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President's Message

by Tom King

Open your eyes!

I hope you're watching and I hope you're getting just as mad as I am. Impeachment of a president of the United States for negotiating with another country's leader, are you kidding me? Why wasn't Franklin Roosevelt impeached for negotiating with Russia at Malta? I'll tell you why, the politicians, at that time believed in America more than they did in their parties. The survival of America depended on a united fight against the Axis and the coming Communist threat. What's the word I'm looking for (oh, yeah) they were *Patriots* not politicians. That is not the case today. Most of our politicians put themselves, special interests, and their party ahead of the best interests of the U.S. Look what has happened since the Democrats took control of the New York State Senate—12 anti-gun bills were passed and signed into law. Watch what's going on in the House of Representatives since the Democrats have taken over ... Nothing to make our country better; only an endless investigation of the best president I have supported in my entire life, President Donald Trump. Now impeachment, this must be stopped.

The swamp is deep, getting deeper, and we the people are the only force able to stop this country from drowning in the political morass we allowed to be created. Look what is transpiring: Mayhem in our major cities, cops being murdered, homeless living and crapping in the streets, the complete loss of respect for human life,

murder rates soaring, gang violence escalating, municipalities on the verge of bankruptcy, schools teaching socialism and a lack of respect for authority and the final nail in the coffin, legalization of drugs. Who's responsible for these travesties? You and I. We the people have let this happen on our watch! Our *laisse-faire* apathetic attitude toward politics and voting has put us in this dire situation.

Dit ... dit ... dit... dit dit ...

BREAKING NEWS! The socialist Democrats are coming for your shotguns, hand guns and hunting rifles. They do not care about your safety, social mores or traditions that have been with us since the birth of the nation. Actually, those are the values they most want to destroy. Destroy those values and you destroy the nation. **WE MUST NOT LET THIS HAPPEN ON OUR WATCH!!**

2020 is going to be the most important election in your lifetime. If we don't retake the House, hold the Senate and re-elect President Trump, America as we know it will cease to exist. That's right will cease to exist. **Don't let that happen on your watch.** The Democrats started their re-election push the day President Trump was sworn into office. Since that day there has been an effort to embarrass and remove the president from office. And now we have the impeachment scam. Don't let this happen!

During the coming years there will be trolls, bots and other seditious agents on all of social media attempting



to confuse you and influence you to support their socialist agenda. Don't allow it!

Bloomberg promised to spend whatever it took to destroy the NRA and he's attempting to follow through on that threat by attacking Wayne, the institution and board members through myriad sources—some of whom are supposedly our friends. Don't believe these lies! If you have a question, call your local board of directors. Our names are in the magazine.

People, we are the NRA and NYSRPA; we've been around since 1871, educating and protecting the Second Amendment. Be proud of that heritage! Wear a hat, shirt or patch; let them know who you are and how proud we are of our traditions.

Most importantly, let them know we are here to protect our country and our president. Get out and vote.

TRUMP 2020 ■

Collectors Corner

by David Bock

For nearly 2,000 years, the Basque region of Spain has been known for its metalworking. Once firearms came about, this region also became known as the center of a cottage industry for small-firearm manufacturers.

Shortly after the turn of the century, the predecessor of Llama, a company then called Gabilondo y Urresti, utilized an aspect of Spanish patent law to manufacture a simplified copy of the Colt 1903, designed by John Browning. Its version was named the Ruby.

At that time, Spanish law only allowed for patent enforcement on products made in Spain within three years of a patent being granted. None of the major-firearms manufacturers had factories in Spain, so their patents were not protected under Spanish law and could be copied without legal concern. Chambered in .32 ACP (or 7.65 mm Browning, as it's known in Europe) the Ruby lacked the original design's grip safety and the magazine held nine rounds.

At this point, as Othias of C&Rsenal would say, "War were declared," and France, with the world's largest military, was facing a severe shortage of sidearms. Seeing an opportunity, Gabilondo submitted an example of the Ruby to the French government for consideration. The French liked the design, and in May of 1915, placed an order for 10,000 per month.

There was one small problem. At that time, Gabilondo only had about 10 employees and there was no way it could produce anything close to the order amount. So, it did what any

manufacturer would do—it subcontracted the order.

After some negotiations, Gabilondo contracted with four of the other manufacturers in Eibar. Specifically: Armeria Elgobaressa; Echealasa y Vincinai; Hijos de Angel Echeverria; and Iraola Salaverria.

By August of 1915, the French government had upped its order to 30,000 pistols a month. At that time, the agreement between the Spanish companies was that each of the subcontractors would produce 5,000 pistols per month with Gabilondo making up the difference, as well as overseeing quality control and delivery of the orders to France.

Later, France, once again, increased its order, this time to 50,000 pistols per month. This was a potential gold mine for the Spanish manufacturers. But to extend the analogy, there also was great risk of cave-ins.

As all this was going on, French purchasing agents were combing the Eibar area for any other handgun manufacturers to help with production. When all was said and done, it had signed contracts with around 50 companies.

As you might expect, one of the first things to slip was quality control—some pistols were high quality, others less so, and some were unsafe to fire. The quality issue got so bad that some documents reported fewer than 500 rounds to failure in pistols from some of the manufacturers. While



initially the French tested every pistol, this was time consuming, and batch testing—when a few samples out of a production batch are randomly selected for testing—was used instead.

The other major issue was the lack of interchangeable parts between the guns produced by the different companies. This extended to magazines. Magazines made by some manufacturers would not fit in pistols made by other manufactures. Or they would be so loose that they would drop out when the pistol was fired.

As a short-term solution to this problem, the French insisted that manufacturers mark their magazines, so they could more easily be matched to the pistols.

Even with these manufacturing issues, the Ruby served the French military well and also was adopted after World War I by other European nations.

Close to three quarters of a million Ruby pistols were accepted into French service during World War I, and by 1920, over half a million were still in use by French forces. The Ruby remained in French service until it

was decommissioned in 1958 after the adoption of the MAS Modele 1950 service pistol.

For the collector, there are a good variety of makers, variants and markings. While many were adopted into French (or other) military service, there were also a large number made for the civilian market.

If a Ruby was a French contract pistol, it usually will have a one or two letter mark in an oval on the rear of the frame on the left side. This was to identify the manufacturer and has no connection to any trademark name.

After formal acceptance, pistols were supposed to be marked with one or two stars on the bottom of the frame to either or both sides of the magazine well. Needless to say, even if they did go through formal adoption into French service, not all Ruby pistols received these markings.

If your Ruby pistol has a lug or rivet on the left side of the slide above the safety, that's a good sign it was in French military service. This was a

modification made by the French after it was found that the safety could be disengaged when the gun was removed from a tight-fitting holster. It was added after manufacture and often will obscure some of the markings. As usual, watch out for fakes.

The company that started all of this, Gabilondo, ended production of the Ruby pistol in 1919 and moved on to other, more modern products. However, other Spanish manufacturers continued production of their own versions of the Ruby into the late 1920s.

The only reference book I was able to find for these pistols is contained in Spanish Handguns: The History of Spanish Pistols & Revolvers by Gene Gangarosa Jr., and it seems to be out of print.

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

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The Madness Continues

by Jim Collins

The madness continues on Long Island, in the belly of the beast. Four members of Congress represent us: Two are for inquiry for impeachment of the president of the United States and two say the inquiry is rubbish! Need I say that the two Democrats are for inquiry and the two Republicans are opposed? Funny how things change over time and whose ox is being gored!

Back on Dec. 18, 1998, Rep. Nancy Pelosi said the following:

Today the Republican majority is not judging the president with fairness but impeaching him with a vengeance. In the investigation of the president, fundamental principles which Americans hold dear-privacy, fairness, checks and balances-have been seriously violated.

And why? ... We are here today because the Republicans in the House are paralyzed with hatred of President Clinton. And until the Republicans free themselves of this hatred, our country will suffer.

I rise to oppose these unfair motions, which call for removal of the president of the United States from office.

I suppose Pelosi sees things differently now. She and her gang are doing exactly what she accused the Republicans of doing back in 1998! From the day President Trump was elected, the Democrats have become the resistance. They haven't

missed a chance to prevent the chief executive from doing his job. They have encouraged harassment of cabinet members and demonstrating at their homes! Apparently, they think this low-class conduct is acceptable. I think they are sadly mistaken.

The American people will have their say in the matter in just over one year.

I cannot help but believe that they will reject the outrageous conduct of the left wing Trump haters and return this president to office.

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! ■

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Can We Get Practical?

by Charlie Beers

Over the four decades I have walked the ranges of shooting clubs near and far, I have seen an amazing increase in the number of shooting benches. My home club has minimal space to fire from position or shoot in any sort of practical fashion. At different times in my life, I have enjoyed some benchrest shooting. Lately, I strive to use a bench only for getting a zero and working up loads. My goal for the next year is to break more rifle shooters away from the bench and get them looped up in a sling or other practical position.

The NRA was founded in 1871 for the purpose of advancing rifle marksmanship. There were significant writings and film development dedicated to sling and position shooting up through the mid-20th century. Personal favorite writings by Richard Mann and Col. Jeff Cooper also have educated the younger generations. The information is available for folks who have a desire to learn.

As a casual sporting clay shooter, I find great pleasure in applying a shotgun to solve simulated field problems. Different target presentations have frequently mimicked real-life birds later in the season. The world of “Run and Gun,” Three Gun and IPSC seem in my opinion to have wavered from their roots of teaching practical skills. This is why I will spend the next 12 months trying to get folks off the bench and back to shooting rifles in field conditions.

I competed in a three-gun shoot that saw friends and club members expending lead from rifles, pistols and shotguns in July. The pistol portion

went as expected; the shotgun scores were higher than I expected. The 100-yard rifle scores from a prone rest were delivered with gusto. The score sheets began to fall apart when people shot the sitting and offhand portions of the course. Looking around, many of these folks were hunters with decades of experience. What can we change to increase a club’s level of skill?

Even two-day high-power shoots have provided data points between a Saturday NRA course of fire and Sunday’s CMP course of fire. The CMP shoots start from a standing position and require fast and clean acquisition of a prone position looped up and settled in. I always can tell who has spent time practicing in the kitchen or dry firing in the basement. Many good shooters struggle to get their rifles into a sling and start the relay behind the proverbial 8 ball.

If you have no idea what to do with a sling, I would first read *The Art of The Rifle*; next, find a Marine. My first Marlin 336 became a platform for my father to teach me proper use of a loop sling. As a Marine who cut his teeth on the M14, the loop sling techniques were nearly part of my father’s DNA. Prior to my first African hunt, I spent months practicing getting on and off of shooting sticks set at all different heights. My most memorable shots from Africa involved no shooting sticks, just a sling or a tree.

It is a learned skill to quickly see or invent a field rest using a backpack, tree, window sill, rock or brush pile. Many days on my personal range are spent working from position and with my nondominate side. I encourage all

shootists to leave the bench and hone some faded skill sets. Gather up some friends and pool \$5 for an afternoon skills test, winner takes all.

Wouldn’t it be great to even dust off a few iron sight rifles and spend some time without optics? It is great fun to shoot an old sporterized Krag or Springfield well, right next to a 6.5 mm wonder rifle with a moonscope. Some of the best field shots I have ever hunted or shot with are men and women who never shot groups from the bench or cared how small of a three-shot group they could deliver.

I have a friend who, after leaving the Marine Corps in the 1960s, carried a Winchester Model 71 and seldom missed. He could pivot and shoot running game with ease just as easily as looping up for a precise seated shot at 200 yards. Well into his 80s now, this friend recently burned a few boxes of shells with me as he rolled from seated to prone and back again. I hope to be half as capable and still burning powder in my eighth decade.

Two years before his passing, Col. Cooper challenged his devotees to: A 1,000 yard 20/20/20 contest for an individual rifle shooter to fire 20 shots into a 20” circle in 20 seconds (no benchrest). My best internet sleuthing says that the 1,000 yard 20/20/20 was broken in 2007.

I will start with the bar much lower on a local level this year. What will it take to get 10 or 20 friends to build skill and put five shots into six inches from a field position at 100 yards in 30 seconds? If you have a different challenge, please share it with me. ■

Five Senators Threaten the High Court

Never before has a group of U.S. Senators so lost their minds that they openly threatened the U.S. Supreme Court with being “restructured” if they dared to rule in favor of the individual’s right to keep and bear arms.

In a “friend-of-the-court” brief *The Wall Street Journal* called an “enemy-of-the-court brief,” five U.S. senators, all Democrats, wrote: “The Supreme Court is not well. And the people know it. Perhaps the Court can heal itself before the public demands it be ‘restructured in order to reduce the influence of politics.’ Particularly on the urgent issue of gun control, a nation desperately needs it to heal.”

The senators are Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.). They demanded that the high court drop the NRA-supported case *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. City of New York*, a case that, at press time, was challenging a New York City gun-control law.

This case involves a challenge to a New York City law that prevented gun owners—residents who have “premises” permits—from taking their firearms outside the city even if the guns were unloaded and in a locked container separate from ammunition. After the court accepted the case last January, New York City tweaked the restrictions in an attempt to squash the Supreme Court case. New York City then argued that because they altered the law, the case is moot. They say this

even though they could still re-enact similar or worse regulations if left to their own devices.

These senators obviously fear the Supreme Court will faithfully apply its *Heller* precedent, thereby condemning the contested regulation and perhaps establishing a standard of review that would threaten other egregious regulations now preventing millions of law-abiding Americans from utilizing their Second Amendment-protected right to keep and bear (as in carry) arms.

The threat was so outrageous that all 53 Republican Senators signed a letter encouraging the U.S. Supreme Court to ignore the threat. After quoting Alexander Hamilton, from Federalist No. 78, that “[t]he complete independence of the courts of justice is peculiarly essential in a limited Constitution,” the Republican senators write: “And history has proven the wisdom of this design. Time and again, our independent federal courts have protected the constitutional rights of Americans from government overreach even when that overreach was politically popular.”

These five Democratic senators are even out of step with what Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) said in 2017. Schumer had accused President Donald J. Trump of having “a disdain for an independent judiciary that doesn’t always bend to his wishes” after Trump criticized a federal judge who ruled against his administration. But then, Schumer has a habit of saying whatever he thinks is

politically expedient, even if he clearly contradicts his previous positions.

These Democratic senators also wrote: “The lead petitioner’s parent organization, the National Rifle Association (NRA), promoted the confirmation (and perhaps selection) of nominees to this Court who, it is believed, would ‘break the tie’ in Second Amendment cases.”

The First Amendment, as the Democratic senators must be aware, protects the “freedom of speech” and the right to “petition the government.” This latter part, of course, protects a right to lobby.

It is hardly uncommon—today and throughout American history—for American citizens and their associations of all ideological persuasions to point out that justices of the U.S. Supreme Court have judicial philosophies that affect how they vote. Doing so is an important check on democratically elected representatives in government—men and women who nominate, vet and vote on Supreme Court justices.

The brief from these senators is further evidence of an increasingly radicalized and confrontational left-wing fringe that refuses to recognize the legitimacy of any opposition to its agenda. ■

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7th Annual NRA Women on Target Clinic Held At Marbletown Sportsmen's Club

By Carol Wills Laurito



The Marbletown Sportsmen's Club hosted its 7th Annual NRA Women on Target Instructional Shooting Clinic Oct. 5, at its club grounds on Scarawan Road in Stone Ridge. This all-day event is specifically geared for ladies with no or limited firearm experience.

Under the direction of Ken Cooper, head instructor; his assistant, John Jenerose; along with assistance of the MSC NRA certified safety range officers and instructors who volunteered to help with this event, these women received extensive classroom instruction on firearm

safety, NY Article 35 Defense of Justification, rules of range safety and more, plus a manual of relevant information for them to keep. After lunch, each participant received one-on-one instruction on how to handle a firearm and how to shoot safely, conducted on the club's firing range.

At the conclusion of this event, each of the women received a NRA Women on Target Certificate of Recognition for completing the firearm education class and marksmanship orientation required during this clinic, along with a red canvas NRA Women on Target

"goodie" tote bag with an NRA WOT keychain flashlight, a copy of gun safety rules from the NRA, as well as donated items from Topricin Natural Pain Relief Creams and the Henry Repeating Arms Co.

For more information on the next NRA WOT Clinic event, and other upcoming events, contact the MSC Clinic Director at (845) 687-7735, email ckf3@msn.com, or visit the MSC website at www.marbletownsportsmensclub.com. ■



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John Cushman



While others run away from NRA controversy, I am running to support them.

Nominated by Member Petition

John Cushman is a former NRA board member, hunter, target shooter and founder, creator of Sportsmen's Association for Firearms Education.

A strong advocate for firearms rights, he defeated a recent legislative proposal that would have allowed authorities to enter a home without a warrant to see if the homeowners were storing their firearms safely.

John is a member of the Military & Veterans Affairs; Vice Chair Grassroots Development, Public Affairs; and NRA Whittington Center. He is an active fighter for the Second Amendment and NRA benefactor member.

He is a life member and board member of the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association.

John is a veteran of the U.S. Marines. He created Legal Defense Fund to fight handgun licensing abuses. He organizes and runs largest yearly Second Amendment Firearms Civil Rights Conference in the Northeast, which defends individual firearms civil rights against anti-gunners. He also has defended individual firearms rights on radio, television and print.

Pistol Director

by Steve Kraynak

The results of the 2019 New York State Outdoor Precision Pistol Championship are now in the books. The match was held in three locations this year, which included Castleton, DCPA and Niagara County Sportsman's Association. And, the winners are:

The "Open Winner" was Shane Murphy, New Hartford, Conn., firing a 2604-98x to take top honors.

The "New York State Champion" winning the "Wukovits award" was Paul Agneta, Troy, N.Y., who fired 2573-80x to win his first New York State Championship title.

"1st Master" honors went to Clifford White, Pittsfield, Mass., firing a score of 2598-98x.

Top "Expert" honors were earned by Konstantin Pitsoulis, Brooklyn, N.Y., who fired a 2506-61x.

The "1st Sharpshooter" was Thomas Martindale who posted 2354-40x.

Arthur Terwilliger, Kerhonkson, N.Y., won his first "Marksman" title putting a 2272-31x on the scoreboard.

The "High Grand Senior" honors went to Gary P. Peterson, Levittown, N.Y., firing 2559-70x.

The "High Senior" was Jim Hitt, Stamford, N.Y., posting 2519-71x.

The "High Junior" title went to Giancarlo Scolaro, Fishkill, N.Y., firing 1813-19x also for his first win as "High Junior."

The "High Service/Police" winner was Reginald Thomas of Brooklyn, N.Y., firing a 2273-36x.

Winning the "Martinez Award" (High NYS Hard Ball shooter) for the first time was Bruce Martindale, of Charlton, N.Y., posting a 274-10x.

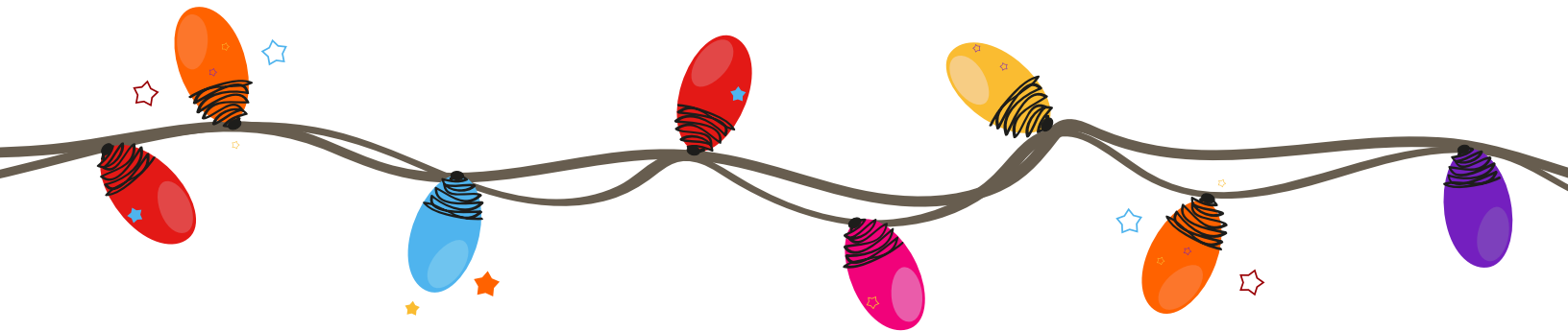
Congratulations to all these winners!

As always, thanks go out to the match directors along with their kitchen and range personnel who worked so hard to make this match a success. The composite Match results were sent out electronically (via email) to each of match directors or their (designated staff member), at each of the locations that held the championship match. They were directed to forward those results to each of the competitors who attended the match at their locations.

All competitors were asked to submit their email addresses when signing up for the match on their Competitor Fact Sheets.

As always I encourage each and all to get others involved in the shooting sports, which will hopefully translate to greater match participation.

Good shootin'! ■



Tom King, the Board of Directors and the staff at NYSRPA would like to wish everyone

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Can Ammunition “Go Bad”?

We know you love to stash ammo, because no gun owner wants to be without a few rounds when they need it most. But does it have a shelf-life? When does it go bad, if ever? In this article we'll examine what causes ammo to peter-out, and what you can do to prolong its life.

I remember the day I asked my father if we could shoot “the old .303.” To my delight, he said yes. (I guess he'd had a good day at work, because I'd been asking him for years!) He'd bought the Lee Enfield WWI-era bolt-action **at a pawn shop for \$5 when he was 18**, and he used it to take his first buck. He'd bought several boxes of military surplus .303 British ball ammo to go with it.

Thirty-some-odd years later--with his gun cabinet now flush with modern .308s, .243s and .30-06s--we dusted off the old rifle off and marched out of the house with two stripper clips full of greenish-colored .303 ammo to shoot. I raised the rifle to my shoulder, aimed through the peep sights and *Blam!* The rifle fired as if the year were 1925 and the ammo was shiny-new.

Twenty-five years later, I was asked to write this story. I trekked back to my now-departed father's gun cabinet, grabbed the .303 and a few cartridges and marched down to the pond-dam range. *Blam!* The gun fired! The ammo is at least 75 years old, if not 100.

“I've shot factory loads from the 1870s, and they went bang and hit the target accurately,” said NRA Museums Senior Curator Doug Wicklund, affirming that ammo can indeed last a long, *long* time, and the .303 wasn't a fluke.

So why, then, do ammo companies tell us the shelf life of their ammo is 10 years?

Fact is, the life of ammo is relative and unpredictable. It's based on the quality of the manufacturer's loading techniques and its components, including powder and primer type and their proper sealing. But after manufacturing, a round's life comes down to the conditions under which it lives.

Ammo, like good wine, should be stored in a cool, dry place without sunlight. It should have no drastic temperature changes and shouldn't be jostled a bunch. You should never store it with or near oils or solvents. That's because both can eventually infiltrate the cartridge and void the powder. Ammo should never be stored in super-high temperatures, like in a car trunk in the summertime where temps can exceed 135. Over time, doing so can break down the chemical structure of the powder and lead to degraded performance, if not outright failure to fire.

Will it fire if it's been stored in a dank basement? Probably, but maybe not. Will it fire after 50 years if it's been stored in a cool, dark, airtight container? Again, probably, but maybe not. The point is, you should do what you can to make sure the odds are in your favor that it fires. And if it's ammo that you may trust your life upon--such as rounds for your concealed carry gun--shoot it for practice after three to five years and buy more. It's just smart policy.

Fact is, all modern ammo will last more than 10 years if it's been stored reasonably well. Ammo companies

push a conservative message, likely because they don't want the liability if it fails to fire (and, hey, they'd like to sell more ammo...fair enough). Still, however, you should practice the following tips to make sure your ammo is in tip-top shape when it's finally loaded into the breech.

Store your ammo in a climate-controlled place that seldom to never fluctuates higher or lower than a 20-degree temperature change. “Around 70 degrees with 50% humidity is ideal,” said Wicklund. This rules out attics and non-climate-controlled garages.

If the area where you must store ammo is humid, store it in an air-tight canister or o-ring sealed plastic container. Throw a silicon anti-humidity pack in there as well. Consider purchasing a dedicated dehumidifier that's powerful enough for the size of the area where the ammo is stored. Depending on the size of the area, one can be purchased for around \$150.

Practice the milk-at-the-supermarket technique wherein the first ammo you place in storage is the first to be fired. This way you'll keep all of your ammo as fresh as possible.

If you must get rid of ammo that just looks too corroded to use, call your local shooting range to see if they can accept it for disposal. If not, you can call the non-emergency police line to inquire if you can bring it in for disposal. ■

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Stolen Rifle Returned after 20 Years in Washington Town's Police Evidence Storage, Long Waits Typical Nationwide

Twenty years after a Stevens .22 caliber rifle was stolen from an area resident, police in Kelso, Wash., discovered the owner had been deceased for three years. They returned the rifle to the next of kin, the owner's eldest son who "had no idea" the gun even existed.

It took 10 years for the prosecuting attorney to give permission to release the rifle and another 10 years for the police to do so.

"Around 2009, KPD received a property release from the [prosecuting attorney's] office for this case, meaning the property could go back to its original owner," the Kelso Police Department said in a Facebook post Oct. 2. "For some reason unbeknownst to our current Property and Evidence Clerk ... the rifle was still here at KPD [in 2019]."

That the stolen rifle was recovered at all seems to be unusual. A Kelso police captain told a news reporter: "It's not very common for stolen property to be found and returned to its rightful owner."

The 20-year wait for the rifle's return seems to be less unusual. A long delay for personal property kept in evidence to be returned seems common, particularly for firearms.

"Federal laws should be put in place to require prosecutors and police to return private property faster," Paul Paradis said in a phone interview with *America's 1st Freedom*. Paradis is a 28-year retired ballistic forensics expert and criminologist with the Colorado State Public Defenders' Office, which has 21 regional offices. He also owns a gun shop that was once burglarized, so he feels he has experienced the issues surrounding evidence retention from both sides.

Paradis noted that a judge can order officials to conduct their evidence testing and return evidence to its owner immediately, but few people can afford the attorneys' fees that method would require and often don't know it's an option.

Are firearms returned less often than other evidence? "Oh, yes," Paradis responded. "And in some places, like California, if [police] get their hands on a gun, they look for any reason to destroy it."

According to one source, police departments can hold onto personal property in evidence "anywhere from the closing of the case until the end of time." That source also notes:

Few state guidelines exist in the U.S. to determine when evidence should be

returned, retained, or disposed of, so it's left up to prosecutors and police. Many prosecutors and police also have few guidelines in place.

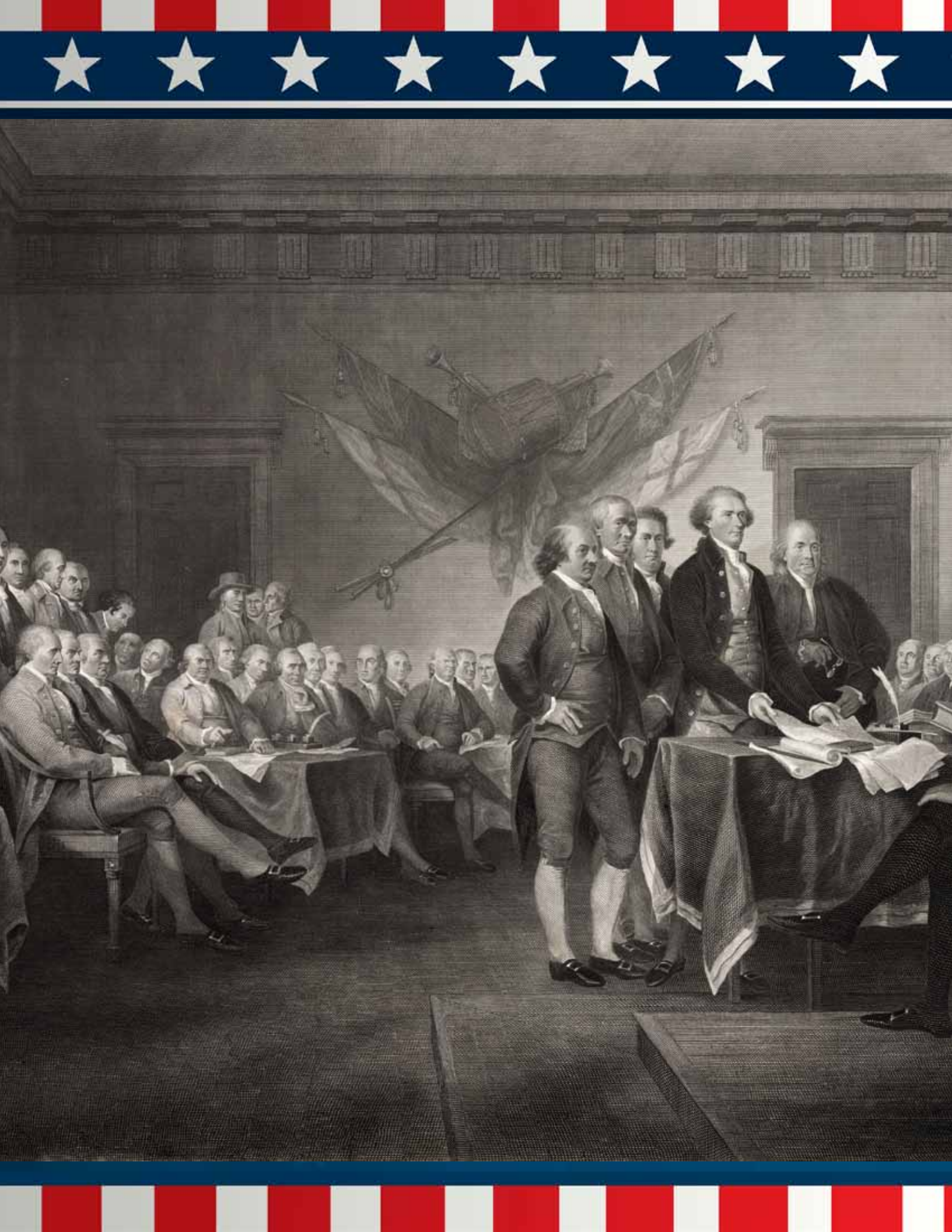
Many police departments prefer to hold onto evidence for later legal challenges, particularly now that DNA testing can influence closed cases.

Even if the evidence can be returned for other reasons, low staffing may prevent police from following through.

In a detailed investigation of police's retention of personal property, several district attorneys told reporters the system to return property is "chaotic [and] 'ridiculous.'" They also said "none of the parties involved in property seizures communicate effectively, leaving property owners without a way to recover their things even when prosecutors make it clear they no longer need the items."

The Kelso, Wash., police declined an interview request for this story; they also did not respond to a request for a copy of their evidence procedures in time for publication.

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The Divine Source of American Freedom

by Carl Gottstein

From where do Americans derive our basic rights? Simple answer: GOD.

A divine source of American freedom empowers, “We The People ...” to this day.

Thomas Jefferson did not invent the ideas that he used to justify the American Revolution. He, himself, said that he had adopted the “harmonizing sentiments of the day.” These ideas were, so to speak, “in the air,” at the time. The Magna Carta also greatly influenced early American colonists and the formation of the American Constitution in 1787, which then became the supreme law of the land in the new republic of the U.S.

Our nation’s founders intended Americans be governed for the most part by laws derived of nature and of nature’s God:

All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Jefferson penned these immortal words almost 250 years ago and they still resonate through the ages as some of the truest and most noble words ever written. Our courts are charged with upholding our laws and we place natural rights at the top of our legal order. America’s founders believed natural, God-given rights of man are fixed and universal. I believe that, too. For instance, the right to keep and bear arms is an extension of the natural right to defend my life, the right

of survival. Combining understanding of human nature and God’s law with America’s traditions and circumstances, America’s founders created the most free, most just government our world has ever seen. The benefits of this system based on the laws of nature are most felt individually. Our basic individual rights being timeless and unalienable is among our most important and valued American traditions. States can temporarily restrict rights, but our system is set up to restore federally recognized rights in court whenever and wherever the case arises. The restoration of these rights is not without cost or effort, but fight for our rights we must! Eternal vigilance and a willingness for each generation to cherish American freedom and part of the cost of being an American is defending and holding these ideals and principles most dear.

“Public sentiment is everything. With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it nothing can succeed.” - Abraham Lincoln

(crf-usa.org/foundations-of-our-constitution/natural-rights.html)

NYSRPA is fighting every day in the courts, in Albany’s legislative office building and in the streets. By the time you read this, the U.S. Supreme Court will have started taking oral arguments on *NYSRPA v. NYC*.

Thank you for all you do to support our efforts! ■

The Truth about Good Guys with Guns

While the mainstream media frequently bends the facts to promote their propaganda, it's clear that firearms are used many times each day in America to save lives.

So how many times a day do firearms in the hands of good guys and gals save lives? Though the data suggests this happens a lot more than the media will report, it is a difficult thing to measure. Part of the reason is crimes that are avoided often go unreported. Also, no law-enforcement agency tracks the positive uses of firearms or attempts to calculate the number of lives saved. Part of the reason for this is that it's difficult to calculate what might have happened. Another is that police departments are tasked with solving crimes, not with doing research on what actually prevents crimes.

Many law-enforcement agencies do, of course, track the use of firearms in crimes, as these are much more measurable statistics. The FBI, for example, provides numbers on crimes and firearms. Mostly, it has data on background checks—on those who have purchased or attempted to buy a firearm. The report also covers statistics on homicides and murders. “The gun homicide rate in 2010 was the lowest it had been since CDC began publishing data in 1981.” The U.S. Census Bureau’s 2012 “Statistical Abstract” report, however (Section 5, Table 315, “Criminal Victimization Rates: 1995 to 2009”), is an average of attempted crimes. In 1995, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, attempted or threatened crimes averaged about 7.06 million. By 2009, the number had dropped significantly

to 2.96 million. In the same “Statistical Abstract” table, under “Assault,” there is a subcategory covering “Threatened with Weapon.” These numbers also declined significantly; in 1995, 1.52 million were threatened with a weapon, but in 2009 only 510,000 people were, according to this data.

These crime declines are the opposite of another dramatically rising number: background checks for firearms transfers. Background-check numbers held steady in the mid-7-million range annually from the late-1990s, but then jumped significantly to 9.9 million in 2008 and on up to 10.76 million in 2009. The National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) has raw data with slightly higher numbers. It begins at approximately 8.5 million transfer checks in 2000 and ends with more than 14 million requests in 2009. These numbers signal a sharp rise in the number of firearms being purchased.

These rising gun sales, meanwhile, coincide with a sharp decline in crime. To put this plainly, as gun sales rose significantly, crimes and attacks declined.

Another report by the Washington, D.C., based Pew Research Center, “Gun Homicide Rate Down 49% Since 1993 Peak; Public Unaware,” confirms that as firearms sales have increased, crime rates have gone down. This report notes: “The gun homicide rate in 2010 was the lowest it had been since CDC began publishing data in 1981.” (The CDC is the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, a federal agency that has conducted

studies that support and advocate for restrictive gun laws.)

That informative Pew Research Center report also provides information on mass shootings. Deaths from mass murders are a very small percentage of firearm homicides. According to a Congressional Research Service report, 78 public mass murders occurred in the U.S. from 1983 through 2012, claiming 547 lives and injuring 476 people. (This was the most recent year the numbers were tabulated.) This is far less than numbers reported by most of the media.

Another Pew Research Center 2017 report on reasons why people chose to own a firearm found that 67% of firearms owners say protection is a major reason for owning a firearm. In a 14-year span, the emphasis for owning a firearm in America had shifted from hunting to self-protection. The report also notes that 75% of gun owners say having a gun in the home makes them feel safer. Another PEW report notes that 42% of U.S. households have firearms in them.

How Often Do Good Guys Save Lives?

Good guys with guns do save lives. An often-cited study was done in 1995 by Gary Kleck and Marc Gertz. It was titled, “Armed Resistance to Crime: The Prevalence and Nature of Self-Defense with a Gun.” It found that guns are used for self-defense in America about 2.1 to 2.5 million times per year. In contrast, in 1997, David Hemenway, director of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center and the Harvard Youth Violence

Prevention Center, determined that Americans use guns defensively about 55,000–80,000 times per year.

Those numbers are wildly different, but like many such studies, they used different methods to measure self-defense gun use. But then, even if the lowest number here (55,000) is the most-accurate, this would mean that Americans use guns to defend themselves at more than four times the homicide rate (there were 13,252 homicides in the U.S. in 1997, according to FBI data). This begs the question: How many more murders would there be if more law-abiding Americans were prevented from defending themselves?

American gun owners also clearly aren't shooting first and asking questions later, as many in the mainstream media claim. According to the FBI, there were 299 "justifiable homicides" with a firearm in the U.S. in 2017. Whichever number regarding self-defense is the most accurate, justifiable homicides are clearly a very small portion of self-defense gun uses by legal gun owners in America.

Some media members have looked into this; for example, in an April 2019 article, "How Many Lives Are Saved by Guns—and Why Don't Gun Controllers Care?" at CapitalismMagazine.com, Larry Elder writes: "Almost all national survey estimates indicate that defensive gun uses by victims are at least as common as offensive uses by criminals, with estimates of annual uses ranging from about 500,000 to more than 3 million per year, in the context of about 300,000 violent crimes involving firearms in 2008." But, given the

mainstream media apathy for this topic, you'd think the fact that good guys with guns save lives is a new concept. It's not. Twenty years ago, John Lott, author of *More Guns, Less Crime*, and his research partner wrote: "We find that allowing citizens to carry concealed weapons deters violent crimes and it appears to produce no increase in accidental deaths. If those states which did not have right-to-carry concealed gun provisions had adopted them in 1992, approximately 1,570 murders; 4,177 rapes; and over 60,000 aggravated assaults would have been avoided yearly."

The Media Ignores So Many Good Guys with Guns

Even when good guys with guns save lives—many lives—the mainstream media focuses almost exclusively on the criminals. They seem to purposely ignore the good guy or gal who saved lives.

The mainstream media quickly ignored parts of the story, for example, after a murderer killed 26 worshippers in November 2017 at a Sutherland Springs, Texas, church. A neighbor (a good guy with a gun) heard the shots and screams. That neighbor, former NRA firearms instructor Stephen Willeford, grabbed a rifle, ran to the scene, confronted the attacker and shot him several times. The murderer, who was hit in the upper torso, dropped his rifle and began shooting back at Willeford with a pistol. The now seriously injured attacker then fled the church, jumped into his vehicle and sped away from the scene. Willeford and another citizen gave chase, but



Stephen Willeford, a former NRA firearms instructor, grabbed his rifle, ran to the scene and confronted the Sutherland Springs attacker.

soon found the attacker had wrecked his vehicle and was dead.

Numerous outlets reported this attack, but unsurprisingly, many of those focused on the attack, the firearms and the victims, but never—or only passingly—mentioned how a good guy with a gun stopped a bad guy with a gun. A CNN online report, for example, had 30-plus, highly detailed paragraphs about the attack, the killer and the firearms, but in only one buried sentence gave some scant details on the action by Willeford that stopped the attack. This is typical mainstream-media reporting of guns used by citizens to save lives.

Uses of firearms to save lives, however, does garner the attention of law enforcement.

A couple in Sharon, Pa., for example, received awards from the local Fraternal Order of Police for stopping an attack in a public park near their home. The couple was home when they heard screams, so they retrieved two pistols and went to investigate. They discovered several young men who had been stabbed and were now being beaten with baseball bats by a group of attackers. When the attackers saw

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Be Mindful of Serial Numbers When Posting Your Gun Photos Online

Because of data-mining abilities in this digital age, you may want to be mindful of posting photos of your firearms online with visible serial numbers to deter the creation of a firearms database.

Technology advances may enable your gun photos to be archived and aggregated online for searching.

While it is unknown if anyone is doing such tracking, it may be wise to ensure your serial numbers don't show up in your firearms photos.

Recently, The Firearm Blog did an experiment on firearm photos after reading an article called "Google and Facebook Are Reading Your License Plates."

The premise was that optical-character recognition—a process used to allow pictures showing license plates to be read and sorted—could be applied as well to photos of guns, provided the serial number shows on the photo. The Blog writer extended the search to suppressors and got hits on those and firearms.

According to the Blog, "It's clear that the firearms community is not being singled out by this data mining operation. And no, you as an individual cannot readily lookup someone's personal information with only firearm serial numbers. ... Regardless...the knowledge of

this publicly available data mine is unsettling."

That said, it is best to not have legible serial numbers on any firearms-related photos you post on the internet or in social media images.

You may want to take the extra time to make sure that the serial numbers aren't readable. This simple step could deter having your information compiled in a firearms database that could be used by anti-gunners. ■

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the good guys (well, one lady and one man) coming to the aid with firearms, they stopped their assault and fled the scene.

Actually, it's well-documented that average citizens with firearms frequently save lives—sometimes they

even save police officers. The pages of NRA publications report these heroic deeds monthly in our "The Armed Citizen" column.

Spread the word: Good guys with guns do save lives many times each day. ■

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Long Island Director

by John Cushman

Recently, the Sportsmen's Association for Firearms Education on Long Island, New York, completed its third NRA Women on Target class this year. This class taught 52 women about firearms and removed the misunderstandings about them. The participants were amazed at how good this program was at removing firearm fear.

For the past 15 years, this class has been taught three times a year. I think this is an outstanding demonstration of volunteerism that benefits the entire firearms community and the community at large. To date, more than 1,900 women have been trained on firearms in safety, handling, and basic marksmanship.

Most of you know that I am running to be re-elected as director of the NRA board and I need your help. First, I would like to thank the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association and its president, Tom King for their endorsement and support of my

candidacy. Now, all I need is for every member of the NYSRPA to vote for me in the upcoming election. For those who may not know me, I have been on the NYSRPA board for a number of years and I thoroughly enjoy it. For those of you who attended the NYSRPA annual meeting the past few years in Port Jervis, N.Y., I was one those people selling raffles on the guns and getting my petitions signed. To give you a better understanding of my background here is a short bio of who I am and some of the things I have done:

I'm a U.S. Marine veteran who was nominated by Member Petition. I am a former NRA board member, hunter, target shooter and founder, creator of Sportsmen's Association for Firearms Education. I am a vigorous supporter of NRA/ILA. I am a strong advocate for firearms rights; I helped to defeated proposed legislation that would have allowed authorities

to conduct warrantless searches concerning safe firearms storage. I am a member of the Military & Veterans Affairs, Vice Chair Grassroots Development, Public Affairs and NRA Whittington Center. I am an active fighter for the Second Amendment and NRA benefactor member, and I am a life, board member, who is endorsed by New York State Rifle & Pistol Association. I created a Legal Defense Fund to fight handgun licensing abuses. I am the organizer and manager of largest yearly Second Amendment Firearms Civil Rights Conference in the Northeast, which defends individual firearms civil rights against anti-gunners. I also defend individual firearms rights on radio, television and in print and I manage and run local NRA Women on Target Firearms Training Program. Finally, I was inducted into New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame. ■

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Notes from Brenda

by Brenda Leder

First, let me wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a healthy and Happy New Year. I hope you get to enjoy the holidays with your loved ones.

If you have people on your gift list who should be members of NYSRPA, why not gift them a membership? Just fill out the form in this issue and on the bottom of the form write, "Gift from (your name)," enclose it with payment and mail it to us. I will fill out the Christmas cards—stating that the gift is from you—enclose their membership cards and mail the recipients the cards. You also can purchase NYSRPA hats for \$15, T-shirts for \$20 and sweatshirts for \$65. Just call the office with your credit card or mail us a note and check. Be sure to state sizes for shirts and sweatshirts.

Raffle tickets for the Henry Boy rifle are selling well. Several members have asked when the drawing will be held. We want to sell 1,000 tickets, so as soon as we reach that number, we will hold the drawing, notify the winner and announce it in *Bullet Magazine*. Your chances of winning are 1 in 1,000 (if you have one ticket). That's pretty good odds and your odds increase with multiple tickets. It's much better odds than playing the lottery. You can purchase as many as you like, but don't wait and risk being left out. It's a really nice rifle!

In many ways, this has been an exciting year. We have a president who is pro-Second Amendment, our economy is growing, unemployment is lower than it has been in many years, yet many Democrats are trying to impeach our president instead

of doing the work of the people who elected them. We need to stand by this president, get him re-elected and vote out his enemies. San Francisco is calling the NRA a terrorist organization. If you have not been to an NRA annual meeting of members, you must put it on your bucket list. I have never been anywhere with 80,000 people in such a patriotic group. The NRA loves this country and is fighting to keep it as the America in which you and I grew up.

By the time you receive this magazine, we will have had our hearing at the U.S. Supreme Court and will be awaiting the decision on *NYSRPA v. NYC*. Thank you all who have helped us in this fight. We appreciate you and will continue to fight for you. Please continue to be as generous as you can. Usually, I write about people from the past, but in this issue, I want to talk about someone who is a current star among shooters: Kim Rhode.

Kim Rhode was born July 16, 1979, in Whittier, Calif. Kim started shooting at age six and was competing professionally by age 10. At the age of 13, she won her first world championship title in women's double trap shooting. After double trap shooting was eliminated from the 2008 Olympic Games, she has concentrated on skeet. Kim became a Distinguished International Shooter in 1995. In ISSF World Cup competition, she has won 19 gold, seven silver and eight bronze medals. At the 2007 World Cup competition in Santo Domingo, she set a new world record in this event with 98 Hits (73 in the qualification round and a perfect 25 in the final).

Kim won a gold medal at the 1996 Summer Olympics, making her the youngest female gold medalist in the history of Olympic shooting.

At the 2000 Olympics, Kim won a bronze medal at the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

In 2004, she won a gold medal at the Summer Olympics in Athens in women's double trap. At the Summer Olympics four years later, she won the silver medal in women's skeet.

At the 2012 Summer Olympics, she won the gold medal in skeet shooting with an Olympic record score of 99, which tied the world record. With this medal, Kim is the only American competitor to win medals for an individual event in five consecutive Olympics. She also became one of the three competitors (and the only woman) to win three Olympic individual gold medals for shooting, along with Ralf Schumann of Germany and Jin Jong-oh of Korea.

Qualifying for the 2016 Summer Olympics made her the first U.S. Olympian to qualify for an Olympic team on five different continents. Kim won the bronze medal at the Rio 2016 Olympics, making her the first Olympian to win a medal on five different continents, the first Summer Olympian to win an individual medal at six consecutive summer games, and the first woman to medal in six consecutive Olympics.

Kim's competition shotgun was stolen from her pickup Sept. 11, 2008; she had been using it in competition for 18 years. Kim stated that losing her gun was devastating. She stated, "even if you had blindfolded me I could

tell you if it was mine or not, I knew every inch of it." The gun was returned to her four months later after it was discovered during an unrelated search of a parolee's home; the parolee was charged with possession of stolen property. In the meantime, fans had donated to buy her a new \$13,000 Perazzi shotgun. Having become used to training with the new gun, she elected to retire "old Faithful" after four Summer Olympics games.

Kim is married and has one son. Her father is her coach and her mother is her manager. The training range she used is about 100 miles from where she lives and she drives her car there every day. She says that a typical day is getting up early in the morning, practicing from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., so she can go home to lunch and dishes. When asked how she has been able to be at the top of the game for so long she states, "Practice, practice, practice." "I do shooting because I love it, I'm not focusing on winning medals, if I happen to win the medals in the process it is great."

Kim also loves cooking, music, fishing with her son, and older cars. Her first car was a 1965 AC Shelby Cobra. She also owns a 1928 Model A Roadster among her collection.

Kim also states, "Shooting does teach a person to be responsible, to be focused, to be disciplined, things that you need for everyday life."

She says that having the honor to represent your country is incredible and she is not done yet. Hopefully, she will compete in Tokyo in 2020 and Los Angeles in 2024.

International Sports Shooting Federation called her the greatest female shooter ever. She is, without question, among the greatest in the sports.

Currently, Kim serves on the NRA board of directors. Our president, Tom King, who also serves on the NRA board says she is one of nicest people you will ever meet. We will be rooting for her in Tokyo! ■



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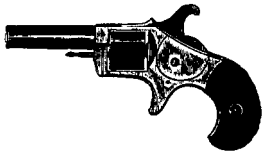
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4 Self-Defense Myths (That Could Ruin Your Life)

Due to handed-down stories and the movies, there have always been a lot of myths floating around about personal defense. Aside from the movies, people just tend to get reckless with the truth when they are telling about their adventures, adventures of associates, and adventures that they've heard about. I guess it is human nature and there is not much that we can do about it. But I'm here to tell you that many of these personal defense myths can get people hurt, or get them in big trouble. Here, in no special order, are four personal defense myths that just won't die. I've heard them all of my life and they just don't seem to ever go away.

1. Women need small guns and light calibers

I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, or challenge their manhood, but the fact is that a woman can shoot any handgun that a man can. All you have to do is observe just about any professional defensive school to see the ladies clean their targets with their .45 ACP autos. Or attend an IDPA match and watch the *fairer sex* rock & roll with .45's, .40 S&W's, and 9mm's. I even know one 100-pound woman who hunts successfully with a .454 Casull revolver.

Women don't need tiny pink guns in .25 or .32 caliber. What they need is the same thing that we men need—professional training and the most powerful handgun that they can shoot quickly and accurately. Guys might best refrain from shopping guns for the *little lady* and, instead, take her to a shooting range, let her shoot a number of good guns, and pick what she likes best. You'd just be amazed at the positive results.



2. If you have to shoot them outside, drag them inside before you call the cops

This one has been around since the days of flintlocks, at least. The presumption is that it is somehow illegal to shoot someone outside your home, but everything is okay if the criminal is inside your home. In personal defense, the question is, "were you justifiably in fear for your life and were your actions reasonable?" Any law-enforcement officer worth their salt will know within five minutes of their arrival if you have lied to them about the actual location of the incident. And, if you are lying about that, you may be lying about other

stuff. Hello jail house! The guy at the gun store, or shooting range, may tell you to drag an attacker inside. I *seriously* doubt that a criminal defense attorney will do so.

3. Load rock salt in your shotgun and teach 'em a lesson

We used to hear this a lot regarding kids stealing apples from a farm. However, it has somehow managed to become part of the urban legend, too.

A shotgun loaded with rock salt can cause serious injury and even death. In addition, regardless of what the gun is loaded with, you are discharging a firearm at a person. Your only



justification for ever doing this is to prevent death or serious bodily injury. If your defense is that you used rock salt because you only intended to scare them and teach them a lesson, you may be surprised at the attitude of the court. Good luck with that defense.

4. Just have a gun, any kind of a gun, it'll scare 'em away

Guns are not magic wands. Yes, the sight of a gun in the hands of an armed citizen may cause the crooks to cease and desist. The trouble is that it doesn't always work. And, if that is your only plan, you are liable to be in big trouble. We don't carry a defensive handgun for when everything works out right. We

carry a defensive handgun for when nothing works out like it was supposed to. Your defensive handgun should be adequate for handling the worst-case scenario. This is the reason that trained individuals carry the most powerful handgun that they can shoot quickly and accurately.

Yes, a .22 can be lethal. But personal defense is *not* about killing the person; it is about *stopping* the attack as quickly as possible, before anyone else is injured. Only a real defensive handgun can be expected to do this when properly applied.

We may chuckle at these and other personal defense myths, but they are out there and are believed by too many.

The solution is to get your defensive information from trained individuals. You have made a commitment to carry a defense gun, but you should also make a commitment to get the necessary training needed to use it properly, safely and effectively.

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