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President's Message

by Tom King

The Demise of the NRA has Been Greatly Exaggerated

The NRA has had some business issues play out in the public eye.

No question. But, the issues faced by the NRA are the same issues that some large organizations face over time. The only difference is that the NRA's issues are playing out in the public arena. Why? Because we are the NRA.

The root of the NRA's problems is caused by the fear that the NRA will ensure the retention of the U.S. Senate by conservative Republicans, recapturing the House of Representatives by the Republican Party, and most importantly, securing the re-election of Donald Trump as president of the United States. Friends, that's what this is all about, and if a few good men and a 150-year-old organization are ruined along the way, better yet!

Progressives will stop at nothing to achieve their goals. Look back over the past two and half years at the attempt to destroy President Trump: charges of collusion, obstruction, sex and sexual abuse—the only thing he wasn't charged with was liking rock & roll. His family was supposed to be falling apart, his kids were crooks, Russian agents and some people even suggested the First Lady was a prostitute. Let's not forget the attempt to destroy Judge Kavanaugh's life with many similar claims. There are too many others whose lives were ruined through innuendo, false claims and coerced confessions to name, but you know who they are because the fake news posted their names all over the U.S.

Now it's Wayne LaPierre's turn in the barrel. Why? If you destroy Wayne, there is a good chance the NRA will fail or be greatly diminished. Let's look closer at his career path with the NRA, which began as a lobbyist 35 years ago. Over the years, he excelled in every position he held and was finally appointed as executive vice-president. During his tenure as executive vice-president, the NRA grew from an anemic less-than-two-million member association into the more than five-million member behemoth we have now become. While it is difficult to pinpoint an exact number, some people who know say Wayne has personally raised hundreds of millions of dollars for the association. By any method of evaluation, that's a matchless record.

Why? Why have a number of pro-gun associations and leaders joined with Bloomberg, Soros and others to sow dissent and demand Wayne's resignation? Unfortunately, there are myriad answers and motivations to that simple question, but let's delve into a few generically without naming names. One of the co-conspirators' problems with the NRA date back 30 years when similar claims were made and an attempted coup was stopped by the board of directors. A couple of the other antagonists failed in an attempt to be elected to the board of directors and they have carried a seething grudge since their losses. A couple of current board members truly believe they are on the right side; a few others simply saw this as a shortcut up the organizational chart; and others are competitors with considerably less octane.



Friends, no matter what their motivations are for this attempt to oust Wayne from his leadership role, the perpetrators are simply on a fool's errand that will divide Second Amendment supports, lead to a weakening of the association, ensure we lose the U.S. Senate, and possibly contribute to the failure to re-elect President Trump—which in turn will lead to the loss of the Second Amendment and gun rights as we know them. If you don't believe this, let me point out a few results of what total control by progressive Democrats leads to: New York, California, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., Chicago and Washington state. Need I go further?

In closing, let me state that I stand behind the NRA, the NRA board of directors, and Wayne LaPierre—and in turn, collectively we stand behind the Second Amendment and the gun owners of the U.S.

Thank you, Wayne, for all you continue to do for us and for all that you've have accomplished. It is because of your efforts that we have semi-autos today, people can buy affordable guns, and transport firearms freely for

lawful purposes. You helped save the American firearms industry. You persevered until we have comprehensive right-to-carry laws. You made Castle Doctrine the law in many states. All these laws—preemption statutes; emergency protection laws; and range protection hunter harassment—are thanks to you. Please, know the gun owners of the U.S. support you and are grateful for your efforts on their behalf.

Please accept my personal vote of confidence. ■



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Collectors Corner

by David Bock

Smith and Wesson had made several attempts at marketing centerfire semi-automatic handguns over the years. It wasn't until 1955 that the company met with success.

In the late 1940s, the U.S. military announced an interest in replacing its standard issue Colt 1911A1 pistols with a double action 9 mm handgun. This would become the U.S. Army service pistol trials of 1954.

At the end of the trial, no pistol was selected and the U.S. military would retain the 1911A1 until 1984 when it was replaced with the Beretta M9.

Smith & Wesson put significant effort into its entry (the Model 39) and when the trial ended it was released on the civilian market to considerable interest.

The Model 39 is a single stack, eight-round capacity, double action, 9 mm pistol with an aluminum frame, steel slide, wood grips, blued finish and adjustable rear sights.

In 1967, the Illinois State Police adopted the Model 39 as its standard

issue sidearm. This both secured Smith & Wesson's first major contract for semi-automatic pistols, and also generated considerable commercial interest from the public at large.

Production of the Model 39 ended with the Model 39-2 in 1982 with serial number A747148.

Interestingly, the initial production of Model 39s made in the mid-1950s had steel frames. Less than 1,000 of this variant were made and they weren't assembled or sold until the mid-1960s.

There were a number of small-batch production variations of the Model 39. These included some purchased by the U.S. military during and after the pistol trial.

There was also a special 14-shot suppressed version for use in Southeast Asia. Officially called the Mark 22 Model 0, it's better known by its nickname "Hush Puppy" for one of the intended uses, silencing guard dogs. This model also had a unique slide lock that prevented the slide from

reciprocating. This enabled it to be fired as a single shot.

The Venezuelan government purchased a small lot of Model 39 pistols in 1975. There were a couple of dozen production overruns from this contract sold in the U.S. These can be identified by the Venezuelan Crest on the right side of the slide. Needless to say, these are extremely rare.

Around 700 pistols were made in 1979 as Connecticut State Police commemoratives. This is the only known Model 39 commemorative produced by Smith & Wesson.

There also are reports of approximately 500 pistols marked 7.65 Parabellum produced without barrels and shipped to West Germany where .30 Luger barrels were fitted. These pistols were shipped to Italy for commercial sale.

From the 1970s through the early 1980s, Armament Systems and Procedures produced a custom "chopped" version of the Model 39 as one of the first compact full power

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auto loading pistols. They featured a shortened barrel and slide, grip panels with transparent inserts, magazines cut with matching viewing ports, a special Teflon finish, bobbed hammers and the unique “Guttersnipe” sight for close range snap shooting. Estimates are that less than 3,000 were made.

Another unusual version of these handguns was the Model 52 manufactured from 1961 through 1993. The Model 52 was chambered for .38 Special flush seated wadcutters, and fed from a five-round magazine. These were intended for use in competition shooting events such as Bullseye and were popular.

The next major innovation in this series was the Model 59. Based on the

Mk 22 Mod 0 Hush Puppy mentioned above and starting production in 1971, this pistol married the proven Model 39 fire control system with a 14-round capacity, double-stack magazine. This made the Model 59 the first of the so called “wonder nines” that eventually dominated the commercial and law enforcement markets.

Unfortunately, the feel, fit and finish of the Model 59 was considered inferior to that of the Model 39 and production of the Model 59 also ended in 1982.

Smith & Wesson produced a few other models in what became known as its first generation series of semi-automatic handguns. Starting in the late 1970s, the first of the second generation

pistols began to hit the market. But, that’s a story for another time.

The Standard Catalog of Smith & Wesson, by Jim Supica and Richard Nahas, is still in print and is considered the primary resource for Smith & Wesson collectors.

As usual, if you have an idea for future articles, send an email to info@nysrpa.org with “Collectors Corner” in the subject line and include your name for proper credit. ■



David Bellavia Receives Citation

Staff Sgt. David Bellavia honorably served for four years as a member of NYSRPA's board, and we are very proud of him and his actions while in uniformed service to our great nation above-and-beyond the call of duty. Bellavia is the first living American to receive the Medal of Honor for actions in the Iraq War.



With President Donald J. Trump

Medal of Honor CITATION



White House Ceremony, June 25, 2019

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3rd, 1863, has awarded in the name of Congress the Medal of Honor to Staff Sergeant David G. Bellavia, United States Army, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty.

Staff Sergeant David G. Bellavia distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty on November 10, 2004, while serving as squad leader in support of Operation Phantom Fury in Fallujah, Iraq.

While clearing a house, a squad from Staff Sergeant Bellavia's platoon became trapped within a room by intense enemy fire coming from a fortified position under the stairs leading to the second floor. Recognizing the immediate severity of the situation, and with disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Bellavia retrieved an automatic weapon and entered the doorway of the house to engage the insurgents.

With enemy rounds impacting around him, Staff Sergeant Bellavia fired at the enemy position at a cyclic rate, providing covering fire that allowed the squad to break contact and exit the house.

A Bradley Fighting Vehicle was brought forward to suppress the enemy; however, due to high walls surrounding the house, it could not fire directly at the enemy position. Staff Sergeant Bellavia then re-entered the house and again came under intense enemy fire. He observed an enemy insurgent preparing to launch a

rocket-propelled grenade at his platoon. Recognizing the grave danger the grenade posed to his fellow soldiers, Staff Sergeant Bellavia assaulted the enemy position, killing one insurgent and wounding another who ran to a different part of the house.

Staff Sergeant Bellavia, realizing he had an un-cleared, darkened room to his back, moved to clear it. As he entered, an insurgent came down the stairs firing at him. Simultaneously, the previously wounded insurgent reemerged and engaged Staff Sergeant Bellavia. Staff Sergeant Bellavia, entering further into the darkened room, returned fire and eliminated both insurgents. Staff Sergeant Bellavia then received enemy fire from another insurgent emerging from a closet in the darkened room.

Exchanging gunfire, Staff Sergeant Bellavia pursued the enemy up the stairs and eliminated him. Now on the second floor, Staff Sergeant Bellavia moved to a door that opened onto the roof. At this point, a fifth insurgent leapt from the third floor roof onto the second floor roof. Staff Sergeant Bellavia engaged the insurgent through a window, wounding him in the back and legs, and caused him to fall off the roof.

Acting on instinct to save the members of his platoon from an imminent threat, Staff Sergeant Bellavia ultimately cleared an entire enemy-filled house, destroyed four insurgents, and badly wounded a fifth. Staff Sergeant Bellavia's bravery, complete disregard for his own safety, and unselfish and courageous actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army. ■

Long Island Director

by Jim Collins

The governor of this state and other left-wing politicians across the nation are keeping our Second Amendment rights under attack, along with insane socialist proposals for our society. Therefore, I think it appropriate to see what folks through the ages had to say regarding certain ideas:

“Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God.”
Thomas Jefferson

“Bad laws are the worst sort of tyranny.”
Edmund Burke

“Tyranny is always better organized than freedom.”
Charles Peguy

“Tyrants have always some slight shade of virtue; they support the laws before destroying them.”
Voltaire

“Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself. They are the American people’s liberty teeth and keystone under independence.”
George Washington

“No free man shall ever be debarred the use of arms.”
Thomas Jefferson

“To disarm the people; was the best and most effectual way to enslave them.”
George Mason

“Our Constitution was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate for the government of any others.”
John Adams

“A government, which does not trust its citizens to be armed is not itself to be trusted.”
Machiavelli

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”
George Santayana

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.”
Ronald Reagan

“It is because the people are citizens that they are with safety armed. The danger (where there is any) from armed citizens, is only to the government, not to the society.”
Joel Barlow

“Both oligarch and tyrant mistrust the people, and therefore deprive them of their arms.”
Aristotle

“Little more can reasonably be aimed at, with respect to the people at large, than to have them properly armed.”
Alexander Hamilton

“An armed man need not fight.”
Robert Heinlein

“Those who hammer their guns into plows, will plow for those who don’t.”
Thomas Jefferson

“A system of licensing and registration is the perfect device to deny gun ownership to the bourgeoisie.”
Vladimir Lenin

“If it’s dangerous to allow individuals to protect themselves, how much more dangerous is it to give that power to government.”
Ayn Rand

“A sword is never a killer, it’s a tool in the killer’s hand.”
Seneca

“This year will go down in history. For the first time, a civilized nation has full gun registration!

Our streets will be safer, our police more efficient, and the world will follow our lead into the future!”
Adolf Hitler 1935

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! Yours in freedom. ■

Why Much More than NYC's Absurd Gun Laws Are in the Balance

Sometimes, even in this hyperbolic age of partisan media madness, the most impactful events are lost on the public and obscured in legal details.

The Second Amendment case the U.S. Supreme Court has opted to hear, *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. New York*, is such a situation.

In the past few weeks, the list of friend-of-the-court briefs (what lawyers call “amici curiae”) attached to the case has grown substantially. Even the U.S. government has chosen to give its legal opinion to the justices.

Officially, the court will decide: “Whether New York City’s ban on transporting a licensed, locked and unloaded handgun to a home or shooting range outside city limits is consistent with the Second Amendment, the commerce clause and the constitutional right to travel.”

This case likely will be heard this fall and decided next spring. The ruling may focus on a relatively narrow issue about whether the city’s law is constitutional, but it also could decide on the broader issue of whether, and to what extent, the right to have a gun extends outside the home. The court also might provide an analytical framework that lower courts can use in future Second Amendment cases. The lower courts resistance to the landmark *Heller* and *McDonald* decisions has been the biggest impediment to advancing gun rights in the courts.

The possibility that the Supreme Court justices could answer questions like that have anti-Second Amendment-freedom groups so worried they are

asking the court to please not answer the constitutional questions. In fact, in its friend-of-the-court brief, the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence even calls the entire court challenge moot 10 times, as it argues that New York City is tweaking its gun restrictions to avoid this constitutional challenge in the first place.

That this request for review from the New York State Pistol and Rifle Association and a group of gun owners who live in New York City will be heard by the high court was actually a surprise.

It shouldn’t have been. The plaintiffs in this case are challenging New York City’s ban on transporting even licensed, unloaded and locked-up guns anywhere outside the city limits—to say a weekend home or a gun range, and even to another residence in NYC—for those who have a “premises license.” People with premises licenses can only move a handgun if they somehow obtain prior, written permission from the NYC police commissioner.

The U.S. government’s friend-of-the-court brief on this case points out this not only violates the Second Amendment, but also violates the dormant Commerce Clause. The U.S. government shows the absurdity of NYC’s laws by quoting NYC’s claim that this isn’t an unreasonable restriction because a resident could “buy, rent or borrow new guns to use at those locations.”

“The Second Amendment, however, protects a right to keep and bear

arms, not just a right to rent or borrow them,” says the U.S. government.

The Bigger Questions

The NRA, in its friend-of-the-court brief, begins with the fundamental question of how our Second Amendment rights should be weighed when judging if a law is unconstitutional, as NYC’s clearly are.

“In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, this Court made clear that infringements on the individual right to keep and bear arms for self-defense are to be analyzed by comparing them against the Second Amendment’s text and history—not under an ‘interest-balancing inquiry’ like one of the so-called ‘tiers of scrutiny,’” says the NRA. “After all, the Second Amendment ‘is the very product of an interest balancing by the people,’ and the government—even the Third Branch of Government—has no warrant to recalibrate the balance the People struck because judges conclude that a sufficiently ‘important’ or ‘compelling’ governmental interest shows that the right is not ‘really worth insisting upon.’”

“In the decade since this opinion was handed down, most lower federal courts have openly flouted these instructions. They have constructed a Second Amendment jurisprudence based upon the very interest-balancing inquiry this Court rejected—an ‘intermediate scrutiny’ analysis that routinely finds Second Amendment rights outweighed by little more than the government’s say so that the rights

must be eclipsed in the name of public safety.”

The NRA later says, “This approach is contrary to the text and purpose of the Second Amendment—which was enshrined in our Constitution because the People already weighed the competing interests at stake, and solemnly concluded that ‘the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.’”

For example, the Brady Campaign is trying to sway justices with claims that average people can’t be trusted with their rights: “Guns turn quotidian confrontations into deadly affrays, especially when carried by people who lack impulse control or are under the influence of alcohol ... Everyday annoyances at drivers in traffic quickly become murders when guns are in cars.”

also protects the right of a law-abiding, responsible citizen to take his firearm outside his home, and to transport it to other places—such as a second home or a firing range—where he may lawfully possess that firearm. The Second Amendment guarantees both the right to ‘keep’ and the right to ‘bear’ firearms.”

The U.S. government also says, “Read naturally, the right to ‘bear’ firearms includes the right to transport firearms outside the home; otherwise, the right to ‘bear’ would add nothing to the right to ‘keep.’ In addition, the right to ‘keep’ arms, on its own, implies the right to transport firearms between the home and at least some places outside the home—for instance, the place of purchase, the repair shop, and the firing range.”

Common sense and previous Supreme Court precedents clearly show NYC—and by default some other jurisdictions—are clearly infringing on citizens’ Second Amendment rights. We’ll keep you up to date on what happens as this case goes forward.

Most-Revealing Anti-Freedom Quote of the Week

“Within a party that is plagued by differences over health care, college tuition, and even climate change, gun control is a fundamental issue where voters want change, and the Democrats can unite around it. To be sure, this is an issue that spans from grassroots activism to national politics, and even across the ideological spectrum. My fellow Democrats would be wise to bring this issue to the forefront of the 2020 campaign.”—Douglas E. Schoen wrote, in an opinion piece for *The Hill*. Schoen was



In this particular case, NYC has effectively banned citizens’ Second Amendment rights since it has made it nearly impossible for law-abiding residents to utilize their constitutionally protected right to bear arms.

Reading the friend-of-the-court briefs from the anti-gun groups makes it clear they understand the absurdity and unconstitutionality of NYC’s laws, and those in many other states and cities.

The evidence, of course, shows this not to be the case as millions of Americans now carry concealed.

The U.S. government, under the Trump administration, meanwhile, reminds the court: “In *District of Columbia v. Heller*, this Court held that the Second Amendment protects the right of a law-abiding, responsible citizen to keep a firearm in his home for lawful purposes, such as self-defense. In this case, the Court should confirm that the Second Amendment

(Why Much More than NYC's, continued from page 11)

a pollster for President Clinton. He thinks a majority of Americans want to vote their freedoms away.

Pro-Freedom Quote of the Week

"George Washington owned perhaps fifty firearms. After the Revolutionary war ended, Washington and his servant were riding on horseback from Alexandria to Mount Vernon. 'As was then the custom, the General had holsters, with pistols in them, to his saddle.' A ruffian and reputed murderer forbade him from passing and threatened to shoot him.

Washington handed his pistol to the servant, saying, 'If this person shoots me, do you shoot him,' and rode on without incident.

"Our second President, John Adams, spent his youth playing games and sports, and 'above all, in shooting, to which diversion I was addicted to a degree of ardor which I know not that I ever felt for any other business, study, or amusement.' A biographer states: John's zest for shooting prompted him to take his gun to school, secreting it in the entry so that the moment school let out he might dash off to the fields after crows and squirrels." —National

Sheriff's Association in friend-of-the-court brief in the *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. New York*.

(Frank Minitier is the author of *Spies in Congress—Inside the Democrats' Covered-Up Cyber Scandal*. His latest book, *The Ultimate Man's Survival Guide to the Workplace*, will be out this summer.) ■

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Minuteman

by Sean Murphy

On the evening of April 18, 1775, the Governor of Massachusetts, General Gage, ordered 700 British soldiers (known as Redcoats) under the command of Lt. Col. Francis Smith to march to Concord, Mass. Their primary mission was to confiscate or destroy the arms and ammunition owned by the citizens of the town. Their secondary mission was to arrest John Hancock and Sam Adams, who were to be hanged after trial.

Dr. Joseph Warren, upon learning of the mission, called for Paul Revere and William Dawes to spread the alarm to the citizens. William Dawes rode south through the Roxbury Neck. Paul Revere had lit the lanterns in the Old North Church, crossed the Back Bay by boat to Charlestown, and triggered the system of alarm riders, signal fires and church bells that were developed to warn the countryside.

The Redcoats crossed the Back Bay later on the night of April 18 and began their march to Concord. On the morning of April 19, around 5 a.m., the Redcoats lead by Lt. Jesse Adir entered the town of Lexington, Mass. The townspeople had elected John Parker, a farmer, to be the captain of the Lexington Training Band. On a side road to the right of the main Boston-Concord road, Capt. Parker and his neighbors waited, standing on their village green in political protest, having been warned by Paul Revere.

Upon seeing the townspeople on the village green, Lt. Adir turned the Redcoat column to the right, confronting Capt. Parker's men and ordering them to lay down their arms and disperse. Greatly outnumbered and not wishing to sacrifice his

men, Capt. Parker gave the order to go home. As they turned to leave, the Redcoats opened fire with a raging killing volley and charged the townspeople with bayonets. Lt. Col. Smith then arrived at the head of the column to see that his officers had lost all control as the Redcoats pursued the townspeople into homes and buildings. He ordered a drummer to play recall and his men broke pursuit and assembled into ranks. They were allowed to fire a victory volley and give three cheers of Huzzah before they turned to resume the march to Concord, leaving behind eight dead townspeople on the village green.

Isaac Davis, a farmer and blacksmith in Acton, Mass., had been elected as captain of the Acton Militia. In the early hours of the morning of April 19, he walked out his doorway into the darkness. His wife, Hanna, feared that she would never see him again. He walked with his friends and neighbors across the valleys and fields to a hill outside of Concord. Around 10:30 a.m., Capt. Isaac Davis marched his men off that hill and into history. The Redcoats guarding the North Bridge, opened fire on the militia. The militia returned fire, killing most of the Redcoat Officers at the North Bridge, causing the pride of the British Army to break and run for the town.

At about noon, the brigade of Redcoats under Lt. Col. Smith left Concord and headed east to Boston. They had flankers out on the sides of the column that came back to the center to cross the bridge just before Meriams Corner. On the hillside at Meriams Corner, the militia lay in wait. They fired early as the Redcoats cleared the bridge. The

Redcoats charged and the militia stood their ground driving the flankers back to the road. They hit the Redcoats at Meriams Corner, Brooks Hill, Brooks Tavern, Bloody Angle, Hartwell/Masons, Parker's Revenge, The Bluff, Fisk Hill and Concord Hill the last hill before the town of Lexington. The militias' numbers had grown to about 2,000. They were chewing hard at the tail of the Redcoats and hitting them hard at the head in the ambushes. The Redcoats were bloody, battered and out of ammo. All of the officers had been wounded. It seemed that the militia would finish them off on the very Lexington Green at which they started. BOOM!!! Came the blast of a cannon. One thousand reinforcements commanded by General Lord Percy had arrived from Boston.

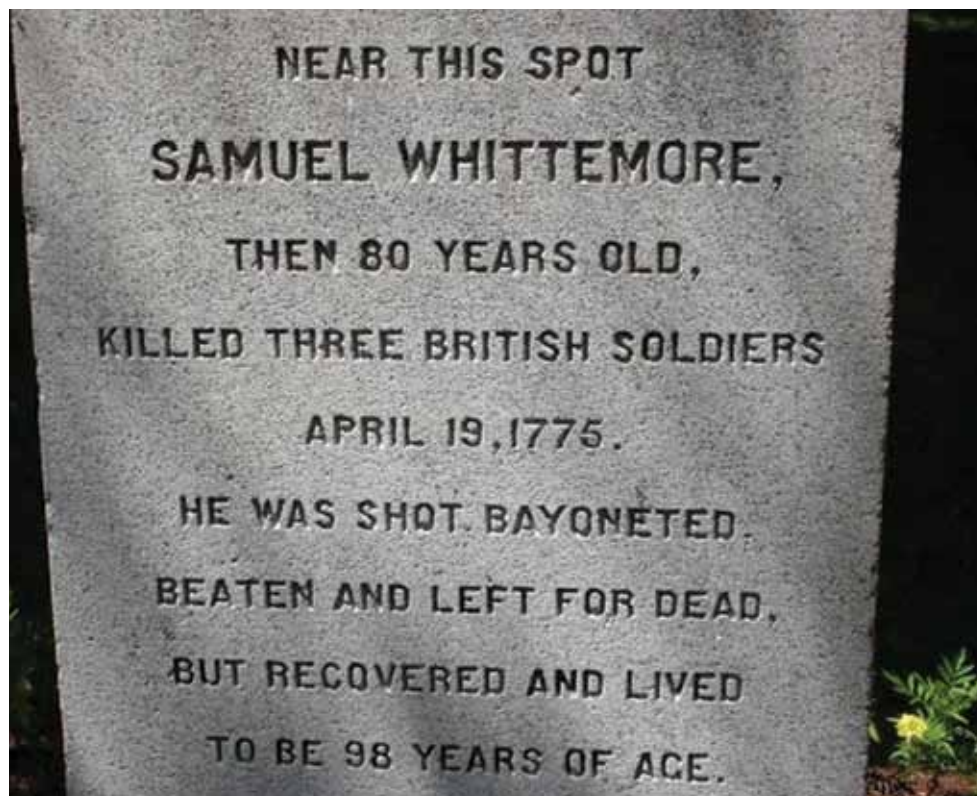
The Redcoats columns combined forces to continue east to Boston under an unending ring of militia fire that was directed by a farmer from Roxbury named Heath. But for a fluke of luck, the Redcoats would have died with their backs against the water, but that was not to be. A quick turn at Kent Lane brought them under the covering guns of a warship in the Back Bay. The militia held back and the Redcoats were evacuated across the water during the dark of night.

The Redcoats suffered 73 KIA/174 WIA/26 MIA. The militia suffered 49 KIA/39 WIA/5 MIA.

The town of Menotomy, Mass. was the scene of some of the bloodiest fighting of the day. A man by the name of Samuel Whittimore, was 80 years old when he took on the brigade of Redcoats by himself. He killed three before they shot him, bayoneted him

14 times and left him for dead. His friends found him and took the old man to a doctor who refused to treat him. "Your friend will die, others I may be able to save." And Samuel Whittimore died 18 years later at the age of 98! Did he wish to die or wish to live? What did he believe in so strongly? Liberty!

And, did Hanna Davis ever see her husband again? Yes, she did. When they brought him home for her to bury. On April 19, 1775, around 10:30 a.m. Capt. Isaac Davis became the first American officer killed in the line of duty. His image is forever immortalized as the Minuteman. The symbol of the Minuteman, which we all know so well, one hand on the musket and one hand on the plow. His name is Isaac Davis. ■



Congratulations to New York's Newly Elected Republican Chairman Nick Langworthy

by Carl Gottstein



NYSRPA very publicly started this year with the lofty goal of encouraging and supporting change in the party's leadership, and we were thrilled at the prospect of Erie County's leader Nick Langworthy in the top job! Nick did the grassroots work necessary and got himself elected to the big chair. Congratulations Chairman Langworthy. Thank you for stepping up!

New York's GOP has a fresh, enthusiastic and proven leader who hails from Western New York. Buffalo's "young elder" Nick Langworthy is the first Republican State Party Chair from Buffalo in 75 years. Nick's confidence is infectious, as is his love for New York and his willingness to fight for a better future for all New Yorkers.

Unlike some people afraid to stand up and say what must be said, Nick has not been shy about sharing his feelings and ideas. We are printing our new chairman's acceptance speech in its entirety:

Nick Langworthy Acceptance Speech July 1, 2019

"We are gathered in our State's Capital, where taxpayers are ignored and corruption runs unchecked. Liberal radicals have taken hold of Albany and with every stroke of the pen are making government bigger, taxes higher, and favoring rule breakers over hard working families.

Drunk on power from one party Democratic rule, Andrew Cuomo and his radical liberals have chased away transformational economic opportunities, legalized 9-month abortion, and given driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.

In the same breath, these Liberals are driving away hard-working, lifelong

New Yorkers, to states like Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Rather than deal with the real, kitchen table issues affecting everyday life in this state, these new socialists have chosen to ram through their own radical agenda.

Andrew Cuomo has done nothing to cut our wicked tax burden; the highest in the Nation; he has done nothing to end the rife corruption that clouds his administration, in fact, he's been complicit in it.

He's done nothing to stem the tide of people leaving New York for opportunity elsewhere; except to blame the weather; nothing to bring jobs to a state that lags behind the nation in private sector job growth. And no talk about how to make it easier for the middle class to live, work and raise a family in New York State.

While the Trump economy is breaking records across this nation, we, in the President's home state are left behind because of the corrupt, socialist agenda permeating the Democrat party in New York.

And while we're talking about a socialist agenda, let me be clear, I and the Republican Party of New York condemn the antisemitic rhetoric of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Ilhan Omar. We stand in support of Israel, and will fight for the safety and security of our Jewish neighbors across this nation.

The radicals on the left are going down a dangerous path to rewrite history. First they came after Christopher Columbus. Then they tried to whitewash the worst attack on our nation as "just some people who did something" and now they are trying to minimize the murder of 6 million Jews in concentration camps.

The silence of the so-called "tolerant" Democrats, refusing to stand for what is right is deafening.

And make no mistake, AOC's Democratic stardom is no flash in the pan. She proved it just last week by throwing her support behind Tiffany Caban, the Democrats' nominee for Queens District Attorney.

The Democrats nominated a chief law enforcement officer who doesn't want to enforce the law and credited her win to the inmates in Rikers!

Today's Democratic Party is being controlled by the extremists, and last week's Democratic presidential debates confirmed it.

And in Albany, rather than help struggling New Yorkers, radical socialists in our State Assembly and Senate passed the Criminal Bill Of Rights. Geriatric Parole releasing hard criminals at 55, Pardoning Cop Killers, Pedophiles and Rapists to give them their right to vote, and rewarding illegal immigrants with drivers licenses. In Cuomo's Democrat Party, Criminals come first, Taxpayers come last.

As Republicans we stand with our law enforcement behind the thin blue line, we do not spit on it. The men and women who put their lives on the line each and every day deserve our respect and we will stand with them now and always.

The taxpayers of this state deserve a Republican Party that will stand up, and fight to put their needs first. We have come back from the bottom before and now we will do it again.

In the 1990 election in New York, our Republican nominee for Governor received 22% of the statewide vote. So dire was our performance that pundits

put the New York State Republican Party on a death watch.

Three years later we elected a Republican Mayor of New York City and kept control of city hall for 20 straight years.

Then in 1994 we elected a Republican Governor George Pataki, fired a Governor named Cuomo, and protected taxpayers from the Governor's office for 12 years.

To those who proclaim that our Party is about to draw its final breath, you are dead wrong.

I say that a new dawn has come to New York. Our day is here. A new generation of leadership is reporting for duty. Starting today we will rebuild, retool, and revitalize the Republican Party in the State of New York. That work begins here. That work begins now, with each of you in this room today.

There are those that have said Nick, how are you going to succeed when the professional liberal class of attack dogs and the media are going to come after you? Ladies and gentlemen, if we've learned one thing from President Trump it is that we have to be tough enough to fight back and be aggressive. We are done playing paddy cake in the Republican Party in the State of New York.

And in 2020 we will make sure that President Donald J. Trump gets the support he deserves from his home state. I am proud to support our President, as he has delivered economic success to our country that we have not seen in over a century. Record low unemployment for all Americans and every ethnic segment. And a stock market that has had incredible growth on his watch. Can you imagine what our President would have gotten done

if he hadn't been met with the hostility he has every single day by the press and the Democrats in Congress! Our President has Made America Great Again and the NYGOP will help him to Keep America Great!

Don't let them fool you, our future looks bright. We have a path to victory and our first step is to take a cold hard look at our past.

New York City casts one third of the vote in a statewide election. The math does not add up if our candidates are getting less than 20% of the vote in the 5 boroughs. You know this. I know this—and that is why we will take this Party to places in this state that have not seen a Republican candidate in years. We will run a candidate for every single New York seat in Congress in 2020.

And I want our party to stand boldly with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik to expand her vision of electing real, Republican, change making women-leaders to office. We will go county by county. Town by Town. From the grassroots up, we will recruit and elect women at every level of government.

Congresswoman Stefanik has recruited over 170 women to run for office, including some of this years incredible candidates here today:

Chele Farley in New York's 18th District; Liz Joy in New York's 20th District; Nicole Malliotakis in New York's 11th District who will take back Staten Island and Brooklyn.

And I would be remiss to leave out Erie's very own Lynne Dixon running for County Executive. She is the first woman ever to run for Erie County Executive and we are very proud. She has a strong example in Cheryl Dinolfo, who is keeping Monroe strong. It's leaders like these who make

the real difference, and keep our party grounded.

Voters expect more from us than platitudes and slogans. We need to listen to the single moms in the suburbs who are juggling family, school, children and a full-time job. We need to listen better to those who waited their turn, abided by the rules and came to New York in search of a better life in this country of opportunity. The Republicans in New York are the Taxpayer's Party, and we are fighting to protect the American Dream.

But as we are sitting here today, the American Dream is slipping away from too many New Yorkers. Property taxes are driving people out of their homes, fueling the exodus from New York to states that tax less. We have the worst business climate in the nation. We will soon have the highest bridge and tunnel tolls in America.

The mass transit system in New York City is crumbling, and it costs twice as much to build a mile of subway tunnel in New York than any other nation on earth. A record number of public schools in New York are coming up short in the way they teach kids how to read, write, add and subtract.

For the second year in a row, New York City has lost population. In the last eight years, 1.2 million people, taxpayers, have left this state.

The tax-and-spend liberal majority had their shot to fix this. They robbed desperate families their school of choice. Instead of cutting taxes and fees, they raised them. Instead of encouraging the construction of new housing, they made it harder to build.

Now contrast that to the fact that it is now easier for an illegal immigrant to get a driver's license in New York than

a law-abiding citizen. And it's easier for the illegal immigrants to send their children to college than it is for a disabled army veteran or the daughter of a tax-paying factory worker in Syracuse.

This war for hearts and minds is about priorities—and let me make it clear today, that it is the duty of every elected Republican from Niagara Falls to Montauk to put Taxpayers First.

I say this with confidence because we are on the right side of history. The right thing isn't easy, but nothing worth doing ever is. We have done it before, and we know how to do it again. Millions of New Yorkers believe in our cause and the principles on which we stand.

We know that socialism doesn't work, and never will. I have never been more proud of our President Donald Trump than when in his state of the union address he proudly declared that America will never be a socialist country.

The people flourish not when government takes more of their money, but when government taxes less. That economic growth comes not from regulations written by bureaucrats, but by the free marketplace that rewards innovation and the entrepreneurial spirit.

I am confident that we can do it because we have done it. Nine years ago, I was elected Chairman of the Erie County Republican Committee in bleak times. We assembled a brave band of true believers to revive a Party that had fallen on its knees. We went to the grassroots of our Party and we listened. We walked the streets, knocked on doors, and asked the taxpayers what they needed. We recruited great candidates, provided

them manpower, and gave the voters a clear message and a clear choice.

Erie County has twice as many Democrats as Republicans—but the fact is, they are all taxpayers. Despite our 2:1 Democratic enrollment disadvantage, we have won 8 of the last 10 county-wide elections. We've proven that when you listen, learn and work to solve real problems the voters respond.

I am confident about our future because millions of New Yorkers believe in our cause and the principles we are here to defend.

We must send a message to voters of all affiliations that we are a Party that they are welcome to belong to if they believe in common sense.

If you believe that New York should open its doors to jobs and opportunities for our families, then the Republican Party welcomes you.

If you believe that New York State spends too much money with no regard for the hardworking taxpayers that are actually paying the bills in this state, then the Republican Party welcomes you!

If you have questioned your future in this state, because taxes are just too high and we don't enjoy the freedoms that people in other states do, then the Republican Party welcomes you!

If you've felt alienated by the extreme, liberal agenda of New York State's one-party socialistic democrat regime that worships at the altar of partial birth abortion, then the Republican Party welcomes you.

We believe that the United States is a sovereign nation, a nation of laws and secure borders. We believe that a sovereign nation has the right to control its own destiny. This is the land

of opportunity, and we must reward those who follow the rules.

We believe that parents with children trapped in failing schools should have the choice to send their kids to a thriving charter school.

We believe the people of New York City deserve a fully functioning safe, modern and clean transit system where trains actually come and go on time so people can get to work.

We believe that people who are forced to live in public housing in New York City have a right to expect buildings where the heat comes on in the winter, the air conditioning works in the summer and hallways are free of punks and drug dealers.

We believe that our natural coalition is not confined to the small towns and countryside of upstate New York. That we are a party with natural appeal to our suburban and downstate neighbors, a party whose natural coalition includes like-minded Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, African Americans, Caribbean Americans, people of all religions, the poor and the middle class, homeowners and renters, private sector employees and those who serve the public.

Our work begins today, and it starts with us in this room. We need to do a better job of listening. We need more dialogue. We need to do a better job of recruiting candidates, and providing them with the manpower they need to win elections. We must acknowledge that we cannot win statewide elections without first winning the hearts and minds of taxpayers of all political stripes, including Independents and Democrat.

The work of our party must not stop there. Victory will not be ours until

we have built the infrastructure that we need to get our voters to the polls. We are long overdue for a Republican registration drive in New York, to narrow the gap of enrollment. We must develop our small donor network. We need to do a better job of supporting our county chairs with critical staff, data and technical support because they are the backbone of our party. We help will revitalize our county committees, support our republican leaders, and build the infrastructure to win a statewide election.

The mission of this Party and what I will focus on every day that I go to work as your State Chairman will be to defeat Andrew Cuomo and elect the next Republican Governor of New York in 2022. That is our mission.

This is our path to victory, and I will not rest until we have knocked on every door, rallied every voter, and delivered our taxpayer first message loud and clear.

I cannot do justice to thanking those that have made my election as Chairman possible or we would be here all night. You know who you are and I am eternally grateful for your friendship and loyalty. I do have to recognize a few.

First and foremost I thank God. God has made all of this possible.

I could not accept this without the love and support from my wife Erin and my 5 year old daughter Madeline.

Erin, my rock, my sounding board, my greatest political advisor, the greatest mother of our beautiful daughter Madeline Liberty. She is a woman of incredible toughness and patience and an incredibly sharp political operator in her own right. She is dedicated to this mission with me, and has been

willing to endure countless nights without me being home to help out, and talking on the phone until all hours of the night. Thank you Erin and Madeline. I love you.

Congressman Tom Reynolds, my mentor who took a chance on me as a young, green college kid, and taught me the business of politics from the bottom up. Tom Reynolds has forgotten more about politics than I will ever know. He pounded into my head the old adage that all politics are local and the power of the organization. Know this, that your state chairman has licked envelopes, knocked on doors, and collected petition signatures in the rain. I know the value of all of your hard work, because I've done it. And without the guidance of my friend and mentor Tom Reynolds I would not be able to serve as your State Chairman today.

To the women and men of the Erie County Republican Committee. Thank you. Your hard work has paved the way for this day. You took a chance on a 29 year old guy that promised to work like hell. And nine years later We have celebrated great victories together and supported each other after some tough losses and we are a family. To have so many members of our Erie County team here means the world to Erin and I. That includes so many of our ECGOP staff members past and present. Thank you for your hustle, honor and loyalty.

I would also like to recognize the service of Chairman Ed Cox, and the efforts he has made in good times and tough times to keep our party together, navigating stormy seas, raising the money required to keep our doors open and provide critical support to our state and local candidates. You have passed

the torch with incredible graciousness have shown what real leadership is all about. Thank you Ed Cox! I look forward to working with you to re-elect President Trump.

Winston Churchill, a leader of fierce determination offered this on leadership: "To each there comes a special moment ... when they are figuratively tapped on the shoulder and offered the chance to do a very special thing, unique to them and fitted to their talents. What a tragedy if that moment finds them unprepared or unqualified for that which could have been their finest hour."

Today you have elected me as the youngest State Chairman in our Party's history, but I'll remind you that every man and woman here was tapped for leadership. Each one of you has a "very special, unique" role fitted only to your talents. Our Party stands together as one New York State Republican Party—and with each of you locked arms and marching boldly forward, we will elect a new Governor for all New Yorkers.

As a kid growing up in South Dayton and going to Pine Valley Central School I did not know where my journey would lead. But having arrived, and having prepared, I know that I do intend to make this our finest hour.

Together we will rebuild, retool, and revitalize this party—and the comeback starts now.

God bless the great State of New York. God bless the United States of America. And God Bless You All." — Chairman Nick Langworthy

We have heard his repeated calls for party unity. We have heard his calls for a more aggressive grassroots

Driven to Compete?

by Charlie Beers III

Pause your breath, continue slow pressure straight to the rear on the trigger and wait for the break ...

It was almost two decades since I fired a rifle shot in any sort of formal competition. Over the winter, I decided—or maybe I was nudged by NYSRPA High Power Director George Kline—to rejoin the ranks of the rifle competition world. I have had to adjust to a new bolt release and optic on a once bare rifle I knew well. Shooting coats have gotten more sophisticated and so have barrels and bullet technology. My winter months skiing were filled with wonderings about why I had been drawn back to where my shooting started in my youth.

People compete for a variety of reasons; many I know chase a particular discipline until reaching some high point and then switch disciplines. I have my top three reasons:

First, I relish the opportunity to stress myself against other competitors and the clock. I remember years when the thought of competing made my stomach churn. The wet palms and cotton mouth I got as I walked to the line. I remember the most of my years pleading with my parents not to watch me shoot. Almost 30 years of different levels of competing across many disciples, I still struggle to keep a clear head. Thoughts about dating and high school exams have been replaced with concerns about a pending customer PO or my young daughter.

The end result of this stress inoculation is a person who can think more level headed at times of real stress like, parenting, fire department responses and business negotiations. It is unreal to think that pushing to meet a time limit or comply with a regulation in your hobby can apply in business. Even a friendly Wednesday afternoon



of sporting clays with your friends can increase your competitive spirit. Human brain chemistry is positively boosted when we excel under stressful situation and learn to curb anxiety.

Second, is simply skill at arms. I have watched good target shooters fall to pieces and drop pistols when they were

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outreach. We agree. Change is needed. Langworthy will effectively lead New York's Grand Old Party state wide as he has in Buffalo, N.Y. Recently, Nick stated: "Only united and together can we Rebuild, Retool and Revitalize the Republican Party in the State of New York. As a grassroots team we will only be successful if we grow from the bottom up." Spot on.

We also share Nick's belief there is strength in GOP numbers that has for years gone untapped. Langworthy has organizational plans to activate and lead our grass roots, and that is exactly the path to victory in New York.

We appreciate the clear vision and positive outlook of the man, Nick once

stated: "We lost the Senate majority in one election and we can gain it back in one election," and he is not only right, this clear goal can and must be realized. Top priority! We must go all in to win back the state Senate in 2020. A goal that if accomplished will not only provide a common sense firewall against NYC's leftist insanity, it will put redistricting in GOP hands in 2021 and it will greatly help propel NYGOP to victory in 2022 against the worst governor in America.

NYGOP is once again working hand in hand with Trump's RNC for effect! Nick was part of Team Trump and a committed Trump supporter from day one, and in fact was part of President

Trump's 2016 transition team. The importance of the events here in New York and the changes within the NYGOP is not lost on national GOP leadership, in fact Chairwoman McDaniel showed up to see Nick Langworthy elected! So it is all kind of a big deal. Let this sink in.

Sounds like we are now heading in the right direction and it feels great to have a new found confidence in the leadership of the Republican Party in New York.

"We are done playing paddy cake in the Republican Party in the State of New York. We will aggressively take our message directly to the voters in this state." -Nick Langworthy. ■

Notes from Brenda

We just finished the Annual Meeting of members in Port Jervis. A good time was had by all and the weather was great! A special thanks to Maria Mann, Raymond Cooper and their great group of volunteers. They are the best!

Be sure to read about David Bellavia, Medal of Honor winner in this issue. David was a former member of our board. We salute him, and thank him for his service to our country.

National Income Life Insurance Company has again sent out beneficiary cards to all our members. I am receiving calls from our members who have been contacted by the insurance company. They are asking me if the calls are legitimate. If the person is from National Income Life Insurance Company, then it is legitimate. National Income Life offers \$4,000 accidental death and dismemberment coverage to all our members at no cost to NYSRPA or our members. As long as your dues are current, you are covered. The company also has other great programs that are available to our members. You can inquire about these from its representative who calls you.

On June 8, I attended the Annual Chicken Bake held at Wallkill Rod & Gun Club in Wallkill, N.Y. It was a beautiful day and the food was, as always, great. It was nice to see the members of the club and share a great time with them. This event is always held the second Saturday of June. You may want to put it on your calendar for next year.

Following is a little history on an American woman who was a great shooter. I hope you enjoy it.

I think all of us have heard many stories about Annie Oakley. Here are some facts that you may not know. Annie was born Phoebe Ann Moses on Aug. 13, 1860, in Darke County, Ohio. She was called Annie by her family. This unassuming woman, who would perform before royalty and a president, came from humble beginnings. When she was six years old her father died of pneumonia leaving her mother with six children to raise. Her mother remarried and had another child, but her second husband died soon after leaving her with another child to raise. At the age of eight or nine Annie went to live at the Darke County Infirmary, which housed the elderly, the orphaned and the mentally ill. In exchange for helping with the children, Annie received an education and learned the skill of sewing, which she would later use to make her own costumes. At the age of 13 or 14, Annie returned to her family. Her mother had remarried, but the family finances were still marginal. Annie used her father's old Kentucky rifle to hunt small game for the Katzenberger Brother's grocery store in Greenville, Ohio where it was resold to hotels and restaurants. Annie was so successful at hunting that, when she was 15 years old, she was able to pay the mortgage on her mother's house.

Annie's noted shooting ability brought an invitation from Jack Frost, a hotel owner in Cincinnati who had purchased her game, to participate in a shooting contest against a well-known marksman, Frank E. Butler.

Butler was on tour with several other marksmen. While on the road, he typically offered challenges to local shooters. Annie won the match with 25 shots out of 25 attempts. Butler missed one of his shots. This amazing girl entranced Butler, and the two shooters began a courtship that resulted in marriage on Aug. 23, 1876.

Annie and Frank Butler first appeared in a show together in May of 1882. She had taken the stage name of Oakley, but off stage she was always Mrs. Frank Butler. At a March 1884 performance in St. Paul, Minn., Annie befriended the Lakota leader Sitting Bull. The victor over George Armstrong Custer at the 1876 Battle of Little Big Horn, Sitting Bull was impressed with Oakley's size (she was only five feet tall), her shooting skills, her modest appearance, and her self-assured manner. They became fast friends. It was Sitting Bull who dubbed her "Watanya Cicillia" (English translation: "Little Sure Shot"). The American Indian warrior liked her so much that he gave her his special moccasins to "adopt" her as his daughter.

In 1885, Oakley joined Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. This was a significant turning point in Annie Oakley's life and in her relationship with Butler. Until this time, either Butler had received top billing or they had shared the limelight. However, with the Wild West Show, Oakley was the star. It was her name on the advertising posters as "Champion Markswoman." Butler happily accepted the position as her manager and assistant. Oakley and Butler prospered with the Wild West Show

and remained with the show for 16 years. They toured Paris, France, Italy and Spain with the Wild West Show.

Oakley and Butler's desire for less extensive traveling—as well as a serious train accident that injured her back—caused them to leave the show in 1901. However, she continued to perform. Then, Butler signed a contract as a representative for the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. in Connecticut. This was a position that allowed them both to make endorsements for the company and to continue their shooting exhibitions. Finally in 1913, the couple retired from the arena and settled down in Cambridge, Md.

When the U.S. was pulled into World War I in 1917, Oakley offered to raise a regiment of woman volunteers to fight in the war. She had made the same offer during the Spanish-American War; neither offer was accepted. She also volunteered to teach marksmanship to the troops. Oakley gave her time to the National War

Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, War Camp Community Service and Red Cross.

Oakley began making plans for a comeback in 1922. Attracting large crowds in Massachusetts, New York, and major cities, she had plans to star in a motion picture. Unfortunately, at the end of the year, she and Butler were severely injured in an automobile accident in Florida. It took Oakley more than a year to recover from her injuries and she had to wear a leg brace. By 1924, she was performing again, but her recovery did not last long. By 1925, she was frail and in poor health. She and Butler moved to her hometown in Ohio to be near her family. They attended shooting matches in the local area, and Oakley began to write her memoirs, which were published in newspapers across the country.

In 1926, after 50 happy years of marriage, and long adventuresome lives the Butlers died. Oakley died from pernicious anemia on Nov. 3,



at the age of 66. Butler mourned so deeply, he stopped eating and died 18 days later on Nov. 21. This remarkable woman is remembered as a western folk hero, American legend and icon. Throughout her career, Oakley maintained her dignity and propriety while quietly proving that she was superior to most men on the shooting range. Thanks to Hollywood and history, the legend of Annie Oakley endures.

One of Annie Oakley's famous quotes was, "I would love to see every woman know how to handle guns as naturally as they know how to handle babies." ■

WINNER OF THE JUNIOR SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE

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After a Defensive Shooting: What to Do

You have just been attacked by an armed criminal and forced to deploy your defensive handgun. Too often, people who prepare for such a possibility fail to consider what they should do and what they should expect once the gunfire has ceased. Dealing with the aftermath of such an unfortunate situation should be a critical part of your personal defense plan. To fail to consider it can place you in a good deal of legal and physical danger. Once the shooting is over, you should put your gun away and call 9-1-1 immediately.

When you call 9-1-1, you should give your name, location and a very brief description of what has just occurred (“A man tried to rob me with a gun and I had to shoot him”). You should ask that an ambulance and law enforcement be dispatched right away. It is not your responsibility, nor are you trained to determine, if your attacker is still alive. Assume that he is and get him some medical attention.

You should understand that 9-1-1 lines are recorded, and that recording can be produced as evidence in court. For that reason, in your stressed-out mental state, it is not a good idea to try to explain the various details of what happened. The time for that will come later, after you have consulted with an attorney and had an opportunity to calm down.

You should also understand that, if you are still holding your gun when the police arrive, you stand a very good chance of being shot. Police officers cannot tell the good guys from the bad guys by simply looking at you. If they see a gun in your hand, they must

assume that you represent a threat to them.

Just a few years ago, in a Southwest city, police shot a man whose wife had told them on the phone that he was the good guy who was holding a gun on a home invader. When the first officer arrived on the scene, the wife told him the same thing. The officer promptly went into the house and shot her husband nine times. Police officers can be stressed and confused, too.

We teach defensive students to only reholster their guns when peace has been restored to their immediate area. However, there may be times when the shooting has stopped but you still don't feel very safe—the attacker may have friends or relatives nearby. In this case it is best to get away from the scene. You don't necessarily have to go far. You may just create some distance and get behind good cover to await the arrival of law enforcement. Just do your best not to have the gun in your hand when they arrive.

Keeping in mind that the police don't know what has happened and don't know the players, don't be surprised if you are ordered to lie face-down on the ground. And, if that happens, you will more than likely be handcuffed as well. This doesn't mean that anyone automatically thinks that you are guilty. What it means is that the police officers are going to make doubly sure that the trouble is over, and that no one else is about to get hurt. You may even be transported to the jail, still in handcuffs. Don't argue with it, just live with it. It is not the end of the world.

It is okay to tell them that you are the victim and that you are the one

that called 9-1-1. Just understand that police officers, in the course of their duties, are told all sorts of things. What they seek are independent facts from the scene and from witnesses that tell them what really happened. It is not uncommon for police officers to apologize to crime victims, once the facts have come out, for taking them down. The best thing that you can do is be cooperative.

Eventually, someone is going to advise you of your Constitutional Rights and attempt to interview you. This is where it is critical that you have already sought the advice and guidance of a criminal defense attorney prior to carrying your defensive handgun. You should use the earliest opportunity to contact that attorney and get him or her down to talk to you and be present when the police question you.

People who have gone through the traumatic experience of having to shoot another person are under a huge amount of stress. In most cases, it will be more stress than they have ever experienced before. And they are under more stress than they realize and often more stress than they care to admit. This is not a good time to be trying to explain why you used lethal force.

Be polite to the interviewing officers, but tell them that you are very upset and stressed out. Tell them that you intend to cooperate with them but that you simply want your attorney present before you make any sort of statement—verbal, written or video. This is not the time to say things that you might regret later, or things that, given time, you would have said better

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forced to draw from concealment. Thinking back, I remember days when I had to use my nondominant hand or eye and fell to pieces. Fair weather habits are tested when the rain is horizontal and the mercury drops. Shooting any discipline will build your skill at arms while providing a barometer to measure yourself against. Some day when you feel you have reached a pinnacle, watch Julie Golob or Rob Leatham. Both of these folks can gracefully humble the best shooters at your home club.

I have long held a belief that shooters are some of the best mannered, friendliest folks going. I have showed up short of equipment and been loaned everything I forgot. I have had friends on opposite relays watch my daughter and share their lunches. Shooters are some of the most even-tempered sports enthusiasts going; compare this

to the parents of some little league games. The comradery I experience at any competition rounds out desire to continue in any discipline. As a new shooter just entering the sports, push the “I believe” button and walk in the door. After that first bout of courage crossing the threshold, you will be rewarded and welcomed into The Family.

Col. Jeff Cooper held among his ideals that young men should be taught to Ride, Shoot Straight and Speak the Truth. This ancient Persian concept became the title of Col. Cooper’s second book. Whether you compete or not, please purchase a copy and read it several times. I hope one day to see my daughter develop and mature with the help of shooting sports and The Family. I will thank Norm Truax who held the first small bore silhouette matches I ever competed in. Since

Norm, many others have given of their time and talents to make the sports viable. We owe it to the generations ahead to beat the political flack and continue our national skill at arms.

I agree with a favorite quote from President Theodore Roosevelt (while remembering we need to encourage both genders to join in). “The great body of our citizens shoots less as times goes on. We should encourage rifle practice among schoolboys, and indeed among all classes, as well as in the military services by every means in our power. Thus, and not otherwise, may we be able to assist in preserving peace in the world ... The first step—in the direction of preparation to avert war if possible, and to be fit for war if it should come—is to teach men to shoot!” ■

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and more clearly. It also gives you time to replay the entire episode in your mind and to better remember all of the facts involved.

What I have just described in the aftermath of a defensive shooting is

not what most folks want to have to consider. But it is the reality of what could very possibly happen. If you consider it and expect it, you will have a better chance of dealing with it in as positive a manner as possible. And this

is the reason that the aftermath of a defensive shooting should be a critical part of your personal defense plan. ■

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hunting. When asked what her top three passions are her reply was: "Number one is the love for my family of course, second would be for the outdoors and shooting sports, and third would be for my community." Maria also holds office as the second ward councilwoman in Port Jervis. Maria along with Dr. Raymond Cooper, has been the organizer and chairman for our last three Annual Meetings and Sportsman's Expo in Port Jervis.

Maria is a Life Member of our association, an NRA Patron Member, a Utah Concealed Firearm Instructor, and holds NRA Certified Instructor rating in the following areas: Home Firearm Safety, Pistol, Refuse To Be A Victim, Rifle, Shotgun, Chief Range Safety Officer, and Personal Protection In the Home. We welcome Maria to our board and feel she will be a great asset. ■



Maria Mann with her husband Bill (left) and Tom King (right)



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