The Inalianably Right Newsletter of the UPPER MICHIGAN GUN OWNERS ASSOCIATION FEBRUARY 2024



UMGOA MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the safe and legal ownership and use of firearms as expressed in our inalienable rights under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America so that those who are legally permitted to purchase and sell firearms may collect and use firearms for self defense, competitive events, other sporting uses in the community, and for preservation of our constitutional republic. Also preserving and defending the right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights and Article I, section 6 of Michigan's Constitution:

"Every person has a right to keep and bear arms for the defense of himself and the state."

<u>A well-regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people</u> to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS ON FEBRUARY 13th

Meetings are held at Mead Rod and Gun Club at 5523-5559 County 420 21st Road on the second Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 PM unless notified. *Weather permitting we can shoot at the range between 5:00 and 6:30, bring targets eye and ear protection!*

Next month's meeting is Mar. 12th 2023



Announcements & NOTICES

UMGOA elections will be at the Annual Meeting on February 13th and new bylaws presented for approval.

New Michigan Gun Laws take effect February 13th

UMGOA Banquet is April 27 at the Ruth Butler Building, U.P. Fair Grounds

UMGOA MEETING NOTES

The meeting opened at 6:33PM Brian gave a report on the banquet preparations. Michigan Open Carry will testify before the state legislature on the unconstitutional firearm laws that have been enacted. They would like assistance in this effort. Gun shows are where we sell the most raffle tickets for the ten gun raffle and sign up members. These gun show are being canceled due to the new Michigan requirement for back-ground checks for all firearms sales, hand guns and long guns, even private sales. Also impacting this is the ATF interpretation that to sell a gun for a profit require a Federal Firearms License. UMGOA needs other places to sell out raffle tickets and get memberships, and get donations. The Bylaws will be voted on at the February meeting. A review of the new gun laws was given. Membership needs to support the sheriff candidate that supports our second amendment. A donation to the boy scouts for their shooting program was discussed.

2A Legislature news

STATE legislature:

Under the revision of the law that is effective February 13th: to purchase firearm requires the **SELLER** to turn in the Firearms Sales Record (FSR). Previously it was the purchaser that had to turn in the record. If the purchaser holds a valid Michigan CPL the **seller** fills out the FSR and gives a copy to the purchaser. If the purchaser does NOT have a CPL the purchaser must apply for a License to Purchase (LTP) from local PD. The seller fills out the LTP, gives a copy to the purchaser sends it to the PD. **ALL** firearm sales must have a NCIS background check run. The FSR is required for rifles and shotguns now as well. For long guns the seller must keep the record.

FEDERAL legislature:

H.R. 6981 "Preventing Private Paramilitary Activity Act of 2024" Prohibits training with a firearm using a "large capacity ammunition feeding device" if with 3 or more persons association under a command structure. Large capacity is more than ten rounds. (Under the first amendment Americans have the right to peaceably assemble.) Violation of this act will result in jail time and forfeiture of your guns.

H.R. 7040 To extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years.

H.R. 7042 RIFLE act of 2024 "Reining In Federal Licensing Act" To reform the ATF from over reach when dealing with Federal Firearms Licensees.



2nd Amendment news

FBI's National Criminal Background Check System (NICS) over 28 million backgroound checks were logged in 2023. The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) estimates 1.7 million firearms were purchased in 2023. This despite the Biden regimes program to stigmatize gun guns and their owners and their outright attack on the 2nd amendment. 24 states do not require purchasers to buy additional firearms with out having to undergo another background check.

Firearm accessories like noise suppressors are NOT protected by the second amendment per a US district Judge in Louisiana. He has deemed them "dangerously unusual" weapons. This opens the door for the Biden regime to ban accessories like pistol braces, binary triggers, and bump stocks by claiming them "dangerously unusual" weapons. Only the government can decide what a "dangerously unusual" weapon is.

Not making enough headway against the second amendment in the U.S. courts the anti freedom group Global Action on Gun Violence is filing lawsuits against Smith & Wesson in a Canadian Court and funding lawsuits by the Mexican government. Interesting that this group dosent sue the Obama regime for "Fast and Furious".

Second Amendment Foundation sues over the Feds banning users of prescribed medical marijuana from gun ownership. The reasoning is that there is a lot of regulated drugs prescribed that do not remove your second amendment rights. (I guess if your name is Hunter and you use crack you are exempt from gun laws. $\sim ed$)

The Supreme court heard arguments on the Chevron doctrine. 40 years ago the court ruling gave federal agencie's regulations, the force of law. The reasoning was that the agencies "experts" were more knowledgeable than the courts or congress. Which is why, in many court cases involving the regulations of the ATF, the courts uphold the regulation. Realize this gives un-elected bureaucrats the power to make regulations with the force of law. The liberal justices expressed the doctrine should remain as the agencies have scientific and technical expertise that the judges don't. (Are they admitting they are too ignorant to read up on the subject at hand? $\sim ed$)

The Biden regime is now using the Dept. of Education to push it's anti 2^{nd} amendment agenda to educate parents on how to store guns. Biden is pushing for strict gun storage laws via executive action. (Is the next logical step for the regime is to expel children of parents that don't store their guns "properly"? Wouldn't educating the parents and children on proper gun safety do more for safety?) (Did Hunter store his gun properly? Oh yeah in a dumpster across from a school. ~*ed*)

It has been leaked that the Biden regime is now proposing a ban on **all** private sales of firearms. His minions are proposing a universal back ground check even for private sales and even inheriting a firearm. He is also instructing the ATF to require a Federal Firearms License to sell any firearm. They will use the back ground check to compile a list of firearm owners. They hope that when Biden wins the election he will have the political power in congress to start confiscation using violations of ATF rules and red flag laws. Purchasing or even inheriting a firearm without a federal background check will result in loss of your firearms.

The Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) report found that constitutional carry did not have the effect that the liberals predicted, of shoot outs in the streets, and wholesale shooting and instead reduced homicides. (Am I the only one that notices shoot outs in the streets, and wholesale shooting is only in democrat run cities with draconian gun control and committed by gang banger criminals? $\sim ed$)



Editorial

Supreme Court of the United States: Ashcroft v. ACLU, 535 U.S. 564 (2002) "[A]s a general matter, the First Amendment means that government has no power to restrict expression because of its message, its ideas, its subject matter, or its content.""

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We are not coming for your guns" Yeah sure, Illinois passed the "Protect Illinois communities Act" which banned almost all semi-automatic firearms. They now are granting the Illinois State Police 10 million dollars of tax payer money to enforce this law. It is believed this is to create a firearm confiscation task force in the ISP. Watch for Michigan to follow if Illinois gets away with unconstitutional overreach.

As the neo-marxists look for ways to nuder the second amendment, they are contemplating new infringements. If your CCW license expires and you are found carrying concealed you will loose your drivers license as well as earn a jail term and may face freezing of your bank accounts. Illinois is contemplating these ideas.

The Michigan Gestapo (AKA the attorney general) is touting the new gun laws as protecting citizens. Red flag law that is unconstitutional, universal gun back ground checks for all gun transfers, and storage laws. When are we going to have "Protection from Politicians that Violate their Oath of Office to Uphold the Constitution" law?

"Preventing Private Paramilitary Activity Act of 2024" will make training at a gun range illegal. It would give the regime the power to investigate anyone that trains at a gun range with 3 or more people and use military labels like sergeant, lieutenant, etc.. If that doesn't infringe on our civil rights enough, it was leaked that the FBI requested credit card companies to report Americans that shopped at Cabela's, and Dick's. They also requested from the credit card companies the names of those that purchased a Bible.

If one reads the federalist papers and the writing of our forefathers one would know what the term "Militia" means.

Now that the Biden regime has enlisted the board of education to gaslight parents on guns, do you want to trust this regime that is also pushing the "woke" ideals on our children? The regime states that teachers are highly trusted. So who better than teachers to get out the propaganda. The Regime drafted a letter that the schools can insert their names and send to parents get them to remove guns.

Quotes of the month:

Richard Henry Lee: "A militia, when properly formed, are in fact the people themselves...and include all men capable of bearing arms."

Alexander Hamilton: "Little more can be aimed at with respect to the people at large than to have them properly armed and equipped. There is something so far-fetched, and so extravagant in the idea of danger of liberty from the militia that one is at a loss whether to treat it with gravity or raillery (mockery).

Patrick Henry: "Are we at last brought to such a humiliating and debasing degradation, that we cannot be trusted with arms for our own defense? Where is the difference between having our arms in our possession and under our own direction, and having them under the management of Congress? If our defense be the real object of having those arms, in whose hands can they be trusted with more propriety, or equal safety to us, as in our own hands?



Useful Links for Firearms Owners Info



Upper Michigan Gun Owners Association <u>https://www.dcgoa.net/</u> https://www.umgoa.org

Open carry information State Police information site. http://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/MSP Legal Update No. 86 2 336854 7.pdf Michigan CPL Laws State Police information site. http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1591_3503_4654---,00.html **Michigan Open Carry** https://www.miopencarry.org GAN OPEN **Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners** https://mcrgo.org/ **Michigan Gun Owners** https://home.migunowners.org/ **National Association for Gun Rights** https://www.nationalgunrights.org/ **Firearms Policy Institute** https://www.firearmspolicy.org/ **Great Lakes Gun Rights** https://greatlakesgunrights.org/ NRA <u>ngr</u> http://home.nra.org/ USCCA https://www.usconcealedcarry.com/ **National Shooting Sports Foundation** https://www.nssf.org/ **Civilian Marksmanship Program** https://thecmp.org/ Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) NRA https://www.ccrkba.org/ 1 million moms against gun control https://www.1mmagc.org/ **Armed American Radio** Second Amendment Foundation https://armedamericanradio.org/ Second Amendment Foundation https://www.saf.org/ YOU CAN VOTE YOUR

> "We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office." – Acsop



