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FOAC-ILLEA NEWSLETTER

MEMORIAL DAY 2022 EDITION

Folks,

Our Country has been fundamentally transformed by evil and tragedy AND a government hell bent on holding YOU responsible for the acts of heartless cowardly sick individuals. It would seem that many in the federal government are using this tragedy in Texas as yet another opportunity to continue to chip away at the freedom of Americans.

Law abiding Americans arm themselves to protect themselves and those that they love against the acts of heartless sick cowardly predators, because government cannot protect us. When seconds count, Police are minutes away (during a mass murder event, the average response time is 4 minutes). But this begs the question, WHAT is "government's" ultimate goal when their first move is to disarm those who choose to protect themselves?

What sense does it make to pull the teeth of the guard dog?

This executive and legislature have spent BILLIONS of dollars to defend themselves and defend people in other countries against foreign invaders, but when yet another senseless act of violence happens in our country, rather than educate people, harden potential targets, and empower those people to defend themselves, they seek to disarm everyone..... except the government.

Why is the reaction (or more appropriately, the calculated response) of the government to ignore the advice of experts, continue with failed policies, and let more of these types of events to occur? I believe that the more of these tragedies that happen, the easier it will be for them to manipulate the narrative and prey upon our emotion to convince the public that the answer is to all problems is disarming the populus.



When it comes to the security of legislators on Capitol Hill, they wasted NO TIME in bringing in armed National Guard to patrol the Capitol, they hardened the Capitol by putting up fencing (YES! the government IS capable of building a fence), and they employed teams of personal security personnel. Some elected officials even armed themselves. Even though the VP cries for gun control, **she admitted that she armed herself for “personal protection”**. It would seem as if integrity is not valued by some in the halls of government.

ALL defense and security experts agree that deterrence is the first step in protection. Making “would be” criminals know that there will be consequence for bad behavior is step number one. This is why alarm companies put signs in yards and stickers on windows. It is a deterrence. This is why military bases put up signs that say, “Authorized Personnel Only, Use of Deadly Force Authorized”. It is a deterrence. A “Gun Free Zone” sign is a “welcome sign” to criminals... not a deterrence. This is common knowledge... YET we still see “Gun Free Zone” signs on schools.

Hardening a facility is the second step in defense. Make it harder for someone to get to where they can do harm. Locking doors is imperative. Putting up fences, reinforcing glass, and staging entries is a common thing in many “high security” government installations, government knows how to do this.

Armed response is the next step in defense. Having teams of security INSIDE to protect assets or arming the asset itself is a common thing. This ain't rocket science. **Empowering individuals to arm themselves (if they choose to) is the best way to protect our most precious assets, our children.**

I highly recommend a book by Michael Martin, **Countering the Mass Shooter Threat**. This book is the textbook for a class of the same name. CMST has a great deal of information. Michael impartially looks at data from mass murder events, and the book/class helps to guide Americans to develop their own plan to deter and defend against acts of evil. I have sent multiple copies of this book to legislators (if you are an elected official and want to read this book... **contact me I will get you a copy**). Disarming the citizenry is NOT the answer. Yet, time and time again, elected officials opt for disarming the population rather than empowering the population to protect itself.

The Biden Administration Playbook:

Perceived threats to the safety of elected officials = armed personnel, fences, hardened facilities

Russia invades Ukraine = send money and small arms to Ukrainian citizens to protect themselves

Individuals indiscriminately murder innocent people = push to disarm law abiding Americans

*“One of these things is not like the others,
One of these things just doesn't belong,
Can you tell which thing is not like the others
By the time I finish my song?”*

Kermit the Frog

**It just don't make no damn sense, so WHY do it?**

The government MUST disarm Americans if they are to be successful with their final solution of complete tyranny. An educated and armed citizenry IS the final check and balance in our Constitutional Republic. The founders of our country knew that an educated and armed citizenry IS a deterrence against tyrants.

“We the People” are getting in the way of government.

Education has been significantly curtailed in this country. I will bet \$1000 US Dollars (consider with inflation that is \$1862 in “1995” dollars) that a LEGAL IMMIGRANT that has recently taken the oath of citizenship knows WAY more about our government, civics, and US history than a natural born citizen who grew up in the last 25 years. Why?

Keep us dumb and we won't know any better. Keep us disarmed and we won't be able to do anything once we realize we should.

The answers to all problems are education and the free exercise of our natural born rights. Educate and empower Americans to take on the responsibility to defend themselves if they choose to. Politicians must stop attacking law abiding Americans and holding them accountable for the acts of criminals.

**JUNE 18th 2022**

June 18th is the 5th annual National Train A Teacher Day. Volunteer instructors across the country are offering FREE training to teachers, school staff, administrators, and those that work with youth in a leadership capacity. [Visit the website](#) for more information. [CLICK HERE](#) to read a recent press release.

MONUMENTAL DECISION: PITTSBURGH'S FIREARM ORDINANCES RULED UNLAWFUL FOR A SECOND TIME



Posted the [Prince Law Blog](#) on [May 27, 2022](#) by [Joshua Prince, Esq.](#)

Today, [Chief Counsel Joshua Prince](#), assisted by [Attorney Dillon Harris](#), secured [a monumental 31 page decision](#) from the Commonwealth Court, en banc (meaning before the entire Court), written by Judge Patricia

McCullough, in Firearm Owners Against Crime (FOAC), et al., v. City of Pittsburgh, et al. in relation to Pittsburgh's illegal firearm ordinances, which Chief Counsel Prince [was previously successful in having ruled unlawful](#).

Today's decision affirms the trial court's ruling that all of the ordinances, in their entirety, were unlawful and preempted by 18 Pa.C.S. 6120 and even acknowledges that "then Mayor of the City, Bill Peduto, acknowledged that he and the City Council lacked the authority to enact the Ordinances and that such authority would require that they 'change the laws in Harrisburg.'" Explaining the breadth of Section 6120, Judge McCullough wrote on behalf of the Court:

[S]ection 6120(a) of the UFA contains a prolific, sweeping, and expansive force of preemption and the cases strongly suggest that an ordinance will be preempted so long as it touches upon or relates to the field of firearm regulation "in any manner."...

[and that]

Upon reexamining the language of section 6120(a) of the UFA, we reinforce the broad explications made by the Courts in Ortiz, Hicks, and Clarke with the observation that the statute's phrase "in any manner" is ecliptic in nature, connoting a connection, inter alia, with either or both of the acts or rights associated with the "ownership" or "possession" of a firearm.

The Court then goes on to declare

For these reasons, we hold that the primary operative provisions of the Ordinances, specifically section 1102.2 of the AW Ordinance, section 1104.3 of the LCM Ordinance, and section 1107.04 of the ER Ordinance, are preempted by section 6120(a) of the UFA

Unfortunately, there was a [Concurring and Dissenting Opinion](#) issued by Judge Ellen Ceisler and joined by Judges Cohn Jubelirer and Wojcik contending that while they are bound by prior precedent, they would hold, contrary to that precedent, that preemption is limited to "ownership, possession, transfer, and transportation" of firearms and go so far as to contend that Article 1, Section 21 has "no [preemptive] basis in law, as '[t]he right to bear arms, although a constitutional right, is not unlimited, and . . . may be restricted in the exercise of the police power for the good order of society and the protection of the citizens.'" Of course, the Concurring and Dissenting Opinion fails to address, as was addressed in the briefing, Article 1, Section 25, which makes all rights enumerated in Article 1, inviolate and exempted out of the power of the General Assembly. The Concurring and Dissenting Opinion then goes on, in requesting that the Supreme Court eviscerate our three branches of Government by becoming legislative branch, by declaring "I urge our Supreme Court to either overturn or rein in the reach of Ortiz."

Judge McCullough's majority opinion correctly responds to the Concurring and Dissenting Opinion (CDO) with:

Obviously, this Court is bound to follow the precedent of our Supreme Court, and the broad, policy-based arguments made by the CDO are issues **reserved to the General Assembly** to address as the policy making branch of our government. (emphasis added)

Today's decision was only made possible by the support of [Firearm Owners Against Crime](#) and [Firearms Policy Coalition](#). Please remember this went donating to **true** Second Amendment organizations.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of an unlawful municipal firearm or ammunition regulation or ordinance, [contact FIGC today](#) to discuss your options.

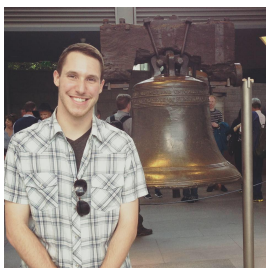
FOAC-ILLEA is involved with multiple legal actions, and we are winning battles in the courts!

If you would like to donate to our legal efforts, [contact us today!](#)

PREPARING FOR EVIL

By Stephen LaSpina, FOAC-ILLEA Board Member

Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."



While not exactly a popular message in our times, evil exists in our world.

Uvalde, Texas is one of the stages of evil's latest acts. 18 students and 3 adults were murdered in a grade school by a killer with a gun.

After remembering the precious lives lost, it is our responsibility to discuss how to respond to such events in the future.

After tragedies such as this, people often seek to understand the killer's motivations, their mental health, their domestic circumstances, and ultimately, what led them to commit such a heinous crime. It is true that this information can help to shed some light. But it can end up distracting us from the baseline problem of evil, and the necessity of facing it directly when it confronts us.

Many practical ideas can and should be implemented. Hardening facility security features, supplying Stop-The-Bleed kits in each room, early-detection systems for unauthorized weapons; all of these are important. However, in the conversation of tangible steps to take, we must also acknowledge that evil exists. Then, we must determine to confront and vanquish it.

A separate incident this week stands in stark contrast to the tragic events in Uvalde.

[A woman in West Virginia came face to face with a would-be killer, and she chose to act.](#) While she was attending a birthday party, an angry man came with a rifle and began firing indiscriminately into the crowd.

This ordinary woman retrieved her concealed firearm and stopped this threat immediately.

To my knowledge, she is not a police officer. She is not a veteran. She is not a professional shooter. She is a courageous woman who quietly prepared herself to confront violent acts by equipping herself with the most efficient tool for that job: a firearm.

The reason evil did not triumph in West Virginia? A good woman did something when it reared its ugly head.

[Once more, evil was thwarted by 3 unarmed women in a school in Nashville, TN.](#) On May 11th, A man forced his way into a school and 3 unarmed women tackled him and held him for 10 minutes until Police arrived to apprehend the intruder. The will to defend is not exclusive to those that choose to be armed.

We won't hear much of these news story across major media outlets. However, armed AND unarmed civilian first responders regularly stop evil acts. With a little digging, you will find the news stories reported on a near daily basis.

It is time for us to acknowledge and champion the good men and women who use their firearms to protect and preserve life. They choose the most efficient tool for the task when they don their gun everyday.

But more than the tool, people like our heroine from West Virginia and the women in Tennessee possess something even greater: the will to act in the face of evil. The question we each must answer is: what are we prepared to do?

Don't let your answer be "nothing."

AT REAL CLEAR POLITICS: WHEN MISINFORMATION DRIVES BAD POLICY

[Originally published May 17, 2022](#) by Dr. John Lott **[op-ed](#)**, **[Original Research](#)**

To President Biden, public health researchers, and the media, violent crime is all about guns. But a new survey, **[funded by the CPRC](#)**, finds that people are badly misinformed about how much violent crime involves guns. The average likely American voter is



way off, thinking that over 46% of violent crimes involve guns. In fact, the true figure is less than 8%.

Not surprisingly, those who believe that most violent crime involves guns are more likely to view gun control as the solution.

Biden has given four major speeches on violent crime ([here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)). Each one of them was focused on enforcement of gun control laws. In the four speeches, he mentioned “gun” or “firearm” 179 times. The term “weapon,” sometimes in connection with “assault weapon,” was used another 31 times.

Perhaps the gun control debate would be very different if the media had done a better job of informing people about crime. The most newsworthy cases, unfortunately, don’t tend to be typical of violent crime. Focusing on how to solve eight percent of violent crime does nothing to solve the other ninety-two percent.

Read More: <https://crimeresearch.org/2022/05/at-real-clear-politics-when-misinformation-drives-bad-policy/>

THE WAR ON EUGENE STONERS INVENTION

In the hands of a police officer an AR is a “patrol rifle”. In the hands of a Ukrainian an AR is “small arms” and “assistance” against Russian aggression. In the hands of ANY American it is referred to as an “assault rifle”. Why the negative connotation when a regular everyday garden variety American has an AR?

There is a government sanctioned media war against the AR-15 platform, and the message is clear that government believes that Americans should not have them.

For many years, Sam Colt’s invention was the great equalizer. It was said that God created men, but Sam Colt made them equal. Considering advancements in modern technology, the same can be said of **Eugene Stoner**, inventor of the AR15.



AR’s are the number 1 selling firearm in the United States. MILLIONS upon MILLIONS of AR’s have been sold since the sunset of the 1990’s ban. Millions of AR’s were sold during the government overreach and lockdown phase of 2020-2021. The AR is adaptable, easy to shoot, efficient, reliable, and generally affordable.

Do you really think the whole “ghost gun” controversy is all about 80% lowers, 3D printed frames, and pieces of plastic? If you do, you are not paying attention. It is a means to an end; one that, if allowed to continue, will result in a nationwide registration of AR’s. History has shown us where registrations lead... ultimately confiscation.

The new ATF “rule” reclassifies what a firearm “is”, therefore what “thing” requires a serial number.

“That depends on what your definition of ‘is’ is.”
William “Bill” Clinton

Requiring a serial number on parts is a flanking maneuver on the AR15. Although, the AR Receiver definition has not been changed as of yet, this new ruling sets the stage for the next ruling where it might.

Requiring a “licensed” gunsmith to apply a serial number on a receiver facilitates the registration database. All “licensed” gunsmiths must log the work they do, and the ATF has a convenient online form that “smithy’s” can use. When it is deemed illegal for the gun owner to apply their own serial number as it may be classified as “illegal modification” that gun owner will have to take it to a “licensed” gunsmith to do the work or they will be in possession of an “illegal firearm” that will result in decades of prison time if you are caught with

it. When it is decided that an "upper receiver" must be serialized, then it will be "checkmate".

As I have said many times. No matter your passion, no matter you chosen firearm or sport of favor. WE ALL PRESS TRIGGERS. An attack on ANY type of firearm is an attack on all of them.

FOAC-ILLEA EVENTS

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - June

Date: 06/12/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.

Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

[more information](#)

Washington County Gun Show

Date: 06/18/2022 through 06/19/2022

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Location: Washington County Fairgrounds

Address: 2151 North Main St Washington, PA 15301

[more information](#)

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event

Date: 06/25/2022

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: South Park Community Center

Address: 2575 Brownsville Rd., South Park, PA 15129

[more information](#)

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - July

Date: 07/10/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.

Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

[more information](#)

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event

Date: 07/16/2022

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: North Fayette Community Center

Address: 580 Donaldson Rd., Oakdale, PA 15071

[more information](#)

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event

Date: 08/6/2022

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Allegheny Valley Volunteer Fire Company

Address: 851 Parkway Dr., Harwick, PA 15049

[more information](#)

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - August

Date: 08/14/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.

Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

[more information](#)

Concealed Carry Seminar - sponsored by Rep. Barb Gleim

Date: 08/17/2022

6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: Carlisle Fire and Rescue

Address: 117 Carlisle Springs Road, Carlisle, PA 17013

[more information](#)

FOAC Monthly Meeting - September

Date: 09/11/2022

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.

Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064

[more information](#)

Harrisburg 2A Rally

Date: 09/12/2022

Start time: 10:00 am

Location: Pennsylvania Capitol Stairs
Address: 501 N. Third St, Harrisburg, PA 17101
[more information](#)

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event

Date: 09/17/2022
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Forward Township Municipal Building
Address: 1000 Golden Cir., Elizabeth, PA 15037
[more information](#)

Firearms License to Carry Satellite Event

Date: 10/1/2022
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Location: Crescent Township Municipal Building
Address: 225 Spring Run Rd., Glen Willard, PA 15046
[more information](#)

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - October

Date: 10/9/2022
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.
Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064
[more information](#)

FOAC-ILLEA Monthly Meeting - November

Date: 11/13/2022
10:00 am to 1:00 pm
Location: South Fayette Township Municipal Bldg.
Address: 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA 15064
[more information](#)

FOAC-ILLEA Annual Meeting and Holiday Luncheon - December

Date: 12/11/2022
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Location: TBD
Address: TBD 15064
[more information](#)

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SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY GUN SHOW

Kevin Jackson, FOAC-ILLEA volunteer and organizer, is looking for volunteers to help man the FOAC-ILLEA table at the Washington County Gun Show on Saturday and Sunday June 18 and 19, 2022. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Kevin via phone at 412-302-3544.

FINAL THOUGHTS: MEMORIAL DAY



I originally posted the following on Facebook a few years ago, and each year, I can't think of a better way to say "it" than "this".

My family has blood in our flag. Just like so many of yours. On this Memorial Day we must honor and remember those who fought and died to establish and or preserve the Liberty and Freedom that we enjoy.

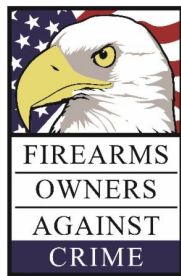
This is my uncle Albert "Ab" Macro. He served our country during WWII. I never met Uncle Ab, but my father spoke of him with immense love and respect. He died in France near the German border in 1945 during the battle of the Bulge.

He like so many of that generation went to war because they understood and recognized that sometimes when evil and tyranny are thrust upon us or others, violence may be the necessary and appropriate response. God Bless those who have answered this country's call.. let us never forget!

Stay Armed and Be Well Regulated!

Yours In Liberty!

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