 10 a.m./Wednesday evenings (in summer)
Barry (845) 564-0185
Al (845) 457-5885
www.walkillrodandgun.com

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Waterloo, N.Y.
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