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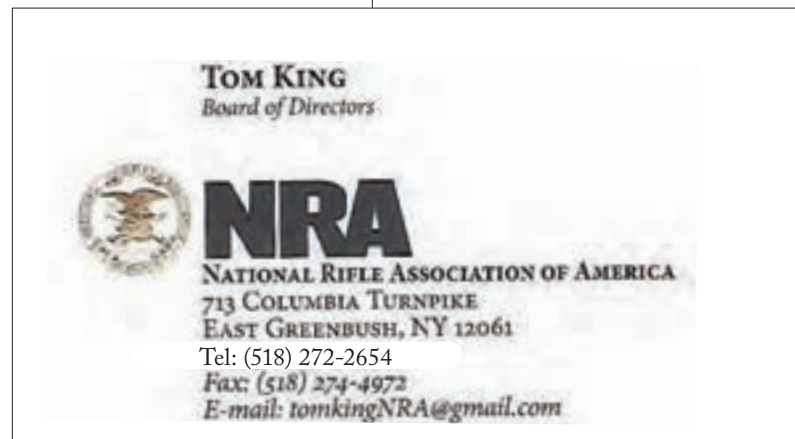
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President's Message

by Tom King

Friends of the NRA and NRA Foundation

Friends,

Many of you might not be aware of this, but approximately one year ago, I was elected president of the NRA Foundation. Maybe you are not familiar with the NRA Foundation, so let me tell you about it.

Since our establishment in 1990, we've awarded more than \$500 million in grant funding in support of the shooting sports. These grants provide essential funding that benefits programs, such as youth education, law enforcement training, hunter education, conservation, firearms/marksmanship training, safety, support of the Civil Rights Defense Fund and much more.

It was the Civil Rights Defense Fund that helped support and fund our landmark decision in *NYSRPA v. Bruen*. The NRA Foundation also aids other activities, such as the NRA SCHOOL SHIELD—a program whose sole purpose is to protect our children. School security is a complex issue with no simple, single solution. The NRA SCHOOL SHIELD program is committed to addressing the many facets of school security, including best practices in security infrastructure, technology, personnel, training, and on-site inspections policy. Through this multidimensional effort, the NRA SCHOOL SHIELD seeks to engage communities and empower leaders to help make our schools more secure at no charge to the school systems.

Another award-winning Foundation-supported program is The Eddie

Eagle Gun Safe Program that is a gun accident prevention program that seeks to help parents, law enforcement, community groups and educators navigate a topic paramount to our children's safety: Eddie and his Wing Team are on a mission to help you teach Pre-K through 4th graders what to do if they ever come across a gun ... STOP!! Don't Touch!! Run Away!! Tell An Adult!!

The Foundation is proud of its long history of supporting hunter education, firearms training, range development, range improvement, facilities improvement and establishing shooting sports teams. This all costs money—\$500 million in grants since 1990. Where does this money come from? It comes from individuals, corporations, other trusts and estates.

However, the most important and fun-filled way of raising this money is from Friends of the NRA Dinners. As many of you know, 2022 was the first year in a while that there was a Friends Event in the Capital District. That drought is about to end for good. The NYSRPA has taken over the responsibility of sponsoring and organizing the new Capital District Friends of the NRA Event. Carl Gottstein, Nancy Lewandusky, and I will be organizing the upcoming events and I hope you will volunteer to help us raise money for this enjoyable event. At this time, there is no date set, but we will notify you about a the future date shortly. We look forward to working with you.

For more information about the NRA Foundation, check out its website at www.nrafoundation.org.



The Bullet to go digital

Now, I have some unfortunate news for you. As we all know, the COVID epidemic, rather real or fake, created many economic, health and supply-line issues for many groups including your NYSRPA. The cost of paper, ink, printing and postage has doubled the price of printing *The Bullet*—forcing us to make some hard decisions to save money, so we can continue with the many other undertakings we are involved in to protect our Second Amendment rights.

Accordingly, this issue of *The Bullet* will be the last print edition until prices stabilize and return to pre-COVID levels.

Production of *The Bullet* will continue in a digital form with no loss of content or quality, and it will be sent out via email and posted on our website www.nysrpa.org.

To ensure you continue to receive your copy of *The Bullet* in a timely fashion, please update your email address either on the website or via email to info@nysrpa.org. ■

Opinion: More People Interested in Concealed-Carry Permits

by Jim Collins

According to the Crime Prevention Research Group's annual report: In 2022, the number of concealed-carry permits in the United States increased by 488,000 to 22.01 million—that's a 2.3% increase from 2021. It is the slowest percent increase recorded since the group started collecting the data in 2011.

This increase may be even larger. There are 25 Constitutional Carry states that no longer provide this data since people in those states are no longer required to obtain a permit to carry a concealed handgun.

However, this research is the only hard data we have that will gage how interested people are in obtaining these types of permits, because firearm ownership surveys may be affected by people's unwillingness to answer personal questions about their firearms.

Other data from CPRC's annual report:¹

- 8.5% of American adults have permits. Outside of the restrictive

states of California and New York state, about 10.2% of adults have permits.

- In seventeen states, more than 10% of adults have permits. The concealed carry rate for Connecticut, North Carolina and Wisconsin have all risen to 10% in 2022.
- Alabama has the highest concealed carry rate at 32.5%. Indiana is second with 23.4%, and Georgia is third with 15.5%.
- Six states now have over one million permit holders: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Florida is the top state with 2.57 million permits.
- In 2022, women made up 29.2% of permit holders in the 15 states that provide data by gender, an increase from the 28.3% last year. Seven states had data from 2012 to 2021-22, and permit numbers grew 115.4% faster for women than men.

State right to bear arms

On a different subject, recently Iowa became the 45th U.S. state to add language to its state constitution to guarantee the right of its citizens to keep and bear arms.

Now, only five states do not have this provision. As you might suspect, they are: California, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey and New York. Gosh, why am I not surprised?

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! ■

¹ *Crime Prevention Research Group, "Concealed Carry Permit Holders Across the United States: 2022," Nov. 16, 2022*

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A Call to Vote for Your NRA Board of Directors

By Charlie Beers

In our house, the fall months were hectic (as usual). We trekked home from the ranges of New Mexico, reinstated the weekend rhythms of hunting camp, and held our Friday pilgrimages to the Adirondack during deer season. It was an abnormally late season for the leaves to drop and the temperatures to snap to cold. Since her birth, our daughter has made this part of her routine, and she finds her own quiet time to play guitar and relax in the woods.

Part of my autumn traditions also involve evenings retreating into books of history and westward expansion. My favorite writings come from the 1980s and cover a period before my own conscious opinions of life and politics. One of my favorite series is *Gargantuan Gunsite Gossip* penned by the late Jeff Cooper. Cooper was old enough to be my grandfather and he served in the Pacific during WWII. Over the years, I have kept notes tucked in my camp copies of *Gunsite*

Gossip. These notes pick up on common themes and names repeated in years of text and the evolutionary layers of gun control. Many of the names at the forefront of gun control in the 1980s have continued to chip away and erode our rights throughout my adult years.

The power of a vote

At camp this year—as I reflected on the fact that my daughter is losing her future rights and ability to exist as a shootist uninhibited by unconstitutional regulations—I began to pen my NRA bio. For those of you who don't know, once a person is nominated for the NRA board of directors, he or she can release a 150-word biography as a way of introduction to the world of shooting. Sitting at camp, I lacked a computer and I put ink on paper to spell out my own thoughts, beliefs and involvement in Second Amendment causes. While I did this, I realized that I am four decades into advocating for my own rights. As I thought about the possibility of my grandchildren someday may not be able to inherit and enjoy the tools and sporting pieces for which I have worked, this strengthened my resolve to continue to advocate.

We are facing a culture that forfeits personal freedoms without question and legislative representatives who (too often) seem not to represent their constituents. This winter, I ask that each eligible NRA voter take the time to fill out and mail in a ballot for the NRA board of directors.

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State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NY
SEPTEMBER 16-17, 2023
The Onondaga County Sheriff's
Pistol License Unit will be in
attendance both days.
Eight Foot Tables - \$70.00 Each (members) \$80.00 Each (non-members)
Exhibitors only may set up 4:00 - 8:00 P.M., Friday Night; 8:00 - 9:00 A.M., Saturday
DEALERS MUST HAVE VALID N.Y.S. SALES TAX NUMBER
GUARDS ON DUTY 24 HOURS DAILY
FOOD AVAILABLE AT SHOW - PLENTY OF FREE PARKING
All Firearm Laws WILL Be Observed
All cartridge guns entering, within, or leaving the show must be tied in such a way
that they cannot be loaded!
New York state law requires that a National Instant Criminal Background Check must be completed prior to all
firearm sales or transfers including sales or transfers of rifles or shotguns. The sale or transfer of a firearm, rifle or
shotgun at a Gun Show without first conducting a Background Check is a crime. It is also a crime to offer or agree
to sell a firearm, rifle or shotgun at a Gun Show and then transfer it at another location for the purpose of avoiding
a National Instant Criminal Background Check.
Sellers of all modern firearms must provide a gun locking device suitable for
said firearm, with written instructions, at time of sale.

We have a 152-year-old advocacy and training organization that keeps legislators and anti-gunners in check. Each year, we can support or replace one third of the NRA board of director. Yet, I have met few voting members who have ever exercised this right to select who leads this cherished organization into the next chapter.

Over the years, I have had the great fortune to know, travel with, shoot and serve on committees with many board of director members. We are fortunate to have men and women with backgrounds and skills as diverse as the towns they come from who serve without compensation. Some are businesspeople and others are past and present military and police. There are a fair number of attorneys and some bankers and engineers, too.

I humbly ask for your vote and support in this year's election. Your ballots should have arrived in your NRA magazine or by mail. People who criticize and critique our NRA would be well advised to participate and volunteer before casting stones.

The annual meeting will be held this April, in Indianapolis—not a bad drive for most New Yorkers. This family friendly event is more than the perceived gun show. There are training classes and seminars, meetings, performances, speakers—and yes, cool guns and gear to see and experience.

Our family favorites include the NRA Whittington Center breakfast and the National Prayer Breakfast.

Over the past 15 or so trips, friends have accompanied us, and none have expressed a complaint or boredom. If you plan to attend this year, here's some sage advice: Wear comfortable shoes and bring a bag or backpack for goodies.

With your support, I hope to be representing this state and our God

given freedoms on your NRA board of directors.

As Jeff Cooper called it out in the 1980s, unilateral personal disarmament is the goal we need to stand against. The NRA is freedom's safest place. ■

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Multidiscipline NRA Instructor,
NYS DEC Hunter and Bow Hunter Instructor.
Husband, Father, Fire Chief, Engineer, Businessman, Pilot,
Four Continent Hunter, and U.S. Merchant Marine Officer.

The poster features several photographs: a man and a woman in outdoor gear, a man in a blue jacket kneeling on a golf course, and a child in a red shirt holding a rifle. The text is set against a background of stars and stripes.

Sign Up: Small Arms Firing School

By George Kline

This year will mark the 34th year that the U.S. Service Rifle Small Arms Firing School has been provided by members of the NYSRPA to members of the NYSRPA.

The Peconic River Sportsman's Club is proud to continue this fine tradition as hosts of this program. This two-day course—which will next run **April 22-23, 2023**—is designed to provide you with the basic knowledge required to safely compete in a High-Power Rifle Match. We provide detailed blocks of instruction on safety, sight alignment and adjustment, trigger control, match operations and of course the fundamentals of marksmanship. This program is approved by the Civilian Marksmanship Program, and it fulfills one of the requirements for purchasing firearms from the CMP.

The instruction you receive will be exclusively on the AR-15 A2 Service Rifle with iron sights. While scopes are permitted in actual NRA and CMP competition, we concentrate on the fundamentals by using iron sights. This program will instruct you on firing from position—both slow and rapid fire with only sling support. The club has National Match AR-15 A2 rifles for loan at no additional charge.

Our lead instructors are all current or past members of the NYSRPA Service Rifle Team. Many are nationally ranked competitors, as well as distinguished riflemen. Our instructional team is also supplemented with volunteer competitors who hail from throughout New York state. During the course, you will receive one-on-one marksmanship instruction.

The two-day course consists of about a half day of classroom instruction followed by dry fire exercises from position on the range. A short qualification course also will be fired at 50 yards using the AR-15 platform with a .22 rim fire upper. On the last day, you will fire a modified CMP course, at 200 yards, using the AR-15 Service Rifle.

Since its inception, approximately 2,000 people have completed this course. Many have gone on to compete and win at the national level. The attendance for this course is limited to the first 66 qualified entries. It will sell out quickly.

I hope we will see you there! ■



PROGRAM and REGISTRATION FORM

U.S. SERVICE RIFLE SMALL ARMS FIRING SCHOOL

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, April 22 & 23, 2023 at the
PECONIC RIVER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
MANORVILLE, NY**

Approved by the

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM (CMP)

*Sponsored by NYS Rifle and Pistol Association
Hosted by Peconic River Sportsman's Club, Inc.*

SAFS TIMES: Seminar Phase SATURDAY 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Range Firing SUNDAY 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Students should arrive not later than 7:30 A.M. each day.

SAFS OBJECTIVE

The SAFS is a program designed as an introduction to the sport of High Power Rifle Competition for new participants. It is also for persons interested in improving their shooting skills who are currently involved in High Power Rifle competitions. As a result of this training, the shooter should be able to enter and safely participate in High Power Rifle Competitions. **THIS COURSE IS NOT FOR FIRST TIME SHOOTERS. YOU MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH SHOOTING FIREARMS.**

SAFS DESCRIPTION

The SAFS is conducted by a team of highly qualified retired U.S. Armed Forces, Civilian NRA nationally ranked competitors, CMP Distinguished Riflemen, and High Power Rifle Instructor/Shooters, augmented by volunteer rifle competitors from local clubs. The training emphasizes Range & Firearms Safety, Service Rifle Marksmanship Fundamentals and Techniques, Match Operations and Procedures, Zeroing, and Operation of the *U.S. Service Rifle AR-15 A-2*. The training includes classroom instruction and closely supervised Dry Fire and Live Fire instruction. Training is with individual trainer/coaches.

NOTE THAT ONLY THE AR15 A-2 WILL BE USED FOR THESE CLASSES!

U.S. SERVICE RIFLE, SMALL ARMS FIRING SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

.....
LAST NAME, FIRST, MI

.....
NYSRPA MEMBER NUMBER (required for all adult civilian participants)

.....
STREET ADDRESS

.....
CITY/TOWN STATE ZIP CODE

.....
PHONEEMAIL

.....
LIST YOUR PRIOR SHOOTING EXPERIENCE.....

.....
ARE YOU PROHIBITED FROM OWNING OR USING A FIREARM?.....

.....
WHAT IS YOUR REASON FOR TAKING THE COURSE?.....

.....
14 -16 years of age adult guardian required: Name:
Phone:

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DENIED. PROVIDING FALSE INFORMATION WILL RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF FEES PAID. ALL INFORMATION IS FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY.

NOTE that ONLY AR-15 A-2 rifles will be allowed at these events. Muzzle brakes are not permitted in CMP or NRA competition. Flash hider is permitted.

Please check the appropriate box below regarding the need of a loaner rifle:

I will bring my own AR15 A-2:
I need the loan of an AR15 A-2:

***Fees must accompany applications
Peconic River Sportsman's Club SAFS April 22 and 23, 2023

**Mail entries to: PRSC c/o Ed Walden
51 Glenwood Drive Hauppauge, NY 11788**

**Make checks or money orders payable to the Peconic River Sportsman's Club
Payment enclosed in the amount of \$75.00**

**NOTE: ONLY PARTICIPANTS AND GUARDIANS WILL BE PERMITTED ON CLUB GROUNDS
NO GUESTS OR OBSERVERS. THE USE OF CAMERAS AND CELL PHONES
ON THE FIRING LINE IS PROHIBITED.**

ELIGIBILITY: 14 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. I.D. WILL BE REQUIRED

This event is open to the public. **All civilian adult participants must be NYSRPA members.** The \$30.00 membership fee can be paid at the door if you are not already a member. NYSRPA is fighting for your gun rights in NY. Support them.

High Power Rifle competition is a sport requiring stamina and physical flexibility.

All participants should be in good health and in good physical condition and be able to assume the prone and sitting firing positions for sustained periods of time.

All applicants must already have experience and familiarity with firearms. **This course is NOT for persons who are not familiar with rifle shooting. THIS COURSE IS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO ENTER INTO THE SPORT OF HIGH POWER COMPETITION.**

REGISTRATION FEES

\$75.00

ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 66 STUDENTS ONLY

You must qualify at 50 yards on Saturday to be eligible to fire at 200 yards for your CMP qualification on Sunday.

Students between the age of 14 and 16 must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian on both days. The parent or guardian need not enroll and take the course.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- Mail in registration is required for all students, (see registration form enclosed)
- Complete form and mail with check or money order.
- Registration must be accompanied by full fees and entry form.
- Registration must be received by April 12, 2023. Register early as course will sell out.
- Cancellations received prior to the above deadline will receive a full refund.
- Registrations will be confirmed via e-mail if received by the above deadline. If you do not have e-mail enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for **confirmation**.

THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR NO SHOWS.

CONDITIONS:

- Participants are required to comply with all safety rules and instructions.
- Students are required to attend and participate in the complete seminar training and dry fire on Saturday to shoot on Sunday. Students will also be required to fire a qualification score with a 22 LR Service Rifle on Saturday. We will provide ammo for this.
- All students are required to act as scorers and target operators.

APPLICANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED. READ CAREFULLY AND ASK QUESTIONS IF YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND!

RIFLES USED FOR THE SAFES AND FOR LOAN

- This training is limited to the U.S. Service Rifle, (AR-15) in the A-2 configuration or commercial equivalents with as issued iron sights. **National Match AR-15s will be available for loan at no charge.**
- Students borrowing rifles are required to provide factory ammunition only. Reloaded ammunition is prohibited in borrowed rifles. No other ammunition will be fired from borrowed rifles. You may purchase caliber .223 ammunition which will be sold at \$40.00 for 50 rounds. **These prices are subject to change.** Students are encouraged to bring their own service rifles both days.

- **Personal firearms must not be brought into the classroom.**

• Rifles with “muzzle brakes” or compensators are prohibited in NRA & CMP competition and are not to be used for this course.

AMMUNITION

- Live ammunition must not be brought to the Saturday seminar. Armor piercing, incendiary and tracer ammunition is not allowed. Fifty (50) rounds of ammunition are required per shooter for the qualification live fire match.

CERTIFICATES OF TRAINING

- A “certificate of training” will be issued to each student that completes both phases of training. The “Certificate of Training,” issued by the CMP authorized SAFS, fulfills one of the requirements for Purchase of a U.S. Army surplus service grade M-1 from the CMP.

STUDENTS MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT BOTH DAYS

- Hearing protection is mandatory Eye protection is highly recommended.
- Students are required to bring a glove for their support hand (opposite hand of their shooting shoulder). An insulated work glove is adequate. Students are encouraged to bring if they already own, their own shooting equipment and clothing to include rifleman jackets, sporting scopes or field glasses, shooting mats. Bring your equipment on Saturday as we will conduct in position dry fire exercises. Students should wear appropriate outdoor clothing both days to include warm clothing, sweaters, sweatshirts, denim or heavy cloth trousers, boots, baseball type hats and rain gear. Windbreakers or nylon jackets should not be worn as the rifle will shift and move on these slippery surfaces. **STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE WITHOUT MANDATORY EQUIPMENT (GLOVE AND HEARING PROTECTION) WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE! STUDENTS MAY NOT SHARE MANDATORY EQUIPMENT!**

- **NO FOOD SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE.** Students must bring their own breakfast, lunch, snacks, beverages, etc. each day.

LODGING

- PECONIC. There are hotels and motels in the Riverhead area which is about 10 minutes from the club.

DIRECTIONS

PECONIC - LIE (Route 495) to exit 69. North (left) on Wading River Road about 4 miles to Grumman Blvd. (chain link fence). See signs for Calverton Enterprise Park. EPCAL. Go east (right) on Grumman Blvd. 2 & 3/4 miles to PRSC entrance (on right). 389 River Road Calverton NY Enter gate and follow signs and guides. **DRIVE SLOW on club property!**

Speed limit 5 MPH! Follow these directions. Do not use GPS for this location.

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Five Reasons to Invest in an AR-15-style Rimfire Rifle

By B. Gil Horman



This type of .22 LR rifle may cost more than some models, but the features provided make it a useful and enjoyable purchase.

Recently, I had the opportunity to work with the Tippman Arms series of M4-22 rimfires. Chambered for .22 LR, these carbines are designed to very closely replicate the appearance, features and operations of the ever-popular AR-15 pattern Modern Sporting Rifle. Generally speaking, I tend to avoid rimfire “replicas” of other rifles because in the past I’ve run into a few that were poorly made or just too different from the gun they were supposed to mimic so they failed to provide a satisfying experience at the shooting range.

But the Tippman offering proved to be a different story. These rifles really do run almost exactly like typical AR-15s and they proved to be reliable and accurate. Looking around the Internet I’ve discovered a quiet, but loyal fan base who have adopted AR-style rimfires like the Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22 series, the Kriss USA Defiance DMK22C, Walther’s Colt M4 OPS, the recently released Rock River Arms LAR-22 and, of course, the Tippmann options.

Now, I know some readers are going to ask a perfectly reasonable question: With suggested retail prices starting at around \$400 and climbing up to over \$800, why spend more for one of these AR style .22 rifles instead of some other sporting model that costs less? With this question in mind, here are a



few reasons why an AR-15 pattern .22 LR can be a great investment:

The ubiquitous & modular AR-15

Most folks agree that there are three primary civilian roles for center-fire semi-automatic rifles: home defense, target shooting (formal and informal) and hunting. During the previous decade we've seen the Modern Sporting Rifle category, which is dominated by AR-15 type models, continue to grow in popularity. Many recent adopters of AR pattern rifles and carbines have purchased them with home defense in mind. But, once new shooters get the hang of working with them, they find out just how easy, reliable and accurate they are to use for sports shooting. We are also seeing more hunting cartridges specifically

designed for ARs cropping up on a regular basis.

One of the top reasons that ARs are so popular is their modularity. The various parts are easy to trade out and there are plenty of components from which to choose. Just how modular a particular AR-pattern .22 LR is depends on the make and model. But, for the most part you'll find accessory-ready handguards, threaded barrels, standard removable grips and quick-swap 6-position shoulder stocks. Picatinny optics rails support a variety of magnified rifle scopes or red-dot optics.

One action to rule them all

When my older brother got into competitive shooting, he settled on the 1911-style of semi-automatic pistol. He then expanded his set to include a

general purpose 1911 and a carry gun that was based on, you guessed it, the 1911. His logic for doing so was this: The muscle memory developed by pulling the trigger and operating the controls for one of these guns would count as training to use the rest. This is the philosophy of "one action to rule them all." They all operate in the same way so there is only shooting routine to be learned and mastered.

The vast majority of AR-15 rifles operate in the same way. You can change the caliber, barrel length, magazine capacity, grip shape and the trigger pull weight, but the controls and general management of the gun remain the same. For the most part, once you learn how to run one you pretty much know how to use them all, including the faithful AR pattern .22 LR.

Handy training tools

For folks who are new to them, learning to shoot a semi-automatic rifle can feel a good deal like getting the hang of driving a car with a manually operated “stick” transmission. There are so many new or different details to manage. The AR-pattern rimfires provide an intermediate training tool to aid in learning the idiosyncrasies of the AR’s controls and ease the transition from other sporting long guns into centerfire AR-15 models. The rimfire models generally weigh less, they generate lower levels of felt recoil and produce less noise and muzzle flash. This allows the student to focus more on skill development and control familiarity so as to be better prepared when ready to move on to centerfire ARs.

They pay for themselves

The .22 LR cartridge has always been

among the least-expensive rounds to shoot. Although ammunition prices may fluctuate over time, it continues to cost significantly less than center-fire cartridges. One of the most popular chamberings for ARs is for the .223 Rem. and 5.56 NATO cartridges which used to be fairly cheap to shoot. But, with demand for these loads so high these days the ammunition costs can put a real squeeze on the shooting budget. As of this writing, online ammunition providers are selling between 5 to 10 rounds of practice-grade .22 LR for the same price as a single round of practice-grade .223 Rem. That’s quite a difference in how many bangs you get for your buck!

Flexible & fun to shoot

I have yet to be shy about my fondness for .22 LR carbines and the easy going fun they provide at the range. Because the rimfire models mentioned here incorporate actual AR components,

instead of just inexpensive cosmetics and plastic covers, they are a real pleasure to work with on and off the shooting bench. In addition to familiar operations, the Tippmann M4-22 was accurate, reliable and the magazines were easy to load one round at a time or using the company’s hand-cranked speed loader. Yes, rimfire rifles like this are useful as understudies to the centerfire guns. Their AR features make them a great fit for just about any .22 LR rifle related endeavor including formal target shooting, small-game hunting and, in a pinch, personal protection. ■

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NRA Foundation

America's leading charitable organization in support of the shooting sports

by Carl Gottstein

For more than two decades, The NRA Foundation has served the needs of freedom-loving Americans across this great nation. We continue to teach freedom through programs that instill knowledge about our nation's great history. We build partnerships with leaders in our communities and provide grants that are instrumental in funding programs that support our shared vision.

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Millions in grants distributed

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To get involved in the NRA Foundation, visit www.friendsofnra.org.

How can we help you?

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Two types of grants are available: General Grants are offered for supplies, equipment, and consumables; and Range Grants are offered to improve a range facility, for projects such as berm work, classroom, pavilion, road or trap machine improvements. To apply for a grant, visit www.nrafoundation.org/grants. ■



ATF Posts ‘Final’ Rule on Stabilizing Braces

On Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives posted the “final” Factoring Criteria for Firearms with Attached “Stabilizing Braces” rule to its website (bit.ly/3IO0xk2).

The proposed rule was first posted by the agency in June 2021, and is the most recent in a long line of ATF guidance, rulings, and rules regarding firearms with attached stabilizing braces.

As of the time of this writing, the text posted to ATF’s website has not yet been submitted to the Federal Register, so it is not technically a “final” rule yet, but it likely will be posted in the coming week.

Since 2012, when Biden was serving as then-President Barack Obama’s vice president, ATF has recognized that stabilizing braces serve a legitimate function, and the inclusion of a stabilizing brace on a pistol or other firearm does not automatically subject that firearm to the provisions of the National Firearms Act. That’s because stabilizing braces were first designed and intended to help disabled veterans fire large format pistols (www.sb-tactical.com/about/company/).

NRA has repeatedly pushed back on Administration attempts to classify firearms with attached braces under the NFA. When the most recent rule was proposed, NRA submitted comments, which you can find here (bit.ly/3ZKFm9n).

The rule differs substantially from the rule proposed a year and a half ago by the Biden Administration. While that proposal suffered from

numerous problems, the final rule abandons any attempt at objectivity and continues ATF’s long practice of applying a “we’ll know it when we see it” standard.

The new standard

ATF begins the new rule by clarifying that any former guidance or rulings on stabilizing braces are void.

The rule then amends the existing definition of “rifle” by adding the following.

For purposes of this definition, the term “designed or redesigned, made or remade, and intended to be fired from the shoulder” shall include a weapon that is equipped with an accessory, component, or other rearward attachment (e.g., a “stabilizing brace”) that provides surface area that allows the weapon to be fired from the shoulder, provided other factors, as described in paragraph (2), indicate that the weapon is designed, made, and intended to be fired from the shoulder.

When a weapon provides surface area that allows the weapon to be fired from the shoulder, the following factors shall also be considered in determining whether the weapon is designed, made, and intended to be fired from the shoulder:

Whether the weapon has a weight or length consistent with the weight or length of similarly designed rifles;

Whether the weapon has a length of pull, measured from the center of the trigger to the center of the shoulder stock or other rearward accessory, component or attachment (including an adjustable or telescoping attachment

with the ability to lock into various positions along a buffer tube, receiver extension, or other attachment method), that is consistent with similarly designed rifles;

Whether the weapon is equipped with sights or a scope with eye relief that require the weapon to be fired from the shoulder in order to be used as designed;

Whether the surface area that allows the weapon to be fired from the shoulder is created by a buffer tube, receiver extension, or any other accessory, component, or other rearward attachment that is necessary for the cycle of operations;

The manufacturer’s direct and indirect marketing and promotional materials indicating the intended use of the weapon; and

Information demonstrating the likely use of the weapon in the general community.

While it is not the role of an administrative agency to add to a congressionally enacted statutory definition, doing so in such an arbitrary and nonsensical manner is especially damaging to the rule of law.

Creating a firearm classification that is contingent on a firearm having rear surface area, without even providing a measurement for how much area is sufficient to trigger the classification, is the exact type of arbitrary rule making the Administrative Procedures Act (and the Due Process Clause of the Constitution) prohibit.

The new “standard” seems clear: ATF will decide on a case-by-case basis whether a given firearm is subject to the NFA, and American gun owners

will face felony consequences at the whims of bureaucratic decision makers.

Options for existing possessors

The new rule will be in effect on the date that it is posted in the federal register, but ATF is giving existing owners of affected firearms 120 days to take one of several options provided by the rule.

These options vary depending on whether a person is a Federal Firearms Licensee, an unlicensed person, or a government entity, but the options generally include removing the short barrel and exchanging it for one that is longer than 16 inches, filing a Form 1 to “make” the firearm as a short-barrel rifle, removing the brace, surrendering the firearm, or destroying the firearm.

Whichever option is selected, it must be exercised before the date that is 120 days after the rule is posted in the federal register.

ATF also notes that there are legal issues created by simply removing

the brace from the affected firearm because this may result in a “weapon made from a rifle,” which would normally be subject to the NFA. The rule claims that ATF will use its enforcement discretion to not enforce the NFA against users who remove a brace and reconfigure the firearm as a pistol.

For those who choose to remove the brace from their firearm, ATF also claims that the brace must be altered or destroyed so that it simply cannot be reinstalled. This is a strange claim since ATF has no authority to regulate braces separate from a firearm (just like they cannot regulate a stock, pistol grip, or other accessory).

While the agency may be attempting to apply various cases that say possessing a disassembled NFA firearm is the same as possessing a complete NFA firearm, that case law generally does not prohibit someone from possessing the components for an NFA firearm if the components can also be assembled into a non-NFA

configuration. ATF must make this clear before many law-abiding gun owners destroy lawfully-acquired property to comply with the rule.

This rule also comes only two weeks after the *en banc* Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals invalidated another ATF rule (bit.ly/3IXago8) that attempted to treat bump fire stocks as machine guns. With federal courts now more willing than ever to provide meaningful review of federal regulations, this rule should fail for the same reasons that the bump stock rule failed. It is not a reasonable application of the governing statute and any vagueness in the statute should be interpreted in favor of a narrow reading of the statute to comply with the rule of lenity.

NRA and other groups are already preparing litigation to challenge the rule. Please stay tuned to www.nraila.org for more updates. ■

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Raising Champions for the Second Amendment

By Chandler Peay

Chandler became a Friends of NRA committee charman at the age of 17 ... I started attending Friends of NRA events at a young age with my grandparents in my hometown of Quincy, Calif. In early 2012 during the normal month for the Friends of NRA banquet, I noticed no event was being held. I inquired with my grandparents, and they told me the committee had disbanded and there was not going to be a banquet moving forward. I loved attending the dinners, and as a young competition clay shooter, was very sad to hear that news.

I reached out to the area Field Representative, Steve Wilson, and put in my inquiry to start the banquet back up. At 17-years-old, I was able to successfully host my first banquet in July that same year, which raised more than \$18,500 net. My whole family has plunged into supporting The NRA Foundation because we believe in and see the impact of how the Foundation provides for the community and the future of shooting sports.

I currently work as a deputy sheriff for my local Sheriff's Office, which has been the recipient of a recent grant from The NRA Foundation totaling more



than \$4,830 in both grant merchandise and a check. This grant helped improve equipment for our deputies. In addition, The NRA Foundation has provided grants to two local youth shooting teams over the years. It has truly been amazing to see the hard work of fundraising from the banquets return to help the community. I even benefitted from a few of those grants growing up and saw firsthand the impact they made.

Over time, I have fostered great relationships with community members while hosting my local Friends of

NRA Banquet and Auction, and have made our local dinner a staple to the community that is looked forward to yearly! In 2022, we had a record earning year thanks to our attendees who know how much The NRA Foundation does for our community and those beyond. My wife, Tanah, and I recently welcomed our first child into the world, William, and have already ensured he will be a part of The NRA Foundation community. ■

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**Deadline for submissions
for the May issue of Bullet magazine is:
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The Friends of NRA 2023 Standard Package Highlights

By Mark Ghanayem

Take a peek at unique and custom items offered exclusively at Friends of NRA events this year

Each year, Friends of NRA selects a package offering custom firearms and merchandise that are carefully chosen for freedom defenders. The Standard Merchandise & Firearms Package has become highly sought after, with one-of-a-kind items that are only available at Friends of NRA events across the nation. These Standard Package items are designed to support and inspire Friends of NRA's blockbuster fundraising efforts. Since its inception in 1992, Friends of NRA has raised over \$1 billion gross for The NRA Foundation through more than 25,000 fundraising events.

Each year we select a Gun of the Year, and we are excited to announce our

2023 Gun of the Year is the Springfield Armory SA-35 9mm with NRA Grips. Learn more about our Gun of the Year and other custom items that are featured in our 2023 Standard Package access, the Friends of the NRA website at www.friendsofnra.org/events/merchandise.

2023 Gun of the Year: Springfield Armory SA-35 9mm with NRA Grips
The Springfield Armory SA-35 9mm with NRA Grips is based on one of the most prolific and popular pistols in small arms history. The Springfield Armory SA-35 gives today's shooters a modern take on a revered design, with rugged forged blued carbon steel parts for strength and durability.

This pistol has improved ergonomics and enhanced controls, modern white dot front sights, an improved

feed ramp design, and an increased 15-round capacity. Configured without a magazine disconnect for a drop-free magazine, the SA-35 features a factory-tuned trigger with a quick reset, and a crisp, clean break.

The slides of the Springfield Armory SA-35 have been polished by Baron's Engraving to a bright, brush blued finish, and are enhanced with a 24kt gold scroll design that features the Friends of the NRA Logo and the words, "National Rifle Association 2023 Gun of the Year."

Sporting exclusive Friends of NRA Hogue walnut grips, this SA-35 9mm is exclusive to Friends of NRA events and is limited to 675 units. *Not legal in all 50 states. ■

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 Trumansburg, NY 14886

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PO Box 1005
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 savagemw49@gmail.com
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 rangeinfo@vrgclub.com
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If your club is a member and would like to be listed, email club info to: info@nysrpa.org

Nancy's Corner

by Nancy Lewandusky

A new year, a new look for *The Bullet*

Happy New Year! Here we are three months into 2023 and things are changing. Recently, we discussed with our board the possibility of our magazine going to a digital format. Well, now it is happening. With the rising costs and the product shortages, we have had to say goodbye to the old way and come up with a solution that most everyone is doing now and that would save the organization money.

With this change, I want to make sure we have your correct email addresses so that we can make sure you will still receive *The Bullet*. Please send me your email address to info@nysrpa.org, and I will make sure we have you in our system.

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Please be aware that we have teamed up with American Income Life Insurance Co., to provide our members with a \$4,000 accidental death & dismemberment policy. This policy is *free* to current members. You will be contacted by the company to possibly purchase more insurance. This is *not* a requirement—you do not have to purchase any additional insurance.

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I have had a few calls and emails about membership cards. Hang tight. They are on their way. After an illness in the house, and a death in the family, I was backed up, and then the machine that helps fold-and-stuff envelopes broke



down. It all turned into the perfect storm!

If you still haven't received your card, please email me at info@nysrpa.org and I will get it printed and out to you ASAP!

As always, it was great seeing you all at the Hamburg, Albany and Salamanca gun shows. What a great turnout! I really enjoy speaking to you all and seeing all the vendors at these shows. ■

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