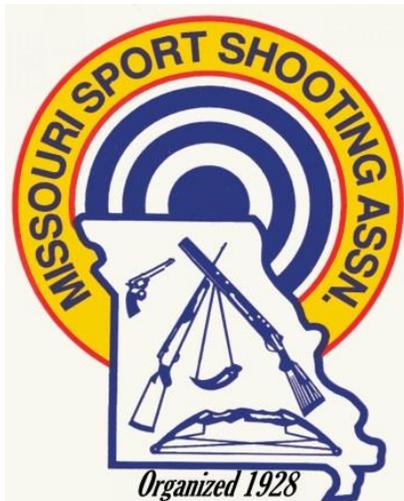


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- ✓ Be full-time active military duty.
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If you qualify, or know someone who qualifies, just fill out an MSSA membership application, obtainable from either the MSSA website www.MissouriSportShooting.org or from the back of this publication. Instead of a membership dues check, send a signed note and pledge that you (or they) are active duty military and a current or former Missouri resident and register Missouri as your/their state of residence.

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THE PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

LIBERTY NOTES
BY
K. L. Jamison
President - MSSA
August, 2014

It is a good day for Liberty.

1. A juror questionnaire scam has circulated by e-mail. It demands personal information including social security numbers. It threatens jail if not answered. Such things are never sent by e-mail and never ask for social security numbers. If you receive a questionable juror notice call the circuit clerk to confirm.
2. "I have but one definite purpose in view, that is, to make enough money to insure me a fair trial, and then to go and kill Colonel Evans." Mark Twain. Colonel Evans was a fellow journalist and rival in San Francisco. He never did kill the Colonel, but then he had financial problems his entire life.
3. Kansas City Mayor Sly James' ordinance to prohibit open carry of firearms capable of lethal use passed the city council unanimously. This was supposed to be a "public safety measure. However, the council members, one after the other, declared that open carry "sends the wrong message." I attended the council meeting, wearing my "Guns Save Lives" button. It allowed us to put our message out to the media. Such laws only affect the good guys. Bad guys, by definition, do not obey the law. I remember that when we began the concealed carry movement we were told that we did not "need" concealed carry because open carry was legal. Now they want to take that away from us. Open carry is a bad tactic being badly employed but I hate to see a right taken away from us. If the tactic had not been so badly employed we would not have this problem. People see an armed man and call the police. The objective of open carry is to make the public comfortable with guns. Yet, the first person they talk to, they offend. They refuse to give the policeman their name. Legally this is quite correct, but it does not win friends and influence people. It does not project an image of a responsible citizen. Perception is reality. Police complain that they cannot do their jobs if they cannot identify people carrying guns. They are in the business of determining

threats to public safety. Some bad people carry guns, sometimes openly. The Kansas City ordinance is an evil measure, but to overturn it will require the 55 gallon drum of \$100 bills. If successful, we will be back where we started.

4. An open carry advocate in Arizona carried an AR 15 into an airport coffee shop in order to protest TSA excesses. A woman accused him of pointing the rifle in her direction and police were called. This was used by the Kansas City council as an illustration of the dangers of open carry. Security video of the "incident" shows that he never lowered the muzzle of his rifle more than 20 degrees from vertical. The woman's reaction was simple hysteria to the presence of a man with a gun. This does indicate that people have hysterical reactions to guns and act on their superstitions rather than reality. If it were not for the security video the man might have been criminally charged.
5. The Missouri Constitutional Amendment to make the right to keep and bear arms inalienable passed overwhelmingly. I am not sure that this wipes out the Kansas City open carry ordinance. I see the argument, but a similar ordinance was challenged in Cape Girardeau and St. Louis under the language of the Constitution saying that the right to keep and bear arms "shall not be questioned." The ordinances were upheld. Questioning the right is forbidden but abolishing it was just fine with the courts. If this was easy we would not have been fighting so long and so hard and have so far to go.
6. Former WMSA President Sheila Stokes-Begely and former WMSA Board Member Brad Alpert have been named to the staff of Jews for the Preservation of Firearms Ownership. Congratulations all around.
7. In one week the WMSA web site has been viewed by people from 17 countries. We have been asked for copies of our Stay Out of Jail card by people as far away as Australia; which is about as far away as someone can get.
8. A child in New York State was killed when another child found a gun and fired it. The family is directing their grief into a "safe storage" law. They were the subject of a sympathetic FOX News story. They advocate asking everyone your child plays with if they have guns. The implication being that gun owners should be shunned. There was a case in California where a maniac killed a number of children with a pitchfork while the 14 year-old daughter fled to a neighbor because she could not open the family's gun safe. We have been teaching gun safety on our own nickel for generations. We know how to secure guns. A law will be disregarded by the careless and hurt our people.
9. In the movie *John Loves Mary* Ronald Reagan plays a WW II veteran. His best friend recounts carrying his wounded body through enemy fire, which he describes as being "30 caliber." Later Reagan recounts being shot with "a .38." These are American calibers, not German. Makes one wonder what side they were fighting on.
10. The WMSA Picnic will be on 28 September, 2014 at Crossfire in Independence. This is two or three miles east of 291 Highway. My half invisible-half imaginary dog Max should be there but it is very hard to keep track of him.
11. A company called Frontier Justice is establishing a high-end shooting facility in Lees Summit. There will be a gunshop, a

range and a café. They will have an NFA license and it will be possible to fire machine guns on their range for a user fee. They will probably make their real money selling ammunition for the guns. They are in the process of selling memberships. See www.frontier-justice.com.

12. A local man was contacted by the BATF who wanted him to sign an agreement to stop selling guns “illegally.” He had been selling guns out of his collection in order to buy more guns. This is legal, but they did not interpret it as being legal. They said that unless he signed, the US Attorney would prosecute him for selling without a license. So, the story is that he is not being charged, he might be charged, but if he signs a confession he will not be charged. The gentleman was not as stupid as they thought. The agent refused to talk to a lawyer about the document. I would not think so. No lawyer would suggest signing a confession without some sort of written deal.
13. Washington DC totally bans carry of guns outside the home. A court just found this to be unconstitutional. Kansas City does not think that this will affect its open carry ban because it “allows” concealed carry. In their view if some fragment of the right endures they can impose any Jim Crow restriction that strikes their fancy. The fight goes on.
14. Graduates of an Army service school were asked what course should be added to the curriculum. They unanimously suggested a course on how to respond to a criminal investigation into alleged violations of the rules of engagement.

We shall overcome.

THE PRESIDENT'S PODIUM Election Thoughts 'TIS THE SEASON K. L. Jamison

(Although the election is over, Kevin's thoughts are still very pertinent.) GL

It is election season. MSSA does not endorse candidates. Endorsements are made by the NRA, see www.NRA.org; Western Missouri Shooters Alliance, see www.WMSA.net and the Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance, see www.gclastl.org. See what they have to say and VOTE.

Many people believe that the system is fixed and elections are decided by the cemetery precincts. These things have happened, but it is work. The cynics must admit that the more votes cast, the harder it is to fix an election. Don't make life easy for the bad guys; vote.

If we do not vote, politicians will believe that we don't care what they do, or don't notice what they do. We cannot afford to have them take that attitude.

There is time to register to vote, and encourage everyone in your family, club and circle of friends to register. When you contact a legislator on a bill he will often check to see if you are a registered voter. What he finds directly affects his interest in your problem. Registering to vote does not mean that you will get jury duty. It has been decades since jury lists were taken from the list of registered voters. It was found that registered voters were not a cross section of the community and it became a civil rights issue to change the system. Jury lists are taken from utility bills, driver's licenses and the like. Registering to vote will not affect the frequency of being called for jury

duty. If called for jury duty, please respond. I would like to see more of my people on a jury.

Politicians do respond to voters. Last December the Jackson County legislature quietly passed a county ordinance against shooting in the “urban tier” of the county. The urban tier is an area of eastern Jackson County which they hope to develop someday but is decidedly rural. This prevents people from hunting on their own land, shooting on private ranges, pest control on farms and even shooting in self-defense. The ordinance prevented shooting on Department of Conservation land. The sheriff’s department began giving warnings about this and a number of voters descended on a legislative meeting. The ordinance was repealed.

The city of Kansas City passed an ordinance against open carry of firearms “readily capable of lethal use.” It seems that on various occasions police have been called out to determine if an open-carry advocate is a danger to the community. They ask some basic questions and the open-carry advocate does the “am I under arrest?/I don’t have to talk to you/I know my rights/ I do not consent” routine. This appears to be the approved response by the open-carry movement and it is not working. Police encountering open-carry advocates are frustrated at having no way to determine if there is a problem, and the advocate refuses to talk to them. This is not a way to win friends and influence people. We win friends and influence people by taking an interest in what they want. Making a policeman’s job more complicated than it already is gives us enemies where we should have friends.

We have now lost part of our rights in Kansas City. I had a client with a violent ex-husband. He broke off an attack one day when he saw that she had a gun; she had just come back from the range. Under this ordinance, she would go to jail for open carry.

It is interesting that one by one the city council members said that the ordinance was needed because open carry “sends the wrong message.” They were worried that it tells children that “guns are cool.” They did not cite a single instance of open carry endangering anyone. The ordinance is based on a desire to suppress free speech. Open-carry advocates could sue the city for violation of their right to free speech. When they

do so they should re-examine their speech to better win friends and influence people.

When we began the concealed carry movement we were told that we did not need concealed carry because open carry was legal. Now they have taken that away from us.

Get out and vote.

As always, I thank-you for the honor of being your president.

THE PRESIDENT’S

PODIUM

Liberty Notes

July, 2014

By K. L. Jamison, President MSSA

1. The local paper published a long article claiming that the US Border Patrol is trigger happy. They object to Patrolmen shooting at persons who throw rocks. If they doubt that a rock can kill or injure I have a number of such cases in my files. In one case they claim that a person was shot when crouching down on the ground. Their proof is the angle of the bullet in the body. This only shows the position of the gun relative to the body. In rough terrain one person could be shooting down at a standing person. The dead man could have been bent over charging the Patrolman. The paper’s irrefutable proof was that the coroner had declared the cause of death to be “homicide.” This only means that the person was killed by another person. It does not mean that he was murdered. I try to keep death certificates out of evidence in self-defense cases because many people have the wrong impression that homicide and murder are synonymous.

2. I took my girlfriend to a gun show. It was a test and the test was successful; other people see her too.
3. Local police agencies held a shooting competition to raise money for the Special Olympics. A number of civilians participated. The local paper gave the event substantial and favorable coverage. It is the link with the charity that did it. It is difficult to criticize any event which helps disabled children. As the new President of WMSA, I encourage our members to donate blood. It is difficult to criticize such a program and its purpose is to emphasize that after ten (10) years of concealed carry in Missouri, there has been no "blood in the streets." People who cannot donate for some reason can get family and friends to donate. Wear your "Guns Save Lives" buttons, your Glock T-Shirts and NRA caps when you donate. Let me know when you have done so, I intend to brag on my people.
4. Again a mass killing at Ft. Hood. The killer is again another soldier and again in a place where no guns are allowed. I saw a news program in which talking heads, apparently retired officers argued against allowing soldiers to carry guns. They say that people who argue that soldiers should be allowed to have guns have not served, that it would cause inconvenience and incidents. They argue that if soldiers carried guns they bullets "would have been bullets going everywhere." They argue that that if soldiers were armed then the psycho would have had an M-16. First, I did serve. I know that senior officers do not trust enlisted men; grubby smelly noisy people with questionable taste in music, but there are senior NCO's and officers in whom the paperwork says the military vests all trust and confidence. If the paperwork says so, it cannot possibly be wrong. If the killer had an M-16, so would a hundred others. During the massacre bullets were going almost everywhere, except at the psycho. The moment an MP appeared the killer committed suicide. If there are been other armed persons there, the massacre would have ended quickly or never begun.
5. I am reliably informed that soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq carried loaded guns at all times. I do not see why they would become unreliable once they are in their own country.
6. A Vernon New Jersey schoolchild sent for psychological evaluation because another student was "twirling a pencil like a gun." The complaining student demanded that he be sent to "juvie". It is reported that the complaining student had been bullying the other boy and the complaint is an extension of that bullying. The school administration claims that they had no choice. It appears that thinking was just too hard.
7. Former New York Mayor Blumberg has promised to put \$50 million into anti-gun political candidates in this election year. We will have to match him with organization. Every time you hear an anti-gun statement, put a quarter in a coffee can, I would drink the coffee first, but that is just me. The quarters add up. This September marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of WMSA, certainly this is worth a quarter now and again. When we began, we had trouble getting politicians to answer our messages. Today they contact us. They ask our opinion on legislation. This is due to the efforts of our members. When we show our strength, they appreciate our position.

8. A psycho shoots at random cars in south Kansas City, another psycho shoots up the Jewish Center in Overland Park. These are the acts of evil men. Guess who will be blamed.
9. There is much propaganda about mentally ill people being allowed to buy guns. This is not true. It is being used as an excuse to disarm veterans who, according to Nancy Pelosi, are all mentally ill. She cannot understand men and women who would sacrifice themselves for such as her. Federal law requires all persons who are adjudicated mentally ill by a court to be reported to the NICS system. This law was pushed through by the NRA, who gets no credit for it. It also has a provision to allow people to escape the crazy computer. That is probably what gripes the anti-gun people. They think that anyone who owns guns is crazy. The propaganda is intended to extend the law to include more and more of us. We can win this, but we have to fight to win.
10. A businessman in Washington D.C. has been convicted of attempted possession of ammunition. The man had a dud shotgun shell and a Minnie ball for a Civil War era muzzle-loader. He had tried to fire the shotgun shell during a hunting trip. It had misfired due to a defective primer or damp powder. The deer he had tried to shoot panicked and ran into a tree, breaking its neck. He kept the shell as a souvenir. The judge examined the shell, shook it and received alarming advice on how dangerous it was by prize idiots employed as prosecutors. He rejected the charge based on the shotgun shell due to lack of expert testimony. The Minnie ball had a hollow at the base. This is designed to cause the bullet to expand and engage the rifling. The judge seems to have believed that this made it a hollow point. Even without any evidence of gunpowder or percussion caps he thought it dangerous and found the man guilty of attempted possession of ammunition. The possession of muzzle loading guns is not illegal in the District, but God forbid they have ammunition. The businessman must now register as a gun offender. This is what they call a "reasonable" gun law.
11. A man in southwest Missouri was charged with murder. The victim's family immediately filed a wrongful death suit against him. They then froze the defendant's assets. Without being able to sell his property he was unable to post bond. I admire the ingenuity of the legal work. I am concerned that it might be used against one of us. There have been problems with extremely high bonds in gun cases. They claim that because we own guns then we must be dangerous, even when our guns have been confiscated. High bonds are intended to keep the defendant in jail pending trial.
12. California State Senator Leland Yee has a reputation for being violently anti-gun. He is now under arrest for the black-market sale of guns. It was always the bootleggers who voted prohibition.
13. There is a proposal to establish a "gun court" in Jackson County. This is to establish uniform and severe treatment and very high bonds in gun cases. This has not been done, but the prosecutor's office has been concentrating gun cases with specific prosecutors. The difference may be subtle, but it is there.
14. I do the legal instruction for a concealed carry class at Great Guns in Liberty. As part of the program I explain the requirements for using deadly force (killing) home intruders. In one class a

student said that he didn't care what the rules were if he caught someone in his home he would . . . I told him to shut up, and not in a nice way. If he ever had to shoot an intruder, good shoot, bad shoot or ambiguous; he would be in trouble if he completed the statement. A class full of witnesses would be able to testify that he intended to disregard the law. There is a reason we have a right to remain silent.

15. The suspect arrested for the local highway shootings tried to buy a handgun with a laser sight from a private party. The deal fell through when the suspect refused to identify himself to the seller. It pays to know whom you do business with. Imagine what would have fallen on the seller if he had sold a gun that was later used in these shootings.

We shall overcome.

THE PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Liberty Notes

June, 2014

By K. L. Jamison, President MSSA

1. I sent out a press release regarding our blood donation program. We are celebrating ten years of concealed carry and there is no blood in the streets. Let me know if you see it in print.
2. Six Americans working on a project to aid Honduran lobster divers have been arrested for failing to register a gun on

their ship. They kept guns to protect themselves from local pirates. They do not seem to have filed the magic paperwork to protect themselves from government pirates.

3. U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar claims that "Under current federal law, many abusers are NOT prohibited from gaining access to guns. It's time to fix the law and save women's lives." The first problem is that this is not true. Abusers are prohibited from possessing guns of any kind forever. She has proposed a bill that would prohibit stalkers from buying or possessing guns, and would prohibit ALL domestic abusers from buying or possessing guns - including both spouses AND dating partners. So her bill would deprive accused parties of a constitutional right and even their innocent spouse or dating partner. There will be a congressional committee hearing at the end of July on this bill.
4. Kansas City Mayor Sly James has proposed a city ordinance to prohibit open carry of any weapon capable of lethal use. So the knives some of us have clipped to our pockets will be a crime. I was asked if the City could do so and of course the answer is "yes, but is it a good idea?" Such laws only affect the good guys. Bad guys, by definition, do not obey the law.
5. An open carry advocate walked into a shop in the Pacific Northwest, and people panicked. He then walked over to a fireworks stand and they shut down to keep him out. This is curious; I have never seen such panicky reactions to open carry. Individuals have called the police, but not entire stores. There was likely something else involved. The police responded and he did the regrettably common "I don't have to give you my

name/am I under arrest?/I'm not doing anything illegal/I don't consent to violations of my Fourth Amendment rights. While he was quite correct, this served to annoy the police. They ran the serial number on the gun, found it was not on the stolen list and told him that he could go. One officer then ordered him not to go in the direction of the patrol car. The advocate's car was parked behind the patrol car. When he tried to clarify this he was told to leave or he would be charged with trespass. Unable to go forward or back or remain in place he was arrested for trespass. His real crime was contempt of cop. I could get him off on such a charge, but it did not have to happen. The objective of any advocate is to win friends and influence people. You don't do that by scaring them. You don't do that by arguing with the police. You do that by dressing in a suit and tie and being friendly.

6. I purchased a Samsung Galaxy 3 Tablet. It is some sort of computer but it also aspires to be a camera and videophone. I have since learned that there are other devices with similar names which complicate my attempts to download instructions on how to use the device. I purchased a "Dummies" book on the subject. The book is larger and heavier than the device. This somehow seems wrong. I have a flier for a two day seminar teaching lawyers how to use such gadgets. They are the future. The only way that we can compete with the anti-gun forces is to use these gadgets. I am trying to accommodate myself, but it takes time from shooting. However, if my children are to enjoy shooting it must be done.
7. Jackson County passed a county ordinance against shooting anywhere in the "urban tier" county for any reason.

The ordinance does not exempt self-defense. The definition of "urban tier" is a trifle vague. The 22 July, 2014 General Membership meeting focused on this problem. We had a state representative, a state senator, a Jackson County legislator, the County Sheriff and a great many angry Jackson County residents. They had moved to rural parts of the county to avoid being told what to do. One of our member rose to ask if the ordinance banned carrying tasers and peppergas in county parks. I checked; it does. The sheriff checked too and was not happy with the ordinance he was tasked with enforcing. This is why we ask for feedback from members. I had not noticed this section of the ordinance. The member was directly affected by this section so now we know. I believe that we can get both of these sections fixed.

8. What has bothered me about this ordinance is that it was passed without consulting the persons most intimately involved. We have a very long history of gun use and gun safety. The county legislature did not ask for our input.
9. "Nothing is more terrible than ignorance in action." Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe.
10. Tom VanEyck got a team together for the Missouri Valley Arms Collector show. They did a great job. They brought in more money in a weekend than I can remember. He will need more help for the next gun show. If he can pull this off again I will remember him in my will; something along the lines of "Hi Tom!"
11. A hospital in Pennsylvania posted a "no guns" sign. A lunatic with a long criminal history protested the policy and allegedly emphasized his displeasure with gunfire. This indicates that laws against lunatics

and criminals having guns do not work. It also shows that people who violate the law do not obey signs. A psychiatrist pulled his own gun and killed the criminal. It appears that the psychiatrist was violating the policy as well, and we may thank God that he was. Even the local newspaper headlined the story "More Attacks Stopped."

12. Several women have posted pictures of hunting trophies on facebook. Anti-hunting groups have responded with hate. Facebook has taken down the hunting pictures however it left a page advocating the murder of one of the ladies for a couple of days.
13. A gun rights lobbyist in Utah was locked in a nasty custody battle with his ex-wife. On one occasion he turned his truck around in the ex-wife's driveway. She filed a criminal complaint for harassment claiming that it was intimidation. Because it was a criminal matter his guns were seized. A year later he pled guilty to disorderly conduct, blowing the truck's air horn in a residential neighborhood, and the domestic violence charges were dismissed. He will get his guns back. His conduct may not have been very bright, but neither was making it criminal

We shall overcome.

Meeting Dates and Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner

All meetings and Annual Awards Dinner will be held at the American Legion Post 202 hall at least until further notice. From I-70 go south on Hwy 63 to Broadway/

WW exit. Go east to Legion Lane. Left and follow uphill to Legion hall.

Board meeting in July is electronic meeting.

October Board meeting is October 4, 2014. 12pm to 4pm.

January Board meeting is January 3, 2015. 12pm to 4pm

April Meeting and Annual Awards Dinner is April 4, 2015. 2pm to 5pm Dinner served at 6pm.

Be sure to reserve your seat at the Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner.

This year, the **reserved** price for dinner is **\$15 per person**. If you do not reserve your dinner, the price is **\$20 PER PERSON AT THE DOOR**.

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This is the place where the drawing for the M1 Garand is held. You must acquire tickets to be eligible.

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****There will be a special drawing for those who with prepaid reserved seats****

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

The MSSA is beginning a new membership drive. To stay strong and continue to show that Missourians are law abiding pro-2nd Amendment gun owners, it is necessary to grow.

A **contest** has been created to add a little excitement. For **every new member** paid application that a current member submits, the current member will have his or her name entered one time into a drawing (per quarter). If 5 names are submitted by one current member, then that current member will be entered into that quarterly drawing 5 times. It is the responsibility of the current member to make sure that a referral note is sent with the new member applications. This is so proper credit of the membership is given.

The two drawings will be at the October and January meetings and the prizes will be embroidered **MSSA attaché cases**. After that, the prize will be any item from **our** MSSA store site.

THE PRESIDENT'S

PODIUM

Liberty Notes

May, 2014

By K. L. Jamison, President MSSA

1. The U.S. Supreme Court has been busy. It handed down a decision on a prosecution involving an international treaty against chemical weapons. It concerned the case of a jealous girlfriend who coated her rival's mailbox with a toxic substance. This gave the victim a rash that was treated with soap and water. The Court ruled that such trivial harassment was not the evil addressed by the treaty. The Court reasoned that the state has laws to address such things and under the Tenth Amendment the federal prosecutors should have stayed out of it.
2. The Supremes also issued a ruling on "strawman sales." I have not read the entire case but it involved an ex-police officer who received money from a relative to purchase a pistol using a police discount. He was asked on the 4473 if he was the real purchaser of the gun. He said "yes." He then gave the gun to his relative. He was convicted. The relative was perfectly eligible to buy a handgun. The transaction was arranged only to take advantage of the police discount. The conviction was not for taking advantage of the police discount, but for lying on the 4473. This makes a felony of a technical interpretation of the form. The ex-cop was not a Boy Scout when he filled out the form and is going to prison for it. I feel so much safer.
3. The Supremes have refused to hear cases involving the right to carry.
4. The Supremes have ruled on the prohibition against gun ownership by persons convicted of "domestic violence." They quite unnecessarily expanded the definition to include acts which are not violent. This has not been a good year for us in the US Supreme Court. It will be worse depending on how things go in this year's election. The Supreme Court does pay attention to the election returns. The Presidential election in 2016 could be very bad for us depending on which of the usual suspects gets the prize.
5. A client was watching television in his public housing apartment when someone burst in shooting. My client returned fire and was very glad that he bought the 6 shot Taurus revolver rather than the 5 shot; it was the last bullet that ended the gunfight and the home invader. My client was badly wounded and admits that some wounds might have proved fatal if he did not weigh 400 pounds; 9 mm bullets will only penetrate so far. He lost his apartment lease for criminal violence and for possession of marijuana. The police found a "green leafy substance" in his apartment during their investigation. They asked him what the "green leafy substance" was and he said "marijuana." Of course, he was under the influence of narcotic pain killers at the time. People under the influence only give accurate information when they testify for the government. My answer to the "green leafy substance" question would probably be marijuana too, although I do not partake; it is the classic definition. He lost his public housing benefits for violent criminal activity and drugs. At his hearing the government dropped the criminal violence charge but insisted that he must have possessed marijuana

although he explained that it was a tea he used that was reputed to help him lose weight. They believed him when he was under the influence of drugs but not under oath and he lost his housing benefits. He did get his gun back. Out on the streets he will need it.

6. Another client was stopped at Meyer Road and Paseo in Kansas City and ticketed for carrying a concealed handgun in his car. This is not illegal under state law or City ordinance. I showed the City prosecutor the ordinance which specifically allows concealed carry in cars. She said that it did not count because it was on his person. I replied that it was not on his person and if it was it did not matter. The gun only has to be in the "passenger compartment." She argued that he was not a passenger, he was the driver. I replied that he was in the passenger compartment. She sputtered some more exceptions and then went to her boss to find some reason to prosecute my client. She returned, very angry, and dismissed the charge. My client went to the police property room to get his gun. They gave him a run-around. I wrote the police legal department and told them that I wanted to sue for false arrest and deprivation of property without due process of law, my client only wanted his gun back; "Which of us will get his wish?" They called my client to come pick up his gun. You have to know who is in charge.
7. A home in the area blew up. It appears that someone was making fireworks on the premises. I had a client who purchased some very powerful fireworks, the kind that are no longer legal. His wife made him sell the things, which he did, to an undercover ATF agent. The ATF turned the case over to Jackson County who prosecuted for possession of an

explosive device. We pled it down to illegal fireworks but the scary part is that they had an argument that he violated a law meant to fight terrorists. He was lucky that the ATF did not want to deal with it.

8. A spokesperson for "Moms Demand Action" has stated that armed self-defense has never happened. The group is one of the AstroTurf organizations set up to counter real grass-roots gun groups. The statement is massively wrong. Yet, it is obediently parroted in the media. Self-defense has existed in the law since the time of Moses at least. Studies show that 2.5 million persons use firearms in self-defense every year; usually without firing a shot. Write the newspapers, call in to radio programs. Spread the word.

We shall overcome.

Junior Camp staff



2014 MSSA / NRA JUNIOR 3 POSITION SMALLBORE RIFLE CAMPS



First camp participants

By John Leinberger

For the 29th consecutive year, MSSA sponsored the NRA Junior Shooting Camps. These camps continue to draw junior shooters from around the country due to the excellence in qualified coaches and volunteers with shooting experience.

The shooting camps accept juniors ages 11-20. While the camp does teach basic 3 position smallbore rifle shooting, the junior shooter with some shooting background, will benefit more from the camp.

Some junior shooters who attended the camps in the past have shot on rifle teams in NCAA competitions and some have gone on to shoot internationally in Germany and the Czech Republic.

At the first camp in June, the junior shooters junior were: William Rice, Kelley Stone, Devin Schwindt, Noah Austin, Keegan Strannigan, Jackson Barry, Molly Decker, and David Lemmon.

At the second camp in July, the junior shooters were: Cierra Kelley, Kaylie Cunningham, Jason Haselhorst, Kirsten Kurgas, Andrew Aguirre, Deziree McBee, Keegan Strannigan, Kaitlyn

Strannigan, Lane Wilson, Jakob Jaspersen, Bryan Muthemba, Rebecca Goggin, and Clayton Winslow.

Staff for the camps were: Harold Miederhoff, George Hamilton, Paul Villmer, Kurt Schinze, Don Wynne, Zack Painter, Mary Butler, Jacob Butler, Jason Austin, Ed Camp, Kelly Zurowski, Rebecca King, and John Leinberger. Cheryl Teeters, who has helped with camps for the past 24 years, was unable to participate at the camps this year. We hope she will be at the camps in the future.

Thanks are due to all the staff who donated their time and experience at the camps. Also thanks to the parents for bringing their juniors to the camps, and a big thank you to Bucksnot Gun Club who continues to support us with the use of their shooting facilities



Second camp participants

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USA Shooting Mourns Passing of World's Oldest Olympian & Hall of Famer Walter Walsh

It is with tremendous sadness that USA Shooting report that 1948 Olympian Walter Walsh passed away in his Northern Virginia home on Tuesday, April 29 with his family by his side, just six days shy of his 107th birthday. On January 18, 2013 he became the world's oldest Olympian eclipsing another American Olympian, Rudolf Schrader.

The USA Shooting Hall of Fame proudly inducted Walsh along with Pat (Spurgin) Pitney into its ranks at an induction ceremony September 21, 2013 in Colorado Springs.

Clear and simple, Walter Walsh is an American Hero, all parts athlete, warrior, lawmaker, coach, husband and father as you'll witness in the story we've provided below.

On the occasion of hearing his father had been inducted into USA Shooting's Hall of Fame last year, his son and one of five children, Walter Walsh, Jr., had this to say in his honor.

"Dad never attached much importance to praise or sought it. His typical comment at such times was, 'I was just one who was at that place and time to do a job as well as I could, nothing more.' Any celebrity he gained never changed his being the faithful Marine "Semper Fidelis" or measuring up to the FBI's "Fidelity Bravery Integrity", as well as he could. He strove to be the Olympian, "Citius, Altius, Fortius", but was as gracious in losing as winning. Happily, his children, grands and greats share in the recognition of who Dad is, his accomplishments and importantly, his consistent moral character that established a high standard for us."

The USA Shooting family extends its condolences to the entire Walsh family.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This story was previously released on March 20, 2013, upon confirmation that Walter Walsh had become the world's oldest Olympian. We reuse the story here to celebrate Walsh's life after hearing he had passed on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, just six days short of his 107th Birthday.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "It's not the age of life, but the depth of life." On this occasion, we get to proudly celebrate both. Walsh was born May 4, 1907 in New Jersey and his life has been one of service, honor,

accomplishment and compelling narrative.

He crafted his shooting life as a kid by using a BB gun to shoot clothespins off his Aunt's clothesline then graduating at the age of 12 to shooting a smoothbore .22 caliber rifle at rats in the city dump on the site where the Meadowlands would one day stand. He'd later go onto to join the Civilian Military Training Corps (CMTC) and the New Jersey National Guard attending shooting matches at the Civilian Marksmanship Program in Camp Perry, Ohio, and winning several awards for his marksmanship skills.

The G-Man

Walsh graduated from Rutgers law school and in 1934 joined the FBI. Not long after he was tracking down notorious crime figures and gang members. As a rookie FBI agent, he discovered the body of Chicago gangster Baby Face Nelson after a shootout that left two FBI agents dead.

"Think about that," said Alan Abrahamson, an Olympic journalist known to be the last person to interview Walsh and his family back in 2011. "Just 27, in the midst of the Depression, he was a G-Man — when the bureau was very much still making its reputation. He helped make it."

A year later, Walter helped apprehend Arthur "Doc" Barker of the infamous Barker Gang. Barker complained about being arrested by a "damn baby-faced kid." That very same day, Walter shot and killed gangster Rusty Gibson.

In 1937, posed as a salesman in a sporting goods store in Bangor, Maine, he helped bring down the Brady Gang, but not before taking two bullets, one to the chest and the other to his right hand. He shot both James Dalhover and gang leader Al Brady after being shot.

He liked being with the bureau and once told a reporter: "I thought to myself, this might be a good outfit to tie up with. I am not trying to pin medals on myself, but the people in the FBI knew that I was very handy with firearms."

The Corpsman

In 1938, he took a commission as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve and by 1942 Walter Walsh went on active duty. In 1944, drawn by the intensity of World War II, he longed for a spot on the front lines, a spot he would get as a lieutenant colonel staff officer in the First Marine Division.

Similar to his FBI career, accounts of his courageousness and spirit as a Marine, fighting in World War II, are legendary. After another brief return to the FBI and the 1948 Olympic Games in London, Walsh would serve another 20-plus years in the Marines Corps as a shooting instructor until his retirement.

The Olympian

In 1948, Walsh got to test his shooting prowess against the

Olympic competition as a member of Team USA in London. He placed 12th in the Men's 50m Free Pistol event with a firearm that at the time was fairly uncommon in the United States.

"The competition was, as I remember, the usual exchanges of friendship between members of the various teams," Walsh recalled during his interview with Abrahamson. "On some of the teams, I'm thinking of the Germans particularly, they spoke in a broken fashion, better English than we did.

"... You had these people competing — they were all trying to do the same thing. They were trying to speak to each other with various degrees of difficulty.

"... It brings about a mixture between these people. You get by with stuttering and making hand motions. It was a great experience for me. And I enjoyed it."

At the 1952 International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Shooting Championships, he won a gold medal with the U.S. team in the 25m Center-Fire Pistol event and was a silver medalist in the individual event as well.

In 1972, Col. Walsh would again participate in Olympic competition, this time as a Team Leader for the USA Shooting Team in Munich. That team won four medals and includes some of the sport's iconic shooters including Lones Wigger, John Writer, Lanny Bassham and Margaret Murdock.

"Col. Walsh was the Team Captain for the great 1966 USA World Championship Team," remembers two-time Olympic gold medalist Gary Anderson. "He was always respected by all members of our teams because of his truly extraordinary record as an FBI agent in the 1930s and his subsequent, distinguished military record. We were proud to have someone as our Team Captain who had been an outstanding shooter himself. He was Triple Distinguished in Service Pistol, Service Rifle and International. That is a very rare accomplishment. I extend my personal congratulations to Col. Walsh for becoming the oldest living Olympian."

"I thought he was a great Team Leader for the 1972 Olympic Games and every other trip I took with him," said the three-time Olympic medalist Wigger who won gold and silver medals at the 1964 Olympic Games and another gold in 1972. "He was always fair and very supportive and did a good job, which is sometimes not easy dealing with athletes. Col Walsh was a gentleman and a great Team Leader. He ran the Marine Corp MTU for a number of years and knew most of the top shooters in the country and was well-liked by all who worked for him and well-respected by everyone."

"One of the challenges you have with those old enough to have been on the '72 team is that we seem to have vivid memories of our events, but if the team manager does his job, we have little memory of him at all," said 1972 Olympic silver medalist Bassham. "The exception is when there is

an issue."

One particular memory, however, Bassham did recall: "Both of my events were concluded, but I was still at the Olympic Village. I asked Col Walsh if I could leave the village for a day and a night to visit a friend in Munich. He saw no problem with the request and made arrangements for me to leave the village. That night the terrorists assaulted the Israeli team. Security was heightened. I had a huge problem. How was I going to get back to my team? We did not have cell phones in those days. If there was a phone in the village associated with the shooting team, I did not have the number. I did not know what to do. Fortunately, I had given the phone number of my friend in Munich to Col. Walsh. It did not take long before he called me. He made arrangements to get me back to the village and join my team. This was no simple matter, and it was greatly appreciated by me."

The Rest of the Story

Walsh was married for 43 years; his wife passed away in 1980. They had five children together — three daughters and two sons. The family counts 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Asked to what he credits his longevity, Walter Walsh ponders for a moment and answers: "To start with, you have to be lucky. Then, if you listen to your parents and follow the path of the straight and narrow, then I think God has mercy on you—permits you to live. That's about it. It has worked very well for me for a long time ... and I've forgotten the SOBs. That makes my life easier." At Walsh's 100th birthday party, his family served three cakes: One had the seal of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the second, the seal of the United States Marine Corps; and the third bore five Olympic rings. Each represented a major achievement in Walsh's life, and each could make a major story. For one man to be presented all three indicates just how special that person is.

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Blaine's Bulletin

U. S Congressman, 3rd District of Missouri

There has been a lot of interest from people at home about a couple of issues Congress has been working on involving our Second Amendment rights. Clearly, a majority of Missourians, such as myself, support these rights and that is precisely why I have often been on the front lines in Congress when it comes to protecting your rights.

For example, I was able to successfully pass an amendment recently to the Fiscal Year 2015 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill which would prevent federal funds from being used as part of government efforts to target companies involved in the lawful commerce in firearms. This effort stems from "Operation Choke Point," an effort by the government to use its regulatory powers to try and shut down entire industry sectors from having access to the financial services they need to conduct business.

My efforts to fight this has resulted in some national exposure to the issue and has led to an investigation by the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, a panel on which I formally served that has focused on probing other White House scandals including the Fast and Furious gun running scandal, the IRS' various violations of individual liberty and perhaps, most importantly, the Benghazi tragedy in which four brave Americans were killed.

As a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, I realize that firearm owners have a responsibility to be safe and competent when it comes to the use of their firearms. As a hunter myself, I remember my earliest lessons from family and friends about how much responsibility comes with owning a firearm. They are lessons I have never forgotten and as many Missouri firearms owners know, these lessons are handed down from generation to generation.

With that in mind, I recently supported passage of the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriation Act which included a number of provisions to halt President Obama's gun control agenda. The bill prohibits funds from being used to enforce the U.N. Arms Trade Treaty and also prohibits funding for an unauthorized ATF registration requirement for the sale of multiple rifles to the same person in Southwest border states.

Growing up, and living my life, in rural St. Elizabeth, Missouri, the population just over 300, I have a unique understanding of the importance of our right to bear arms. I will continue to consistently vote in favor of Second Amendment legislation, vote against government attempts to infringe on those rights, and ensure that we keep firearms out of the hands of those who are dangerous to themselves or others. With freedom comes responsibility and I can think of no other issue that best reflects that then the very American right to bear arms.

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