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**19TH ANNUAL GRPC
A STUNNING SUCCESS**

CCRKBA presented Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave of Colorado with its Legislator of the Year Award during the national 19th annual Gun Rights Policy Conference (GRPC) in suburban Washington, D.C.

Rep. Musgrave this year initiated formation of the Second Amendment Caucus in the United States House of Representatives. Throughout her public career, she has been an avid and articulate defender of the individual civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms. CCRKBA and the Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) each year cosponsor GRPC in different metropolitan areas. In 2005, plans call for the GRPC to be held in Los Angeles, California.

Among the other major award recipients at this year's GRPC were Doug Painter of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and Neal Knox of the Firearms Coalition, both of whom received CCRKBA Lifetime Achievement Awards; Chuck Cunningham, Federal Affairs Director of the NRA Institute for Legislative Action, who received the CCRKBA Defender of the Year Award; the Virginia Citizens Defense League (VCDL), which received the CCRKBA Grassroots Organization of the Year Award; James Purtilo, Ph.D., a professor at the University of Maryland, Editor of Tripwire and legislative advisor to Marylanders for the Preservation of Gun Ownership, who received the CCRKBA Grassroots Activist of the Year Award; and the Illinois State Rifle Association (ISRA), which received the CCRKBA Affiliate of the Year Award.

Gary Mauser, Ph.D., and David T. Hardy, who were unable to be present, were named Scholar of the Year and Journalist of the Year, respectively.

CCRKBA Defender of the Month Awards went to VCDL President Philip Van Cleave and Maryland State Sen. Alex X. Mooney, who were present.

Nearly 400 pro-gun rights activists participated in GRPC to network, lunch, attend receptions hosted by NRA, NSSF, Glock Inc. USA, and The Hunting & Shooting Sports Heritage Foundation, and listen to presentations by a number of right to keep and bear arms luminaries.

Alan M. Gottlieb, CCRKBA Chairman, and Joseph P. Tartaro, SAF President, offered both opening and closing remarks for GRPC, which took place in Arlington, Virginia over the last weekend in September.

Joe Waldron, CCRKBA Executive Director, acted as GRPC Coordinator.

Julianne Versnel Gottlieb, Publisher of the Journal on Firearms and Public Policy, and Peggy Tartaro, Editor of Women & Guns Magazine, served as moderators for the event.

Rev. Anthony Winfield, Chaplain at the Elmhurst Hospital in New York

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GRPC WRAP-UP

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City, delivered the invocation.

The Maryland Single Action Shooting Society presented the colors.

Among the special addresses were deliveries by NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre, American Enterprise Institute senior fellow John R. Lott, Jr., Ph.D., author of *The Bias Against Guns*, and attorney Jeff Snyder, author of *A Nation of Cowards*.

There were a number of panel discussions on a variety of subjects relating to the battle to maintain our right to keep and bear arms.

Cunningham, John M. Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, Gary Mehalik, NSSF Vice President for Communications, John Miller, Executive Vice President of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association, and Erich Pratt, Communications Director of Gun Owners of America (GOA), offered a Federal and United Nations affairs briefing.

Waldron, Purtilo, Van Cleave, Hawaii State Sen. Sam Slom, a SAF Trustee, Chuck Michel, Legislative Chair of the California Rifle & Pistol Association, and Richard Pearson, ISRA Exec. Vice President, presented a state legislative affairs briefing.

David Kopel, Research Director of The Independence Institute and a contributor to National Review Online, Melinda Meador, a national spokeswoman for Second Amendment Sisters (SAS), Timothy Wheeler, M.D., Director of Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a project of The Claremont Institute, and Dave Workman, Senior Editor of *The New Gun Week*, discussed the biased anti-gun media presentations by film maker Michael Moore, ABC News and CBS News.

Police and civilian firearms trainer Massad Ayoob, a SAF Trustee, for-

mer U.S. Rep. Bob Barr of Georgia, Gregory T. Nojeim, Chief Legislative Council to the American Civil Liberties Union Washington Office, and Kyle O'Dowd, Legislative Director of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, were selected to discuss issues relating to domestic security and individual liberties.

Gottlieb, Cunningham, Knox, Jack Adkins, NSSF Regulatory Affairs Manager, Tom Gresham, host of the *Gun Talk* syndicated radio program, and Larry Pratt, GOA Executive Director, conducted a forum on the presidential and congressional races.

Kopel, Mehalik, Michel, Jim Archer of the Rhode Island Citizens' Rights Action League, and attorney Ramon Santini of Ohioans for Concealed Carry, discussed federal and state firearm legal issues.

Ayoob, Waldron, Alan Korwin of the Bloomfield Press, and John Riddlehuber, President of the Texas Concealed Handgun Association, demonstrated that as the right to carry expands, state reciprocity laws and practice increase.

Gresham, Workman and Joe Tartaro conducted a panel on whether or not hunting and conservation issues dilute the "gun vote."

Pearson, Wheeler, Michigan gun rights activist Jim Church, freelance writer Maria Heil, a former SAS spokeswoman, Wyoming gun rights activist John Hosford, a former CCRKBA Executive Director, John Krull, a Director of the Shooters Committee on Political Education, and Tennessee gun rights activist Robert Wiest, a SAF Trustee, offered a report of the GRPC resolutions committee.

GRPC funding sources included Glock Inc. USA, GunBookStore.com, The New Gun Week, Marathon USA, Microsoft Gun Club, NSSF, Texas Con-

cealed Handgun Association, DPMS Panther Arms, Bushmaster, North American Arms, KeepAndBearArms.com, International Ammunition Association, MBNA America, Merrill Press, NRA, Washington Arms Collectors, Women & Guns Magazine, Marlin Firearms, Sturm Ruger, and The Hunting & Shooting Sports Heritage Fund.

The 20th Anniversary Gun Right Policy Conference will be held in Los Angeles next September.



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SENATE ACTION NEEDED ON DC BILL, SAYS CCRKBA

While congratulating the U.S. House of Representatives for its 250-171 vote in late September to overturn the gun ban in Washington, D.C., CCRKBA said the job in Congress is "only half done."

"We're delighted that a strong, bipartisan House majority voted in favor of the District of Columbia Personal Protection Act," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb, "but the Senate now needs to act fast and pass this measure too. Where else but in the nation's capital would it be more appropriate for citizens to exercise their Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms? As it stands now, an important civil right is declared null and void at the District's boundaries."

"Residents of Washington, D.C.," added CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron, "should have as much

right to defend themselves and their families as people who live in Arlington, Virginia, Billings, Montana, or Portland, Oregon. "Criminals know they have a risk-free environment in the District, because only the law-abiding effectively have been disarmed. Crime data from communities where gun ownership is widespread and citizens are licensed to carry shows that violent crime rates decline. Guns were banned in the District back in 1976 and since then, crime rates have skyrocketed. There's a message in that."

Gottlieb and Waldron said arguments from anti-gunners such as Washington, D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton that this measure would "pave the way" for so-called "assault rifles" and "cop killer bullets," and allow minors to possess firearms, are nonsense.

"The misinformation and lies being spread about this legislation have gone beyond the pale," Gottlieb stated. "I believe this debate has brought us to a new low in anti-gun politics, and to tell the truth, that just didn't seem possible after all the hysteria that was generated by the recent sunset of the ban on semiautomatic firearms."

The measure has gone to the Senate for consideration there, where action on it could occur during the post-election, "lame duck" session of Congress.

Point Blank readers could contact both of their U.S. Senators and ask them to support the Senate version, S. 1414, and work to move it forward. The general Senate telephone number is (202) 224-3121.

ILLINOIS MURDER SHOWS STUPIDITY OF GUN LAWS

The murder of an unarmed Illinois State Capitol security officer by a shotgun-wielding killer proves that restrictive gun laws cannot stop determined criminals, and never have, said CCRKBA.

"If the Draconian gun laws in Illinois worked," said CCRKBA Executive Director Joe Waldron, "then security guard William Wozniak would still be alive. Instead, the anti-gun philosophy has so permeated politics in Illinois that cold-blooded killers can stroll right up to the Capitol, while security guards are expected to perform their duty unarmed."

Waldron noted further that, "this mindset is not limited simply to Springfield, the State Capital City.

Up in Chicago, Mayor Richard Daley continues pushing his anti-gun hysteria by scraping up arguments against a new federal law that allows retired and off-duty police officers to carry firearms all over the country. He says this law will make Chicago's streets less safe. Well, perhaps that's true, if you're a criminal. Guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens, including off-duty and retired police officers, have never been a threat to anyone."

Waldron praised police in Springfield for quickly tracking down and arresting the suspect, who also is being held for an armed robbery committed previously.

"Mayor Daley would have us believe that Springfield officers, either

off-duty or after they retire, are somehow less trustworthy," Waldron observed. "He would extend that same insult to officers from across the nation. He might as well hang a sign at the Chicago city limits that says, 'off-duty and retired cops not welcome here.'

"While Daley and his soulmates in Springfield, including Gov. Rod Blagojevich, will no doubt rationalize that the tragedy somehow is the fault of some imagined 'loophole' in the gun law, the truth is that restrictive gun laws have never prevented a single violent crime. These laws have penalized honest citizens, while criminals are left to roam the streets and gun down unarmed security guards and other citizens."

CCRKBA HITS BRADY CAMPAIGN WITH ADVERTISING COMPLAINT

CCRKBA has filed a deceptive advertising complaint with the National Advertising Council (NARC) against the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence United with the Million Mom March, John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, announced.

The Brady group ads ran as part of the anti-gun organization's attempt to prevent the September 13 sunset of the 1994 Clinton era so-called "ban" on so-called "assault weapons."

Snyder wrote in to NARC President James R. Guthrie in New York. He noted that the Brady Center claimed in full-page ads which ran multiple times in The Washington Post and The New York Times that EVERY national law enforcement group or organization in America supported either the 10-year "ban" on the so-called "assault weapons" or the proposed renewal of the "ban," which in fact did sunset on September 13.

"Since at least three national law enforcement or police organizations, the American Federation of Police and Concerned Citizens, the Law Enforcement Alliance of America, and the National Association of Chiefs of Police, did not provide such support," wrote Snyder, "it is evident that the Center has engaged in deceptive advertising."

Snyder noted in a separate statement that, according to surveys conducted by John R. Lott, Jr. of the American Enterprise Institute and criminologist Gary Kleck of Florida State University, law-abiding Americans use firearms of various types millions of times a year to prevent crime or to interrupt the perpetration of criminal acts.

Snyder urged NARC to take "appropriate disciplinary action" against

the Brady Center.

He sent a copy of the complaint to the Annenberg Public Policy Center (APPC) in Washington, D.C. The Annenberg Center, part of the University of Pennsylvania, studies public issue advertising.

The ads ran in The Washington Post on March 2, and September 2, 7, and 10. They ran in The New York Times on September 7, 8, 9 and 10.

In one outrageous version of the ad, the Brady Center brazenly and misleadingly proclaimed that, "terrorists of 9-11 can hardly wait for 9-13...President Bush is blocking renewal of the assault weapons ban due to expire September 13. That means any terrorist in the U.S. will be free to walk into any gun shop and buy an AK-47, Uzi or other rapid-fire military-style killing machine. Doesn't President Bush know that every national police organization is fighting to renew the ban on these cop-killer guns?"

Snyder said separately that, "obviously, in the notorious journalistic tradition of the now-infamous Dan Rather of CBS News, no one at either The Washington Post or The New York Times bothered to check the factual veracity of statements made in the Brady Center's advertising campaign. It seems they're more interested in the half-million dollars they got paid by the Brady bunch for this particular campaign than they are in the truth."

Snyder added that, "even though we're won the round on the September 13 sunset issue, the battle is far from over. It's obvious that the gun grabbing groups have access to a tremendous amount of money to pay for these high-dollar anti-gun advertising campaigns. They even

have indicated they intend to push for a 'ban' more restrictive than the 'ban' which expired.

"Given this state of affairs, we can not afford to let down our guard. We face a continuing, rigorous fight on this issue, as well as on other issues connected with the preservation of the individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms. CCRKBA needs the continuing financial support of CCRKBA Members and Supporters and, indeed, of all Americans concerned with the preservation of our traditional system of civil rights."

Snyder said that, "it would be most helpful if Point Blank readers contacted NARC, as well as APPC, and let these groups know how deeply concerned law-abiding American firearm owners are with the deceptive advertising practices of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence united with the Million Mom March."

To contact NARC, Point Blank readers could write to Mr. James R. Guthrie, President and CEO, National Advertising Review Council, 70 West 36th Street, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10018. The telephone number is 866-334-NARC (6272). An e-mail address is jguthrie@narc.bbb.org.

To contact APPC, Point Blank readers could write to Ms. Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Washington Director, Annenberg Public Policy Center, 320 National Press Building, Washington, D.C. 20045. The phone number is 202-879-6700. The fax number is 202-879-6707.

GUN GRABBERS PLANNING NEXT WASHINGTON MOVES

“Make no mistake about it, the gun grabbers in the U.S. Congress at this very moment are making their plans now to do whatever they can to promote their anti-gun agenda,” John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, said last month in Washington, D.C.

“Whatever the outcome of the elections,” he continued, “the anti-gun politicians are committed to their anti-gun constituencies and will continue on their intended path towards the undermining and eventual destruction of the traditional, individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding Americans to keep and bear arms.

“We must continue to be vigilant in doing what we can to protect our gun rights, and we will be.”

When the so-called “ban” on so-called “assault weapons” expired, or sunset, this past September, observed Snyder, “some folks somehow got the idea that our battle was over, or that the tide of political battle had turned favorably and irrevocably in our direction. That hardly is the case, as subsequent events have demonstrated.”

Within 48 hours of the sunset of the 1994 Clinton era ban on the manufacture and importation of certain semiautomatic firearms and large capacity ammunition feeding devices, anti-gun Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy of New York acted to bring it back. She introduced a bill specifically “to reinstate for 10 years the repealed criminal provisions relating to assault weapons and

large capacity ammunition feeding devices.”

Original cosponsors of the bill, H.R. 5100, which Rep. McCarthy calls the proposed “Neighborhood Security Act,” are Reps. Michael Castle of Delaware, Michael A. Ferguson of New Jersey, and Joseph M. Hoeffel of Pennsylvania. It was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

Anti-gun Sen. Charles E. Schumer of New York also was quick to react to what he felt was the bad news about the sunset. He said he hasn’t given up trying to renew the ban.

“Not continuing the ban was one of the great disgraces this year,” Schumer said, vowing that Senators and Representatives will take up their cause during its next session. He referred to a New York Daily News

CAFÉ FOUNDER THE CCRKBA DEFENDER

Ricardo A. Royal of Hyattsville, Maryland is to receive the CCRKBA Gun Rights Defender of the Month Award for November.

In nominating Mr. Royal for the Award, John Michael Snyder, CCRKBA Public Affairs Director, noted that, "Ricardo is Founder and National President of the Community Association of Firearms Educators (CAFÉ). He understands that one of the foundations for modern, active defense of the individual Second Amendment civil right of law-abiding American citizens to keep and bear arms is a national community of law-abiding citizens who are well-educated in firearms and gun safety. We commend his efforts and believe he is most deserving of this Award."

"Our current focus," says Ricardo, "is on repeal of the Washington, D.C. gun laws... It is our position that the DC gun ban is a violation of the civil rights of law-abiding DC residents. We also believe that the greater good of all communities is better served by 'shall issue' policies coupled with mandatory training. We have the right to own firearms. We also have a moral and ethical responsibility to know how to use them safely and accurately for our purposes."

He says CAFÉ's DC Chapter intends "to educate DC residents with the plain and simple truth about the complete failure of the current law. We are a growing voice for DC residents who believe that the current DC gun law should be repealed or completely revised. Denying law-abiding citizens the right to protect themselves in their homes and places of business is wrong. The District's gun law has done nothing to make Washington, D.C. a safer city."

National CAFÉ, says Royal, is a

non-profit multicultural firearms education and shooting sports association which he founded three years ago. Its mission is to actively provide communities across the nation with accurate and effective gun safety training for all. The education and safety of youth is its primary concern. "Knowledge is power," he notes, "just as ignorance of the law is no excuse."

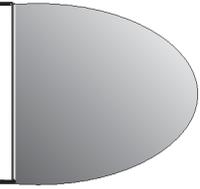
"As a firearms educator for over 30 years," he states, "I am well aware that there are cultural differences and perceptions about firearms. To put it simply, black folks look at guns and the gun debate differently than white folks and other races. Politicians are of a different culture than all the rest of us! So there is much more to teach people about guns other than safety and the fundamentals of shooting. As a paramedic in the Washington, D.C. Fire Department from 1979 to 1996 I have seen things that others cannot begin to imagine. I believe that we can save more of our children if we give them firearm safety training. We of CAFÉ believe that, 'education is like prayer, it changes things.' When firearms safety training is treated like fire safety, drug awareness and prevention, and stranger danger, our homes and schools and the entire community will be safer."

Born and raised in Washington, D.C., Ricardo Royal attended DC public schools and graduated from Roosevelt Senior High School in 1977. As a high school student, Ricardo became the Rifle Team Student Coach for the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) with NRA Apprentice Instructor credentials. At the age of 21, he became a fully Certified Firearms Education Instructor in Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, Home Firearm Safety and Personal Protection.

During his years with the D.C. Fire Department, Emergency Ambulance Service (DCF & EMS), he earned a number of prestigious certifications. These include Nationally Registered EMT, Intermediate Paramedic and Paramedic, Hazardous Materials Level II, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Scott 4.5, Confined Space Entry & Emergency Rescue, Counter Narcotics Tactical Operation Medical Support Certified Paramedic, and American Heart Association Instructor Certifications for CPR and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS). He developed a Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) Program for the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Bureau and served as an advisor on TEMS.

Lieutenant Royal, an EMS Supervisor, left the DCF & EMS Department in 1996 to fulfill his entrepreneurial spirit, create his own business and pursue his long time goals in the firearms education arena. Today, as an NRA Training Counselor, Royal provides both Basic and Instructor level courses. In 1998, he co-founded Best Shot Professional Training & Consulting Group, Inc. Best Shot provides professional firearms training for private citizens and protective services personnel.

Royal is certified as an NRA Chief Range Safety Officer, and Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor (MCB Quantico VA), and completed the Sig-Sauer Law Enforcement Armorer's Course/Product Line.



In California, CCRKBA termed state Attorney General Bill Lockyer's latest gun control scheme a "fanatic fantasy." Lockyer wants to require all handgun ammunition sold in the Golden State to be "branded" with a microscopic code that ostensibly would help identify its origin and purchaser. His proposal would require each round of handgun ammunition to have a tiny serial number etched into its surface. This would apply to ammunition possessed in public, sold or imported into the state. The law would have a sunset provision. CCRKBA Executive Director said it was a "harebrained" scheme. Waldron noted that Lockyer recently "supported a bill that would have required retailers to take a fingerprint from everyone purchasing ammunition, but Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wisely vetoed that idea."



In Washington, D.C., the United States Supreme Court refused early last month to review a lower court decision allowing a California county to ban gun shows at its fairgrounds. The justices turned away an appeal of a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision upholding an Alameda County ordinance banning possession of firearms on municipal property. The 9th Circuit had upheld the ordinance on grounds that gun enthusiasts had neither a First Amendment nor Second Amendment right to possess weapons for sale on county property. Last year, Marin County passed an ordinance prohibiting the possession of firearms and am-

an Alaska legislator who authored his state's CCW law, NRA First Vice President Sandra Froman, and Ted Deeds of the Law Enforcement Alliance of America.

About 1.6 percent of applications for gun purchases were rejected last year through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), according to figures released by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). The number of rejections was slightly below the 2002 level and continued a decline seen in recent years in the denial rate, the Bureau of Justice stated in a report. The bureau attributed the decline to more extensive background checks, involving more records and an increased number of databases – giving pause to potential purchasers who know they would be prohibited from legally getting their hands on a gun. The report said the top reason for rejections was a felony conviction or indictment. Another common reason for denial of an application was a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction or restraining order. Overall, 126,000 of the approximately 7.8 million applications for guns in 2003 were blocked, according to the report.

munition on county property. That law put an end to a gun show that been held annually at Marin Center for nearly two decades. Observers believe the U.S. Supreme Court's refusal to review the case could lead to a number of similar ordinances across California. Los Angeles and San Mateo counties already have adopted similar measures.

In Phoenix, Arizona, several hundred citizens last month celebrated the 10th anniversary of the state's concealed weapons law during a special banquet organized for the occasion by pro-gun publisher Alan Korwin. Charles Heller of Liberty Watch Radio was master of ceremonies. Three men and two women who actually have been involved in defensive gun use were named winners of the Human Right of Self-Defense Award. It also was presented to Patti Nolan, the Arizona legislator who spearheaded enactment of the law. CCRKBA Chairman Alan M. Gottlieb told the gathering that Arizona citizens have shown beyond doubt that law-abiding civilians carrying guns are not and never have been a threat to public safety. Other speakers included Eric Croft,



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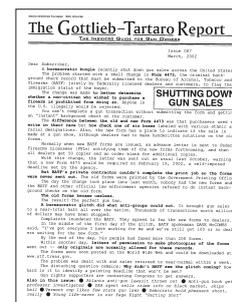
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