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PRESERVE YOUR
RIGHT TO KEEP AND
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RIGHT TO BEAR ARMS & RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE

It seems that most of the time when the right to keep and bear arms versus restrictive gun control proposals come up, it turns out that the underlying issue really is the right of self-defense, the right to protect life, the very right to life itself versus the power of government to take that right away from the individual and to assume to itself the control implicit in the right to keep and bear arms.

That is the case whether the discussion and debate is on the domestic or international level.

Right now, within the United Nations, a number of anti-gun interests, such as those within Britain, Japan and Australia, are promoting an international treaty to regulate worldwide the trade in small arms and ammunition.

To implement such an agreement, governments of individual nations, including that of our own United States, would be expected and required to enact personal firearms ownership registration and licensing regulations and restrictions to comply with standards set by an international body.

This could and most likely would lead to a creeping non-American attempt to limit the right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear defensive arms right here within our own country. As former Congressman Bob Barr of Georgia, a CCRKBA Distinguished Advisor, has stated, the international issues "necessarily will come to involve at some point domestic laws and policies regarding firearms."

We Americans have a right to our guns, and a need for them, to defend ourselves and our families from violent criminals and, should the occasion arise, from murderous Islamist terrorists.

Fortunately, for the present at least, our government is resisting the United Nations gun grabbers, but it remains to be seen whether or not that policy will be maintained by future administrations and congresses.

Domestically, also, we're facing similar inane anti-gun, anti-self defense philosophies. Right now, a good part of this focus is on school administrations that act to prevent qualified, legally-licensed personnel from carrying firearms on campus for defense against deranged individuals who go on murderous rampages.

CCRKBA endorsed a National Collegiate Empty Holster Protest sponsored by Students for Concealed Carry on Campus, a grassroots organization that formed in the aftermath of the Virginia Tech multiple murders last April.

During the week-long event, students across the nation prepared to wear empty holsters to classes in protest of various state and university policies that disarm them while not preventing the kind of crime that occurred at Virginia Tech.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NACOP AND IACP ON RIGHT TO BEAR FIREARMS

"There is a tremendous difference between the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and the National Association of Chiefs of Police (NACOP) in both composition and attitude on the right of citizens to keep and bear arms," John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, noted recently in Washington, D.C.

"NACOP surveys of chiefs of police and sheriffs in the United States for decades have shown that American chiefs and sheriffs support the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms for self-defense and for sporting purposes by over 90 percent," he reported.

"NACOP membership is exclusively American and its surveys are mailed each year exclusively to American law enforcement command officers," said Snyder, who also serves as NACOP PR Director.

"IACP membership on the other hand includes officers from around the world as well as from the United States, and that may explain at least partially its promotion of various forms of restrictive gun control proposals over the years.

"This undercuts IACP's reliability as a genuine source of United States law enforcement analysis and opinion on American gun laws and viable firearms law proposals. It undermines the credibility of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence and its President, Paul Helmke, when the Campaign cities IACP to substantiate the Campaign's demand for more and more restrictive gun laws."

In September, Helmke called an IACP report listing 39 gun control recommendations a "clear road map from the nation's police chiefs

of steps we can take now to combat gun violence."

Among the proposals were demands for requiring that all gun sales take place through federally licensed dealers, to repeal the Tiahrt Amendment which in reality protects the American gun industry from harassing third party civil lawsuits, to reenact a ban on the importation, manufacture and sale to citizens of so-called "assault weapons," to limit the sale of multiple handguns, and to ban .50 caliber rifles and so-called "armor piercing" handgun ammunition.

Even though Helmke calls the report a "road map from the nation's police chiefs," a glance at a list of IACP officials on its International Policing Division Steering Committee may give one some idea of its non-exclusively American character.

The list includes Mohamed Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Security Attache of the Embassy of the State of Qatar in Washington, D.C., Nelson Werlang Garcia, Commander-Military Police School Battalion, Guara I - Distrito Federal, Brazil, Julian Fantino, Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, Canada, Paul Farquharson, Commissioner of Police, Nassau, Bahamas, Fachtna Murphy, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Dublin, Ireland, Saad Al-Khulaifi, Director-General, Police Force, Doha, Qatar, Andrew Rwigamba, Commissioner General, Ministry of Internal Security, Kigali, Rwanda, P.C. Halder, Director, Intelligence Bureau, New Delhi, India, Peter J. van Zundred, Director, National Police Agencies, The Netherlands, Darwin Dotin, Commissioner, Police Force, Bridgetown, Barbados, Ken Jones,

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CCRKBA: ABOLISH 'GUN FREE ZONES'

While anti-gun politicians and organizations last month were demanding that Congress quickly pass new legislation in response to the Virginia Tech massacre, CCRKBA suggested another, more direct approach: Abolish the concept of "gun free zones."

"Every tragic school shooting and attacks such as those at Salt Lake City's Trolley Square, Luby's Cafeteria in Killeen, Texas and the Tacoma Mall had one common denominator," noted CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb. "They all happened in so-called 'gun free zones.'"

Last spring's attack at Virginia Tech occurred months after the university proudly lobbied the Virginia Assembly to continue prohibiting legally-licensed students and faculty from carrying defensive handguns on

campus. Thirty-two instructors and students died when Cho Sueng-Hui went on a rampage that might have been stopped short by an armed student or professor.

"You can pass all the laws you want," said Gottlieb, "but the only proven way to stop shootings in 'gun free zones' is an armed response. We saw that at the Appalachian Law School, at Pearl High School in Mississippi, and at Trolley Square. Each one of these shootings was interrupted by an armed citizen, who essentially acted successfully not because of a law, but in spite of the law."

Also questioning the so-called "gun free zone" approach to fighting violent crime in schools was nationally syndicated columnist Larry Elder, who wrote that, "in some school shooting cases, guns helped to end

shooting sprees and minimize loss of life and injury." He noted "a survey of convicted felons by the National Institute of Justice found 74 percent of the felons agreed that, 'One reason burglars avoid houses where people are at home is that they fear being shot during the crime.'"

Gottlieb recalled: "There have been numerous studies on gun control laws, and from all of those efforts, there is no conclusive evidence that any of those laws prevented a crime. There is ample evidence that the gun free zone approach has been a dismal failure, particularly as it applies to public schools and college campuses.

"If Congress is truly sincere about preventing these kinds of tragedies, then it should make abolition of gun free zones a priority."

CITIZEN ACTION PROJECT

As the holiday approaches, we forget that Congress is still in session and our right to keep and bear arms is still being legislated. One way to solve this problem and, at the same time, promote the individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms, would be to give people a membership in the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

Next year, 2008, well may be a rough year for the right to keep and bear arms, and we all need all the help we can get to combat the anti-gun onslaught of the gun grabbers. Whatever can be done to increase and strengthen CCRKBA membership can go a long way in helping CCRKBA battle the gun haters in Congress and elsewhere.

Members of CCRKBA receive a copy of *Point Blank* each month, keeping readers informed about the changes in the law that affect your right to keep and bear arms, as well as what CCRKBA Members can do to be a part of the process.

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HUNDREDS OF FIREARM RIGHTS ACTIVISTS CCRKBA-SAF COSPONSORED GUN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Nearly 800 gun rights activists from around the country came together last month in suburban Cincinnati for the national 22nd annual Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC) cosponsored by CCRKBA and the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF).

The October 5-7 Conference in nearby Fort Mitchell, Kentucky attracted participants of all ages, from teenagers to senior citizens.

Among the many highlights of GRPC this year was an appearance during a reception by presidential candidate Congressman Ron Paul of Texas, whose arrival was greeted by hundreds of young citizens who came specifically to hear him condemn many gun control laws and blast several current gun control proposals. He accepted the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Year Award from CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb.

Another highlight was the arrival of Venus Ramey, Miss America 1944. Despite her walker-bound disability at age 83, the gun movement's own Miss America delivered some stirring comments in defense of the right to keep and bear arms and accepted the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award for June.

Gottlieb and Joseph P. Tartaro, SAF President, acted as GRPC co-hosts, delivering welcoming and closing remarks, as well as analyses regarding the state of the gun rights movement in the United States.

CCRKBA Director Peggy Tartaro and Mark A. Taff, CCRKBA Executive Director, acted as moderators, with a "Freedom's Future?" theme for GRPC.

Among the featured speakers were Congresswoman Jean Schmidt of

Ohio, who received a CCRKBA Bill of Rights Award, and gun rights author John Lott of the University of Maryland, who received the SAF Journalist of the Year Award.

At the Saturday luncheon award, honorees included David T. Hardy, who received a CCRKBA Bill of Rights Award, and Joe Waldron, a former CCRKBA Executive Director and newly-elected CCRKBA Director, who accepted the CCRKBA Lifetime Achievement Award.

Alan Gura, counsel in *Parkerv. District of Columbia*, Robert Levy, Senior Cato Institute Fellow, and Chuck Neily all received CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Year awards.

The CCRKBA Grassroots Organization of the Year Award went to the Buckeye Firearms Association, and the CCRKBA Grassroots Activist of the Year Award to Jeff Knox of the Firearms Coalition.

Clayton Cramer was presented with the SAF James Madison Award for his book, *Armed America*.

The SAF Scholar of the Year Award went to attorney Don Kates.

Although Wayne LaPierre, NRA Executive Vice President, had been slated to deliver a special address, he called in and said he had to cancel out because of personal illness.

Gordon Hutchinson, author of a forthcoming book on *The Great New Orleans Gun Grab*, did make an independent presentation on the same topic.

Chuck Cunningham, Federal Affairs Director of NRA's Institute for Legislative Action, Jake McGuigan, Government Relations Director, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Larry Pratt, Executive Director, Gun Owners of America, John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, and

Ralph Walker, National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association Treasurer, presented a briefing on federal affairs.

Levy and Gura discussed the Second Amendment in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Hawaii State Sen. Sam Slom, SAF Trustee, Indiana State Rep. Jackie Walorski, Ohio State Rep. Tom Brinkman, Jr., Chuck Michel, California Rifle and Pistol Association Legislative Counsel, and Stephen Aldstadt, Shooters Committee on Political Education (SCOPE, Inc.) of New York Secretary Treasurer, presented a state legislative affairs briefing.

Cramer, Nicole Stallard of Pink Pistols, and Tim Wheeler, M.D., Director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a project of the Claremont Institute, discussed popular culture and the future of gun rights.

Knox, Scott Kappas, Class Three Dealer and author of *The Traveler's Guide*, and Genie Jennings of Second Amendment Sisters, comprised a panel on expanding the right to carry.

Taff, Hardy, a constitutional scholar and Second Amendment video producer, Kenneth Blanchard, podcaster and author of *Black Man With a Gun*, and Malia Zimmerman, *Hawaii Reporter* editor, outlined possibilities in exploiting new communications technologies.

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CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb presents the CCRKBA Legislative Award to Congressman Ron Paul at the GRPC Policy Conference. Da-

ACTIVISTS OF ALL AGES CONVERGE DURING AN RIGHTS POLICY CONFERENCE

lyst, and Tony Bernardo, Executive Director of the Canadian Institute for Legislative Action, Canadian Shooting Sports Association, discussed the threat to gun rights posed by such international organizations as the United Nations, the European Union and the North American Union.

Kates, Michel, Virgil McVicker, President, Madison Society Foundation, and constitutional issues litigator Donald Kilmer reviewed the possibilities and difficulties of litigating gun cases in a hostile environment.

Gottlieb, Cunningham and Buckeye Firearms Association Chairman Jim Irvine reviewed gun rights prospects and problems in connection with next year's presidential and congressional election

contests.

Hardy presented his video, *In Search of the Second Amendment*.

Michel and Donald Krause, retired as a police officer from two Tennessee police departments, discussed micro stamping and ammunition bans as aspects of fifth column attacks on gun ownership.

Cunningham, Chuck Klein, author of *Guns in the Workplace*, and Michael Flitcraft of Students for Concealed Carry at the University of Cincinnati, rendered some ideas on what to do when rights collide where you work, shop, study and worship.

Dave Workman, Senior Editor, *The New Gun Week*, Philip Van Cleave, Virginia Citizens Defense League President, and Michael R. Moran,

firearms instructor and Ohio gun rights attorney, told about how to overcome the difficulties of shooters looking for places to shoot.

Richard Pearson, Illinois State Rifle Association Executive Director, and Colleen Dawson of GunOwnersAgainstViolence.org, outlined the efforts directed against gun dealers by BATFE, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and Rainbow Coalition honcho Jesse Jackson.

Workman, Joe Tartaro and Richard Feldman, author of *Confessions of a Gun Lobbyist*, underlined the dangers to gun ownership from the "false flags" of certain outdoor sports, conservation and union organizations.

Members of the resolutions committee included Pearson, Jennings, Wheeler, Wyoming gun rights activist John Hosford, a former CCRKBA Executive Director, Michigan activist Jim Church, and Tennessee activist and SAF Trustee Robert Wiest.

Funding sources for GRPC 2007 included Kahr Arms, GunBookStore.com, *The New Gun Week*, BCN Telecom, Microsoft Gun Club, National Shooting Sports Foundation, DPMS Panther Arms, Sigarms, Robert W. Dannelly Living Trust, KeepAndBearArms.com, Kel-Tec, Bank of America, Merril Press, National Rifle Association, Washington Arms Collectors, *Women & Guns* Magazine, Marlin Firearms, and North American Arms.

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Next year's GRPC will be in Phoenix, AZ September 26-28, 2008.



Alan Gottlieb presented the Award of the Year Award to Joe Workman photo.

SEN. TOM COBURN, M.D. THE CCRKBA DEFENDER

"When Tom Coburn stood alone in the United States Senate against Chuck Schumer of New York and other gun grabbers on a major gun rights issue," he most certainly merited the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award, stated John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director. "For this reason, as well as for the fact that Sen. Coburn of Oklahoma throughout his public life has supported the individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms, I nominate him for this distinction for November."

Snyder commended Coburn early last month for blocking an attempt by Schumer to ramrod firearms legislation through the Senate without full consideration of the proposal.

"America's millions of law-abiding gun owners owe Coburn their appreciation for his action," said Snyder.

"Schumer tried to bring a so-called National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) improvements bill out of the Senate Judiciary Committee and directly to the floor of the Senate without amendment with a unanimous consent agreement," said Snyder. "Under this procedure, a piece of legislation may be brought to the floor and acted upon unless at least one Senator objects. Fortunately, Coburn objected and that is why he now is a hero of the gun rights movement."

The bill supposedly is designed to strengthen the mental health reporting and enforcing requirements of the NICS system. It came about as a reaction to the multiple murders by a crazed gunman in April on the

Virginia Tech campus.

As Coburn pointed out, however, the bill does not fund the process by which veterans, as well as any other American who has been tagged unfairly as having mental health problems, can regain his or her Second Amendment rights.

Coburn believes the bill would create "a pathway by which individuals can lose their Second Amendment rights but no pathway through which they can gain them back if they're stable."

Coburn said, "I believe individual rights should be guaranteed."

He stated he is even more concerned about the cost, which he contends would run to two billion dollars over the next several years. Such legislation, he said, "is growing the government without decreasing it somewhere else."

When *The New York Times* editorialized against Coburn for blocking the action by Schumer, which it supports, Snyder said "the *Times* confirmed the significance of Coburn's action. The *Times* wants Coburn to drop his objections. The gun control advocacy sheet believes 'the gun lobby, and (Coburn's) colleagues, should call Senator Coburn to heel.' Coburn obviously has stung the gun grabbers. Good for him!"

"I oppose any and all efforts to mandate gun control on law-abiding citizens," says Coburn. "I staunchly support gun ownership and, as a gun owner myself, I believe we have a constitutional right to do so. The Second Amendment guarantees the right of individual, law-abiding citizens to own and use firearms. I was a cosponsor of the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act

which was signed into law in 2005 and will shield gun manufacturers from frivolous lawsuits intended to limit gun ownership.

"Congress does not have the authority to decide what firearms Americans should be able to possess for lawful purposes. I support allowing national concealed carry reciprocity, shielding gun manufacturers from frivolous lawsuits, repealing the unconstitutional gun ban in our nation's Capital and other measures designed to preserve the right of innocent Americans to protect themselves and their families."

Coburn, a two-time cancer survivor, was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2004. He and his wife, Carolyn, a former Miss Oklahoma, were married in 1968 and have three children and four grandchildren.

As a citizen legislator, Dr. Coburn has pledged to serve no more than two terms in the Senate and to continue to care for patients. He is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.

Prior to his election to the Senate, Coburn served in the House of Representatives from 1995 through 2001, fulfilling his pledge to serve no more than three terms in the House.

In 1970, Coburn graduated with an accounting degree from Oklahoma State University. From 1970 to 1978, Coburn served as manufacturing manager of the Ophthalmic Division of Coburn Optical Industrial Industries. After the family business was sold, Coburn returned to school to become a physician, graduating from Oklahoma Medical School in 1983.



QUICK SHOTS

In California, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed into law a measure requiring that the make, model and serial number of a firearm be microstamped onto the internal working parts of all semiautomatic handguns in such a manner that those identifiers are imprinted onto the cartridge case upon firing. The manufacture, sale and transfer of such new or retooled handguns approved for sale in the Golden State after January 1, 2010 that do not imprint their identifying information on a cartridge case would be a crime. According to the Copley News Service, that excludes nearly 1,300 different semiautomatic handguns already approved for sale in California.

In Illinois, Cook County prosecutors dropped criminal charges against Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Michael Pflieger stemming from their June arrests during a protest at a Riverdale, Illinois gun store. Police in Riverdale, in south suburban Chicago, arrested Jackson and Pflieger on June 23 outside Chuck's Gun Shop, where the two men and other demonstrators had gathered to protest "gun violence." Jackson and Pflieger were arrested for blocking the entrance and charged with criminal trespassing, a misdemeanor. In August, Jackson and Pflieger requested a jury trial, and one was set for the 26th of this month. However, "after reviewing the evidence, we decided we could not meet our burden of proof," said a spokesman for the Cook County state's attorney's office, according to the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

Milwaukee County, Wisconsin Circuit Judge Daniel A. Noonan understands the Wisconsin Constitution far better than Gov. Jim Doyle and the Legislature's Democrat majority, says CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb. Judge Noonan nullified charges recently against a Milwaukee pizza delivery man who had been accused of shooting two would-be robbers, ruling that a state law prohibiting concealed carry – at least as it applies to the case against Andres Vegas – is unconstitutional. Article 1, Section 25 of the Wisconsin State Constitution affirms that, "The people have the right to keep and bear arms for security, defense, hunting, recreation or any other lawful purpose." Gottlieb said that, "anti-gun Gov. Jim Doyle and his cronies in the Legislature should take a lesson from the Vargas case and stop interfering with the civil rights of their constituents. Twice in the past five years, Doyle has blocked sensible concealed carry legislation."

In Schenectady, New York, an Albany Street electronics store owner shot a man who was burglarizing his store early one morning about a month ago, police said. Police said Fun Electronics owner Donald Khemraj and his son, Bud, heard glass breaking from their residence upstairs at about 5:30 a.m. The men left the apartment with a shotgun, police said, and found John P. Sayers, 21, in the first-floor store. Donald Khemraj shot the suspect, police said, when he confronted him

in front of the store. Sayers was hit in the chest, reported the Albany, New York *Times Union*. Police say officers responded and found Sayers sitting in front of the store. Sayers collapsed while being taken to the patrol vehicle and said he had been shot. Sayers was flown to Albany Medical Center. Sayers has been charged with third-degree burglary and third-degree criminal mischief. Police say the investigation is continuing.

Utah has stopped issuing concealed gun permits to foreigners because of the rising number of applicants and the difficulty of conducting criminal background checks, reports *The New York Times*. "Utah has become the state of choice for people who did not live in the United States but wanted to carry a gun in the country," said Richard Wyss, a lawyer at the Utah Bureau of Criminal Investigation. About 1,000 citizens of other countries have permits that allow them to carry a concealed gun in Utah and 30 states that have an agreement with Utah. Since 1995, Utah has issued 92,000 permits, 30 percent to non-Utah residents.

"In the 1990s, the number of guns went up by 40 million but the murder rate fell dramatically," notes nationally syndicated columnist Mark Steyn in *The Washington Times*. "If firearms availability were the determining factor (in crime), Vermont and Switzerland would have high murder rates...It's the culture, not the technology."

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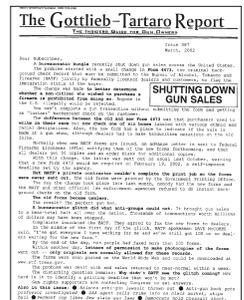
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