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The time to begin building up cash reserves for that election cycle is now, when smaller donations given over time can mount up into a significant amount and will make a difference. Please consider making a donation now, no matter how small, to SCOPE-PAC and again whenever you can afford to support the 2nd Amendment



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have a Second Amendment.

If you think that's not true read the following from Democratic Senator and Vice President Hubert Humphrey in 1968, "Certainly, one of the chief guarantees of freedom under any government, no matter how popular and respected, is the right of citizens to keep and bear arms. ... the right of citizens to bear arms is just one more guarantee against arbitrary government, and one more safeguard against a tyranny which now appears remote in America, but which historically has proved to be always possible." Humphrey was a Democrat who clearly understood the purpose of the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment first and foremost is about protecting us from politicians like Beto O'Rourke.

When it comes to the future of our country we live in perilous times. And the sad fact is most gun owners are missing in action (MIA) in the fight for our gun rights. For example, it's estimated there are well over one hundred million-gun owners in the United States. Of that number, the NRA touts their membership at five million, at best a meager 5% of gun owners. I believe many of those gun owners who are MIA, just don't

recognize the threat. Many are hand gunners, shot gunners or guys with Remington 700 bolt actions who don't think they'll ever come for their guns. Well, the game has changed; under red flag laws, all gun owners are in jeopardy of losing their guns. You couldn't be more wrong if you think politicians like O'Rourke are going to stop with ARs and AKs. If half the gun owners in New York and around the country joined the fight we could win the fight. Politicians like New York's Senator Kirsten Gillibrand would probably even become pro-gun, again. Excuse my sarcasm but given her record of hypocrisy that's probably accurate.

The current attacks on our Second Amendment rights are unparalleled in our history. Based on the action taken in San Francisco you, if you're an NRA member or if you simply support in the Second Amendment, are now considered a terrorist. This is a call to action, in the words of Ben Franklin, "We must, indeed, all hang together or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately."

This is more than a war on our gun rights; it's a war on America, our culture, and the principles of our country's founding. I have never seen a time when our rights as citizens have been in more jeopardy.

members are also NRA members, this raises some interesting possibilities.

If an NRA member was on an airplane flight that landed in San Francisco, could that person be arrested as a domestic terrorist? After all, members of a Domestic Terrorist Organization are, by definition, themselves terrorists. I doubt this will happen though, because the ensuing lawsuit against San Francisco would be counted in millions of dollars.

If someone had the time and viewed it as a potential investment in winning a multi-million dollar lawsuit - as well as a chance for nationwide celebrity on Fox News -they could fly to San Francisco wearing clothes with the NRA logo displayed prominently - and perhaps wearing a MAGA hat - and carrying your NRA membership card! (But without a weapon.) Then, go to city hall, still wearing your NRA clothes, and demand to speak with the mayor. Or better yet, petition to conduct an NRA rally in San Francisco. Or even better, have a San Francisco resident try to speak to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors during the public comment section before the meeting while wearing the NRA logo. Will it get someone arrested as a Domestic Terrorist? I'll bet lawyers would be lined up around the block to take your case.

Obviously, I am being sarcastic (in case you didn't pick up on that) but ask yourself why did San Francisco do something meaningless like this, besides getting their ultra-liberal credentials checked. It's like many other laws passed at the state and federal level; they know the law won't work but they can say that they did something.

When Ronald Reagan was president, he was severely criticized by the main stream media for not reaching an arms agreement - any arms agreement - with the Soviet Union during his first term. After all, his predecessor presidents had gone

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**NRA a terrorist
organization in NY and
San Francisco**
By Tom Reynolds

New York State's Attorney General has branded the NRA as a Domestic Terrorist Organization; however, this is just political "sticks and stones" since it has no legal authority. But never to be outdone, San Francisco took it a bit further and passed a resolution declaring the NRA as a "Domestic Terrorist Organization". Since many SCOPE

American culture

By Tom Reynolds

Last Spring, I walked through a Civil War cemetery and was struck by the number of graves labeled "Unknown". Over 150 years ago, those men fought and were amongst the 600,000 that died in that war. Presumably, most of them were young and had not begun to enjoy the many blessings of the life that stretched out in front of them. Now, their dreams, hopes and ambitions are known only to God. But those dreams were real to them and they were willing to forfeit those dreams and give up their lives for their country. They never knew what the America they were fighting for would become and its irreplaceable contribution to the betterment of the world. They only knew what it was and that it was worth fighting for.

Why are people willing to fight and die for their country? One reason is because we are the product of the stories and history of the Americans that preceded us. Those stories and that history give us reasons to stand up and fight for our country.

Those that died in the Civil War would have grown up on tales of George Washington, Daniel Boone, Andrew Jackson and the heroes of the Alamo. They were taught to respect and to emulate heroic actions and they believed in the promise of America. My parents' generation fought World War II, where 400,000 Americans died. I grew up in a culture that promoted love and devotion for America while hearing veterans speak of their experiences and sacrifices.

Without an historical foundation, which teaches love of country as well as the blessings of being an American, it becomes easy to reject American values and uniqueness. That's why the current fad of destroying our historical figures is so dangerous. Without their examples to guide us, it's easy to be self-centered and provides a ready excuse for tearing down the very essence of America; our traditions, heritage and Constitution.

Some try to use slavery to de-legitimize everything that happened during the first "four score and seven years" of America. Slavery was indeed a blight on our heritage, but it was also bitterly opposed by

many Americans during those years and, eventually, hundreds of thousands gave up their lives to end it. My point being, there is more to those stories that attempt to delegitimize America than just the headline.

For example, the anti-Americans would paint George Washington solely as a slave owner. He was. And if you have read about his life, you know that as a young man he was extremely ambitious and not always in good ways. But he was also so much, much more.

Forget his time as the commanding general of the continental army and his time as president, where his judgment and leadership made him one of the icons of history. Forget his willing to sacrifice; had he lost the war, he would have lost everything (think Mount Vernon where he was one of the richest men in America). Forget that he had the courage to risk execution as a traitor to England - he was that- if he had lost the Revolutionary War. (Remember the execution scene at the end of "Braveheart" - that's what England did to traitors.) There were two events in his life that should inspire Americans as to what's best in us and provide powerful reminders of what our history really is.

At the end of the Revolutionary War, Washington was the most powerful and popular man in America and could easily have been made king; he had the army behind him, something that dictators throughout history have found irresistible. But instead, he resigned his commission, gave up physical control of the military, rejected any formal political position and retired to private life. Later, he gave up a very enjoyable private life when drafted to serve as our first president. After eight years, he gave up what would have been a lifetime position; he turned over the power of the presidency to others.

Washington's mortal enemy King George III, the man who would have executed Washington as a traitor, said that if Washington gave up control of the army after the Revolutionary War, he would be "...the greatest man in the world"; sounds like he was more than just a slaveholder.

The historical foundation that Washington gave us served as an unofficial guideline for America and must not be forgotten: that all Americans are citizens where some are

called to temporary duty in leadership positions and that they will eventually give up those positions; and that even the most irreplaceable amongst us can be replaced. Thanks to Washington's example, in 230 years the only military coup we had was the Civil War. Thanks to Washington's example, only two presidents have ever attempted to cross the out-of-bounds that Washington set about a third term. (By-the-way, both were named Roosevelt.)

If Washington is only remembered as a slave holder, the anti-Americans will have succeeded in invalidating his other achievements. On a larger scale, if they can tarnish enough of our history, they can bring down the Constitution and thus bring down America.

Why fight and possibly die for the America they want us to picture? Why obey a Constitution that judges and other government officials are sworn to preserve protect and defend but ignore when it meets their personal political needs? Why submit to the will of the electorate and the guidelines of the Constitution when the bureaucracy can attempt to overthrow the election if a president they don't like? Why allow free speech, just because it's constitutional, when the speech is contrary to your beliefs? Why allow people to have guns just because the Constitution says it's their right? Why believe in the traditional, religious, moral values that have been at the basis of America's growth if you can convince people that America is a nation of gun-toters, white supremacists, sexists, racists, etc?

We know that America is not what the anti-Americans would have us believe and it is worth preserving, protecting and defending. We cannot sit idly by while our youth and culture are poisoned by Hollywood, the liberal educational system and main stream media.

I was talking with a Baptist Minister about the many ways that the government is pushing religion and traditional religious values out of American lives. We both were unhappy about that direction but I theorized that, perhaps, this is God's plan to test us; we had become dependent upon the government to push our religious values and this change puts the

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The Genesee County Sheriff

By William R Fox Sr, Chairman
SCOPE Genesee County

Genesee County SCOPE has worked on Second Amendment issues with our county sheriff and our county legislators since the end of 2018. As Chairman, I reached out to our county sheriff in December of 2018; we had heard what was coming out of Albany with the Red Flag Law, the so-called safe storage law, and the many other laws that were eventually voted through both houses without much significant opposition.

We decided that we wanted to start playing offense, for once, instead of constantly playing defense.

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onus back on our shoulders, where it belongs. We can't depend on the government to do what we should be doing. We'll have to step up.

In much the same way, our culture, media and educational system formerly pointed out the many good things about America. They do the opposite now and it's back on our shoulders to do something to preserve our constitution and values. If we sit idly by while doing nothing and only complaining, we will lose the essence that made America great and the world would have lost its "last best hope". It's time to fight back and remind people of what's good about America. We're not perfect but we're a damn sight better than whatever is in second place.

After much discussion, we finally got a meeting with the sheriff as well as others in his office and showed him all the bills that, at that time, were on the docket to be voted on. He said that he didn't agree with most of them. What we really wanted was for him to say that he didn't and wouldn't agree with the Red Flag law.

While I was trying to set up the sheriff's attendance at our May meeting, the Red Flag Law passed, along with others. The sheriff told me that he was still Second Amendment friendly, but he felt that the Red Flag Law would be a good thing; it would help them arrest people that needed to be arrested and to get guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them. I can't tell you how disappointed I was - as was the rest of our chapter - and I let him know that.

The sheriff did come to our May meeting where he tried to explain his point of view and then we, in turn, gave him ours. He basically said that he will still pursue getting guns out of the hands of people when the judge decides there is a good reason that they should not have them. He told us that the sheriff's department has had good luck, in the past, going to the house and talking to people; giving them the option to give their guns to a family member or to just give them to the sheriff until they can decide whether this person should or should not have them.

Again, we tried to explain to him that *No Due Process* is the whole problem with this law. He said that it

really isn't any different than getting a court order from the judge and, again, I told him that *we do not need another law if we already have one.*

The chapter brought a lot of points against his decision to be on board with this law.

Accompanying this article, you will see two letters: one that we wrote to the sheriff highlighting our meeting with him; and a second letter to our county legislators, state officials and our county clerk. We have put them on notice that we will be watching to see where this goes.

If you haven't already had a discussion with your county sheriff, I suggest that you do so because we are running out of options to defeat these unconstitutional laws.

To all Genesee County Legislators, Genesee County Clerk and State officials;

SCOPE Genesee County invited County Sheriff William Sheron to our meeting in May, and as you can see by our enclosed letter, we have some serious concerns. We brought them forward to the Sheriff, and his responses are included in the said letter.

We need to be vigilant in protecting the sovereignty that our forefathers have given us and so greatly sacrificed for. It is not the government's job to be regulating

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“the right to bear arms”, as protected, not granted, by the 2nd Amendment.

The Red Flag Law, aka “extreme risk protection order law” is an extremely slippery slope for our country to be headed down. We do have a problem in society, for sure, but it is a moral and ethical problem that can and should be prevented and addressed from within one’s family circle with attentiveness and discipline.

Our organization has been working very hard to try and educate both lawmakers and citizens about these unconstitutional laws coming out of the NY City controlled Albany.

We have a real problem with the Sheriff’s stance on these issues, as he feels that there is enough “due process” built into the system to protect ones rights. His process for gun confiscation isn’t any different than what we had before, and he has that oversight, but our real issue is that if due process was really contained within these older laws, why do we need another law?

This law (ERPO) also allows for a family member, neighbor, teacher, misinformed or vengeful person to anonymously report, without due cause, and request the confiscation of one’s firearms prior to an official arrest or hearing before a judge in a timely manner.

The bottom line is that our constitution is being abandoned as officials see fit. When is it going to be enough that we put a stop to law abiding citizens having their rights taken away in the name of safety and

security, when criminals don’t obey these laws anyway? As we brought to the Sheriff’s attention, he knows well that there have been criminals since the beginning of time, and there will be well after we have all left this life.

We have sent you this letter to make you aware that the people for whom you work will be watching to see that people’s rights are protected, not violated, because of what someone may erroneously say or do.

We ask you, our elected officials, to be the men and women who will valiantly stand in the gap and protect the Constitution as well as the God given rights of your constituents.

Sincerely,
William Fox, Chapter Chair
SCOPE Genesee County

To Sheriff William Sheron:

Thank you being our guest speaker at the Genesee County chapter of SCOPE on May 15th. We appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule to address the concerns of our members and affiliated associations regarding the numerous pending and enacted new gun laws in New York State.

Listed below is a summary of our concerns that were discussed:

- It’s not just a 2nd amendment infringement, but also now the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th. We look to you as being responsible for protecting our constitutional rights as the highest ranking law enforcement official in our county, state and country.

- Due process should be enacted within a reasonable amount of time, i.e. 24 hours, prior to confiscation of a citizen’s guns, a fundamental constitutional right.
- Taking the firearms from a “threatening person” then leaving that person in the home or neighborhood without immediately addressing the situation with a judge may leave them even more agitated and aggravated; hence, creating a bigger threat.
- Care should be taken in the handling of the guns if taken by authorities, noting that they are personal and expensive property.
- Safe return of the confiscated firearms to the original owner(s) within a reasonable period of time, i.e. 24 hours, not 3 months.
- Family members, i.e. husbands and wives, who own their own individual guns and having both parties’ guns taken, even if only one member is formally arrested; co-ownership issues.
- The SAFE Act restricts the transfer of firearms to other people without going through licensed dealers, except for transfers to spouses or children.
- The word "transfer" in the SAFE Act applies only to a change of ownership of the weapon and not giving it to somebody to hold for a period of time, i.e. family member, while the original owner retains “ownership”.
- Guarantee that there will be no

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- violation of our search and seizure rights by the authorities, State Troopers, Sheriffs or police, by going door to door to confiscate their personal property, i.e. firearms.
- “Mandatory reporting” in effect for teachers and administrators; handled internally and reports not forwarded to the outside law enforcement due to the “black eye” effect.
- Ammo purchases under the new safe storage act are now in violation.
- Youth trap leagues are in jeopardy.
- Gun raffles will not be allowed for First Responders, Firemen, to raise funds to purchase necessary medical equipment, trucks, training; increased tax burden to citizens.
- What will happen if we get an anti-gun or unsupportive sheriff or judge in the position? This process has been started by the current officials, and there won't

be any turning back.

- Aren't there enough laws on the books already? When will enough be enough of infringing on the law abiding citizen's rights?
- When will you take a stand against these unconstitutional laws?

The following is a summary of what we understand to be your interpretation and understanding of the SAFE Act, Red Flag Law and other NYS laws that have come into effect. We also interpret this as how you plan to move forward with these laws.

- There is ample due-process protections built into the current law, and it isn't any different than police obtaining a warrant to search or seize property.
- The person who must give up their guns is entitled to a hearing within three to six days (incorrect --10 days) and can appeal any subsequent ruling to a higher court.
- It is a useful tool for local law

enforcement to help ensure that people who are a threat don't have easy access to firearms.

- When police are dealing with a person who may be a threat to himself or others, it is best for a friend or family member to take possession of their firearms for safekeeping until things cool down, or when the person is under less stress... still the default option for deputies. Sheriffs' practice of letting a friend or family member take temporary possession of firearms violates the SAFE Act.

"The claim and exercise of a constitutional right cannot thus be converted into a crime." ". . .there can be no sanction or penalty imposed upon one because of his exercise of constitutional rights." ... For it is a felony and federal crime to violate or deprive citizens of their constitutionally protected rights. Mar 27, 2009.

Sincerely,

William R Fox Sr, Chairman
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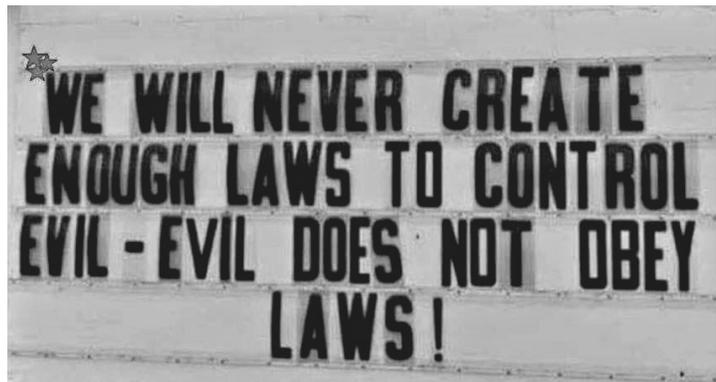
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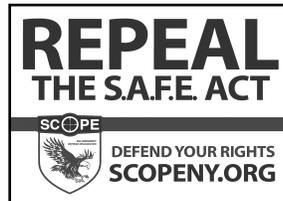
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CHAPTER REPORTS

Many SCOPE members are also members of the NRA, New York State Rifle and Pistol Association as well as other pro Second Amendment organizations. Each of these organizations fills a role and SCOPE is the primary one for actions at the local level. SCOPE chapters are active at the local level in educating the public, informing SCOPE members, supporting related activities and public outreach. Meetings usually have discussions and updates on existing and proposed laws as well as incidents involving guns and the law, and interviews with political candidates. Chapters generally have outreach booths at County Fairs and other events where they distribute voter registration forms, SCOPE membership forms and are available to discuss various points of interest.

Some of the chapters more recent events:

Allegany County

Two candidates for the New York Senate's 57th district spoke at meetings in anticipation of a primary on June 25, 2020.

In June, George Borello, former Chautauqua County Legislator and current County Executive spoke. He is a businessman, NRA member and opponent of the SAFE Act.

In July, Austin Morgan spoke. He is a candidate for the NY 57th Senate District. He gave his experience and outlook for the district.

The chapter had an outreach ad in the Community Shopper.

Cattaraugus County

Two candidates for the New York Senate's 57th district also spoke at Cattaraugus' meetings.

George Borello spoke at this meeting as well as the Allegany chapter meeting.

Austin Morgan spoke at this meeting as well as Allegany County's chapter meeting.

Curt Crandall is an Allegany County Legislator. He operates Crandall's and Collins' Memorials. Elected to the town board in 1984, the Allegany County legislature in 2001 and Chairman of the Board in 2006. He supports the 2nd amendment and grew up hunting. He supported and participated in the resolution passed by the Allegany County Legislature in opposition to the SAFE Act.

SCOPE President Nick Masal spoke at a meeting and discussed various issues and points of interest for SCOPE members.

Chapter had an outreach booth at the Cattaraugus County Fair.

Chapter contributed \$100 to the 100th anniversary of the Gowanda American Legion Post 409.

Genesee County

County Sheriff William Sheron made a presentation on the Red Flag Law and Safe Storage Act. Much discussion held over two meetings about a law that the Sheriff liked but SCOPE members believe will be subject to abuse. Many issues discussed. There will be some follow up activity for clarification as well as an article in the Firing Lines.

The Chairman reported that he has spoken with Assemblyman Steve Hawley over legislative issues.

Discussion held over Sanctuary Cities.

The chapter donated \$200 to the LeRoy Trap Team.

The chapter is attempting to form a panel for discussions on various issues.

Draft letters on 2nd Amendment issues were distributed to members.

Monroe County

John Arielo made a presentation on the "Convention of States" under the U S Constitution. He discussed the process including both positives and negatives. He pointed out that NY State has great problems at the state level.

Assemblymen Dave DiPietro

and Steve Hawley discussed bills to divide New York into three autonomous regions.

Second Amendment Lawyer Sheldon Brenna-Boyce and Assistant District Attorney Michael Brezer conducted a question and answer session on the topic of Home Invasions.

Monroe County sheriff gave talk on Red Flag and other restrictive laws.

Chapter picnic was held with various political candidates attending. Their voting records were summarized for the members' convenience.

The chapter scheduled outreach booths at upcoming gun shows.

Oneida and Herkimer Counties

Attorney Mark Wolber spoke about the NY State Castle Doctrine and an ongoing case in which he is involved. He wants to take further action against the SAFE Act.

The chapter had an outreach booth at the Woodsman's Field Days.

The chapter donated \$500 to the Ilion F&G Club for its Trap Shooting program.

The Chapter encouraged support for the Special Operation Warrior Foundation, which supports the children of soldiers who died defending our country.

Ontario County

Mike Sciorentino spoke. He is running for a 7th District Supreme Court Judgeship. He gave a listing of his experiences and principles: Parma town court judge; city of Rochester city court judge; a hunter; has a pistol permit; sees the 2nd Amendment as a "Right"; the son of immigrants; and has their 'core values'.

Chris Catt, representing NY Senator Pam Helming, spoke about various legislation; the results of having New York's Senate, Assembly and Governorship all in Democratic hands. Also spoke about a new Republican State Chairman to replace

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Ed Cox.

Congressman Collins spoke at a chapter meeting about various points of interest.

Fund Raiser was held for youth shooting teams and, as a result, the chapter gave \$3,700 to 5 schools.

Schoharie County

Tom King, President of the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (and a life SCOPE member) spoke at the July meeting. He emphasized working together, redistricting after the 2020 election and why that election is so important, NYSRPA lawsuit going before the Supreme Court, gun owners not voting, NRA changes, media matters, internet trolls, Trap and Air Rifle teams.

The Chapter had outreach booths at the Dairy festival, at the Altamont Fair and at the Cobleskill fair.

Joe Kopacz discussed a gun culture letter that was sent to representative Delgado, to which he got a form letter in response.

Representative Delgado to meet with the chapter at a future meeting.

Schuyler County

Chapter is holding a meet the candidate night (open to the public) on October 10th at the Montour Falls Moose Club. Candidates for two competitive legislative races and four candidates for a County judgeship are amongst the invited guests.

The chapter had an outreach booth at the Montour Falls Harvest Fest.

The Chapter's ad hoc committee and the SCOPE Treasurer met with Democratic 23rd Congressional District candidate Tracy Mitrano.

Steuben County

The chapter made a donation of \$2,400 to the Sheriff's Department: 10 First Aid Go Bags for road patrol cruisers (\$1,550) and 1 fully supplied EMT outfit (\$ 850).

A chapter member who was present at the Divide New York meet-

ing gave a report; NY Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb and State Senator Robert Ortt are involved. The chapter is attempting to get a speaker about this at a future meeting.

The Chapter had an outreach both at the Dairy Festival at the Bath Fair Grounds and at the Bath Rod and Gun Club's National Wild Turkey Federation's Jake's Day. It also had an outreach booth at the Steuben County Fairgrounds, 8/13 thru 8/19.

The chapter donated \$2,000 to the start-up of the Corning High School Clay Target League Team, which competed in the State Championships in Bridgeport this Summer.

The chapter committed \$2,000 to the start-up of the Bath High School Clay Target League.

The chapter is considering a donation to the Elmira High School Clay Target Trap/Skeet Team in the absence of a Chemung County SCOPE Chapter.

Announced a Yard Sign Design Contest to our membership. Design to be used in Steuben County and environs and possibly the State. \$50 cash prize on 12/1/19.

October 5th Pig Roast/Raffle (Steamship Round of Beef) at the Bath Rod & Gun Club. \$ 50 ticket. 20 high end prizes including firearms or cash.

Monday October 21st meeting scheduled at the Steuben County Public Safety Building for a public information meeting regarding the recent Divide NY proposals. Assemblyman Palmesano and NYS Senator O'Mara are confirmed. Assemblyman Giglio and Assemblywoman Byrnes are yet to respond. Contacts are still being made for Divide NY representatives.

Wayne County

The chapter is working on a "Due Process" resolution for the County Legislature.

Showed the Prager U. video, "Gun rights are women's rights".

Frankie LaMarka and Heidi Levan made a presentation on the "Well Armed Women" movement;

they described it and answered questions

NRA representative Scott Buisch made a presentation on the lawsuit against NY City laws regarding carry outside the home. He also talked about regaining our gun rights.

Discussed the need to build up a "War Chest" for the 2020 elections.

Chapter ran an outreach booth at the Wayne County Fair.

Reviewed the handout, "Busted For Defending Your Own Home".

Reviewed a video on responses to gun control questions..

Reviewed a handout on California Ammo Background Check.

Wyoming County

Larry Becker was the recipient of the "New York Outdoor News Person of The Year" in recognition of the many contributions he has made to Outdoor Sports enthusiasts across the State of New York. This is exemplified by his long-term commitments with the Wyoming County Wildlife Federation..

Report given on major issues before the Wyoming County Wildlife federation.

The chapter donated \$500 to the Wildlife Federation Trailer Project.

The chapter had an outreach booth at the Wyoming County Fair.

Yates County

The chapter donated \$2,000 total to three Yates County Clay Target League schools.

In August, the chapter held its annual Pig Roast held with various political candidates as speakers. It was open to the public and was an excellent opportunity to speak with political candidates.

In October, the chapter will hold a "Judge's Night" when 7th Judicial District candidates for Supreme Court judgeships are invited to speak. It is open to the public.

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panting after any agreement they could possibly get, even though the agreements were largely without substance. But Reagan was willing to hold out for meaningful agreements that accomplished something. Was Reagan or the main stream media right? Try finding the Soviet Union on a current world map for the answer.

In fairness to San Francisco, they do pass some laws that have had a meaningful result; one can now defecate on San Francisco's streets without fear of punishment. Reports say that there is a significant amount

of human waste now accumulating and - I hope - being collected.

Imagine a place where you can get a ticket for not picking up your dog feces but not your own. (No, officer, that was me not my dog!)

Imagine a place where you can get fast food in a Styrofoam container with a plastic fork and in a plastic bag or on a plastic tray but would get a ticket if you had a plastic straw.

Imagine a place where local authorities would not hand over to federal authorities a murderer / rapist solely because he was in the country

illegally.

By the way, no NRA (or SCOPE) member has ever been responsible for a mass shooting. It is factually accurate to point out that gun owners are amongst the most law-abiding American citizens; gun owners have to be certified by the federal government as law abiding citizens in order to buy a gun! You don't need that certification to get a driver's license, a high school or college diploma, vote in an election or get welfare. In fact, you can enter the USA illegally and do all of the above in San Francisco.

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Shays' Rebellion: Armed Citizen Resistance Before the Second Amendment

By Harold Moskowitz

In the thirteen colonies, as in England, all free men were entitled to keep arms. All able-bodied men in the colonies were expected to use those arms as members of the local militia when mustered in defense of the community. Without that tradition of personal firearm ownership, the successful revolt for independence from Great Britain could not have been possible. It is true that much aid was supplied by France, Spain, and Holland. However, those nations resisted getting involved until colonial military success could be demonstrated on the battlefield. At the onset, colonial farmers may have lacked the skills of military drill but knew how to accurately fire their muskets, fowling pieces, and hunting "long rifles" against British regulars and hired Hessian mercenaries.

Having succeeded in winning independence from the British Empire, the leaders of the new nation wrote the Articles of Confederation as their constitution. Under it, during the "Critical Period" (1781-1789), the former colonies became sovereign states loosely cooperating in a confederation. The central government was given almost no power. In particular, it had neither the power to tax nor the power to raise an armed force to maintain "domestic tranquility."

The states held government powers which in our present Constitution are delegated to the national government. Under the Articles of Confederation, only states taxed their people and could muster a state militia to put down threats to life, property, or the civil society.

Considering that British tax policies were a major cause of the Revolution, it is perhaps ironic that the first armed citizen revolt was trig-

gered by taxes. Massachusetts farmers such as Daniel Shays were subsistence farmers growing basically just enough to provide enough annual family food with a little extra for use as payment for goods and services in a barter system.

Credit payments and state real estate taxes could only be paid with gold or silver coins. Shays and his neighbors were saddled with bank loans. In addition, Massachusetts took land taxes equaling about one-third of their total yearly income. State courts foreclosed on the farmers leaving many homeless and without any means of support. Many were still waiting for promised payment for their military service during the Revolution. Since they were now debtors for non-payment of bank loans or state taxes, they faced being sentenced to spend years in the hellish conditions of debtors' prison.

In 1786, Daniel Shays, a former captain in the Revolutionary War, became a major leader in an armed revolt triggered by Massachusetts tax policies. Western Massachusetts farmers demanded tax policy reforms. After years of poor harvests and low crop prices, they wanted lower taxes and the printing of more state-issued paper currency. The state legislature had suspended tax collections for the previous year but now required immediate full payment of all owed taxes. Shays and his followers protested at state courthouses. Their actions prevented the collection of taxes.

News of the tax protests spread to other states. George Washington was disturbed by them and wrote to a friend that: "commotions of this sort, like snow-balls, gather strength as they roll, if there is no opposition in the way to divide and crumble them." Under the Articles of Confederation the national government had no power to act.

In December, 1786, Massachusetts Governor James Bowdoin mobilized a 1,200-man militia paid for by private merchants to stop the

tax revolt. In January, 1787, Shays' band of farmers attacked the federal armory at Springfield. The attack on the armory failed due to the state militia's use of artillery against the attackers. Four of the rebels were killed and twenty of them were injured.

Many of the rebelling farmers scattered into the countryside ending the tax rebellion. Four thousand men signed confessions stating their participation. They were given amnesty. Several hundred were indicted at a later date on charges related to the revolt. Most of those indicted were pardoned but eighteen, including Shays, were sentenced to death for treason. Two of them were hanged for thievery. The rest were pardoned, had their convictions overturned on appeal, or had their sentences commuted. Daniel Shays had fled to Vermont where he lived the life of a fugitive in a forest. He was pardoned in 1788, and moved to Conesus, New York, where he lived in poverty until his death in 1825.

The "threat" posed by Shays' Rebellion convinced George Washington to leave retirement to get back into public service. According to Robert Longly of "Thought Co" which is part of the Dotdash publishing family, Thomas Jefferson was not frightened by the armed uprising. His belief was that it was important for liberty that there be a rebellion from time to time. Longly states that in a letter from Jefferson to U.S. Representative William Stephens Smith dated Nov. 13, 1787, Jefferson wrote: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure."

Although Shays' Rebellion was easily ended, it was a catalyst which prompted men of wealth and property to push for a constitutional convention. Their goal was to create a stronger central government than what existed under the Articles of Confederation. They feared that a

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Last resort

Attilio Contini, Ulster County

It has been said, "The battleground to save our 2nd Amendment Rights is now in the Courts". Here in New York State that is an understatement, to say the least. At the time of the passage of the SAFE ACT, we still had some checks and balances, which lasted until election day 2018. No more! With the New York City Democrats getting full and complete control of the State Government all is lost. But we cannot and must not give up.

Some people think the Courts may be our savior and last resort. I, for one, have little confidence in the Judicial System protecting our 2nd Amendment Rights. We may get a small bone here and there, but at the end of the day we will find the Courts will let us down for various reasons.

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smaller state than Massachusetts might not have been able to stop such a revolt before it was able to spread to other states. From their perspective, the national government needed to be strong enough to protect order and stability for commerce as well as for protection of life and property.

Despite the fears raised by this grassroots rebellion against unfair court practices and high taxes (four times higher than New Hampshire), the Founders still believed that the right of free men to keep and bear arms was essential for the constitutional republic which they had created only months after the rebellion was quashed. Four years after this revolt by angry and scared farmers, the Second Amendment was enshrined in our Bill of Rights for the prevention of oppressive government and tyranny, as well as for personal defense. Today, an armed populace still has a better chance of remaining a free populace.

First and foremost; here in NYS the judicial system at the Appeals level is packed with Cuomo appointed liberal judges. Yes, they took an oath to support and defend our Constitution. So did our elected Assemblymen, Senators, and the Governor. Violating that oath means nothing to them! The crime is that we let them get away with it!

Second, we will have to file law suits to bring challenges of unjust laws into court. Who will do that and where will the money come from? This cost will be beyond most people and organizations financial ability.

Third and most critical, our Governing process has deteriorated and it has evolved to where the control and power are centralized with bureaucrats in Albany and Washington. Unelected bureaucrats have more control of the governing process than our elected officials. Unfortunately, over the years the courts have a history of favoring big government and catering to the "wisdom" of these bureaucrats.

We are losing more than just our gun rights and we had better face up to that reality. It took a lot of courage, determination, and hard fighting for our forefathers to win our freedom. They rallied to the cause and sacrificed life, wealth, and comfort to throw off tyranny and give us the greatest and freest country in the world. They set up a constitution and government that, if practiced properly, would assure our freedom and liberty. Why are we letting it slip away? Because the tyrants have worked long and hard to take that away from us and, make no mistake, they are succeeding. They are using our government to strip us of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Republican form of Government.

Watergate is a dirty word for most of us but it was the result of more than just a power-hungry Nixon. His removal from office hurt this Country more than most of us realize. Watergate prompted the

creation of the Independent Council which insulated the permanent, unelected insiders from political and executive control. Today, our judicial system is being used to hound and force our duly elected President, who has done nothing wrong, out of office. Our Governor is using State agencies and eventually the Courts to blackmail the Banking and Insurance industry into doing his dirty work, or else.

During the Campaign Trump talked about "Draining the Swamp". The swamp saw that as a direct threat, so the Democrats initiated the "Collusion Investigation" to keep Trump from being elected. It did not work. They continue trying to remove him from office, even today, which robs us of our constitutional right to elect our political leaders.

In all this, Congress has forgotten its ability to properly legislate and seems to have become an investigative arm of a government that is unanswerable to the people. It will be interesting to see how this plays out. Trump is trying to replace the top officials in the various agencies with people who would clean up the mess. The insiders shield the Democrats from persecution but go after Trump with a vengeance.

Today, here in NYS, the Democrats are going wild in their drive to disarm all law-abiding citizens. Our only recourse seems to be to go to court to preserve our Rights. I am afraid the Cuomo appointed judges will not decide in our favor. We could be a giant but we are, instead, a sleeping giant. Unless we can find a way to wake up, defend our rights, and motivate ourselves and others to action, we will lose all our Constitutional Rights forever!



