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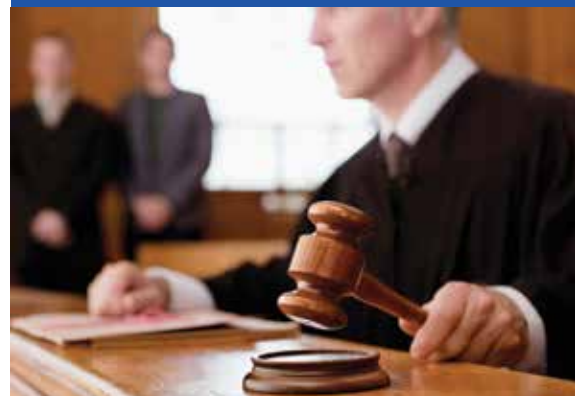


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# President's Message

by Tom King

## What will it take?

Friends: What will it take to fire up the members of the outdoor sports and shooting communities to get off our collective butts and finally oust the Democrats? The Democrats who have stolen your First and Second Amendment rights—and every other right that they can wrap their fingers around to subjugate you and your family.

Wake up, people! The time is fast approaching when we will be controlled and be regulated to the point that the America we know will cease to exist.

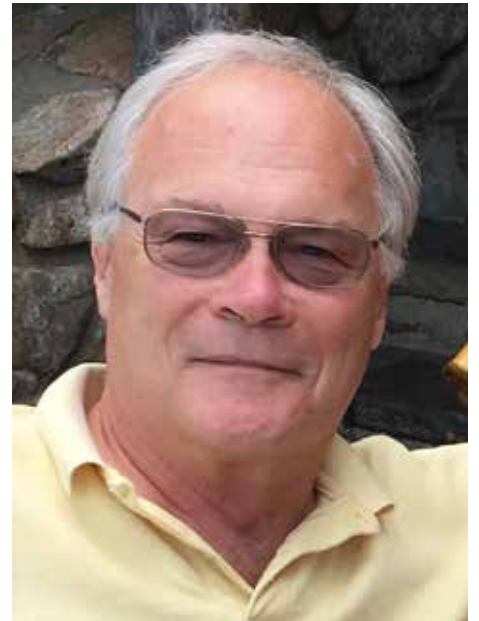
It has always been my goal to leave this world a better place when I am finally called to that happy hunting ground. And thereby, leaving my family a place where all people are respected and a place where people can own the firearm of their choice, speak their mind, control their own bodies, and not have any petty demigod telling them what to take and how to take it. I wanted our children to be taught the legitimate history of this country not some made up gobbledygook that spins our history to make our forefathers the bad guys. Did we make mistakes ... certainly, but they were mistakes based

on what we knew 246 years ago, not what we know now.

I want All Lives to Matter. I work to re-establish a new respect for law, order—and most importantly—human life. Do not let people tell you that firearms are one of the leading causes of death for New York state children. In 2019, New York reported 804 firearms-related deaths, 330 were child deaths, including gang-related shootings. However, during the same year, there were 78,587 aborted children in New York state. Where is the moral outrage from our democratic politicians regarding those deaths? Where is the call for stopping this horrendous loss of life? There is none because those deaths fit into their political plan.

People, stand up for your rights! Stand up for your families! Believe in your God! The time has come to take back New York state, and return it to the balanced budget, life-respecting great state that it once was. Throw the Democrats out and live life the way it was meant to be lived in our beautiful state.

In the upcoming election, please support Lee Zeldin for governor, Paul Rodriquez for comptroller, Michael Henry for attorney general,



Elise Stefanik for Congress, Liz Joy for Congress, Claudia Tenney for Congress, Rob Ortt for New York state Senate, Will Barclay for New York state Assembly, and the many other conservative candidates who will be enumerated when our ratings are released.

Thank you for your support over these many years and thanks for listening. This year may very well be the last crusade, so please vote for your rights and remember, we do not have to leave New York—we just have to fight for it. God bless America and God help New York state. ■

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# The Gains of Learning to Reload

by Charles Beers

I remember the first time I ventured unassisted into the world of reloading. And, by unassisted, I mean, my parents supervised me, and they made we wear safety glasses, but the work was my own. At the time, I didn't own a chronograph or even a brass tumbler, but I did have the brass—the old foam trays inside the green-and-white Remington boxes with red lettering, and a new, old stock from Wayside Hardware in Scotia. I also remember that IMR 4895 smokeless powder came in a metal can with a white and fuchsia label—and at the time it cost nearly \$30.

To set the scene: Let's just say it was the 1980s and I was young. I was so young that I needed my parents to

purchase ammo and components and even drive me to 1776 Central Ave., Albany to buy the powder, primers and bullets. If you've been in the Capital Region for a while, this address for the old B&J Guns should ring a bell. Do you remember the wooden Indian statue? The powder was \$10.98 for a whole pound and primers were less than \$2/100.

I filled a pre-internet summer by consulting loading manuals—the old Lyman manuals with the thick paper and brittle spiral bindings of yellowed plastic—that I borrowed from my father and Uncle George. As I compared the data, the idea of a heavier caliber bullet caught my

attention. I would finally get past the 44-40 casings that my dad used. Breaking free from his teachings, I was going high pressure with a real bottle neck cartridge to feed my Marlin 336 RC 30-30. And, I knew the ammo I purchased and shot would give me good once-fired brass. I reviewed the plan each night for weeks as I saved my lawn mowing money. This was a challenge since I was also trying to pay down my debt to my parents, which I incurred with the purchase of my new wheels—a metallic green Schwinn, Sidewinder mountain bike.

And yet, despite the challenges, that summer I completed my goal. I still have 40 loaded rounds left from that

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first pound of IMR 4895. They sit in cracked translucent blue boxes that I purchased from Dillon Precision—two years before I would have the money for a progressive press. The boxed cartridges remind me of where I started. The few neck dents and an occasional high primer are proof of my progress. Who else remembers lubricating casings on an ink pad? And, I have shot thousands of 170 gr FN bullets from 30-30's.

### To save money?

Once my friend Jeremy asked me: "I want to save money. Will you teach me to reload?" He failed to understand my laughter.

I remember the hours of pleading with my parents and others that learning to reload would be a money-saving technique. Now I just bask in the knowledge that I can produce my own ammo without money being the driving force. I also can produce ammo to specific tolerances and needs that I cannot buy elsewhere.

Thankfully through it all, I have a wife who also reloads and folks along the way who helped me. I had friends in college had rented a house and they let me take over the basement in return for me keeping us supplied with ammo. And, older friends were always willing to part with equipment and components on the cheap to help a younger guy.

I encourage anyone who shoots to try reloading both metallic cartridges and shotshells with an experienced hand. I think the ultimate multidiscipline STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) class could be built around reloading and bench



testing. Maybe some homeschooler will agree with me on this. I will refrain from admitting where the MEC 600 shotshell press lived in my high school or what teacher taught us to use it. I believe much of my professional drive as an engineer was born at the handle of a single stage reloading press. It was a short leap for my pharmacist wife to join the club and compound her own loads.

We have punched holes in paper and dented steel while preparing for single perfect shots on game animals in far-away places with our reloads. I have competed and chased personal goals after spending nights on end assembling the ammunition to do so. Above all, I have enjoyed sharing the skills and goals with my family and friends who reload, and answering their questions. Those who reload chase components, seating depths and magic bullet combinations with

a fervor that outsiders wouldn't comprehend.

So, my response to Jeremy? Yes, I'll help you learn to reload. You will make mistakes, just make sure they aren't fatal or life altering. You also will hemorrhage money, hoard brass, and take up space in your home. It will be fun, aggravating, humbling and productive—sometimes all at once.

What great emotions to feel as you know that your own brains and determination dropped that old bull or marked the final X on the scoring i-pad at a highpower or F-Class match. Let me assure the sceptics among our ranks: No one with a reloading habit has funds for an excessive alcohol or a drug habit.

Instead, learning to reload is a great lesson to share with those you know. Who know? You could inspire the next engineer, graphic designer, pharmacist, science teacher or manufacturing supervisor. ■

# Highpower Rifle Alive and Well in New York State

by George Kline

Hello highpower shooters. First and foremost, I hope that you and your families are well as we slowly escape the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic. As you read this issue of *Bullet*, the 2022 New York state highpower season is underway.

The following is a short brief of club highpower programs. If I am missing clubs in New York state that are holding highpower matches, and you wish to have your program/special events mentioned in *Bullet*, please reach out to me.

target system works as advertised. Matches are across the course from the 200- and 300-yard firing lines.

For additional information concerning post access, match information and details related to the use of the electronic targets, contact George Kline.

## PECONIC RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

**Match dates: March 27, April 9, May 15, June 12, July 10, Aug. 13, Sept. 18, and Oct. 16**

participants will develop the skills needed to shoot a competitive highpower rifle match. It takes a lot of time and effort on the part of Peconic and the coaches to host this event. Please consider supporting the program. Bring a friend!

## FORBES RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

**Match dates: April 23, May 7, July 9, June 25 (Regional Championship), June 26 (CMP Leg Match), Aug. 27, and Sept. 24**

Located in Colonie, N.Y.—near Albany—Forbes offers a true 600-yard highpower match. The club also has a long-range program (1,000 yards) and mid-range matches.

This year the regional championship match will be held on Saturday, June 25, followed by a CMP Excellence in Competition match on Sunday, June 26. Top competitors in the EIC match will earn points toward becoming a Distinguished Rifleman.

Visit the club website for additional information on club programs.

## ROSLYN RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB

**Match dates: March 26, April 16, May 22, June 5, July 17, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, and Nov. 5**

Roslyn has an active highpower program at its 200-yard range in Calverton, N.Y. The matches are walk-and-paste (no pits), and the number of matches (9) offer new and old highpower competitors alike the opportunity to get lots of rounds downrange in a competitive environment.

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Camp Smith is located in Peekskill, N.Y.

## ROCKLAND RIFLE & REVOLVER CLUB (CAMP SMITH)

**Match dates: May 7, May 28, June 18, July 2, Sept. 3 and 24**

Camp Smith (pictured above) is located in Peekskill, N.Y. Last season, after decades of highpower matches, the Rockland Rifle and Revolver Club made the leap to electronic targets. No more pit duty! The Silver Mountain

In addition to the dates listed above, Peconic will host its annual Small Arms Firing School on April 30 and May 1. The SAFS was advertised along with an entry form in the last issue of *Bullet*.

This is an introductory course culminating with a Civilian Marksmanship Program certificate of completion. During the course



# My Friend John

by Tom King

NYSRPA Board Member and NRA Board Member John Cushman was my friend—although many people would doubt it. We argued, we cussed, and sometimes, ignored each other—but we were always respectful.

Most importantly, we both believed unequivocally in the sanctity of the U.S. Constitution and particularly the Second Amendment. We also had another especially important bond—we are New Yorkers!

Neither of us tolerated any bull, and we certainly did not let anyone push us around. John was a longtime NRA board member, a life member of NYSRPA, and founder of SAFE—the largest and most active pro-Second Amendment organization on Long Island. SAFE was John's baby, he worked hard every day to promote and protect the organization. Beyond that, John was my friend. We spoke frequently by phone, email and

met in-person at various meetings around the state or at NRA board meetings.

I will miss John, and so will the pro-gun movement. It is difficult to replace one of the pillars of a movement.

John, rest in peace. Carol, please call if we can be of any assistance in the future. ■



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## BLACK ROCK FISH & GAME CLUB

**Match dates: April 17, May 15 (CMP Day), June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, and Sept. 11**

Located in Mountainville, N.Y. (NYS Thruway Exit 16), Black Rock offers 200-yard, walk-and-paste matches. On Sunday, May 15, Black Rock will host a CMP Day consisting of JC Garand and vintage military rifle matches.

Black Rock is a private club, and for access and event details, you must contact Match Director Dale Brickwood at DRB539@yahoo.com.

As a sport, the highpower community, has experienced several challenges the past few years—the *Un-Safe* Act; shortages in components; and COVID-19.

However, as evidenced by the number of match programs, highpower

competition is very much active in New York state.

If you have a desire to learn more about highpower, attend the SAFS. If you've been a sidelined shooter—jump back in. The programs mentioned in this article involve a good deal of time and effort on the part of directors and their respective clubs. The programs won't exist without you—the shooter. ■



# Focus on Spring and Camp Perry

by Steve Kraynak

As I prepare this article for the *Bullet*, our country and our allies are at a very trying time. Russia is now invading Ukraine, and the extent and the outcome of this awful invasion will leave many questions on what the future holds for our country and our allies.

Of course, our economy and prices have been affected for some time and going forward things could be worse. With everything else so up in the air, it's nice to have something to look forward to this spring—when it is time to register for Camp Perry and other matches.

This issue of the *Bullet* contains the 2022 Camp Perry Pistol Team

application. Please take note of the mailing deadline of **Saturday, May 14, 2022**. However, it would be helpful to apply ahead of the mailing deadline.

If you are planning to apply, consider sending me an email ahead of the deadline to state your intention to shoot on the New York State team or not. If you are applying for slot on the team, please *answer all the questions*. In the past, applicants have left certain questions blank—this is not helpful! If you are uncertain about any of the questions, please contact me and I will help you in any way I can.

We recognize that many of the team applicants may not have had the opportunity to fire in any outdoor

matches prior to the mailing deadline. Keep in mind, it is important to get your application mailed in on time, so I can start setting up the team roster. Applicants may submit scores to me as they are able to attend competitions prior to Camp Perry. Then, I can consider these scores and adjust the team alignments, if needed.

If you are email-capable, please send inquiries to me regarding the New York State Camp Perry team to [skraynak@juno.com](mailto:skraynak@juno.com).

I hope to hear from you, and I look forward to seeing you all on the firing line. ■



# NYS Pistol Team Application for 2022 Camp Perry National Matches

*Please print information legibly!*

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| Name  |       |                      |              |
| Street address  |       | City                 | State NY ZIP |
| Phone number (day)  | (eve) | (cell)               |              |
| NYSRPA No.  |       | NRA No.              |              |
| Distinguished Pistol shot? Yes / No (circle one) Classification: MK SS EX MA HM (circle one)    |       |                      |              |
| NRA category: Civilian Senior GrandSenior Woman Service Military Police (circle all that apply) |       |                      |              |
| Date of birth: month day year   |       |                      |              |
| Email address (home)  |       | Email address (work) |              |

## Recent "2700" scores fired (outdoor)

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| Date fired | score | match location |
| Date fired | score | match location |
| Date fired | score | match location |
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*\*You may attach additional score documentation.*

Do you wish to be considered for the "Hardball" team? Yes / No (circle one) Have you ever fired on a Hardball team? Yes / No (circle one)

## Enter recent Hardball scores below if you are applying for the HB team\*\*

|            |       |                |
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| Date fired | score | match location |
| Date fired | score | match location |
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| Date fired | score | match location |

*\*\*You may attach additional score documentation.*

## Additional questions\*\*\*

Would you volunteer to be a team captain? Yes / No (circle one)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Expected arrival date at Camp Perry   | Departure date |
| Are you attending SAFFS? Yes / No (circle one) Are you staying off Post? Yes / N (circle one) If so, where? _____ |                |
| Shirt size (circle one) S M L XL XXL XXXL   |                |

*\*\*\*Please answer all questions above. Additional information may be attached.*

**Deadline: To be considered, entries must be postmarked by Saturday, May 14, 2022.**

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# NRA Prevails over NYAG: Court Rules Association Cannot Be Dissolved

The ruling declares that the NYAG cannot shut down the association or seize its assets.

The National Rifle Association of America scored a major legal victory today, as a New York court struck down attempts by the New York attorney general to dissolve the 150-year-old organization. Following a two-hour hearing on Dec. 10, 2021, the Hon. Joel M. Cohen of the New York State Supreme Court issued an opinion today that vindicates the NRA's position: The NYAG's effort to shut down the association ran afoul of common sense, New York law, and the First Amendment.

"This is a resounding win for the NRA, its 5 million members, and all who believe in this organization," says NRA President Charles Cotton. "The message is loud and clear: The NRA is strong and secure in its mission to protect constitutional freedom."

The NRA will defend against the surviving claims in the lawsuit—but today's ruling declares that the NYAG cannot shut down the association or seize its assets.

"We applaud the court's recognition that dissolution is neither appropriate nor justified," says William A. Brewer III, partner at Brewer, Attorneys & Counselors and counsel to the NRA. "We look forward to continuing the defense of the NRA—and proving that it acts in the best interests of its members and the Second Amendment freedoms in which they believe."



Emphasizing that the NRA is "a prominent advocacy organization that represents the interests of millions of members," the court said the NYAG failed to meet the "rigorous" standard for state-sponsored dissolution of such a group—and her attempt raised free speech concerns.

In an opinion, dated March 2, 2022, Justice Cohen writes, "The Attorney General's claims to dissolve the NRA are dismissed." It adds, "The Complaint does not allege that any financial misconduct benefited the NRA, or that the NRA exists primarily to carry out such activity, or that the NRA is incapable of continuing its legitimate activities on behalf of its millions of members."

The NRA has argued that it has demonstrated a commitment to good governance, and long believed that the NYAG's case was part of a political vendetta. NYAG James famously vowed to "target the NRA" and "investigate the legitimacy of the NRA as a charitable organization" while on the campaign trail in July 2018—before spending even one day in office and without any evidence of wrongdoing. She filed a lawsuit in August 2020 seeking to shut down the association.

The NRA has successfully proved there was no legal precedent or factual basis for the NYAG's scorched-earth, politicized approach.

The court observes, "The Attorney General cites no case in which she or



her predecessors have sought—much less obtained—dissolution under analogous circumstances.” The opinion also states, “... dissolving the NRA could impinge, at least indirectly, on the free speech and assembly rights of its millions of members. While that alone would not preclude statutory dissolution if circumstances otherwise clearly warranted it, the Court believes it is a relevant factor that counsels against State-imposed dissolution, which should be the last option, not the first.”

In addition to the dissolution claims, the court also dismissed claims by the NYAG against the NRA for unjust enrichment and violations of the Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.

Against the backdrop of the NYAG’s lawsuit, the NRA is pursuing its own legal action against James. In a legal filing, dated Feb. 23, 2021, the NRA responded to the August 2020 lawsuit filed by the NYAG. The filing alleges that her case is part of a crusade to silence a powerful political opponent—and its stated purpose to defend the Second Amendment.

According to the NRA’s filing, “James’s threatened, and actual, regulatory and civil reprisals are a blatant and malicious retaliation campaign against the NRA and its constituents based on her disagreement with the content of their speech. This wrongful conduct threatens to destroy the NRA and chill the speech of the NRA, its members, and other

constituents, including like-minded groups and their members.”

Brewer adds, “Today’s developments underscore the simple truth that since taking office in 2019, the Attorney General has pushed a contrived narrative about the NRA in her attempt to support a dissolution claim that is improper. This is a victory for not only the NRA, but all who believe in the right to free speech and association.”

Attorneys for the NRA in this matter are William A. Brewer III, Sarah Rogers and Svetlana Eisenberg. ■

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# Women in the Shooting Sports

By Jackie Emslie

## A journey's end, a journey continued ...

A journey is an act of traveling from one place to another. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Life is a journey, not a destination."

In February of this year, fellow NYSRPA Board Member and NRA Board Member John Cushman finished his journey here on Earth. During his long journey, he made a positive impact on so many lives—including mine, and my husband, Scott's lives. He knew Scott since he was knee high to the proverbial grasshopper, and me since I was daring enough to marry into the Emslie family in 1991. I will never forget the lessons he taught us, the strategies and tactics he showed us, and the encouragement he gave us as we found our way in the community of gun owners and sportsmen. During that time, he was training us to carry on when his journey came to an end.

John was fierce and intense when it came to the right to keep and bear arms. He ruffled more than a few feathers along the way. He was not afraid to question and challenge policies that he believed were doomed to fail or detrimental to the cause. He also stood up in staunch support of other policies that would protect, promote, and preserve the Second Amendment. When he said something, it was worth listening to and repeating because it was based on careful study of resources and consideration of facts.

John's passing got me thinking about my own eventual end-of-journey—



hopefully still years in the distance, but nevertheless, getting closer day-by-day. Have I been training my replacements? Have I been searching for the next generation of firearms instructors? Have I been looking for additional members of our Friends of NRA Committee? The answer to these questions is ... no, no and no. So, it looks like my journey must continue, so that I can change the answers to those questions, and I can prepare the next generation now.

It's a good thing I just retired, so I can devote more time to these critical efforts.

One of the most memorable funeral eulogies I ever heard featured *The Dash*. To which dash do I refer? On most grave markers, there is at least a birth year and a death year with a dash in the middle of both years. During this eulogy, the minister spoke of the length of time represented by the dash—sometimes it is very short, other times it is very long, but the dash is there. The dash, of course, refers the

length of our own lives. He also spoke of what we did with our dash—did we make the most out of our dash or did we let life just drift on by us?

After the funeral, I got curious about *The Dash* and sure enough, Lucille Britt had written a poem, *The Dash Between the Dates*, that gave me more insight: "All at once it dawned on me, how important that little line. The dates placed there belonged to God, but that line is yours and mine." The poem continues: "But that line between He gives to us to do with what we may." The poem concludes with: "But upon the line between my dates, I hope He'll write 'well done.'"

So, that line belongs to each one of us to use it as we see fit. I am certain that John's line will have the notation of, "Well done, Marine, patriot, defender of freedom and friend and teacher to the countless."

My dear friends—until we meet again—ask yourself: "What have you been doing with *your* Dash?" ■



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# Lee Zeldin for Governor of New York

## Restoring the Empire State

by Carl Gottstein

“Losing is not an option!” 2022 represents a pivotal year for New York. Voters will decide whether we continue down the road toward big government, socialist control of all aspects of our lives, or we return to the bedrock values of freedom, justice and liberty that made New York a beacon of hope for people around the world for hundreds of years. This year, we must choose to save our state ... or lose it forever.

Lee Zeldin serves in the U.S. Congress as a representative for New York’s first congressional district and he is running to be the next governor for the state of New York. But more importantly, Zeldin is an American patriot. After completing the U.S. Army ROTC program, Zeldin served four years on active duty. During that time, he served as a military intelligence officer, prosecutor and military magistrate. While assigned to the U.S. Army’s elite 82nd Airborne Division, he was deployed to Tikrit, Iraq, with an infantry battalion of fellow paratroopers in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2007, following his tour of duty in Iraq, Zeldin transitioned from active duty to the U.S. Army Reserve, where he currently serves as a lieutenant colonel.



Lee Zeldin



After leaving active duty, Zeldin returned to Suffolk County with his family. In 2008, he established a successful law practice in Smithtown, N.Y. He was elected to the New York State Senate two years later and he has been working hard every day to keep the promises he made to the hard-working families he represents. In 2014, following four years in the state Senate, Congressman Zeldin was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, representing New York's First Congressional District. One of only two Jewish Republicans in Congress, Zeldin co-chairs the House Republican Israel Caucus, and

serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and Financial Services Committee. He also serves on four House subcommittees.

He resides in his hometown of Shirley, N.Y., with his wife, Diana, and their twin daughters, Mikayla and Arianna.

### **Zeldin's record**

Zeldin's service to this country demonstrates his dedication to the oath he took to protect and defend our U.S. Constitution. And, this commitment is demonstrated by his leadership on key Second Amendment issues. Zeldin strongly opposed the SAFE Act and he has repeatedly denounced

its passage. One of his priorities as governor would be to get this dreadful piece of legislation overturned. In just the past two years, Zeldin has been a leader in the fight to ensure concealed carry permits are honored across state lines (H.R.38—Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act) and to prohibit state and local authorities from establishing gun regulations that are stricter than federal restrictions, he supports (H.R.1715—SAGA Act). Throughout his service in Congress, Zeldin has voted consistently against big government attempts to infringe upon gun owner rights through intrusive background check requirements. These are a few of the reasons why he consistently has received an "A" rating from the NRA, and his voting record has repeatedly been rated 100% by NYSRPA.

Through his service as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve, Zeldin has developed a special appreciation for the men and women who serve others in the military. For example, he led the creation of the PFC Joseph Dwyer Program, a statewide program in New York to help our returning veterans cope with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury. Zeldin also wrote the law that protects our fallen veterans and their families from protests at military burials. To promote veteran homeownership, he fought to protect affordable mortgages for veterans and expand homeownership opportunities. And, to assist disabled veterans, he was a leader on the Adult Day Health Care Act that aids veterans who are 70% or more disabled.

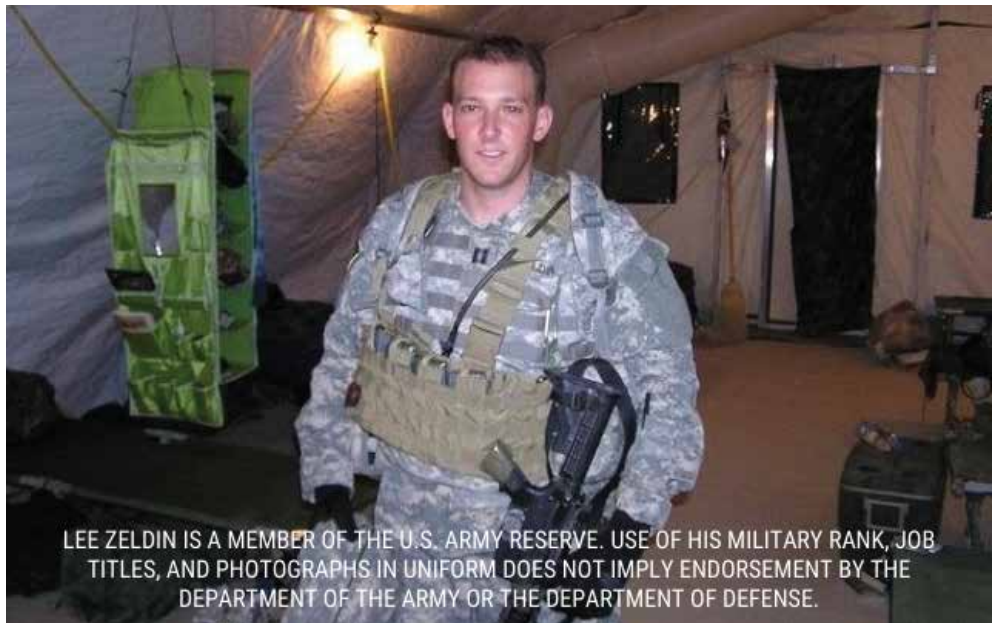
## His plan

To turn things around in New York, we need a governor who will serve the regular folks, not the entrenched special interests in Albany. Zeldin has laid out an aggressive agenda that does just that.

First and foremost, Zeldin will secure our freedoms. As mentioned earlier, he will move to end the SAFE Act immediately, and he will preserve the constitutionally guaranteed right to self-defense and gun ownership. Further, he will end all COVID-19 mandates immediately, and he will ensure all citizens have confidence in our elections by pushing for the passage of voter ID requirements at our polling places.

He also will secure our streets and neighborhoods. This means supporting and respecting our men and women in law enforcement by enacting a Law Enforcement Bill of Rights, hiring additional police officers statewide, and opposing any effort to defund the police. It also means eliminating irresponsible legislation (e.g., cashless bail and the Less is More Act), and firing irresponsible district attorneys—like Alvin Bragg in Manhattan—who brazenly refuse to enforce the law.

Given the serious economic challenges we face, Zeldin also will work to help us secure our own wallets. He will do this by cutting taxes, fighting sky-high energy costs that have been caused by extremist environmental agendas, eliminating bad regulations, and promoting the safe extraction of our state's natural resources.



Moreover, Zeldin will fight for our kids. He believes that schools should educate our children, not indoctrinate them. That's why he will eliminate divisive curriculum content like critical race theory. He'll also bring excellence back to the classroom, and ensure that success is determined by achievement, not by identity politics.

NYSRPA members are invited by Zeldin to join him on the campaign trail and get involved in the process of saving New York. It's not too late to make a difference for our children; it's not too late to save our state! ■





# Clearing Up Confusion about the AR-15

by Jim Collins

The modern sporting rifle is among one of the most popular firearms sold today. However, once again, the left is railing about the AR-15 rifle, and I must again point out their lies. To clear up any miscommunication about the AR-15, here are some helpful talking points to remember for your conversations with others:

- The AR stands for ArmaLite rifle—not assault rifle.
- AR rifles are semi-automatic—not fully automatic. Fully automatic guns have been regulated since the Gun Control Act of 1934.
- AR-15 rifles may look like military rifles, but by law, they function like other semi-automatic civilian sporting firearms. That is, they only fire one round with each pull of the trigger.
- Versions of modern sporting rifles are legal to own in most states—if the purchaser passes the mandatory FBI background check required of all retail firearm purchasers.
- Since the founding of our country, civil sporting rifles have evolved along with military



- firearms. The modern sporting rifle merely follows that pattern.
- These rifles' accuracy, reliability, ruggedness and versatility serve target shooters and hunters well—in all kinds of weather.
  - Modern sporting rifles are chambered in many different calibers with upper receivers in rifle and pistol versions.
  - The AR-15 platform is modular. Owners like to affix different uppers to lowers.
  - These rifles have been sold commercially in the United States since the 1960s.
  - More than 16 million modern sporting rifles have been sold to U.S. citizens, according to data from 2018, which makes it a common purchase among gun owners.

- And last, but not least, it is a fun gun to shoot.

So, please do not be misled by the folks who would take our freedom from us.

Remember, semi-automatic centerfire rifles with detachable magazines have been around since 1903. Both Remington and Winchester produced such firearms way back then—and they still are popular today.

Thanks to the National Shooting Sports Foundation for helping me compile my list of facts about the AR-15. If you want to read more about the AR-15, go online to [www.nssf.org/msr](http://www.nssf.org/msr). 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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# Major American Ammo Makers Donate Millions of Rounds to Ukraine

Following the donation by Ammo Inc., Remington, Federal, Speer and CCI are the latest to give to the war-torn country.

Major American ammunition makers continue to donate large quantities of ammo and charitable contributions in an effort to support the Armed Forces in Ukraine.

Last week Ammo Inc. announced that it was responding to Ukraine's President Zelensky's plea for ammo, and offered to donate 1 million rounds to assist the country in its continued fight for independence and freedom. Arizona-based Ammo Inc. produces high-performance ammunition and components in its Wisconsin factory. it is also the operator of GunBroker.com.

CEO Fred Wagenhals said, "Ammo Inc., and we as Americans, stand firmly in support of Ukraine's sovereignty and independence, as we stand for freedom and democracy everywhere. While we fervently hope for a quick and peaceful resolution to the crisis and that diplomacy will win the day, we condemn the Russian aggression and its threat to Ukraine's territorial integrity and freedom. We recognize that events are unfolding rapidly on the ground in Ukraine, and we are prepared to move quickly as possible to support Ukraine as it continues to defend itself and its freedom."

Apparently, the company's plea for donations was heard around the country, as Wagenhals announced



Ammo Inc. has received remarkable support. "We've received an overwhelming response from our shareholders, customers, vendors and partners in support of our donation offer to help the Ukrainian Armed Forces in their fight for freedom. I'm grateful for everyone's generosity and willingness to provide additional financial support to supplement our efforts. The management team is working around the clock to navigate the logistical and legal complexities involved in seeing that the ammunition is swiftly delivered to the proper parties in Ukraine.

"With the folks supporting our Company as shareholders by investing in POWW, it is important to us to make certain we ensure all of our current and incoming shareholders and

supporters see their gracious offers to donate directed in real-time to support the brave men, women and children in Ukraine. As a result, we ask that you direct your donations as follows: CARE (Charity Navigator rating of 92.64 out of 100)

"We will send out supplemental information about Ukrainian support activities and opportunities as they arise, and appreciate your investing support in AMMO, which provides the foundation for the work we have been able to do with the Ukrainian people."

Also responding to the call for assistance for Ukraine are Remington, Speer, CCI and Federal Ammunition. A press release outlined the plan, announcing the companies will be donating 1 million rounds of total



ammo to the Ukraine Armed Forces, while all proceeds from the sale of special edition T-shirts will go to refugees in the war-torn country. The shirts will supplement the company's donation and maintain awareness of the need for global support of Ukraine.

"The war in Ukraine has displaced millions of citizens and exposed average people to the horrors of war," said Jason Vanderbrink, president of Remington, CCI, Speer and Federal Ammunition. "Supporting the relief effort is a crucial element of the global response and we are proud to do our part. It underscores how critical the Second Amendment is in America and highlights the importance of the ability of American Manufacturers to supply our allies with ammunition. We have long supported Ukrainian Armed Forces and we will continue to do so in this global cause to unite for democracy."

Ukraine's military has been a customer of Federal, CCI and Speer for years and this donation is meant to meet the call from President Zelenskyy for more ammunition.

Proceeds from the sale of the T-shirts sold on [remington.com](http://remington.com) and [federalpremium.com](http://federalpremium.com) will go to Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund through the Global Giving organization Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund—GlobalGiving.

Other firearm manufacturers are following the lead.

Adams Arms is selling "Ukrainian Border Guard" T-shirts that have the now infamous words shouted to the Russian invaders at Zmiinyi "Snake" Island emblazoned around the Border Guard's emblem. Check it out at [adamsarms.net/product/ukrainian-border-guard-support-shirt/](http://adamsarms.net/product/ukrainian-border-guard-support-shirt/). Proceeds

will go to the Ukrainian National Bank's war funds.

Also, the co-founders of ATN Corp., Ukrainian-born Marc Vayn, an American, and co-founder James Munn, a U.S. Army veteran, have added a link for donations to support the people in Ukraine. The company, which also has an office in Odessa, Ukraine, has evacuated many of its staff to Bulgaria or other safe locations, has issued a plea for assistance. "We have staff on the ground near the border and in Bulgaria and are able to bring shipments in quickly through the Ukrainian borders where they are met by volunteers to drive the goods into the fighting zones. If we don't help our Governments will never Act Decisively!!!" ■

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# Do .410 Bore Shotguns Make Sense for Home Defense?

Often dismissed as ineffective for personal protection, .410 shotguns can get the job done when loaded properly.

Discussing the use of .410-bore shotguns for home defense often ruffles some feathers. “You should get a 12-gauge shotgun,” they say. “That’s the best shotgun for the job!” This sentiment is not untrue, but it’s also not complete.

Let me be clear, combat shotguns chambered for 12-gauge shells are, shot-for-shot, among the best close-range fight stoppers yet devised. They throw an impressive amount of lead with nearly irresistible levels of force at across-the-room (3 to 7 yards) and across the house (7 to 15 yard) distances. Lew Gosnell, training director of Gunsite Academy, summed it up quite succinctly during a 12-gauge shotgun demonstration when he said, “Shotgun fights don’t last for very long.”

But due to Newtonian physics, 12-gauge levels of stopping power come at a price. Full-power shells filled with hard-hitting defensive payloads can generate intense levels of felt recoil. The shotguns themselves can be relatively large, heavy and too long in the stock, making them unwieldy for some folks. For this reason, a more complete statement regarding the defensive 12-gauge would be that it’s best option *if* the home defender can manage it.



Combat shotguns chambered in 12-ga., like this Mossberg 590A1, have long been favored for military, law enforcement and home-defense applications.

For this conversation, let’s take a look at the reasons why one might choose to stage a .410-bore shotgun for home defense, some of the suitable .410 shotguns currently available and which types of .410 shells are a good fit for personal protection. Some of the guns and ammunition mentioned here fall under the “whatchagot” category of defensive options.

## Why choose a .410 bore for home defense?

The top reasons for picking a .410 bore for home defense were touched on above, namely, gun size and felt recoil. The shotguns are slim, lightweight and often available in compact configurations with the same shorter 18.5” to 20” barrel lengths commonly used with 12-gauge security shotguns.



Mossberg Security and Shockwave models chambered in .410 are slimmer and lighter than 12-gauge models.

But, these aren’t the only reasons to consider a .410. A shorter-barrel model can share ammunition with longer hunting .410 shotguns or .45 Colt/.410-bore handguns like the Taurus Judge revolver. This saves money for those who use .410 for sporting purposes and reload the shells themselves. In this same vein, sporting models and defensive models that share the same controls, features and levels of felt recoil make it much easier for the self-defender to transition between them. In fact, some models can comfortably be used for both sporting and defensive purposes.

Finally, a .410 may be either the only gun you currently have access to, or, it may be the gun you have at hand when a self-defense situation arises. This means having at least some defense-grade ammunition on hand, and an understanding of what it can do, is a good idea.

## A quick note on ammunition performance

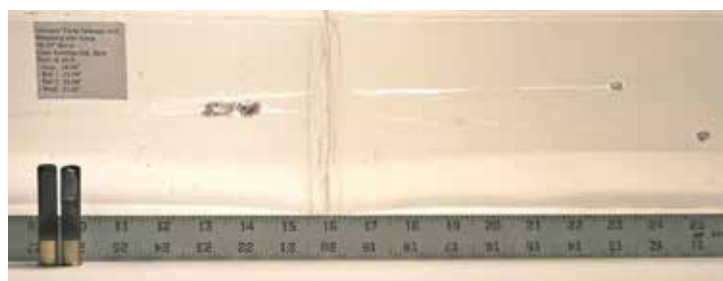
The scientific field of research known as ballistics is dedicated to understanding how firearms and their projectiles perform. What it boils down to for the home defender is this: Projectiles launched by a defensive

handgun, rifle or shotgun must penetrate deeply enough that an attacker loses the ability to continue the assault.



*.410-bore shells are available with a variety of projectiles.*

But, how much penetration is enough? Back in the late 1980s, the FBI's Firearms Training Unit established a series of ammunition performance protocols in which handgun rifle and shotgun rounds are fired into 10% ballistic gelatin. As a rule of thumb, they are looking for projectiles that travel through the gel to an optimum depth of 12" to 18". Projectiles that penetrate less than 12" are not considered a good fit for home defense. This standard is used for the Clear Ballistics synthetic gel test results included below.



*Ballistic gel testing is a good way to evaluate ammunition performance.*

It should also be noted that several of the defense-grade .410 shells available these days were developed for the popular Taurus Judge .45 Colt/.410 revolver. The performance of these defensive handgun shells improves when fired from 18.5" to 20" shotgun barrels.

### **.410 bore shells for home defense**

Originally developed by Eley Brothers of England in 1874, the .410 bore is one of the smallest shotgun shells commonly in use in the United States today. It is currently available with birdshot, buckshot, slugs and mixed payloads. Let's take a look at each and see how they fit into a self-defense plan.

### **Birdshot**

Long guns chambered for this round are eminently suitable for small game hunting, pest control and for more experienced sporting clays enthusiasts when the shells are filled with tiny lead pellets which are commonly referred to as "birdshot." The vast majority of .410 shells manufactured in the past, and today, are topped off with various sizes of birdshot.

However, the small and relatively light birdshot loads launched by .410 shotguns are poorly suited for self-defense applications. When fired from .410 shells, birdshot payloads are quite small when compared to larger shot shells, the pellets tend to spread apart relatively quickly and they do not penetrate deeply enough to reliably stop a threat.



*Ballistic gel with 60 pellets of copper-plated #4 birdshot.*

Shown above is a gel block shot with the only "defensive" birdshot load I'm aware of, Federal Premium's 2½" long .410 Handgun load topped off with 7/16 oz., or about 60 pellets, of copper plated #4 birdshot with a listed muzzle velocity of 1200 f.p.s. (a velocity that's similar to larger shot shells).

The pellets stopped at distances between 4" to 8.5" in the gel block with the majority of pellets stopping somewhere between 4.5" to 6.5". This is well below the FBI's 12" minimum. Being peppered with this .410 birdshot load would be an excruciatingly painful wake up call, even for an assailant wearing thick clothing. However, due to the pain nullifying effects of drugs and adrenaline, self defenders can't count on pain alone to deter a determined assailant. Due to low levels of penetration, it's best to reserve .410 birdshot loads for pest control, sporting clays and small game hunting. If birdshot is "whatchagot," then be aware of its limitations and plan accordingly.

## Buckshot

Buckshot is comprised of much larger and heavier round lead pellets than those used in birdshot. It's a popular option shell configuration for hunting and home defense because of the advantages it offers at close range. The individual pellets have enough mass and momentum to produce effective levels of penetration and tissue damage. However, several pellets are launched simultaneously. If they strike the target at close range, while still clustered together, they produce a massive impact. If the target is further away, and the pellets spread out to form a pattern, then the pellets form multiple wound tracks. The effect is roughly comparable to being struck with multiple .38-cal. or 9 mm round-nose bullets at the same time.

Reliable .410 buckshot loads are available in 2½" or 3" shell lengths from major American manufacturers including Federal Premium, Remington and Winchester. The most common buckshot pellet size is 000 (triple-aught). These are .36-caliber (.36") balls that weigh about 70-grains. The 2½" shells are loaded with three or four pellets while the 3" shells are usually packed with five pellets. Because they are stacked one on top of the other in a row inside the shell (instead of in a cluster) they tend to flatten out, or "pancake" as they travel through the barrel.

Shown here is a before-and-after picture of the four copper plated pellets fired into gel from a Federal Premium .410 Handgun shell with a listed velocity of 1200 f.p.s. for 224 ft.-lbs. of muzzle energy for each pellet. The pellets average depth in bare gel was 20.7" with four distinctive .36 to .38-cal. wound tracks behind each pellet.

Essentially, the only real difference in defensive performance for .410 buckshot shells, when compared to that of reduced-recoil 12-gauge buckshot loads containing 8 or 9 pellets, is the number of pellets fired. I've had mixed reliability results with some imported polymer-hull .410 buckshot loads. They tend to run reliably in some



Ballistic gel with 60 pellets of copper-plated #4 birdshot.

guns but not others. The imported shells with all-metal hulls that I've worked with have jammed up every handgun and long gun I've tested them in, badly. I had to drive the spent hulls out of the gun chambers with a hammer and a cleaning rod. My advice is to avoid them completely for self-defense purposes.

## Slugs

Slugs are one-piece projectiles used to extend the range of shotguns when hunting. They essentially turn a shotgun into a medium-range rifle. The only type of .410 slug I've gel tested so far is the Remington Express .40-cal. 1/5 oz. (87.5-gr.) rifled lead slug. It's a nearly hollow round-nose configuration which launched at 1752 f.p.s. and hits into the gel with 596 ft.-lbs. of energy. However, as you can see from the photo here, the slug shattered on impact. The fragments only traveled between 2.5" to 4" into the gel. Like birdshot, this type of slug should be relegated to sporting purposes or whatchagot status.

## Mixed payload shells

The following two 2½" shells were developed specifically for the Taurus Judge revolver. But, both produced impressive gel test results when fired from an 18.5" defensive shotgun.

Winchester's mixed-payload PDX1 Defender fires three, pre-flattened .40-cal. copper-plated lead discs, followed by 12 pieces of BB size copper-plated lead shot, at an average muzzle velocity of 1073 f.p.s. from an 18.5" barrel. The three disks penetrated an average depth of 27.25" with the 12 pieces of BB shot pellets penetrating between 5" to 26.5".

The Hornady Critical Defense Triple Threat load fires a .41-cal. 115-gr. FTX hollow-point lead slug followed by two .35-cal., .65-gr. round lead pellets with a muzzle velocity of 1116-f.p.s. When fired into the gel block the .41-caliber FTX slug successfully expanded to .64-cal. and traveled 14.50". But as you can see here, the slug took some damage as the two .35-cal. pellets went past it to stop at 23.5" and 26". The slug's polymer wad traveled 13.25" into the block, effectively making it a fourth projectile.

## Which shells for home defense?

Here's what all of this ammunition testing information boils down to: Loading shorter-barrel .410-bore shotguns with buckshot loads, or defense-grade mixed payload shells, turns the gun into a viable low-recoil home defense option. This gun and ammunition combination launches more projectiles



per trigger pull than a handgun but does so without the punishing recoil of a 12-gauge shotgun. But remember, birdshot and slugs should be reserved for sporting purposes.

### Compact .410 bore shotgun options

In pursuit of an understanding of the defensive capability of .410 shells, I've run them through a variety of long guns. Here are a few of the shorter barrel models found in the marketplace today.

### Single-shot break action shotguns

The hinged-barrel, single-shot shotgun is one of the most prolific .410-bore action types available. These svelte little guns are lightweight, ruggedly reliable, easy to operate and usually available at most sporting goods stores for low prices. There are several entry level variations available from manufacturers including the Hatfield Gun Company, Iver Johnson, Rossi USA, and Stevens (Savage Arms).

These shotguns are great for training youthful shooting sports enthusiasts, small-game hunting and they are favored for use as emergency survival and "trunk" guns. However, their limited ammunition capacity and slow rate of fire are not a great fit for home defense. This is strictly a whatchagot option. But if you own one, having at least a few defense-grade shells on hand is a good idea.

### Stoeger Industries double-barrel coach gun

There are not too many budget-friendly traditional 2-trigger, double-barrel shotguns to choose from these days. But Stoeger Industries does offer a slim and a handy little 20"-barrel coach gun in .410 with suggested retail prices starting at \$479.

We have one in the family that's been used for everything from plinking to pheasant hunting. Like single shots, the double barrels have a lower rate of fire and a slower reload. But double guns are reliable, easy to operate and have served in defensive roles many, many years.

### Mossberg pump-action youth & security models

Pump-action shotguns with shorter 18" to 20" barrels, also known as "riot guns," have been a standard for home defense since the early to mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. They are tough, reliable and offer a quick rate of fire with some practice. Most models can also be loaded on the go because the tubular magazine port is accessible with the action closed.

Over the years, Mossberg has offered more home-defense ready .410 pump-actions than any other American manufacturer. The Model 500 is chambered for 2½" and 3" shells with a 5+1 ammunition capacity. Options have included flexible youth models, like the wood stocked 505 Youth (#57120, MSRP: \$473) shown here. Youth models have shorter shoulder stocks and pump grips, which have been moved closer to the receiver. This makes them a better fit for small-frame shooters of all ages.

Model 500 18.5"-barrel Security configurations have been available with either synthetic shoulder stocks or pistol grips. They even offer a 590 Shockwave non-NFA firearm with a 14" barrel. I've worked with these guns extensively and found them to be just as reliable and user friendly as the models chambered for larger shotgun shells. Although not all of them are currently in production, due to high demand for 12-ga. shotguns, then can still be found for sale with a bit of internet research.

### Henry lever action .410 shotguns

Although various companies have offered .410 lever guns over the years, Henry Repeating Arms' .410s are among the toughest yet built. This is because they are based on the company's all-steel .45-70 Gov't. rifle action. This gives these shotguns an unloaded weight of 7.5 lbs., which soaks up felt recoil like a sponge.

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# Nancy's Corner

by Nancy Lewandusky

Here we are upon another important election year. This year, we finally get to vote for a great candidate for New York state governor!

We would like everyone to take a serious look at Lee Zeldin.

Zeldin has represented New York state as a Republican in the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of the House of Representatives since 2015.

Zeldin, a father of two, is an American veteran, a lawyer and he is pro-Second Amendment. He supports the right to carry, opposes gun control, opposes the backdoor gun ban, and the semi-auto ban.

I encourage all of you to embrace Lee Zeldin as your candidate and support him in the upcoming election this November. We desperately need strong leadership that supports us *all* here in New York.

Speaking of leadership that is sorely needed, retired U.S. Marine and NYSRPA Board member John Cushman has passed on to meet his Maker, so we will need more NYSRPA members like John to step up and fill the void his passing leaves in New York state's embattled Second Amendment community.

Let's talk inflation for a minute. With the supply-chain break downs and inflation through the roof, it's hard to keep a household supplied with the necessities—let alone be able to afford them. Average family members are struggling to pay for the gas to get to work, and they are struggling to keep food on the table—that is if they even can find the food. The current administration continues to pat itself on the back for the “great” job it is

doing. I don't know about you, but I do *not* think what this administration has done is so great.

I know that several members received multiple copies of the recent issue of *Bullet*. Thank you for bringing this problem to our attention. There were a few things that happened—and it was basically the perfect storm. The issue has been fixed and it should not happen again.

Lastly, I wanted to thank you all for taking the time to vote for Tom King for the NRA Board, we hope to be celebrating his victory soon!

Just a reminder we have the Syracuse Gun Show coming up on April 23-24,



2022 and the Empire State Gun Show in Hauppauge, NY on May 14-15, 2022.

We look forward to seeing you all there! ■



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