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FOAC-ILLEA NEWSLETTER WEEK OF JULY 11, 2022



Last week on July 4th, we celebrated another Independence Day. Our most precious founding document, **The Declaration of Independence** is 246 years old.

On the same day, as Americans celebrated Independence Day, another act of evil was committed by a selfish cowardly evil criminal piece of shit. This disgusting individual, a citizen of a state that has some of the most restrictive laws in the Country, ignored the law and indiscriminately murdered and injured our fellow citizens in Highland Park, IL.

The town of Highland Park, has active AR Ban. Their AR Ban was signed into law on June 24, 2013; Yet this did not stop a criminal from committing a heinous act of violence. However, the ban DID stop law abiding citizens of Highland Park from owning an AR for lawful purpose.

Illinois' restrictive FOID (firearm owners identification) program did not stop this criminal from legally purchasing a firearm, and government failed on multiple occasions leading to the murder 7 and the injury of dozens.

The Highland Park 4th of July murderer (I will not help him achieve infamy by publishing his name), **attempted suicide in 2019 and police were called to his home. Five months later, a family member of The Highland Park 4th of July murderer, called police because he threatened to "kill everyone"**. Police were involved after each incident.

At some point, it is clear, Government has a history of failure. The founding fathers knew that this would happen, that is why they recognized the need for

the citizenry to be armed and well regulated.

How is it that in a state that has some of the most restrictive gun laws in the country, this individual was able to legally buy firearms? **Restrictive gun laws do not work.** How is it in a state that has the most restrictive gun laws in the country, criminals murder and injure hundreds of people every year. **The city of Chicago publishes the information on their website.** On the weekend of July 4, **thirty-seven people were shot and 7 were murdered.** Criminals are running rampant in our country and the large gun free zones, like Chicago are the most violent.



The mass murder events that we see on our country are being used as a means to disarm law abiding citizens. They are being used as a rallying cry for gun control. They are the reason for proposed gun bans, magazine restrictions, red flag laws, and confiscations. However, you are much more likely to be killed by violent criminal in Chicago or any other large "gun free zone" city than you are to be killed in a mass murder event. **According to the FBI uniform crime report,** you are more likely to be murdered by someone using a blunt object or hammer versus a rifle.



Where is the government outcry with Uvalde school staff for not locking doors? What about government outcry when police in Uvalde and Parkland did not respond while criminals were on their deadly rampage? Where is the government outcry against vehicle manufacturers when a criminal weaponizes a SUV and runs down innocent people celebrating Christmas in Wisconsin? Where is the government push for background checks for the purchase of pressure cookers, baseball bats, box cutters, and fertilizer?

I am NOT saying that we SHOULD have background checks for these things. I am not saying that auto manufacturers should be held accountable for a criminals weaponizing their products. All I AM saying is that selective outrage and holding the law abiding to the standard of the criminal is wrong. The government and media are using these horrible acts of evil to push for more gun control and the disarming of law-abiding citizens. Either they are uneducated or misguided, OR they are pushing an agenda to rid law-abiding citizens of the ability to defend themselves, which empowers criminals and tyrants.

How many people are victimized by home invaders, rapists, and murders, because they are unable to defend themselves with a firearm because of governmental restrictions and arbitrary wait periods?

I have had the opportunity to interview **Nicki Goeser** and **Mary Schuster-Callison**. Both women told separate tragic stories of how gun control lead to the death or assault of their loved ones. The government made it such that their loved ones could not be defended and in each case the criminal attackers were empowered by government.

The restriction of the law-abiding is NOT the answer. All answers are found in education and the exercise of the rights of individual Americans. An armed and educated citizenry is the ultimate check and balance in our Constitutional Republic and the most efficient homeland security. Become your own first responder, exercise your rights, and promote the free exercise of our Constitutionally guaranteed freedoms.

Gun Grabbers Can't and Won't Stop Coming for Your Guns



By Stephen LaSpina, FOAC-ILLEA Board Member

With rhetoric that should surprise no one, lawmakers are revealing you will never be done compromising your 2A rights until you have given them up entirely.

Stephen Gutowski wrote **a piece this week for The Reload** on how many elected officials are already calling for more federal gun restrictions right after the “bipartisan” legislation signed into law just last month.

It's the usual cast of characters calling for the usual failed policies. It's lawmakers from places like New Jersey, Illinois, and Massachusetts, where so many of the things they are calling for are already codified into law.

One of the latest mass casualty events happened on Monday in Highland Park, Illinois. This city already has an “assault weapons” ban, a red flag law, and a 3 day waiting period for firearms sales. None of that prevented Monday's tragedy.

When someone has committed to breaking a higher law, lesser laws will not dissuade them from carrying out their plans. In other words, murderers care little for gun control laws. Even if they are prevented from a legal firearm purchase, they will find a way to commit heinous acts regardless.

Instead of punishing evildoers, as governments are supposed to, many elected officials instead seek to punish you and I after these heinous acts have been carried out.

Consider Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner. He is a vocal supporter of additional restrictive gun laws. But when his office is presented with criminals who have actually broken laws with firearms, he adopts policies that are known as “soft on crime.” “Catch and release” is what he most often does with violent criminals.

The city is not better off for this: violent crime is raging, the worst it has been in many years. It's so bad that state representatives in Harrisburg have begun the process of impeaching Krasner for his malfeasance.

This begs the question: why would a district attorney advocate for you and I to be disarmed while releasing violent lawbreakers back on to the streets?

All the potential answers to that question are very troubling.

How should we respond? We must be loud and vocal in defense of our natural right to keep and bear arms. Now is a good time to donate to state and national organizations that are in the fight to preserve and defend our 2A rights. The same can be said for political candidates. Like it or not, it takes financial means to win lawsuits, court battles, and elections. Do your research, then donate where you can.

In addition, take the time off from work now to rally at our State Capitol on Monday, September 12th. A large crowd sends a clear message to state legislators that we will stand up for our natural rights, and we will rigorously oppose any and all further restrictions to them.

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STAY ARMED**

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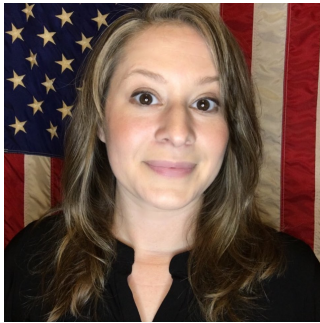
**RALLY TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHT
TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS**

Join Representative Daryl Metcalfe,
Pro-Second Amendment Lawmakers, Organizations
and Concerned Citizens!

MONDAY, SEPT. 12, 2022 10 A.M.
State Capitol Steps, Harrisburg | *Rain or Shine*
Pro-Second Amendment Organization Signs Only Please.

For more information, [visit RepMetcalfe.com](http://visitRepMetcalfe.com)

Toto, We Ain't in Kansas



Kansas politics is not something I normally write about. With that said, I think it is important to learn about an American Patriot that may help to motivate a Pennsylvanian reading this newsletter to do what is needed for Liberty.

My friend and colleague, **Rebecca Schmoie**, has decided to run for Kansas House of Representatives District 59. Rebecca is a cofounder of 1 **Million Moms AGAINST Gun Control**. She is also the Kansas state director of **DC**

Project, and one of the many 2A advocates that spoke at the **2020 Virtual 2A Rally**. I had the honor to interview her as a **guest on Meet The Pressers** in 2020.

She has been working in the trenches of the pro-Liberty/pro-2A fight for quite some time. She is a role model and example of someone that has selflessly dedicated her time, talent, and treasure to the pursuit of Liberty.

Why am I bringing this up?

As we look to the future, we must recognize the need for good people to step up and run for office. In Pennsylvania we are losing some valued friends of Liberty because of retirement or redistricting. Who is going to step up and carry the 2A torch in Pennsylvania?

Not all elected officials are career politicians who spend almost a ½ century of their life leapfrogging their way to the Presidency. Some elected officials and candidates are honest hardworking “regular” Americans that saw or see a need to properly represent their friends and neighbors, and right the wrongs of Anti-American influence in government.

Fresh blood (as in new people) in the halls of government is a good way to help the tree of Liberty grow.

So, when you see new people running for office. Know that they may be regular people like you trying to do good for our Country. Meet them, learn about them, and if they are truly Liberty minded, help them!

Think to yourself, what are you doing to improve our Commonwealth? What have you done to ensure the next generation does not squander Liberty like those in power today? What have you done to help fight for the individual rights and liberties of law-abiding Americans? Maybe, you can be the answer. Maybe you can take a page out of Rebecca's book. Take that step forward for the good of our Republic and do what you can for the cause of Liberty!

QUOTE:

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

President John F. Kennedy



Living Above Reproach

By Rebecca Schmoe [originally published on Facebook January 16, 2021](#)

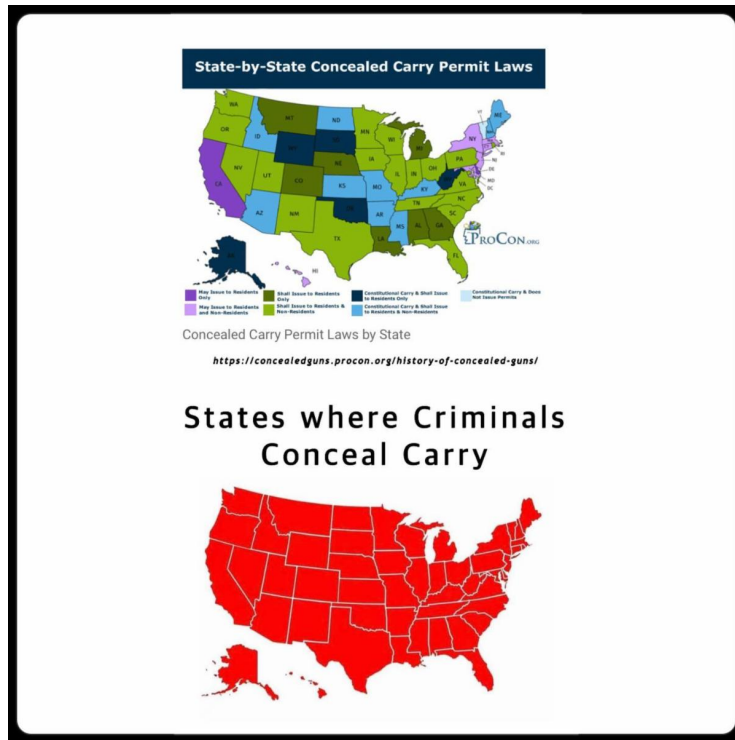
Living above reproach means to consistently and purposefully conduct yourself in such a way that even if someone said something bad about you, others wouldn't believe it based on everything they already know about you.

When we, Second Amendment advocates, say that the armed rallies cropping up heading into inauguration day are a trap being set for gun owners, we are not saying that we don't like armed rallies. Likewise, we are not saying that there will never be a time or place to exercise our Second Amendment in defense of liberty. We are simply stating that this is not that time or place.

This has nothing to do with the incoming or outgoing administrations. It has nothing to do with draconian laws already on the books across our nation. It only has to do with public perception of who gun owners are. Part of exercising individual liberty is practicing personal responsibility. Part of that personal responsibility is public perception. We already know that the public servants elected to positions of representation don't care about who we are. They are going to do what they want to do. Our living above reproach is not for them, they are not our audience. It is for our neighbor, coworker, classmate, and every acquaintance we meet in our day-to-day lives. We are not trying to change how the elitist overlord-wanna-be's view us. We are trying to show those who see us daily that gun owners are not who they've been told we are. Therefore, we must guard our reputations so closely that when the anti-freedom mouthpieces publicly slander gun owners, those who know us will not believe the bile they are spewing about us. The more people who see us for who we really are the more opportunities we will have to speak with them openly about their freedoms and perhaps even gain opportunities to help teach them to exercise those freedoms. The more people we have exercising their freedoms, the more people who we will have defending our freedoms. **We are not out to change the minds of those who hate us. We are out to change the minds of those who have been told to fear us.**

That is the reason we are urging gun owners to not fall into the trap being laid out for them by those who seek to use our rights against us by creating chaos and havoc and using law abiding gun owners as the scapegoat for more infringement and oppression. Do not give them an opportunity to slander your name, or the name of millions of gun owners you represent simply by exercising your rights and being caught up in the wrong place at the wrong time, by design thanks to your enemy.

Live above reproach. Be an ambassador for your rights. Then use those rights and your reputation to build up and lead more ambassadors for our rights. We all know that there are some battles you avoid in order to build your ranks and win the war. These mainstream media promoted armed rallies are one of those battles to avoid. Don't be deceived, they want your neighbors to fear you. Don't play into their plans.



FOAC-ILLEA Website has added functionality!



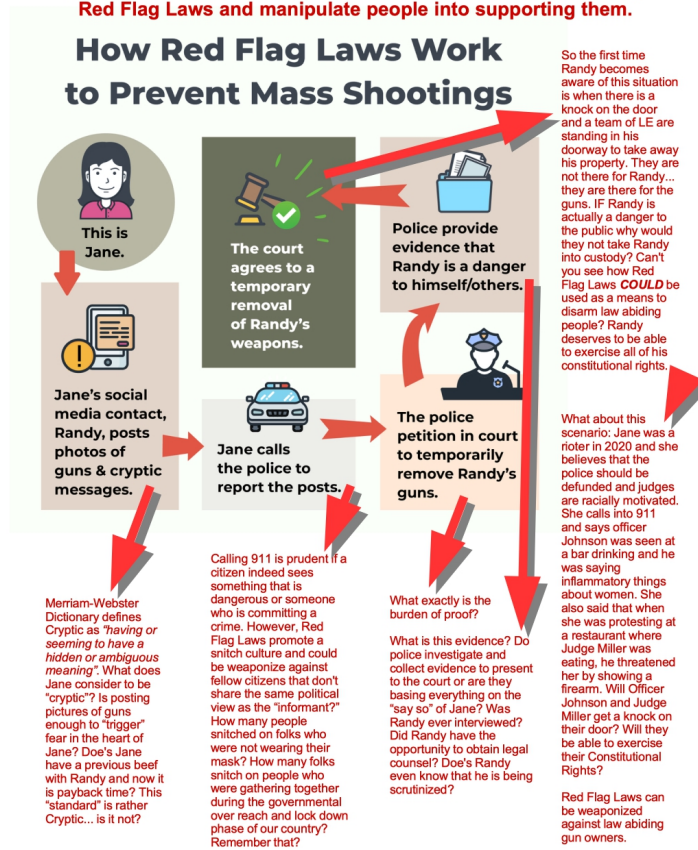
Over the last year, as FOAC has bifurcated into the 2 orgs, much of the function of the old website was slow to be added to the new **ILLEA site**. Thanks to the effort of our President Kim Stolfer, and officers Jim Stoker, Dale Brackin, and Chip Gallo, **the FOAC-ILLEA website** has been updated significantly.

You can join, or renew your membership, see the event schedule, find contact information for elected officials, locate your representatives, look at legislation, see voting records and much more. Members can log in and track legislation, contact multiple elected officials by using the forms, and people can **donate directly to FOAC-ILLEA** to help with our legal, legislative, and educational efforts.



VISIT the website today!

This cartoon was posted by Governor Tom Wolf to over simplify Red Flag Laws and manipulate people into supporting them.



FOAC-ILLEA Event Schedule

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., Glenwillard, 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](#)

QUOTE:

"Our freedoms were carefully drawn up to protect citizens from the vicissitudes of the masses who, history has shown, can be easily manipulated. We are a nation governed by the 'rule of law' with the motto of 'Justice for All'."

Kim Stolfer, President FOAC-ILLEA



Final Thoughts

Firearms Owners Against Crime Institute for Legal, Legislative, and Educational Action is constantly having dialog with elected officials in an effort to educate them about the law, firearms safety, gun ownership, self-defense, and Article 1 Section 21 of the PA Constitution. FOAC-ILLEA holds the feet of elected officials to the fire when it comes to upholding the Constitution and protecting the rights and liberties of ALL Pennsylvanians.

FOAC-ILLEA is actively engaged in the Courts to fight tyrants, stand up for Citizens, and help to establish court precedent that will help the cause of Liberty for generations.

We are working together with other like minded organizations to pursue the same causes together, as together we are stronger than apart.

FOAC-ILLEA is an all-volunteer organization, and we operate on donations from people who believe in the cause of Liberty. We are always looking for those that will donate their time, talent, and treasure.

If you are in a position to donate to help us continue the fight for Liberty, please do so today!

Look for some very exciting news about legal actions, the fall gun bash, and special events in the coming months!

Stay Armed and Be Well Regulated!

Yours in Liberty,

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