



# Firing Lines

Fighting for your Second Amendment Rights since 1965

*A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.*

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## Molan Labe

By David Sutfin

Molan Labe - "come and take them" - is a familiar phrase to Second Amendment enthusiasts and historians. This Spartan symbol of strength and defiance came into being as a result of the battle of Thermopylae, during the Greco - Persian wars around 480 BC. Three hundred Spartan elite warriors and other troops fought (by some estimates) 100,000 Persian troops, as part of the invasion of Greece. The Spartans eventually lost the battle, but their courage and willingness to fight and die for something bigger than themselves lives on.

Throughout American history we can see freedom fighters in many conflicts using that same battle cry as a catalyst for their own courage. In the first battle of the Texas Revolution, at Gonzalez, the Texans raised a flag that had a cannon and the words "Come and Take it".

Today it is used by modern warriors and civilians alike. Not as a symbol of "hatred", or "white supremacy", but as defiance against unconstitutional laws. The right to keep and bear arms was not given to us by the government, it was set aside by the government to be protected.

We are living in a precarious time in our nation's, and the world's history. We are witnessing people around the world losing everything to authoritarian governments. Why? In nearly every country that is stealing liberty, the ruling elites have nothing to fear from the people due to gun control and confiscation. Gun confiscation opens the door to tyranny.

We must stand together as a nation against this new world order. The United Nations, shadow governments like the swamp in Washington D.C. and elitists want total control of our lives. Unfortunately, too many people feel they are alone or they don't want to be seen as "domestic terrorists" or "white supremacists". But I believe they're not alone, especially after talking with many concerned folks at county fairs, SCOPE events etc.

We've seen how symbols have been used negatively in our recent past; think B.L.M., Antifa and others. We need to reciprocate. Our symbols may be small but can make a difference in the way patriots feel about their future. When you see these decals on a truck, car, motorcycle or even a yard sign, you can be assured that it's being displayed by a fellow patriot and you are not alone. Hopefully it will bring a sense of solidarity with all of us. Lawful gunowners and patriots cannot be afraid or be intimidated by those who are against us.

Molan Labe and many variations are being used across the country. We need to make it stronger. Let it start with us and spread to everyone we know. New York isn't the only state that has to fight gun control. As we speak, the Biden administration is compiling a list of all gun owners with the help of the BATFE. Our entire country is under attack by the gun grabbers.

It's been stated by myself and others, in this publication, that this is our Valley Forge! Thomas Paine wrote in "American Crisis", which was read to troops by General Washington, "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from their service of their country, but he that stands by it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

We are running out of time to make our stand. There is no place for fear. Please stand united with us. Just being a member of an organization isn't enough! We have to work for what we want.

You can have these decals made locally, or order them from our printer. Contact Steuben County SCOPE and we can put you in contact with a printer. Please consider this for the sake of all of us.

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**Ann Coulter**

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## SCOPE Elections

### If you want to run for a SCOPE Leadership Position

SCOPE by-laws require anyone wishing to run for an At Large Directorship in 2022 to publish their intentions by January 1, 2022. *At Large Directors* to the Board of Directors are elected by the entire membership. These positions are full-fledged board members with full voting rights. At Large directors represent the SCOPE membership as a whole, whereas County Chairs represent their county.

Section 2.2.3 states: *At-Large Directors must be at least 18 years of age and must also have been a member in good standing continuously for at least 2 years prior to their notice of candidacy. The SBOD may waive the two-year requirement.*

*To become an At-Large Director candidate a member must give a notice of candidacy and a biography by January 1st to the election committee. The notice of candidacy must be by US Mail and post marked by January 1st of the election year. It shall be mailed to the SCOPE office and forwarded to the election committee.*

*The member will become a recognized candidate unless the election committee can show cause to the SBOD for ineligibility. The SBOD may waive the two-year requirement for extraordinary circumstances. An inadvertent lapse of membership does not qualify as an extraordinary circumstance.*

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Intentions/Biographies must be postmarked by January 1, 2022

## NYSRPA versus Bruen

By Tom Reynolds

On November 3rd, the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) heard the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment case called NYS Rifle & Pistol Association (NYSRPA) v. Bruen. Bruen is the Superintendent of the NY State Police so he is the NY representative named in the suit. This was the first major gun rights case before SCOTUS since the Heller & McDonald cases, a decade ago.

The Heller & McDonald cases confirmed that Americans have the individual right to “keep and bear arms” and the government may not infringe on the right to keep firearms in their home. But Heller & McDonald didn’t specifically mention carrying guns “outside the home”, in their decisions. Always looking for a way to neuter 2A, the left is attacking the right to carry “outside the home”. If left up to the New York State government, bearing arms outside the home would only be done by a government authority.

If you surf the web for this case and look at the usual leftist web sites, which are by nature anti-2A, most of them are conceding that they will lose this case. Some were conceding even before the case was heard. That’s encouraging but seems premature since SCOTUS has been known to surprise and Chief Justice Roberts, in particular, is a wild card. The left has been known to find additional votes in the middle of the night.

A loss in SCOTUS is a big deal to conservatives since we tend to honor SCOTUS’ decisions. It’s not such a big deal to the left since they tend to ignore the Constitution and SCOTUS in favor of their own judgment.

SCOTUS consists of five justices with strong pro-2A credentials - and possibly a sixth if Roberts goes along. In NYSRPA v. Bruen, there is a strong federal constitutional argument against NY State law. It’s expected that the three liberal justices will blindly vote against NYSRPA no matter what facts are put forth; they will put what they perceive as social consequences above the law. (More on that later.)

NY is a “show cause” state and many NY counties – and especially NY City – force the citizen to prove they have a need-to-carry a handgun and apply a very high bar for the ordinary citizen to jump over when demonstrating they have that need. Most states have a reverse requirement in that the state has to prove the citizen doesn’t have a need-to-carry; and there is a low bar for the ordinary citizen to jump in establishing need.

In presenting their case, New York State’s attorneys showed their true liberal base as they almost completely ignored the question of the constitutionality of the law and just wanted to deal with the social consequences the law – as they saw the consequences. By speaking of

social issues, they seemed to concede that NY’s law was unconstitutional. Their approach ignores that we are a nation of laws and if a law’s social consequences are deemed to be negative by enough citizens, there are legal ways to change it. Judges do not have the right to legislate, under the Constitution, but that doesn’t stop liberal judges.

The NY State’s attorneys tried to make the point that gun control has a long history in the United States, going back to the 1800’s. Black Public Defenders had previously obliterated this argument in their amicus brief but that doesn’t stop the left from out-of-context characterizations. Many of the laws in the 1800’s were used to prevent freed blacks from “keeping and bearing arms” in the South. In essence, NY State was using racist Jim Crow laws to justify current gun control.

Racism was on another justice’s mind as Justice Samuel Alito suggested that NY’s law was also rooted in racism against Irish and Italian immigrants.

Alito also contended that the statute is effectively elitist because it is more difficult for typical citizens to get a concealed carry permit. “There is the right to self-defense for celebrities and state judges and retired police officers, but pretty much not for the ordinary kind of people who have a real, felt need to carry a gun to protect themselves.” Alito said.

Treatment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment was also compared to treatment of the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment. Chief Justice John Roberts expressed, *“You don’t have to say when you’re looking for a permit to speak on a street corner that your speech is particularly important. The idea you need a license to exercise the right, I think, is unusual in the context of the Bill of Rights.”*

Justice Brett Kavanaugh also was troubled that NY’s system allows officials “*blanket discretion*” to accept or reject a request for a permit. *“That’s just not how we do constitutional rights,”* Kavanaugh said.

Roberts continued this line of reasoning. *“If you’re asserting a claim to confront the witnesses against you under the Constitution, you don’t have to say I’ve got a special reason...The Constitution gives you that right. And if someone’s going to take it away from you, they have to justify it. You don’t have to say when you’re looking for a permit to speak...that...your speech is particularly important. So why do you have to show in this case, convince somebody, that you’re entitled to exercise your Second Amendment right?”*

Then the Chief Justice stated, *“...regardless of what the right is, it would be surprising to have it depend upon a permit system. You can say that the right is limited in a particular way, just as First Amendment rights are limited, but the idea that you need a license to exercise the right, I think, is unusual in the context of the Bill of*

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Rights.”

The positions presented by NYS before SCOTUS reflect similar efforts by the left on other issues; the left hopes that people (and judges) will not use logic. For instance, NY State’s attorneys pointed out that seven states have similar laws to New York. Are they hoping that justices can’t do basic math or are not aware that the USA consists of 50 states and, therefore, 42 states do not have these unconstitutional laws?

As usual, the left tried to pit one group of citizens against another. In this case it was urban versus rural Americans. New York Solicitor General Barbara Underwood explained that permits are “*more readily available in less populated areas.*” She talked about local discretion and how rural commuters might have a greater need for bearing arms outside the home. Underwood warned that allowing anyone who worked in Manhattan late at night to carry a gun would mean flooding the city’s subways with weapons. (As if that were a bad thing.)

The attempt to contrast rural needs against urban needs was not lost on Roberts who responded, “*If the purpose of the Second Amendment is to allow people to protect themselves, that’s implicated when you’re in a high-crime area. It’s not implicated when you’re out in the woods.*”

Underwood replied, “*Well, I — I think it is implicated when you’re out in the woods. It’s just a different set of problems.*”

Roberts interrupted, “*Yeah, deer.*”

Roberts later added, “*Well, how many muggings take place in the forest?*”

The NY State attorneys seemed to put their hopes on SCOTUS not issuing a decision but, instead, sending it back to lower courts for further hearing. That’s a delaying tactic to postpone what they fear will be a negative decision for them. They hope for a change in the makeup of SCOTUS, before the case comes back to them. Remember, the left also wants to pack SCOTUS with enough new liberal justices to create an anti-2A majority, so a delay keeps the left’s hopes alive for a decision that ignores the Constitution. They are also hoping that out-of-court political pressures about court packing will scare John Roberts and at least one more justice into making a favorable ruling.

The left also hopes that SCOTUS will issue a very narrow ruling. This might save anti-2A laws in other states or allow some high level of gun control to remain in force. For instance, a narrow ruling might allow wide government discre-

tion in designating places as “gun free zones”. Remember what happened with governments designating “essential” businesses that stayed open during the China Virus lockdowns.

A narrow ruling – or not – could also be driven by the final vote tally. If Chief Justice Roberts votes with the majority, he could assign the writing of the decision to himself and that might increase the odds of narrowly tailored decision to keep Democrats happy. If Roberts is not in the majority, Clarence Thomas could assign the writing to himself and he would probably write a broad-based decision.

This case may be the death of the “Gun Control” movement. Oh, gun control / gun confiscation is not going away but the movement may be renaming itself as “Gun Safety”. (Remember how Global Cooling morphed into Global Warming and finally settled on Global Climate Change as a way to cover both possibilities. Of course, if the climate doesn’t change...) The left has a way of characterizing things in a way that hides their purpose behind a very positive statement: who could be against gun safety? Certainly not Alec Baldwin.

Before they embrace “Gun Safety”, I wonder if the left has considered that the greatest advocate for gun safety - which has had gun safety courses and programs for decades – is the NRA? If you wanted someone to teach gun safety, would you go to the Gifford’s Foundation, the Bloomberg Foundation or the NRA?

Let’s hope that the commentators and pundits on both sides are correct and SCOTUS finds for NYSRPA and against New York State. Of course, it’s your taxpayer dollars that are financing the legal effort to take away your 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights. Something else that the left is very good at.

A decision is not expected until next June or July.



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## SCOPE Annual Banquet

By Tom Reynolds

The weather outside was wet but 200 people braved the rainstorm to hear Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North speak at SCOPE's annual banquet on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October. This year's event was held at Breeze's in Utica.

Prior to the banquet, Oliver North posed for pictures with attendees and signed autographs as a large crowd enjoyed the opportunity to meet living American history and also "rub elbows" with other Second Amendment supporters. Many people had the opportunity to talk, personally, to North and hear stories about his experiences.

During his speech, Colonel North entertained the audience with stories about his own military service in the Marines, his deep Christian faith and his role as a father and grandfather. He volunteered that he gave a Bible, a compass and a shotgun to his children and grandchildren, on their birthdays, as things to guide them through life.

He talked about the difference in American attitudes between the days after 9/11 and today and heaped praise on those who enlisted in the military right after 9/11.

North pulled no punches in criticizing the Afghan pullout debacle. He was present in the Viet Nam pullout as a Marine and in the Afghanistan pullout as a news correspondent.

He expressed his concern about whether Joe Biden was mentally up for the job of President but expressed even greater concern that it is Kamala Harris "sitting in the wings".

North weaved references to SCOPE in his speech, quoting our mission statement and the principles we follow. He had obviously done his homework on SCOPE.

Showing that he was as on top of current gun control issues as he was when he was President of the NRA, he also talked about the absurdity of several laws being proposed or enacted and how they are meant to chip away at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. He called upon members of the audience to get active in opposition to those laws and contact their representatives.

In a question-and-answer session after the speech, he answered several questions from the audience. When asked about Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mark Milley, he explained that Joe Biden was apparently advised by his military advisers to leave troops in Afghanistan until after everyone and everything were out. North then asked: If so, who was it that advised Biden otherwise? Who was pulling the strings behind the scenes?

When asked about the way Marine Lieutenant Colonel Stu Scheller has been treated for remarks critical of the way the Afghanistan evacuation was held, Colonel North explained that Scheller had violated Marine Corps' regulations but the way he is being treated is way out of

line.

In a conversation with Tom Reynolds and Gene Nolan, before his speech, North was asked where he gets so much inside information, since he is not a regular reporter or government official. He answered that people just voluntarily send him information which he can then confirm.

In a surprise at the end of the speech, Colonel North donated \$500 to SCOPE and challenged the audience to match it. Many people responded positively, in an unexpected - but happily received - fund raiser.

During the introduction to North, after a reference to Joe Biden, a spontaneous chant of "Let's Go Brandon" broke out and the audience gave a hearty round of applause to a couple wearing "Let's Go Brandon" shirts. (Who would have suspected that NASCAR driver Brandon Brown had so many SCOPE fans?)

Several politicians also attended to show their support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and SCOPE: NY State Senator Ed Rath, Congressional Candidate Joe Sempolinski, Congresswoman Claudia Tenney, Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, Assemblyman Joe Angelino, Lewis County Sheriff Michael Carpinelli and Oneida County Sheriff Rob Maciol.

Many attendees enjoyed the tour of the Remington Arms factory. One of the tour attendees, Tracy Marisa, described it this way: *"Earlier in the day, many attendees took advantage of the opportunity to tour the Remington Arms factory in Ilion, a few minutes' drive from Utica. Management as well as other employees volunteered their time and expertise to guide us on an over-1/2-mile walk through the four-floor historic facility. Plant manager Bob Skinner started things off with a brief history of the company founded by Eliphalet Remington and continuing down to the present day, when the new owners have taken up the mantle of Remington Arms and returned to Ilion from Alabama".*

*"RemArms is not producing any handguns at the moment, but they are making rifles and shotguns for both the general public as well as police and military uses".*

*"Without giving away any trade secrets, our tour guide took us through many of the areas necessary to turn blocks and tubes of steel into Remington firearms: milling, broaching, hammering, adding sights, polishing, heat treating, coating, assembly, test firing, and boxing. Many of these processes are "robotic" in the sense of being computer-controlled, but there are also benches where craftsmen assemble guns by hand".*

*"Attendees were also able to visit the Remington Museum. It has been (and at least for now) closed to the public, but was staffed by volunteers and opened especially for us SCOPE members. It contains everything from historic guns and an 1880s bicycle (yes, RemArms made bikes*

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at one time, too), to a video of the manufacturing processes  
in the factory and original paintings produced for advertis-  
ing purposes by famous American illustrators such as NC  
Wyeth”.*

*“All in all, the visit to the plant and museum were  
well worth the time and effort. Kudos to our SCOPE or-  
ganizers as well as the RemArms folks who gave up their  
Saturday so we could have an informative and enjoyable  
field trip”.*

The banquet, itself, was a success because of the efforts of Gene Nolan and Kandee Tabor in organizing it, Marsha Devine in putting together the program and numerous volunteers doing the behind-the-scenes work. As always, our chapters and Susan Maressa continued to step up.

Note on Remington: Since the banquet, Remington has revealed that it is moving its executive offices to Georgia. It says that the manufacturing will stay in Ilion. During the SCOPE tour, it was pointed out that new machinery was being moved into the Ilion plant. Let’s hope that the Ilion facility will continue and grow. Unfortunately, the executive office move continues the flight of gun manufacturers from the anti-2A northeast to more business friendly and gun friendly states.



## 2nd Amendment dangers ahead

By Henry S. Kramer

SCOPE members focus on their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment freedoms, which are under fire from Hochul and her friends in Albany and Biden and his friends in Washington. We fight back on 2A issues but, thanks to their policies, there are a host of other issues that will allow us to unite with other groups, in opposition. If we discredit the left on issues besides 2A, we weaken them. We need to put the left on the defensive so they have less time to attack 2A.

Take, for instance, the economy. The left's policies in Albany and Washington are wrecking it.

Are you worried about what is happening with our economy? If you aren't, you should be. Inflation is in excess of six percent over the last 12 months. In 2020, at the end of the Trump administration, the USA achieved energy independence and the price of a gallon of regular gasoline was about \$2. It is on its way to doubling and in California regular gas is already over \$5 per gallon.

Bought any ammo lately - if it was available? The price of firearms is also jumping. Joe Biden and Kathy Hochul don't have to destroy the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, they just have to price our 2A Rights out of the reach of ordinary citizens.

Things could be worse and probably soon will be. If you are old enough to remember the Carter administration, you will remember alternate day gasoline eligibility and having to hunt for an open gas station. You will also remember that, with all that inflation, the economy was stagnant and the president talked of getting used to doing without. With oil supplies short and the U.S. being an oil importer, there were claims of tankers parked offshore unable to unload their cargo. (Sound familiar?)

Under Carter, we had hostages in Iran. Now we have abandoned Americans in Afghanistan - although they seem to be forgotten by the media. One upping Carter, Biden has our southern border wide open.

The current fuel price crisis is as artificial as is our energy dependence on OPEC. Fuel distribution is suffering because the Biden administration shuts down pipelines. Extreme environmentalists, who see our role as having to save the planet and who hate fossil fuels, seem determined to push up energy costs. Be prepared to see gasoline go to \$6 per gallon with no limit in sight. What will that do to seniors on fixed incomes, farmers, low-income people, and those living in rural areas who must drive distances to work or shop?

All of this could be fixed easily if the president and the party of the left wanted to fix it. But they are as dedicated to economic programs that don't work as they are dedicated to gun control, that doesn't work. The first step would be to reopen oil production on federal land. Then reopen the Alaskan areas that were open to drilling during the last administration. Repeal the closures of the pipelines. Simple, easy steps, that the president could do at any time by executive order. Revoking the restrictions on production would soon restore our nation to energy independence, freedom from dependence on OPEC, and remove an oil control advantage we have just ceded to the Russian Federation. Taking these actions would help tame inflation.

Biden tried to get a radical anti-2A nominee approved as the head of BATFE but he was defeated when 2A defenders fought back. We need to apply that same energy to other areas. The politician you defeat is also trying to take your guns away.

Biden has "thrown down the gauntlet" as a challenge to us on many fronts, besides 2A. Will this administration ever have the wisdom to admit it is as wrong on energy as it is on guns? You can be sure it will do no such thing; that would alienate the administration's far left socialist wing. The administration and its party learned nothing from this year's election results. Polling data shows that public approval of the president and his programs is at an all-time low. If things continue as they are, the mid-term elections, which are less than a year from now, should produce the largest landslides since 1932. If you don't like what is happening to energy and other costs let your voice be heard, now and in the voting booth.



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## SCOPE Member Clubs

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 Adirondack Federation of Sports Clubs  
 Alabama Hunt Club  
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 Almond Rod & Gun Club  
 A-ON-DO-WA-NUH Sportsman Club  
 Assoc. of Former NYS Troopers,  
 Baldwinsville Rod & Gun Club  
 Barre Sportsmens Club  
 Barrington Rifle Club  
 Batavia Rod & Gun Club  
 Bath Rod & Gun Club,  
 Bergen Rod & gun Club  
 Black Rock Fish & Game Club,  
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 Hornell Sportsman Club  
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## SCOPE Chapter Activities

By Susan Maressa

To find your county's meeting information go to [SCOPEny2a.org/calendar](http://SCOPEny2a.org/calendar) or go to your chapter's page of the website [SCOPEny2a.org/chapters](http://SCOPEny2a.org/chapters).

SCOPE is a 'boots on the ground' organization and we need your boots! We want a chapter in every county to work with our elected officials, to register and motivate voters and ultimately to regain and maintain our liberties. If your county does not have an active SCOPE chapter and you are willing to help form a County Committee and subsequently an active Chapter, please contact Don Smith at [don6027@gmail.com](mailto:don6027@gmail.com).

The following is an update of some of our chapter's activities from this Fall.

**State SCOPE:** Our annual banquet took place on October 16<sup>th</sup> in Utica. Lt. Col. Oliver North was the keynote speaker to a capacity crowd. Before the dinner and speeches, attendees had the opportunity to meet and speak with Lt. Col. North and have photos taken with him. A room full of auction items and 2A vendors kept people busy before a sit-down dinner. A special thank you to *Remington Arms* in Ilion for giving 100+ guests a tour of their factory and museum.

**Allegany County:** In September, the chapter welcomed former Congressional Candidate and Teacher of Constitutional Law George Phillips; he spoke of different issues including freedom from the S.A.F.E. Act, the redistricting process, rank choice voting, and how American history teaches us about our future. A brief question and answer session took place after the presentation.

During the general meeting, discussions were centered around our new NYS Governor Kathy Hochul, the NYSRPA v. Bruen case, and 5-year renewal of hand gun permits.

At the October meeting, SCOPE at-large director Nick Massal spoke about the banquet in Utica, that he attended. He said that Oliver North spoke on many topics, and he was quite an impressive speaker. Nick also commented that the tour of the Remington plant was informative and extremely enjoyable.

A discussion of the next Allegany fund-raising event took place, Chairman Krywalski will be contacting local gun stores to see what he can find for a raffle.

**Cattaraugus County:** George Phillips also spoke with the Cattaraugus County chapter, in October, about the same range of subjects that he had at Allegany County. Phillips' discussion was centered on opposition to the proposed constitutional amendments on the November ballot (which were defeated).

**Cayuga County:** Met on October 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting involved discussion about the upcoming November election, information about candidates in various Legisla-

tive districts around the County, pending legislation, and why it is so important to be an informed voter – and to get out and vote. The Cayuga raffle drawing will be held at the November meeting.

**Chautauqua County:** Held a chapter meeting at the Mayville VFW Post on September 21<sup>st</sup>. Donations were received for the SCOPE banquet auction. Representatives from WNY Freedom Seekers and Judicial candidate Ed Kalfas spoke.

On behalf of the Chautauqua chapter of SCOPE, an award (A National Law Enforcement Memorial and Museum 2021 Proof Clad Commemorative Half Dollar) was given to Sheriff Jim Quattrone for his efforts in youth outreach. The Sheriff then spoke to the chapter.

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, Chairman Will Conta gave a brief report on the SCOPE banquet which he attended and thanked everyone for the auction donations. The upcoming Gun Show in Harborcreek, PA (Dec 11-12) was discussed. Conta is working on getting a *Henry Rifle* to raffle.

**Erie County:** SCOPE President Tom Reynolds spoke at the October meeting. He spoke about the recent history of SCOPE and the upcoming banquet. Reynolds emphasized the need for 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment defenders to work together as we are not each other's enemies. He also answered numerous questions.

The pistol permit renewal process was discussed, as was the upcoming election and ballot referendums.

**Genesee County:** Met September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sportsman's Coon Club. Upcoming chapter officer elections were discussed. Also brought up was a remembrance of the Attica riot; this year will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Volunteers were thanked for manning the booth at the September Steam Show and preparations have been made for the upcoming Alexander Gun Show. A report was given on youth trap shoots and financial assistance will be discussed for those at the December meeting.

At the October meeting, a handout was given and a discussion ensued on the proposed A771/S3018 which requires a state mental health exam before buying any rifle or shot gun. A 5-hour safety course and live fire test would also be required as would a receipt as proof of a gun safe purchase.

The possibility of hosting a hunt for disabled veterans was talked about; finding a club to host the hunt and opening it up to surrounding counties was also discussed.

**Oneida-Herkimer Counties:** The primary speaker at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was Oneida County Sheriff Robert Maciol. Also present was Assistant Sheriff Robert Swenszkowski. Topics discussed were: Fingerprint process & jurisdiction in Utica, Rome and the rest of the county; the effect of the new marijuana laws on permit application and gun ownership for state and federal paper-

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work. The general consensus is – it's about as clear as mud. And The Red Flag Laws and how they are perceived and acted on by the Sheriff's Department was also discussed.

**Ontario County:** September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Canandai-gua Sportsmen's Club was loaded with speakers and information. State Senator Pam Helming spoke to the group; she emphasized the need to Get Out And VOTE! Next was Assemblyman Jeff Gallahan who spoke and then introduced Farmington Town Justice John Gligora, who spoke about bail reform. The 5 ballot referendums were discussed. It was emphasized that writing to your representatives, either personally or as a group, is one way to try and make a difference.

Also on the agenda was youth shooting sports and the need to find ways to promote them.

**Schoharie County:** Assemblyman Chris Tague came and spoke at the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. He couldn't emphasize enough the importance of supporting our local politicians. Good government starts with good citizens getting involved. If our N Y State Constitution is to reflect the beliefs and values of those who love living in New York, it is up to the citizenry to protect and preserve it. Attitudes in Albany and NY City are changing and now is the time to act. The antigun lobbyists in Albany are not resting. It's grassroots organizations like S.C.O.P.E. that keep the subject of our 2nd. Amendment rights alive and at the forefront of debate and conversation.

**Schuyler County:** The Schuyler County Chapter invited candidates for county and state offices to attend its October 14<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting as a "Meet the Candidates Night." The public was invited to attend as well. Candidates were given the opportunity to make a few brief remarks and answer questions from the member-

ship. Among the topics addressed were each candidate's belief in the right to keep and bear arms, possible "Constitutional County" legislation for Schuyler County, pistol permit procedures, support for law enforcement and related issues. Each candidate in attendance affirmed his or her strong support for the Second Amendment.

**The following candidates attended and addressed the audience:** R.—Republican, I. Independent

Kevin Rumsey, R. running for Sheriff  
Breck Spaulding, I. running for Sheriff  
Theresa Philbin, R. running for County Clerk  
David Reed, R. for running County Leg. (Dist. I)  
Laurence Jaynes, R. running for County Leg. (Dist. II)  
James Howell, R. running for County Leg. (Dist. IV)

**Yates Co:** On Thursday evening October 21<sup>st</sup>, the general public was invited to "Meet the Candidates" running for the New York State Supreme Court in the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. An invitation to this event was sent to all SCOPE members within the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. All candidates were invited and Jim Walsh and Elena Cariola attended (and both were elected in November). The attendees were given an opportunity to meet and speak with the candidates. Judge candidates are more limited than candidates for other positions in what they can discuss but both expressed their support for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and a lively discussion ensued.

SCOPE President Tom Reynolds also spoke about several subjects and the dangers of proposal #2 on the November ballot. It is so open ended that it will be an invitation for multitudes of law suits and has the potential, because it is so open ended, to be used against the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. Judges will have to become experts on environmental science as well as the law.

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Canisteo , NY, 14823  
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Savannah , NY, 13146  
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Holley , NY, 14470-9012  
585-794-0276

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Louies Gun Shop  
367 W. Morris St  
Bath , NY, 14810  
607-776-4228

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Research Inc.  
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Wellsville , NY, 14895  
585-593-4675

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Munnsville , NY, 13409  
315-363-3710

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Sardinia , NY, 14134  
716-807-9963

Seneca Gun Sports  
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Rock Stream , NY, 14878  
607-243-7243

Shoff Farms  
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Strong Side Defensive Firearms  
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Darien Center , NY, 14040  
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North Rose , NY, 14516  
315-587-9716

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Contact Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

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[twawrochesterny@gmail.com](mailto:twawrochesterny@gmail.com)

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Sunday & Tuesday evening 7-9pm

[juniors@RochesterRifleclub.org](mailto:juniors@RochesterRifleclub.org)

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Thursday evening 7-9pm & Juniors – Sunday 2-4pm

\*Juniors ages 12-19 please pre-schedule range time/ equipment use

[dvogel@sporterifle.org](mailto:dvogel@sporterifle.org)

## **Community Pistol League**

Wednesdays 5-8pm

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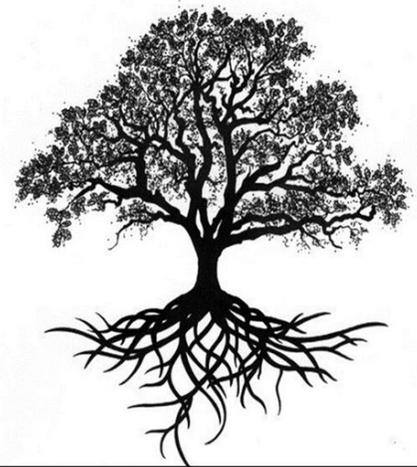
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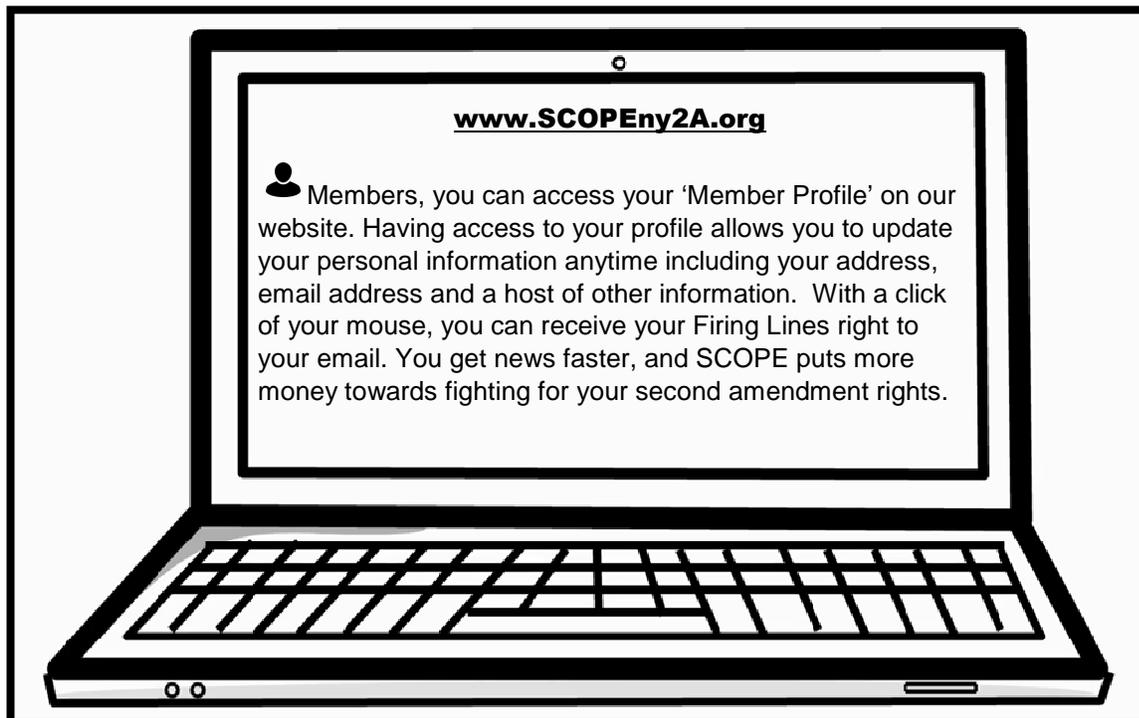
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## The CDC and Gun Control

By Robert B Young, MD

Under the current political leadership in Washington D.C., the public health bureaucracy is being reanimated in the fight for gun control like Frankenstein's monster being revived. Once again, the bureaucracy is pushing gun ownership as a public health threat. In 2020 and 2021, Congress allocated millions of dollars for 'gun violence' research, allocating \$25 million split between the CDC and the National Institutes of Health. Since such reliably liberal media such as the *New York Times*, *National Public Radio* and *CNN* are applauding this, it's not hard to imagine where this is going: prepare for more government sponsored propaganda.

A short history of major gun control "public health" initiatives should remind us that the left never stops trying to neuter the Second Amendment.

In 1989, a top official at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced they were "*going to systematically build a case that owning firearms causes deaths.*"

The head of the CDC in the 1990's, Mark Rosenberg, said that guns need to be seen as "*dirty, deadly—and banned*" just like the activism against cigarettes. He sought "*a long-term campaign, similar to [those for] tobacco use and auto safety, to convince Americans that guns are . . . a public health menace.*" Of course, firearms, like automobiles, when used as intended, harm no one. But cigarettes certainly do.

Leaders of other specialty groups have piled on:

*"Guns are a virus that must be eradicated."*

*"Data on risks are not needed, because [guns] have no redeeming social value."*

*"I hate guns. . . If I had my way, guns for sport would be registered and all other guns . . . banned."*

The first salvo came in 1993 from Arthur Kellerman and Frederick Rivara, both gun control proponents. Their research, (underwritten by the CDC and using questionable statistical methods), claimed that a gun in the home increased residents' chances of being murdered by 270%! This is still widely quoted and even exaggerated—if that's possible - and is a primary example of the contortions that anti-gun researchers employ to scare people.

This group looked at homicides in households from only 4 urban counties that were then suffering high rates of violent crime. They assessed the presence of guns in the household - after the fact. It was often based only on neighbors' suspicions and did not distinguish between guns that were legally owned, illegally possessed, or just left at crime scenes. Not one of the identified firearms could be proven to have been a murder weapon. This is the kind of rubbish that anti-gun studies keep producing.

In 1994, Second Amendment defenders started to successfully fight back.

Doctors For Responsible Gun Ownership's founder, Dr. Timothy Wheeler, testified with other experts before the House Appropriations Subcommittee responsible for funding the CDC. The result was the Dickey Amendment that forbids - not research - but the use of government funding to advocate for gun control, which the CDC was doing.

In 1995, Gary Kleck & Marc Gertz published their seminal paper showing that American gun owners used firearms in self-defense as many as 2.4 million times a year. In 2018, Kleck published a follow-up study. He discovered that, following his original study, the CDC had surveyed people on the *same question* in 1996, 1997 & 1998. Along with many others since, the CDC's surveys confirmed Kleck & Gertz' original findings. Most recently, the 2021 National Firearms Survey found nearly 1.7 million episodes of defensive gun uses reported by nearly one third of gun owners.

Oh, by the way: the CDC never published their findings. One wonders, not too hard, why.

The same cast of characters is still at it. In 2019, Rosenberg was still calling "*to appropriate funding for the CDC to restart its gun violence research program.*" And Rivara is still churning out anti-gun papers.

Now, current CDC Director Rochelle Walensky wants to fund more gun-related research. She says she's "*not here about gun control. I'm here about preventing gun violence and gun death.*" We certainly hope so, but are not optimistic. While Walensky claims she wants to work with gun owners & organizations, none of us have heard from her. Given the CDC's often confusing, frequently contradictory advice about COVID management and claiming the power to stop evictions as a "public health" measure, expect this messaging to change capriciously.

Many of us recall the "assault weapon ban" of 1994-2004. Since then, the DOJ's Justice Institute, the FBI, the National Academy of Sciences, the liberal Rand Institute and others have concluded there was no good evidence that it had decreased suicide, accidental shootings, mass shootings or violent crime one iota. Yet the civilian disarmament complex wants to ban them again.

In 2014 and 2015, studies from pro-gun control Daniel Webster & the Johns Hopkins' Bloomberg Center for Gun Policy & Research claimed that after Missouri ended universal background checks and became a shall-issue state, "gun homicides" increased. They also claimed that when Connecticut instituted universal background checks and became a may issue state, "gun homicides" dropped.

That was all true, but deceptive, manipulated, distorted—and not scientifically valid.

Their own data also showed that "gun homicides"

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# Help Save the Constitution

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, as well as many of our traditions and values, are under fire in Washington and Albany. SCOPE and many other 2A defenders are fighting back. Yet, SCOPE takes a different approach from these other 2A defenders in that we have local chapters and our officers are not paid – they are all volunteers. Your local chapter leaders and state leaders are not paid and rarely ask reimbursement for their expenses.

Now, you are probably expecting a fund-raising appeal at this point. Not that we aren't grateful for donations but what we really are asking for are volunteers to join with us in defending 2A. We need your time, energy and intelligence. Not even a lot of time, just some consistent volunteer work to help preserve 2A.

A major election is occurring in less than a year and we need to prepare and get organized for it, now. There are several tasks that could be done better or might not get done at all unless we get help. It doesn't involve leaving your home, just spending some time in front of your computer doing research.

For instance, dozens of bills are introduced every year at both the New York State and federal levels. SCOPE's job is to keep you informed on them and motivate you to act. It would only involve a couple hours a week for a volunteer to identify these bills, write a descrip-

tion and recommend SCOPE's position. For major bills, draft some points that we can expand upon in alerts to your fellow members (or write the alerts yourself if you are so inclined, since you would be the most knowledgeable person).

Our web site used to have an area called "Good guys with a gun". There are estimated to be over half a million defensive uses of a gun every year. We would like SCOPE's web site to be the place to go to find these. All you would have to do is read an article and, if it is appropriate, send the link to be posted.

SCOPE rates candidates and much of this is done through our chapters. They need volunteers to lead this effort.

Do you like to write? There are several opportunities available.

Perhaps you have thought of something that you would like to see SCOPE doing. Here's your chance to make it happen.

If you are willing to make this commitment, please email: [sue.scopeny@gmail.com](mailto:sue.scopeny@gmail.com) and tell us of your interests.

Consider joining with SCOPE's many current volunteers and help defend your rights. The Constitution you save may be your own.



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in Missouri had already been increasing before background checks were ended, but "gun homicides" did so at a slower rate following the change. Similarly, Connecticut's "gun homicides" were already dropping before background checks began, but did so more slowly than before its change.

Then several years ago, the truth came out.

In 2018, a surprising result kiboshed the notion that background checks reduce violence. The University of California-Davis' ordinarily anti-gun Garen Wintemute's group reviewed decades of California's comprehensive background checks, the most rigorous in the nation, and found they had NO effect on rates of firearm homicide or suicide.

And in 2019, Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership member Mark Hamill's study was published showing that, nationwide, state-level concealed carry laws did not correlate at all with differences in homicide or violent crime rates.

So why all the cries for "universal background checks" and the fear of citizens bearing arms? Quality research has demonstrated conclusively that gun ownership in America is *good* for public health.

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This material was presented by Dr. Young at the Second Amendment Foundation's Gun Rights Policy Conference and at the Second Amendment Institute's Defending Freedom Action Summit, both on the weekend of September 25-26. To see Dr. Young's entire SAF talk, go to: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yV\\_KP-vxBuA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yV_KP-vxBuA)



## Another National Emergency?

By Attilio A. Contini

Is this real or are we having a very bad nightmare? It's not just the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment that is being attacked but the whole fabric of our country.

After January 6<sup>th</sup>, some people commented that the only solution was for the military to declare a national emergency, dissolve the federal government and hold a special election for the Congress and President. Think about that for a minute. That would be a second American Revolution. And yet Biden and the left keep pushing and pushing.

Is their goal to start a revolution so they can take complete control in another "national emergency"? Look at their actions in that light.

It is an understatement to say the gun grabbers continue to chip away at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights. Here in New York, some of us thought we were aware of the various proposed bills that would infringe on our Freedom. Surprise, surprise! When you look at their list of damage done, it is clear much of what the left passed was hidden and went through under the radar.

As far as gun rights are concerned, on a national level, it does not appear that the dis-functional Congress has done much damage...so far. Biden tried with the David Chipman nomination as BATFE director, but that failed.

Look at what Biden and Congress, have been doing to the United States in the past ten months: infringement of 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Rights; the destruction of our economy; elimination and removal of our border security; paving the way for a one-party political system where all opposing views will be declared as hate crimes; ongoing "Peaceful Demonstrations" in our blue cities; arresting and jailing of people who were tricked into entering the Capitol Building on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. People who express a conservative, patriotic, or religious point of view, including President Trump, are censored and silenced. All this while people who riot, loot and burn are released without bail.

Then there is the Mexican border crisis. By deliberately reversing everything Trump accomplished, Biden issued an open invitation to the world to illegally come to America and be treated better than those who legally entered our country as well as our own citizens. Now they want to give separated illegals \$450,000 or almost a million dollars per illegal family. How could anyone not see this as an invitation for an illegal invasion of America? How could any President be so incompetent, foolish and stupid? It has to be intentional.

Where do we go for help? Which politicians, in either party, can we trust? In the U.S. Senate, nineteen Republican Senators sold the country down the river on the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Bill as did thirteen RINO members of the House (including four New Yorkers). And they

may very well cave in, again, on the \$3.6 trillion bill by the time you read this article.

Are we going to continue to allow people to hold public office who advocate replacing our Constitutional republic with a Marxist totalitarian form of government? How much longer will it be before our enemies completely take over our government and eliminate our Constitution? The left now freely admits to being Socialist. Everything they do, advocate, and sanction comes directly out of a Marxist, communist ideology. As Mark Levin says, "*they are Marxists, all*". What is going on is deliberate. We should not and must not tolerate it.

Don't be fooled into thinking that Democrats are incompetent, crazy and self-destructive. Not So! They have an agenda, they know what they are doing and they are confident that we are too stupid to realize what is going on. They believe we are too scared to do something to stop them...and they appear to be right.

The radical leftists are using government agencies, Big Tech, and the Media to threaten, cancel, and intimidate any law-abiding citizens who disagree with them. They defund the police and release without bail violent criminals who then riot, loot and burn. They refuse to enforce immigration laws and others that don't meet their agenda.

After the Afghanistan withdrawal debacle, it is obvious that Obama packed the Joint Chiefs of Staff with a bunch of Communist Sympathizers. Where does that leave us?

The FBI and DOJ are investigating parents who speak out against Critical Race Theory at school board meetings. Concerned citizens are now labeled "domestic terrorists".

On January 6<sup>th</sup>, about six hundred law otherwise abiding citizens were labeled by the media as insurrectionists although not one has been charged with insurrection. They were arrested, imprisoned, mistreated and some held without bail. Meanwhile the left continues to ignore rioters and domestic terrorists who engage in criminal activity.

It appears that our only means of salvation is with our Right "To Keep and Bear Arms". We had better make sure Biden and company do not strip us of our Gun Rights and confiscate said guns, as they plan! Biden appears to be amassing "Millions of records on gun owners", gathered from Federal Firearm Licensees that have gone out of business, in preparation for a National Database on gun owners. (A national database is, by the way, illegal.)

We are experiencing a grave injustice which must be counteracted. I hear people moan and wring their hands in disgust. How long are we going to continue to let them get away with this? When are we going to do something about it? How much longer can we survive?



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We still have much to battle Albany over, and as you well know it takes money to do this! This battle with Albany and the NY (UN)S.A.F.E. Act will be going on for the foreseeable future. Perhaps the action that N.Y.S.R.P.A. is undertaking against NYC will have a benefit for all of us, but we do not yet know. We must be ready to fight, or assist others, in court. We need to fight the socialist politicians on all fronts!

**Send your donations to: S.C.O.P.E., Inc., Attn: Legal Defense Fund  
PO Box 165, East Aurora, NY 14052**

## Defending Freedom Action Summit

By Robert B. Young, MD

SCOPE proudly partners with Doctors For Responsible Gun Ownership (DRGO) in defense of the 2nd Amendment. Earlier in this issue of Firing Lines is an article on Dr. Robert Young's presentation about the "CDC and Gun Control" which was presented at the Defending Freedom Action Summit. Dr. Young covered other subjects that deserve some attention.

DRGO is a nationwide organization of health care professionals and supporters who value honesty and human rights. Our leadership includes Drs. Arthur Przebinda (Project Director), John Edeen (Membership Director), Sean Brodale (Outreach Director), Dennis Petrocelli (Forensics) and Kevin Zhang (Online Manager). Our Second Amendment activities are all volunteer, as we are all full-time practitioners. We are the doctors who know guns.

For 27 years now, Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership has been fighting the politicization of gun policy by know-it-alls in our profession. We base our positions on and educate others using the best data-driven science available, which consistently supports the benefit to public health of American citizens exercising their Right to Keep and Bear Arms.

We view our educational mission very broadly:

- We have provided policy background and amicus briefs in major cases like Emerson (1999), Heller (2008), Peruta (2014) and Wollschlaeger (2011).
- We publish position papers by our experts on issues such as easing access to suppressors, electronic medical records, and emergency protection orders.
- We have testified before national and state legislatures across the country and share our expertise with other activists.
- We advocate for your Second Amendment rights in written, broadcast and online media (Fox News, CBS News, National Review, The Washington Examiner and many others).
- We host a web blog, publishing new content regularly, and maintain a vigorous social media presence on Facebook and Twitter (so far!).
- We strongly object to the notion that doctors have any right to ask patients routinely about gun ownership—that's an ethical violation, and constitutes malpractice if it leads to harm. We run a service at 2Adoc.com to connect gun owners to medical providers who support the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. (Talking guns with them is usually a pleasure, though optional).

While the CDC and its anti 2A fellow travelers like the Bloomberg foundation are continually producing papers to vilify the 2nd Amendment, we have some very good researchers producing excellent work that refutes the anti-2A's biased research.

The best work comes from criminologists (Kleck, Gary Mauser, and others) and economists—such as my colleague Dr. John Lott, Jr. whose Crime Prevention Research Center has done more to document the safety and utility of civilian gun use than anyone. We need to keep that coming.

Science is not a definitive oracle. It is a process that requires fair minds, openness to criticism, and the ability to change beliefs as research yields contrary data. These abilities seem sorely absent in most of the gun control industry.

Careers depend on getting funding from the Bloomborgs, Soros's; their allied schools, foundations and organizations; and the government—none of which value individual responsibility.

It doesn't take a graduate degree or statistical expertise to see the faults in advocacy research. You'll find:

Personal bias and cherry-picked data choices & interpretation

- Correlations passed off as causation, using irrelevant analogies and false attributions
- Inanimate firearms treated as if they cause shootings
- Casting blame and vilifying those who disagree
- Irrelevant questions & straw arguments used as diversionary tactics
- Data requests from other investigators being refused
- Statistical significance purporting to have real-world importance

Finally, don't let disputes among so-called "experts" distract you. The truth is out there. Without any reasonable doubt, the facts are on the side of liberty and individual responsibility.

The foundation of our great American right to Keep and Bear Arms is not science anyway, but principle. We have the inherent responsibility to defend ourselves and our loved ones, and are entitled to arm ourselves with the tools that enable us to do so, wherever & whenever.

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# SCOPE Elections

## If you want to run for a SCOPE Leadership Position

SCOPE by-laws require anyone wishing to run for an At Large Directorship in 2022 to publish their intentions by January 1, 2022. *At Large Directors* to the Board of Directors are elected by the entire membership. These positions are full-fledged board members with full voting rights. At Large directors represent the SCOPE membership as a whole, whereas County Chairs represent their county.

Section 2.2.3 states: *At-Large Directors must be at least 18 years of age and must also have been a member in good standing continuously for at least 2 years prior to their notice of candidacy. The SBOD may waive the two-year requirement.*

*To become an At-Large Director candidate a member must give a notice of candidacy and a biography by January 1st to the election committee. The notice of candidacy must be by US Mail and post marked by January 1st of the election year. It shall be mailed to the SCOPE office and forwarded to the election committee.*

*The member will become a recognized candidate unless the election committee can show cause to the SBOD for ineligibility. The SBOD may waive the two-year requirement for extraordinary circumstances. An inadvertent lapse of membership does not qualify as an extraordinary circumstance.*

*A chapter chair may not hold the position of At-Large Board member*

If you feel you qualify and have interest, please forward your intentions with a biography to:

**SCOPE, Inc. Election Committee**  
**PO Box 165**  
**East Aurora, NY 14052-0165**

Intentions/Biographies must be postmarked by January 1, 2022

## Leigh Williams inducted into NYS Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame

SCOPE members know Leigh Williams as a founding member of the Yates County Chapter of SCOPE. Over his 18 years in SCOPE, ten have been as a board member or chapter vice president. Leigh has worked diligently in support of Yates County SCOPE's annual "Meet the Candidates" pig roast, SCOPE's gun raffles and for several years has chaired a committee for Yates County SCOPE's annual chicken and biscuit dinner that raises funds to support YC SCOPE's Youth Shooting Development Program. Leigh has been on numerous bus trips to Albany in support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment;

Leigh's efforts have also been outside of SCOPE and a well-deserved honor has now fallen to him; he has been inducted into the New York State Outdoorsmen Hall of Fame.

Leigh has been a delegate to the Yates County Federation of Conservation Clubs (YCFCC) for more than 30 years. During that time, he has worked: to support the YCFCC annual youth fishing contest; to recruit participants for the county's youth turkey, deer and pheasant hunts; and taught NYS Hunter/Bowhunter Education for 18 years. Leigh has easily helped bring thousands of stu-

dents into the traditions of hunting.

Leigh has been a member of the Middlesex Conservation Club (MCC) since 1973 and is currently a board member after serving several terms as President and Vice

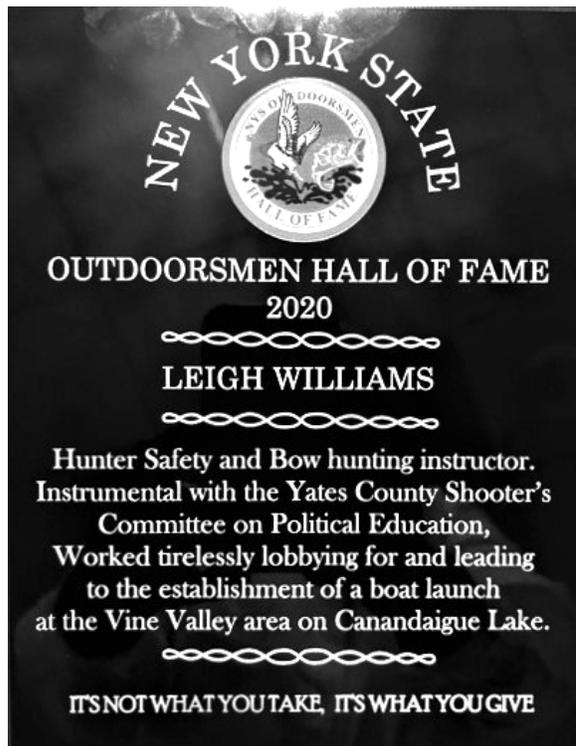


President. He works at the MCC annual youth pheasant hunt. He currently leads the Club's DEC Camp solicitation efforts which solicits campers and he works with DEC officials and parents to be sure the candidates have a great camp experience. At the Middlesex Conservation Club's seven annual pancake breakfasts, Leigh has supervised the Club's air rifle range for fifteen years. Leigh also assists with an annual NYS Trapping Course at Middlesex Conservation Club

A boat launch, dock, potable water and bathrooms in Vine Valley on Canandaigua Lake only happened because of Leigh's determination. This is important as there is little public access to Canandaigua Lake. Leigh worked closely with County government, Town of Middlesex government, DEC officials and NY State Senator Tom O'Mara, to secure funding and the necessary permits to complete this project.

Another of Leigh's contributions to youth in Yates County was his insistence on involving Yates County High Schools in the NYS High School Clay Target League. He singlehandedly introduced the idea and dealt with Boards of Educations, Athletic Directors and local conservation clubs. He sought sites to hold the shooting events, found and trained coaches and range officers and organized fundraisers to help support the programs. Because of his efforts, Marcus Whitman, Dundee, Penn Yan and Naples high schools all have teams. Leigh donates about 100 hours of his personal time per spring overseeing the Marcus Whitman shooting team.

SCOPE extends its congratulations to Leigh Williams for a well-deserved honor.



## Eve of destruction

By Richard Rossi

As a member of SCOPE, a concerned gun owner, a strong supporter of our Second Amendment Rights as well as our Constitution/Bill of Rights, I need to say –the attack on our 2A Rights is only the 'tip' of the ultimate evil plan to silence us and maintain total control of our lives. A disarmed populace is just the first step in the process that we have been seeing for years.

In the last couple of years, we have seen how the left has also moved on to using our 1st Amendment Right - FREE SPEECH - in order to indoctrinate the general public into the evils of gun ownership. By controlling the means of communication, the left can censor the avenues of Free Speech and also discredit what factual information our gun community is attempting to disseminate.

When COVID-19 was let loose on the world, the plot thickened. Not only was Free Speech being hampered but movement and gatherings of individuals were being stifled. Businesses and Church gatherings were forbidden in the name of "Public Safety". Individuals were walking around obediently wearing masks.

I would like to share some scary thoughts with all our members. This is much more than an attack on our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights. If we just concentrate on that one point, we will fail. We need to expand our vision to include and inform all our citizens, regardless of their political affiliation.

The Truth is still out there. Unfortunately, you will need to be very resourceful in seeking out the truth from among the lies and distractions. You need to be "VACCINATED" against the "EVIL TRIAD" that wants to tear this country apart -while they laugh all the way to the bank.

BIG TECH led by Google, Facebook, Apple, Twitter and Amazon.

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MARXIST SOCIALIST ELITES who want to take your money and assume absolute control over your life.

They may be called Big Tech, however, these are not tech companies anymore. These are George Orwell's "Ministry of Truth", where the truth is a lie, and a lie is the truth. You already know Big Tech is censoring any "unacceptable" views or beliefs, even when those beliefs are obviously the truth.

George Orwell, as usual, puts this eloquently: "*The past was erased, the erasure was forgotten, the lie became the truth*". Who has not heard this quote? However, you might not be familiar with this one: "*The ability to control information and to rewrite history is the ability to end the concepts of freedom, forever*".

Big Media is part two of our Evil Triad. We all

know that true journalism is now a thing of the past. Facts are no longer required. The objective is to manipulate the news to fit the agenda. Control the readers to make them believe what you want them to believe and not be aware of things that could detract from Big Media's preconceived agenda. The latter is the invisible censorship of the truth that the public has a right to know.

Take, for example, a New York Post survey's headline: "Almost 10 percent of Biden voters in key states wouldn't have voted for him had they known about Hunter Biden dealings." Would this vote switch have changed the outcome of the election? A 9.4% shift from Biden votes in Nevada, Georgia, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Arizona, and Michigan would have re-elected Donald Trump as President!

The Marxist/Socialist Elites want absolute control and personal wealth. Don't kid yourself for one minute, this sinister "Shadow Government" is alive and flourishing in America. This inner circle of politicians, billionaires, academics, scientists, anarchists and wall street 'fat cats' called themselves "The Club of Rome" back in 1968. They believed that mankind was ignorant and self-destructive and had to be quietly molded to their vision of the future. Mankind can't be trusted to live a productive life. These elites want to decide how you live. They actually believe they are wiser, more advanced forms of humans, who know what's best for Mother Earth. Sound like today's Climate Change initiative?

When COVID-19 and the great gift of "Fear" came, these Marxist elites pounced on the fear of billions to impose their will and created a permanent, dependable class of worker bees.

The Wall Street elites flooded the Biden campaign with cash - lots of cash - so they could own him and Congress.

The TECH billionaires seized control of the internet messaging and news - so they could control our government and decide who wins and losses. Call me crazy, but did we actually have an 'honest' election in 2020?

The scientists and academics were thrilled because they always knew they were much smarter than you... and Socialism is going to be a real blast.

The State governors locked down businesses - ignoring the growing facts that show draconian lockdowns are not as effective as promised.

Our government overlords have become "mad" with power during the pandemic. However, they don't care. They are all "drunk" with power – absolute power.

Search for the truth. Be aware that lies are everywhere and come from all sources. Let common sense and reasoning guide you.

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