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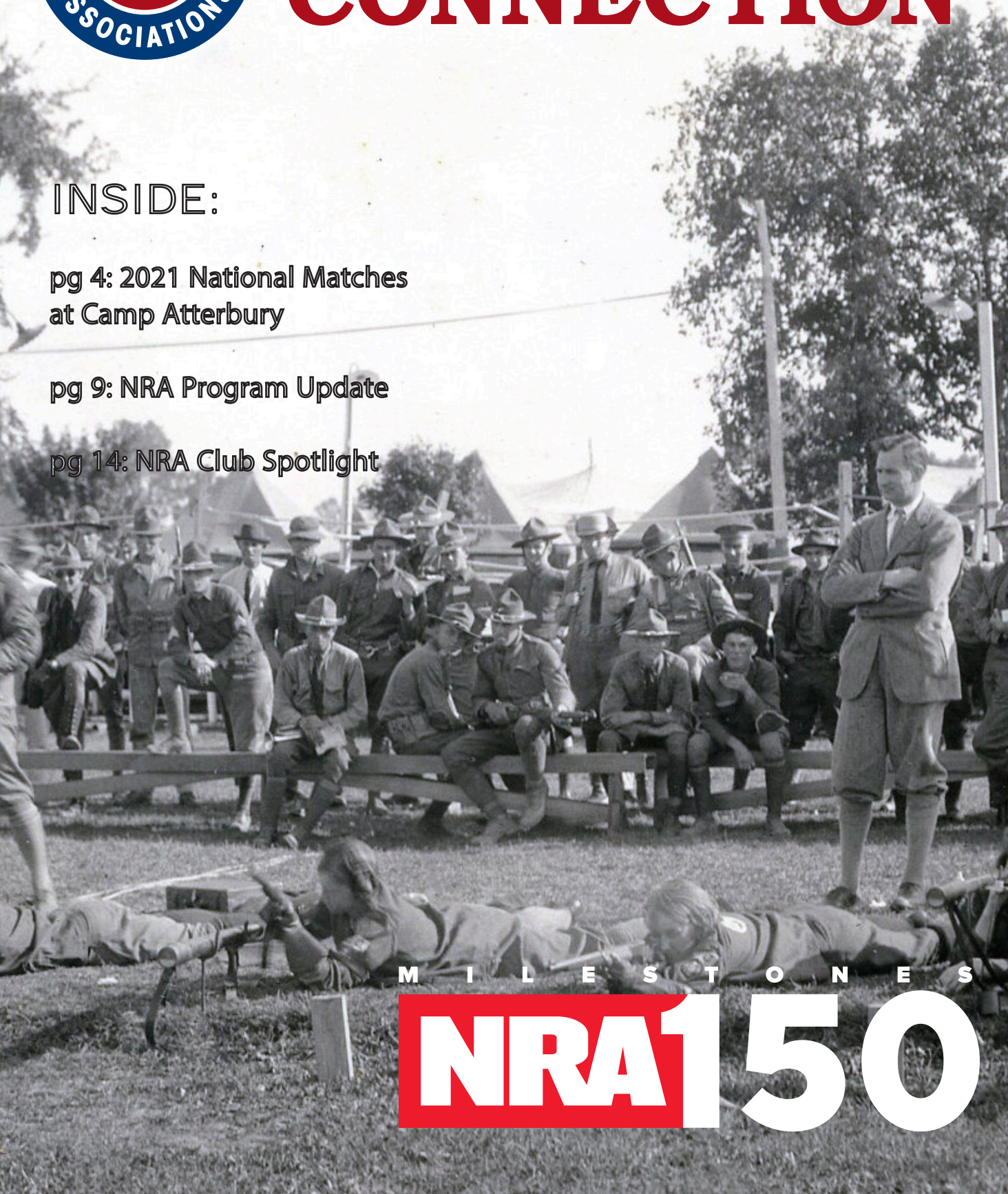
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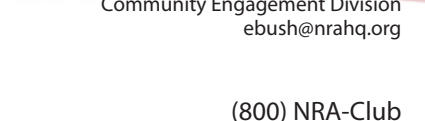
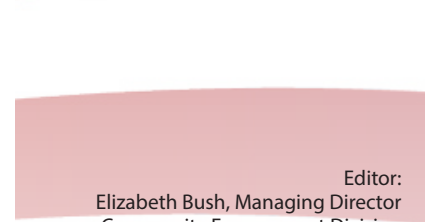
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# president's column

## One Hundred Days Of Biden



By Carolyn D. Meadows  
President

**A**pril 29 marked 100 days of Joe Biden as president of the United States. That's not very long, but he's done a lot of damage in that short time.

Biden has already established a pattern of attacks on the protections afforded law-abiding citizens in this country. And he's been particularly focused on eroding the Second Amendment. Attempting directly to repeal the amendment wouldn't work, but he will engage in any other measures designed to hollow out our natural right to defend ourselves and our families.

He pushes his gun-control agenda constantly, including during his recent joint address to the U.S. Congress. One of his primary tactics is to cloud the issue with lies and character attacks. He claims, for example, that most gun owners support further restrictions on gun rights; he pretends that gun manufacturers are free of liability suits, and he acts as if responsible gun owners are the cause of crimes.

His staff provides him with talking points that include inflated numbers of firearms-related homicides from highly suspect sources. He also has a habit of conflating homicide statistics with suicides to significantly beef up the numbers of firearms-related deaths. If you object to what he mislabels as "common sense"—if you stand up for the U.S. Constitution—Biden and the entire radical-left machinery behind him behave as if you're some sort of rabid fascist.

Biden's lying is so bad that even left-leaning media outlets finally decided to call him out on some of the claims he's made; for example, Biden claimed that at gun shows "you can buy whatever you want and no background check." He wants people to believe that gun shows are somehow free of the regulations that apply at gun stores, but this is simply not true. Regardless of venue, all licensed firearms dealers are required by law to run background checks. And anyone regularly engaging in firearms sales is required to become a licensed dealer, and thus to run background checks, even at gun shows. Targeting this aspect of the firearm market is certainly not going to decrease crime in any meaningful way. But it does help further **consolidate power in the federal government.**

Biden calls gun violence "a public-health crisis." One mainstream-media fact-checker suggested that he might be trying to correlate violence from armed criminals with the coronavirus pandemic. Certainly, if he could sell that correlation, government authorities could possibly gain broad powers around firearms they wouldn't otherwise have, making it one of the most dangerous of Biden's claims. At the least, claiming violence related to guns is a public-health crisis could allow him to weaponize the CDC to claim that science supports further

gun-control measures—even though many studies, even ones funded by the Obama/Biden administration, show just the opposite.

Biden also acts as if taking certain kinds of "scary-looking" firearms from law-abiding gun owners would make this country safer, but in reality, the criminal use of these rifles is extremely rare. Plus, these guns operate exactly the same as any other legal gun and are very commonly owned. Once again, we can see that decreasing crime is not the real focus—if it were, Biden's administration would work on improving the dangerous situations in big cities that consistently account for the bulk of murders.

Let's also not forget his falsehoods on the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA). Biden may not understand guns very well, but he certainly should understand the PLCAA, given that he was a senator when it was debated and passed. The PLCAA shields gun manufacturers and related businesses only from frivolous lawsuits, but Biden claims that it shields them from all liability for their products. He wants the PLCAA reversed so gun-grabbers can sue manufacturers out of existence, effectively eradicating Second Amendment rights without the messy legal process of actually amending the U.S. Constitution. In fact, Biden wants the PLCAA upended so badly, he said if he could ask God for one thing, that would be it. That fervent wish makes sense only in the context of dismantling the Second Amendment.

Biden's not all talk, either. He has issued executive orders for further gun control, targeting so-called "ghost guns" and stabilizing braces, and suggesting a model for "red-flag" laws, which turn due process on its head and leave dangerous people free to harm others. Biden's nominee for the head of the ATF is gun-control advocate David Chipman, who has a long, controversial history that should give anyone pause. Biden's administration is also applying significant pressure on Congress and the U.S. Supreme Court, **threatening to remove the filibuster and to pack the court with left-leaning, anti-gun justices.**

So, what can we conclude from Biden's first 100 days in office? Well, he is working hard to keep his campaign promises and appease the radical element of his party. Unfortunately, it seems that he wants his legacy to be undoing the protections our Founders put into the U.S. Constitution to protect us from tyranny and democide.

There is only one group that has the strength in numbers to stand up to this assault on freedom. That is, of course, your NRA. Be sure that you are staying engaged and active in the public policy arena. Why? Because we have a country to save!

*Carolyn D. Meadows*



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### 2021 NRA National Championships



By Joseph P. DeBergalis, Jr.  
Executive Director,  
General Operations

Since its inception 150 years ago, the National Rifle Association has supported and organized competitions in pursuit of its goal to increase marksmanship skills. The cherished tradition of competition will continue this summer at the world-class ranges of Camp Atterbury, where the NRA has partnered with the State of Indiana to conduct the 2021 National Championships. Here, I would like to focus on this important event that is part of the NRA's history of leadership in competitive shooting.

The NRA High Power Rifle Nationals have been held annually since 2017 at Camp Atterbury, an active Indiana National Guard base about 45 minutes south of Indianapolis. Last year, the Smallbore and Precision Pistol Nationals were set to join High Power Rifle there, re-uniting the NRA National Championships at a single venue, but this was delayed due to COVID-19. I'm looking forward to the matches this summer at Camp Atterbury, where the Indiana National Guard and NRA match officials have been working tirelessly to prepare the facility for the debut of Smallbore Rifle and Precision Pistol. NRA members and competitors can be proud of the partnership between our association, the State of Indiana, and Camp Atterbury.

The NRA is no stranger to hard work in keeping the National Matches afloat, especially during the early years. In 1912, when the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice concluded that Army maneuvers conflicted with the proposed National Matches schedule that year, the NRA held firm and conducted its own championships at Sea Girt, independent of the War Department. By doing this, the NRA ensured the continuity of the trophies and maintained the National Matches legacy. And, in 1914, another year when it faced a lack of military support to conduct a combined National Match, the NRA conducted its own National Divisional Matches with events held across the country. Nearly a century later, the NRA continues to anchor summer competitions with its National Championships.

These championships, and all NRA sanctioned competitions, would not be possible without the unwavering support of the members of our NRA Board who lead the committees responsible for the oversight of the shooting sports, and the many dedicated volunteers, including my good friend and distinguished rifleman Hap Rocketto. You will be proud to know that the hardworking employees at our headquarters in Fairfax in the Competitive Shooting & Law Enforcement divisions are operating across department lines to ensure another year of successful comradery and competition at the firing line.

For the 2021 NRA National Championships, shooting will commence with the NRA Smallbore Rifle Championships at Camp Atterbury starting July 6 through July 18. The Championship will include 3-Position, Metric Position, Conventional Position, Prone and F-Class, and Metric Prone and F-Class.

After Smallbore Rifle, the NRA Precision Pistol Nationals at Camp Atterbury will begin July 20 and end July 25. The schedule includes the .22 LR Championship, Centerfire Championship and .45 ACP Championship, along with the Team Matches.

As for High Power Rifle, the 2021 NRA Mid-Range, Long-Range, F-Class Long-Range, F-Class Mid-Range and International Fullbore Championships will also be conducted at Camp Atterbury. The matches will begin July 23 and run through Aug. 29. In addition, the Extreme Long-Range (ELR) Championship is slated to return on Aug. 20, prior to the High Power Across-the-Course matches. This popular ELR event that debuted in 2017 at Camp Atterbury is a must for shooters looking to engage targets at one mile and beyond.

I wish all competitors well as they compete and put their skills to the test this summer! For more information about the 2021 NRA National Championships at Camp Atterbury, please visit [competitions.nra.org](https://competitions.nra.org).



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# 2021 NRA National Matches At Camp Atterbury

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By John Parker

Additional details on the 2021 NRA National Matches at Camp Atterbury have been released, including the preliminary match program. If you haven't registered yet, please visit <https://competitor.nra.org/Register.aspx>

For starters, two of the most experienced tournament officials in the history of NRA championships will be at the helm this summer—Mid Tompkins and Kenn Boyd. Tompkins will be the match director for the High Power and Smallbore Championships, while Boyd will be in the same role for the Precision Pistol Championship. Tompkins needs little introduction, as one of the winningest competitors in the history of rifle shooting. As for Boyd, he has been a longtime Precision Pistol referee and match official at both the NRA Pistol Championships and the Bianchi Cup.

The NRA High Power, Precision Pistol and Smallbore National Championships at Camp Atterbury will be supported by the Indiana State Rifle and Pistol Association (ISRPA). As the NRA conducts its High Power, Precision Pistol and Smallbore National Championships, the ISRPA will be holding concurrent events that will be open to all shooters.

Regarding base access, previous competitors at Camp Atterbury will notice a big difference—the base's main gate at Cyclone Street is closed due to renovation. Follow the detour signs to the Schoolhouse Road Gate entrance.

At base entry, each person will need to have a driver's license or official government issued ID available for inspection. In addition, be sure to check out the Indiana National Guard Camp Atterbury COVID-19 policies.

The NRA also has its own statement regarding COVID-19 and the 2021 NRA National Championships.

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues, competitor and staff safety is our primary concern. The NRA will follow federal, state and local regulations during this summer's events. It is

possible that due to COVID-19 the NRA and ISRPA events may become altered in order to promote better safety or remain compliant. It is possible that any or all of our events may become altered or at worse canceled due to the pandemic impact or significant changes. We do not anticipate canceling this summer's events. We will continue to monitor the federal, state and local regulations and issue further statements as needed.

As for lodging, there are several options. The most convenient are on-base, with Camp Atterbury offering hotel-style buildings with suites, along with standard rooms, and "open military squad bay"-style quarters available by reservation. Camp Atterbury also offers a limited number of RV spots, plus the MWR campground and cabins. Something to note: Lodging is controlled by the Camp Atterbury Lodging Office, not the NRA.

Dates for the First Shot Opening Ceremonies and the Awards Ceremonies will be posted on-site at the Statistical and Awards Offices.

To view the preliminary match program, go to this link. For the latest updates on Camp Atterbury and the 2021 NRA National Championship, subscribe to the free SSUSA Insider newsletter.







## NRA Training Programs Have Long Protected American Freedom

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America's First Freedom  
By David Kopel

On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence of the United States of America. The delegates knew their cause was righteous, but they didn't know if they could defeat the standing army of the world's most-powerful empire.

Americans hoped their superior arms skills would make the difference. In a letter written on June 19, 1775, James Madison predicted that Virginia's riflemen would defeat the British Redcoats before the Redcoats could approach close enough to use their muskets. In Virginia's upland counties, Madison wrote, "You would be astonished at the perfection" of marksmanship. "The most inexpert hands" could regularly hit "the bigness of a man's face at the distance of 100 Yard. Indeed I believe we have men that would very often hit such a mark 250 Yds."

Madison was right. "The Colonists in America were the greatest weapon-using people of that epoch in the world," Charles Winthrop Sawyer wrote in his 1900 book *Firearms in American History*. Because average Americans were proficient with arms, they transformed themselves from British subjects into

American citizens; as a result, the Fourth of July is celebrated as our national birthday, and not mourned as a transient fit of public insanity—as King George had thought.

By the time of the American Civil War in 1861-65, American arms proficiency had deteriorated. One reason that war lasted so long was the Confederate soldiers, many of them raised on farms, were far more skilled than their Union counterparts.

So, in 1871, the National Rifle Association of America was formed to restore America's historic culture of arms proficiency. To the NRA founders, American arms skills needed much improvement if the United States was going to be able to maintain its independence and liberty in the long run.

Initially, the Association and its members concentrated on promoting rifle competition. As the Association grew, its programs expanded. In 1907, NRA co-founder George Wingate published a manual for how high schools could offer students marksmanship instruction. School programs flourished all over the United States. Half a century later, when future U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia was growing up in the 1950s in Queens, N.Y., he carried his .22 rifle on the subway to school, to use the range that had been built thanks to

the initiative of Wingate and others.

In the early 20th century, during the presidencies of Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft—both of them NRA members—Congress created and then expanded the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) to foster voluntary training. The NRA was Congress's chosen agent to promote safety training and to distribute surplus U.S. military arms to patriotic citizens at low cost.

The NRA had helped prepare the American citizen-soldiers who would win the Spanish-American War in 1898 and then World War I in 1917-18. But the gravest danger to the survival of American liberty came in World War II. The NRA stepped up with massive support for arms training in the Army and Navy, plus a basic rifle training program for Americans about to be inducted into the military. Because of the NRA, American victory came sooner and more servicemen returned home alive.

Having been founded and led by illustrious Civil War generals, such as Ambrose Burnside, Winfield Scott Hancock and Ulysses S. Grant, the NRA's attitude on civil rights was both unsurprising and unusual. The NRA resolutely refused to impose any sort of racial discrimination in membership or activities.

Yet the NRA and the CMP came under attack from politicians who resented the NRA's effectiveness in resisting gun-control bills. So, in 1965, the CMP was subjected to an independent audit by the Arthur D. Little company. The Little report found that NRA/CMP gun clubs produced members who were more likely to enlist, to prefer a combat unit emphasizing rifle use, to achieve high marksmanship scores during basic training and to become military marksmanship instructors. Not a single NRA/CMP gun had been used in a crime. As more Americans were being sent to fight the Vietnam War, NRA gun clubs built their skills to prevail in combat and return home.

Ever since 1871, the NRA has brought more and more training to the American people, including for concealed carry, hunter

safety, law enforcement and many other disciplines. Skilled American soldiers and skilled American self-defenders are part of the seamless garment of American freedom. For a century and a half, the NRA has ensured that sacred fire of liberty that was ignited on July 4, 1776, will always burn bright.

Pictured top page left: Gen. George Wingate organized the New York Public School Athletic League, which trained school children in the safe and effective use of rifles, and 6,000 young marksmen were involved by 1907.

Pictured below: General George Wingate





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## NRA Law Enforcement UPDATE

We are in uncertain times due to the COVID-19 crisis, with unprecedented limitations compared to our normal life, we understand that our Law Enforcement Firearm Instructors are not able to attend the training needed for their renewal due the limitations and extended work requirements. In response to the situation the NRA Law Enforcement Division is extending the waiving of the requirement for Continuing Education Units (training) to renew until December 31, 2021. This is an additional one year extension from the original.

You must still apply for renewal, by completing the renewal application here: [https://le.nra.org/media/7746/recert-renewal\\_application.pdf](https://le.nra.org/media/7746/recert-renewal_application.pdf), as well as paying the renewal fee.

Additionally, the NRA Membership staff is internally limited so the processing of required NRA Memberships, by paper form, is proceeding slowly. We urge all instructors renewing their certification(s) who also need to renew their NRA Membership, to do so online at <https://le.nra.org/>, as the automated membership system will be faster.

Please remember that if your membership lapses after the extension, or any time during your 3 year certification period, you will be decertified, as membership is required to maintain certification.

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## NRA to Celebrate National Shooting Sports Month

Fairfax, VA – NRA is excited to announce its involvement in National Shooting Sports Month, in partnership with the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF).

Created to encourage participation in the shooting sports and emphasize firearm safety, National Shooting Sports Month will take place throughout the month of August.

"Last year's National Shooting Sports Month was a tremendous success, thanks to hundreds of ranges and retailers across the country reminding people about the fun and excitement of target shooting," said Zach Snow, NSSF Director, Retail & Range Business Development. "We're thrilled to have NRA join in continuing the celebration of the shooting sports this year."

Whether you're an experienced target shooter, a hunter or a person just becoming interested in acquiring a first firearm and learning how to shoot, NSSF invites you to head out to the range during National Shooting Sports Month so you can improve your shooting and firearm safety skills.

Visit [letsgoshoooting.org](http://letsgoshoooting.org) to learn more.

Be sure to "Like" NSSF's Facebook page to see how others across the country are celebrating this special event. NSSF and NRA encourage you to share your National Shooting Sports Month experience on social media and to use the hashtag #LetsGoShooting.

### ABOUT NSSF

The National Shooting Sports Foundation is the trade association for the firearms industry. Its mission is to promote, protect and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. Formed in 1961, NSSF has a membership of more than 12,000 manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, shooting ranges, sportsmen's organizations and publishers. For more information, visit [www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org).

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## Up in Smoke Firearms Training, LLC hosts 2nd Annual Aiming for the Bull 3x20 Air Rifle Virtual Postal Match

The 2nd Annual Aiming for the Bull 3x20 Air Rifle Virtual Postal Match just concluded at the end of May 2021. The Up in Smoke Firearms Training, LLC from Peoria, Arizona hosted the competition using the Orion electronic scoring system and the NRA rules were used for the event.

We had 144 total competitors this year from the East to West coasts involving JROTC cadets from 20 different high schools. 98 of the competitors competed in the Sporter division new shooter category and 37 cadets competed in the Sporter veteran shooter category. The remaining competitors were in the Precision division categories.

The Cactus High School AFJROTC (Cobras) air rifle teams were the only Arizona school representing the state of Arizona. Though the competitors had a short season, due to COVID-19, it did not stop them from giving all they had to make Arizona and their city of Glendale look terrific during the competition. The first year shooters from Cactus competed in the Sporter new shooter category and came in 2nd place overall. The leading shooter of the team, Ryder Marple was the 1st place individual top shooter while the entire team also took 1st place during the prone position team event. The team and Ryder brought in many other awards for the prone, standing, and kneeling events. The solo Precision shooter from Cactus, James Cook IV came in 1st place during the Precision new shooter category and his scores were so high; if he had competed in the veteran category he would have come in 2nd or 3rd places in the three positions. One thing is for sure the military instructor (Lt. Col. Roel Zamora) and Principle from the school are ecstatic about their results.

One of the El Paso High School USAJROTC Teams from Texas came in 1st place for the Sporter new shooter category and their Sporter veteran and Precision veteran teams also came in 1st place for the other categories. Many of their cadets also received 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in many of the individual and team position events.

All teams and individual shooters meeting the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place award categories all received 3" sized medals to distinguish their hard work during competition. All competitors also received stickers to display on their air rifles demonstrating they participated in the competition.

Dan Palmer, owner and master firearms instructor, as well as Cactus HS AFJROTC air rifle coach thanks all coaches and competitors for making this competition a complete success.

The 3rd Annual Aiming for the Bull competition will be announced in October-November of 2021 and the competition will close in January of 2022. The announcement will be sent out to all schools.

Dan Palmer, Author

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Cactus HS AFJROTC Air Rifle Teams  
L to R: Hunter Gilbreath, James Cook IV,  
Ryder Marple, Coach Dan, Tohopka  
Interpreter, and Elizabeth Williams.

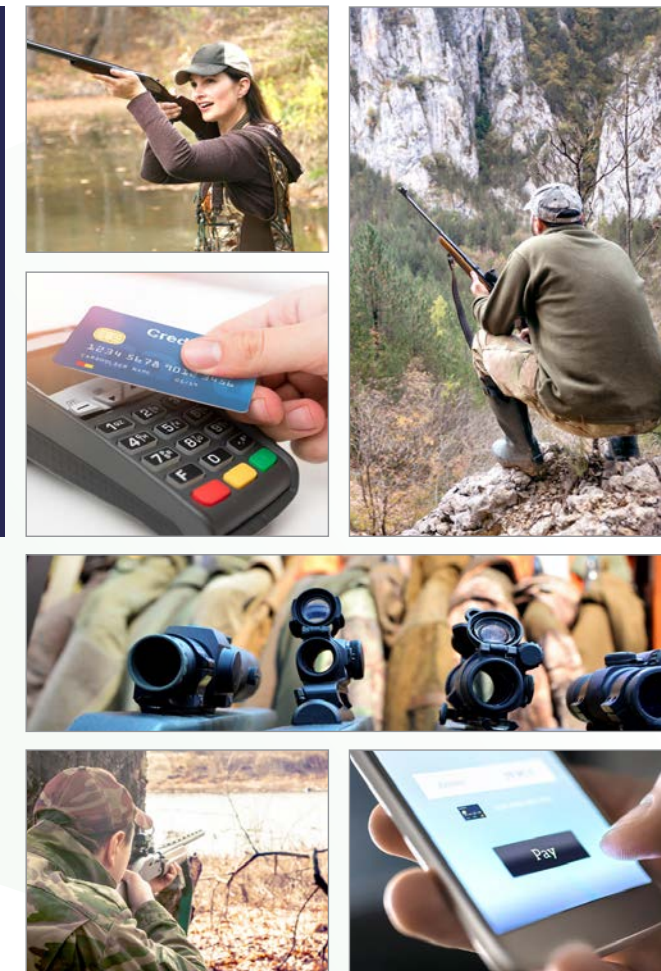


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## New Milford Rifle & Pistol Club hosts Women On Target Clinic

Given the current political climate, we as the gun community have to step up and demonstrate to our neighbors and the public at large, that we are a responsible and safe operation. To help accomplish this, a dedicated group of volunteers recently conducted a Women on Target Clinic at the New Milford Rifle & Pistol Club. Since the onset of the COVID pandemic, we noticed that our Basic Pistol Classes were almost all first time gun buyers who were also females. It was time to educate this new segment of the gun community and hopefully have some fun doing it. So, with that in mind, our group of instructors volunteered their Saturday on May 8th.

We scheduled the Clinic for a maximum of 20 participants so that we would be able to address the needs of everyone in a safe manner. We had 17 participants attend the clinic. The women that participated ranged in age from a very mature 21 to an enthusiastic and energetic 81! Needless to say, we had a blast!

While the morning consisted of classroom instruction focusing on Safety and related topics, the post lunch session was all about actual shooting. Our cadre of instructors reached deep into their gun safes and produce a variety of shotguns, rifles and handguns for the Ladies to shoot! Not surprisingly, the Muddy Girl S&W M&P 15-22 rifle was the hands down choice in the rifle category. Rimfire pistols seemed to be equally divided between Ruger MK IV, S&W Victory and Browning Buckmark. However, the S&W 9mmEZ was the centerfire pistol of choice which this writer believes was unduly influenced by the purple grips. There is nothing better than seeing the expression of a beginning shooter start with their groups spread all over the target and then shrink to a tight group any competitive shooter would be proud of. Needless to say, most of the Ladies took their targets home to show their significant other. Whether a challenge was issued, based on those targets, we will have to wait and see.

After the Ladies finished shooting, a demonstration on firearms cleaning was conducted. The Ladies were encouraged to continue with shooting and the benefits of an NRA membership was presented. Since our Club is of the mindset that firearms training is crucial to safe and responsible firearms ownership, all attendees were given a discount coupon for additional firearms training at the Club.

The only question from the cadre of volunteer instructors was, when is the next Women on Target Clinic scheduled for? Needless to say, everyone had a blast!

## NRA Clubs & Associations Recognizes 2019 NRA Donn C. DiBiasio Outstanding Club Award Winner



Since 1958, the Oklahoma City Gun Club has served central Oklahoma with one of the nation's largest volunteer gun communities and outdoor ranges. From the events hosted onsite to our large volunteer base of instructors, we have provided club members and visitors training in the safe handling and keeping of firearms, improved marksmanship, competition opportunities, and a lifelong love of the shooting sports. With over 20 active divisions our 2000+ members enjoy a wide range of shooting sports on over 600 acres near Lake Arcadia. Many of our members hold multiple firearm instruction certifications from organizations such as the NRA, and NSSA, and volunteer their time to train our members, guest, law enforcement, military, and first responders. This makes our surrounding cities informed and safer. Our primary mission at the Oklahoma City Gun Club is to provide a positive, fun, educational and safe experience for anyone interested in firearms and the shooting sports all the while building and growing strong and safe communities throughout our surrounding areas.







## Tips to Have a Safe and Enjoyable Time at the Gun Range

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Visiting the gun range should be an enjoyable experience for everyone. However, most first-timers at a gun range are hesitant and don't know what to do. Yet, once they learn the ropes, in most cases it becomes a hobby for them.

Guns aren't just there for fun, they're also meant for self-defense. That's only one of the many reasons why you should be careful with handling firearms, especially inside a gun range. Here are some tips to have a safe and enjoyable time at a gun range.

Safety should be your most important priority when you're spending your time in a gun range. Guns should always be respected and you should never shy from asking help from firearms instructors and other shooters in the gun range. Use the following tips to have a safe and enjoyable experience during your time in the gun range.

### Take a Firearms Safety Class

If you want to go to the gun range well-prepared, then you should consider taking firearms safety classes. Knowing how firearms work will make your shooting experience a lot safer and enjoyable in the gun range.

If you don't have the time or money to take firearms safety classes, here are some pointers you can follow according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation:

- Always keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
- Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Always keep the gun unloaded until you are ready to use it.
- Always know your target and what is beyond it.

Following these safety pointers inside the gun range not only for your safety but for other people as well.

### Get Yourself Protective Gear

While some gun ranges provide eye and ear protection, they usually give it out for a price. While it doesn't amount to much, if you frequently visit the gun range then it can increase over time. Getting yourself your own eye and ear protective gear is cost-efficient. Additionally, it's better to have one ready just in case the gun range doesn't have one.

Also buying some firearm accessories can make your life easier in the gun range. Buying a backpack to use at the range will help you store your firearms and accessories in an organized manner will surely make your time in the gun range enjoyable.

Having a range backpack or a gun case also helps keep your firearms out of reach from children and other people. People might mistake you for an active shooter or a robber when you walk in carrying your gun. That's why it's better to have your gun stored inside a range backpack or gun case.

### Ask for Help

Most gun ranges have experienced and professional firearms instructors that would gladly help you if you are having trouble with something. Especially if you're a first timer, asking for help will make your experience in the gun range more enjoyable

This holds true if you're renting out a gun and testing it out. You don't know a thing or two about it, so it's better to let a firearms instructor teach you the basics about it before firing them in the gun range.

Some people have accidents in the gun range because they think they know how to fire different guns but really don't know how to properly use a gun. Don't be one of those guys or it might cost you your life.

### Wash Your Hands After a Shooting Session

Gun residue like lead and bullet dust are always present when you fire a gun. This residue can stick to your body, especially your hands. You might accidentally ingest it or let it touch your eyes, face, or mouth. Lead can be dangerous to your body so make sure you practice proper hygiene.

Make sure you wash your hands after you finished shooting in the gun range. Use soap and water to remove the gun residue in your hands. Include up until your elbows for good measure.

Some gun ranges offer lead-cleaning solutions like lead-cleaning hand wipes and soap that effectively remove lead particles. If they're available in the gun range, make use of them. Additionally, the best gun ranges are diligent about keeping up with a lead maintenance cleaning program.

### Conclusion

If you follow the tips above, you're sure of a safe and enjoyable time at a gun range. Don't be too tense and let other people help you out and make sure you come well-prepared before you go in the gun range.

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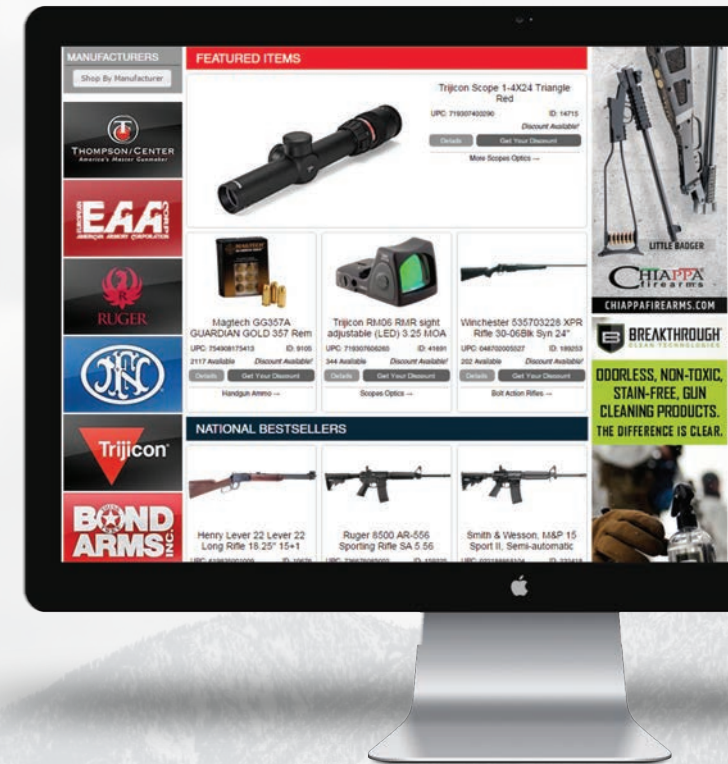
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# NRA-ILA UPDATE

## What You Need to Know and Do About Biden's Executive Actions

During a Rose Garden ceremony in mid-April, President Biden announced six Executive Actions. While his actions were pretty vague, some of them have progressed in recent weeks, so below is an update of what these 6 actions were, and what we can do to fight against them.

1) "The Justice Department, within 30 days, will issue a proposed rule to help stop the proliferation of 'Ghost Guns.'" On May 21st, ATF published a new proposed rule in the Federal Register, which triggered the opening of the proposed rule to public comments. You can read more about this rule here, and submit your own comment here. Public comments will remain open until August 19th. While this rule does seek to destroy the ability to privately manufacture firearms, it goes well beyond that and, in effect, would mean that manufacturers would need to get pre-approval from ATF for new firearm designs.

2) "The Justice Department, within 60 days, will issue a proposed rule to make clear when a device marketed as a stabilizing brace effectively turns a pistol into a short-barreled rifle subject to the requirements of the National Firearms Act." On June 10th, ATF published a proposed rule dealing with "stabilizing braces", which again triggered the opening of the public comment period. You can read more about the proposed rule here, and submit your comments (by September 8th) here. Since 2012, ATF has recognized that stabilizing braces serve a legitimate function and should not be subject to the provisions of NFA- that is, until now.

3) "The Justice Department, within 60 days, will publish model 'red flag' legislation for states." On Monday, June 7th, the Department of Justice issued commentary for Extreme Risk Protection Order Model Legislation,

which you can read here. Currently, no action on your part is needed for this, but if your state decides to try to adopt this legislation, we will need for you to engage with your state elected officials to let them know that you oppose its adoption.

4) "The Administration is investing in evidence-based community violence interventions." There hasn't been any announcement as to what this will look like, but your NRA-ILA will update you when we learn more about what these programs will entail.

5) "The Justice Department will issue an annual report on firearms trafficking." Again, no action has been taken yet, although the last time the ATF issued this report, the agency found "[t]he most frequent type of trafficking channel identified in ATF investigations is straw purchasing from federally licensed firearm dealers." Straw purchasing is already illegal, although President Biden claims the government has no time to prosecute these "paperwork violations" – so it is odd he would choose to pursue this path.

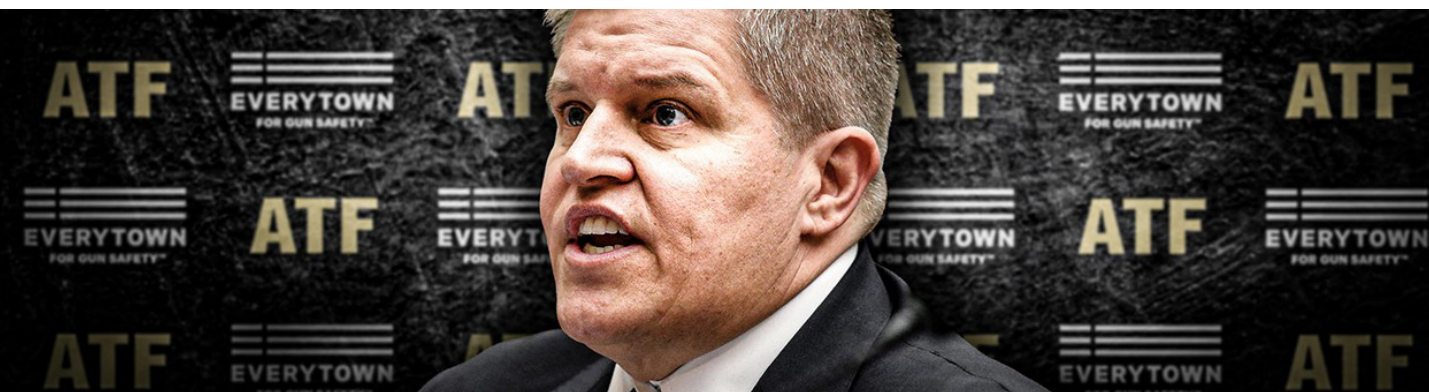
6) During this Rose Garden ceremony, President Biden also announced his nomination of David Chipman to lead the ATF. David Chipman is a radical gun control lobbyist who believes that, not only should the most commonly owned sporting rifles in American be banned from further production, but that the millions currently in circulation should be confiscated! At the time of this article being written, David Chipman's nomination has been scheduled for a vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee. If he is voted out of Committee, his nomination will then be headed to the floor of the Senate. If he hasn't been voted on yet, please contact your U.S. Senators today to tell them you oppose his Confirmation as ATF Director!



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